



minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
September 2003*

Primary Election will be held in Wards 1 and 4 HT

THERE WILL BE a Primary Election on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, in Wards 1 and 4 to select the two candidates whose names will appear on the General Election ballot in November. (Because only one candidate filed in Ward 2 and one in Ward 3, those names will not be included in the Primary Election.) Sample ballots may be viewed on the city web site, www.eminnetonka.com.

Absentee voting

By the time this newsletter reaches you, there may not be sufficient time to vote absentee by mail, since absentee ballots must be received at city hall by election day in order to be counted. Please contact city hall or check www.eminnetonka.com for the latest information on absentee voting by mail.

In-person absentee voting is available at city hall Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City hall will be open

for extended absentee voting on Saturday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Monday, September 8 until 5 p.m.

Registering to vote

If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, or if you have not voted in four years, you will need to register at the polls on election day. To be eligible to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age or older by election day, and be a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.

To register at the polls on election day, you will need to provide proper identification showing your current address in the precinct. State law allows that only the following proofs of identification can be used:

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, or a receipt for either, showing current address in your precinct

- Valid Minnesota identification card or receipt, showing current address in your precinct
- Notice of late registration
- Previous registration at a different address in the same precinct
- College identification card, registration card, or fee receipt that includes the student name and address in the precinct
- College fee statement and a photo identification card showing address in precinct
- College registration card in conjunction with a list of students provided to Hennepin County by the college
- Oath of registered voter in the same precinct who can vouch for the registrant's residence in the precinct
- A Minnesota driver's license or identification card, U.S. passport, U.S. military

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October 7 will be a special day!

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, there will be a city-wide open house at the civic center from 5 to 8 p.m. This very popular event offers an informal and entertaining way to meet city staff and learn about local government. There will be free fire truck rides (for kids 4 years of age and over), free hot dogs and pop, lemonade and cookies, strolling characters, department tours, entertainment, and fun activities for the kids.

Put the date of October 7 on your calendar now and watch for more details in the October *Minnetonka Memo* and on www.eminnetonka.com.

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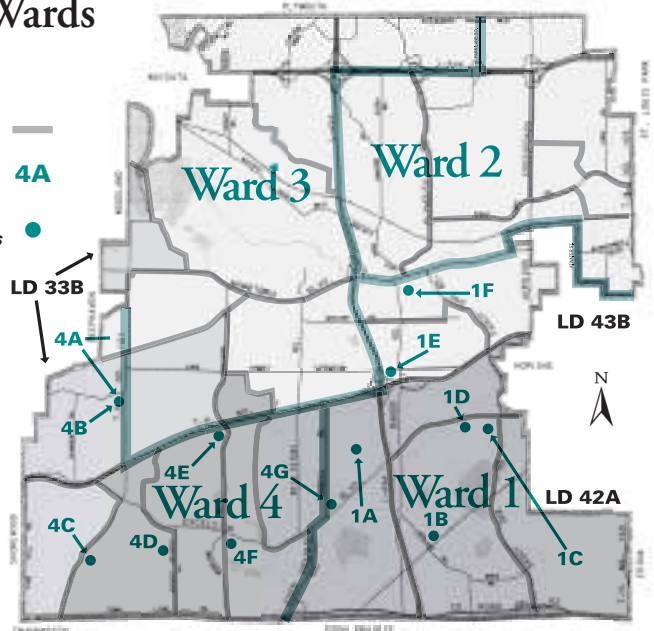
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Polling Locations

- 1A** Glen Lake Elementary School
4801 Woodridge Rd.
- 1B** Old Apostolic Lutheran Church
5617 Rowland Rd.
- 1C** Cross of Glory Baptist Church
4600 Shady Oak Rd.
- 1D** Faith Presbyterian Church
12007 Excelsior Blvd.
- 1E** St. Paul's Lutheran Church
13207 Lake St. Ext.
- 1F** Minnetonka Community Church
13215 Minnetonka Dr.
- 4A/4B** Ridgewood Church (formerly Minnetonka Baptist Church)
4420 Co. Rd. 101



- 4C** Clear Springs Elementary School
5701 Co. Rd. 101
- 4D** Scenic Heights Elementary School
5650 Scenic Heights Dr.

