



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Parking Permits

Parking permit stickers are being sent to all residential homes in Deephaven. 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 all City beaches. Please be aware that you will 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 about how to obtain a permit.

Board of Review Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

As you review your property tax statements that you likely have already received in the mail from Hennepin County, please note that your property tax is determined by three factors: the amount of money spent by local taxing jurisdictions, the taxable market value of your property and your property classification.

The City Assessor's job is to estimate, as accurately as possible, the market value of your property. Market value is defined as the most probable price that a well informed buyer would pay a seller without either party being unduly forced to buy or sell. The best indicator of market value is market activity. The best evidence of market values is sale price—the sale price of the subject property or of similar properties.

The burden of proving that the assessment on the property is excessive is upon the taxpayer.

The Deephaven Board of Review will address objections to your property classification and/or the market value of your property on Monday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m at Deephaven City Hall.

The Board's powers are limited to correcting the property classification and/or the market value.

Steps to Appeal Your Property Value :

What should you do if you believe your property's estimated market value is higher than what you feel your property would likely sell for?

Step 1 You should first collect information about similar properties that have recently sold. If this information indicates that your value is incorrect, you should contact the City Assessor, Dan Distel at City Hall 952-474-4755 or at his Home Office 952-361-0566 to discuss this information.

Step 2 If, after discussing this information with the assessor, you still feel you have good comparable sales and information to support an appeal, you should attend the Board of Review meeting on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. The owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the market value determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable.

2007 Boating Season



With the kickoff of the Boating Season on April 1st, we would like to remind permit holders of the following items:

- * **All watercraft must be at their assigned space on or before June 15, 2007.**
- * **Your mooring space must be used a minimum of 90 days during the season, which is defined as:**

Docks, Buoys and Shorespace - April 1 – Nov 1
Slides and Canoe Racks - April 1 – Nov 15

- * **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. Residents that currently hold a permit for a Class A resource are not eligible to joint-lease a second Class A permit. The joint-leasing of a 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!

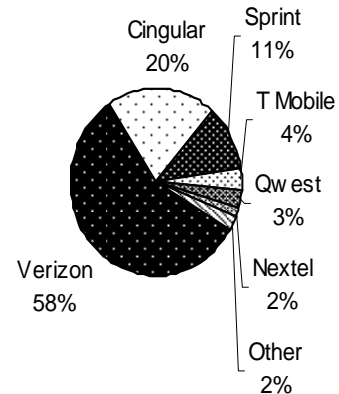
Cellular Phone Survey

We would like to thank everyone for responding to the Cellular Phone Survey in our last newsletter. A total of 153 residents responded to the survey, which represents 11.1% of the total number of households in Deephaven.

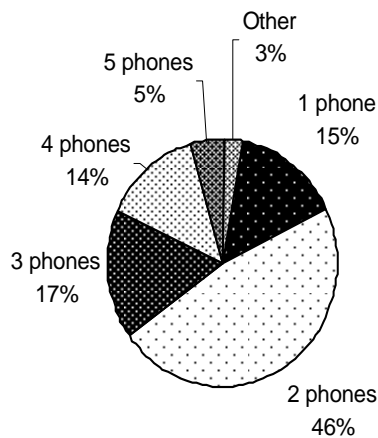
We thank you for this exceptionally high response rate!

The results of the survey are as follows:

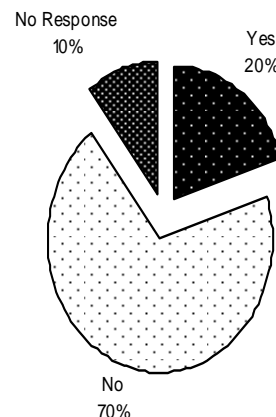
Question No. 2: Cellular Phone Provider



Question No. 1: Number of Phones in Household



Question No. 3 : Would you consider switching to a different company on the T Mobile Tower?



