



# minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
November 2003*

## To learn about your city, plan to attend the Citizenship Academy **HT**

**I**NVOLVED CITIZENS KNOW what's happening around them and participate in their community. These days, we're all more proud of our country and aware of our community. If you want to increase your knowledge and have a great time doing it, sign up for the Minnetonka Citizenship Academy. Last year, more than 26 people graduated from the program and joined past graduates in giving the program high marks.

Your Minnetonka City Council and staff care deeply about this community, and we strive for excellence in the decisions that affect you. We share a common belief that the more often we spend time with you—listening to each other—the better the system works.

The program runs for four Tuesdays in March from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Each week offers a different focus. Here are some of the questions you'll be able to answer after attending the academy:

- What's the role of the city council?
- How does the city communicate with residents?
- What's the process for setting the city's

budget and long-range capital improvements program?

- How does the city maintain its parks, trails, streets, and utility systems?
- What recreational opportunities does the city offer?
- How does the city approach development and street improvement requests?
- What are the city's zoning and subdivision regulations?
- How does the city address emergency preparedness? Severe weather? Fire safety? Youth issues?

The program is totally free, but we ask that you sign up so we have enough materials for all who attend. Youths and adults are welcome. Graduates receive special city council recognition upon completion of the program.

To enroll, we need your name, address, phone number(s), and, if you have one, your e-mail address. You can register by calling (952) 939-8219 or sending this information to [ironbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ironbeck@eminnetonka.com). The deadline for registration is February 13.

We hope you'll join us!

## Remember to vote November 4 **HT**

**T**HE GENERAL ELECTION will be Tuesday, November 4. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you need additional assistance, you can:

- Call city hall, (952) 939-8200, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Check the city web site, [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), Election Information.
- Leave a message with Minnetonka Mike, (952) 939-8586.

**Polling locations:** You can verify your polling location online at the city's or county's web sites, or by calling city hall.

**Registering to vote:** If you are not registered to vote, you can register at the polls on election day with proper identification. The easiest form of identification is a Minnesota driver's license or identification card that shows your current address. If you don't have either of these forms of identification, check the city's web site, or call (952) 939-8200 to determine what other forms of identification are allowed under state law.

**Items on the ballot:** The ballot will include names of candidates for council representative in Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4. Candidates for school board positions in the Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Wayzata School Districts will also be listed. In addition, the Wayzata School District will have a levy question on the ballot.

**Absentee voting:** If you can't vote at the polls on election day, there are still options available for absentee voting. Extended hours for absentee voting at city hall will be available on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Monday, November 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Processing an absentee ballot via the mail service at this point would be difficult, because mailed ballots must be delivered to the city by election day.

## City web site adds new features

**T**HE CITY OF Minnetonka's web site, [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), has added new information for residents. You're

invited to visit the site to discover these helpful resources.

- **Natural Resources and Forestry:** This new section features information on tree care, composting, recycling, deer management, open space preservation, and more. It can be found under the "City Services" designation.
- **Senior Scene:** This is a new section devoted to senior news and announces upcoming events, outings, trips, classes, and volunteer opportunities. In addition, the *Minnetonka Script* newsletter is

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# Minnetonka's 2004 Budget

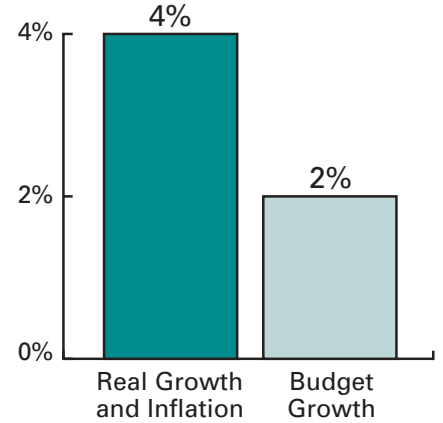
## **Quality services at a reasonable price**

Our citizens consistently rank Minnetonka's services as a good value for the money. Despite losing \$1 million from the state in 2003 and another \$800,000 in 2004, we'll continue to provide the excellent services our citizens have come to expect, and at a reasonable price.

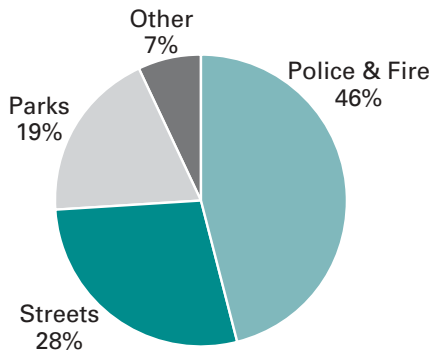
The City of Minnetonka practices long-term planning to ensure our future capacity to provide quality services. We recently imposed spending caps to save \$3 million over five years and capital reprogramming that cuts 10% from projects.

