

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- City Offices closed on Monday, July 5th

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Minnetrista Police Department stresses pedestrian safety as more people and children are out walking during the summer months.

Motorists and pedestrians alike are reminded to increase their awareness of pedestrian safety rules and safety tips. Minnetrista Police says motorists should expect increased amounts of pedestrians surrounding parks and trails.

“Drivers should scan the road and sidewalks ahead for pedestrians and must stop for those crossing at marked crosswalks or intersections that don’t have a traffic control device,” says Chief Falls. “Pedestrians need to watch for traffic from all directions as they cross, including while in the crosswalk—white painted lines don’t protect you from distracted motorists.”

Minnesota law states pedestrians must obey traffic control devices. When no traffic control device is present, motorists must stop for crossing pedestrians within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. Pedestrians

also should walk on the left side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic, when possible. This practice allows for pedestrians to better react in the case of motorists swerving off the road or not paying attention.

Motorist Safety Tips

- Drive at safe speeds and drive attentively—scan the road and sides of the road ahead for pedestrians.
- Stop for crossing pedestrians at every intersection, even those without crosswalks or stop lights.
- Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians.
- Leave plenty of room between you and the pedestrian when stopping.
- Watch for people in wheelchairs and motorized carts who may be below eye level.
- Never pass or drive around a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections; don’t cross mid block.
- Obey all traffic signals.
- Don’t solely rely on traffic signals; look for vehicles before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers and ensure they see you and will stop.
- Watch for turning and passing vehicles.
- Stand clear of bushes, hedges, parked cars or other obstacles before crossing.
- Cross in a well-lit area at night.
- Wear bright-colored clothing and reflective material.

TRISTA DAY 2021

After cancelling the May date for Trista Day, it was discussed that it could possibly be rescheduled for a later date in 2021. The City has decided to forego having Trista Day at all this year and plan to announce the 2022 date by the end of this year. Stay tuned for the 2022 date!





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd. The goal of National Night Out is to encourage our residents to know their neighbors. Neighbors knowing neighbors is a very powerful crime fighting tool. If your neighbors know you, they may notice a suspicious car that may not belong in your driveway. They will be more likely to report suspicious activity to the police and we can better protect your neigh-

borhood. The Minnetrista Police Department along with St. Bonifacius and Mound Fire Departments and McGruff attend many of the parties. It's an easy and fun way to accomplish our mission of fighting crime and promoting safety. Since we were not able to celebrate in 2020, we really look forward to seeing you all again! In 2019 we had 23 parties with over 2,000 people attending, a record for Minnetrista

NNO! Each party was unique and a fun experience for those attending. If you have any questions, please let us know by giving us a call at (952)446-1131.

If you lay new sod or seed, new trees or shrubbery, contact the Police Department for a temporary sprinkling permit.

SPRINKLING ORDINANCE

Both Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius have sprinkling ordinances in place that restrict the days and times that sprinkling is allowed. Those with wells are exempt from the Minnetrista ordinance. 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 a 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. Boni City Office.

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 assign-

ments, 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 back-

ground investigation

- After acceptance, Reserves must successfully complete the Hennepin County Reserve Course within one year

If you would like an application or have any questions regarding the Reserve program, please contact Community Service Officer Walsh at (952) 446-1131.

We are always accepting applications for our Volunteer Reserve Unit.



HEATSTROKE DANGERS

Heatstroke is the number one killer of children, outside of car crashes. That's why the Minnetrista Police Department has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to attempt to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke and leaving children in hot cars.

As outside temperatures rise, the risks of children dying from being left alone inside a hot vehicle also rises. One child dies from heatstroke nearly every 10 days from being left in a hot vehicle, but what is most tragic is that the majority of these deaths could have been prevented.

Minnetrista Police urge all parents and caregivers to do these three things:

1. **NEVER** leave a child in a vehicle unattended.
2. Make it a habit to look in the backseat **EVERY** time you exit the car.
3. **ALWAYS** lock the car and

put the keys out of reach. And, if you ever see a child left alone in a hot vehicle, call 911 right away.

If you are a bystander:

1. Always make sure the child is okay and responsive. If not call 911 immediately.
2. If the child appears okay, you should attempt to locate the parents; or have the facility's security or management page the car owner over the PA system.
3. If there is someone with you, one person should actively search for the parent while someone waits at the car.
4. If the child is not responsive and appears in great distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child, even if that means breaking a window.

Know the warning signs of heatstroke, which include; red, hot, and moist or dry skin; no sweating; a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse; nausea; confu-

sion; or acting strangely. If a child exhibits any of these signs after being in a hot vehicle, cool the child rapidly by spraying them with cool water or with a garden hose. Call 911 immediately.

Remember to **LOOK** before you **LOCK**



LAKE ACCESS PARKING

The lake access parking restrictions are in effect all year long. Be sure to read all signs at the boat landings for parking restrictions and hours.

Violators will be issued citations

Fishing is also banned from all bridges in Minnetrista.



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BICYCLING ON THE ROAD

Bicycles in many States are considered vehicles, and cyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities to follow the rules of the road and motorists. When riding, always:

Go With the Traffic Flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles.

Obey All Traffic Laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you're the driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

Yield to Traffic when Appropriate. Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk, a bike patch, etc.), you must slow down

and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have already entered a crosswalk.

Be Predictable. Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.

Stay Alert at All Times. Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situation; don't wear a headset when you ride.

Look Before Turning. When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic,

then signal before making the turn. Watch for left-or-right turning traffic.

Watch for Parked Cars. Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).

For more information on bicycle safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) website at:

www.nhtsa.dot.gov

