

MINNETONKA MEMO

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Save money on your utility bills

Schedule a visit with the Home Energy Squad to improve your home's energy efficiency and save money every month!

Your visit from the Home Energy Squad will include:

- Free installation of LED bulbs, a programmable thermostat, weather stripping, high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators
- Insulation inspection
- A blower door test and thermal imaging to identify cold spots or air leaks in your home
- A combustion safety test and carbon monoxide check
- A customized report with additional recommendations

The city will pay half of the \$100 fee for the first 280 homes to schedule an evaluation.

About the Home Energy Squad

Home Energy Squad is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and delivered by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), a Minnesota nonprofit. This is the second year the city has partnered with the CEE to promote the program.



Schedule your appointment

To schedule an appointment with the squad, call 651-328-6220 or visit mncee.org/hes.



State of the City Address

Wednesday, Feb. 5 | 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Minnetonka Community Center

Join Mayor Brad Wiersum for the 2020 State of the City Address. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Jan. 31 to [McKaia Ryberg](mailto:McKaia.Ryberg@minnetonkamn.gov) at [mryberg@minnetonkamn.gov](mailto:McKaia.Ryberg@minnetonkamn.gov) or 952-939-8211.

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Kids' Fest

Sunday, Feb. 9
11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

FREE

Minnetonka Community Center

Join us for free family fun at our 25th annual Kid's Fest. There are both indoor and outdoor activities - please dress accordingly.

Please bring canned goods for the ICA Food Shelf to help area families in need.



Schedule of Events

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
and 1:15–2:30 p.m.

- Dog sled rides

12:30–1 p.m.

- Juggling show

11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

- Kisdance DJ
- Balloon artists
- Horse-drawn trolley rides
- Face painting
- Ice carving demonstration
- Bonfire and s'mores
- Caricature artists
- Funtime Funktions Spin Zone
- Snapology STEM activities
- KidCreate Studio arts and crafts
- Watershed District sandbox
- Early Childhood Sensory Activities with Hopkins ECFE
- Concessions for purchase: hot dogs, chips, snacks, beverages
- Shady Oak Beach pass sales



Activities and performances are subject to change without notice. Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov/kidsfest for details.

Ask the Fire Department

Question:

Why do so many firefighters show up to a fire?

Answer:

If you see a building on fire, the number of firefighters and vehicles that respond may seem overwhelming, but each serves an important role crucial to the task at hand and – most importantly – the safety of all involved.



While higher-ranking officers manage and supervise multiple work areas during a structure fire, other firefighters conduct search and rescue, operate fire pumps, pull ladders and hoses and perform salvage and overhaul work. Additional crews are there on standby to help in the most dangerous areas and rescue firefighters if needed.

In addition to our team, fire departments from surrounding cities are automatically dispatched to provide support and aid, and we happily return the favor to their communities when needed.

We hope your home or business never needs us to put out a fire. But if you do, our firefighters will be there as soon as we can – with adequate resources and support – to handle such a critical and complicated task in the safest, most efficient manner possible.



Register your alarm system

All homeowners and businesses must register alarm systems with the Minnetonka Police Department and pay a \$20 fee each year.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/alarm-registration to learn more and download the application, or stop by the police department (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.) to pick up an application and a brochure. Call 952-939-8500 to ask questions.



MINNETONKA POLICE EXPLORERS

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 16 | 8 a.m.-noon
Minnetonka Community Center | \$5

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage at the Minnetonka Police Explorers Post 884 annual Pancake Breakfast.

The police explorer program is for young adults ages 14-20 who have an interest in law enforcement. All proceeds will help fund trips to competitions throughout the year.



For more information about the police explorers or pancake breakfast, contact Minnetonka Police Officer Heather Olson at 952-939-8500.



Vote absentee early for March 3 primary

Minnesota is moving to a presidential nomination primary election in 2020, which will be held on Tuesday, March 3. Anyone can cast an absentee ballot early in person, online or by mail.

Vote absentee in-person at city hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We'll also have extended hours on Saturday, Feb. 29 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Monday, March 2 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.).

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/elections to learn more about the primary, absentee voting and the 2020 election. Email questions to elections@minnetonkamn.gov.



2020 official newspaper selected

The Lakeshore Weekly News has been selected as Minnetonka's official newspaper for 2020.

It will publish the city's legal notices, ordinance titles and summaries, and other official information. Legal notices and full ordinances are also available at minnetonkamn.gov.

The newspaper is published weekly on Tuesdays and is available for direct-mailing to homeowners who request the publication. The newspaper may also be picked up at many public locations, including Minnetonka City Hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.).



WEST METRO HOME REMODELING FAIR

Sunday, Feb. 9
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

FREE EVENT

Eisenhower Community Center
1001 Highway 7, Hopkins

A free event featuring free remodeling consultations, seminars, more than 75 exhibitors and more. Learn more at homeremodelingfair.com.

Enter remodeling contest by Feb. 3 to win \$1,000

Enter the Operation Rescue Room contest for a chance to win \$1,000 toward remodeling a room. Fair visitors vote for the room most in need of a rescue; must be present to win. Entries are due Monday, Feb. 3. Enter online, learn more and see previous winners at homeremodelingfair.com.



Sign up for adult softball

Registration for the city's many adult softball leagues begins in February. Leagues begin in April and include co-rec, men's single games, men's doubleheaders and women's league.



Registration dates

- Returning teams: **Feb. 3**
- New teams: **Feb. 10**
- Deadline: **March 20**

Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/softball.



WINTER FARMERS MARKET



- Shop for local foods, crafts and gifts from 30+ vendors
- Valentine crafts for kids
- Face painting, live music and more!



