



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Parking Permits

Parking permits are being sent to all residential homes. These are exterior window stickers and they must be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle as far to the lower corner of the rear window as possible. The sticker allows you to park from May 1—October 1 in parking permit-only areas, including the City beaches. Please be aware that you would be subject to a parking ticket if you park your vehicle in permit-only areas without a current sticker. If you rent your home, please contact City Hall for instruction on how to obtain a permit.

Property Tax Statements Mailed

Property Valuation Notices are mailed to residents of Hennepin County the early part of March. Property values are based upon real estate sales of comparable homes in the area. Adjustments are also made for home improvements, additions and remodeling.

Questions about your property value? Residents who have questions regarding their property valuation notice should contact City Assessor Dan Distel at 952-474-4755. If you are not satisfied after discussing your valuation with your assessor, you may appeal your valuation at the Local Board of Review, which is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall.

Arbor Day Celebration, April 30th

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 30th as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to come join us in the celebration of Arbor Day. This year's event will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Thorpe Park next to the new basketball courts along Westview Drive. Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony. Please come join us at this community event!



2006 Deephaven Days ! Saturday , August 12



Registration for the triathlon is now open for the 2nd annual Deephaven Days Triathlon. Swim, bike and run with your neighbors and join the fun at Thorpe Park for a community picnic immediately following the race. Last year we had 100 participants and this year we expect to top 200. We have added more age and family categories along with an alternative "longer" bike route. The picnic features great food, live music and games for the kids and was enjoyed by over 350 residents last year. If you would be more in volunteering your time rather than participating in the event, the Deephaven Days Committee could sure use volunteers to help with the triathlon, games and food preparation. The first 25 participants and volunteers to sign up will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Details on the event are available on the city website: www.cityofdeephaven.org



2006 Boating Season

With the kickoff of the boating season on April 1st, we would like to remind permit holders of the following terms:



- All watercraft must be at their assigned space **on or before June 15, 2006**.
- Your mooring space **must be used a minimum of 90 days** during the season, which is defined as:
 - Docks, Buoys and Shorespace - April 1—November 1
 - Slides and Canoe Racks - April 1—November 15
- **Subletting**—A permit holder can no longer waive the right to his or her permit for one boating season by having the City sublease your space. However, a person entitled to a new permit may waive the right to that permit within seven days of notification by providing written notice to the City. The person who waives the right to the permit will retain their priority on the waiting list until entitled to a new permit. Any person waiving the right to a new permit a second time will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list for that type of space.
- **Inactive Status**—Class A Permit holders are eligible for inactive status after one boating season to allow another individual on the waiting list the opportunity to obtain a Class A Permit. Applications for inactive status must be submitted to the City on or before April 1st. An individual can remain on inactive status for a maximum period of five consecutive boating seasons.
- **Joint Leasing**—Residents who have obtained a permit for a dock, shorespace, buoy or slide are permitted to joint lease their space during the boating season to any Deephaven resident who is currently on the waiting list for that same class permit and who does not already have another type of mooring space. Residents that currently have a mooring space are not eligible to joint lease a second mooring space for themselves. The joint leasing of a mooring space is limited to no more than four individuals per boating season. The original permit holder is required to moor his or her boat at the assigned watercraft space for a minimum of 60 days and is responsible for establishing the schedule of use for each lessor.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Building Permits

It's Spring Time! The time of year to start all those maintenance projects you need done on your home. This is just a reminder that a building permit may be necessary for your repairs, remodeling, or additions. Common projects requiring a building permit include re-roofing, re-siding, decks or additions. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about permit requirements.

Permit Facts:

Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
1997	585	\$10,164,000
1998	627	\$8,974,669
1999	698	\$11,128,035
2000	593	\$8,739,501
2001	669	\$14,067,249
2002	649	\$15,889,262
2003	605	\$13,353,874
2004	560	\$10,975,766
2005	534	\$9,384,029

Licenses Required for Certain Contractors



The City of Deephaven requires plumbers, gas fitters, electricians, tree trimmers and building contractors **to be currently licensed by the City of Deephaven** before they are able to work in the City. The City requires these contractors to be licensed for the following reasons. First, the licensing process ensures that gas fitters, electricians and building contractors are currently licensed through the State of Minnesota, which provides some assurance that these contractors are qualified professionals and are more likely to provide higher quality work. And second, licensing also requires these contractors to provide certificates of insurance demonstrating that they have proper insurance coverage in the event of an accident or some other unforeseen occurrence.

