

MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



We're in this together

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact the world, the health and well-being of our community remains the city's top priority.

When this issue of the Minnetonka Memo went to print, all city facilities remained closed to the public, and all regularly scheduled city events, classes and programs remain canceled until further notice.

Essential services - including public safety, emergency services and water and sewer utilities - have continued, and any city employees who are able to work from home continue to do so.

Virtual meetings

City council, planning commission and EDAC meetings are being held virtually. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/virtual-meetings to learn how to watch and participate in the meetings. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/calendar for meeting dates and times.

Help those in need

Many local service organizations are looking for volunteers and are in need of donations to continue their important work. Find links to more information on how best to help at minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus.

Stay updated

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus for news, resources and to subscribe to email or text updates. New resources for residents and businesses are frequently being added.

Thank you

Coronavirus has impacted us all in unprecedented ways, and we empathize with the challenges each of you are facing. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we all work together to help slow the spread.

Slow the spread



Stay home



Practice social distancing



Wash hands thoroughly



Don't touch your face



Cover coughs and sneezes



No senior newsletter this month

Due to coronavirus and uncertainty surrounding May programming, the city will not publish a May issue of the Minnetonka Senior Script.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/seniorservices to subscribe to senior programming updates via email or text. Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus for updates on the city's response to the pandemic.

Summer infrastructure projects continue as scheduled

The city will undertake several important projects in 2020 to improve infrastructure and connectivity. Visit our website to learn more about each project and to sign up for email/text updates.



Ridgedale Drive minnetonkamn.gov/ridgedaledrive

Two-year project resumes to improve the road, utilities, traffic flow and walkability along Ridgedale Drive between Plymouth Road and I-394.

Twelve Oaks Area minnetonkamn.gov/twelveoaks

Full street reconstruction on Twelve Oaks Center Drive (Wayzata Boulevard to Carlson Parkway) and Parkers Lake Road (Twelve Oaks Center Drive to Kingsview Lane North).

Opus Bridges minnetonkamn.gov/opus-bridges

Replacement of three bridges on Red Circle Drive and Bren Road West and street improvements on Red Circle Drive.

Excelsior Boulevard Trail minnetonkamn.gov/excelsiortrail

Start of a two-year project to add a new trail along Excelsior Boulevard from Shady Oak Road to Kinsel Road.

Mill and Overlay minnetonkamn.gov/2020mill-overlay

Resurfacing and spot improvements of Minnetonka Mills Road, Rowland Road and Whitewater Drive.

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ELECTION JUDGE



We're seeking adults and students ages 16 and up to serve as election judges. These part-time, paid positions ensure the voting process goes smoothly and is run with integrity.

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

Celebrate National Bike Month

While coronavirus has impacted most of our daily routines, the benefits of riding a bike remain intact! Join us to celebrate May as National Bike Month and ride your bike on Minnetonka trails all month long.

For those of you who are still commuting, take note: Bike to Work Week is May 11-17 and Bike to Work Day is May 15. Participate if you can!

Visit bikeleague.org/bikemonth to learn more about National Bike Month. Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov and the city's social media accounts for any city-sponsored Bike Month activities.



Protect shade trees

Here are helpful tips to keep your elm, oak and ash trees healthy this spring.

Inject elms and ash

Injection treatments significantly reduce the risk of Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borer (EAB). Call 952-988-8407 for a list of contractors. Soil drench is not advised as an alternative.



Ash tree with injection tag

Prune at the right time

Follow this timeline regarding oak and ash tree pruning to limit the spread of oak wilt and EAB. Weather patterns can alter this timeline, check the current status at myminnesotawoods.umn.edu.

Follow this timeline for pruning oak and ash trees:

April-September	HIGH RISK (don't prune)
October-November	Moderate risk (use caution)
December-March	Best time to prune

Manage firewood

Metro-area counties are under a firewood quarantine and must follow these regulations.

- **Do not transport firewood**; purchase it where it will be used.
- **Dispose of all elm wood** at the city brush drop-off site, or chip it to use as mulch.
- **Red oak and ash wood may be stored if properly stacked and dried.** Call 952-988-8436 for instructions.

Get first year of organics recycling free

To encourage organics recycling, the city and Hennepin County are offering a free year of service to the first 120 new customers in 2020. Here's how to sign up:

- You must use Randy's Environmental Services (763-972-3335) or Ark Disposal (763-898-5226) as your garbage hauler. Contact them directly to begin curbside organics collection.
- The city will pay your garbage hauler directly; you will not be billed.

Learn more

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/organicsrecycling to learn more about organics recycling and its numerous benefits. Call 952-988-8414 to ask questions.

Drop off leaves, brush and yard waste

Despite other city facility closures, the leaf and brush drop-off site at the public works facility (11522 Minnetonka Blvd.) remains open. Residents or commercial lawn services can drop off leaves, brush and yard waste, but must present proof of residence. Days and hours of operation are:

- Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturdays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

The leaf and yard waste site will close for the season on May 16. It will reopen again in the fall (Sept. 19). The brush drop-off will remain open through Nov. 21.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/yardwaste to learn more, including accepted items and drop-off guidelines. Call 952-988-8400 to ask questions.

City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 4** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 7** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 11** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 14** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 18** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 21** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 25** Memorial Day, City Business Closed

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Many local businesses and restaurants continue to serve our community, despite restrictions to limit the spread of coronavirus. Please shop local to support our wonderful business community!

Resources for our senior residents

During these challenging times, the city remains committed and connected to our valued senior residents. Below are some great local resources that offer a wide range of support options.

Senior Community Services

- Grocery delivery, caregiver services, and Medicare information
- 952-541-1019; seniorcommunity.org

Senior Linkage Line

- Prescription delivery, housing options and other services
- 1-800-333-2433; seniorlinkageline.com

ICA Foodshelf

- Emergency food assistance
- 952-938-0729; icafoodshelf.org

ResourceWest

- Emergency financial assistance and other social services
- 952-933-3860; resourcewest.org