



# 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 4th annual Deephaven Days such a smashing success! We were amazed with the number of people, families and friends in our celebration. A total of 141 people took part in the triathlon and about 250 friends and families enjoyed the picnic lunch at Thorpe Park.

We look forward to starting preparations for Deephaven Days # 5 next year!

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

### Haralson Park & Paddle Tennis Court Improvements

After a year of careful deliberation, construction is finally underway on Haralson Park. Haralson Park is the land immediately south of the Platform Tennis Court, which is located south of Deephaven City Hall across the LRT Trail.

A portion of this property has been dedicated to the City as park property and a number of landscaping improvements are proposed that will improve the looks and aesthetics of this park property.

Earlier this Summer, substantial improvements were made to the Platform Tennis Court, including repainting and a new aluminum deck. The court is now ready for play! There are lights kept on over the court to allow for evening use.

*Please remember the following when using the paddle court:*

- ◆ Only tennis shoes should be worn on the court.
- ◆ Only plastic shovels should be used to remove snow.
- ◆ No salt, sand or chemicals should be applied to the court.

### 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. For further information about the Garden Club please visit the city website at [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org).



## 2009 City Budget

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2009 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 10<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,885,370, which represents a 5.7% levy increase over 2008. The public is invited to comment on the 2009 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2009 Budget:

**General Fund Revenues** – Total 2009 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,480,312 and consist of eight major budget categories, shown in box below.

**2009 Revenue Highlights—**

- ◆ 2009 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$96,640 or 4.1% over 2008 General Fund Revenues largely owing to the increase in property taxes.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood combine to equal 10.8% of 2008 General Fund Revenues.
- ◆ Interest Income has grown from \$42,112 and 2.0% of the 2004 Budget to \$85,000 and 3.4% of the 2009 Budget.
- ◆ A revision in the LGA funding formula resulted in the City no longer eligible to receive \$23,000 in Local Government Aid.

Category	2009 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,736,370	70.0%
Licenses & Permits	181,060	7.3%
Intergovernmental	68,151	2.7%
Charges for Services	319,932	12.9%
Fines & Forfeits	41,500	1.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues	27,594	1.1%
Interest Income	85,000	3.4%
Fund Transfers	20,705	0.9%
<b>Total 2009 Revenues</b>	<b>2,480,312</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**General Fund Expenditures** – Total 2009 General Fund

Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,468,978 and consist of ten major departments. *2009 Expenditure Highlights –*

- ◆ Total 2009 General Fund Expenditures increased \$97,583 or 4.1% over 2008 General Fund Expenditures.
- ◆ The increase in 2009 expenditures is due primarily to increases in salary & benefits, health insurance, police & fire services, worker's compensation insurance and fuel costs.

Department	2009 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	170,946	6.9%
Administration	260,784	10.6%
City Hall Buildings	44,400	1.8%
Zoning/Building Inspections	229,797	9.3%
Streets & Roads	81,500	3.3%
Public Works	382,353	15.5%
Parks & Recreation	63,200	2.6%
Police	798,653	32.3%
Fire Services	422,570	17.1%
Animal Management	14,775	0.6%
<b>Total 2009 Expenditures</b>	<b>2,468,978</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Capital Improvement Fund** - The Capital Improvement Fund (CIF

Fund) is a critical fund that finances the replacement of all street, police and park vehicles and 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.

**2009 Property Taxes** – The 2009 property tax levy totals \$1,885,370. This represents a \$101,026 increase over the 2008 property tax levy. The 2009 tax capacity rate is expected to increase from 14.263% in 2008 to 15.094% in 2009.

***If you have any questions regarding the 2009 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Deephaven City Hall.***



One of the more contentious issues surrounding elections is the placement of political signs. Many of the regulations regarding political signs are governed by the following section of Minnesota State Statutes: M.S. 211B.045 “In any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of commercial signs, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from August 1 in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election.”



