



Deephaven News

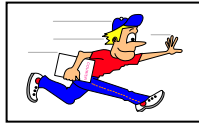
Information for City Residents

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January, February and March 2005

“Mayor’s Corner”

Thank you to all the registered voters who participated in this year’s election and a great big thank you to all the volunteers that gave of their time to make certain that the election was fair and open to all.



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As with all elections, change is a certainty. Deephaven has been fortunate to have had the services of two very special people, Nancy Middleton and Jon Monson. Nancy gave of her personal time for in excess of fourteen years serving the City in many capacities, most recently as a City Council Woman. This past year, Nancy chose not to seek re election. So ends an illustrative career in local government. We will all miss her. Jon Monson, although his term was short, accepted the challenge of serving out my term as Council person after my election to Mayor in 2002. The Council unanimously selected Jon to serve out the term because we felt that your City Council needed the expertise in the building trade that none of the newly elected or past elected Council people possessed. Jon agreed to serve out the term and at that time had indicated that he would not seek re-election. True to his word, Jon served and has now moved on to other interests. We are indeed appreciative of his contribution to the City.

That brings me to the other changes on the Council. Congratulations to Keith Kask and John Wheaton for their election victory. We were very fortunate to have had such a qualified group of citizen that felt strongly enough about their community to put their name up for consideration for a Council seat. Although I haven’t been in Deephaven since 1900 when our village first elected people to serve, I dare say that throughout our history, it is unlikely that the Village has had as many qualified candidates running for office. Thanks to each of you.

Finally, a heart felt thank you from me to all that voted and especially to those who provided me with a vote of confidence by re-electing me to be your Mayor. We will continue to make your government accessible to all. We will maintain the highest ethical standards to ensure that you will always be proud to be a resident of Deephaven Minnesota.

I hope all of your wishes were fulfilled and that you had the merriest of holiday seasons.

Sincerely,
Tom L. Anderson



A Brief Word of Thanks & Farewell

On behalf of the City Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank

Councilmembers Nancy Middleton and Jon Monson for their years of service to the City of Deephaven. Nancy served on the City Council from 1997 – 2004 and Jon has served from 2003 - 2004. Few people realize the time, effort and energy needed to serve on the City Council and both Nancy and Jon gave freely of their time and talent to make Deephaven an even better place to live. We wish Nancy and Jon a bright and enjoyable future.

We are also eagerly looking forward to working with some familiar faces on the City Council – Mayor Tom Anderson and Councilmembers Paul Skrede and Kim Crockett – and some new faces – incoming Councilmembers John Wheaton and Keith Kask!

Utility Rate Increases Planned for 2005

For the past twenty-five years, the City of Deephaven has had an agreement with the City of Shorewood to provide water service to 38 residents of Amesbury. As part of this agreement, the rates charged by Shorewood to their water customers in Amesbury are at the prevailing Shorewood water rate and pay for all costs relating to the Amesbury water system, except for the public water mains, which are the responsibility of Deephaven.

On November 15, 2004, the Deephaven City Council passed an ordinance that will require a \$20 per quarter trunk water charge to the water customers in Amesbury. The trunk water charge will be effective beginning with the April 1, 2005 water billing. The purpose for the trunk water charge is to provide sufficient revenue for the future repair and replacement of the 25-year old water mains in Amesbury.

On November 15, 2004, the Deephaven City Council also authorized an increase in the Storm Water Fee from \$1.00 per month to \$2.00 per month. The Storm Water Fee increase will be in effective beginning with the April 1, 2005 billing. The purpose of the rate increase is to generate additional revenue to address the increasing number of storm water related problems that are occurring throughout our community.

Volunteers Lending a Helping Hand



Volunteers play a critical role in our City. They provide recommendations on issues relating to planning, parks and boating; beautify our city gardens and parks;

preserve our historical heritage; and work to fix old buildings in need of repair. 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 2004 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical Society.**

We also would like to send out a big thanks to David Steingas, Paul Skrede, John Flynn, Jennifer Young and John DuPont for installing the new windows in the Thorpe Park warming house, Charlie Keepman & friends for painting the city wellhouse and John Flynn & the "Deephaven Volunteer Ice Company" for their efforts to improve the City skating rinks!