Prior to hiring a contractor to perform work in your house or property, please contact City Hall to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

Curb your Canine!



MUTT MITTS are available in our parks and our trails for your use to clean up after your dogs! Keep a few extra tied to your leash so you're prepared for the inevitable. Be a responsible pet owner and help keep our parks clean for others to use! And please remember, City Ordinance requires your dog to be leashed or at your heel under your command at all times when off of your property.



CATS ON THE PROWL!

Speaking of pets, while cats are not required to be leashed or licensed in Deephaven, be a good neighbor and keep an eye on your cat and on their adventurous activities. Your neighbor may not be very appreciative of your cat rummaging around their garden or leaving droppings on their lawn.



Just a Reminder....

As the snow begins to melt and the leaves left behind from the fall begin to show, **please do not rake the leaves into the street.** It creates hazardous driving conditions. Please keep the streets safe and clean for everyone!

Take advantage of the pick-up service provided by Waste Management during the Annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday April 29th. Additional information regarding the Spring Cleanup Day will be included in the letter containing your parking permits which will be mailed to you around April 15th.



Road Restrictions

Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from March 1st through April 30th. The City strongly enforces weight restrictions to prevent damage to streets. Most damage to roads occurs during the Spring months, as the frost leaves the ground. The only vehicles excluded from this requirement are school buses, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles.

All roads leading to neighborhoods are posted with the allowable axle weight rating. Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the weight restrictions in their area. This is especially important when contracting with moving vans, delivery trucks or construction vehicles. For questions regarding these restrictions, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.



Street Repairs for 2006

If it's summer, it must be construction season! The City intends to seal coat approximately 124,000 square yards of city streets at an estimated cost of \$75,000 for 2006. The portions of the City that are scheduled for seal coating later this summer may include all or portions of the following streets:



- Bayview Court	- Easton Lane	- Linwood Lane
- Carole Lane	- Fairhomes Lane	- Linwood Road
- Carsonwood Road	- Fairhomes Road	- Maple Chase
- Chowen's Park Lot	- Hillcrest Court	- Minnetonka Blvd
- Circle Drive	- Hillcrest Lane	- Monaltrie Avenue
- City Hall Parking Lot	- Hillcrest Road	- Northome Road
- Cottagewood Road	- Hillcrest Way	- Park Avenue
- Cottonwood Lane	- Hillside Street	- Rosedale Avenue
- Day Lane	- Hooper Lake Road	- Vine Street
- Deephaven Avenue	- Lake Avenue	- Woodhaven Place
- Dyer Lane	- Linwood Circle	

Spring Cleanup Day—Saturday, April 29th

Mark your calendar for this annual event. More detailed information is being sent to all residential homes with your permit parking sticker. If you rent a home, contact City Hall to obtain a flyer.

Additional Cleanup Services & Dates are listed below:

- ◆ **Monday, May 1st, Major Curbside appliance pickup service will be held .** Please call JR'S at 651-454-9215 for cost and to arrange a pickup for your address.
- ◆ **May 18-20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Household hazardous waste disposal will be held at the Minnetonka Public Works Shop.** For more information you can call 612-348-3777.
- ◆ **Recycling Computer Equipment**—Call Electronic Recovery Inc. at 612-338-2466. They will take computer equipment at \$0.25 per pound.



The South Lake—Excelsior Chamber of Commerce

Fourth of July 2006—The South Lake—Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their 2006 Fourth of July Celebration.

They are seeking donations for the annual fireworks display on Excelsior Bay. Any size donation is appreciated and can be sent to:

South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 32, Excelsior, MN. 55331.



Please make your check payable to the South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and make a notation "4th of July 2006" in the memo portion of your check.

Southshore Community & Senior Center - A Great Facility in your Community

RENTAL INFORMATION —There is a special place, located in a lovely, quiet spot that is available for you to rent. The Center is located at 5735 Country Club Road in Shorewood. It's an ideal space for Family Gatherings, Graduation Parties, Bridal or Baby Showers, Birthday Parties, Business Meetings or any event where people gather together. The rental fees are very reasonable and rooms can accommodate from 35 to 200 people. Call Jo Ann at 952-541-1019.

CENTER INFORMATION —The Center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Noon meals are served at the Center on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. For information on programs, transportation and senior activities call 952-474-7635.



ATTIC SALE!

Southshore Center, **APRIL 6-8**
This is their 7th Annual Attic Sale!