- 4E** Redeemer Bible Church (formerly Woodland Hills)
16031 Woodland Curve

- 4F** All Saints Lutheran Church
15915 Excelsior Blvd.
- 4G** Glen Lake Activity Ctr.
14350 Excelsior Blvd.

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identification card or college identification card that includes the voter's name and photo **AND** a bill for electricity, gas, water, sewer, solid waste, telephone, or cable TV service that has a due date within 30 days of election day and includes the voter's name and current address in the precinct. This option is only for the person or persons specifically named on the bill.

General Election

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4. That ballot will include the Ward Council Member positions for all four city wards. Absentee ballots for that election will be available beginning Friday, October 3. After the primary election, you will have until October 14 to pre-register to vote in the general election.

For more election information:

- Check out www.eminnetonka.com
- Call Minnetonka Mike at (952) 939-8586
- Call city hall, (952) 939-8219.

Schools open — be alert

WITH THE OPENING of schools after the summer months, the Minnetonka Police Department urges residents to drive cautiously in all residential areas and school zones. Take time to familiarize yourself with these safety reminders:

- No traffic may pass a school bus in either direction when the stop arm is extended and red lights are flashing. Flashing amber lights are a warning that the bus is preparing to stop. Please stop at least 20 feet from the bus. Watch for children crossing the street in front of the bus to board and leave. Children are often in a hurry and make unpredictable movements into traffic lanes.
- Be aware of school zone signs and slow down in these areas. Be alert and follow directives, as this will improve the flow of traffic around school drop-off and pick-up areas.
- Please note signage for appropriate turns and stopping if you're dropping your children off at school. Lots become congested as more parents drive children to school rather than use bus transportation.

If you have questions about bus safety, contact Colleen Klingelhutz, (952) 939-8546.

School liaison officers assigned

THE MINNETONKA POLICE Department will have school liaison officers assigned to the following schools throughout the school year:

- Hopkins High School* – Investigator Dennis Warosh
- Hopkins North Jr. High School* – Investigator Ron Armstrong
- Hopkins West Jr. High School* – Investigator Tim Wasmund
- Minnetonka High School* – Investigator Ed Bedore
- Minnetonka Middle School East* – Investigator Mary Carlsen

2003 City of Minnetonka Photo Contest

THE CITY IS sponsoring a photo contest as part of its October 2003 City-wide Open House, and residents are invited to participate. The grand prize for the first place winner will be \$100. The second place winner will receive \$50, and third place, \$25. Here are the contest rules:

- Photographers must be residents of Minnetonka.
- Photos must have been taken in Minnetonka during the last two years.
- Color or black and white unmounted 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" prints, with captions on the back, may be submitted. Please, no slides.
- Digital photos must be submitted on photographic paper.
- Entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2003.
- Each entry must be submitted with a completed entry form (at right) that can be copied. You can also download a form from the city's web site, www.eminnetonka.com.

Any submitted photos become the property of the City of Minnetonka and may be used in city publications with proper credit. The winning entry will be featured in a future *Minnetonka Memo*. You can view the winning entries, as well as other contest photos received, in the city hall lobby October 7 through October 17.

Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Caption (photo location, description of event) _____

Day phone _____ Age (if under 18) _____

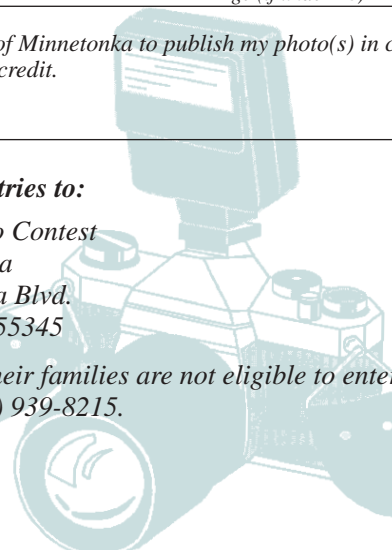
I agree to allow the City of Minnetonka to publish my photo(s) in city publications with proper credit.

Signature _____

Mail (or drop off) entries to:

*Minnetonka Photo Contest
City of Minnetonka
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345*

City employees and their families are not eligible to enter. Questions? Call (952) 939-8215.



