



Crime Fighter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- City-wide Clean Up Day
May 14th—
- Trista Day
May 21st—
- May 30th—
City offices closed

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TRISTA DAY

Saturday, May 21st
11:00 am—2:00 pm

Hot dogs, chips, cotton candy, and refreshments are free!

Featuring

- Hasse Family Petting Zoo and Pony Rides—sponsored in part by Xcel Energy
- Health & Safety Information
- Free Food & Refreshments
- Bounce Houses
- Sale Items
- New Vendors
- And Much, Much More!

Public Safety Demonstrations

- Helicopter Landing
- Fire Department Demo
- K9 Demo
- Rollover Demo

Please visit our website for a list of vendors who will be at our event:
www.cityofminnetrista.com

Minnetrista City Campus 7701 Co Rd 110 W; Minnetrista MN 55364

Trista Day

Saturday, May 21, 2022
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 hot dogs 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! As always, we will have free hotdogs, chips, cotton candy and refreshments.

Joining us this year is the Has-

se Family, who will be providing a petting zoo and pony rides. We are excited to include them in our event!

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

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 2022 Crime Prevention Fund Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, June 13th at the Burl Oaks Golf Club in Minnetrista.

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 and Orono areas.

Registration will begin at 11:00am. Participants will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, driving range, lunch & dinner, and the 19th hole.

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

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



Sharing the Road with Motorcycles

Sharing the road with many types of vehicles is necessary for safe highways. Because motorcycles are unlike any other vehicle on the road, they require special considerations.

While motorcycles are about as likely as cars to be involved in crashes, motorcyclists are almost three times more likely to be injured and five times more likely to be killed in a crash.

There are many things to consider when sharing the road with a motorcycle and all are equally important when it comes to safe driving. The following are a few of many items to consider.

Visibility:

- Remember that a motorcycle’s headlight is on all the time—this helps you see them during the day. A motorcycle can easily be hidden behind a car or truck, so it’s particularly important to check your mirrors and blind spot before merging or changing lanes, especially in heavy traffic.

Intersections:

- The majority of car-

motorcycle crashes happen at intersections. Car drivers must be particularly alert to take a second look specifically for motorcycles pulling out.

Following Distance:

- Allow a minimum two-second “space cushion” when following another vehicle. This gives drivers and motorcyclists alike time and space to react to surprises.

Passing:

- When passing a motorcycle, drivers must change lanes completely to avoid crowding the rider.

Motorcyclists can increase their safety by following these steps:

- Wear a DOT-compliant helmet or other protective gear.
- Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed.
- Use hand and turn signals at every lane change or turn.
- Wear brightly colored

clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.

- Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be more visible to drivers.
- Never ride distracted or impaired.

Car and motorcycles need to share the responsibility of keeping our roads safe—always share the road.

For more information visit the MN Motorcycle Safety Center at:

www.motorcyclesafety.org

Motorcyclists are five times more likely to be killed in a crash than someone in a car

If you have car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible. Turn on your flashers and the dome light. Stay off the roadway.

Night Driving Safety Tips

These tips were obtained from the National Safety Council. For more information, visit their website at:

www.nsc.org

- Prepare your car for night driving. Clean headlights, taillights, signal lights, mirror faces and windows once a week. All windows should be cleaned on the inside as well as the outside.
- Have your headlights properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see the road.
- Don’t drink and drive or consume any medications which warn about operating a motor vehicle while taking them.
- Avoid smoking when you drive. Smoke’s nicotine and carbon monoxide hamper night vision.
- If there is any doubt, turn your headlights on. Lights will make it easier for other drivers to see you. Being seen is as important as seeing.
- Reduce your speed and increase your following distance.
- When following another vehicle, keep your headlights on low beam so you don’t blind the driver ahead of you.



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Fight Crime. Promote Safety



Distracted Walking Safety Tips

Answering a message, checking social media: The simple action of texting and walking equals distracted walking. The dangers are real, but there are steps to take to minimize your risk:

- Stay off your phone. Ask yourself if it can wait. Chances are, it can.
- Stop walking. If you urgently need to use the phone, find a safe place to step aside. Complete your call or text before resuming your walk.
- Prepare ahead of time. If you know you want to listen to music or a book during your walk, queue up the playlist

before you move.

- Look up. If you absolutely must take a peek at your phone while you're walking, hold it higher in your visual field instead of looking down.
- Obey the laws. Cross only at crosswalks whenever possible and obey all traffic signals.
- Be attentive. Frequently assess your surroundings, and before crossing the street, make eye contact with drivers so you know you've seen each other.
- Use helpful technology. Consider software that reads

messages aloud and enables voice-to-text typing so you can keep your head up and hands free.

- Turn down the volume. Keep your phone's volume to a reasonable level so you can hear what's happening around you. Noise-cancelling headphones are a definite no-no when walking.

Finally, when you're behind the wheel, think about distracted walking. Be particularly careful when backing up and as you enter busy intersections. Paying attention to pedestrians who aren't could save both of your lives.

Information obtained from:

statefarm.com