



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Deephaven Days

On behalf of the City, we would like to thank the Park Committee and the many volunteers who made the third 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 123 people took part in the triathlon and about 286 friends and families enjoyed the picnic lunch at Thorpe Park. We look forward to starting preparations for Deephaven Days IV next year.

We would also like to sincerely thank the volunteers with the Cottagewood General store for running the community picnic. They did a terrific job! If anyone is interested in volunteering for next year's event, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755.

October is "Choose to Reuse" Month in Hennepin County

Every year, 32 million pounds of usable items are thrown away in Hennepin County. Residents can "Choose to Reuse" and help reduce the volume of waste thrown away by supporting businesses and organizations in our community that provides opportunities to rent, repair, resell, consign, trade, sell bulk and exchange used goods. Residents can save money, help reduce waste, and support the local economy by thinking about reuse when shopping.





Helping the environment has never been so much fun! In an effort to encourage more reuse, Hennepin County will host the sixth annual "Choose to Reuse" Program. This year's program includes:


"Save Cash, Save the Planet! Get Great Stuff" Choose to Reuse Month Coupon Books. The County has partnered with 80 local retail partners with 124 locations including Brides of France, Cash N Pawn, Dave's Sport Shop, Down in the Valley, Ketter Canoeing, Lanes True Value, Magers and Quinn Booksellers, Northwestern Costume, Plato's Closet, PPL Shop, Second Debut, Silver Angel Thrift Store and the Reuse Center. Customers may pick up a "Choose to Reuse" coupon book at participating locations, Hennepin County Services Centers and Libraries, and all Three Rivers Park District locations, or download a copy at www.hennepin.us, search "Choose to Reuse Month."



Scrap Art – The County is hosting a "trash to treasure" art activity for children at five Hennepin County Libraries, showing elementary school-age children how to apply their imagination and creativity in reusing scrap material that would otherwise be thrown away. Visit www.hennepin.us, search "Choose to Reuse Month" for locations and times.

Rake-A-Thon!	Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection
 <p>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 27th.</p> <p>To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please contact Katie Smith at 952-401-6828 or at katie.smith@minnetonka.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 10th. 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!</p> <p>Please observe these requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 into the street. 

SouthShore Center Celebrates 10 Years!
The SouthShore Center's Top 10 Reasons to Celebrate the 10th Birthday of the Center on October 4th

 <p>Number One: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Marnie Hensel, an energetic motivational speaker, will speak about the attitudes of aging...are we becoming old? Or, are we becoming older? Do we choose how we age? Cost: \$2.</p> <p>Number Two: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Faith Sullivan, local author and speaker, writes about women taking control of their own lives. <i>Cape Ann</i> and <i>Gardenias</i> are two of her recent books. Cost: \$2.</p> <p>Number Three: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Birthday luncheon and speaker James V. Gambone, PhD. A special lunch will be served followed by James Gambone, a national speaker, writer and documentary filmmaker. Dr. Gambone will speak about <i>Celebrating the Gifts of the Generations to the Community</i>. His book, <i>Retirement: A Guide to Mid Life and Beyond</i> is recognized as a remarkable guide for those 50 and beyond. Cost for lunch and the speaker is \$8.</p>	<p>Number Four: 1:15 – 1:45 p.m., James Gambone available for additional questions and answers.</p> <p>Number Five: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., two popular painters will give painting demonstrations: Keith Wilcock of Keith Wilcock Galleries in Excelsior, will demonstrate painting with watercolors, and Michele Combs, an instructor at the Center, will demonstrate oil painting. Guests will be encouraged to ask questions and dialogue with the artists.</p> <p>Numbers Six, Seven & Eight: 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Annual Beer & Brats Supper for contributing members of the Friends. During the meal, artist Jim Hillis will do portraits of dinner guests for \$10. Following dinner, George Pillsbury will speak on History around the Lake. Reservations and current membership in the Friends is required. Cost: \$7.</p> <p>Number Nine: It's easy and necessary to register for any of the birthday celebrations! Call the Center at 952-474-7635 for registration, fees and more information.</p> <p>Number Ten: There's something for everyone at the Center on October 4th!</p>
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Deer Management Program

The Deephaven City Council will be discussing plans for the 2008 Deer Management Program on Monday, October 1st. The Department of Natural Resources granted the City permission to remove 40 deer in 2007, 28 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 1st will include the amount of deer that the DNR will permit to be removed in 2008, continuation of the trapping program and alternative methods of deer management.

2008 City Budget

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2008 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 6th in the amount of \$1,759,159, which represents a 0% levy increase over 2007.

The public is invited to comment on the 2008 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 3rd 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 2008 Budget:*

General Fund Revenues - Total 2008 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,383,672 and consist of eight major budget categories:

Category	2008 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,635,344	68.6%
Licenses & Permits	180,660	7.6%
Intergovernmental	73,703	3.1%
Charges for Services	312,601	13.1%
Fines & Forfeits	38,000	1.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues	33,173	1.4%
Interest Income	90,000	3.8%
Transfers from Other Funds	20,191	0.8%
Total 2008 Revenues	2,383,672	100.0%

General Fund Expenditures - Total 2008 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,371,395 and consist of ten

Department	2008 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	176,666	7.4%
Administration	262,442	11.1%
City Hall Buildings	42,400	1.8%
Zoning/Building Inspections	222,417	9.4%
Streets & Roads	85,325	3.6%
Public Works	365,098	15.4%
Parks & Recreation	63,850	2.7%
Police	736,355	31.0%
Fire Services	402,067	17.0%
Animal Management	14,775	0.6%
Total 2008 Expenditures	2,371,395	100.0%

2008 Revenue Highlights—

- ◆ 2008 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$50,269 or 2.2% over 2007 General Fund Revenues.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood combine to equal 11.0% of 2008 General Fund Revenues.
- ◆ Interest Income has grown from \$42,112 and 2.0% of the 2004 Budget to \$90,000 and 3.8% of the 2008 Budget.

