

UPCOMING  
EVENTS:

City Offices closed  
on Monday, July  
4th

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# Crime Fighter

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## Welcome

Congratulations to Minnetrista Police Chief Paul Falls, who recently graduated from the 281st session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Chief Falls is the third officer in department history to complete this prestigious program.

Chief Falls started in law enforcement as a volunteer reserve officer with the Minnetrista Police Department in 1987. Falls was hired by the Minnetrista Police Department as a full time police officer in March 1994. Falls was promoted to Sergeant in 2000, Lieutenant in 2007 and Chief of Police in 2011.

The FBI National Academy is the premier leadership program for law enforcement across the globe. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness

training. The professional development training provided at the FBI National Academy is the gold standard within the profession of law enforcement and serves to further enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities necessary to succeed in today's complex world.

Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. Nationally, less than one percent of police officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

The 281st session consisted to two hundred and fifty-eight law enforcement officers from 45 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 32 countries, five military organi-

zations, and six federal organizations.

City Administrator Jasper Kruggel stated, "We are incredibly proud of Chief Falls for successfully completing the FBI Academy program. He has demonstrated his commitment to the residents of Minnetrista throughout his career. His experience and knowledge gained from the FBI National Academy will be an important component to better serving Minnetrista."

Chief Falls stated, "It was an absolute honor and privilege to attend the FBI National Academy. Training is so vitally important in this profession. I truly believe the FBI National Academy has provided me with many of the tools I need to lead in today's complex world."



## TRISTA DAY 2022

Trista Day 2022 was held on May 21st and was a great success. We were happy to see everyone back after having a few years off.



# National Night Out



National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd. 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. Last year had 18 parties with over 1,400 people attending. 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.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year!

*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 the Police Department at (952)446-1131.

*We are always accepting applications for our Volunteer Reserve Unit.*



# Speed Enforcement

Minnesotans are excited about summertime road trips and activities, and no one wants a repeat of the deadly speeding crisis from the last two years.

Over the last two years with the pandemic in Minnesota, some drivers believed they'd been given a license to speed and were treating the more open roads like a raceway. Their choices created lasting effect:

- A significant jump in crashes involving a fatality or life-changing injury
- Citation or loss of license that impacted their life and family.
- Their choices affected everyone around them.

We're now halfway through 2022 and traffic volumes are returning to normal. The 37 speed related fatalities through June 5th compare with:

- \* 70 in 2021
- \* 36 in 2020
- \* 24 in 2019
- \* 44 in 2018

Dangerous speeding choices must change to prevent a repeat of 2021, the deadliest year for traffic fatalities on Minnesota road since 2007.

- The 488 traffic fatalities in 2021 (preliminary) are the most since 2007 when 510 people died.

- Preliminary numbers show the 100-day stretch last year accounted for 167 of the 488 traffic fatalities.
- Preliminary reports show 166 individuals died in speed-related traffic crashes in 2021, the most since 2003 (195).

## Minnesota State Patrol speeding citations

- From Jan. 1-June 6 of this year, the Minnesota State Patrol issued 33,365 speeding citations compared with 36,366 at this time in 2021, 32,303 in 2020 and 25,263 in 2019.
- In 2021, the Minnesota State Patrol issued 1,249 speeding tickets for speeds of 100mph or more, compared with 1,080 in 2020 and 533 tickets for those excessive speeds in 2019.

Drive smart and avoid deadly speeding risks, but if you don't safely share the road with others, expect to be stopped.

- Extra patrol enforcement begins statewide July 1 and runs through July 31.
- Troopers, deputies and police officers are spending additional time stopping speeders.
- Whether it's the interstate, high-

way, your neighborhood or the communities you travel through, speeding risks the lives of others.

You can help save lives and prevent life-changing injuries. Slow down and avoid speeding risks.

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control.
- Increased stopping time and distance.
- Increased crash severity leading to more serious injuries and death.

Speeding is a costly choice.

- A citation may affect a person's bank account, driving record or insurance rates.
- The cost of a speeding violation will vary by county, but it will typically cost a driver more than \$110 with court fees for traveling 10mph over the limit. Fines double for those speeding 20mph over the limit and drivers can lose their license for six months for going over 100mph or more.

Information obtained from the Minnesota Department of Traffic Safety

# 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.



### Contact Information

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

## Fireworks In Minnesota

The sale, possession and use of certain non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks are permitted in Minnesota. Examples of LEGAL fireworks include items such as sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks, and novelty items like snakes and party poppers.

Consumer fireworks may not be used on public property (parks, roads, alleys, schools, government property, etc.) Purchasers of consumer fireworks must be at least 18 years old and retailers are required to check photo identification before selling these products.

Explosive and aerial fireworks are prohibited for public sale, possession and use. Prohibited fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells.

Fireworks are associated with

many injuries nationally each year. The following safety guidelines are offered to reduce fireworks injuries, fires, and nuisance complaints:

- Read, understand and follow the instructions on each device before using.
- Use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Choose a safe place to use fireworks that is far from anything that could be damaged from the normal or abnormal use of any device.
- Keep fireworks away from small children and store them in a cool/dry location away from sources of ignition.
- Never ignite fireworks inside

another container, such as inside a bottle or can.

- Only light one firework device at a time, then move away quickly.
- If a firework device has been ignited but fails to go off, stay clear of the device for an extended period of time to prevent injury due to delayed activation. Soak the device in water before handling it.

For more information, visit the State Fire Marshal website.

