



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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

"Summer" Hours
May 28th to September 3rd
 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 30th and the week of January 13th.

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.

"Skate Late" Event! Friday, February 7th



Minnetonka Community Education is hosting the Fourth Annual "Skate Late Event" on:

Friday, February 7, 2014
Deephaven Village Hall Ice Rink
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The event will include music, food and fun for the entire community, including a Bonfire, DJ Music, Heated Tent, Concessions for Sale! Come join us for the fun!



Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2013-2014 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, 2014 or later if the weather permits.



Vine Hill Bridge Replacement Update

Bids for the reconstruction of the Vine Hill Bridge were received on November 26, 2013 and approved by the City Council on December 16, 2013. The bid was awarded to Lunda Construction Company for submitting the low bid of \$1,470,307.25

Construction is expected to begin around April 1, 2014 and is expected to take approximately 100 working days to complete. A public meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014 at Deephaven City Hall** to provide more detailed information on the proposed construction, project timelines, and detour information.

2014 Storm Water Rate Increase

On December 2, 2013, the Deephaven City Council approved a storm water rate increase that will go into effect this January and due beginning with the April, 2014 utility billing. The storm water rate will increase from \$5.00 per month to \$7.00 per month. This is the first storm water rate increase since November 2005.

Why is a rate increase needed? Our city does not have much in the way of a storm water infrastructure and the substantial portion of water runoff is addressed by outletting into the abundance of lakes, ponds, low-lying areas, and wetlands we have here in Deephaven. It is becoming increasingly apparent over the last few years, particularly this past year with a number of substantial rainfall events, that additional storm water mains, culverts and catch basins are needed in various areas throughout the city to better address excess water runoff. The \$2.00 per month rate increase will generate an additional \$35,000 per year that will be used to undertake these future storm sewer projects.

Solicitors, Peddlers, and Canvassers

Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers **are allowed** in Deephaven. For-profit sale of products or services requires 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 contact City Hall and your name and address will be included 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.



2014 / 2015 Dog Licenses Available

The new 2014 / 2015 dog licenses are now available for purchase at city hall from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. This is a two year, \$20.00 license. If you prefer, you may also print the application from our website, www.cityofdeephaven.org, and mail in along with proof of current rabies vaccination and a \$20 check made out to the City of Deephaven and we will send your dog license to you. All dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed.

2014 Improvement Projects

The schedule of projects planned for 2014 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Vine Hill Bridge Engineering & Approach Work	\$400,000
Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising	\$ 30,000
Sewer Main Manhole Repairs	\$ 30,000
Linden Road Storm Sewer Project	\$ <u>60,000</u>
Total	\$520,000

Help us Preserve Deephaven's History

The Deephaven Historical Society would like to invite you to become a member. Yearly dues of \$20 help preserve Deephaven's history. Dues help support programs, events, community participation and quarterly newsletters.

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City Property Taxes Fund Many Services

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$8,634 in property taxes in 2014. Here's where your tax money ends up.



\$1,255 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 14.5% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$105 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

\$3,287 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 38.1% 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 \$274 per month to the School District.

\$3,272 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 37.9% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$273 per month to Hennepin County.

\$820 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 9.5% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$66 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 854 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

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance

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 at least once every seven years
- Jet cleaning of sanitary sewer mains at least once every seven years
- ◆ 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.

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.

Staff Milestones in 2013

With great fondness and affection, we bid farewell to Public Works Mechanic Dick Jeurissen and City Clerk Shelley Souers. Dick is retiring after close to 30 years with the City and Shelley is moving on to bigger and better things after 18 years with the City. It is never easy saying goodbye to such good people and outstanding employees. We sincerely wish both Dick & Shelley a prosperous and healthy future!

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

Over 10 years of service - Cory Johnson, Dana Young, Mary Courtney, Deborah Hicks, Mark Westgard, Gus Karpas, Pat Thiede, Teresa Pendleton and John Menzel.

Over 5 years of service - Matt Case, Randy Clay, David Klisczc and Chris Whiteside.

Less than 5 years of service – Joshua Heasley, Jeff Kask, Eric Finnvik, Kathryne McCullum and Richard Meyer.

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 2013 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!!

**Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m.**

When you review your property tax statements later this March, 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 7th 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 question 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 7th 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 7th 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 by 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 7th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting .

Snowplows are here!

Winter is upon us and we want to provide you with some information that will help us to clear snow more efficiently from your streets and make winter driving safer for all of us.



- ◆ Please move your car off the street or from a public 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 they have been completely plowed. If you are in doubt about how much snow has fallen or is falling, we would strongly recommend that you move your vehicle. The Police are authorized to ticket vehicles in violation of this requirement.
- ◆ When driving behind a snowplow, **stay back at least four car lengths**. Snow dust from a snowplow can obstruct your vision while driving, creating a hazardous situation.
- ◆ If your yard has experienced damage from a snowplow in the past, please place stakes about 20 feet apart just off the road edge to mark the location of your lawn.
- ◆ Please **do not allow your children or other children to play on snow banks** next to the street.

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.

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.

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 winters.



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.

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.

Time to throw out the old calendar and start a new one ... but keep the job jar because it's probably not empty!

This year is going to be a little hectic by Deephaven standards. We will finally begin construction on the Vine Hill Bridge ... about April ... so we will have to adjust some traffic patterns. We intend to keep everyone apprised of the activity through our Website, but if you have any questions, please give us a call. The trail will have to be closed for a period of time, so if you see some folks checking their GPS as they wander around, the LRT didn't move ... it's just closed!

A special shout out to Deephaven Elementary School! They were given the 2013 National Blue Ribbon School Award. Out of over 90,000 schools across the country, they were one of 286 recipients. No wonder kids are coming from all over to attend.

Seems like our platform courts are getting a lot of use, doesn't it? Sorry about the 'no heaters, yet' thing, but we are working on it. In the meantime, use plastic shovels only for snow removal, please.

We have two new employees this year, Richard Meyer in Public Works and Kathyne McCullum who will be in the office working for both the City of Woodland and us. Welcome aboard! This also means we are losing, through retirement, Dick Jeurissen and Shelley Souers ...two of the hardest workers I have ever known! Thank you, Dick and Shelley, for all of your many years of service to Deephaven. I have no doubt you are leaving the City in better shape than you found it. Although I am very excited for you and the new chapters you will be writing in your lives, I will miss you both very much.

Happy New Year, my friends! I hope this year will be a safe and productive time for all of you.

Paul

Please Note Changes to 2014 Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with several holidays and preparation for the November 4th General Election, the dates of four Council meetings have been changed as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Original Meeting Date</u>	<u>New Meeting Date</u>
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 20 th	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 17 th	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 1 st	Tuesday, September 2 nd
Election Preparations	Monday, November 3 rd	Thursday, November 6 th

City Hall Hours, "Summer Hours" May 28th to September 3rd

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

City Hall Hours, September 4th to May 27th

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

City Office will be closed :

January 1, January 20, February 17

Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson
Darel Gustafson, Josh Hackney

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