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DEPARTMENT



# Crime Fighter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- City-wide  
Clean Up Day  
May 4th
- Trista Day  
May 18th
- May 27th  
City offices  
closed

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## TRISTA DAY

MAY 18, 2024  
11AM-2PM

7701 CR 110 WEST



### What is Trista Day?

This is an annual public safety awareness event sponsored by the City of Minnetrista. Trista Day is great way to serve your community, promote safety awareness, and have fun!

For more information, visit:  
[www.cityofminnetrista.com](http://www.cityofminnetrista.com)



### Activities:

- Food trucks (for purchase)
  - What's the Scoop Ice Cream
  - Market BBQ Truck
  - MyBurger Truck
- Lifelink Helicopter Landing
- K9 Demonstration
- Free Popcorn and Water
- Bouncy Houses
- Balloon Artist
- Petting Zoo
- Pony Rides



## Trista Day

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Trista Day started in 2001 as an attempt to get safety information to kids in our community. We quickly learned that helicopters and food draw a lot of kids and adults as well. This proved to be a great opportunity to educate our community on issues like seat belt use, air bag safety, gun safety, fire prevention, theft prevention, first aid, water safety, park and trail safety, victim services, DWI prevention and many other safety topics. At

its heart Trista Day has always been a safety education event. An added bonus is that it's been a lot of fun. Over the years, Trista Day has evolved to include more of the businesses in our area and what they have to offer. We also provide information on all of our City operations. Trista Day is a great family friendly event that continues to add more and more every year. If you have never attended Trista Day, please join us this year!

This year we will have food trucks with items for purchase. Popcorn and water will be free. There will also be a free petting

zoo, pony rides, balloon artist, and bounce houses.

For a complete list of vendors and demonstrations at this year's Trista Day, please visit our website:

[www.cityofminnetrista.com](http://www.cityofminnetrista.com)





# Minnetrista Police Reserves

The Minnetrista Police Department is accepting applications for positions with the Volunteer Reserve Unit. The purpose of the Reserve Unit is to provide support services to the citizens we serve and to the members of the Minnetrista Police. These services include traffic control, crime prevention, citizen and neighborhood watch programs, residence and business checks, security assignments, and emergency call-outs to disasters and crisis situations.

To qualify for the position, applicants must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a valid MN drivers license
- Pass an oral interview
- Pass a complete background investigation
- After acceptance, Reserves must successfully complete the Hennepin County Reserve Course

**If you would like an application or have any questions regarding the Reserve program, please contact our office at (952)446-1131.**



## Sprinkling Ordinance

Both Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius have sprinkling ordinances in place that restrict the days and times that sprinkling is allowed. The following are summaries for both cities:

### Minnetrista

- Sprinkling is not allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day of the week between May 1st through September 30th.
- This applies to new sod and seed as well as established lawns, vegetation,

shrubs, trees and gardens, unless a sprinkling permit (30 day grace) is obtained from the police department (for new sod or seed, new trees or shrubbery).

- Odd/Even rules apply, meaning if the property address ends in an even number, irrigation may take place on an even numbered day of the week. If the address ends in an odd number, irrigation may take place on an odd numbered day of the week.

### St. Bonifacius

- Sprinkling is not allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day of the week.
- Odd/Even rules apply
- A 30 day grace for new seed or sod from the date of planting can be obtained by written request to the St. Bonifacius City Hall.



## Crime Prevention Fund Charity Golf Fundraiser

The 2024 Crime Prevention Fund Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, June 17th at Island View Golf Club in Waconia.

The money raised in this 18-hole 4-person scramble benefits youth safety programs, CPF Scholarships, Crime Prevention initiatives and modern professional police services in the Minnetrista, Orono and Independence areas.

Registration will begin at 10:00am. Participants will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, driving range, lunch & dinner.

For more information and to register online, visit the Crime Prevention Fund's website at:

[www.crimepreventionfund.org](http://www.crimepreventionfund.org)

We hope you will start your week golfing and giving to a good cause!



# Distracted Driving

You see it, and it's so aggravating. That vehicle ahead of you, slowly drifting in and out of the lane and onto the shoulder. You notice the driver holding their phone, actively engaged in conversation, or they're looking down, glancing up occasionally to check the road.

Tragically, distracted driving is more than just an annoying behavior. It's killing and seriously injuring people across Minnesota and leaving devastated families behind. The stories are heartbreaking.

- In June 2014, a driver picked up his cell phone to make a bank transaction while driving in Rock County. His distracted choice led to the crash that killed Andrea Boeve, a mother of two who was bicycling with her young daughters.
- Joe Tikalsky of New Prague was getting the newspaper from his mailbox across the road when a distracted driver killed him in October 2015.
- Chad Popp, a farmer from Rice, was hit head-on by a distracted driver using a cell phone in May 2016. The crash broke 36 bones in his body.