Building Permits

It's Spring Time! The time of year to start all those maintenance projects which need to be 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 applications are available at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Building 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
2006	622	\$14,337,775

Licenses Required for Certain Contractors

The City of Deephaven requires plumbers, gas fitters, tree trimmers and sewer 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 several 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 requires 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 or go to the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

Street Repairs for 2007

Apart from some minor seal coating on Manor Road, 2007 promises to be a fairly quiet year for road construction in Deephaven. The only work scheduled this year will be some minor repair work on Northome Bridge, Carson's Bay Bridge and Vine Hill Bridge. None of this repair work is expected to affect or interfere with traffic.



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.



Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 5th

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.



- * **Curbside Yard, Shrub & Tree Waste Pickup service will be held at 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 5th.**
- * Major curbside **Appliance Pickup** service will be held on Monday, May 7th. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 for cost and pickup information.
- * Household **Hazardous Waste Disposal** will be held at the Minnetonka Public Works Shop, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard, on May 17-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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.
- * **Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday, May 5th from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Fees will be charged depending on the item.**

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 April 30th** 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 952-474-4775.

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, May 5th.

Additional information on the Spring Cleanup Day will be included in the letter containing your parking permits that will be mailed to you around April 15th.

Arbor Day Celebration, Sunday, April 29, 2007

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 29th** as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to join us in our annual celebration of Arbor Day. This year's event will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Cottagewood Children's Park. Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony. Please come join us in this annual celebration!



CURB YOUR CANINE! MUTT MITTS are available in our parks and trails for your use to clean up after your dog! 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 enjoy! And please remember, City Ordinances require 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 their "special" droppings on their lawn.



The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2007



The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2007 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 2007" in the memo portion of your check.

Stormwater Runoff – Keeping our lakes clean

Rainwater runoff can be a major source of pollutants. The problem with stormwater runoff is that we do not always see its effect. Although the impact is easy to see on bare, exposed soil, it is less visible on a well-maintained lawn. And yet lawn runoff can be a major source of pollutants to a lake. How can that be? Nonpoint source pollution, as it is called, is an accumulation of many individual sources of pollution on a site: soil particles, pet wastes, oil, dissolved metals, pesticides, excess fertilizer and herbicides. Everything in that lawn, as well as on the streets and driveways, is carried by stormwater runoff.



Turf is not a good filter for stormwater runoff. Grass roots are shallower than the roots of native vegetation. The deeper roots of native vegetation help to hold soil particles in place and enhance aeration and infiltration.

Runoff often contains phosphorous, a plant nutrient, which can increase algae growth, and in turn lower water clarity. Just 2 pounds of phosphorus can produce 100 pounds of algae. And although runoff from lawn-to-lake lakeshore sites varies considerably, on average a lawn-to-lake lot produces 2 pounds of phosphorous per summer compared to 0.03 pound per summer for a natural shoreland lot.

Minnesota soils are often phosphorus rich, so even an unfertilized lakeshore lawn allows seven to nine times more phosphorus to enter a lake than a naturally vegetated shoreline.

Shoreline buffers can help minimize impacts associated with the lawn-to-lake style. These corridors of natural vegetation along rivers and lakes help protect water quality. A shoreline buffer of natural vegetation traps, filters, and impedes runoff. Buffers stabilize banks of lakes and rivers, offer scenic screening of shoreland development, reduce erosion, and control sedimentation.

Here are some ways we can all make a difference at home, at the cabin or if we own a business:

Simple changes make big differences -

- * Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- * Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush in down the toilet.
- * A simple start to managing rainwater is to redirect gutter downspouts that run onto impervious surfaces, such as driveways, patios and sidewalks so they run onto vegetated areas where they can safely soak in.



Wider Slides Now Available at St. Louis Bay



The City is pleased to announce that 20 slide spaces in St. Louis Bay will be available this boating season to accommodate longer and wider boats. The bigger slides – called B1 Slides – allows for boats up to a length of 17'6", and a width of 7 feet. The Permit Fee for the B1 Slide is \$262.50. At this time, winch systems will not be required on B1 Slides; however, any systems installed by the slide holder must be of a suitable or commercial quality and designed to support the weight stored upon it.