Another new park is added to the city park system

ON JULY 28 Minnetonka's newest park was added to the city park system—Pioneer Park, located on the corner of Pioneer Road and Nelson Drive, just south of Excelsior Boulevard. This park is the result of a cooperative effort between Faith Presbyterian Church and the City of Minnetonka.

Three years ago, members of the church approached the Minnetonka Park Board with the idea of jointly developing a park on property owned by the church to serve residents in that area of the city. With the support of the board and city council, the church and city worked jointly on an agreement and both were involved in the planning process. As a result, there are now two playground areas at the location for differing age groups (4 and under, and 5 through 12), open play areas, and a grass volleyball court.

The playground was completed with the dedicated work of about 25 volunteers from the church and neighborhood who installed the play equipment under direction of city staff. The park is now available for use and is about 80% completed. A few landscaping projects remain and will be completed in time for the grand opening, scheduled for later this month. □



Members of Faith Presbyterian Church, neighborhood residents, and city staff joined together to install the new play equipment in Pioneer Park.

DID YOU KNOW?

We all realize that lack of precipitation puts the city's water system to the test. But did you know that several times during the past few weeks the city water system has pumped to its capacity? Residents are reminded that the following sprinkling restrictions must be followed in order for the water system to keep up with demand.

- No watering is allowed between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day.
- Residents with even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and residents with odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by hand-held hose can be done at any time.
- Watering of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit from the Minnetonka Public Works Department director.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations, provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign.

Water shortages can severely impact the fire department's ability to fight fires. Residents are urged to use water wisely. □

Special Reminder

CITY OF MINNETONKA ordinances require residents to store all recycling, garbage, and yardwaste containers out of public view, except the evening before and the day of your collection. Please find a spot in your garage or behind fencing to store your containers. □



Minnetonka ArtsCenter Calendar

September 2003



(The Minnetonka ArtsCenter adjoins Minnetonka High School, 18301 Hwy. 7.)

Minnetonka Concert Band

The Music Association of Minnetonka announces formation of a new instrumental group, Minnetonka Concert Band, under the direction of Dan Geldert. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 3, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the ArtsCenter Minnetonka. The initial six-week rehearsal period culminates at 7:30 p.m., October 9, with a concert in the ArtsCenter Theatre. For more information, contact dcgeldert@mn.rr.com.

“Nocturnal Journeys”

“Nocturnal Journeys,” a show by Los Angeles based handbell group Campanile, will be presented Saturday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. Campanile describes itself as performing “musical percussion theatre,” creating jazz, rock, new age and original music on bells, chimes, drums, and keyboards. Ticket prices range from \$12–\$15; tickets are available at the door. The evening performance is preceded by a day-long workshop. Call Campanile, 1-877-DEADRINGER to register for the workshop.

Visit the ArtsCenter Minnetonka web page, www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/theartscenter and click on “schedule” for a listing of upcoming events, or email peggy.lushine@minnetonka.k12.mn.us to be added to the list receiving the weekly “This Week at the ArtsCenter” e-mailed schedule.



Natural Resource Notes

Help your lawn and the environment

Proper watering, fertilizing, and mowing practices are keys to lawn success. These practices, if done improperly, can harm our water resources.

You can practice environmentally friendly lawn care techniques that benefit both your yard and your pocketbook. Follow the tips listed in the chart at right, and you will be on your way to a greener lawn and save a little “green,” too.

Lawn maintenance is an April to November process. Timing is important. Applying fertilizers and weed killers at the wrong time is a waste of time and money. The Minnesota Home Lawn Care Guide, below, was developed by the University of Minnesota Extension Service to help you build an overall lawn care plan for your yard.

Please save this page for future reference. Post it in your garage or shed, near your lawnmower or lawn care supplies. Most of all, use the techniques listed here; they’ll pay benefits to both you and the community.

Do the right thing for the environment

Follow these guidelines to help prevent pollution in Minnetonka’s lakes and ponds.

Mow high

Keep grass at 2 to 3 inches. Keep the lawnmower blades sharp and mow often enough that you’re never removing more than 1/3 of the grass plant.

Watering your yard — deep root water

A deep root watering performed less often is more beneficial than a light sprinkling performed more frequently. Water early enough in the day so the grass plants can dry. This will help prevent the growth of fungus.

