



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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2006 City Budget

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2006 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 8th in the amount of \$1,644,502, which represents a 5.5% levy increase over 2005. The public is invited to

comment on the 2006 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Hennepin County will be notifying all property owners within

Deephaven of the meeting later this year. The following is a brief summary of the 2006 budget.

General Fund Revenues - 2006 Highlights

- 2006 General Fund Revenues increased \$84,447 or 4.0% over 2005 General Fund Revenues.
- The 2006 General Fund property tax levy is scheduled to increase \$85,869 or 6.3% over the 2005 General Fund property tax levy.
- Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood combine to equal 11.1% of 2006 General Fund Revenues.
- The most significant concern regarding 2006 General Fund Revenues has been the gradual decrease in Building Permit Revenues beginning in 2004.

Total 2006 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,217,167 and consist of 8 major budget categories:

Category	2006 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,521,765	68.6%
Licenses & Permits	188,950	8.5%
Intergovernmental	75,1001	3.4%
Charges for Services	279,800	12.6%
Fines & Forfeits	62,000	2.8%
Miscellaneous Revenues	17,340	0.8%
Interest Income	54,000	2.4%
Transfers from Other Funds	18,211	0.9%
Total 2006 Revenues	2,217,167	100.0%

General Fund Expenditures — 2006 Highlights

Total 2006 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,193,211 and consist of twelve major departments:

- Total 2006 General Fund Expenditures increased \$79,491 or 3.3% over 2005 General Fund Expenditures.
- The increase in 2006 expenditures is due primarily to salary & benefit increases, an increase in building inspection contract service, street maintenance and fire services.

Department	2006 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	180,368	8.2%
Administration	238,270	10.9%
City Hall Buildings	36,300	1.7%
Zoning/Building Inspections	183,598	8.4%
Streets & Roads	79,800	3.6%
Public Works	364,220	16.6%
Parks & Recreation	60,700	2.8%
Police	646,815	29.5%
Fire Services	338,796	15.4%
Emergency Management	46,394	2.1%
Recycling	1,500	0.1%
Animal Management	16,450	0.7%
Total 2006 Expenditures	2,193,211	100.0%

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 \$92,000 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 franchise fee that appears on your monthly utility bill. The second revenue source is through an annual \$160,000 property tax levy.

These two revenues combine to provide \$252,000 per year in the CIF Fund—funds that are used to support street improvement projects, and the replacement of aged vehicles and equipment that are planned each year.

2006 Property Taxes

Special points of interest:

- *Tax capacity rate – 16.868% in 2006 vs. 18.311% in 2005*

The property tax levy totals \$1,644,502 in 2006. This represents an \$86,578 or 5.5% increase over the 2005 property tax levy. Despite this increase, the 2006 tax capacity rate is expected to be less than the 2005 property tax rate—16.868% in 2006 versus 18.311% in 2005. Will this lower tax rate in 2006 result in lower city property taxes next year?

If the estimated market value of your home in 2006 is at or less than \$470,000, which is the median estimated market value of homes in Deephaven in 2006, the city portion of your property taxes will be less next year. If the estimated market value of your home in 2006 is greater than \$470,000, it is very likely that you

will see an increase in the amount of taxes that are paid to the City of Deephaven next year.

Financing for Walker Methodist

On September 8th, the Deephaven City Council approved the issuance and sale of revenue bonds on behalf of Walker Methodist that will enable this non-profit corporation to acquire and upgrade a 78-unit assisted living facility known as Minnetonka Assisted Living Suites. The facility is located at 14505 Minnetonka Drive, a short drive from Deephaven. Although the City is issuing the debt on behalf of Walker Methodist, the City of Deephaven is not obligated in any way for the repayment of that debt. The City Council's

assisting Walker Methodist with the acquisition and upgrade of the assisted living facility is twofold. First, the acquisition of a local assisted living facility by such a nationally recognized and respected organization as Walker Methodist is an important benefit to our own community and residents. And second, the City of Deephaven benefits financially from the issuance of the revenue bonds by receiving a one-time fee of approximately \$25,000 and annual fees of \$3,300 that are paid throughout the life of the bond payments.

Deephaven Days ...

On behalf of the City, we would like to thank the Park Committee, Darel & Cindy Gustafson and the many volunteers who made the first annual Deephaven Days such a smashing success!

We were amazed with the number of people, families and friends that participated in our celebration.

A total of 96 people took part in the triathlon and 367 friends and families enjoyed the picnic at Thorpe Park. We look forward to starting preparations for Deephaven Days II next year.

If anyone is interested in helping organize next year's event, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755.



Fire District Open House!

