



Minnetrista Messenger

2022 Summer 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

I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July celebration!

In spite of summer and all the vacations that go along with this time of year, a lot is still happening at City Hall.

You may see some new faces at City Hall. Police Officer, Patrick Johnson joined our force on May 31st. His official swearing was at the July 18th City Council meeting. The hire of a new Community Service Officer, Chase Dwinell was approved by City Council on July 18th. In addition, Public Maintenance Worker, Adam Hegeholz joined the department on July 11th. Adam was with the City from 2014- 2017 and we are happy to have him back. Welcome to the new employees!

In May, we hosted the first Trista Day event after a 2-year hiatus. It was the best attended Trista Day ever. Thank you to our Public Safety Department for coordinating this great family event. Also, a big thank you to our Public Works crew who helped with the set up and tear down of this event, and most importantly grilling hot dogs for everyone.

The Council continues to discuss road projects for 2023 and beyond and now have a 3-5 year plan. The Council acknowledges that circumstances and budgets may change so we know we need to be flexible.

For 2023, the main street improvements are North Arm and the Trails End area, along with Morningview, Eastview and Westedge area, as well as the Painters Creek Preserve neighborhood. Some mill & overlays and some minor improvements on other streets will be completed as well. As has been the City's past practice, we will be hosting an Open House for the residents that will be assessed. In addition to discussing the assessments, we will also be sharing the scope of the project, process, timeline, and answering questions or addressing concerns.

To make sure that we are assessing a fair and equitable amount to not exceed the benefit to the properties, the Council has hired an special benefit appraiser that will perform a thorough analysis and make a recommendation to the Council of an appropriate special assessment amount.

Work on the City's water infrastructure continues. Two test wells have been drilled in the Southeast corner of the Woodland Cove development. The preliminary results are very favorable. Staff will soon have the water test results back and the Council will be moving forward as soon as possible. In addition, we are continuing to work with St. Bonifacius on an agreement to purchase water from them on an as needed basis.

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 2nd! Chief Falls and I will be out visiting as many neighborhood gatherings as we can. For more information, please contact our Public Safety Department at 952-446-1131.

Filing for elected office opens on August 2nd and closes August 16th. I hope you will take the time to read this newsletter to stay informed on what is happening in your community!

As always,
Your Mayor
Lisa Whalen



2022 Elections Information

The City of Minnetrista administers city, state, and federal elections for its residents on even years. The City's next municipal election will appear on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot. The municipal offices on the ballot will be two Council Members (4 year terms - January 2023 thru December 2027), which are at-large positions, representing all Minnetrista residents.

Important 2022 Election Dates:

August 9, 2022: State Primary

Polls are open 7:00am-8:00pm

November 8, 2022: General Election Day

Polls are open 7:00am-8:00pm

Polling locations

The City currently has four polling locations, Westonka High School Administrative Building (precinct 1), City Hall (precinct 2), Freshwater Church (precinct 3) and the Police Department (precinct 4). To find your correct polling location visit the Secretary of State's website: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

In-person absentee voting

In-person absentee voting begins 46 days prior to the Primary Election and General Election at City Hall, with offering the last 7 days for direct balloting. Direct balloting is when voters can come into City Hall and place their ballot directly into the voting ballot machine prior to Election Day.

To keep up to date on all election information, visit the City's election website: www.cityofminnetrista.com/elections or the Secretary of State's elections website: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

2023 Street Improvement Project Update

The City Council has authorized preliminary plans for street improvement projects throughout the city, including:

- Eastview / Morningview / Westwood area
- North Arm Drive
- Trails End Road, Trail and Circle
- Painters Creek Preserve neighborhood
- Turtle Creek neighborhood
- Hunters Trail (Hwy 7 to Bandy Lane)
- Sunnybrook Circle
- Kings Point Road (north of Woodland Cove)

You may see survey crews and city staff in the area gathering data. In the early fall more information will be sent out to residents along these project corridors.