Because shorespace is so limited on St. Louis Bay, these 20 larger B1 Slides can be made available only by converting 30 current smaller slides into larger slides, resulting in the net loss of ten slide spaces in St. Louis Bay. There are several reasons why the City is providing these wider slides, despite the ultimate loss of ten slide spaces in St. Louis Bay. First, our residents are telling us that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find smaller boats that are able to meet the 5'4" maximum width requirements on our current slides. Second, smaller fishing boats are becoming less popular due to the proliferation of larger boats and larger wakes on Lake Minnetonka. Third, there has been less demand for slide spaces the last few years such that we typically have to go 70 or more people deep into the slide waiting list to fill an opening. And finally, overcrowding is already becoming an issue on the slides, as there are a growing number of boats on our slides that already exceed the 5'4" maximum width requirement.

The single most difficult issue regarding the availability of these 20 new slide spaces was deciding who should be given the opportunity to use the slides for the 2007 Boating Season. After a good deal of debate by the City Council, it was ultimately decided to give the first opportunity to those slide holders who had a boat in excess of the 5'4" width requirement prior to the adoption of the width standard in May 2004. Any remaining B1 Slide spaces will be filled by a second group of slide permit holders who obtained a slide after the adoption of the slide width ordinance in May 2004. It was further decided that any additional boats with a width in excess of 5'4" that cannot be accommodated by the current supply of B1 Slides would have the opportunity to apply for a Wide Boat Permit from the City for the 2007 Boating Season. The City would issue a Wide Boat Permit only if sufficient space existed to accommodate a wider boat on a slide.

As we discover every time there is a significant change in how we operate our marinas, the process becomes enormously complicated by trying, sometimes without much success, to implement these changes in a manner that is as fair as possible to all the residents who are impacted. The only thing clear about the introduction of the new wider slides is that this is the direction of things to come as there will be much greater emphasis in trying to accommodate larger and more functional boats.



St. Louis Bay Dock Expansion



The City Council has approved an expansion of ten dock slips in St. Louis Bay, which would be added to the south end of the existing docks. The ten additional boats would be offset by a similar reduction in the number of slides, thereby keeping the overall number of boats at the St. Louis Bay marina the same. The application for these ten additional docks is being forwarded to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District who has final approval over the plan.



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.

Platform Tennis Improvements Needed

The Deephaven Platform Tennis Court is in need of repairs. Normally you find these courts only at private clubs, but thanks to a generous donation/gift a few years ago Deephaven has its own court next to the City Hall. We can use both your physical help and your financial support. This is a unique community asset that we would hate to lose, but your city does not have a budget to pay for the level of repairs needed to bring the court back to good condition.



If you would be willing to help us rehabilitate our platform tennis court please email or call with your contact information. We will get organized and let you know how you can help. If you are new to platform tennis this will be a great way to get started, meet some other enthusiasts and find a match.

To help please e-mail Councilmember John Wheaton at wheatonj@crowne.edu with your contact information (or call him at 952-474-7897). The repairs are planned to take place sometime in mid-August, 2007.

Dutch Elm Disease

The City of Deephaven has certified tree inspectors that will be identifying diseased elm trees and oak wilt throughout Deephaven this year.

The goal is to slow the spread of Dutch elm disease and oak wilt through the removal of infected trees.

If left standing, an infected elm of average size—10 to 20 inches in diameter—will become a breeding site capable of producing tens of thousands of new beetles. Each beetle carries the Dutch elm disease fungus on its body and can fly more than a mile to feed on another elm, thereby transmitting the fungus.

The City of Deephaven’s “urban forest” exists as a single system regardless of property lines. Protecting the health of our “forest” requires cooperation between residents who manage their private property. Residents are not expected to be experts on tree disease, which is why the City will assess trees throughout Deephaven this year.

