



# Deephaven News

Information for City Residents [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org) July, August and September 2004  
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## **Town Hall Meeting!!**

A Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Deephaven Education Center to discuss a wide-variety of issues relating to Deephaven beaches, parks and trails.

Discussion items will include public input on future improvement projects, park & beach maintenance issues, park revenue sources, proposed tennis court improvements at Thorpe Park and many other issues relating to one of our greatest resources in Deephaven. We hope you will be able to attend what promises to be an interesting meeting!

## **You are invited to a July 8<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Deephaven Style**

As many of you know, we have a new neighbor in Deephaven. The Excelsior Fire District's East Station is now operational – right behind City Hall. On July 8, 2004, from 5 PM until 7 PM, we would like to welcome our newest neighbors by having a barbeque that we have dubbed **A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Deephaven Style**. We cordially invite you to participate in this post-fourth of July party where you don't have to bring anything but yourself, your family and your friends.

We will have as many of our fifteen firefighters as possible in attendance, Fire Marshall Scott Anding and Fire Chief Mark DuCharme, who will be manning the grill along with some of your City Council members. We will introducing our new neighbors to the City through our televised Council meeting starting at 7 PM.

Many of you have asked questions about the building, the firefighters and the equipment. This will be an Open House where you can leave your shoes on, touch the furniture and chat with the new owners – YOU! We know how happy you are when you see the firefighters appear at you door when you call them. Let's show the same Deephaven hospitality as we welcome the firefighters to their new house.

## **4th of July Celebration in Deephaven at The Cottagewood General Store!**

Mark your calendars for this annual celebration, Sunday, July 4, 2004! Food, games, fun and of course, the annual



children's bike parade. All events are at the Cottagewood Children's Park in front of the Historic Cottagewood General Store. The fun begins at 11:00 a.m., with the reading of the Declaration of Independence at 11:15 a.m. and the parade at 11:30 a.m. Game bracelets can be purchased ahead of time at the Cottagewood Store for \$3 or can be bought on July 4<sup>th</sup> for \$4. All proceeds from the celebration go to support the Cottagewood Community Foundation and the store to keep great events like this happening in our community. Please join us. Volunteers still needed, please call John Utter at 952-474-3409 if you would like to help in any way.

## **Excelsior Area Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events:**

- Excelsior Farmer's Market – Thursdays, May – October 2, 2-6:30 PM. Lyman Park on Water Street
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Firecracker Race
  - 2-mile Walk/Run 8:00 AM
  - 10K Run 8:30 AM
- Registration forms available at the Chamber and local city halls after June 1 and at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)
- Lake Minnetonka 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – Sunday, July 4 at Excelsior Commons & Excelsior Bay

Kids' Patriotic Parade, Kids' Fishing Contest, Sand Castle Building Contest, afternoon bands, evening concert, fireworks at dusk. Donations are appreciated and can be sent to Excelsior Area Chamber/Fireworks Fund: PO Box 32, Excelsior 55331.

- Excelsior Apple Day, Saturday, September 11, 2004 Downtown Excelsior 9 AM – 4 PM. Doll Buggy and Red Wagon Parade at noon.

## Fireworks update

The Excelsior Fire District Firefighters want you and your family to be safe on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and anytime you choose to use fireworks. It is important for all citizens to understand the new fireworks laws and be well informed of safety precautions when using legal fireworks. Sales, possession and use of SOME non-explosive and non-aerial consumer fireworks are now permitted in Minnesota. These fireworks MAY NOT be used on public property such as city owned docks, beaches, parks, trails, bridges, parking lots, schools, etc.

Examples of legal fireworks include sparklers, cones, tubes that emit sparks, novelty items like snakes and party poppers. You must be 18 years old with photo identification to purchase fireworks.

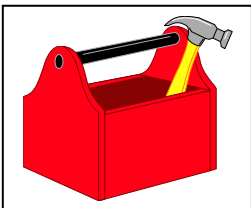
The Fire District suggests the following safety guidelines:

- 1) Use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- 2) Read and understand the directions.
- 3) Keep fireworks away from Children. (sparklers alone burn at nearly 1200° F)
- 4) Never place any part of your body over a firework device.
- 5) NEVER aim or throw fireworks at a person, animal, building or vehicle.
- 6) Stay away from a failed firework device for an extended period of time. Never re-light a failed device and always soak it with water before handling.
- 7) When using fireworks use common sense, courtesy, and respect for those around you.

## Mayor and City Council filing opens August 24

Election filings for the Mayor's seat and two City Council seats will be accepted at City Hall beginning August 24<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for filing for these seats is September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Interested persons may file for candidacy at City Hall for a fee of \$2.00.

