

Minnetrista Messenger

2022 Fall and Winter Newsletter

"The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character."

Mayor's Message

Greetings Minnetrista Residents,

Summer has quickly slipped by, and we are already well into Fall. A lot has been going on at City Hall over the past couple months!

As you may know, mid-term elections are just around the corner. Tuesday November 8, 2023 is election day. In addition to State and Federal positions, Minnetrista has two Council seats on the ballot. These are four-year terms beginning January 2023. Early voting has already begun, for more information see page 2 of this newsletter. I encourage all of you to get out and vote!

If you're interested in getting more involved with the community, consider applying for our Planning or Parks Commission. You can apply on-line or stop by City Hall during regular business hours (8am-4:30pm). The application deadline is November 23rd. The Planning Commission meets the fourth Monday of the month, and the Parks Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month as needed.

Some of the 2023 Street Improvement Projects were approved at the City Council meeting on October 17. The projects include; a street and utility reconstruction on Morningview Drive &

Morningview Court, Eastview Avenue, Westwood Drive and Westwood Avenue; and a street reclamation project for North Arm Drive, Trails End Road, Trails End Circle and Timber Trail. Mill and overlay projects will be on the November 14, 2023 agenda for approval.

With labor and material costs increasing year over year, the Council felt that bonding for all these street projects now would save tax dollars in the long run. It will also help us get caught up on our road improvement needs. For more information on these projects, see page 3 of this newsletter.

The Midco broadband expansion project, to provide service to nearly 500 underserved and unserved homes, is underway. Teams have been out in the field since Labor Day. They are about 20% complete, which is on schedule. Once the fiber optics are installed underground, they will begin fiber splicing and activation. They expect to begin serving customers in early 2023 and hope to have all homes serviceable by Spring 2023.

I would like to welcome our newest police officer, Evan Morgan! His first day will be on October 31, 2022.

In October, Police Officer John Stutelberg retired from his position. I

would like to thank him for his nearly 23 years of excellent service to our community. I wish him well and the very best in all his future endeavors. Currently we are actively seeking qualified applicants to fill this vacancy.

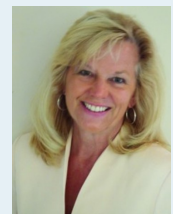
The site plan and final approval for Mackenthun's grocery store was approved at our Council meeting on October 3rd. This will be a great addition to our community. In addition to a grocery store, they will also have a liquor store and a Caribou Coffee shop with a drive through. They expect to begin construction in 2023, and are hoping to open for business in 2024. We are excited to have this new business in our city! Also on this site will be our first multi-family housing, consisting of 148 upscale one to three-bedroom rental apartments.

If you like to stay informed about city issues, sign up for our email alerts as well as the Mayors messages.

Our next newsletter will be out after the holidays, so with that, I wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season!

As always,

Your Mayor
Lisa Whalen



2023 Preliminary Levy

Finance Director Brian Grimm

On September 6, 2022, the Minnetrista City Council approved a preliminary net tax levy of \$5,695,839 for 2023. This amount calculates to a 9% increase over the 2022 levy amount. The final levy will be approved by the City Council on Monday, December 5, 2022. The levy cannot go above the preliminary levy amount that was adopted by can stay the same or be decreased.

With the Council approving the preliminary levy increase for funding the 2023 City operations, it means that most homeowners will see the City portion of their tax bill be higher in 2023 than it was in 2022. The City has needed to account for the same inflationary and economic conditions that individuals and other entities are experiencing. For a median valued home of around \$636,000, you will see an estimated \$110-\$120 annual increase (\$9-10 a month) if your property had the average valuation increase for the year.

Other factors that come into the formula are out of the city's control; such as property valuation increases/decreases, homesteading, and property classification. Taxes from other taxing jurisdictions (county, school districts, special taxing districts) can also affect your overall taxes paid as a homeowner.



2022		2023	
2022 Property Value	Tax amount	2023 Property Value	Tax Amount
\$350,000	\$809	\$441,000	\$845
\$500,000	\$1,155	\$630,000	\$1,269
\$750,000	\$1,877	\$845,000	\$2,023

Above is the proposed tax Impact to a home in Minnetrista, a 26.0% valuation increase: based on levy increase of 9.18% with 3.3% growth in City (using a projected tax rate of 19.15%)

On average the City portion of your total tax bill is about 20-25% of your total tax statement that comes from Hennepin County. The 2023 preliminary tax statements will be coming from Hennepin County during the month of November and will provide details for individual properties on the factors described.

As mentioned, the City of Minnetrista will hold its annual public comment on the final levy and budget at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 7pm on December 5, 2022. At this meeting, the final levy and budgets for the City are expected to be adopted. Additional information on the 2023 budget can be found on the City's website.

2022 General Election Information

Early Voting

Absentee Voting: Absentee voting for the 2022 General Election began on September 23, 2022 at City Hall. In-person absentee voting hours will be Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm with the following exceptions:

- Saturday November 5, 2022-City Offices are open extended hours from 10:00am-3:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting
- Monday November 7, 2020- City Offices are open extended hours from 8:00am-5:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting.