2004 budget growth is only one-half the real population growth and inflation that drive service costs.

## **Budget growth is far less than normal**



## **City property taxes pay for basic services**



**Police and fire protection** remains our top priority, and demands are increasing. Most of the 2004 city budget increase is for public safety.

**Streets** are another high priority. A large share of your property tax dollar pays for maintenance, plowing and reconstruction.

**Parks, trails and open space** account for most of the remaining city taxes. Recreation programs are fee-supported.

Many city services, such as water and sewer utilities, are supported by user fees and other resources.

## **Budget Hearings**

### **City of Minnetonka**

Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Minnetonka, MN 55345  
(952) 939-8200

### **Hennepin County**

Thursday, December 4, 5:30 p.m.  
Commissioners' Board Room  
A-2400 Government Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55438  
(612) 348-3011

### **Minnetonka School District #276**

Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.  
Community Room  
5621 Co. Rd. 101 So.  
Minnetonka, MN 55345  
(952) 401-5024

### **Hopkins School District #270**

Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.  
Eisenhower Community Center  
1001 Hwy. 7  
Hopkins, MN 55305  
(952) 988-4001

### **Wayzata School District #284**

No hearing required  
(763) 745-5023

**Your input on our budgets is welcomed and appreciated!**

# Your 2004 Property Taxes HT

## Proposed Property Tax Notice

You will soon receive a county notice that estimates the property taxes your school district, county and city might collect in 2004. Your actual tax statement will arrive in the spring.

Because of various state law changes, this notice is even more confusing than usual. For example, the form (shown below) has a tax line listed as "City." It shows a tax increase of \$68 (9%) for the average home:

Proposed 2004 Property Tax  
For an Average Minnetonka Home  
(\$275,000)

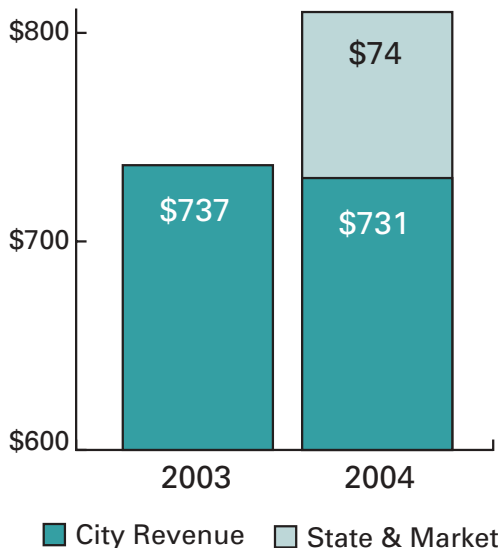
	2003	2004
County	\$1,185	\$1,262
City	737	805
School*		
Voter approved	776	794
Other	<u>135</u>	<u>220</u>
School Total	911	1,014
Metro Districts	89	92
Other Districts	109	109
Solid Waste Fee	47	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,077</b>	<b>\$3,334</b>

\* Hopkins School District

However, the property taxes Minnetonka actually receives from the average homeowner will go down by \$6. The increase in your "City" tax is really due to various state and market factors.

**City spending is NOT driving up your tax bill**

## City Tax Bill



## There is no city "tax grab"

City spending is NOT driving up your tax bill. In fact, we will receive *less money* from the average homeowner in 2004 than in 2003.

In other words, the average Minnetonka homeowner will *pay less* for city services next year.

Nevertheless, your "City" tax will increase because of changes in various state tax laws, state programs, and market values.

Total 2004 property taxes for the average Minnetonka homeowner could be \$257 (8%) higher than this year. Other jurisdictions account for about three-fourths of this potential increase.

Revenues actually received by the city will go down \$6. The "City" tax increase is really due to state property tax law changes, state programs, and market value impacts.

Most significantly, the State of Minnesota is making us fund their property tax relief program. The state is also phasing out its artificial limits on market value growth. Faster growth in residential market value further compounds this state shift.