Volunteers Needed Now for Park & Boat Committee:

Do you think you might be interested in volunteering your time and skills? Almost every year, positions become available on all City committees or additional volunteers are needed for the Garden Club, as election judges or to join the Deephaven Historic Society. **The Park Committee currently has one opening and the Boat Committee has two current openings. Please note that you do not need to be a permit holder or on the waiting list for a permit to serve on the Boat Committee.**

If you have time and interest in serving your community, please complete the enclosed Deephaven Resident Interest Inquiry and return it to City Hall on or before January 15th for consideration for 2005 vacancies. Thank you!!

Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real Christmas trees January 3rd - 8th and January 17th - 21st. Service 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 then used for compost. Please note that wreaths and flocked trees can not be composted. These should be set out with your regular garbage. To ensure that your tree is collected and composted, please:

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



Winter trail activities

The City will maintain the LRT trail for winter use from November 15 to March 31. Half the trail will be plowed for those who jog, walk or ride a bike. The other half will be left with snow for cross-country skiers.

Skating Rinks

We hope you have noticed the changes that a number of volunteers have made to the ice rinks at Village Hall Park and to the warming house at Thorpe Park.



- ◆ Village Hall Park – Volunteers have installed a wooden berm around the open rink to try to produce a smoother ice surface. The "Deephaven Volunteer Ice Company" has purchased a used Zamboni to further improve the ice surface at the open rink and the hockey rink at Village Hall Park. The Zamboni will not be traveling to Thorpe Park for the 2004-2005 season due to the fact that the Zamboni can only travel 10 mph and is not well suited for driving on Minnetonka Boulevard.
- ◆ Thorpe Park – Volunteers have installed five new windows in the warming house to give the building a more open feel and to provide better visibility of the ice rinks from inside the comfort of the warming house.
- ◆ The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2004-2005 season are as follows:
 - ◆ Mondays – Fridays: 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Sundays: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Xmas & New Year's Eve: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Xmas & New Year's Day: Closed

SNOWBIRDS



No person may park or leave unattended any vehicle on any city street or city owned parking lot in the City after two or more inches of snow has fallen until the street has been completely plowed. The Police are authorized to remove any vehicles parked or left

unattended in violation.

City property tax funds many services

At the 2005 tax rate, the owner of a \$250,000 home pays a total of \$2,736 in property taxes. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$2,736 – Total property tax payment:

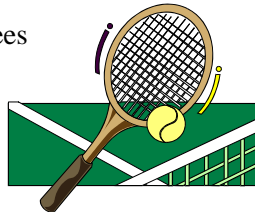
\$457.80 goes to the City of Deephaven



The City receives 18.312% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$250,000 pays about \$38.15 a month

and receives services that can affect a family's safety and quality of life:

- 24-hour police and fire protection
- Prompt snowplowing of all city streets
- Flooding and resurfacing four outdoor ice rinks
- 24-hour emergency medical response (police are on the scene in the crucial minutes *before* the ambulance arrives)
- Office staffing to assist residents and answer questions
- Full-service parks with 10 tennis courts
- Six beaches
- Maintaining roads, park equipment and trails
- Street sweeping
- Care of public property trees
- Regular mowing of park lawns
- Maintaining street signs and streetlights



\$2,278 goes to other

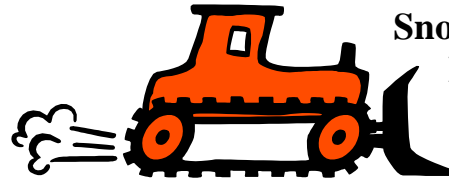
government agencies

Minnetonka Schools and Hennepin County receive 86.689% of your property tax payment. Other agencies receiving property taxes are the Watershed District, Metropolitan Council, Mosquito Control District and vocational-technical schools.