Excelsior Firefighters

Fire Prevention Open House

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
2005**

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM



Excelsior Fire District

Station #1

**24100 Smithtown
Road**

Shorewood, MN

The firefighters have settled in to their new fire station and are ready to host the biggest and best Fire Prevention Open House the community has ever seen! In the new station we have more space for more demonstrations and activities. Sparky and the firefighters will be ready to greet you and are available for hugs and pictures! There is lots to see and do, so come early & stay late.

There is on site parking and dinner will be provided. We have FREE hot dogs, popcorn, cookies and McDonalds orange drink. Cold Stone Creamery will be handing out ice cream while supplies last. Fix-it-Frank & O'Boy Foods will be selling mini doughnuts with all the profits going to the Fire Prevention Education Fund.

For more info & demonstration times call the Excelsior Fire District at 952-960-1698 or

kmurphyringate@excelsior.org

On a sad note —

Juliene Weidner, a longtime resident of the City of Deephaven, passed away August 22, 2005 from heart failure. She was 72 years old. She will be fondly remembered by many residents and by past and present employees as a Deephaven City Clerk for 30 years. She began answering phones from her home and soon after became the first City Clerk to office at City Hall assisting the public. She knew her job extremely well—always willing to learn more. She was a very caring, giving, hard working employee and for Juliene, the residents always came first. Juliene will be remembered with high regard and respect.

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 and bag your leaves. This service is free! The event is scheduled for



Saturday, October 29th. Minnetonka Community Education and Service (MCES) sponsors this free event. To register to have your yard raked please call Annalisa at 952-401-6828. To volunteer your time to rake someone's yard, please call Brian Crockett at 952-454-6800.

Park Improvements

Under the thoughtful direction of the Park Committee, there have been and will be a number of improvements to our parks this year, including:

- The replacement of the Westview tennis courts at Thorpe Park with a new basketball court. The old basketball court has been removed to allow additional space to conduct soccer practices.
- The ball field backstops at

Thorpe Park and Village Hall Park have been replaced with new, improved backstops.

- Sod will be installed around the fountain area at Children's Park in order to provide better control erosion.
- New boards will be installed & painted at the Platform Tennis Court near City Hall.
- The Shuck Park Tennis Court will be patched and color coated later this fall.

The Park Committee is currently putting together a list of improvements for 2006. If you have any thoughts or ideas on improvements or projects at our parks or beaches, please feel free to call City Hall at (952) 474-4755.



The Deephaven Park Committee will be sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE at the City Hall ice rink on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. to kick off the 2005-2006 ice skating season! Chili and "ice cold" beverages will be served. Please join us!

Thanks to the Garden Club!

The City of Deephaven is fortunate to have many talented and dedicated people that devote so much of their time and energy to making our City such a great place to live. One such dedicated group is the Cottagewood Garden Club. We cannot express how grateful we are for the beautiful gardens at Thorpe Park, Children's Park and City Hall that are planted and tended to by this outstanding group. We thank the Garden Club for yet another bountiful year!



Police Halloween Open House

The Police Department will host a Halloween Open House at City Hall. Wear your costume and come visit us on October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Single Sort Recycling Program

According to all reports, the Single Sort Recycling Program seems to be going very well. The biggest challenge to date appears to be remembering the recycling pickup date.

In early October, Waste Management will be sending each resident a survey requesting your feedback on the Single Sort Recycling Program.

We have asked Waste Management to send each resident an additional copy of the 2005-2006 pickup schedule with the survey. The results of the survey will be made available on the City's website shortly thereafter.

Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Autumn leaf pick-up for our residents is **November 19th.**



This is for curbside pick-ups only and will begin at 7:00 am.

No drop-offs 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.
- Bundles and bags cannot exceed 40 pounds.

Please do not rake leaves onto the street.

Fire Station News

We would like to thank the volunteer firefighters for helping us out at Deephaven Days. The firefighters brought over their water rescue boat to ensure the safety of the swimmers during the triathlon and provided a demonstration of some of their firefighting vehicles at Thorpe Park during the picnic. We thank each and every firefighter for showing a continued willingness to volunteer their time to their community! With the opening of the East Side Station last year in Deephaven, one of the

biggest challenges was finding sufficient recruits to man the station and giving the newer recruits the experience and training necessary to become skilled firefighters. With over a year in operation, the recruits at the East Side Station are gradually coming off of probationary status after obtaining the training and experience necessary to become full fledged firefighters. With this added experience, expectations have risen to the point where the Excelsior Fire Board and senior staff have adopted the response goal of a minimum of eight firefighters

responding to a call within 8 1/2 minutes. Adopting this goal has been particularly important to the communities served by the East Side Station. Average response times for calls out of this station have averaged 8.83 minutes and the goal of 8 firefighters in 8 1/2 minutes has been met 4 out of 7 times from January 2005 to July 2005. It is the expectation of the Excelsior Fire Board, Senior Department Staff and the firefighters themselves that response times will only continue to improve with experience.

