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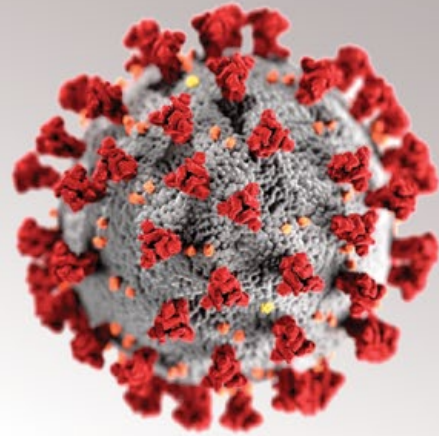
City closes all facilities, cancels all meetings and events due to coronavirus

To prioritize the health and well-being of our community, and to help slow the spread of coronavirus, all City of Minnetonka facilities are closed to the public until further notice. All public meetings and city events, classes, lessons and programs are canceled until further notice.

Essential services – including public safety, emergency services and utilities – will continue as usual.

Closed facilities include city hall, public works, the police and fire stations, Williston Fitness Center, Minnetonka Community Center and the Minnetonka Ice Arenas. All non-essential employees who are able are working remotely. Connect with our staff via our website, email and phone.

Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus for information and updates.



Steve Pieh named city's employee of the year



The 2020 Spirit of Minnetonka award, given annually to the city's employee of the year, was recently presented to Senior Services and Activities Manager Steve Pieh, who has worked to enhance the lives of Minnetonka residents since 1978.

During his accomplished tenure, Steve has been a driving force behind developing and promoting programs and services to meet the diverse needs of residents 55 and older. His development of a program to stimulate and benefit residents with dementia has been a big success, and a perfect example of how his work makes an immeasurable impact.

Congratulations to Steve on this well-deserved recognition!

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City seeks election judges

Are you looking for a fun part-time job or want to get involved in the election process? Apply to serve as an election judge!

We're currently seeking election judges for the August primary and November general elections. These paid positions ensure the voting process goes smoothly and honestly.



Student election judges

Students ages 16 and up are invited to apply to serve as student election judges and provide key support at polling places on Election Day. This is a paid opportunity and training is provided.

Learn more

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/election-judges to learn more and apply online. Call 952-939-8200 or email elections@minnetonkamn.gov to ask questions.

Police developing draft of body camera policy

The city is drafting a new policy that would equip police officers with body-worn cameras. If adopted, the policy and procedure would go into effect in 2021.

Provide feedback

A draft of the policy is available online and the city is accepting public comment on the draft until April 15, 2020. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/body-cams to view the policy and provide feedback online. You can also provide feedback to Captain Andy Gardner at agardner@minnetonkamn.gov or 952-939-8572.



Next steps

Comments received will be presented with the draft plan to the city council at its May 11 study session. The final policy will be presented to the council at a future public meeting for review, public comment and action.

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Complete the 2020 Census

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person in the United States.

By April 1, you will receive information in the mail from the census bureau to ensure you and your family are counted. Follow the instructions to submit your information by mail, phone or online.

Why is the census important?

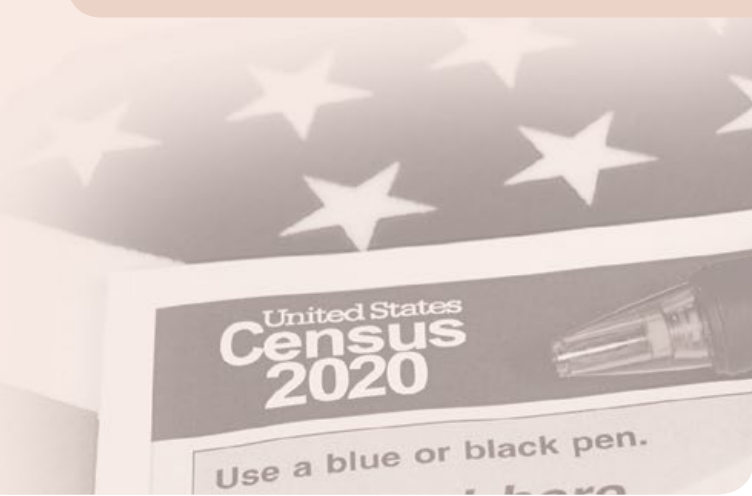
The government uses census data to make important decisions about distribution of federal funds, representative seats, district lines and state and local planning. Census data is also often used by businesses when deciding where to build factories, offices or stores.

