



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
September 6th to May 27th
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 31st to September 2nd
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.



Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection—Saturday, November 12th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 12th. This is for curbside pick-up only and will begin at 7:00 a.m. Please do not drop off any yard waste at City Hall!

Please observe these requirements:

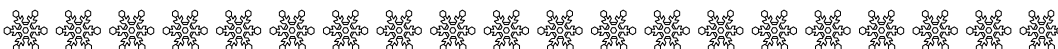
- ◆ Brush must be cut and bundled with string; branches cannot exceed four feet in length and four inches in diameter.
- ◆ Leaves and yard waste must be bagged **in compostable bags.**
- ◆ Bundles and bags cannot exceed 40 pounds.
- ◆ Please do not rake leaves into the street.



Rake-A-Thon

If you are a senior, or cannot rake your lawn due to a disability, the Rake-A-Thon can help you! A team of volunteers will rake your lawn and bag your leaves. This service is sponsored by Minnetonka Community Education and is FREE! The event is scheduled for Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th.

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please email Matt Wiitala with Minnetonka Community Education at matt.wiitala@minnetonka.k12.mn.us



Warming House Hours

Weather permitting; the warming houses at Thorpe Park and City Hall will be open starting on Saturday, December 10th.

The warming house hours for the 2016-2017 seasons are as follows:

- Monday – Friday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday Noon to 9:00 p.m.

Please note that the ice rink lights are on a timer and will go off exactly at 9:00 p.m.



The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2017 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 6th in the amount of \$2,121,916, which represents a 0.48% increase in the property tax levy from 2016. The public is invited to comment on the 2017 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2017 Budget and Levy. The final 2017 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting. The following is a brief summary of the 2017 Budget:

<p>General Fund Revenues – Total 2017 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,904,432 and consist of eight major budget categories:</p>	<p>General Fund Expenditures – Total 2017 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,899,635 and consist of ten major departments:</p>
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Category	2017 Budget	% of Revenues	Department	2017 Budget	% of Expenses
Taxes	1,828,916	63.0%	General Gov't / Elections	195,008	6.7%
Licenses & Permits	245,300	8.4%	Administration	302,115	10.4%
Intergovernmental	201,451	6.9%	City Hall Buildings	46,500	1.6%
Charges for Services	415,919	14.3%	Zoning/Building Inspections	222,959	7.7%
Fines & Forfeits	60,000	2.1%	Streets & Roads	112,600	3.9%
Miscellaneous Revenues	79,958	2.7%	Public Works	348,597	12.0%
Interest Income	45,000	1.6%	Parks & Recreation	80,800	2.8%
Fund Transfers	28,452	1.0%	Police	949,799	32.8%
			Fire Services	628,257	21.7%
			Animal Management	13,000	0.4%
Total 2017 Revenues	2,904,432	100.0%	Total 2017 Expenditures	2,899,635	100.0%

2017 Revenue Highlights –

- ◆ 2017 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$60,241 or 2.1% over 2016 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, State Fire Aid, Interest Income, and Contract Fees.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal \$344,087 or 11.8% of 2017 General Fund Revenues.
- ◆ Interest Income has declined significantly over the last few years due to declining investment rates. Interest Income has dropped from \$101,025 in 2007 to a projected \$45,000 in the 2017 Budget. However, longer term investments with slightly higher interest rates are projected to increase interest income in 2017.
- ◆ The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 63.0% of the 2017 General Fund Revenues.

2017 Expenditure Highlights –

- ◆ Total 2017 General Fund Expenditures increased \$57,018 or 2.0% over 2016 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a 2.0% salary increase for municipal employees, a 9.4% increase in General Government, and a 4.9% increase in 2017 Fire Services.
- ◆ With a 2.0% salary increase in 2017 and scheduled salary step increases, General Fund salaries will increase \$38,003 in 2017. The 2.0% employee wage increase in 2017 follows a 2.0% increase in 2016, a 2.5% increase in 2015, a 2% increase in 2014 & 2013, a 1% increase in 2012, a 2% increase in 2011, and a 0% increase in 2010.
- ◆ Public Safety Departments accounts for 54.4% of all expenditures in the 2017 General Fund.
- ◆ On the positive side, Group health insurance premiums are projected to decrease 20% in 2017 due to the transition into a Small Employee Group Health Plan.

Capital Improvement Fund – The Capital Improvement Fund (CIF Fund) is a critical fund that finances the replacement of all street, police and park vehicles and equipment and all street improvement projects. The CIF Fund receives funding from two separate sources. The first is approximately \$93,000 each year in franchise fees that the City receives from Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy. Franchise fees are actually paid by Deephaven utility customers to Xcel and CenterPoint through a \$2.50 monthly franchise fee that appears on your monthly utility bill. The second revenue source is through a \$300,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$393,000 per year in the CIF Fund – funds that are used to finance park projects, street improvement projects, and the replacement of aged vehicles and equipment that are planned each year.