Visit our website for more details as planning and construction are underway: www.cityofminnetrista.com/ConstructionProjects

Public Works Reminders

Help keep catch basins clean

Catch basins collect stormwater and channel it through the City storm drain system to streams, creeks and lakes. Catch basins can become clogged with leaves and other debris and cause flooding, street closure and property damage. After working in the yard, it is important to sweep up or blow any leaves or grass clippings off of hard surfaces (and not into the road) to keep pollutants from entering our waterways and clogging the drainage system. If you have a catch basin near you, please help keep it clean and running smoothly.

Summer Stormwater Tips:

- **Clean** - Uncover and clean catch basins to help avoid flooding.
- **Wash Wisely** - When you wash your car in the driveway or road, the soap, wax, oil and grease washes into storm drains. It's best to use commercial facility that captures and reuses waste water before sending it to the sanitary sewer.
- **Recycle** - Dispose of any household chemicals left over from spring cleaning or yard work at a household hazardous waste collection site. Replace them with environmentally friendly alternatives.
- **Garden Safe** - When discharged into waterways with runoff, lawn fertilizers can fuel algae blooms and pesticides can kill aquatic life. Limit their usage or use environmentally friendly alternatives when possible.
- **Inspect** - Inspect and pump septic tanks and make sure your sump pump is working properly. Install a water alarm in the basement in case of flooding.
- **Scoop** - Pet waste isn't just a nuisance in yards and parks, it's full of bacteria that can make people and aquatic life sick. Frequently pick up pet waste from your yard and always carry a bag to scoop on walks.

City curb stops

A curb stop is the on-off valve which the City has installed outside of your home, and it's where the water will be turned off in the event of a plumbing emergency inside your home.

A curb stop that is not protected from accumulation of dirt, snow and debris can become inoperable. If the curb stop in your yard is "sticking up", please ***DO NOT*** hit it with hammer to pound it down.

This can damage the curb stop and cause a leak. If there is a leak, your yard will have to be dug up so the repairs can be made.

If your curb stop needs lowering, or you would like to know its location and workability, please contact the City of Minnetrista at 952-446-1660 and the City Utility Department will come out and check/lower the curb stop at no charge to the property owner.

Midco Broadband Expansion Update

On February 7, 2022, the City Council approved an agreement with Midco to build out broadband services to nearly 500 homes to fill the broadband availability gap in the City. Since then, Midco and the City have uncovered additional unserved areas that were not included in this initial project.

Hennepin County, the City of Minnetrista, and Midco have partnered once again to build out broadband services to an additional 20 homes in the Dutchview Road, Woodedge Road, and Westedge Boulevard area.

To see if your home is included, please visit our project page:
www.cityofminnetrista.com/MidcoBroadbandExpansionProject

Emerald Ash Borer

EAB is one of America's most destructive tree pests. The biggest risk of spreading EAB comes from people unknowingly moving firewood or other ash products harboring larvae.

Hennepin County, which includes all of Minnetrista, is part of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture quarantine area, which restricts wood from being removed from the county. A quarantine is a temporary rule intended to help prevent a potentially dangerous or destructive pest or disease organism from spreading outside a known infested areas into new areas. Visit our website for more information:
www.cityofminnetrista.com/news/post/15334/



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2022 Important Dates

Meetings

August 1 at 5:30 pm: City Council Work Session and Meeting

August 15 at 5:30 pm: City Council Work Session and Meeting

August 22 at 7:00 pm: Planning Commission Meeting

September 6 at 5:30 pm: City Council Work Session and Meeting

September 19 at 5:30 pm: City Council Work Session and Meeting

Events

August 2: National Night Out

August 6: City Hall open 10am-3pm for In Person Absentee Voting

August 9: Primary Election

September 5: City Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day

November 5: City Hall open 10am-3pm for In Person Absentee Voting

November 8: General Election



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