If diseased trees are found, property owners will be notified by the city and asked to remove the diseased trees within 20 days.

It is important to remove diseased trees promptly because delays increase the chance of beetle production and the spread of disease. Many of the Lake Minnetonka communities are well underway with a Dutch elm program of detection and removal.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

SouthShore Community & Senior Center – A Great Facility in your Community

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 Laura at 952-474-7635.



Center Information – 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. For information on programs, transportation, and senior activities call 952-474-7635.

* **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 Friday: 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.**

Mayor's Corner

Aaah .. Spring! That glorious season that allows us to watch the disappearance of our infamous snow cover and the reappearance of those many items we left out in the yard last fall. Although the last two snowfalls totaled about thirty inches, I think our Public Works Department did a great job clearing our streets so we could all get out to enjoy our favorite activities like skiing, snow boarding and visiting the vehicle repair shops for estimates.

As we emerge from semi-hibernation, an always popular question is "What did you do this winter?" I don't know how you spent the last few months, but the Boat Committee and the Council have just completed its latest attempt to make the upcoming boating season more enjoyable for many of our citizens. We will be asking the LMCD for permission to construct a few additional docks and we are hoping to create some wider slide opportunities this year through a minor re-configuration in St. Louis Bay. There are a couple of articles in this newsletter describing the efforts and the results.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our cell tower survey. We intend to use the information to evaluate any possible additions to the T-Mobile structure near City Hall. Would you please take the time to complete this newsletter's survey regarding your use of the SouthShore Senior/Community Center? We want to know whether or not you use the Center, what programs you use or would like to see available and your general thoughts about Deephaven's support of this joint venture.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 29 in Children's Park at 1:00 PM. I join the Park Committee in hoping for good weather and your attendance. We also hope you will participate in the Annual Spring Clean Up .. and when you get done at your house, please help a neighbor!

We all know another event that happens every year at this time .. taxes. Thank you for the dollars you will be sending to Deephaven. The Council will do its best to spend them thoughtfully and responsibly.

I'd love to chat further, but Paula says she just found my golf shoes under some melting snow in the backyard!

See ya' around the neighborhood!

Paul

Your City Council: Mayor Paul Skrede

Councilmembers: Kim Crockett, Keith Kask, John Wheaton and Steve Adams.

City Hall Hours : September 1 to May 25: Mon-Fri 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Closed Saturday & Sunday.
City Hall Closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer Hours: May 29 to August 31: Mon-Thurs 8 AM to 5:00 PM, Fridays 8 AM to 12:00 PM

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator

Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk

Virgil Gustafson, Police Chief

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor

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

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.

SouthShore Community Center Questionnaire

Would you please take a few minutes and complete the following questionnaire? You do not have to be a 'senior citizen' to fill out this form, because the center is available for people of all ages.

We are trying to determine how many Deephaven residents use or enjoy the services and programs offered at The SouthShore Senior/Community Center in Shorewood, a joint project undertaken ten years ago by the cities of Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, Tonka Bay and Senior Community Services (a United Way agency).

Have you visited the Center in the past year? _____ If so, approximately how often? _____

Has your usage of the Center increased or decreased in the last few years? _____

What programs or services have you participated in?

Art/Craft classes	_____	Meals-on-Wheels	_____
Bingo	_____	Medical Info. Sessions	_____
Book Club	_____	Social Worker	_____
Card Groups	_____	Tax Preparation	_____
Dial-A-Ride	_____	VOA Lunches	_____
Foot Care	_____	Volunteer Help	_____
Legal Advice	_____	Fund Raising Events	_____
Local Outings/Trips	_____	Computer Classes	_____
Other	_____		

What type of programs or classes would you like to see offered at the Center?

Have you rented the Center for a party or other gathering? _____ Please, explain _____

Do you use other Senior Community Centers? _____

Do you get the SouthShore Times Newsletter? _____

What do you think Deephaven's support of the Center should entail? _____

Name (optional)

Age (Optional)