



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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2007 City Budget

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2007 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 7th in the amount of \$1,759,617, which represents a 7.0% levy increase over 2006. The public is invited to comment on the 2007 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 4th 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 2007 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2007 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,333,403 and consist of eight major budget categories:

| Category | 2007 Budget | % of Revenues |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Taxes | \$1,634,944 | 70.0% |
| Licenses & Permits | 179,850 | 7.7% |
| Intergovernmental | 73,823 | 3.2% |
| Charges for Services | 307,354 | 13.2% |
| Fines & Forfeits | 38,000 | 1.6% |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 16,291 | 0.7% |
| Interest Income | 65,000 | 2.8% |
| Transfers from Other Funds | 18,141 | 0.8% |
| Total Revenues | \$2,333,403 | 100.0% |

2007 Revenue Highlights –

- 2007 General Fund Revenues increased \$116,236 or 5.2% over 2006 General Fund Revenues.
- Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood combine to equal 11.0% of 2007 General Fund Revenues.
- The most significant concern regarding 2007 General Fund Revenues has been the gradual leveling of General Fund Revenues.

General Fund Expenditures – Total 2007 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,305,403 and consist of eleven major departments:

| Department | 2007 Budget | % of Expenses |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| General Gov't / Elections | 167,616 | 7.3% |
| Administration | 259,454 | 11.2% |
| City Hall Buildings | 40,000 | 1.7% |
| Zoning & Building Inspections | 192,608 | 8.4% |
| Streets & Roads | 79,800 | 3.5% |
| Public Works | 370,328 | 16.1% |
| Parks & Recreation | 62,370 | 2.7% |
| Police | 677,390 | 29.4% |
| Fire Services | 377,294 | 16.4% |
| Emergency Management | 60,593 | 2.6% |
| Animal Management / Recycling | 17,950 | 0.7% |
| Total Expenditures | 2,305,403 | 100.0% |

2007 Expenditure Highlights –

- ◆ Total 2007 General Fund Expenditures increased \$112,192 or 5.1% over 2006 General Fund Expenditures.
- ◆ The increase in 2006 expenditures is due primarily to salary & benefit increases, an increase in fire services, insurance costs, gasoline costs, and building inspection contract services.

Capital Improvement Fund – The Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) is a critical fund that finances the replacement of all street, police and park vehicles and equipment and all street improvement projects. The CIF 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 monthly 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 – funds that are used to support street improvement projects, and the replacement of aged vehicles and equipment.

2007 Property Taxes – The property tax levy totals \$1,759,617 in 2007. This represents an \$115,115 or 7.0% increase over the 2006 property tax levy. Despite this increase, the 2007 tax capacity rate is expected to be less than the 2006 property tax rate – 15.935% in 2007 versus 16.868% in 2006. Will this lower tax rate in 2007 result in lower city property taxes next year?

If the estimated market value of your home in 2007 is at or less than \$470,500, which is the median estimated market value of homes in Deephaven in 2007, the city portion of your property taxes will be less next year. If the estimated market value of your home in 2007 is greater than \$470,500, 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.



Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is **November 11th**.

This is for curbside pick-ups only and will begin at 7:00 a.m. Please do not drop off any yard waste at City Hall!

Please observe these requirements:

- ◆ Brush must be cut and bundled with string; branches cannot exceed four feet in length or four inches in diameter.
- ◆ Leaves and yard waste must be bagged.
- ◆ Bundles and bags cannot exceed 40 pounds.
- ◆ **Please do not rake leaves into the street.**



Public Meeting on the Redesigned Dock Plans for St. Louis Bay

The Deeplaven Boat Committee completed their proposed plan for the reconfiguration of the St. Louis Bay Marina and presented the plan for Council review on September 18th.

The Deeplaven City Council will hold a **public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2006 at Deeplaven City Hall** to present the plan to the public and to solicit public comment. The basic elements of the plan include the following.

