



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m.

As you review your property tax statements that 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 the market value of your property and/or the property classification of your property on Monday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. 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 the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties?

Step 1 – Meet with City Assessor Dan Distel. Prior to this meeting you should collect information about similar properties that have recently sold. If this information indicates that your estimated market value is incorrect, it is essential 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 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. The property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the market value as determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable.

Appeals at the April 6th 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 a mutual agreement on the estimated market value of your property.
2. Those residents presenting their cases in advance of the meeting by letter or email.
3. And lastly, 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 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 6th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.**

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State Budget Shortfall



The Governor and State Legislature are currently trying to compromise on a solution (good luck with that effort) for a projected \$4.8 billion dollar State Budget shortfall over the 2010 –2011 biennium. The Governor has proposed a package of cuts that includes substantial reductions in State Aid to local government units that would include cuts to Local Government Aid and to Market Value Homestead Credit in both 2009 and 2010.

The City of Deephaven will be largely unaffected by these cuts since the City does not receive Local Government Aid and would only stand to lose \$6,161 in Market Value Homestead Credit in both 2009 and 2010.

Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 2nd

Mark your calendar for this annual event. More detailed information will be posted on our city website and we will also mail a notice to all residential homes along with your permit parking sticker in late April. If you rent a home, please contact City Hall for a Spring Cleanup Flyer. Curbside Yard, Shrub & Tree Waste Pickup service will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May, 2nd.

Major curbside Appliance Pickup service will be held on Monday, May 4th, 2009. There is a fee charged for this service and you must call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, April 30th in order to arrange a pickup and to obtain cost information.

Hennepin County also accepts household electronics free of charge at their 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 Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Fees will be charged depending on the item.**



Dutch Elm Disease



The City of Deephaven has certified tree inspectors that will be identifying diseased elm trees and oak wilt throughout Deephaven this year. The goal is to slow the spread of the diseases of Dutch Elm disease and Oak Wilt through the removal of infected trees.

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.

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 assess trees throughout Deephaven this year. If diseased trees are found, property owners will be notified by the city and asked to remove the trees within 20 days.

It is important to remove the diseased trees promptly because delays increase the chance of beetle production and the spread of disease. Many Lake Minnetonka communities are well underway with a Dutch elm program of detection and removal. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Help Eradicate Garlic Mustard!



Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria Petiolata*) is a highly invasive exotic plant. This biennial herbaceous plant, also known as Jack-by-the-Hedge, invades shaded areas and has a tendency to crowd out other herbaceous species. The Garlic Mustard plant has small black seeds, which can be dispersed 6 or more feet and number anywhere from 100 to 1,000. Seed dispersal usually occurs in late spring or early summer and may be human or animal assisted. The seeds may be viable for five to six years, though they usually germinate the second year.

Garlic Mustard is very difficult to control. It is also on the MN Dept. of Agriculture's list of prohibited noxious weeds. Annual treatment may be necessary until the seed bank is exhausted. Hand pulling can be effective for small populations and can be done most of the year. Remove all cut stems, flowers and seedpods promptly to prevent dispersal.

Japanese Beetles in the Urban Landscape

Japanese Beetles are a devastating pest to landscape plants. They have no enemies, are impervious to cold and are attracted to roses, fruit trees and gardens. Adult Japanese beetles are 7/16 inch long metallic green beetles with copper-brown wing covers. A row of white tufts (spots) of hair project from under the wing covers on each side of the body. Adults emerge from the ground and begin feeding on plants in June. Activity is most intense over a 4 to 6 week period beginning in late June.



These insects damage plants by eating the surface material, leaving the veins in place, producing a "transparent leaf" effect. The only chemical known to kill the beetles are pyrethroid products containing permethrin, to be applied with a spreader in early spring. These products can be found at local nurseries and home centers. It is best to work as a neighborhood in order to spray around the same time. Japanese Beetle damage can be significant, leaving large tracks of trees defoliated with significant tree kill. For more information please visit our city website www.cityofdeephaven.org



2009 Boating Season

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

- ◆ **All watercraft must be at their assigned space on or before June 1, 2009.**
- ◆ If you need to remove your boat for repairs or vacations or cannot meet a required deadline you must notify city hall right away.
- ◆ Your mooring space must be used a minimum of **90 days** during the season, which is defined as: Docks, Buoys and Shorespace, April 1 – November 1 and Slides and Canoe Racks; April 1 – November 15

We wish you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Declaring Lake Minnetonka Ice-Out

Ice-out is declared on Lake Minnetonka by the Commander of the Water Patrol. Ice out is called when the commander can take a boat from Water Patrol Headquarters in Spring Park, through the Narrows and around Big Island without having to significantly alter course to avoid ice or ice floes.

Earliest Ice-Out: March 11, 1878 **Latest Ice-Out:** May 8, 1856
Earliest to Latest: 59 days

Most Common Ice-Out: April 17 & 18 (9 times)

Average Ice-Out: April 15

For more information contact the Excelsior Fire District, Hennepin County Water Patrol or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



Save the Date! Deephaven Days Triathlon & Picnic —Saturday, August 8th



Triathlon – Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Deephaven Beach, the **race begins at 10:00AM** 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. **The community picnic lunch** with band begins immediately after the race at 11:30. The picnic features great food, live music and games for the kids! For more information please visit

www.cityofdeephaven.org. **Volunteers are needed for this event.** If you are interested, please call Shelley at 952-474-4755.