Return clippings to lawn

Mulching helps conserve an estimated 15 to 50 percent of lawn moisture. It also provides the equivalent of one application of fertilizer per year.

Don’t over-fertilize

Test your soil to find out what fertilizer type and rate you will need. In most

cases, you will probably need a zero phosphorous fertilizer.

Prevent fertilizer and grass clippings from entering the street, storm drains

Sweep up additional fertilizer that lands on your driveway, sidewalk, or street. Prevent grass clippings and fertilizers from entering storm drains. They drain directly into our lakes, wetlands, and creeks. Fertilizer and grass clippings add additional phosphorous that promotes unwanted algae and weed growth. Phosphorous harms the water quality of Minnetonka’s lakes, wetlands, and creeks.

Aerate and dethatch

Consider late summer and fall dethatching and aerating for the best results.

Lawn care guide

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Seeding								
Sodding								
Fertilizing								
Mowing								
Watering								
Aeration								
Dethatch								
Crabgrass control								
Broadleaf weed control								



Post this information in your garage or shed for handy reference.

Legend Indicates best time of year to carry out this lawn practice
 Indicates time of year when this lawn practice can be done

This information provided courtesy of the Cities of Burnsville, Apple Valley, and Lakeville; Minnesota Department of Agriculture; University of Minnesota-Dakota County Master Gardeners; Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Metropolitan Council; Dakota County Environmental Education Program.



Special One-day Drop-off

Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ice Arena Parking Lot, Minnetonka Civic Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below. The charge for dropping off each item, if any, is listed in parenthesis.

Appliances (\$11 each)

Washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, oven, cook-top, microwave, freezer, refrigerator, water heater, water softener, home furnace, trash compactor, garbage disposer, humidifier or dehumidifier

Air Conditioner (\$20)

Electronics (No charge)

Television, stereo console, computer, printer, monitor, radio, or VCR

Carpet & Padding (\$1 per square yard for carpet and \$1 per square yard for padding)

Determine the number of square yards of carpet or room size the carpet came from. Roll carpet and tape or tie rolls. Rolls of carpet must not exceed 6 feet in length and must be less than 12 inches in diameter.

Tires (\$2 for each car, trailer, or light truck tire, \$3 if tire is still on rim; \$10 for tractor or truck tire on split rim)

Batteries (No charge)

All car, truck, motorcycle, and garden tractor batteries are accepted, as well as household batteries (D, C, AA, AAA, 6 & 9 volt cells, button batteries and rechargeable batteries).

Fluorescent Bulbs (no charge)

Up to 10 fluorescent bulbs will be accepted per vehicle. No bulbs will be accepted from business or commercial use. Please transport bulbs in a manner to avoid breakage.

Clothing and Household Goods (no charge)

Clothing, small working appliances, small working portable TV's and stereos, games and toys, hardware and tools, lamps, and domestic

goods will be accepted. All goods must be in good working and saleable condition.

Salvation Army reserves the right to decline your donation.

Lumber (\$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard) No railroad ties. No sheetrock.

Mattresses and Box Springs (\$8 per piece for single or twin size; \$12 per piece for double, queen, or king size)

Chairs—\$5 small, \$10 large

Love Seat—\$15 each

Couch/Sofa—\$20 each

Hide-a-bed—\$25 each

Sinks and Toilets (\$5 each)

Scrap Metal (No charge for clean scrap metal such as pipe, gutters, swing sets, barbecues, ducting, fencing etc. Scrap metal must be clean — all plastic, rubber, wood, and hazardous materials must be removed.)

\$5 charge for "dirty" scrap metal items

Items such as propane tanks, bicycle with tires, lawn chair with webbing, or lawn mower with wheels and/or plastic parts still attached are accepted. Small propane tanks will be \$1. All engines must have oil and gas drained.

Additional charges for riding mowers, garden tractors, snow blowers, or other large items

PLEASE NOTE: NO GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CAN BE ACCEPTED.

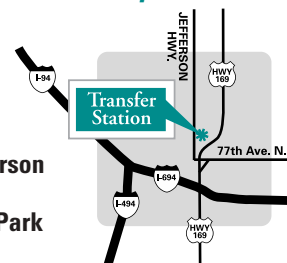
Payment will be accepted in cash or local checks payable to the City of Minnetonka. If you have any questions about this special drop-off, please call the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217 during business hours or visit the city web page, www.eminnetonka.com, go to Hot Topics, then Upcoming Events.