- ◆ Improvements to the shoreline aesthetics and sight lines into the Bay by:
 - Eliminating the Shore Space docks.
 - Improving the look of the breakwater structure by installing a swimming platform.
 - Creating a boardwalk where the Shore Space docks currently sit.
- ◆ The proposed dock plan would accommodate 22 additional slips by simply extending the existing docks further south.
- ◆ No additional Boat Storage Units would be requested from the LMCD.
- ◆ Shore Space permit holders would be accommodated on the new dock slips.
- ◆ Compliance with all existing LMCD setbacks and the proposed plan would not require any additional variances from the LMCD.
- ◆ The overall number of dock slips increase from 40 to 62 slips, the number of buoys remain the same, slides decrease from 78 to 68 and shore spaces are eliminated. There is an overall decrease of one BSU in the proposed dock plan.
- ◆ 20 slide spaces would be designated as B1 Slides for larger & wider boats. B1 slides would require a winch system, allow for boats up to 17' in length & 7' in width and would cost 50% more than the standard slide to lease.
- ◆ 48 slide spaces would be designated as B2 Slides for regular boats. B2 slides would not require a winch system and allow for boats up to 16' in length & 5'4" in width.
- ◆ Buoy permit holders would not be eligible to lease a B1 slide.

Increases in Mooring Rental Fees for 2007

On September 18th, the City Council approved the following increases in mooring rental fees for 2007. The fees increases are as follows:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Docks | \$500 | \$750 |
| Buoys | \$350 | \$450 |
| Shore Space | \$30/ft | \$48/ft |
| Slides | \$150 | \$175 |
| Canoe Racks | \$100 | \$100 |

The rate increases are due to the need for additional revenues to support the increasing costs of salary, benefits, and facility maintenance within the marina fund.



Deephaven Days

On behalf of the City, we would like to thank the Park Committee, Darel & Cindy Gustafson, Paula Winter, Bill Robinson, Paul Skrede and the many volunteers who made the second 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 111 people took part in the triathlon and about 350 friends and families enjoyed the picnic lunch at Thorpe Park. We look forward to starting preparations for Deephaven Days III next year!

We would also like to thank the following list of companies that made so many generous donations to our event:

Cottagewood Store - Grills / Information Booth

Premium Waters - Bottled Water

Great Harvest Bread Co. - Rolls & Cookies

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

Primary Election

The Primary Election was held on September 12th and 633 Deephaven residents turned out to vote at our two precincts. This represents a voter turnout of 23.6%.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Election Judges, who serve so tirelessly on election day both at the Primary Election and the upcoming General Election. Without their help, conducting elections would not be possible.

Precinct 1

Kitty Zimba, Head Judge
Connie Gerlicher
Susan Batchelder
Micki Flatten
Minnie Beaverson
Norm Midthun
Nancy Perry
Karen Schmeisser
John Dupont
Susan Jerutis

Precinct 2

Sheila Laughlin, Head Judge
Barb Sikorski
Mary Lou Bennis
Shelly Duoos
Vicki Narveson
Kay Parkhurst
Donna Sheehan
Judy Davidson
Lynn Stetler
William Beim, Jr.

We also would like to thank St. Therese Church for the use of their Community Room during the Primary Election and upcoming General Election!

Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission Representative

The City of Deephaven is seeking a volunteer who is interested in serving as Deephaven's representative to the LMCC. The LMCC is a Joint Powers Organization that is comprised of 17 member cities including Deephaven. The LMCC oversees the operations of the cable TV franchise and also provides their own public access programming and operations. The LMCC Executive Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month in their studio in Spring Park.

If you think you might be interested in this position , please contact Dana Young at (952) 474-4755.

General Election—November 7th!

Elections for local, state and federal offices will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. Precinct One residents vote at City Hall and Precinct Two residents vote at the St. Therese Community Room. The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats are open this year.

The candidates for these offices are as follows:

Mayor Paul Skrede **City Council** Kim Crockett
Steve Adams

The League of Women Voters of South Tonka is sponsoring a “Meet the Candidates Night” on Monday, October 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Deephaven City Hall Council Chambers. Written questions are requested from the audience to be addressed by the candidates.

The South Lake Excelsior Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring “Mayor Candidates Forum” on Thursday, October 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Southshore Community Center, 5735 Country Club Rd., Shorewood, MN.. 55331 952-474-7635.

Residents may vote absentee

If you are not able to vote in person on Election Day, you may vote by absentee ballot.

Ballots are available beginning October 6th at City Hall. In addition to the regular City Hall hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, you may also vote absentee on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 if you have any questions.