The terms expiring are Mayor Tom Anderson (2-year term); Councilmember Jon Monson (2-year term) and Councilmember Nancy Middleton (4-year term).



### Building Permits

Reminder to all residents, building permits are needed for all structural alterations. If you are planning on repairing a roof, deck, or siding of your home, permits are required

before starting such projects. Permit fees will double for those individuals who are found to be working without the appropriate permit. Also, make sure that all permits

have had the required inspections and when doing landscaping projects make sure that you do not bury manholes that are in your yard.

## City beaches open for season

Deephaven beaches opened on Saturday, June 5, for the summer. Here is a list of beaches along with specific information about each one.

- St. Louis Bay - lifeguards on-duty from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm.
- Robinson's Bay Beach and Sandy Beach - lifeguards on-duty from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Beaches *without lifeguards* include Rocky Beach in Cottagewood and Nocomo Beach in Walden. Residents may use these beaches but do so at their own risk. Both these beaches are open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 PM.

## Kudos to Cottagewood Garden Club

The beautiful annuals and perennials at Thorpe Park, Burton Park and City Hall were planned and planted by members of this wonderful group.



## National Night Out - August 3

Join your neighbors, the City Council and Police Department in giving crime a going-away party. Please commit to hosting a block party to celebrate the efforts of residents and the police in keeping Deephaven a safe community. To register your party and ensure a visit by a police officer, the police chief or members of the City Council call 952-474-7555.



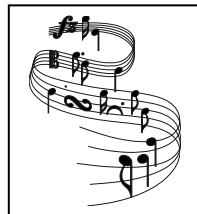
## Pedestrian safety

Warmer weather means many people are out and about walking, hiking and riding bicycles. Please be alert and drive with caution. Minnesota law requires that drivers of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and others who are crossing a street in a marked crosswalk.



## Excelsior Fire District annual fundraiser

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie on Friday, July 16 at this annual event. The fun begins at 5:00 pm. – Midnight. Music for the kids is from 6:30 – 7:30 PM and the “Boneshakers” will perform from 8:00 to midnight. This year's menu includes BBQ Pork Sandwich, Chips, Cookies & Pop. There will be



drawings for fantastic Door Prizes. All events are at the West Side Fire Station in Shorewood. The meal cost is \$6. For more information call 952-960-1670.



### **Bike helmets for sale**

The Deephaven Police Department is offering bike helmets in all sizes. The helmets are blue and are available for \$8 or \$10. Each helmet has a serial number that will be recorded at the police department to aid in identifying the wearer, if necessary.

### **Police reserve program**

The Deephaven Police Department seeks residents to volunteer to serve as police officer reserves. This unpaid position requires a time commitment to the community of at least ten hours per month and that you be available for special details. You must be at least 18 years of age to be considered. If you are interested in this challenge, contact the department at 952-474-7555.



### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

The Deephaven Police Department is looking for individuals who would like to be a member of CERT. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area. If you are interested please contact the Police Department at 952-474-7555.



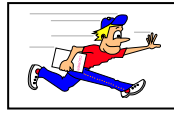
### **Note to boaters**

The Deephaven City Council encourages its citizens to wear life jackets while out on the lake. Although the State does not require boaters to wear their life vests, they do highly recommend that they be worn by each individual on board. Additionally, the Council would like to advise parents that when your child is near the water, you should be near your child. Help make this a fun and safe boating season, wear your life vests!

### **SUMMER HOURS AT CITY OFFICES**

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup> the City Offices will be open Monday thru Thursday 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM and on Friday 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

### **Mayor's Corner**



### **Does Mutual Aid Really Matter?**

Mutual Aid, in this instance, refers to an agreement signed by both South Lake Minnetonka Police and Deephaven Police Dept. and most other law enforcement organizations within the State of Minnesota. Its intent is to ensure that public safety has priority over individual police department interests. Basically, it states that one community may request assistance from another without incurring added cost or legal liability. This agreement is based on the principle that today you help your neighbor and tomorrow they help you. The Agreement is very specific in this way. So why has the leadership of the SLMPD chosen to pick and choose where and when they participate in the agreement? Don't know the answer to that question, but we do know that in the recent case of an arrest that occurred within Deephaven with the assistance of SLMPD that SLMPD leadership has chosen to ignore the Mutual Aid agreement it has signed and pursue legal remedies to get part interest in a forfeited vehicle. Our position as a City is to protect the integrity of the Mutual Aid pact. Shortly after this incident, Deephaven Police assisted in the apprehension of an individual in Shorewood. We returned the forfeited Vehicle to SLMPD. If this agreement is threatened by one party not being willing to accept its principles, then all of our communities will suffer.