2008 Expenditure Highlights -

- ◆ Total 2008 General Fund Expenditures increased \$65,992 or 2.9% over 2007 General Fund Expenditures.
- ◆ The increase in 2008 expenditures is due primarily to increases in salary & benefits, fire and police services, a General Election in 2008, insurance costs, professional service fees and building inspection contract services.

Capital Improvement Fund

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

2008 Property Taxes

The property tax levy totals \$1,759,159 in 2008. This represents a \$458 decrease over the 2007 property tax levy. The 2008 tax capacity rate is expected to decrease from 15.935% in 2007 to 14.263% in 2008.

Will this lower tax rate in 2008 result in lower city property taxes next year? Yes, your property taxes should decrease unless the estimated market value of your home in 2008 increases at a proportionally higher rate.

Park Improvements



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

- ◆ Six new benches
- ◆ A new tennis court backboard
- ◆ New basketball backboard

Upcoming Projects—The Park Committee is currently considering improvements to the Paddle Tennis Court and to the land immediately surrounding the Paddle Tennis Court, which is located south of Deephaven City Hall across from the LRT trail.

A portion of this property has been dedicated to the City as park property and the Committee would like to make a number of landscaping and parking improvements that would improve the looks and aesthetics of this park. Improvements to the Paddle Tennis Court would be made at the same time as improvements to the park.

Park Committee Vacancies

Do you think you might be interested in volunteering your time and talents? **Three openings** will be available beginning next year on the Deephaven Park Committee. The Park Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to provide recommendations to the City Council on a wide variety of issues and projects relating to the city's parks and beaches.

If you think you have the time and interest to serve your community, please call City Hall at (952) 474-4755 and talk to Shelley Souers for additional information.

Thanks to the Garden Club!



The City of Deephaven is very 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 bountiful year!

Boating News

- ◆ The conversion of 10 slide spaces for larger boats seems to have gone very well this year, despite a few challenges in trying to fit all the boats with varying lengths onto their assigned spaces.
- ◆ On August 20th, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-19. This Ordinance limits the length of time that all new dock permit holders may have a dock slip to ten consecutive years, beginning with the 2008 Boating Season.
- ◆ There will be no Boating Fee increases for the 2008 Boating Season.




Snowmobile Regulations

City Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles under any of the following circumstances:

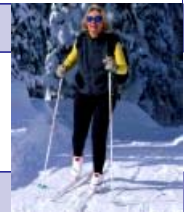


- ◆ On a sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian traffic.
- ◆ On private property without the operator having in possession written consent from the property owner.
- ◆ On any public land or frozen waters including, but not limited to, school property, park property, playgrounds and recreational areas, except for areas authorized for such use by proper authority when traveling to or from approved snowmobile routes.

	Warming House Hours	Warming House Attendants Wanted!					
	<p>Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming house will be open starting on Saturday, December 15th. The warming house hours for the 2007-2008 season are as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td> <td>4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>Noon to 9:00 p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	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.
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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.



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 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 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 please take the time to occasionally thank your neighbors for their time and effort to maintain the public sidewalk during our unimaginably long winters.

Hope everyone had a fun summer! The Council spent its time celebrating Deephaven Days III, passing term limits for the boat docks and reviewing plans for the addition of ten new docks in St Louis Bay that will hopefully be installed after this year's boating season ends.

The construction of Alan Dale's new commercial building at Chowen's corner has begun. What a fun project! On a related note, the Council is going to work with a group of our Shaver's Lake folks as we explore some 'safe passageways' east and west from Chowen's Corner. They even brought their wallets! We would like to be able to have a safe walking/biking path from our business district all the way to Highway 101 and to Robinson's Bay Beach. This could be a good pilot project as we try to connect our neighborhoods to our beach and park areas in a manner that doesn't include dodging a lot of car traffic.

Our preliminary budget and tax levy have been approved for 2008. Due to some additional revenue sources this year including our cell tower lease, fiscal agent fees from the Fire District and a fee for supporting the construction work being done at Excelsior Covenant Church, we have a little extra money in the General Fund. As a result, we are going to propose a zero dollar increase in the City portion of your taxes for next year. As we all know, these opportunities don't happen very often, but when they do, I think we should all be able to share in the benefit.

I see that the schools have started and the leaves are turning. Wonder what's coming? Oh, I remember .. Fall Cleanup .. and snow plowing ! If you're a Senior and need some help getting ready for Winter, give me a call. I'll try to find some friends who can help us.

Paul



Calling all Ghosts & Goblins!

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

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



DeePhaven City Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk
Cory Johnson, Police Chief
Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator
Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor

Your City Council:

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

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. 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