



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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2008 Deephaven Days! – Saturday, August 9

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 6.2-mile bike race, and a 2.0-mile run. The triathlon ends at Thorpe Park for a community picnic immediately following the race.



Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please visit our website www.cityofdeephaven.org for a registration form, or stop by City Hall to pick one up. Please return it to City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. The registration fee is \$20 for single participants and \$40 for family participants.



The community picnic features great food, live music and games for the kids. Volunteers are needed for the event. If you are interested, please call Peggy Beardsley at 952-401-8715 or City Hall at 952-474-4755. More details on the event are available on the city web page at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

4th of July Celebration in Deephaven at the Cottagewood General Store!

Mark your calendars for this annual celebration! Food, games, fun and, of course, the annual children's bike parade. All events are at the Cottagewood Children's Park in front of the Historic Cottagewood General Store.



The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Matterhorn Brass playing in the park. The reading of the Declaration of Independence at 9:40 a.m. and the parade at 10:00 a.m. Game bracelets can be purchased ahead of time at the Cottagewood Store for \$3 or can be bought on July 4th for \$4. All proceeds from the celebration go to support the foundation and the store to keep great events like this happening in our community. There will also be a raffle to benefit the Store's foundation. As always, we need donations for the raffle prizes – items like gift baskets, gift certificates, boat rides, sports entertainment, etc. **Please call 952-470-8400 or visit www.cottagewoodusa.com for more information.**

Excelsior Firefighters Association Fund Raising Dance – Friday, July 18, 2008

For a Blazing Good Time! The Annual Excelsior Firefighter's Annual Fund Raising Dance will be held at the West Side Fire Station at 24100 Smithtown Road in Shorewood from 5:00PM to Midnight. Featuring Jonah and the Whales back by popular demand—taking the stage at 8:00PM. Come join us for food, fun, friends, family and neighbors! **FREE ADMISSION, NO COVER CHARGE**



Expanded Kids Activities! Face Painters! Fun, Beer, Food, Live Music, Dancing, Great Door Prizes! Free Shuttle Busses available from downtown Excelsior.
www.excelsiorfire.org



Mark your calendar for the third annual community building bike ride event from Minnetonka Community Education – "Tour de Tonka."

Tour de Tonka is a bike ride, not a race, and it will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008.

Tour de Tonka has 3 different riding options, which should appeal to all ages and abilities.

There will be a 15-mile option, a 33-mile option that loops part of the lake, and a 65-mile option that loops all of Lake Minnetonka and beyond.

The event begins at Minnetonka High School @ 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2nd.

Same day registration begins @ 5:45 a.m. For more information or to register in advance go to www.tourdetonka.org or call Gwynn @ 401-6842. Many volunteers are also needed and you can sign up for a fun 1-3 hour shift the morning of Aug. 2. Call Debbie @ 401-6800 if you would like to volunteer for a fun job. Tour de Tonka works closely with the ICA food shelf. Registration fees include a beautiful souvenir T-shirt, a fully supported ride and many wonderful door prizes. See you on Saturday, August 2!



National Night Out – 25th Anniversary - Tuesday, August 5th!



Join your neighbors, City Council and Police Department to give crime a going away party!

Please commit to hosting a block party to celebrate the efforts of residents and the police in keeping Deephaven a safe community.

To register your party and ensure a visit by a police officer, the police chief or members of the City Council call 952-474-7555.

City Receives Financial Reporting Award

The City of Deephaven has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

This is the 14th consecutive year that the City of Deephaven has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

There are 32,070 municipalities nationwide with populations under 10,000, and only 285 of these (less than 1%) qualified to receive this award. Deputy Clerk Mary Courtney and Administrator Dana Young can be credited with the city's receipt of this award.

Southshore Community Senior Center



The SouthShore Center provides a wonderful place for area residents 55 and older and their families to meet, learn and be active. The vitality of the center continues to expand every year.

The SouthShore embraces the principle that healthy and artful aging results from socialization, purposeful volunteer activities, continuing education, physical and mental activities. For many, the center serve as the principal point of access to needed services, programs and information.

