



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Volunteers are a Huge Asset to the City

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 and they preserve our historical heritage. 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 2007 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical Society.**

We also would like to send out a big thanks to John Dupont, Paul Skrede, John Flynn, Darel Gustafson, Lucy Hicks, and John Wheaton and his children for installing the new open rink borders at the Village Hall skating rink; to the many volunteers who assisted during Deephaven Days: our invaluable election judges; 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 Historic Society. If you have time and interest in serving your community, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form. Thank you!!

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Improvement Projects Planned for 2008

The schedule of projects planned for 2008 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Park Improvements	61,000
Paddle Court Improvements	25,000
Install Lighting at Thorpe Park Path	6,500
(2) New Emergency Warning Sirens	40,000
Radio Read Water Meters	24,500
Sewer Main Jet Cleaning & Televising	37,500
Storm Water Improvements	91,000
St. Louis Bay Cruiser Docks	35,000
Total	\$320,500

Paddle Tennis Court

The Deephaven Park Committee is proposing some significant improvements to the Paddle Tennis Court located across the LRT Trail from Village Hall.

The Committee is recommending the installation of a new aluminum surface for the court plus new screen fencing for a total estimated cost of \$25,000.

If approved, installation of the new surface and fencing will take place in the Spring. If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare the court for these improvements (painting, etc.), please contact John Wheaton at wheatonj@crowm.edu

The Park Committee and City Council are also working on improvements to the Park area around the Paddle Tennis Court and will soon establish a name for this park area.

Resident Water Supply

Most residents obtain drinking water from private wells ranging between 85 to 442 feet deep (average 100-225 feet). According to Ronald D. Thompson, Minnesota Department of Health, water drawn from that depth is not from deeper aquifers but from the more shallow glacial sands and gravel. The content of water from glacial deposits may vary.

The average life span of a well is 30 to 50 years. A hole in the well casing and/or fittings developed from oxidation/rusting is the most common and potentially hazardous event. This hole could permit surface water to contaminate the well water.

The quality and safety of drinking water from private wells is the responsibility of the homeowner (testing is not mandated by the state, county or the city). However, the following testing is recommended.

1) Nitrate/Nitrogen and Coli form Bacteria

Tests continuity of well casing and fittings and absence of surface water contamination. Test frequency 2-5 years.

2) Lead

Lead rarely, if ever, is in the glacial water but can be leached into the water supply from the homeowners plumbing system (solder, joints, brass fittings, galvanizing). Test after any major plumbing alteration (e.g. addition of pipes, water heater replacement). Repeat testing is not necessary if system shows no lead levels.

3) Arsenic

Arsenic, above the maximum safe levels, may be present in glacial deposit water tapped by your well. On the other hand, your neighbor's may have water with arsenic levels well below that which would cause concern. Test once after your well system is established, if no arsenic is detected, repeat testing is not necessary.

Volatile organic chemicals (VOC), pesticides and fluoride at toxic levels are highly unlikely to be present in water drawn by Deephaven residents thus no testing is recommended.

Homeowners drawing water from the municipal water supply of Minnetonka or Shorewood should consult that City regarding quality control and testing. Remember that toxic lead levels, derived from the plumbing system, can be a problem to all homeowners.

For more information contact the Minnesota Department of Health website at www.health.state.mn.us or call the MN Health Department at 651-215-0811. You may also call City Hall at 952-474-4755 for additional information.

Don't trash fluorescent bulbs	Household Electronics Waste	Southshore Senior Center
<p>With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs.</p>  <p>Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator.</p> <p>Many hardware stores take old bulbs, and all types of bulbs may be recycled at Ikea in Bloomington or at the Hennepin County Recycling Centers in Brooklyn Park or Bloomington.</p> <p>www.hennepin.us #612-348-3777</p>	<p>Waste electronic and electrical products from your homes need to be managed responsibly, even in small quantities. As of July 1, 2006, Minnesota residents are not allowed to put television and computer monitors in the trash. CRT-containing devices need to be recycled.</p> <p>Televisions and computer monitors are hazardous because they contain up to eight pounds of lead and can cause environmental problems if discarded with regular garbage. Televisions and computer monitors can be taken to either of the two Hennepin County drop off sites:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park 1400 W 96th St., Bloomington</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.hennepin.us # 612-348-3777</p> 	 <p>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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.southshore-center.org</p> <p>Located at 5735 Country Club Road, the Southshore Community Center is a great place to hold an event! With three rooms available to comfortably accommodate from 35 – 175 people.</p> <p>Events have included business meetings, birthday & anniversary parties, wedding receptions and many others!</p> <p>Call 952-541-1019 for more information.</p>

Peddlers & Solicitors

The Deephaven City Council made some recent changes to Section 430 of the City Code pertaining to the licensing of peddlers that would:

- ◆ Reduce the license period from six months to fourteen consecutive calendar days.
- ◆ Limit the hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Limit the peddler's access to the front door only.
- ◆ Requires the peddler to promptly depart following the successful or unsuccessful completion of a transaction.
- ◆ Prohibits any harassment.

Another important change is that you now have the ability to add your name and address to a list that would prohibit peddlers or solicitation at your home.

If you would like to add your name to this list, please respond by completing the form below and mail it to City Hall. You may also send an email to DanaYoung@mchsi.com with your name and address or call City Hall at 952-474-4755.

