



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
September 2nd to May 23rd
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 27th to August 29th
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of December 29th and the week of January 12th. The pickup will be on your normal collection day and is being provided at no additional charge. Trees collected as part of this program will be chipped and used for compost. Please note that wreaths and flocked or artificial trees cannot be composted. These items should be set out with your regular garbage.

To ensure your tree is collected and composted, please:

- Remove all decorations and wire;
- Do NOT wrap the tree in a plastic bag; and
- Place the tree at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m. the day of your garbage collection. Trees set out too early may get buried from passing snowplows, making it very difficult to free the tree from the snow.



Warming House Hours



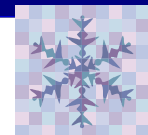
The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2014-2015 season are as follows:

Mondays – Fridays:	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays:	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
School Holiday:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day / New Year's Day	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The warming houses will be open through February 16, 2015 or later if the weather permits.



Winter Trail Activities



The City will maintain the LRT trail through the City of Deephaven for winter use from November 15th to March 15th for those who wish to continue to use the trail through the winter months.

When you review your property tax statements in March of 2015, please note that your property tax is determined by four factors: the amount of money spent by each local taxing jurisdiction, the impact of the market value exclusion credit, the taxable market value of your property and your property classification.

The Deephaven Board of Review will address objections to the market value or property classification of your property on Monday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. The Board's powers are limited to these two areas.

Steps to Appeal Your Property Value: What should you do if you believe the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties?

Step 1 – Meet with City Assessor Dan Distel. If you have reason to believe that the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties, we strongly recommend that your very first step should be to contact City Assessor Dan Distel at City Hall 952-474-4755 or at his Home Office 952-361-0566 to discuss this issue in greater detail. He may be able to answer your questions without having to attend the Board of Review meeting.

Step 2 - If, after discussing this information with the assessor, you still feel you have good comparable sales and information to support an appeal, you should attend the Board of Review meeting on April 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. Please remember that the property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the market value as determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable.

Appeals at the April 20th Board of Review will be considered in the following order:

1. Those residents who have met with the Assessor but were unable to come to a mutual agreement on the estimated market value of your property.
 2. Those residents presenting their cases in advance of the meeting by letter or email.
 3. And lastly, those residents who have come directly to the board without advance notice or without contacting the assessor prior to the meeting.
- **Residents will be allowed five minutes to present their appeal to the Board.**
 - Residents will be notified within three business days of the board's decision.
 - The board may decide to hold a reconvened meeting for the purpose of considering the appeals presented on April 20th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

Volunteers are a Huge Asset to the City!

Volunteers play a critical role in our City. They provide recommendations on issues relating to planning, parks and boating; they beautify our city gardens and parks; they preserve our historical heritage; and provide recommendations on the improvements of our parks, beaches and marinas. As we look forward to a new year, we would like to look back and thank all those volunteers who have devoted so much of their personal time to help their community in 2014 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical Society.**

If you have time and an interest in serving your community, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form. Thank you!!



The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$8,268 in property taxes in 2015. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,141 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 13.8% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$95 per month to the City for the following array of services:

- 24-hour police and fire protection
- Prompt snowplowing of all city streets
- Full-service parks with 8 tennis courts, 3 ball fields, 4 ice rinks & 7 playground structures
- Six beaches – 3 with lifeguard services
- Three public trails
- Street maintenance, boulevard maintenance, street sweeping & street lighting
- Park maintenance
- Public tree maintenance
- Deer management
- Building & zoning code enforcement
- Office staff to assist residents and answer questions
- Municipal, State & National Elections



\$3,301 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 39.9% of your property tax payment for public education through the property tax levy and a voter approved school levy. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$275 per month to the School District.

\$3,062 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 37.0% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$255 per month to Hennepin County.

\$764 goes to other agencies such as the Watershed District, Metropolitan Council, Mosquito Control, Hennepin County Parks, Met Transit Debt, the Park Museum, Hennepin County HRA, and the Railroad Authority – These agencies receive about 9.2% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$64 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 855 cities and townships in Minnesota, Deephaven ranks as follows:

- 32nd lowest tax capacity rate in 2004
- 34th lowest tax capacity rate in 2005
- 33rd lowest tax capacity rate in 2006 - 2007
- 26th lowest tax capacity rate in 2008
- 25th lowest tax capacity rate in 2009
- 22nd lowest tax capacity rate in 2010
- 29th lowest tax capacity rate in 2011
- 23rd lowest tax capacity rate in 2012
- 20th lowest tax capacity rate in 2013
- 23rd lowest tax capacity rate in 2014