Activities, services and programs include health screening, exercise classes, tax assistance, transportation and a wide range of cultural and educational opportunities from craft activities, watercolor classes, history lectures, bridge, to book discussions groups.

Woodworking, crafts, bingo, bridge and more! To check out all our regularly scheduled activities please visit our website www.southshore-center.org and click on our most current newsletter or call 952-474-7635.

Election Judges needed for the 2008 September Primary and November General Election!



2008 is expected to be a big election year! If you have an interest in serving as an election judge, here is your opportunity! Serving as an election judge is a great learning and civic opportunity for those who want to be involved in their community.

Election judges are paid an hourly wage of \$8.50, receive paid training, and serve on Primary Election Day, Sept 9 and/or General Election Day, Nov. 4, 2008. With advance notice, employers must allow workers time off to serve as election judges.

Some qualifications to serve as an election judge include being eligible to vote in Minnesota and speaking fluent English. You may either download an application from our website @ cityofdeephaven.org or contact City Hall @ 952-474-4755 for an application. We would like to receive all applications by July 11, 2008.



Please consider and sign up now!

Recreational Fires



Due to a number of complaints regarding the frequency, intensity and duration of recreational fires, the City Council adopted an ordinance that only permits recreational fires under the following conditions:

- ◆ A recreational fire shall have a total area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and three (3) or less in height.
- ◆ Recreational fires shall be contained within a fire ring, pit, container or device designed for such use.
- ◆ The area within a five (5) foot radius of the recreational fire shall be reasonably clear of all combustibles.
- ◆ Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure.
- ◆ The fire shall be under the immediate supervision of the resident or his/her authorized adult representative.
- ◆ Buckets, shovels, garden hose or a fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
- ◆ The prevailing wind at the time of the recreational fire shall be away from nearby residences and must be less than 15 mph.
- ◆ No flammable or combustible liquids shall be used to kindle or rekindle a recreational fire.
- ◆ Demolition debris, industrial solid waste, hazardous materials, oil, rubber, plastic, railroad ties, shingles, tarpaper, insulation, composition boards, sheetrock, wiring, painted materials or paint filters, garbage, chemically treated wood or other materials that would give off a toxic smoke irritant to nearby residents are prohibited material. Only clean material can be burned as part of a recreational fire.
- ◆ No recreational fires shall be held between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ Fires must be fully extinguished when unattended.
- ◆ Recreational fires can be cancelled or terminated at the discretion of the Police Department if a complaint has been received from a nearby resident concerning the smoke, irritants or a medical condition that is aggravated by the residential fire.

If you have any questions regarding any of these provisions, please call the Deephaven Police Department at (952) 474-7555.

Building Permits

Please remember that building permits are needed for all structural alterations. If you are planning to repair a roof, deck or install siding at your home, permits are required before starting your project.

Permit fees double for those individuals who are found to be working without the appropriate permit. Also, please make sure that all permits have the required inspections. Please be sure to call Gopher One for the required utility locates before you begin digging. 651-454-0002





Election 2008

State Primary, Tuesday September 9
General Election, Tuesday, November 4

City Office Positions which open beginning 2009

Mayor –

Two year term of office.

Two Council seats -

Four-year terms of office.

Filing for City Council

Filing Opens –

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Filing Closes –

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Complete Filing Application at the City
Offices

Fee: \$2

Polling Locations:

Polls Open: 7AM — 8 PM

Precinct 1:

Deephaven City Hall – 20225
Cottagewood Road

Precinct 2:

St. Therese Community Room –
18323 Minnetonka Blvd

The Primary Election is a partisan
election; you cannot cross parties
while voting on the Primary Ballot.

Deephaven will have a city
election as part of the General
Election on November 4.

Voter Registration

To vote, you must be:

- ◆ A U.S. citizen.
- ◆ At least 18 years old.
- ◆ A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days on Election Day.
- ◆ Properly registered.