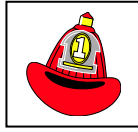
### **Sullivan Property to be developed**

The recently passed Planned Unit Development ordinance will see its first applicant this summer. The property just off of hwy #101, most often referred to as the Sullivan property is currently an industrial site, may be the new home for 28 upscale condominiums. The City is working closely with the residents around the site to ensure that their concerns are addressed. The project includes the annexation of two acres within of the City of Minnetonka property that the City of Minnetonka has agreed to, provided they have input into specific issues relating to landscaping and drainage. Your City is progressing very cautiously given this our first project under the new PUD. There have been attempts in the past to develop multi-family units that were denied do to the lack of City zoning and location. Our community is a single-family community. The PUD clearly defines the area where the City would consider proposals and where it will not consider multi family development. Stay tuned.

## Firefighters needed!!!

Members of the new Excelsior Fire District would welcome the chance to talk to you about becoming a firefighter.

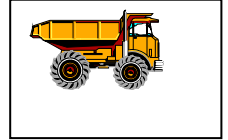
It is a very rewarding experience that comes with some great financial incentives. The success of the Fire District hinges on the resolve of residents to support their community fire district by becoming an active volunteer. This is your opportunity to serve your fellow residents. Please call Chief Mark DuCharme at 952-960-1650 or 401-8801 for more information.



Advanced registration will be accepted until July 8<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$18. On-line registration is available at the following websites: active.com, ALARC.com Registrations will also be accepted the day of the race for \$24. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bill Wenmark, race director, at 952-476-0015, or on-line at ALARC.com

## Minnetonka Boulevard Mill & Overlay Project

The City has contracted with Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for a 2" milling and 2" bituminous wearing course overlay on that portion of Minnetonka Blvd extending from the Minnetonka City border in the northeast to Vine Hill Road and extending one block further south on Vine Hill Road to Ridgewood Road.



The project is planned to begin on July 6<sup>th</sup> with the installation of a culvert underneath Minnetonka Blvd near Thorpe Park and concrete curb work around Chowens Corner. Milling will start after the completion of the culvert and curb work and is estimated to last 4 – 5 days. Paving will follow the mill work and is also estimated to take about 4 – 5 days. It is anticipated that Minnetonka Blvd will remain open during the construction period.

We thank you for your patience throughout the duration of this project!

## RECYCLING HINTS

NOT EVERYTHING IS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

The materials accepted in the recycling program are wanted by industry as feedstock to make new items. Contamination by unwanted items is a problem. Placing unacceptable materials in your recycling bin is like throwing a bright red towel in with a load of white laundry -- it ruins the whole effect!

The following materials are **NOT** accepted for curbside recycling. Throw these materials into your garbage!

- ❖ All paper milk or juice cartons or boxes
- ❖ All plastic items (bags, toys, tubs, trays, pots, pails, buckets, packaging peanuts, medicine containers, motor oil bottles), except for bottles that come to a neck.
- ❖ Light bulbs, mirrors, window-plate-auto glass, glasses. Plates, bowls, other dishes or cookware, ceramic dishes or bottles
- ❖ Kitchen and bathroom paper products (food wrap, paper towels, tissues, plates, cups, napkins, coffee filters, etc.)

## City again earns highest award for financial reporting - Streak hits an impressive 10 years



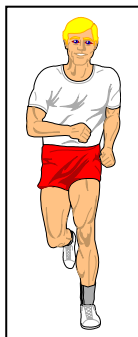
Extending an impressive streak to 10 years in a row, the City of Deephaven has received the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement recognizes and encourages excellence in financial reporting by state and local governments.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Deephaven has received the Certification of Achievement each year since first applying in 1994. Sandra Langley, City Clerk/Treasurer and Mary Courtney, Deputy Treasurer/Clerk and Dana Young, City Administrator can be credited with the city's receipt of this award.

## Bill Wenmark's 5K Run/Walk & 10K Road Race

The annual walk and run will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. and will begin and end near the Deephaven Elementary School. The course is mostly flat with some wooded areas, but it will be primarily on a portion of the Minnetonka Trail System which has a smooth, gravel surface over a former rail line.



All 5K run/walk and 10K registrants will receive a race t-shirt and an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Deephaven Elementary School following the race. Non-participants may purchase the breakfast for \$5 per person, which is payable at the breakfast.

- ❖ Gift wrap or wallpaper
- ❖ Photographs, slides or carbon paper
- ❖ Non-corrugated packaging such as pizza boxes, and packaging for all refrigerating or frozen foods (i.e. frozen entrees or waffles, cream cheese or butter boxes, yogurt containers, etc.)
- ❖ Aerosol and paint cans, household scrap metal (pots, pans, etc.)

