



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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A Brief Word of Thanks & Farewell

On behalf of the City Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Anderson for his many years of service on behalf of the City of Deephaven.

Tom served as City Councilmember from 2001 – 2002 and as Mayor from 2003 - 2006. Few people realize the time, effort and energy needed to serve on the City Council and Tom gave freely of his time and considerable talent to make Deephaven an even better place to live. We wish Tom and his family a bright and enjoyable future.

We are also eagerly looking forward to working with some familiar faces on the City Council – Mayor Paul Skrede and Councilmembers Kim Crockett, John Wheaton and Keith Kask – and welcome incoming Councilmember Steve Adams!

Volunteers Lending a Helping Hand

Volunteers play a critical role in our City. They provide recommendations on issues relating to planning, parks and boating; they beautify our city gardens and parks; they preserve our historical heritage; and they 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 2006 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club** and being members of the **Deephaven Historical Society**.

We also would like to send out a big thanks to John Dupont, Paul Skrede, John Flynn, Brian Sykora, Bob Woodburn and John Wheaton for installing the new open rink borders at the Village Hall skating rink; all the many volunteers who assisted during Deephaven Days: our invaluable election judges; George Haworth, Patrick Noll and Matt Sorenson for their eagle scout projects and the “Deephaven Volunteer Ice Company” for their efforts to improve the City skating rinks!

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 Historical Society. If you have time and interest in serving your community, *please complete the enclosed volunteer application* for the City of Deephaven and return it to City Hall on or before January 15th for consideration for 2007 vacancies.

Thank you!!



City Property Taxes Fund Many Services

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$6,931 in property taxes in 2007. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,046 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 15.1% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$87 per month to the City for the following array of services:

- * 24-hour police and fire protection
- * Prompt snowplowing of all city streets
- * Full-service parks with 8 tennis courts, 3 ball fields, 4 ice rinks & 7 playground structures
- * Six beaches – 3 with lifeguard services
- * Three public trails
- * Street maintenance, boulevard maintenance, street sweeping & street lighting
- * Park maintenance
- * Public tree maintenance
- * Deer management
- * Building & zoning code enforcement
- * Office staff to assist residents and answer questions

\$2,656 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 38.3% of your property tax payment for public education through the property tax levy and a voter approved school levy. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$221 per month to the School District.

\$2,568 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 37.1% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$214 per month to Hennepin County.

\$661 goes to other agencies such as the Watershed District, Metropolitan Council, Mosquito Control, Hennepin County Parks, the Railroad Authority and the Solid Waste Fee – These agencies receive about 9.5% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$55 per month to these various agencies.

Improvement Projects Planned for 2007

The schedule of projects planned for 2007 include:

Improvement Projects	Est. Cost
Vine Hill Bridge Repair	\$ 50,000
Manor Road Crack Sealing	15,000
Rocky Beach Swimming Dock	4,000
Main Beach Swimming Dock	15,000
Shuck Park Upgrade	6,000
Sewer Main Jet Cleaning & Televising	37,500
Storm Water Improvements	66,000
Marina Dock & Slide Improvements	<u>13,690</u>
Total	\$207, 190

Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of January 1st and the week of January 15th. The pickup 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 used for compost. Please note that wreaths and flocked or artificial trees cannot be composted. These items should be set out with your regular garbage.

To ensure your tree is collected and composted, please:

- * Remove all decorations and wire;
 - * Do NOT wrap the tree in a plastic bag; and
 - * Place the tree at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m. the day of your garbage collection.
- trees set out too early may get buried from passing snowplows, making it very difficult to remove the tree from the snow.

Snowmobile Prohibitions



To many brave souls, winter means skating, skiing and snowmobiling.

If you operate a snowmobile within the city limits, please be aware that Ordinance No. 705.03 **prohibits the operation of snowmobiles under any of the following circumstances:**

- * On a sidewalk or walkway used for pedestrian traffic,
- * On private property without having in one's possession written consent from the property owner,
- * On any public land or frozen waters including, but not limited to, school property, park property, public beaches, playgrounds and recreation areas except for areas authorized for such use (the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay boat launches, for example) when traveling to or from the approved snowmobile routes.
- * Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., except to travel to or from a final destination without delay, and
- * On any street except when traveling to or from an approved area by the shortest legal route.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Winter Trail Activities

The City will maintain the LRT trail for winter use from November 15th to March 15th.

Approximately half of the trail will be plowed for those who like to jog, walk or ride a bike. The other half will be left with snow for cross-county skiers.



Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2006-2007 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.

The warming houses will be open through February 18, 2007.

Snowplows are here!

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



- * Please move your car off the street or from a public parking lot during or immediately after a snowfall of two or more inches. You may return your vehicle to the street or parking 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 ticket vehicles in violation of this requirement.
- * 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 situation.
- * If your yard has experienced damage from a snowplow in the past, please place stakes about 20 feet apart just off the road edge to mark the location of your lawn.
- * Please don't allow your children or other children to play on snow banks next to the street.

Snowplow Damage



It is our goal to have all streets in Deephaven cleared after a "typical" snowfall in approximately 10 hours, assuming that plowing begins at 4:00 a.m. and snowfall ending at around 8:00 a.m.