2017 Property Taxes

The property tax levy totals \$2,123,000 in 2017, which represents an \$11,269 or 0.50% increase over the 2016 property tax levy.

If you have any questions regarding the 2017 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5th at Deephaven City Hall.



2016 Construction Project Wrap-up

We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during the past construction season.

The following is a summary of the more notable projects undertaken this year:



- ◆ Street resurfacing and gas main repairs were completed on Vine Hill Road in July, and while there was far more traffic on Vine Hill during the construction phase of this project than was anticipated, we thank everyone from the contractors to our residents for your patience.
- ◆ A Manhole Rehabilitation Project undertook the repair of damaged manholes throughout Deephaven.
- ◆ A Storm Sewer Project was completed on Linden Road repairing several catch basins and a storm water line.
- ◆ Street resurfacing was completed on Harper Road and in the Vine Street cul-de-sac.

Attention Seniors! Do you need help around the house?

Then the HOME program of Senior Community Services is the answer for you. HOME (Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly) offers an array of services designed to help you stay in your home. Our handymen can help with that dripping faucet that's just getting worse or with those other repairs that you just haven't taken care of.

Our homemakers can help with those cleaning tasks that are getting harder to do as well as run errands for you. This time of year, yard work might be on your mind as well. We have a large numbers of volunteers available every fall to help with raking.



One new service that we are offering is a Home Health and Safety assessment. During this one hour visit, we will identify safety issues in your home and work with you to make the corrective repairs. Our goal is to help you stay safe in your home and avoid falls. As a non-profit, we offer our services on a sliding fee scale based on your income.

Don't put off help any longer, call us today at 952-746-4046 or visit us on the web at seniorcommunity.org. We also have an office conveniently located at Creekside Community Center so stop by for a visit.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair

Thursday, October 6, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Activities, demonstrations, displays, fire truck rides, free dinner & fun for all ages

For more information - www.excelsiorfire.org



Kids Free Movie

The Excelsior Fire District is sponsoring the Kids Free Movie on **Saturday, December 3, 2016.**



This is the 45 year anniversary with the Dock Cinema and 19th anniversary with the ICA Food Shelf as beneficiary.

- ◆ Doors open at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Movie to be announced
- ◆ Meet Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog

For more information www.excelsiorfire.org.

General Election – November 8th

Elections for local, state and federal offices will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. Precinct 1 residents vote at City Hall and Precinct 2 residents vote at the St. Therese Community Room.

The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats for the City of Deephaven are open this year. The candidates for these offices are:

Mayor (Vote for One)

Paul A. Skrede

Jim Sulciner

City Council (Vote for up to Two)

Steve Erickson

Kent Carlson

Registering to Vote**To vote, you must be:**

- ◆ A citizen of the United States
- ◆ At least 18 years old on the day of the election
- ◆ A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days prior to the election
- ◆ Properly registered.

To save yourself some time at the polling place, if you are NOT registered to vote, please pre-register by October 18, 2016 for the General Election.

Absentee Voting

A significant change has occurred with absentee voting in that you no longer need a reason to vote absentee.

If you have a busy schedule on Election Day or if you will be out of town or if you just hate waiting in line, **simply submit an Absentee Ballot Application and the ballot will be sent to you.**

Go to the front page of the City of Deephaven website at www.cityofdeephaven.org to learn about the Absentee Voting process and how to obtain an online application or where to send in your paper application.

Absentee voting for the November 8th General begins on September 23rd and ends on November 7th.

**Primary Election**

The Primary Election was held on August 9th and a total of 219 Deephaven residents turned out to vote at our two precincts. With 2,685 registered voters, this represents a voter turnout of 8.2%. In retrospect, this isn't that bad a turnout considering that the only race on the ballot was Associate Justice 6 for the State Supreme Court.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Election Judges, who do such a terrific job on Election Day at both the Primary Election and the upcoming General Election. Without their help, conducting elections would not be possible.

We also would like to thank St. Therese Church for providing us with the use of their community room during the Primary Election and upcoming General Election!

Campaign Sign Regulations

One of the more contentious issues surrounding elections is the placement of political signs. Many of the regulations regarding political signs are governed by Section 211B.045 of Minnesota State Statutes:

"In any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from 46 days before the state primary in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election."

In summary:

- ◆ Political signs may be posted from June 24, 2016 – November 18, 2016.
- ◆ Signs must be located off of the public right-of-way and permission obtained from the property owner before you post any political sign on their property. If you are uncertain about where the public right-of-way ends, utility poles are typically located just within the public right-of-way.
- ◆ On Election Day, political signs must be at least 100 feet away from a building containing a polling place.
- ◆ Elections are also notorious for the theft of political signs. Please be aware that anyone apprehended for the theft of a political sign could face 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding political signs, please call the City at 952-474-4755.