Park Improvements



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

- * Resurfacing of the Thorpe tennis courts.
- * Resurfacing of the Village Hall tennis courts.
- * Installation of a tennis backboard at Village Hall tennis courts.
- * New swimming docks at Sandy Beach and Robinson’s Bay Beach.

The Park Committee is currently putting together a list of improvements for 2007. If you have any thoughts or ideas on improvements for our parks or beaches, please feel free to call City Hall at (952) 474-4755.

Rake-A-Thon—October 28th



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 your lawn and bag your leaves.

This service is sponsored by Minnetonka Community Education and is **FREE!**

The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th.

To register to have your yard raked, please call Nicole at 952- 401-6828.

To volunteer your time to rake someone’s yard, please call Nicole at 952-401-6828.



ICE RINK OPEN HOUSE! Saturday, January 6, 11:00 AM



The Deephaven Park Committee will be sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE at the City Hall ice rink on Saturday, January 6th at 11:00 a.m. to kick off the 2006-2007 ice skating season!

Chili and "ice cold" beverages will be served. Please join us for a few hours of food & fun!

Warming House Hours

Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming house will be open starting on Saturday, December 16th. The warming house hours for the 2006-2007 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. |

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



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 like to walk or jog. The other half will be left unplowed for cross county skiers.

Snowmobile Regulations

City Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles under any of the following 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 property, park property, playgrounds and recreational areas, except for areas authorized for such use by proper authority when traveling to or from approved snowmobile routes.



Excelsior Firefighters Fire Prevention Open House—October 12, 2006, 6 –8:30 PM

Activities & Displays! Packed with Live Demonstrations!



This year's focus will be to teach people to avoid stirring up trouble in the kitchen and giving them the recipe they need to prevent fires and survive them if one should occur in their home.

Ride a fire truck! Tour ambulances & a genuine rescue boat!

On-site parking. Free hot dogs, popcorn, cookies, coffee and orange drink! Also—Free ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery (while supplies last).

Excelsior Fire District Station #1, 24100 Smithtown Road, Shorewood.

For more information & demonstration times please call the Excelsior Fire District Information Line at 952-960-1698 or e-mail Kelly Murphy at kmurphyringate@excelsior.org

Snowplows are coming!



We hate to admit it but winter is coming and we want to give you some useful information that will help us clear snow from your streets and make winter driving safer.

- ◆ Please **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 fallen or is falling, please move your vehicle. The police are authorized to tow vehicles parked in violation of this regulation.
- ◆ Allow plenty of **space between your vehicle and the snowplow**. Snow dust from a snowplow can obstruct your vision while driving, creating hazardous conditions.
- ◆ If you have experienced yard damage from a snowplow in the past, please **install stakes just off the road every 20-25 feet to mark its edge**.
- ◆ **Please do not allow your children or other children to play in snow banks near the street.**
- ◆ Lower your driving speed and **PLEASE BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS** during unexpected winter conditions.



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 obviously not a "fun" job so take the time to occasionally thank your neighbors for their time and effort to maintain the public sidewalk during our unimaginably long winters.

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 dedicated group of volunteers.

We thank the Garden Club for yet another beautiful year!



Deer Management Program

The Deephaven City Council will be discussing plans for the 2007 Deer Management Program on **Monday, October 2nd**.

In 2006, the Department of Natural Resources granted the City permission to remove 40 deer, 34 of which were actually trapped and removed.

Judging by the comments that we continue to receive from citizens, it is safe to say that there still appears to be an abundance of deer throughout certain sections of the city.

Discussion on October 2nd will include the amount of deer that the DNR will permit to be removed in 2007, continuation of the trapping program and or alternative methods of deer management.

Calling all Ghosts & Goblins!

Halloween Open House!



The Deephaven Police Department will host a Halloween Open House at City Hall on **October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Wear your costume and come join us for games and treats!



Bench Dedication in Memory of Gary Penke—Saturday, November 4, 10 AM

In memory of Gary Penke — Monroe Scottie Rescue, Aunt Stella and Heidi Penke invite you to attend the dedication of a granite bench. The bench is located just north of the pavilion at Thorpe Park. The dedication will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2006. We hope to see you there!

City Hall hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Your City Council:

Mayor Tom Anderson, Council members: 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. 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