The width of the street right-of-way is designed to provide room for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks and other public uses. However, certain private uses, such as mailboxes, are also often located in the right-of-way. If the street or grass boulevard is damaged by a snowplow, City crews will repair the damage in the spring. If your mailbox is physically hit and damaged by a plow, the City will repair or replace it immediately.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for the City crew to clear snow from around mailboxes with the size and type of equipment that the City operates to clear snow. The final cleaning around mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

City personnel do not clear private driveways and while it might certainly appear to be the case, we really do not intentionally plow more snow into your driveway than your neighbor. You may inadvertently receive more snow due to the angle of the plow blade or the angle of the street. We apologize for any inconvenience during our long, cold and snowy winter!

Please note— Homeowners who have sidewalks located in front or alongside of their property are responsible for keeping them clear of snow and ice.



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF DEEPHAVEN

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Employer / Occupation _____

Skills / Hobbies _____

Special Needs _____

Park Committee		Planning Commission	
Boat Committee		LMCD Liaison	
LMCC Representative		Election Judge (paid position)	

Please tell us why you would be interested in serving as a member of this committee?

Application shall be kept on file for a period of 24 months. Following this period, residents must reapply for the committees of their choice in order to remain on the current application list.

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF DEEPHAVEN, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY!

Cellular Phone Service

T-Mobile has constructed a cell tower behind Deephaven City Hall which has the capability of holding two other carriers.

We would be interested in knowing which cellular phone companies provide service to our residents. With this information, we might be able to approach another company to provide cellular service from the existing tower that would benefit the residents of Deephaven and the surrounding area.

Please take the time to complete the enclosed survey and return it to City Hall.

All responses will remain confidential and the information will be used only to determine the total number of users of a particular cell phone company. Thank you!

Number of cellular phones in my household: _____

My cellular service provider is: _____

I would consider switching my cellular service to a new company that has a receiver on the new T-Mobile cell tower in Deephaven: ___ Yes ___ No

Staff Milestones in 2006

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Officer Ron Liners, who retired last month after 25 years of service with the Deephaven Police Department. Ron was a terrific officer who was well liked both by our staff and the many residents who came to know Ron. We wish him and his family a wonderful retirement.

Deephaven is also very fortunate to be served by a talented and dedicated staff. Please join us in thanking Virgil Gustafson, Cory Johnson, Dick Jeurissen, Gus Karpas, Owen Fulgseth, Jerry Hudlow, Pat Thiede, Matt Carns, Mary Courtney, Teresa Pendleton, John Menzel and Doug Lawver for providing over 5 years of excellent service to our community.

Southshore Senior Center

Please refer to the following website for the Southshore Senior & Community Center for a wide variety of information, classes, and activities relating to the Senior Center: www.southshore-center.org

Located at 5735 Country Club Road, the Southshore Community Center is a great place to hold an event! With three rooms able to comfortably accommodate from 35 – 175 people. Events have included business meetings, birthday & anniversary parties, wedding receptions and many others! Call Laura Turgeon at 952-474-7635 for more information.

February 12th is Kindness Day



The Deephaven 5th graders are doing a lot of random acts of kindness this year. We all wrote notes last year to Mayor Tom Anderson, asking him to declare a Kindness Day in Deephaven. Both the Mayor and City Council thought it was a great idea and have declared February 12th as Deephaven Kindness Day. We want everyone in Deephaven to be as kind and helpful as they can on this day, just like us 5th graders. Look for signs advertising our first Kindness Day and make sure to do a kind act on that day and every day!

- Isabel Wyer, 5th grade student at Deephaven Elementary School

Please Note Changes to Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with several holidays, the dates of four Council meetings in 2007 have been changed as follows:

HOLIDAY	ORIGINAL MEETING DATE	NEW MEETING DATE
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1 st	Wednesday, January 3 rd
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15 th	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 19 th	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 3 rd	Thursday, September 6 th

Mayor's Corner

Paula and I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of you, our friends and neighbors for nearly thirty years. I thank all of you for your support and pledge to work as hard as possible over the next two years to help maintain and improve the quality of life we all enjoy in Deephaven.

Since the purpose of this column is to inform the residents of Deephaven of pending and upcoming issues, I would like to address some areas where your input will be invaluable. Although our website, www.cityofdeephaven.org, is available for information regarding activities within the City, please let me know if there is other content you would like to see on this site.

A cell tower is being constructed near the Fire Station by T-Mobil. This tower will allow us to be in compliance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and will provide the City with additional revenue. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed survey regarding your present service so, if it is possible, we can try to get additional carriers on the pole.

I am excited about the contributions Steve Adams will make as our newly elected Council member and look forward to working with him, Kim, John and Keith on the Council and the entire City Staff of Deephaven.

Lastly, please join me in thanking Tom for his years of service to the Community. For the last four years, I have appreciated his leadership and his ideas at our meetings. In the future, I look forward to any ideas and guidance he may wish to provide.

New ideas and faces are always welcome. For those of you who are considering volunteering your time and talents to projects within Deephaven, thank you for signing up!

Mayor Paul Skrede

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 Paul Skrede, Council members: Steve Adams, Kim Crockett, Keith Kask and John Wheaton.

Phone Numbers:

Administration & Public Works: 952-474-4755

Police Non-Emergency: 952-474-7555

24-Hour Police Dispatch: 763-525-6210

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator

Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk

Virgil Gustafson, Police Chief

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor

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. 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

