

MINNETONKA MEMO

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Virtual State of the City Address

Wednesday, April 14 | 8 a.m.
Webex virtual meeting

Join Mayor Brad Wiersum for the 2021 State of the City Address. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be a virtual event and you're invited to watch and participate live.

Mayor Wiersum will deliver his annual address, share a video update and take questions from the online audience. The event will also include other city presentations and speakers from the Rotary Club of Minnetonka and the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/state-of-city to learn more and watch live or on-demand. To ask questions, call McKaia Ryberg at 952-939-8211.

Jim Flanders named city's employee of the year

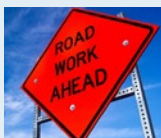
City of Minnetonka Assistant Fire Chief Jim Flanders recently received the Spirit of Minnetonka award, given annually to the city's employee of the year. In 2021, Flanders' role overseeing emergency management for the city took on a whole new meaning.

Flanders' contributions have enhanced Minnetonka's public safety for more than 20 years, and his preparedness and expertise were invaluable as the city navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. His ability to calmly and effectively lead and provide training during in crisis situations was on the forefront of the city's pandemic response. His efforts ensured the city could continue to effectively serve the community despite immeasurable challenges and uncertainty.

Congratulations to Jim on this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for all you do to keep our community prepared and safe!



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Learn how to reduce your waste

Sustainable Minnetonka Webinar Series

Tuesday, April 6 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Virtual (Zoom)

Join Zero Waste West Metro for this free, virtual webinar to learn how to produce less garbage in fun and creative ways. Reducing your waste can benefit the environment and save money. These everyday tips and tricks are incredibly easy ... anyone can do it!

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/green to learn more, register and subscribe to email/text updates. Details will be emailed to all who register a day or two before the event.

The Sustainable Minnetonka Webinar Series is brought to you by Minnetonka's Energy Action Team with help from Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program.



Sign up for adult sports leagues

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

If needed, we'll implement COVID-19 safety protocols to ensure a safe and fun experience for all.

Adult sand volleyball leagues

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

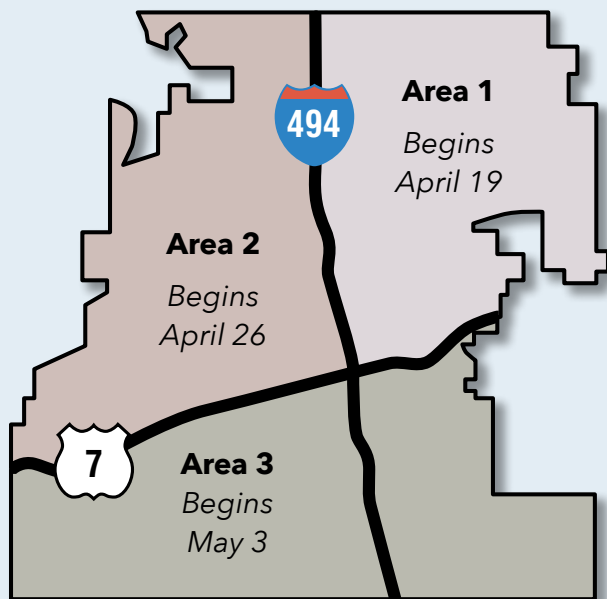
Adult co-rec kickball leagues

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



Water main flushing begins April 19

Minnetonka Public Works will flush water mains throughout the city from Monday, April 19 through Friday, May 7. 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.



Flushing in these areas will occur at special times:

April 19

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

April 26

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 6

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.

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.



2021 construction projects



City projects

The city will conduct several important street, trail and utility projects in 2021 to improve infrastructure and connectivity.

Visit our website to find a list of projects, and visit each project page to learn more and sign up for email/text updates.

- Street and utility projects: minnetonkamn.gov/street-utility-projects
- Park and trail projects: minnetonkamn.gov/park-trail-projects



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State and county projects

MnDOT and Hennepin County will also conduct several projects in Minnetonka to improve state and county roads, including a pair of MnDOT projects on Hwy 7. Southwest Light Rail Transit construction also continues throughout 2021.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/state-county-projects to learn more.



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DID YOU KNOW?



Recreational fire permits must be renewed annually.

Permits are free, valid until Dec. 31 each year and must be applied for or renewed online. Natural gas and propane fire pits and fireplaces do not require a permit.