Historical Fall Boat Tour!

October 9, 2005 at 3:30

The Deephaven Historical Society is sponsoring its annual Fall boat tour of Deephaven.

The Minnehaha will depart from the Bayside restaurant in Excelsior. There will be an historical presentation of sites in Deephaven & the surrounding areas that have been important in the areas history. Members meeting begins at 2:30 at the Bayside. Boat tour begins at 3:30. Tickets available at Bayside Restaurant at the time of departure.

\$8.00 for DHS Members & their guests. \$10.00 for General Public.

For more information, please go to website www.cityofdeephaven.org

Warming House Attendants Wanted!

If you are interested in working as an attendant at Thorpe Park or the City Hall warming house, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 or stop by City Hall for an application. You must be at least 16

16 years of age and be licensed to drive a car. Flexible hours are available after school, on weekends and over school winter break.

Ordinance Review

One of the Council's goals for 2005-06 was to review our City ordinances. The goal is to make sure that the provisions of the Ordinances are readable and clear for our residents, as well as up to date. The Nuisance and Zoning chapters have been of particular interest to residents and the Council. Council members Wheaton and Crockett volunteered to gather concerns and ideas from residents, City staff and Council Members. The process is ongoing, with several updates made last Spring to the Nuisance language and more are under consideration this Fall. The Council will then move on to the area of Zoning, through specific issues (e.g. lake yard setbacks for the Back Bay neighborhood) which have been the subject of ongoing discussion both at the Council and Planning Commission level. Please join our discussion at Council meetings and the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. The more input we get, the more likely we are to get a good result.

Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming houses will be open starting on Saturday, December 17th. The warming house hours for the 2005—2006 season are as follows:

Monday—Friday	4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon to 9:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF TOWN HALL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005 7:00 P.M., DEEPHAVEN CITY HALL

TOPICS : The Deephaven City Council would like to invite you to attend our October 17th Council meeting to give you the opportunity to provide your input on a variety of issues, including:

- **Public Nuisances (“Should recreational vehicles be allowed to be stored outside in residential areas?”)**
- **Cell Phone Towers (“How should towers be controlled and where should they be located?”)**
- **Power Outages (“Can outages be prevented and, if so, at what cost?”)**
- **Any other residential topics of interest**

The Mayor's Corner

So what's going on at Village Hall? Quite a bit. After a rousing success with the first ever Deephaven Days, things have begun to refocus on the mundane life of City Government. I say mundane because we are lucky not to be embroiled in the kind of dispute that our sister cities are having with their Police Service. We had an opportunity to raise havoc with the Fire Department, but we managed to deal with it on a mature level and make sufficient progress to avoid a nasty dispute. I don't know if we are lucky or good.

Currently, your Council is tackling the tough task of updating our City ordinances, ranging from nuisance laws to rezoning. As time passes, things change and it becomes necessary to take a fresh look at our laws. A tough task, but a very necessary one.

The issue of power outages is on the agenda. We are awaiting a report from Xcel

Energy that will provide us with estimates of how much it will cost to prevent a major power outage in Deephaven in the future. Preliminary reports are encouraging, but we'll have to wait for the final report. This may be a good topic for a future town meeting.

There are numerous individual resident issues like variance requests, barking dogs, and public works opportunities to improve our streets and roads. Also, the Cottagewood Garden Club who maintains the gardens so beautifully in Deephaven, needs occasional help with weeding. All of these issues are addressed at our regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings. Likewise the committees that serve the community so well deal with issues of planning, parks and boats on a monthly basis.

Overall, our Village is doing well; no need for an extraordinary tax increase, no crisis pending, no bickering among the elected officials. Life is good in Deephaven.

Best Wishes,
Mayor Tom L. Anderson

Snowmobile regulations

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 and school grounds, park property, playgrounds and recreational areas, except for areas authorized for such use by proper authority when traversing to or from approved snowmobile areas by the shortest legal route.
- Between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except to travel to a final destination without delay and
- On any street except when traveling to or from an approved area by the shortest legal route.

2006-2007 Dog Licenses now available

The license fee is \$20.00 per dog. This is a two year license. Licenses may be purchased at City Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. A certificate of current rabies vaccination is required. If you wish to purchase a dog license by mail:

- Complete & clip out the application below & send with your check made payable to "The City of Deephaven"
- Include a current rabies vaccination certificate.
- Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Dog License—2006/2007

City of Deephaven

Base Fee \$20.00

Total Paid _____

Received by _____

Tag # _____

Owners Name (Please Print)

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Dogs Name _____

Dogs Age _____

Breed _____

Color _____

Sex M____ N/M____ F____ SP/ FE____

Veterinarian _____

Rabies Vaccination Date _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature of Owner

