

# MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



## City Manager Geralyn Barone announces retirement

Minnetonka City Manager Geralyn Barone has announced she will retire in September, culminating a distinguished 40-year career of public service.

Barone has served Minnetonka for 27 years, the last nine as city manager, and her steady guidance has been invaluable to city staff, elected officials and the community. Her impact also extends well beyond Minnetonka, as she has served in leadership roles for countless professional organizations, boards and committees.

Barone credits an active and engaged community with helping Minnetonka realize a number of milestone achievements during her tenure. These include expansion of the city's parks and trails system, construction of a new public safety facility and a deep commitment to the community's natural environment.

An event celebrating Barone's impactful career will be scheduled soon. Her final day as city manager will be Sept. 10, 2021.



## Get ready for election season

Minnetonka's ranked choice voting (RCV) education and outreach efforts are officially underway, and will prepare voters to use RCV in the city's November election.

It's also time for candidates to file for one of three city council seats on the November ballot.

The city is committed to providing the following resources to better serve voters and candidates.

### Voters

- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section and two short, informative videos have been added to the city's Ranked Choice Voting webpage: [minnetonkamn.gov/rankedchoicevoting](https://minnetonkamn.gov/rankedchoicevoting).
- A second mock election will take place in August, at which voters can practice using the RCV method. City elections staff will also be on-hand to answer questions.
  - **Williston Fitness Center**  
Tuesday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m. - noon

### Candidates

- Candidate filing for November's three city council seats - mayor, at-large councilmember A and at-large councilmember B - **will be open from Tuesday, July 27 through Tuesday, Aug. 10.**
- In order to appear as a candidate on this year's ballot, an Affidavit of Candidacy form must be submitted to the city clerk's office. This form is available electronically on the city website, and paper copies are also available at city hall. [minnetonkamn.gov/campaign-finance](https://minnetonkamn.gov/campaign-finance)
- Any candidate who wishes to withdraw their name after having submitted their Affidavit of Candidacy must do so **by Thursday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m.** After that date, a candidate may not withdraw, and their name will be printed on the Nov. 2 ballot.
- Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/candidateinfo](https://minnetonkamn.gov/candidateinfo) for more resources.

## Take our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Culture Survey

Share your thoughts on life in Minnetonka through the city's upcoming **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Culture Survey**. Watch for the survey this month at [minnetonkamatters.com](https://minnetonkamatters.com).



# Bump, set, spike in our adult volleyball league!

Have a blast competing on a women's, men's or co-rec volleyball team this fall.

Teams compete once per week, for 10 weeks, and our top teams in each division move onto a one-night playoff round.

- Match times are 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.
- Location: Hopkins Lindbergh Center or Hopkins West Junior High

Registration opens Monday, Aug. 2 for returning teams and Monday, Aug. 9 for new teams. (Please register under your team manager's account.)

The registration deadline is Sunday, Sept. 5 or when leagues fill.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/volleyball](http://minnetonkamn.gov/volleyball) for more information.



# Fall recreation registration is here

## General Recreation Programs

Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m.

## Senior Programs & Ice Skating Lessons

Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 17, 8 a.m.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/recbrochure](http://minnetonkamn.gov/recbrochure) to browse all our great programs, from youth and seniors classes to tennis lessons, fitness challenges and more.

Register online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register), or call us between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- General Programs: 952-939-8203
- Senior Programs: 952-939-8393
- Ice Arena: 952-939-8310

# MOVIES in the Park

Bring your family and friends for a FREE night of cinema under the stars!

## NOW SHOWING

**Friday, Aug. 27, 8 p.m.**  
The Goonies

**Thursday, Sept. 2, 7:45 p.m.**  
The Sandlot

**Friday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.**  
The Karate Kid

Outdoor amphitheater on the civic center campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.!



Please call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355, or visit [minnetonkamn.gov](http://minnetonkamn.gov) for weather-related updates.

Don't miss the final performances of our 2021 Music in the Park series!

# MUSIC IN THE PARK

## July 27

Hopkins Westwind Concert Band (65-piece concert band)

## Aug. 3

Eden Prairie Community Band (50-piece concert band)

## Aug. 10

Southside Big Band (18-piece swing band)

sponsored by



## Aug. 17

Backyard Band (5-piece danceable light rock)

## Aug. 24

Church of Cash (Johnny Cash Tribute Band)

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# Managing mosquitoes

Mosquitoes can carry diseases that impact humans, pets and wildlife. But eradicating all mosquitoes isn't the best way to manage mosquito-borne disease.

Hundreds of animal species—from songbirds and bats to frogs, fish and dragonflies—include mosquitoes in their diet. Mosquito control measures can preserve this important natural food web while reducing harm to human health and the environment.

## Treatment

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District takes a two-step approach to manage mosquito populations on public land in the Twin Cities area:

**1.** Identify problem breeding areas and treat larvae by hand or by helicopter. This is done with Bti (a naturally occurring type of bacteria) or methoprene (a hormone that keeps larvae from maturing).

**2.** Sample water where hatches are likely or people gather. Then, as needed, spray pyrethroids (similar to chemicals produced by chrysanthemums) on dense vegetation where mosquitoes rest by day. This strategy limits the use of potentially harmful chemicals and, on average, reduces mosquito populations by 75 percent.

## Prevention

Rather than applying chemicals in your yard, try these natural solutions to reduce mosquito populations:

- Mosquitoes need very little water to breed. Identify spots that trap rainwater—such as plant saucers, wheelbarrows, tires, rain gutters and low spots in the lawn—and remove or regularly clean them. If no standing water is available, mosquitoes will go elsewhere to breed.
- Replace water in pet bowls and birdbaths daily.
- Add herbs such as basil, rosemary and mint around your outdoor spaces. These plants produce essential oils that deter mosquitoes.
- Create and protect natural habitat to support mosquito predators.

## Did you know?

- Only female mosquitoes bite for blood.
- Males mosquitoes are pollinators. They specialize on plants in the aster, orchid and rose families.
- About 50 mosquito species occur in Minnesota, but only a few species carry diseases.



## City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 4** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 5** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 10** Sustainable Minnetonka Webinar, 6 p.m.
- 12** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 16** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 19** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 23** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 24** DEI Task Force, 6:30 p.m.
- 26** Joint City Council/Planning Commission/EDAC, 6 p.m.

City meetings will be held in person with the option to participate virtually. Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/virtual-meetings](https://minnetonkamn.gov/virtual-meetings) to learn how to participate remotely. Watch meetings live and on-demand at [minnetonkamn.gov/tv](https://minnetonkamn.gov/tv).

For up-to-date information, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/calendar](https://minnetonkamn.gov/calendar) or call 952-939-8200.



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## August's Sustainable Minnetonka Webinar is Electric!

Learn About Electric Vehicles  
Tuesday, Aug. 10 | 6-7 p.m. | Virtual



Electric vehicles (EVs) can be a good way to go green. If you're interested in exploring the world of EVs but not sure where to start, then the August edition of our Sustainable Minnetonka Webinar Series is for you! In this free session, you'll learn about the different types of electric vehicles, their potential to boost your financial savings, EV technology and other important topics to consider before you buy.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/green](https://minnetonkamn.gov/green) to register, learn more and subscribe to email/text updates on the city's ongoing sustainability initiatives.

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

## Make Great Music with MAM

This fall, the Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) returns in-person. And that's worth singing out loud about!

Visit [musicassociation.org](https://musicassociation.org) to sign up for Youth Choirs, Senior Chorale, Minnetonka Chamber Orchestra, Minnetonka Concert Band and the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra.

We can't wait to join together again in music.