

MINNETONKA MEMO

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Face masks required starting July 23

To slow the spread of COVID-19, the Minnetonka City Council approved an ordinance requiring face masks in indoor areas accessible to the public, effective Thursday, July 23 at 11:59 p.m.

In addition to requiring masks in indoor public spaces, the city also strongly encourages individuals to wear masks in indoor private spaces and outdoors when social distancing (at least six feet of separation) isn't possible.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/masks to learn more about the ordinance, including exemptions and answers to frequently asked questions.



Council to discuss ranked choice voting Aug. 10

At its Aug. 10 meeting, the city council is expected to review the charter commission's report on ranked choice voting and decide whether to include the issue on the November 2020 election ballot. Residents are invited to attend the meeting to provide feedback.

The charter commission has been studying ranked choice voting - which is an electoral system in which voters are asked to rank candidates by preference on their ballots - for more than a year.

Minnetonka voters - not the city council - will ultimately decide if ranked choice voting will be adopted.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/rankedchoicevoting to learn more about the study and find details on how to provide comment at the Aug. 10 meeting.



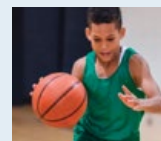
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Vote in the Aug. 11 primary election

The 2020 primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 11 and - with the lingering COVID-19 pandemic - it's our goal that every eligible Minnetonka voter can cast their ballot safely and securely.

During all in-person voting, election staff will follow CDC guidelines, wear personal protective equipment and disinfect surfaces regularly. We'll provide hand sanitizer and pens for each voter to use and keep.



Vote early

- Absentee in-person at the Hennepin County Government Center through Aug. 10
- Absentee in-person at Minnetonka City Hall Aug. 4-10
 - We will offer a curbside option for voters who prefer not to enter city hall.
 - Extended hours on Saturday, Aug. 8 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Monday, Aug. 10 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Absentee by mail - learn how at minnetonkamn.gov/election
 - Ballots must be received by Election Day to count.

Vote on Election Day

- **Hours:** 7 a.m.-8 p.m. If you're in line at 8 p.m. you're allowed to vote
- Find your polling place and a sample ballot at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.
- Learn how to register at the polls at minnetonkamn.gov/voters.

Learn more

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

2020 polling location changes

Several polling locations have temporarily changed for the 2020 primary and general elections due to COVID-19.

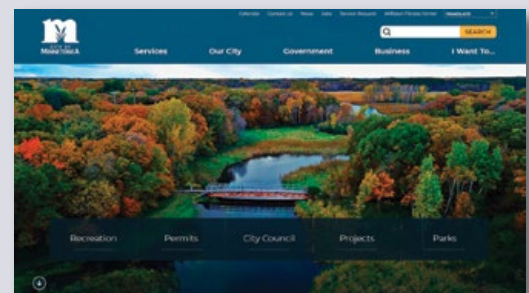
PRECINCT	2020 LOCATION	PREVIOUS LOCATION
Ward 1, Precinct E	Williston Fitness Center 14509 Minnetonka Drive	Bet Shalom 13613 Orchard Road
Ward 3, Precinct A	Hennepin County Ridgedale Library 12601 Ridgedale Drive	RidgePointe 12600 Marion Lane West
Ward 3, Precinct B	Minnetonka Ice Arena A 3401 Williston Road	New Perspective 500 Carlson Parkway
Ward 4, Precinct F	Glen Lake Activity Center 14350 Excelsior Blvd.	The Glenn Minnetonka 5300 Woodhill Road

City's website named best in Minnesota

The City of Minnetonka's new-and-improved website, minnetonkamn.gov - which was introduced in November 2019 - was recently named the best government website in the state by the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators.

This is the fourth-straight year Minnetonka has received a first-place honor at the association's annual awards ceremony.

Congratulations to our communications team, and thanks for all your work on our award-winning website!



Register for fall recreation programs

The city plans to offer fall recreation programming, including fitness classes, arts and crafts, kids' programs and athletic leagues. Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 8 a.m.

Due to uncertainty caused by COVID-19, we did not publish a fall recreation brochure, and fall programming is subject to change.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register to browse programs, learn more and register online. Call 952-939-8203 to register by phone Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday, Aug. 28

Toy Story 4

Thursday, Sept. 3

A Dog's Way Home

Friday, Sept. 11

Frozen II



Bring your family and friends for a fun night of cinema under the stars! Movies take place at sunset.

We will mark spots on the lawn for families to ensure safety and social distancing.

Call 952-939-8355 or visit minnetonkamn.gov for weather-related updates.

Planning begins for new regional trail

Three Rivers Park District is planning a new 16-mile regional trail that will run north-south and connect Minnetonka to Eden Prairie, Plymouth and Maple Grove. The "Eagle to Bryant Lake Regional Trail" will also connect Eagle Lake, Bryant Lake and French Regional Parks.

The proposed multi-use paved trail will connect to five existing regional trails, multiple city trails, Ridgedale Center and other retail centers in Minnetonka and Plymouth. It is also proposed to provide protected bike access along Baker Road.

Learn more and provide feedback

Visit LetsTalkThreeRivers.org to learn more and provide feedback.



City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 5** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 6** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 20** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 24** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 27** Planning Commission and Economic Development Advisory Commission Joint Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 31** City Council, 6:30 p.m.

City meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/virtual-meetings to learn how to participate remotely. Watch meetings online live and on-demand at minnetonkamn.gov/tv.

For up-to-date city meeting information, visit minnetonkamn.gov/calendar or call 952-939-8200.



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Civic Center Campus
Ice Arena B Parking Lot
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Visit the market in August for fresh sweet corn, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, beans, carrots apples and much more!
Please send one healthy shopper, maintain six feet of distance, wear a mask and shop efficiently.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket to learn more, subscribe to updates and find COVID-19 safety guidelines.
Follow the city on social media for weekly highlights.

Celebrate National Farmers Market Week with us on Tuesday, Aug. 4! We'll be giving out free, reusable fabric produce bags (while supplies last).



SPECIAL COMMUNITY DROP-OFF DAY

Saturday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

Stay tuned to the Minnetonka Memo and minnetonkamn.gov/dropoffday for updates and details.