Can't make the drop-off day? Tired of waiting in long lines?

The Hennepin County Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station in Brooklyn Park accepts all the materials listed at left (except propane cylinders). Disposal fees for items are similar; however, there is a minimum charge of \$15 (plus taxes) for up to one cubic yard of material. Facility staff will determine the charges for each vehicle. The Brooklyn Park site is very busy on Tuesday mornings and all day on Saturdays, which leads to longer waiting times.

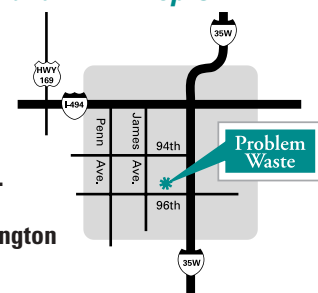
Hennepin County Transfer Station and HHW Drop-Off

**8100 Jefferson Hwy.
Brooklyn Park**



Hennepin County Problem Material and HHW Drop-Off

**1400 W.
96th St.
Bloomington**



Both county facilities are open Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed on Sunday, Monday, and most holidays. There is no charge to drop off HHW. Call (952) 939-8217 or (612) 348-3777 for more information.

Brush accepted from residents

Minnetonka residents may drop-off loads of brush on Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Public Works facility, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. (closed Labor Day). Branches up to 6" in diameter will be accepted. Proof of residency is required: driver's license or utility bill. No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services. Call the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217, for more information.

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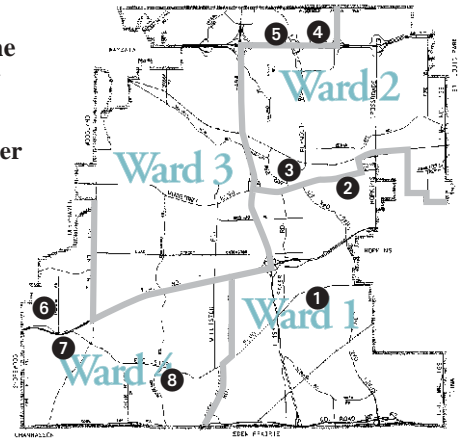
Call (952) 939-8200
for meeting
locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	Labor Day Holiday – city offices closed	13	Special Drop-off Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3	Park Board, 7 p.m.	15	City Council regular meeting, 6:30 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	8	City Council study session, 6:30 p.m.	16	Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	9	Primary Election, Wards 1 and 4, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.	18	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
28	29	30					11	Special City Council meeting, noon, (canvass election results)	22	City Council study session, 6:30 p.m.
									29	City Council regular meeting, 6:30 p.m.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Minnetonka Planning Commission in September. Please call (952) 939-8200 for updated information or visit the city web site: www.eminnetonka.com. Meeting agendas are posted on the site the Friday prior to each commission meeting.

- 1 Setback variance for a new garage and added living space for Mark Schillinger at **12720 Pioneer Rd.** (03050.03a)
- 2 Floodplain variance for a detached garage for Robert P. Mack at **11517 Minnetonka Blvd.** (03052.03a)
- 3 Setback variance for a pre-built shed for Shirley Hammons at **3304 Bridge St.** (87006.03a)
- 4 Sign plan review for amendments to Sportmart Plaza sign plan for CSM Investors, Inc. at **12380 Wayzata Blvd.** (03049.03a)
- 5 Site/building plan review, setback variances to extend rear parking lot for Sears Imported Autos as **13500 Wayzata Blvd.** (86145.03a)
- 6 Setback variance for a second floor addition above a garage for Cheryl Gatenby at **4800 Ridge Rd.** (03048.03a)
- 7 Petition for EAW; site/building plan review with variance for temporary sports dome for Minnetonka School District #276 at **18301 Hwy. 7/18325 Delton Ave.** (97001.03a)
- 8 Conditional use permit for detached garage for Victor and Dianne Carlson at **16108 Birch Ln.** (03047.03a)



HT Hot Topics HT

ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH HT are listed as Hot Topics on the city web site, www.eminnetonka.com. Please refer to the site for additional information on these selected topics. For more information, call Minnetonka Mike, (952) 939-8586, leaving your name and address.

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