Donations for the sale are accepted at the Center. Items needed include antiques, vintage clothing, collectibles, books, quality household items and jewelry.

April 6 5:30pm—8:00pm Advance Preview Sale,
\$5.00 Per Adult

April 7 9:00am - 4:00pm FREE ADMISSION.

April 8 9:00am—1:00pm Half Price Sale FREE ADMISSION
Noon—1:00 pm. Bag Sale FREE ADMISSION.

Please call 952-474-7635 for additional information.

Proceeds benefit the Southshore Center.

MEALS ON WHEELS—SOUTH SHORE

If you or someone you know cannot make nutritious meals on a regular basis, Meals on Wheels-South Shore has volunteer drivers who deliver hot meals five days a week (M-F) over the lunch hour in the Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Minnetonka, Shorewood, Tonka Bay and Woodland areas. Please call 952-474-5227 for more information.



SOUTHSHORE DIAL-A-RIDE is a transportation service offered in our City. It is a 16 passenger, lift equipped vehicle that provides pick up at your door for shopping, medical appointments, Southshore Center activities or other errands. The suggested trip fare for the General Public is \$1.50 each way. For Seniors, the suggested donation is \$1.00 each way. Service hours are Monday through Fridays: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. / Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to Noon. For more information, call Dial-A-Ride at 952-474-7441.



COME JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN!



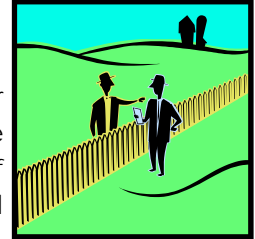
The **Excelsior Firefighter's Relief Association Annual Dance** is scheduled for Friday, July 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The band **White Sidewalls Rock 'n Roll Review** will be performing. Please call 952-960-9600 for more information.

COTTAGEWOOD STORE—SPRING OPENING



Bring your friends, family and join your neighbors to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Cottagewood General Store. Meet the new staff and purchase the limited edition Deephaven and Cottagewood hats, t-shirts, mugs and more! The coffee will be ready, ice cream and cold pop waiting in the cooler with plenty of candy and sweets for everyone to enjoy. Check their website for the to-be-decided date of their spring opening or call 952-470-8400. www.cottagewoodusa.com

NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS



Whether a neighbor has let out their barking dog in the early morning, or keeps an unsightly yard, it is these types of issues that seem to drive a wedge between otherwise friendly people. City Staff often deals with two types of neighbor to neighbor complaints—those that relate to safety and health, and those that relate to individual taste and preference. Deephaven has ordinances to protect overall community safety and health, covering such issues as noise, weeds, junk storage, etc. However, when it comes to matters of taste or preference, neighbors sometimes have to just work through the problem together. Either way, if you have a problem with something your neighbor is or is not doing, there are neighborly ways to resolve it.

Be Understanding. It helps to forge good relations with neighbors before problems arise. Get to know your neighbors. If one of your neighbors has difficulty with certain tasks because of age or a disability, offer help, resources and assistance.

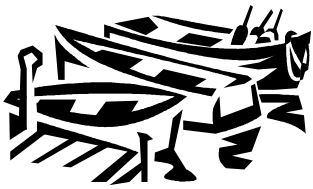
Do not be so quick to judge your neighbors' faults that you forget to examine your own. You may have habits that irritate them. Walk around your house, garage or shed—look at them from an outsiders' perspective. You may discover unsightly items in your own yard.

Deal with the Problem. First, do a little research. You may discover what bugs you about your neighbors' property is a violation of an ordinance. Remember that most people do not purposely annoy their neighbors. When approaching a neighbor about a complaint, speak calmly and stick to the facts. Avoid making offensive, personal comments. Give reasons why the behavior may not be in the best interest of the neighborhood. Offer a solution. If you are not able to reach an agreement, inform the City of your complaint. If your neighbor approaches you with a legitimate complaint—listen and be open to their concerns.

Hydrant Flushing Scheduled

The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines, along Minnetonka Blvd. and along Ridgewood Road the week of May 8th in order to help clear the water lines. During the flushing period, it's normal to experience some discolored water. The water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by simply running the cold water from your faucet. If you are experiencing problems, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.





Several years ago, because the demand for dock slips in Deephaven had risen to over 550 applicants for the 80 available slips, the Deephaven City Council instructed the Boat Committee to develop a dock configuration that could provide the City with more slips. That effort resulted in a plan for a large dock system in the area where the Shore Spaces currently exist in St. Louis Bay. The plan was not well received by most citizens who offered their input and was abandoned.