Who should I count?

Everyone should be counted regardless of age, citizenship or permanent residence. If you're completing the census for your household, count everyone living there most of the time as of April 1, 2020.

We're here to help!

- **Complete the census:** Online at my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020
- **Online:** minnetonkamn.gov/census
- **Call or email:** Call 952-939-8200 or email zoning@minnetonkamn.gov
- **In-person:** Complete the census or ask questions at city hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.)



Water main flushing begins Monday, April 20

Minnetonka Public Works will flush water mains throughout the city from Monday, April 20 through Friday, May 8. Flushing will take place weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in most areas. See the map to determine dates in your area.

April 20

Ridgedale business area
5:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 27

Minnetonka Industrial Road, Twelve Oaks Center Drive and Carlson Parkway
5 a.m.-5 p.m.

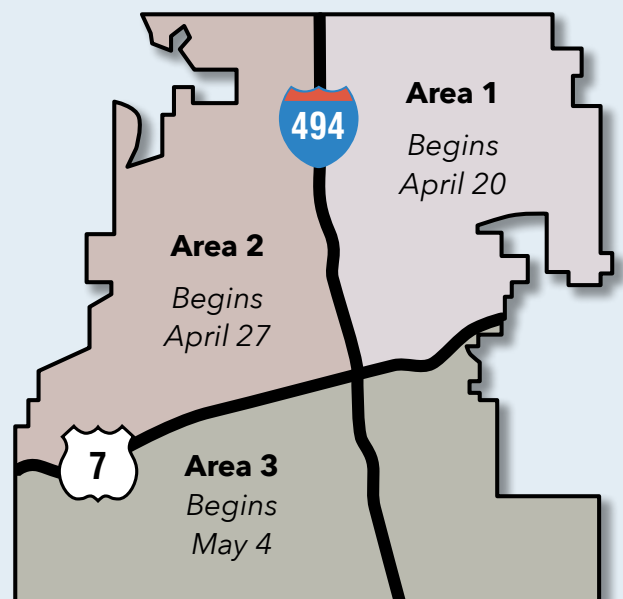
May 4

Hutchins Drive
4 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 7

Opus, Beachside, K-Tel, Clearwater Drive, Whitewater Drive and Culligan Way
3 a.m.-3 p.m.

Schedules may be adjusted due to weather. During flushing its normal to experience some discolored water, which is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running cold water in your laundry tub. Call 952-988-8400 to learn more or ask questions.



Kevin Radermacher receives fire department's top honor



At its annual banquet, the Minnetonka Fire Department honored Firefighter Kevin Radermacher with the department's highest honor – the Chief Kenny Johnson Award. Also referred to as the "Firefighter of the Year" award, it's named for Minnetonka's founding fire chief

who originated the department motto, "Service before self." Each year a recipient is selected who personifies this important adage.

Radermacher's enthusiastic and selfless dedication has benefitted the department – and the community – for 33 years. He's known for his calm, efficient approach to difficult situations, and the genuine care he demonstrates each time he responds to a call for service.

Congratulations to Kevin on this outstanding, well-deserved honor!



Smoke alarms and fire drills save lives

We hope your family never experiences a fire in your home. But, if you do, it's crucial to be prepared.

The average time to safely escape a burning building is about three minutes from the start of the fire. Today's fires burn faster and hotter than ever, and smoke is more toxic. Reacting quickly is essential.

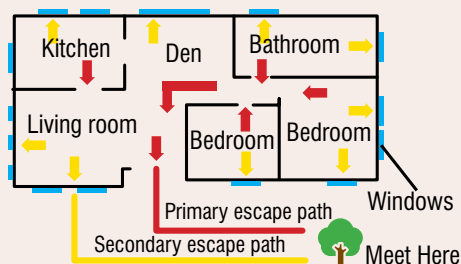
Smoke alarms and an escape plan will help your family react quickly in an emergency.