## In 2004, Minnetonka will receive LESS MONEY from the average homeowner

2003-04 Tax Change	\$275,000 Home
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<b>City of Minnetonka</b>	
City Revenue	(\$6)
State Tax Changes, Programs and Market	74
<b>Other jurisdictions</b>	
Hennepin County	77
School District*	103
Other Agencies	<u>8</u>
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>\$257</b>

\* Hopkins School District

**Your "City" tax increases because of changes in state law and programs, and market values**



## Natural Resource Notes

# Plant native shrubs to replace buckthorn

**M**innesota's native hardwood forests glow with color in the fall. Walking in the golden light of the tall maples, oaks, and basswoods, is enjoyable. We can also enjoy the many colors of the under story shrubs, from the rich orange of serviceberry leaves to the most delicate lavenders and whites of viburnums. Fall in our Minnetonka woodlands is often covered in green.

The shrub with the small oval leaves that stay green late into the fall is European buckthorn. This plant was introduced into the US in the 1880s and widely planted as a hedge. (There are two species, common buckthorn and glossy buckthorn.) Buckthorn is an invasive species that rapidly spreads and has become completely entrenched in the woods of the metro area

and beyond. It is so invasive that it supplants native shrubs and wildflowers, depriving us of colorful displays in both fall and spring.

Buckthorn has an advantage over native plants because it stays green about 58 days longer than they do, and it excretes a chemical that inhibits other plants from growing near it. The dark blue berries that cluster along the stems are eaten by birds, which spread the seeds throughout the neighborhood in their droppings. The berries are not an efficient food source, since they have a strong laxative effect.

If you want a woody feel to your property, it is no longer desirable to simply let trees and shrubs grow up naturally...you will get buckthorn. The best

approach is to manage the existing buckthorn by cutting and stump-treating the stem or by pulling the younger plants. Then you will be ready to re-plant the area with a variety of native species.

Native shrubs that grow in or next to wooded areas include chokeberry, gooseberry, snowberry, highbush cranberry, nannyberry, maple leaf viburnum, serviceberry, hazelnut, witch hazel, elderberry, gray dogwood and pagoda dogwood. Not only do these and other native plants provide beautiful fall color, they offer birds something better to eat than buckthorn. If you would like a list of native plant nurseries in this area, contact Environmental Planning Intern Chris Robbins, (952) 939-8295. □

## Introducing Williston Fitness Center — an affordable health club

**W**HAT ARE YOU looking for in a health club? If you're looking for affordable rates, a convenient location, a variety of amenities, and a friendly/comfortable environment, then the Williston Fitness Center is the place for you!

As a Minnetonka resident, you automatically receive a 20% discount off the standard (non-resident) rates. We offer both three-month and annual memberships without any hidden initiation fees or start-up costs. There are also affordable daily rates for those who just like to stop in from time to time. We encourage you to compare our rates, amenities, and location to your favorite club so you can see for yourself why the Williston Fitness Center is the best buy in town.

The Williston Fitness Center has something for everyone. Our amenities include: 5 indoor tennis courts; baseball and softball batting cages; 25 yard swimming pool; basketball court; elliptical cross-trainers; treadmills; stair climbers; stationary bikes; weight machines; free weights; certified personal training; aerobics studio; whirlpool and saunas; child care (6 months and older); tennis leagues/lessons available through "P.A.T.S. Tennis"; baseball and softball skills training available through "Baseball U.S.A."

The Williston Fitness Center also offers a variety of land and water aerobic classes for all ability levels. Basic land classes such as step and floor aerobics are mixed with specialty classes like yoga, kickboxing, and pilates. Water aerobics and water arthritis classes are also offered at many different times for your convenience.

You don't always have to pay more to get more. Make this the year for a change and make the switch to the Williston Fitness Center. Bring in the coupon below for one free admission. Bring your family, a friend or a neighbor along with you. We look forward to seeing you soon! □

**Williston Fitness Center**

**ONE FREE ADMISSION**

*Coupon is good for one admission. Families must be together. Coupon must be presented at time of use.*

**VOID**

Williston Fitness Center  
14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345  
Phone (952) 939-8370 • Fax (952) 939-8380  
*Coupon expires January 15, 2004.*

# What you need to know about snow removal in Minnetonka

**L**ISTED BELOW ARE some of the most frequently-asked questions (and their answers) received by the Minnetonka Public Works Department regarding snow removal in the city. Should you have a question that's not covered here, you can call (952) 988-8400 for your answer.