Direct Balloting is November 1, 2022-November 7, 2022

Please remember that early in-person absentee voting is a City Hall (7701 CR 110 W) not the Police Department.

Election Day

The 2022 General Election will be held on **November 8, 2022 from 7:00AM-8:00PM** at your specific polling location.

To find your polling location, visit <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

To see who is on your ballot, please visit <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot>

For additional 2022 General Election questions, please visit <https://www.cityofminnetrista.com/> or call City Hall at 952-446-1660.



2023 Proposed City Projects

The Minnetrista City Council is considering improvements to several streets within Minnetrista with three projects proposed for 2023:

Street and Utility Improvement Project- Eastview, Morningview and Westwood Area

The proposed improvements include full street reconstruction, construction of a storm sewer system, minor sanitary sewer improvements, full watermain and water service replacement, and boulevard restoration of the following roads: Eastview Avenue, Morningview Drive, Morningview Court, Westwood Avenue, and Westwood Drive. The estimated cost for the project is approximately \$4.3 million and is proposed to be funded through a combination of City Funds and special assessments to benefitting properties. Due to the nature of the proposed improvements, portions of the project area may not be accessible during weekday hours; residents will be notified accordingly.

Street Improvement Project- North Arm, Trails End and Timber Trail

The proposed improvements include full depth reclamation of the pavement and minor enhancements to storm water drainage system of North Arm Drive, Trails End Road, and Trails End Circle. The project also includes partial replacement of deficient concrete curb and gutter, mill and overlay of the pavement, and minor enhancements to storm water drainage system of Timber Trail. The estimated cost for these improvements is approximately \$1.29 million and is proposed to be funded through a combination of City Funds and special assessments to benefitting properties along the reclamation portion of the project. Generally, these roads will remain open to traffic during the project; minor delays may be encountered when crews are performing work. Pending City council authorization for final design and bidding, it is anticipated that contracts for these projects will be presented to the City Council for review and award in the early months of 2023. Construction will generally take place between the spring and fall of 2023, weather permitting.

To receive updates for any of these projects please sign up online: <https://www.cityofminnetrista.com/ConstructionProjects>

Winter Reminders

The City of Minnetrista Police Department will be enforcing the city's winter parking regulation (City Ordinance 910.01.) During the period from November 1st through March 31st of each year, no motor vehicle is allowed to remain on any city street between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am. The city is authorized to remove vehicles and the owner will be responsible for the actual costs of removal in addition to any penalties which may be imposed upon conviction of a violation of this section. While this ordinance states no parking from 2:00 am to 6:00 am, Public Works officials asks that residents please refrain from parking on the street after a continuous snowfall, with an accumulation of two (2) inches or more of snow, until it has been plowed to the full width of the roadway.

DO NOT PUT SNOW ON ROADWAYS. A Minnesota Statue (160.27) and a Minnetrista ordinance (805.01-Subd 5) prohibit plowing, shoveling, blowing or placing snow onto public roadways. Depositing snow in any fashion onto a roadway is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor. Persons who place snow on a public roadway may be subject to civil liability if a road hazard caused by deposited snow results in a traffic accident. The City of Minnetrista asks all citizens to obey these rules designed to keep city streets and highways safe during winter months.

Toys for Tots

This year, the Minnetrista Police Department, Minnetrista City Hall, and St. Bonifacius City Hall will be drop off locations for Toys for Tots. Toys will be delivered by the Minnetrista Police to the Golden Valley drop off location before Christmas. We will be accepting new toys between now and December 16, 2022.

It is recommended that new toys be in value of \$10+ and be unwrapped. Hours of donation for drop off are Monday– Friday 8am to 4:30 pm.

Heading South for the Winter? **Don't forget your waterlines!**

- Close the main water valve shut- off in your home. If you can't find the main water shut-off valve, call Minnetrista City Hall and a Utility Department representative can come out and show you where it is located.
- Even with your interior valve is shut off; you can still get water damage from frozen pipes. Call Minnetrista City Hall and set up an appointment to have your curb stop shut off.
- Drain the water lines down after the water is shut off. You can drain the water lines by opening a faucet on the upper floors and in the basement and waiting for the lines to clear.
- Add nontoxic, marine or RV anti-freeze to your toilets. Flush your toilets to drain the water in the tank and read your product label as to the proper amount of antifreeze to add and turn your water heater down or off.

Visit www.cityofminnetrista.com/public-works-utilities-for-more-information.



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2022 Important Dates

City Council

November 14:
City Council Work Session
& Meeting

December 5: City
Council Special Meeting

Commission Meetings

October 24: Planning
Commission Meeting

November 9: Parks Com-
mission Meeting

November 28: Planning
Commission Meeting

Other Important Dates

November 8: General Election

November 11: City Hall Closed
for Veteran's Day Holiday

November 24-25: City Hall
closed for Thanksgiving
Holiday

December 23 & 26: City Hall
Closed for Christmas Holiday



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