Please note that this will not exempt the following individuals or organizations from soliciting at your home:

- ◆ Newspaper carriers
- ◆ Farm and garden product vendors.
- ◆ Charitable, political or religious vendors or solicitors, unless done primarily for the profit of the individual, corporation or other business entity engaged in the activity.
- ◆ Vendors of perishable food products who have regular routes in the City.
- ◆ Persons having licenses or permits under other applicable sections of the Code or under State laws or regulations.

Please add my name to the list which prohibits peddlers and solicitors from coming to my home.

Name _____

Address _____

Please cut out and send this form to :

City of Deephaven
 20225 Cottagewood Road
 Deephaven, MN. 55331



2008-2009 Dog Licenses now available

This is a two year license.

The license fee is \$20.00 per dog.

Licenses may be purchased at City Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. A certificate of current rabies vaccination is required. If you wish to purchase a dog license by mail:

- Complete & clip out the application below & send with your check made payable to "The City of Deephaven"
- Include a copy of your current rabies vaccination certificate or proof of rabies vaccination form.
- Include a **self-addressed, stamped envelope**.

**City of Deephaven Dog License
 2008/2009 Base Fee \$20.00**



- This box for office use only -

Total Paid _____ Rcvd by _____

Tag # _____

- Owner please complete below -

Owners Name (Please Print) _____

Owner's Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Dogs Name _____

Dogs Age _____

Breed _____

Color _____

Sex : M _____ N/M _____ F _____ SP/ FE _____

Veterinarian _____

Rabies Vaccination Date _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature of Owner _____

City Property Taxes Fund Many Services

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$6,598 in property taxes in 2008. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$936 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 14.2% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$78 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
- ◆ Municipal, State & National Elections

\$2,441 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 37.0% 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 \$203 per month to the School District.

\$2,542 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 38.5% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$212 per month to Hennepin County.

\$679 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 10.3% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$57 per month to these various agencies.

Snowmobile Prohibitions

Along with snowplows come snowmobiles. 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 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 recreations 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.

Staff Milestones in 2007

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Police Chief Virgil Gustafson, who retired last July after 29 years of service with the Deephaven Police Department. Virgil was an outstanding Chief and Police Officer who was well liked and respected by both our staff and the many residents who came to know Virgil. We wish him and his family a wonderful retirement in Northern Minnesota.

Deephaven is also very fortunate to be served by a talented and dedicated staff. Please join us in thanking Dana Young, Cory Johnson, Dick Jeurissen, Gus Karpas, 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.

Tour De Tonka and Deephaven Days! Advance Notice!

Just a very early reminder !
The next scheduled **Tour De Tonka** will be held:
Saturday, August 2, 2008



Mark your calendars!
Our next **Deephaven Days** Triathlon Event is tentatively scheduled for
Saturday, August 9, 2008

Sidewalk Maintenance



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.



Winter Trail Activities

The City will maintain the LRT trail through the City of Deephaven 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-country skiers. Also, if you use the trail for walking your dog during the winter months, please clean up after your dog!

Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2007-2008 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.
- ◆ School Holiday 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Christmas Eve 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ New Year's Eve 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The warming houses will be open through February 17, 2008.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of December 31st and the week of January 14th. 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 free the tree from the snow.

Minnetonka Community Education Hosts a SKATE LATE event!

Minnetonka Community Education is sponsoring **“Skate Late”** which will include a DJ, food and fun for the entire community! Come join us!

Free Event!

Date: January 25th, 2008

Time: 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Deephaven Village Hall Ice Rink

All Ages are invited! Family Event!

Bonfire

DJ music

Heated tent

Concessions for sale

NO HOCKEY

For more information, please call Katie at 952-401-6828



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 they have been completely plowed. If you are in doubt about how much snow has fallen or is falling, we would strongly recommend that you 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 **do not allow children to play on snow banks** next to the street.
- ◆ Please do not shovel or blow snow onto city streets!

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 nor do we 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.

Happy Holidays!

Wow, did this year go quickly. Seems like just yesterday when I was standing at the 'return counter' at the store! As we prepare for 2008, I am encouraged and excited. Our budget reserves are above 95% and the Council is still committed to keeping the costs of government low and the level of services high, but it was the City Staff that worked all year long to make this a great place to live - and they'll all be back next year! Thanks, gang!

As we wrap up another year in our beloved Deephaven, the folks in the Pines are probably thankful Highway 101 is completed. Some residents are thankful that there will be a few more boat docks available next year. Hopefully, some of you are thankful that Deephaven's City Taxes will not increase next year!

On a personal note, Robbie and I are thankful for your friendship. Since Paula unexpectedly passed away on November 16, your calls, cards, food and prayers during our time of sorrow have been a tremendous source of strength. Thank you.

I hope the New Year gets off to a great start for all of you! If you do make Resolutions, could one of them be to help a neighbor?

Now, let's go put another log on that fire .. it's cold outside!

Paul

Please Note Changes to 2008 Council Meeting Dates



Due to conflicts with several holidays, the dates of **three Council meetings in 2008** have been changed as follows:

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>ORIGINAL MEETING DATE</u>	<u>NEW MEETING DATE</u>
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 21 st	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 18 th	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 1 st	Thursday, September 4 th

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