***Q: At what point and at what time do snowplowing operations begin?***

A: When two or more inches of snow have accumulated, our snow and ice control operations move from sanding and salting to city-wide plowing of snow to the sides of the street. In most cases, plowing operations begin between 2 and 4 a.m.; the exact time depends on the predicted start of the snowfall, its intensity, and expected end of the snowfall.

***Q: Does the city plow all roadways located in Minnetonka?***

A: No — the city is responsible for most roadways, but does not plow county or state highways or private roads.

***Q: Why do some streets get plowed sooner than others?***

A: The city is divided into 24 individual zones, each of which has “arterial” or “collector” streets. These main streets are plowed first. Residential streets and cul-de-sacs are usually the last to get plowed, since it's anticipated that by plowing the main roads first, motorists will only have two or three blocks to travel before they arrive at a plowed street.

***Q: When are the city's sidewalks, trails, and ice rinks plowed?***

A: Our first priority is removal of snow from the city's street system. As a result, a majority of the city's resources are committed to this activity. At the same time, however, some limited resources are directed to the removal of snow from sidewalks, trails, and ice rinks. Since the amount of personnel and equipment working on these is much smaller, it takes more time to complete the snow removal operation.



*The Minnetonka Public Works Department has 29 vehicles, ranging from dump trucks to pick-ups, ready for plowing this winter.*

***Q: Why do cul-de-sac driveways seem to get more snow than others?***

A: Plowing snow in cul-de-sacs is difficult because of the way the driveways are situated. As much as possible, plow drivers try to plow snow away from driveways and deposit it in open areas.

***Q: Why does the snowplow come back and fill in my driveway after I've already cleaned it?***

A: During heavy snowfalls, city-wide snowplowing is accomplished in three separate steps:

1. The first pass is intended to provide an initial access path down the street.
2. Full-width widening can occur several hours later after all streets have received a first pass.
3. Final cleanup occurs the next day and provides for intersection cleanup, sanding, and plowing where “snow birds” were parked.

***Q: If city plows pile snow against my driveway and mailbox, will they clean them out?***

A: No — homeowners are responsible for their own driveways and mailboxes.

***Q: Can I push my excess snow into or across the street?***

A: No — city ordinances require that snow be placed on the right-of-way adjacent to the closest property.

***Q: Does the city plow out fire hydrants?***

A: No — with over 3,500 hydrants in the city, it's impossible to remove snow from around all of them, so we appreciate your help. Residents are asked to “adopt” a hydrant and clear snow away from it to keep it accessible in case of fire.

***Q: Does the city plow around recycling containers and garbage cans?***

A: Unfortunately, plow drivers can't plow around or set up containers that are knocked over. Residents are requested to set out recycling containers and garbage cans behind the street curb line.

***Q: Does the city repair mailboxes that are damaged by plowing?***

A: Mailboxes physically hit by city snowplows will be repaired. Mailboxes that are damaged from the force of snow coming off the plow are not repaired.

***Q: Will the city repair damage that occurs near the edge of the street?***

A: The city will repair sod damage that results from city snowplows. The city does not repair sprinklers, fences, or rock gardens that are placed in the city right-of-way. Please call the public works department, (952) 988-8400, if your sod is damaged. Repairs are usually made in May and June.

***Q: How do drivers know where the edge of the street is when there's a heavy snowfall?***

A: Snowplow drivers visually gauge the street edge by driveway openings and by placement of mailboxes. Many residents set up curb markers to make the plow driver's job easier. The city provides markers to residents (installation is easier when the ground isn't frozen solid). Stop by city hall or the public works department, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. □

## City Web Site *continued from page 1*

available for download. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), then select Hot Topics/Senior Scene.

The city strives to maintain a web site that provides useful, timely information for its residents. To ensure we are meeting

your needs, please visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and take a few minutes to respond to the web site survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback! □

 2003 RECYCLING UPDATE

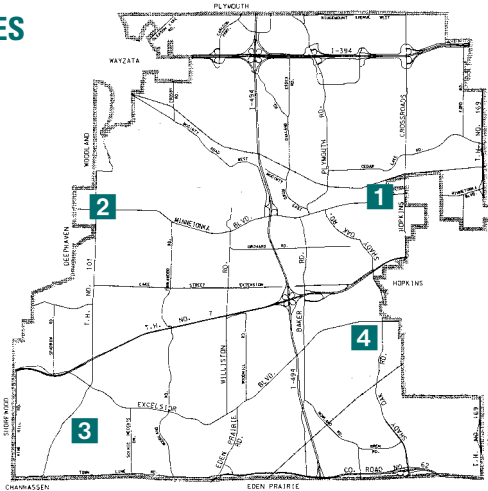
# Fall Leaf Drop-off Program

**Minnnetonka residents may bring bagged leaves, yard and garden materials to one of the four drop-off sites on the dates and times shown below. Brush larger than 1/2" in diameter will not be accepted at leaf drop-off sites. (See the Brush drop-off article.)**