Requirements for Signing Up on the New Buoy Waiting List

On June 8, 2016, the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District granted the City of Deephaven permission to moor powerboats, as well as sailboats, on our municipal buoys. With this decision, the following regulations have been approved by the Deephaven City Council to govern the use of the buoys and on establishing a New Buoy Waiting List. The regulations are as follows:

1. Notice of the availability of powerboats on municipal buoys will be included in the October Newsletter and on the City website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.
2. Applications for the New Buoy Waiting List will be accepted **by mail only** and can begin **no earlier than October 15, 2016**. Once the application is received, each application will be marked as of the date and time they were opened.
3. The initial deadline to submit applications for the New Buoy Waiting list is December 12, 2016. The following day, all applications will be entered into the New Buoy Waiting List in the order they were received. Residents will be notified as to the availability of buoy spaces shortly thereafter for the 2017 Boating Season.
4. All new buoy mooring leases starting with the 2017 Boating Season will be limited to a ten-year lease.
5. Powerboats and sailboats on buoys shall be at least 16 feet in length and not more than 25 feet in length.
6. The buoy rental fee will remain at \$450.00 for the 2017 Boating Season.

A waiting list application has been enclosed with this newsletter.

Snowplows are coming!

Winter is right around the corner and we want to give you some useful information that will help us clear snow from your streets and make winter driving safer.



- ◆ Please move your car off the street or a city parking lot during or immediately after a snowfall of two or more inches. You may return your vehicle to the street or parking lot after it has been completely plowed. Please move your vehicle if you have any doubt about how much snow has fallen or is falling. The police are required to tow vehicles parked in violation of this regulation.
- ◆ Allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the snowplow. Snow dust from a snowplow can obstruct your vision while driving, creating hazardous conditions.
- ◆ If you experienced yard damage from a snowplow in the past, please install stakes just off the road every 20-25 feet to mark its edge.
- ◆ Please do not allow your children or other children to play in snow banks near the street.
- ◆ Lower your driving speed and be extra cautious during unexpected winter conditions.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Although we don't have many sidewalks in Deephaven, please remember that property owners with a public sidewalk abutting their property have the additional responsibility to ensure that all snow and ice is removed from the abutting public sidewalk 12 hours after the snow or other precipitation has stopped falling. This is a thankless task so please take the time to occasionally thank your neighbors for their time and effort to maintain the public sidewalk during our long and cold winters.



Please Do Not Flush Disposable Wipe Products Down the Toilet!

We would like to caution everyone to NOT flush disposable wipe products in the sewer system.

Unfortunately, many of these products are not only labeled as disposable, but also as flushable, but unlike toilet paper these products don't break down once they are flushed. This type of material tends to plug the pumps in our lift stations, which could potentially cause a sewer backup in your house or your neighbor's house.

Please remember that this type of material should be thrown away in the garbage and never flushed down the toilet.

DHS Fall Colors Cruise - October 9th

The **DEEPHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will host their annual Lake Minnetonka fall colors cruise on Sunday, October 9th, 3 to 5 PM.

Come and enjoy the fall colors while learning the history of Big Island while onboard the historic Lady of the Lake.

Call for reservations: Nan Nicolle 952-473-3682 or nan_nicolle@cargill.com

Members: \$10, non-members \$15. People with reservations board 20 minutes early. Snacks and Soft Drinks included.



Did you notice all of the bumps are gone on Vine Hill Road? The project has received several compliments from the folks that use it on a daily basis; how quiet it is, the additional pavement outside the 'fog lines' for walkers and bikers and the speed with which it was completed, among other comments. I would like to add that Valley Paving, Inc. was a great company with which to work, and I hope they will be available next year as we tackle Excelsior Blvd and Deephaven Avenue.

Looking for a new place for your boat? As we continue to evaluate our Marina resources, the Council appreciates the work of the LMCD who has allowed us to use our buoys for 'watercraft' versus merely sailboats. Please review the guidelines the Council has included in the Newsletter insert as we attempt to implement our newest program.

Been feeling neglected? Deephaven was not immune to the Legislature's inability to pass a Bonding Bill last session because we need to replace the Northome Bridge. We are fairly low on MnDOT's priority list, so we are exploring additional opportunities for funding as we await further Legislative action.

As we get ready to start the new school year and begin pulling the boats out for the season, don't forget the Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, November 12th. But, as the kids would say, "Enough about homework! Let's go out and enjoy the beautiful colors!" See ya' around the neighborhood!

Paul

Thanks to the Garden Club!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the many talented and dedicated members of the Cottagewood Garden Club who are directly responsible for the beautiful gardens at Thorpe Park, Burton Park, Children's Park and City Hall that are planted and tended to by this hardworking group of volunteers. Thank you for another great year!

Please visit their tab on the City's webpage at www.cityofdeephaven.org.



City Hall Hours, September 6th to May 27th

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

City Office will be closed :

November 11th, November 24th and 25th, December 26th

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

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk
Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Marina Operations
Dale Cooney, Zoning Coordinator
Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits
Cory Johnson, Police Chief
Elizabeth McColl, Police Admin Assistant
John Menzel, Public Works Foreman
Kathy McCullum, Woodland City Clerk



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 Thursday 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