You must re-register if:

- ◆ Your name or address changes.
- ◆ You have not voted in four years.

At least 20 days before Election Day:

- ◆ Complete a Voter Registration Application, available at most government offices and public libraries or online.

You can download a Voter Registration Application at the Secretary of State's website.

www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index

- ◆ Register in person, or mail the application to the Deephaven City Clerk or Hennepin County Voter Registration Office.

To register at the polling place on Election Day, you must have authorized proof of residence:

- Valid Minnesota Driver's License, Learner's Permit or receipt of either with current address located in precinct.
- Valid Minnesota I.D. or receipt with current address located in precinct.
- A registered voter in the precinct who can vouch for you.
- Registration in the same precinct indicating a previous address.
- Mailed notice from the Registration Office indicating ineffective registration.
- Students can show their address in the precinct by using a current fee statement and an I.D. card.
- A tribal I.D. with name, address, signature, and picture of the individual.

A voter may also register using a combination of one approved photo ID (column 1) and one approved utility bill (column 2):

Column 1	Column 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Minnesota driver's license with current name (licenses from out-of-state are not acceptable). ◆ Minnesota state I.D. card (<i>I.D. from other states are not acceptable</i>). ◆ U.S. Military I.D. ◆ U. S. passport. ◆ Minnesota Tribal I.D. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Electric bill. ◆ Gas bill ◆ Water bill. ◆ Sewer bill. ◆ Solid waste bill. ◆ Cable TV bill. ◆ Telephone bill.

Absentee Voting

Starts 30 days prior to the elections

Primary Election Absentee Ballots Available – Friday, August 8

General Election Absentee Ballots Available – Friday, October 3

Absentee Ballots

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day because you are:

- ◆ Away from home.
- ◆ Ill or disabled.
- ◆ An election judge serving in another precinct.
- ◆ Unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or religious beliefs.

1st Step – Complete an Absentee Ballot Application and submit it to the City Clerk's office.

2nd Step—You can cast your absentee ballot in two ways:

- ◆ By mail
- ◆ In person at City Hall during the City Clerk's regular hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Additionally, the City Clerk's Office will have extended hours for in-person absentee voting at City Hall on the Saturday immediately preceding the election from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and until 5 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the election.

Please Use Fireworks Safely!



The Excelsior Fire District Firefighters want you and your family to be safe on the 4th of July and anytime you choose to use fireworks.

It is important for all citizens to understand the new fireworks laws and be well informed on safety precautions when using legal fireworks. Sales, possession and use of SOME non-explosive and non-aerial consumer fireworks are now permitted in Minnesota. These fireworks MAY NOT be used on public property such as city owned docks, beaches, parks, trails, bridges, parking lots, schools, etc.

Examples of legal fireworks include sparklers, cones, and tubes that emit sparks, novelty items like snakes and party poppers. You must be 18 with photo identification to purchase fireworks.

The Fire District suggests the following safety guidelines:

- ◆ Use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- ◆ Read and understand the directions.
- ◆ Keep fireworks away from children (sparklers alone burn at nearly 1200 degrees F)
- ◆ Never place any part of your body over a firework devise.
- ◆ Never aim or throw fireworks at a person, animal, building or vehicle.
- ◆ Stay away from a failed firework devise for an extended period of time. Never re-light a failed devise and always soak it with water before handling.
- ◆ When using fireworks use common sense, courtesy, and respect for those around you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, a complete list of legal fireworks, storage and transportation of fireworks, and safety guidelines can be obtained by calling the MN State Fire Marshal's Office at 651-215-0500 or by emailing firecode@state.mn.us



Pedestrian Safety

Warmer weather means more construction vehicles and many more people are out and about walking, hiking and riding bicycles.

Please be alert, drive slowly and with caution.

Minnesota law requires that drivers of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and others who are crossing a street in a marked crosswalk.



Bike Helmets for Sale



The Deephaven Police Department is offering bike helmets for sale in all sizes.