**SATURDAYS: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. • November 1 and 8**

### SATURDAY LEAF DROP-OFF SITES

- 1 Public Works Facility Parking Lot**  
(11522 Minnetonka Blvd., 1/4 mile west of Co. Rd. 73)
- 2 Groveland School Parking Lot**  
(Minnetonka Blvd., east of Hwy. 101)
- 3 Minnetonka Public Schools Service Center North Parking Lot**  
(5621 Hwy. 101)
- 4 West Oaks Community Church Upper Parking Lot**  
(Excelsior Blvd., west of Shady Oak Rd.)



**BULK LEAVES** only accepted at the public works site during brush drop-off hours (Monday/Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) on the following dates: 11/1, 11/3, 11/4, 11/8, 11/10, 11/15 (site will be closed on 11/11 for Veterans' Day holiday). Loads of leaves must be covered during transport.

Enter on the west side of the building across from the Big Willow ball fields. Residents will unload their own leaves onto the bulk pile (bring proper equipment to unload your own leaves). Using many layers of tarps between a foot or two of leaves makes unloading your leaves easier and faster. Try it!

### BAGGED LEAVES accepted at all sites on Saturday dates (11/1, 11/8)

City staff will assist residents with unloading bags of leaves on Saturdays. Residents will be asked to take empty bags home for reuse or disposal. *Please tie bags loosely for easier emptying.*

If you have other means of handling your leaves such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, please use that option. All garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yardwaste on the same day as garbage collection for a reasonable annual or monthly fee. Check with your garbage hauler for details.

Information about composting and yardwaste management is available from the recycling coordinator, (952) 939-8217, or leave a message anytime.

## Brush drop-off ends in November

**T**HE BRUSH DROP-OFF program will end at 3 p.m. November 15. Until then, the drop site will be open on Monday and Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Branches up to 6" in diameter are accepted. The site will be closed Tuesday, November 11, for Veterans' Day.

This service is only available to Minnetonka residents and a valid I.D. is required. No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.


Please note: trash, grass, loose leaves, lumber, or wood scraps are not accepted. Loose leaves, pine needles, straw, plant and garden materials go into the leaf drop-off program. (The brush is ground into the mulch that the city gives away to residents for landscaping.)

The brush drop-off program will resume mid-April, 2004.

Please call Dean Elstad, Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217, during business hours, or leave a message anytime. □

### Every curb is a shoreline

Be a good steward and prevent your leaves from entering the street and storm sewer system. Our storm drains are connected to our ponds, creeks, and wetlands. Remember, street sweepers do not sweep in the fall. Thank you for helping to protect our water resources.



**2003 RECYCLING UPDATE**

# Household Hazardous Waste

Residents may bring household hazardous waste (HHW) to either of Hennepin County's permanent HHW drop-off facilities.

The facilities are open:

Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
Wednesday evenings until 8 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays, Mondays, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

There is no charge to drop off HHW.

Household hazardous waste includes such items as paint, stain, thinners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, gasoline, oil, oil filters, aerosol cans, fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats, switches and thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances and batteries. Also accepted for no charge are consumer electronics (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers).

Household appliances (microwaves, water heater, stove, freezer, washer, dryer, etc.) may be dropped off for a \$15 fee.

For further information call the recycling coordinator, (952) 939-8217 (please leave a

**Hennepin County Transfer Station and HHW Drop-Off**

**8100 Jefferson Hwy.  
Brooklyn Park**

**Hennepin County Problem Material and HHW Drop-Off**

**1400 W. 96th St.  
Bloomington**

message if you get voice mail) or Hennepin County, (612) 348-3777 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., M – F).

## Summer water use reported

**T**HIS SUMMER, WATER use in the city for the period May through September increased by 23.5% compared to the same period last year. One reason for this dramatic increase, of course, was the 43% decrease in rainfall for the same time period.