However, the Council heard many ideas they felt were worth exploring and asked the Boat Committee to research a Comprehensive Marina Plan for both St. Louis Bay and Carson’s Bay that would achieve the following goals:

1. Establish a more appropriate mix of dock slips vs. slides.
2. Explore the possibility of adjusting docks & slides to accommodate:
 - ◆ An expansion of Deephaven Beach
 - ◆ An increased swimming area
 - ◆ A boardwalk for strolling, sitting and viewing the lake
3. Examine the possibility of permitting larger boats on the slides.
4. Do not increase the overall number of boat storage units on the Bays.

The Boat Committee presented their preliminary dock plans for Council review on February 21, 2006 at a Council Work Session. The plans generally met the Council’s objectives although there will likely be ongoing changes in both the design and location of the docks and slides in St. Louis Bay and Carson’s Bay.

While the plans continue to undergo various alterations, the City Council has asked Boat Committee representatives to meet with representatives of the Lake Minnetonka Conservative District (LMCD) to obtain their feedback and impressions on the proposed design. One concern of the Council is the issue of restoration versus reconfiguration and reconstruction. Depending on the answer to these questions, further alterations on the Comprehensive Marina Plan may be needed or the plans may even have to be discarded entirely.

After the next round of alterations and the comments from the LMCD members are integrated into the dock plans, a Town Hall meeting will be held to receive public comments on the plan. We have included on the City web site photographs of the preliminary dock plans, beach improvements, enlarged swimming area and boardwalk concept for your review, as well as the PowerPoint presentation that was made by the Boat Committee to the City Council.

We will also make future copies of the plans available for your review if any further alterations are made.

2ND ANNUAL YOUTH TRIATHLON ! SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006 , 8:30 A.M.




Minnetonka Community Education will crown both a boy and a girl champion from each grade category listed below . Swim, bike, run—and lots of fun!



The event originates from Minnetonka Middle School East (MME). Each participant will receive a T-shirt and treats during the event. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each category! You must supply your own bike, helmet and swimming attire. Fee is \$35.00.

Please call 952-401-6801 for further information and to request a registration form. Deadline to register is April 28th. (Late registration allowed with \$10 late fee, if space permits.) Please send your check & form to: Minnetonka Community Education Youth Triathlon, DEC, 4584 Vine Hill Rd, Deephaven, MN. 55331 .

Distances	Grade	Swim	Bike	Run
	3 & 4	50 yard	1 mile	1/2 mile
	5 & 6	75 yard	2 mile	1 mile
	7 & 8	100 yard	2 mile	1 mile



Mayors Corner

It's that time of year when we begin to see the emergence of Spring Time. Snow melts, buds appear on the trees, and my wife tells me to clean out the garage. It is the end of a long winter and we all begin to plan the fun activities that our State has to offer. Your Village is also in the spring mode. Public works will begin to sweep up all of last winters sand and gravel. New pilings will be put in the lake where the winter took its toll. And in general, Village Hall will get spruced up as the Villagers pop in and out of the office in search of those elusive extra parking stickers. It is indeed a great time of year, like a bear coming out of hibernation.

I will miss this right of passage in the future as I have chosen to make this current year my last as a public servant in the Village of Deephaven. When I first sought public office almost six years ago, I believed as I still do, that people elected to serve should not view it as a career; term limits have always made sense to me. The longer one serves the less they see and hear. It's time for new people with good ideas to commit their time to public service.

We are fortunate to have great talent within our community. Those who have served and those who will serve can provide the voters of Deephaven with the best choices for the future of our Village. I would encourage anyone who has interest to spend the next few months researching the joy of public service. Hopefully, some of you will take the challenge and put your name in the hat. One of my many positive memories of service has been the campaign. Having others compete for office makes each candidate better and that makes the Village a better place to live. I am looking forward to my time at Council meetings where I get my three minutes of glory during the open microphone portions of the agenda. I am available to anyone who may have questions about public service.

Sincerely,

Tom L. Anderson

Your City Council:

Mayor Tom Anderson,

Councilmembers: Paul Skrede, Kim Crockett, John Wheaton and Keith Kask.

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

Virgil Gustafson, Police Chief

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor

The Deephaven City Council normally meet 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 Wednesday of each month. And 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