Saturday, Feb. 8
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

For more details, visit minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket or email farmersmarket@minnetonkamn.gov.

Seeking summer farmers market vendors

The summer Minnetonka Farmers Market will run each Tuesday from June 9 to Sept. 29 on the city's civic center campus. We're accepting applications for vendors who grow food or make items, including fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, desserts, soap, art, handmade jewelry and more.

Vendors can commit to the full season or individual dates.

Details and application materials are available at minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket. Call 952-939-8203 to learn more or ask questions.

2020 city tree sale begins online Feb. 3 at 8 a.m.

Each year, the city offers residents a chance to purchase young trees at a greatly reduced cost.

The mission of the tree sale is to create a healthier community forest consisting of trees of varying species and age. Our tree inventory provides aesthetically-pleasing options that will create wildlife and pollinator habitat, as well as climate change resilience.

In addition to trees, plastic tree guards and tree watering bags are also available for purchase.

The sale is held exclusively online at minnetonkamn.gov beginning Monday, Feb. 3 at 8 a.m.

Important dates and details

• Feb. 3 - Tree sale begins at 8 a.m.

Quantities are limited, and stock often sells out quickly - buy early for best selection. Visit minnetonkamn.gov to get a preview of the selection beginning Jan. 29. **All customers must create a new online account.**

• May 15-16 - Tree sale pick-up event

Buyers will be mailed a reminder in late April. No trees are sold at this event.



Learn more

Beginning Jan. 29, check out the online preview at minnetonkamn.gov. Call the forestry office at 952-988-8407 to learn more or ask questions.

Frequently asked questions

Can anyone buy trees in this sale?

- Only Minnetonka property owners may participate. **If you have purchased two or more times previously, please consider waiting a few days to give others priority.**

How many trees can I buy?

- You can buy up to two trees for each Minnetonka parcel you own. There is no limit to the number of tree guards or watering bags you may purchase.

Can I buy trees for other Minnetonka property owners?

- You may not order for other property owners through your account. Call the forestry office at 952-988-8407 to discuss options.

What if I own or manage multiple properties, or I represent an association?

- Call the forestry office at 952-988-8407 before the sale begins to discuss options.

How much do the trees cost?

- Prices will be available online at minnetonkamn.gov beginning Jan. 29.



Planting tips

- Not all trees are suitable for planting under power lines. Plan for the mature height of the tree(s) you choose.
- To prevent future sightline and utility conflicts, broadleaf trees must be planted at least 15 feet behind the curb and conifers must be planted more than 20 feet back.

2020 Tree Sale Options

Species	Mature height and width	Sun or shade?	Flowers and Fruit	Fall Color	Pollinator and Wildlife Value
LARGE SHADE TREES					
Bur Oak	60' x 60'	full sun	insignificant flowers; acorns	yellow-brown to purple	high
White Oak	60' x 60'	full sun	insignificant flowers; acorns	purple-red	high
River Birch (clump)	50' x 40'	full sun to part shade	catkins (like pussy willow)	golden yellow	high
Ginkgo 'Autumn Gold'	50' x 30'	full sun	fruitless high	golden yellow	low
Willow 'Prairie Cascade'	45' x 40'	full sun	catkins (like pussy willow)	yellow	high
Freeman Maple 'Matador'	45' x 40'	full sun	insignificant flowers; papery, winged seeds	deep red to orange-red	high
Ironwood	40' x 25'	full sun to shade	catkins (like pussy willow); small, nutlike fruits	golden yellow	high
SMALL ORNAMENTAL OR UNDERSTORY WOODLAND TREES/SHRUBS					
Amur Chokecherry	30' x 30'	full sun	white flowers; edible black berries	insignificant	high
Eastern Redbud (MN strain)	30' x 25'	full sun to part shade	pink flowers; brown seed pods	bright yellow	high
Showy Mountain Ash	25' x 20'	full sun	white flowers; showy red fruit	red	high
Japanese Tree Lilac 'Ivory Silk'	25' x 15'	full sun	creamy white flowers	insignificant	high
Red Maple 'Brandywine'	25' x 12'	full sun	red flowers; papery, winged seeds	reddish-purple	high
Crabapple 'Gladiator'	20' x 9'	full sun	bright pink flowers; small, red-purple fruit	purple	high
CONIFERS					
Arborvitae 'Techny'	15' x 8'	full sun to part shade	insignificant flowers; small cones	evergreen	high
FRUIT TREES					
Pair of Plums ('Superior' + 'Toka')	20' high	full sun	yellow-orange fruit with dark red skin	insignificant	high

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City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 3** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 5** State of the City Address, 7:30 a.m.
- 5** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 9** Kids' Fest, 11 a.m.
- 10** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 11** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 13** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 17** Presidents Day, city offices closed
- 20** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 24** City Council, 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/calendar or call **952-939-8200** for the latest information. Meetings are available live and on-demand at minnetonkamn.gov/tv.



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Apply now for summer jobs

The City of Minnetonka has exciting summer seasonal opportunities for high school and college students, or anyone looking for a great part-time job.

We're looking for candidates for the following positions, which offer valuable experience and training in a fun atmosphere. We're already accepting applications for some, and the rest will be posted online soon.

Recreation

- Lifeguards and swim instructors
- Shady Oak Beach staff
- Grays Bay Marina attendants
- Kid's Corner day camp staff
- Park Adventures staff
- Park attendants
- Inclusion specialists

Public Works

- Parks, streets and utilities maintenance
- Tree inspectors
- Restoration and watering technicians

For more information or to apply online, visit minnetonkamn.gov/employment.