The helmets are blue and are available for \$9. Each helmet has a serial number that will be recorded at the police station to aid in identifying the wearer, if necessary.



Deephaven beaches opened on Saturday, June 7th for the summer season. Here is a list of beaches with brief information about each one:



Deephaven Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Robinson's Bay Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Sandy Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Rocky Beach – No lifeguards on-duty

Nocomo Beach – No lifeguards on-duty

Linwood Beach - No lifeguards on-duty



Minnetonka Community Education will be conducting swimming lessons at Deephaven Beach from July 7-17 (Monday – Thursday). Please call Minnetonka Community Education at 952-401-6800 to register for swimming lessons.

Dogs at Beaches



Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the sand portion of any beach in Deephaven. While we realize that it might be a special treat for your dog to romp in the sand, it's not so much fun for someone walking or playing in the sand to find the "treat" your pet left behind.

Please be a responsible pet owner.

2009 City Budget Schedule for Review by City Council

Monday, July 7 - 2009 Salaries, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Capital Improvement Fund

Thursday, July 21 - General Government, Elections, Administration, City Hall, Police, Fire, Public Works, Streets & Roads, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Wildlife Management

Monday, August 4 - Review Budget Revisions

Thursday, September 10 - Final Budget Review & Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy

Monday, October 20 - Park Improvement Fund, Marina Fund, Recycling Fund

Monday, November 17 - Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund

Monday, December 1 – Truth in Taxation Hearing

Monday, December 15 - Adopt Final Tax Levy, Adopt 2009 City Budget

***Meeting on Aquatic Plant Management
July 22, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM***

State Senator Gen Olson and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at Wayzata City Hall Council Chamber Room to review changes on aquatic plant management rules that would include:



- ◆ Reduce the amount of submersed aquatic plant control allowed in waters adjacent to a property's shoreline.
- ◆ Sunset the grandfather clause in five years which has allowed Carson's and St. Louis bays of Lake Minnetonka to exceed lake-wide limits of pesticide control of aquatic plants.
- ◆ Provide criteria for determining when variances are necessary to control invasive aquatic plants.

Wayzata City Hall is located at 600 Rice Street East, Wayzata, MN. 55391. Please call 952-404-5300 for directions.

Delinquent Utility Bill Notice



Please be aware that all unpaid balances on your utility bill for sewer / storm water, water (if applicable) and garbage / recycling must be paid in full to the City of Deephaven **on or before September 26, 2008.**

If the past due amount is not paid by this date, the Deephaven City Code **requires the past due amount to be levied against your property for payment in 2009 on your property tax statements.**

The parks are full of kids, the lake is full of boats and Deephaven Days is just around the corner. What a great place to spend the summer!

The platform tennis court should be completely re-furbished by the time you get this Newsletter. Thanks to the Park Committee for their dedication to the project. Thanks, also, for their expanded work in the area surrounding the court.

Did you hear the one about the Legislature invoking tax levy limits of 3.9% increase on our City? Seems they weren't impressed with the zero increase we came up with all by ourselves for 2008, so they wanted to help. No problem! The City will continue to provide the services you have come to expect and still stay within the State guidelines. Actually, I'm more excited by the fact they put a limit on Hennepin County, since they ask more from you than Deephaven does when it comes to taxes.

Speaking of lighting a fire under people, the Council recently made some changes to the burning ordinance in an attempt to make those recreational fires enjoyable for those doing the burning while making the fires more tolerable for the neighbors who aren't. Please check with City Hall before you start that bonfire, I mean recreational fire.

As a kid, I can remember the neighbors poking some fun at us as they would say, "Isn't vacation over yet? When do you go back to school?" It is my sincere wish that you all get to spend as much quality time as possible with those near and dear to you. The summer passes quickly enough, please don't get a ticket for speeding through it!

Have a safe and Happy Fourth!
Paul

Just a Reminder—It's Summer Hours at City Hall!

Starting May 27th through August 29th, Deephaven City Hall will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Summer Hours at City Hall

May 27th through August 29th. Deephaven City Hall will be open:

Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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