If you're tempted by distractions while driving, whether it's your phone, the radio, the coffee in your hand or simply daydreaming about the weekend – stop. Think about Andrea, Joe and Chad and what distracted driving did to them and their families. Think about your mom, sister, dad, son or best friend.

What would happen to your world if you lost them because someone simply wasn't paying attention while driving?

In Minnesota, distracted driving contributed to nearly 30,000 crashes and an average of 29 deaths and 146 life-changing injuries a year from 2019-2023 (preliminary figures).

Enforcement and awareness efforts can help promote safety, prevent tragedy and change dangerous behaviors. Officers, Deputies and Troopers across the state are putting in extra hours, looking for distracted drivers. We coordinate the campaign with funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It includes advertising in support of the Toward Zero Deaths traffic safety program.

The hands-free cell phone law, already in place across all of Minnesota, means drivers can't hold their phone in their hand. Accessing or posting on social media, streaming videos, or Googling information while driving are against the law, even in hands-free mode. You can make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone.

Make the safe choice to minimize distractions before you begin driving:

- Cell phones — Park the phone by putting it down. Activate the "Do Not Disturb" feature, si-

lence notifications, turn it off, place it out of reach or go hands-free.

- Music and other controls — Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.
- Navigation — Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.
- Eating and drinking — Avoid messy foods and secure drinks.
- Children — Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.
- Passengers — Speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver's attention off the road.

By choosing to drive distraction-free, you can stay safe on the road and make sure everyone else on the road with you is safe, too. For more information, visit:

[HandsFreeMN.org](https://HandsFreeMN.org)

and

[DriveSmartMN.org](https://DriveSmartMN.org).

## Summer Hours

Minnetrista City Hall and Police Department administrative offices will be implementing summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day 2024.

If you need to schedule a meeting with staff after hours, please contact the appropriate department.

To reach the Police Department after hours, please call the non-emergency number at (952)446-1131.

Effective May 28—August 30

Monday	7:30AM-4:30PM
Tuesday	7:30AM-4:30PM
Wednesday	7:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday	7:30AM-4:30PM
Friday	7:30AM-12PM



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#### Fight Crime. Promote Safety



## May 1st Heatstroke Prevention Day

NHTSA Urges Families & Caregivers:

#### ***Once You Park, Stop, Look, Lock***

Vehicular heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash, vehicle-related death for children 14 and younger in the United States. Parents and caregivers who think child heatstroke deaths could “never” happen on their watch should think again. Tragically, “never” does happen. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges parents and caregivers to learn about and share critical information about the dangers of leaving children alone in hot cars. Help us spread the word: ***Once You Park, Stop, Look, Lock.***

Since 1998, when safety advocates first began tracking, vehicular heatstroke has killed more than 965 children.

Each death was preventable. More than half (52.6%) of these tragedies occur when a child is “forgotten” by a parent or caregiver and left in a hot car. A busy parent or caregiver may

unintentionally forget that a quiet or sleeping child is in the back of the vehicle.

More than half (58%) of these heatstroke deaths occur at a home. Nearly one-third of these tragedies occur with children under one year of age. Why are hot cars so unsafe? For starters, internal vehicle temperatures can raise quickly and become up to 50 degrees warmer than the outside air temperatures. So even if it’s a cool day outside, a vehicle may still pose a threat to a child. A child’s body temperature increases 3 to 5 times faster than an adult’s.

In 2023, 29 children died due to vehicular heatstroke, a decrease from the 33 children who died in 2022. The death rate has been lower in recent years. On average, 37 children die each year as a result of vehicular heatstroke.

Toddlers and young children are also at risk of vehicular heatstroke, and they are more likely to climb into a

vehicle without supervision. Children “gaining access” to a vehicle accounts for nearly one-quarter of child heatstroke fatalities. Some children climb into a vehicle without the knowledge of an adult and may be unable to exit the car, especially if child locks are activated.

The bottom line and message to mothers, fathers, and caregivers — anyone is susceptible to forgetfulness. It doesn’t matter who you are, what you do, or where you come from: In a fast-paced society, routines are often upended at a moment’s notice. It is during these moments of hurriedness and change in routine that many of these preventable tragedies occur. For this reason, it is more important than ever to remember: ***Once You Park, Stop, Look, Lock.***

For more information on vehicle heatstroke, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke](http://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke). For current data, visit [noheatstroke.org](http://noheatstroke.org)