



# Deephaven News

*"Information for Residents"*

Deephaven City Hall 20225 Cottagewood Road  
Deephaven, MN 55331



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## **Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.**

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As you review your property tax statements which you should 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 Deephaven Board of Review will address objections to your property classification and/or the market value of your property on Monday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road. 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 estimated market value is incorrect, we strongly recommend that you contact 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 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. The property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the market value determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable.

### **Appeals at the April 7 Board of Review will be considered in the following order:**

1. Those residents who have met with the Assessor but were unable to come to an agreement.
2. Those residents presenting their cases in advance of the meeting by letter or email.
3. Those residents who have come directly to the board without advance notice or without contacting the assessor prior to the meeting.

**Residents will be allowed five minutes to present their appeal to the Board. Residents will be notified by Certified Mail within three business days of the board's decision. The board may decide to hold a reconvened meeting for the purpose of considering the appeals presented on April 7th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.**

## **Save the Date - Deephaven Days! August 9, 2008**



**Triathlon** – Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Deephaven Beach, with the **race beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, rain or shine, at the south end of the Main Beach. The race consists of a 200-yard swim, a 3.67-mile bike race, and a 2.0-mile run. There is an additional 2.6 mile extension to the bike race for those with a little more endurance. The community picnic lunch with band begins immediately following the race, at 11:30. **The community picnic** features great food, live music and games for the kids.




**Volunteers are needed for this event.** If you are interested, please call Shelley at City Hall, 952-474-4755. More details on the event are available on the city web page at [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org).

**Pre-registration is strongly encouraged**—Forms will be available in May at City Hall or on the city website.



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

- ◆ All watercraft must be at their assigned space on or before June 15, 2008.
- ◆ 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 sub-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!**

Road Restrictions	Dutch Elm Disease
 <p><b>Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect March 1st to April 30th.</b></p> <p>The City <u>strongly enforces</u> weight restrictions to prevent damage to streets. This is especially important when contracting <u>with moving vans, delivery trucks or construction vehicles.</u></p> <p><b>Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the weight restrictions in their area.</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>All roads leading to neighborhoods are posted with the allowable axle weight rating.</p> <p>For questions regarding these restrictions, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.</p>	 <p><b>The City of Deephaven has certified tree inspectors that will be identifying diseased elm trees and oak wilt throughout Deephaven this year.</b></p> <p>The goal is to slow the spread of the disease of Dutch elm disease and oak wilt through the removal of infected trees.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 inspect trees throughout Deephaven this year.</p> <p><b>If diseased trees are found, property owners will be notified by the city and asked to remove the diseased trees within 20 days.</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.</p> 

Hennepin County Green Tip	Licenses Required for Certain Contractors
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<p><b>Free Electronics Recycling</b></p> <p>Please visit the “A to Z How-to-Get-Rid-of-it Guide” on the Hennepin County Website <a href="http://www.hennepin.us">www.hennepin.us</a></p> <p><b>Or call 612-348-3777</b></p> <p>Hennepin County accepts household electronics free of charge, year-round, from residents at its drop-off facilities in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park. Some quantity limits apply.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The City requires these contractors to be licensed for the following reasons.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.cityofdeephaven.org">www.cityofdeephaven.org</a> to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.</p>
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## **Handle with Care !**

### **Tips for proper disposal of fluorescent bulbs due to mercury content**



Using fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) light bulbs makes good sense because by doing so, you can save money on electric bills and help protect the environment. Fluorescent bulbs last five to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs and use less energy, reducing fossil fuel emissions at power plants.

#### **Handle with Care**

**However, because they contain mercury, fluorescent and HID lamps must be handled and disposed of properly to avoid polluting the environment and posing a health threat.**

Be careful when handling and transporting fluorescent and HID lights; do not drop or handle them roughly. If they become broken or crushed, the mercury in them will be released.

When a fluorescent bulb is broken, about 20 percent of the mercury in it vaporizes immediately, and it is this mercury vapor that is the greatest health concern.

If you break one or two fluorescent bulbs, keep people and pets out of the room, open the windows and exterior doors to vent the mercury vapor to the outside for about 15 minutes before you clean up the broken bulb(s). Never use a vacuum to clean up a broken fluorescent bulb and always wear gloves.

The Minnesota Pollution Control agency advises that if you break a fluorescent bulb or another mercury containing device, such as a thermometer, and are **unsure what to do, call the Minnesota Duty Officer at (800) 422-0798 any time, day or night. The Duty Officer will put you in touch with someone who can advise you on cleanup.**

#### **Additional information on cleanup of broken fluorescent bulbs and HID lamps can be found at these websites:**

##### **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

24 hour emergency #s: 651-649-5451 and 800-422-0798

TTY 651-282-5332 / TTY emergency # 800-627-3529

[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

##### **US Environmental Protection Agency**

800-621-8431 9am to 4:30 pm      [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

Please dispose of your used fluorescent bulbs at a hazardous waste facility only—It is illegal to place fluorescent light bulbs and other non-incandescent lights such as tubes, circles, u-shape, compact fluorescent bulbs, and high intensity discharge (HID) in the garbage because they may contain mercury. Hennepin County Drop Off Sites accept used fluorescent bulbs, **please call 612-348-3777 for locations and hours.** TDD 612-596-6985



## **Every June 14th is Flag Day**

**June 14, 1777** – The Continental Congress first authorizes an official flag for the new nation. The resolution read:

“Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.

Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies, the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

**If you are replacing a worn out flag—you may drop your old flag off at the City Hall during the months of April and May. All flags will be given to the local Boy Scouts for proper disposal. The local Scout Pack has a very distinguished ceremony to retire old flags.**

According to the Flag Code, any American flag that is worn, damaged or tattered beyond repair should be retired in a respectful manner. The preferred method is burning. This may shock some, since it is a well-known fact that burning the flag is illegal. This, however, is an exception to the rule. Many organizations like the American Legion, the Boy Scouts Council and the Girl Scouts Council will perform a flag retirement ceremony and burn retired flags. In this case, burning signifies purification and rebirth.

Although burning is the preferred method, it is also legal to seal your old flag in a box or bag and bury it or put it in the trash. The most important factor is showing respect to the flag during its disposal.

**\*Note:** Nylon flags create hazardous gases when they are burned. Many states have outlawed the burning of nylon for that reason. A good alternative to dispose of nylon flags (or any flag) is recycling.



To recycle a flag, simply write "Recycle" on the header of the flag before handing it over to your local Post or scout troop. The nylon will be reused in making new American flags.



**Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, April 26, 2008**

Mark your calendar for this annual event. More detailed information is being sent to all residents along with your 2008 parking permit sticker. If you rent a home, please contact City Hall to obtain a flyer.

- \* **Saturday, April 26, 7 A.M.** Curbside Yard, Shrub & Tree Waste Pickup service will be held. **FREE**
- \* **Monday, April 28** Major curbside Appliance Pickup service will be held. **RESIDENT MUST CALL JR'S TO ARRANGE PICKUP NO LATER THAN THURSDAY APRIL 24TH at 651-454-9215 and to obtain the cost and further information.**
- \* **May 15 to 17th** Household Hazardous Waste may be disposed of free of charge at the Minnetonka Public Works Department , 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Items are accepted from households only, business waste cannot be accepted.
- \* **Hennepin County** also has two drop-off facilities, open year round. Brooklyn Park, 8100 Jefferson Highway and Bloomington, 1400 96th Street. For more information you can call **612-348-3777**. Hennepin County also accepts household electronics free of charge at these facilities. Some quantity limits apply. For more information visit the A to Z How-to-Get-Rid-of-it Guide on the Hennepin County Website [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)

<p><b>Hydrant Flushing Scheduled Week of May 12th</b></p>	<p><b>Just a Reminder!</b></p>	<p><b>Celebrate Arbor Day on Sunday, April 27th, 2008!</b></p>
<p>The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines, along Minnetonka Blvd and along Ridgewood Road <b>the week of May 12th</b> in order to help clear the water lines.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you are experiencing problems, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4775.</p>	 <p>As the snow begins to melt and the leaves left behind from the fall begin to show, <b><u>please do not rake the leaves into the street.</u></b> It creates hazardous driving conditions.</p> <p>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 26th, 2008</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 27th as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to join us in our annual celebration of Arbor Day.</p> <p>This year's event will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Deephaven Beach. Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony.</p> <p>Please come join us in this annual celebration!</p> 
<p><b>Please curb your canine!</b></p>		<p><b>Cats on the Prowl!</b></p>
<p><b>MUTT MITTS</b> 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.</p> <p>Be a responsible pet owner and help keep our parks clean for others to enjoy!</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Speaking of pets, while cats are not required to be leashed or licensed in Deephaven, please be a good neighbor and keep an eye on your cat and on their adventurous activities.</p> <p>Your neighbor may not be very appreciative of your cat rummaging around their garden or leaving their "special" droppings on their lawn.</p>
<p><b>Building Permits</b></p>		

**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 applications are available at [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org).



Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
2003	169	\$11,382,646
2004	144	\$ 9,068,064
2005	138	\$ 7,797,208
2006	146	\$12,089,818
2007	155	\$11,759,792

**The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2008**



The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2008 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 “4<sup>th</sup> of July 2008” in the memo portion of your check.

**Natural control of stormwater runoff seminars offered**

Lake area cities will be holding two seminars to help guide residents in the natural control of stormwater runoff. The seminars are as follows: All citizens are welcomed to attend these two **FREE** seminars.

**April 24, 2008, 6 p.m.** a presentation on how to create low impact natural landscape using native plants, rain gardens and rain barrels.

**May 22, 2008, 6 p.m.** a presentation on how to create a low impact yard with chemical free lawn care.

Both seminars will be held at the South Shore Center, 5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood. 952-474-7635

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District will have rain barrels available for purchase. Also available for purchase are copies of the book “The Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens.”