Improvement Projects Planned for 2005

With the completion of the 2004 Minnetonka Boulevard Mill & Overlay Project, 2005 promises to be a far quieter year. The schedule of projects planned for 2005 include:

2005 Improvement Projects	Est. Cost
Repair East Side Tennis Courts at Thorpe Park	50,000
Disease Tree Replacement at Thorpe & Burton Parks	12,000
Village Hall Park Improvements	7,350
Seal Coating	75,000
Sewer Main Cleaning in Deephaven Park area	22,500
Dock & Slide Improvements	24,180



Snowplows are here!

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

- Move your car off the street or from a city parking lot during or immediately after a snowfall of two or more inches. You may return your vehicle to the street or lot after it has been completely plowed. If you are in doubt about how much snow has or is falling, move your vehicle. The police are authorized to ticket vehicles parked in violation of this regulation.
- 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 condition.
- If your yard experienced damage from a snowplow in the past, please place stakes about 20 - 25 feet apart just off the road edge to mark the location of your lawn.
- Do not allow your children or other children to play on snow banks next to the street.

Snowplow Damage

It is the Public Work's Department's goal to have the entire street system cleaned after a "typical" snowfall in approximately 10 hours, assuming a general plowing operation beginning at 4 AM and snowfall ending by 8AM.

The width of the street right-of-way is designed to provide room for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks and



other City uses. However, certain private items such as mailboxes, are often located within this area. If the street or boulevard is damaged by a snowplow, City crews will repair it in the spring. If your mailbox is physically hit and damaged by a plow, the City will

repair or replace it immediately.

City personnel do not provide driveway cleaning. Possible exceptions are at the discretion of the Supervisor for emergency situations.

It is not possible to provide perfect conditions and minimize damage to mailboxes with the size and type of equipment the City operates. Therefore, the final cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

SNOWMOBILE PROHIBITIONS



City ordinance 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles under any of these circumstances:

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



A Special Thanks to Volunteers

Special thanks go out to two outstanding volunteers who have served our Community for many years. Bob Voyles retired from the Boat Committee and moved to Maryland last fall after serving since 1985. Also, Bert Foster has served both Deephaven and the greater Lake Community on the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) since 1988. Bert will be recognized at the annual LMCD dinner on February 10th.

Staff Milestones in 2004

Deephaven is very well served by talented and dedicated staff. Please join us in thanking Owen Fulgseth for 30 years, Jerry Hudlow for 25 years, Dick Jeurissen for 20 years and Sandy Langley for 15 years of excellent service to our community.



Preschool Open House

Parents of babies, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to learn about preschool at the Minnetonka ECFE Preschool Open House on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2005 from 9 to 11:30 AM. Find out what to look for in a high-quality preschool during a 30 minute presentation with an early childhood teacher. The event is free of charge. Please call Laaree Schmidt at 952-401-6812 with any questions.

Southshore Community Center

The center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Noon meals are served at the center on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Reservations are needed two days in advance. To make a reservation call (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.

Rental of the Center

The Southshore Center has available for rent: rooms for meetings, parties, weddings and other special events. For more information call JoAnn Kvern at 952-541-1019.

Dial-A-Ride 952-474-7441

Includes the areas of Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, Tonka Bay

7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Monday through Friday

General Public \$1.50 each way.

Seniors, suggested donation \$1.00

Funded under contract with the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the Metropolitan Council.

Community Emergency Response Team



“self..family..neighborhood..community,”

The Deephaven Police Department is looking for volunteers for the Deephaven CERT Team.

The CERT team is a group of residents that are willing to volunteer their time to be trained to assist their neighbor and their community in an emergency.

The Deephaven Police Department will provide you with 24 hours of basic training in first aid skills, light fire fighting, light search and rescue, etc. You will be equipped with the necessary tools and equipment to help.

To be part of the team or for more information contact the Deephaven Police Department @ 952-474-7555.

Your City Council: Mayor Tom Anderson, Councilmembers Kim Crockett, Keith Kask, Paul Skrede and John Wheaton
Dana Young, City Administrator
Sandy Langley, City Clerk/Treasurer
Virgil Gustafson, Police Chief
Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Foreman
The Deephaven City Council normally meets twice a month on the first and third Monday at 7 PM. Residents are encouraged to attend. City Hall – 952-474-4755 Police 952-474-7555