### Telephone Directories

Telephone directories may be placed in the paper grocery bag with the other paper products. DO NOT include the plastic delivery bag – either re-use it or throw it into the garbage.

### Pest Alert!!!!!!

#### Help keep it from spreading

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a highly invasive exotic plant. This biennial herb, also known as Jack-by-the-hedge, invades shaded areas and has a tendency to crowd out other herbaceous species. The Garlic Mustard plant has small black seeds, which form inside a silique. When mature the silique burst forcefully dispersing its seeds. These seeds may travel 6 or more feet and number below a hundred to nearly a thousand. Seed dispersal usually occurs in late spring or early summer and may be human or animal assisted. Water may also play a role in riparian areas, but seeds do not float well. The seeds may be viable for five to six years, though they usually germinate the second year.

Garlic Mustard is very difficult to control. Annual treatment may be necessary until the seed bank is exhausted. Hand pulling can be effective for small populations and can be done most of the year. Remove all cut stems, flowers and seed pods promptly to prevent dispersal. For more information about Garlic Mustard or control measures stop in at City Hall.

### Southshore Community Senior Center

The Center is open daily from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Noon meals are served at the Center on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Reservations are needed two days in advance by calling 952-474-7635. Transportation is available by calling dial-a-ride at 952-474-7441. The center is located at 5735 Country Club Road in Shorewood, near the County Road 19 intersection.



Several Trips are planned. If you would like to join them for some of their exciting excursions, reservations can be made by calling the Southshore Center.

- June 3 – Trip to MN History Center for “Tuesdays With Morrie”
- June 4 -Picnic at the Center “Cary’s Choice”

- June 9 – Trip to New Fogey Follies for “Will Rogers for President”
- June 30 – “Annie” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

This Center has one of the finest and most convenient activity spaces available in the area. There are a variety of rooms for groups of 10 to 275 people. This is ideal for family gatherings, graduation parties, bridal or baby showers, birthday parties, business meetings or any event where people gather together. Call Jo Ann at 952-541-1019.

### Solicitors Require City License

With spring often comes an influx of door-to-door sales and soliciting. Individuals representing organizations that sell products or services require a license from the City. All representatives of the organization must have a copy of the City issued license.

If you have a door-to-door salesperson come to your home, ask to first see a copy of their City of Deephaven license. If they do not have a copy, please do not purchase from them and contact the Deephaven Police Department at 763-525-6210.

If you do not want solicitors coming to your home, post a “No Solicitors” sign by your door. Any complaints about solicitors should be directed to the Police Department.

If you have any questions about the licensing procedures of the City of Deephaven, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

### No Phosphorus Fertilizer Reminder

Metro area residents are prohibited from using phosphorus fertilizers on existing lawns, unless a soil test shows the lack of phosphorus in the lawn. If you are using a non-phosphorus fertilizer, are establishing a new lawn, or have new turf, you do not need to have your soil tested prior to fertilizing.

Lawns in the metro area tend to be very rich in phosphorus, and the extra phosphorus found in lawn fertilizer ends up running off the lawn with water run-off, and into our lakes, streams and wetlands. The end result is a high phosphorus wetland and lots of algae! Not only is this visually unappealing, it is dangerous to wildlife. Because many commercial lawn fertilizers are made by national companies, fertilizers tend to be made for general lawns nationwide, not necessarily providing only what we need for Minnesota lawns. Fertilizers are now available that do not provide the extra, unneeded phosphorus. To find the fertilizer without phosphorus, buy fertilizers with the number “0” as the center number of the three large numbers on the bag of fertilizer.

Personnel at your lawn and garden store will be happy to assist you if you need help with this information.

For more information on healthy lawns, visit the Hennepin County Eco-Yard, or contact them at 612-348-9266; contact Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-3777; or, contact the University of Minnesota Extension service, [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu) or 612-374-8400.

## Garbage Containers

With warm and windy weather approaching, please remember that your garbage and recyclables must be securely stored in containers that are watertight and impervious to insects and rodents when setting them out to be removed by the hauler. This will help to keep your garbage and recyclables from blowing onto city streets and neighboring properties. Thank you!

For more information about the City, visit the website at [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org).

### **Your City Council:**

Mayor Tom Anderson, Nancy Middleton, Paul Skrede, Kim Crockett and Jon Monson

Dana Young, City Administrator

Sandy Langley, City Clerk

Harlan Johnson, Police Chief

Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Foreman

Administration and Public Works 952-474-4755

Police non-emergency 952-474-7555

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. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