**Gallons pumped (millions)**

	2002	2003
May	237.0	237.4
June	255.0	291.6
July	310.3	316.1
August	283.8	456.8
September	252.8	352.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,338.9</b>	<b>1,654.4</b>

**Rainfall amount (inches)**

	2002	2003
May	2.87	5.43
June	7.26	3.57
July	4.35	3.24
August	7.28	0.69
September	5.00	2.20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>15.13</b>

At times it has been very difficult to deliver these increased water volumes with the existing water infrastructure in the city. The water utility was fortunate that there was not a major well or pump failure.

Over the past three years, the city has made a number of improvements to the water system to accommodate normal growth and instituted new sprinkling restrictions. There were several days this past summer, however, when the system was pumping at capacity (18.5 million gallons per day) and still losing elevation in the city's water storage tanks. This becomes critical when there is a major fire in the community at this peak demand time.

Residents are strongly encouraged to use water wisely. □

## Discuss the "tough stuff"

**T**HE MINNETONKA POLICE Department, in cooperation with Reduce the Use, a community coalition to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana among area young people, shares the following information with parents of teenagers.

**Fiction:** Teens don't really want to talk to their parents about difficult topics like drinking and drugs.

**Fact:** Remember, when it comes to talking about difficult subjects like drinking and drugs, it's not a five-minute "talk" — it's about building an ongoing dialogue. There is no greater way to show that "you care" than your willingness to discuss the tough stuff.

For more information about Reduce the Use, call Sue Nyberg, (952) 988-4834. □

## Don't miss the Burwell House tea and tour

**T**HE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL Society will host a Victorian holiday tea and tour at the Burwell House on Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. The house, on the National Register of Historic Places, will be decorated in the holiday tradition. This is a free event open to all. The house is located at the intersection of Minnetonka Boulevard and Plymouth Road. Parking will be available at St. David's Family Center (formerly Burwell School). For more information, contact Florence Bogle, (952) 938-3758. □

### Holiday notice

Minnetonka city offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day, Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

# Calendar

City of  
Minnetonka

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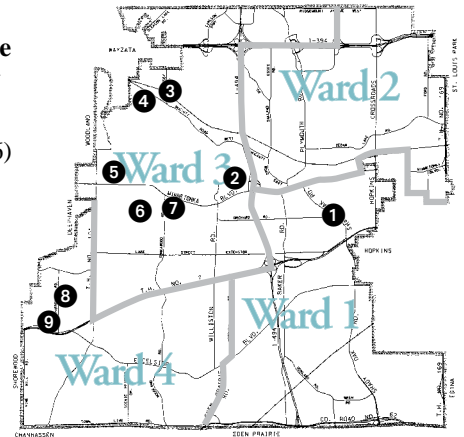
Call (952) 939-8200  
for meeting  
locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 4 General Election 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Senior Citizen Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 5 Park Board, 7 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 6 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 10 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 11 Veterans' Day Holiday — city offices closed
30						17 Council study session, 6:30 p.m.
						18 Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.
						20 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
						24 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
						27 Thanksgiving Day Holiday — city offices closed
						28 City offices closed

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Minnetonka Planning Commission in November. Please call (952) 939-8200 for updated information or visit the city web site: [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Meeting agendas are posted on the site the Friday prior to each commission meeting.

- 1 Conditional Use Permit for detached structures for Dan Hamman at **3676 Lakeview Pl.** (03066)
- 2 Amending master development plan, final site approval and building plans for City of Minnetonka at **3391 Williston Rd.** (86047.03a)
- 3 Wetland variance to add additional garage for Rod and Denica Fraser at **16100 Rosemary La.** (03064)
- 4 Preliminary plat for two-lot subdivision for Chad Winter at **16451 McGinty Rd. W.** (03067.03a)
- 5 Preliminary plat with variances for two-lot subdivision for Imperial Dev. Inv. Group at **3323 Shores Blvd.** (03063)
- 6 Variance for a home addition for Dean Semmer at **3603 Elmwood Pl.** (95046.03a)
- 7 Preliminary plat with variance for Kris and Peter Maritz at **15815 Minnetonka Blvd.** (03061.03a)
- 8 Variance to add to present structure for Steven and Melissa Fisher at **18301 Priory La.** (03065)
- 9 Comprehensive Guide Plan amendment, rezoning from B-1 to PUD, site/building plan review, parking lot setback variance for senior assisted living facility for Sunrise, Inc. at **18605 Old Excelsior Blvd.** (03069.03a)



## HT Hot Topics HT

ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH HT are listed as Hot Topics on the city web site, [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Please refer to the site for additional information on these selected topics. For more information, call Minnetonka Mike, (952) 939-8586, leaving your name and address.

# minnetonka memo

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### Mayor

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