When you complete the online application, request a copy of your submission and print or save the emailed copy of the permit for your records. If you don't receive the email, check your junk and spam folders or complete the form again.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/firepermit to apply or renew. Call the fire department at 952-939-8598 with questions.



Keep your dryer fire-free

Laundry seems like a harmless household chore, but dryers can present a fire risk if not properly used and maintained. Follow these tips from the Minnetonka Fire Department to keep your dryer and vent fire-free.

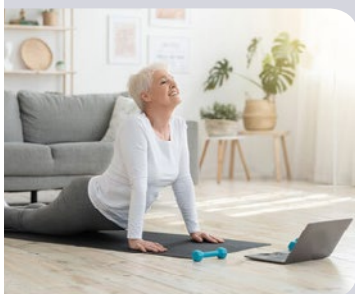


- Always use a lint filter; check and clean the lint filter before and after each use.
- Ensure the outdoor vent cover opens when the dryer is in use.
- Have your dryer vent pipe professionally cleaned annually, especially if it's taking longer than normal to dry your clothes.
- Only dryer vent clamps or tape should be used to connect the sections of vent pipe. Screws can collect lint, prevent proper use and create a fire risk.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/fire-prevention to find more helpful fire safety tips.



Programs and resources for our senior residents



Minnetonka Senior Services is slowly and safely beginning to offer increased programming. However, please note the Community Center remains closed except during scheduled programs and appointments.

We're happy to announce that our "Over 50 & Fit" class is now broadcast on cable channel 15. Join our instructors Mondays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at noon, and get fit from the comfort of your own home!

Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov/seniors2021 to browse available programs, and register online or call 952-939-8393. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/virtual to find free virtual programs, including history, exercise and yoga classes.

Many of our great senior resources are still available during COVID-19:

- **Foot Care Clinic:** Fridays at the Community Center. For appointments and fees, call Happy Feet at 763-560-5136.
- **H.O.M.E. (Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly):** Call Senior Community Services at 952-746-4046 for more information.
- **Senior Outreach:** Licensed social workers are available through the Minnetonka nonprofit Senior Community Services and can help you find trusted and affordable resources for financial assistance, medical or legal issues, housing alternatives or other life changes. Call 612-770-7005 to speak with a social worker.
- **Transit Link:** Transportation from your home to events. Call 651-602-5465 for a schedule and fees.

Be a good neighbor in 2021

The past year has been challenging in many ways for all of us. We encourage you to be a kind and considerate neighbor by complying with city ordinances, and offering to help those who need it.

Common neighborhood complaints – and how you can avoid them – are listed below.

Trash and recycling bins

All garbage and recycling containers must be stored completely out of public view, either inside a garage or behind a screened enclosure, except the evening before and the day of collection.

Outside storage

Outside storage of personal property is not allowed in Minnetonka, unless the items are used for normal outdoor recreational activities on the property, such as outdoor furniture, cooking equipment and recreational equipment.

Vehicle Storage

Vehicles stored outside must be in operable and licensed condition. Vehicles stored in the front of the home must be on asphalt, concrete or gravel, but can be stored on the lawn alongside or behind the house. No more than four vehicles are allowed per property, unless you have visitors.

Brush piles and lawn debris

Piles of brush or other organic material are prohibited, except for properly maintained compost piles. Leaves and grass may not be left in the street, right-of-way, in wetlands, on public property or on other people's property. Trash, rubbish or refuse must be removed from any property.

Noise

Minnetonka's "quiet hours" are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week, all year. Exemptions include refuse haulers and snow plows.

We're here to help

If you or someone you know may need assistance, please let us know via our online request system at minnetonkamn.gov/request or call 952-939-8586.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/nuisance to learn more about nuisance complaints.

Leaf and brush drop-off sites open April 3

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 31, July 5 and Sept. 6 in observance of holidays.

LEAF DROP-OFF SITE OPEN APRIL 3–MAY 15

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 3–NOV. 20

- **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.

City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 6** Sustainable Minnetonka Webinar, 6 p.m.
- 7** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 8** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 12** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 13** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 15** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 19** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 22** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 26** City Council, 6:30 p.m.

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

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



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Apply 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 currently accepting applications 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
- Habitat restoration and watering technicians

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