Snowmobile & ATV Prohibitions

Along with snowplows come snowmobiles and ATV's. If you are operating a snowmobile or ATV within the city limits, please be aware that Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's under any of the following circumstances:

- On a sidewalk or walkway used for pedestrian traffic,
- On private property without having in possession written consent from the property owner,
- On any public land or frozen waters including, but not limited to, school property, park property, public beaches, playgrounds and recreational areas except for areas authorized for such use (the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay boat launches, for example) when traveling to or from the approved snowmobile routes.
- Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., except for travel to or from a final destination without delay, and
- On any street except when traveling to or from an approved area by the shortest legal route.



We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Deephaven’s sanitary sewer system was constructed, in large part, in the 1970’s. Now that the system is 40 years old, the system requires additional maintenance on both the public and private sewer lines to ensure that the system continues to function as expected. The City of Deephaven is responsible for the maintenance of over 30 miles of sanitary sewer main, hundreds of manholes, and 12 lift stations. The sanitary sewer mains are typically 8 inch pipes made of varying materials. Most of these mains are located under City streets, although there are a number of sewer mains located within public easements on private property.

To keep the sewer system in working order, the City performs many inspections and routine maintenance activities. In general, the purpose of this work is to identify and eliminate areas where ground water is allowed to enter the sewer system (commonly known as inflow and infiltration or I & I) and to remove obstructions that could lead to a sewer back up.



Maintenance activities performed by the City include:

- Daily monitoring of lift station control panels that have been installed to monitor the condition of pumps and electrical systems in each lift station
- Monthly inspections of lift station pumps and electrical systems
- Annual manhole inspections
- Televising of sanitary sewer mains
- Jet cleaning of sanitary sewer mains
- Sewer repairs to correct deficiencies identified during routine inspections are scheduled as soon as practical

Apart from the public sanitary sewer system, it is also a good idea for homeowners to consider occasional maintenance of the private sewer line that extends from the sewer main to your house. Private sewer lines are typically 4 to 6 inch pipes that, over time, can build up with grease or be penetrated by roots. To ensure that your service line stays free from build up and obstructions, it is recommended that you consider having your sewer service cleaned at least once every five years.

If you have any questions about the City’s sanitary sewer system or measures you should take as a homeowner to maintain your portion of the system, please contact City Hall at (952) 474-4755.

2015 Improvement Projects

The schedule of projects planned for 2015 include:

Improvement Projects	Est. Cost
Street Mill & Overlay	\$190,000
Seal Coating	\$ 30,000
Sewer Pipe Lining & Sealing	\$ 48,000
Manhole Rehabilitation	\$ 46,000
St. Louis Bay Dredging Project	\$ 15,000
Linden Road Storm Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ <u>60,000</u>
Total	\$389,000

Rental Property & Utility and Garbage Payments

If you are currently renting your home, please be aware that the Deephaven City Code requires all delinquent water, sewer and garbage/recycling bills to be assessed to the property owner.



It can come as an unpleasant surprise to a property owner to learn that an assessment will be placed against their property because their renter hasn’t been paying their quarterly utility bills or garbage/recycling bills. If you are renting your home, we strongly recommend that you take into account the fact that the property owner is ultimately responsible for payment of utility and garbage bills.

Solicitors, Peddlers and Canvassers



Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers **are allowed** in Deephaven. For-profit sale of products or services require a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a permit ID issued by the Deephaven Police Department. The city does not endorse any specific product or service by the issuing of this license.

Charitable organizations conducting door-to door sales or solicitations do not need a license. Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property or you may contact City Hall to include your address on the Do Not Solicit List. If you have a complaint about a door-to-door salesperson or solicitors, immediately contact the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555.

Snowplow Damage

The width of the street right-of-way is designed to provide room for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks and other public uses. However, certain private uses, such as mailboxes, are also often located in the right-of-way. If the street or grass boulevard is damaged by a snowplow, City crews will repair the damage in the spring. If your mailbox is physically hit and damaged by a plow, the City will repair or replace it immediately.

Please note, however, that the City will only repair those mailboxes or posts that were actually hit by the plow.

It is not uncommon for posts to be damaged by snow or ice from the plow and it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that their mailbox post is strong enough to withstand being hit periodically by snow and ice.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for the City crew to clear snow from around mailboxes with the size and type of equipment that the City operates to clear snow. The final cleaning around mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

City personnel do not clear private driveways nor do we intentionally plow more snow into your driveway than your neighbor. You may inadvertently receive more snow due to the angle of the plow blade or the angle of the street.