Smoke alarms

Ensure there is a smoke alarm on every level and in every bedroom. Test them often, make sure they're in good working condition and change the batteries regularly.

Escape plan

Develop an escape plan, ensure each family member knows it well and practice it often. We suggest reviewing and practicing it once a month. Your escape plan should be second nature so everyone can react as quickly as possible if there's an emergency.



Learn more

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/fire-prevention to learn more about fire safety. Call 952-939-8598 to ask questions. Our public educators are great resources to help you learn how to keep your home and your family safe from fire.



Sign up for adult sports leagues

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register or call 952-939-8203 to register by May 1. Space is limited.

Adult sand volleyball leagues

- Co-rec and women's leagues of varied competition levels run late May-late July.
- Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/volleyball.

Adult co-rec kickball leagues

- Co-rec leagues run Wednesday and Thursday nights from May to July, plus playoffs for top four teams.
- Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/kickball.



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Need a loan to help with home improvements?

Housing Rehabilitation Program funds will be available this spring, and the city is now accepting pre-applications. The program offers a limited number of forgivable home improvement loans up to \$15,000 for eligible repairs. Applicants must meet income requirements.

Loans are forgiven if you remain in the home for 10 years, but must be repaid if you sell, transfer the title or no longer live there. In addition to income, eligibility is based on valuation, assets and intended improvements.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/homeloans to learn more about the program - including eligible improvements and income limits - and download the pre-application. Contact Rob Hanson at rhanson@minnetonkamn.gov or 952-939-8234 to learn more or ask questions.



Street sweeping under way

Minnetonka Public Works will begin street sweeping in late March, weather permitting. For four weeks - or until all streets have been swept - crews will sweep streets in 10-hour shifts Monday through Thursday (5 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and in eight-hour shifts on Fridays (5 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Crews try to stay out of residential areas in the early morning, but it is not always possible. In these cases, crews will make every effort to minimize noise.

While the street sweeper does a good job cleaning streets, it can't capture all the debris, so we need your help! As the snow melts, identify the storm sewer grates in your neighborhood, then remove and dispose of the accumulated debris and litter.

Sign up for youth choir camp

Kids entering grades 2-6 are invited to spend a fun, educational and musical week with the Music Association of Minnetonka! A concert for friends and family will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the final day.

Learn more and register at musicassociation.org.

Minnetonka Youth Choir Summer Camp
July 13- 16
9 a.m.-noon
Minnetonka High School



Leaf and brush drop-off sites open April 4

Each spring and fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works facility. Residents must present a driver's license, state ID or Minnetonka utility bill. Commercial tree and lawn services must prove materials came from a Minnetonka address.

REGULAR HOURS AND LOCATION

Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Public Works Facility
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

The drop-off site will be closed May 25, July 4 and Sept. 7 in observance of holidays.

LEAF DROP-OFF SITE OPEN APRIL 1–MAY 18

Leaf Drop-off Site Guidelines

- **Accepted:** leaves; yard waste such as grass, weeds, pine cones, needles, straw, plants and garden materials; sticks and branches **smaller than one half-inch in diameter**
- **Not accepted:** bags of any kind – residents **must** take all bags home, including compostable bags; sod, dirt, trash, concrete, wood; noxious weeds, including garlic mustard and thistle; sticks and branches **larger than one half-inch in diameter** must go to the separate brush drop-off
- Remember to bring proper equipment to unload (i.e. pitchfork, shovel, etc.)
- Items **must** be covered during transport.



BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE OPEN APRIL 4–NOV. 21

- **Accepted:** trees and branches up to eight feet in length (no diameter restrictions)
- **Not accepted:** stumps, dirt, sod, trash, metal, plastics, concrete, lumber, fences or wood scraps
- All yard waste (including loose leaves, pine needles, straw, plants and garden materials) must be placed in the separate leaf drop-off area when it's open.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/yardwaste to learn more, or call 952-988-8400 with questions.

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City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 2** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 6** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 8** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 14** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 20** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 23** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 27** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 30** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus for updates and schedule changes.

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.

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.