**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. Please call Laura at 952-541-1019 or the main office at 952-474-7635. [www.southshore-center.org](http://www.southshore-center.org)

*Special Programs in April at the Southshore Community Center :*

**St. Croix Casino Trip**

**Friday, April 4, 8:30 AM** These very popular casino trips fill up quickly. Sign up early—it includes **FREE** transportation to the casino! The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and arrives around 9:30. We must be there a minimum of four hours and have 35 passengers.

**Southshore Attic Sale, Thursday & Friday, April 17th & 18th, 8:30 to 3:00** The Friends of Southshore Center unite to fill our building (and part of the parking lot) with all the items we’ve been collecting over the last year. Find trash or treasure in this huge sale that raises funds for the Center.

**Tulip Time in Amsterdam, Wednesday, April 9, 1:00 PM**

Enjoy a travel slide show with Helen McNulty. We all need some flowers this time of the year...why not come enjoy the famous tulips of Holland (along with other Dutch sights) some dessert and hot coffee? **FEE \$2**



**Everything You Wanted to Know About Advanced Health Directives, Wednesday, April 16, 11:00—12:00** Also known as living wills, this legal document can save your loved ones from agonizing decisions in the event you are incapacitated. Local elder law attorney, Margaret Grathwol, will be here to speak. **FREE**

**Deephaven Parking Permits**

Parking permit stickers are being sent to all residential homes in Deephaven the third week of April. 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 for information on how to obtain a permit.

**Help Name a Park!**

Just South of the Platform Tennis Court, which is located just across the LRT Trail from Deephaven City Hall, is a relatively small parcel that was dedicated for use as a city park as part of the Amesbury Subdivision. For many years the property has remained unused except for the occasional vehicle and/or boat trailer parking. The Park Committee is planning to convert this property into a small city park and would like your help in naming the park.

**The following names have been suggested for the park:**

- ◆ Haralson Park (named after Charles Haralson, A Deephaven resident and developer of the Haralson apple).
- ◆ Amesbury Park (named after the subdivision for which the park was originally dedicated).
- ◆ Trailside Park (named after the fact that this property abuts the LRT trail).
- ◆ If interested, please vote for your favorite park name or give us your suggestion for a new name of the park with a brief explanation to: [DeborahHicks@cityofdeephaven.org](mailto:DeborahHicks@cityofdeephaven.org) or bring in or mail to: Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, MN. 55331 **on or before April 15th. Thanks for your help!**



Hey .. was winter long enough this time? I got cabin fever - and I don't even live in one! Guess it's time for Spring cleaning ..

Our Annual Spring Cleanup and Arbor Day activities take up the last weekend of April. We do this because eBay probably doesn't even want some of the stuff that's been accumulated over the winter. If your Cleanup work is done on Saturday April 26, we hope to see you Sunday at the Main Beach for the tree dedication. It would be a good chance to see the new docks, talk about the breakwater structure and bet on the Ice Out date. If your work isn't done, take a break and join us anyway .. just don't tell the boss!

Many of you may have seen the new boat dock addition in St. Louis Bay. The structure looks a little larger in real life than it did on paper, but we are hoping the added benefit of ten new docks will be worth the effort it will take to navigate the launch this Spring. We know it's new .. please be careful!

Another event that marks the end of tax season is our annual Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting . Please make every effort to talk with our Assessor Dan Distel before coming to the meeting. It helps us better prepare for your presentation. Valuations could be a popular topic this year, but Dan and the Board will do the best we can. If you can't appear, we will accept a letter that states your Appeal. Paul

### Cottagewood Store Spring Opening—April 26th



The Cottagewood General Store in Deephaven is holding their **Grand Opening on April 26th, 7am to 7pm!**

Come in and relax as we get ready for summer to begin! You'll find NEW one of a kind 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. For more details or directions, please go to [cottagewoodusa.com](http://cottagewoodusa.com) or call 952-470-8400. Everyone is welcome, bring your family and friends!

### Paint - A - Thon Applications



Elderly and disabled homeowners with homes in need of a fresh coat of paint are encouraged to apply now for the 2008 metro Paint-A-Thon. Each year, Paint-A-Thon organizes volunteer teams from corporations, congregations, and civic groups to paint homes for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. The program is designed to help seniors remain in their homes and keep neighborhoods looking well cared for. This year's paint weekend will take place Aug. 2-3. Last year, 135 homes were painted. Homeowners must meet income guidelines, and homes are inspected and ranked in terms of need. **The application deadline is May 9, 2008.** Homeowners interested in receiving an application should call Metro Paint-A-Thon at 612-721-8687, ext. 321 and leave a message, including your address and phone number. The application also is available online at [www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon](http://www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon).



#### Deephaven City Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

#### Summer Hours—May 27 to August 29th :

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Fridays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday—CLOSED

#### 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](http://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](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org)