Staff Milestones in 2014

Deephaven is very fortunate to be served by a talented and dedicated staff. Please join us in thanking our employees for their valuable contributions to our community:

Over 10 years of service -

Matt Case, Mary Courtney, Deborah Hicks, Cory Johnson, Gus Karpas, John Menzel, Teresa Pendleton, Pat Thiede, Mark Westgard, Chris Whiteside, and Dana Young.

Over 5 years of service -

Randy Clay, Josh Heasley, and David Klisczc.

Less than 5 years of service -

Eric Finnvik, Jeff Kask, Kathy McCullum, and Richard Meyer

Don't trash fluorescent bulbs!

With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator. Many hardware stores take old bulbs, and all types of bulbs may be recycled at Ikea in Bloomington or at the Hennepin County Recycling Centers in Brooklyn Park or Bloomington. More information is available at www.hennepin.us or 612-348-3777.



Utility Payment Drop Off Box

The City has installed a utility bill security box for utility payments located right next to the public mailbox in the City Hall parking lot.

We hope it might be more convenient for you to drop off your utility payment right from your car than having to park and come into City Hall.



A Brief Word of Thanks & Farewell

On behalf of the City Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council Member Josh Hackney for four years of dedicated service on behalf of the City of Deephaven. Josh served on the City Council from 2011 - 2014. Few people realize the time, effort and energy needed to serve on the City Council and Josh generously donated a great deal of time and considerable talent to make Deephaven an even better place to live. We wish Josh and his family a bright and enjoyable future.

We are also eagerly looking forward to working with Tony Jewett, who was recently elected to serve on the City Council, as well working once again with some very familiar faces on the City Council - Mayor Paul Skrede and Councilmembers Darel Gustafson, Steve Erickson, and Keith Kask!

Just a quick note to all of you as I relax here on the beautiful white beaches of ... oh, wait a minute ... it's just snow in my yard. Never mind. Guess I'll quit taking vacation pictures!

Actually, I can't think of a better place to begin the New Year than in Deephaven. For those of you who are second, third, or even fourth generation residents, I am sure you would agree. And to those of you who are enjoying your first winter here, welcome! I hope this is the first of many happy years you will spend in this new little corner of your world.

As we prepare for another year of activity, please join me in thanking the entire staff at City Hall for their hard work throughout 2014. From John and his Public Works crew, to Cory and his Police Department, to Dana and his merry band of problem solvers ... you all make this City a wonderful place in which to live. Thank you very much!

I would also like to thank everyone for re-electing Darel Gustafson and for choosing Tony Jewett as members of the Council, and for giving me another opportunity to serve as your Mayor. Along with Steve and Keith, we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Here's wishing that 2015 brings a year of good health and happiness to all of you and your families!

Paul

Please Note Changes to 2015 Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with three holidays next year, the dates of three Council meetings have been changed as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Original Meeting Date</u>	<u>New Meeting Date</u>
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19 th	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 16 th	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 7 th	Tuesday, September 8 th

New City Website

Please come visit our new City website at www.cityofdeephaven.org! Once it became apparent that there was no fixing our outdated website, the City Council authorized the purchase of a new website and thanks to the efforts of a technologically sophisticated staff member, the new website has been up and running since October 2014. Please come visit our site!

City Hall Hours—Summer Hours May 26th, 2015 to September 4th, 2015

Monday to Thursday 8 to 5:00 / Friday 8 to Noon / Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

City Hall Hours—Regular Hours January 1st to May 22nd 2015

Monday to Friday 8 to 4:30 / Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
 Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk
 Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Marina Operations
 Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator
 Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits
 Cory Johnson, Police Chief
 Pat Thiede, Police Admin Assistant
 John Menzel, Public Works Foreman
 Kathyne McCullum, Woodland Deputy Clerk

City Office will be closed :

January 1,
 January 19 and
 February 16



Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson
 Darel Gustafson, Tony Jewett

Phone Numbers:

Administration & Public Works:

952-474-4755

Police Non-Emergency: 952-474-7555

24-Hour Police Dispatch: 763-525-6210

City of Deephaven Website:

www.cityofdeephaven.org

The Deephaven City Council normally meets twice a month on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The Park Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The Boat Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

Residents are welcome to attend any or all of these meetings. Council meetings are also televised on Cable Channel 8. Channel 8 televised dates and times for City of Deephaven meetings, as well as meeting minutes, are all available on our City website www.cityofdeephaven.org