**In summary:**

- ◆ Political signs may be posted from August 1, 2008—November 14, 2008.
- ◆ Signs must be located off of the public right-of-way and permission must be obtained from the property owner before you install any political sign on their property. If you are uncertain about where the public right-of-way ends, utility poles are typically located just within the public right-of-way.
- ◆ On Election Day, political signs must be at least 100 feet away from a building containing a polling place.
- ◆ Elections are also notorious for the theft of political signs. Please be aware that anyone apprehended for the theft of a political sign could face 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding political signs, please call the City at 952-474-4755.

Primary Election		General Election – November 4 <sup>th</sup> !	
	<p>The Primary Election was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 427 Deephaven residents turned out to vote at our two precincts. This represents a voter turnout of 16.0%.</p> <p>We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Election Judges, who serve so tirelessly on election day both at the Primary Election and the upcoming</p>	<p>Elections for local, state and federal offices will be held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Precinct One residents vote at City Hall and Precinct Two residents vote at the St. Therese Community Room.</p> <p>The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats are open this year. The candidates for these offices are:</p>	
	<p>General Election. Without their help, conducting elections would not be possible.</p>	<p>The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats are open this year. The candidates for these offices are:</p>	
<b><u>Precinct 1</u></b>	<b><u>Precinct 2</u></b>	<b><u>Mayor</u></b>	<b><u>City Council</u></b>
Susan Jerutis, Head Judge	Sheila Laughlin, Head Judge	Paul A. Skrede	Keith Kask
Connie Gerlicher	Barb Sikorski		John Wheaton
Susan Batchelder	Mary Lou Bennis	<b>Residents may vote absentee:</b>	
Mickii Flaten	Gwen Ladner	<p>If you are not able to vote in person on Election Day, you may vote by absentee ballot. Ballots are available beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall.</p>	
Robin Westin Schmit	Vicki Narveson	<p>In addition to the regular City Hall hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, you may also vote absentee on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	
Norm Midthun	Kay Parkhurst		
Nancy Perry	Diane Foote		
Bob Gerlicher	Judy Davidson		
Gena Hackney	Judy Forsmark		
Cindy Simons	Bill Beim, Jr.		
Charlotte Oliver	Wiley Sharp III		
Debra Hoffman	Lucy Hartwell		
Karen Schmeisser	Judith Allen Kim		
Fred Schmeisser			
<p>We also would like to thank St. Therese Church for the use of their Community Room during the Primary Election and upcoming General Election!</p>			

## Snowmobile & ATV Regulations



City Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATVs 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.

## Snowplows are coming!

After a glorious summer, and what we hope will be an equally glorious fall, winter is right around the corner 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. Please move your vehicle if you have any doubt about how much snow has fallen or is falling. The police are required 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.



## 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.

## Warming House Attendants Wanted!

If you are interested in working as an attendant at Thorpe Park or the City Hall warming house, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 or stop by City Hall for an application. You must be at least 16 years of age and be licensed to drive a car. Flexible hours are available after school, on weekends and over school winter break.

**Warming House Hours :** Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming house will be open **starting on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. The warming house hours for the 2008-2009 season are as follows:

**Monday – Friday 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays Noon to 9:00 p.m.**

## Committee Vacancies

Do you think you might be interested in volunteering your time and talents?

There will be a number of openings available beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> on the Deephaven Planning Commission, Park Committee, and Boat Committee.

If you think you have the time and interest to serve your community, please call City Hall at (952) 474-4755 for additional information on each committee and the application process.



## Boating News

- ◆ The construction of 10 new dock slips earlier this spring by Minnetonka Portable Dredging went smoothly and permit holders seem very pleased with the new slips.
- ◆ On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved a new application to reconstruct the remaining 42 dock slips in St. Louis Bay that will be forwarded to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District for their review and approval. It is our intent to construct the remaining 42 dock in the same style as the 10 new dock slips that were constructed on the south side of the dock earlier this year.
- ◆ There will be no Boating Fee increases for the 2009 Boating Season.

### Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. **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!**

#### Please observe these requirements:

- ◆ 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.**



### Rake-A-Thon

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 25<sup>th</sup>.**

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, **please call Katie Smith at 952-401-6828 or [katie.smith@minnetonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:katie.smith@minnetonka.k12.mn.us)**

## Coyote Awareness and Information

Like other suburbs, Deephaven has experienced coyote sightings and related activity over the past few years. Although coyotes are a threat to domestic pets, they are not a threat to humans. The Deephaven Police Department is encouraging citizens to take these simple precautions to ensure the safety of their pets.

- ◆ Do not leave pet food or garbage outside.
- ◆ Do not intentionally feed coyotes.
- ◆ Do not leave dogs or cats outside unattended for long periods of time.
- ◆ Pets should be leashed and attended when walking in any recreational area.
- ◆ If confronted by a coyote, persons should shout or make some other loud noise to frighten the animal away.



Per City ordinance, no citizen can discharge a firearm or trap these animals. Instead, persons who experience a coyote sighting should note the date, time and location and report it to the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555.

Everyone should be aware of the potential harm coyotes could inflict on pets and take the above precautions. At this time, the Deephaven Police Department is addressing these coyote problems by providing awareness and public education. If you have further questions, please call 952-474-7555.

## Please do not flush cloth material down the toilet

Writing an article about sewers is not an easy task. Most people are inclined to avoid the topic because it makes for dull conversation unless toilet humor is your cup of tea. Fortunately, we have a number of dedicated employees who periodically check the manholes and lift stations to ensure that everything is flowing smoothly and sewers are not a subject we have to discuss very much.

However, one area of concern that our crew wanted us to mention is that they are beginning to find a disposable cloth material in the sewer system. This type of material tends to plug the pumps in our lift stations, which could potentially cause a sewer backup in your house or your neighbors house. Please remember that this type of material should be thrown away in the garbage and should never be flushed down the toilet.



We will be seeing more than the leaves changing on Vine Hill Road this Fall. Shortly after school starts, we will be creating a "SCHOOL ZONE" on Vine Hill Road in front of the Deephaven Elementary and the Community Education Building... or as some of us call it..."Old Deephaven High". The speed limit in this area will be lowered from 35 to 25 MPH during those periods when the lights are flashing. The signals are not in place yet due to delays in the various projects being completed at the school. But, when this SCHOOL ZONE goes into effect, I understand the speeding ticket could be as high as \$200, so let's all be vigilant.

Speaking of school, you won't believe how they teach math at the legislature! It appears that 3.9% tax levy limit isn't a real number. Deephaven could go as high as 7.95% and still be within their guidelines. The Council is looking at only going to 5.66%, but if we had not lost our Local Government Aid (LGA), we would have been at 4.40%.

The Council will be requesting permission from the LMCD to complete our dock renovation in St. Louis Bay this winter. We have had many good comments on the new addition to that system, so we hope to have the whole thing done by the next boating season.

Don't forget the Fall Cleanup! ....and if you manage to empty your own "job jar", please see if you can help a neighbor!

Paul



### 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.

### Calling all Ghosts & Goblins!

The Deephaven Police Department will host the very popular annual Halloween Open House at City Hall on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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

#### City Office Closed on these Holidays:

November 27th & 28th, December 25th

January 1st, 2009

#### Your City Council:

**Mayor :** Paul Skrede

#### **Council members:**

Kim Crockett, Keith Kask,

John Wheaton and Steve Adams

#### Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk

Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Boat Moorings

Cory Johnson, Police Chief Pat Thiede, Police Admin Assistant

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Teresa Pendleton, Permits, Public Works Admin Assistant

Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor

Shelley Souers, Woodland City Clerk

#### 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)