June 3rd - OPEN HOUSE for The Minnetonka Yacht Club & Lake Minnetonka Sailing School



The Minnetonka Yacht Club will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, June 3rd starting at 5PM. Sailboat races start at 6:15 PM. The Yacht Club invites you to attend and rekindle your love for sailing and share it with others. Bring your friends and family! Take a FREE ride on a sailboat. A buffet dinner will also be served at the cost of \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Free drinks and appetizers will be available prior to the races. Please encourage sailors and non-sailors to visit the Club and hopefully become members. For further information please call 952-474-4457. No reservations are required.

Celebrate Arbor Day on Sunday, April 26th

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 26th as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to join us in our annual celebration of Arbor Day.

This year's event will be held at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony.

Please come join us in this annual celebration!



Cottagewood Store Spring Opening! May 1st



Officially open for business on May 1st!

Bring your friends, family and join your neighbors to celebrate the

Grand Opening of the Cottagewood General Store! Meet the new staff and purchase the limited edition 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. Located at 20280 Cottagewood Avenue in Deephaven. Please call 952-470-8400 for more information or visit the website at www.cottagewoodusa.com

The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2009 Celebration

The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2009 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 "4th of July 2009" in the memo portion of your check.

It's Spring Time! That magical time of year to start all those maintenance projects you need done on your home. Please remember 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, additions or plumbing and electrical work. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about permit requirements. Permit applications are available at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
2003	605	\$13,353,874
2004	560	\$10,975,766
2005	534	\$ 9,384,029
2006	622	\$14,337,775
2007	590	\$13,532,474
2008	524	\$16,664,812

Licenses Required for Certain Contractors

The City of Deephaven requires plumbers, gas fitters, and tree trimmers to be currently licensed by the City of Deephaven before they are able to work in the City.

The City requires these contractors to be licensed for several reasons. 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.

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.

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 www.cityofdeephaven.org to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

Road Weight Restrictions— March 1st through May 1st



Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from March 1st through May 1st, midnight. The City strongly enforces weight restrictions to prevent damage to streets. This is especially important when contracting with moving vans, delivery trucks or construction vehicles. Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the weight restrictions in their area. Most damage to roads occur 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. All roads leading to neighborhoods are posted with the allowable axle weight rating. For questions regarding these restrictions, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

Best Buy Launches Electronic Recycling Program

Starting February 15th, consumers can bring up to two units per day, per household, for recycling to any Best Buy Store. Stores will accept most consumer electronics, including televisions and monitors up to 32 inches, computer CPU's and notebooks, small electronics, VCR, DVD players, phones as well as accessories such as keyboards, mice and remotes.



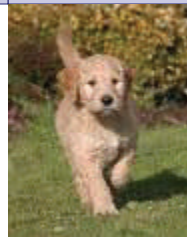
Best Buy charges a \$10 recycling fee for items with screens, such as televisions, laptop computers and monitors, **HOWEVER, the consumer will instantly receive a \$10 Best Buy Gift Card in exchange for the recycling fee.** This fee does not apply to any of Best Buy's Exclusive Branded products, such as Insignia, Dynex or VPR Matrix. The following items CANNOT be accepted through this program; televisions or monitor screens larger than 32 inches, console televisions, items that contain Freon, including air conditioners, dehumidifiers and mini-refrigerators, microwaves or large appliances.

Parking Permits



Parking permit stickers will be sent to all residential homes in Deephaven beginning the third week of April. These are exterior window stickers and they must be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle on the lower corner of the rear window. The sticker allows you to park from May 1 – October 1 in parking permit-only areas, including all City beaches and parks. 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 or visit our website for instructions on how to obtain a permit.

CURB YOUR CANINE!



MUTT MITTS are available in our parks and trails for your use to clean up after your dog! Keep a few extras tied to your leash so you're prepared for the inevitable.

Be a responsible pet owner and help keep our parks clean for others to enjoy!

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.

Street Repairs for 2009

Now that our miserable winter is over, it must be time for the street construction season! The City intends to seal coat approximately 71,010 square yards of city streets at an estimated cost of \$107,010 for 2009.

- ◆ **The portions of the City that are scheduled for seal coating later this summer may include all or portions of the following streets:**
 - Highland Avenue (East)
 - Jericho Road
 - Leroy Street
 - Lowell Street
 - Minnetonka Blvd
 - Therese Street
- ◆ **Parking lots:** Carson's Bay Parking Lot, City Hall Parking Lot and Chowen's Parking Lot
- ◆ **Walking trails:** City Hall Walking Path and Thorpe Park Walking Path
- ◆ **The City also intends to overlay both Talton Place and Virginia Avenue at an estimated cost of \$95,000.**
- ◆ **The following streets are under consideration for an overlay in 2010:**
 - Lake Avenue
 - Monaltrie Avenue
 - Old Kent Road
 - Ridgewood Road

How do we decide to improve one street over another?

Seal Coating - The City attempts to seal coat each street once every five years to extend the life of each street as long as possible.

Street Overlays – A street is overlaid with 2" – 3" of new asphalt if there is too much surface cracking to warrant a seal coat. Each street in the City is graded in the fall according to its condition and the worst streets are scheduled the following year for an overlay. Unfortunately, we cannot overlay each and every one of the worst streets due to limitations in our annual Capital Improvement Budget and the fact that we do not have a policy of charging special assessments to our residents for street improvements.

Utility Construction on Vine Hill Road



Xcel Energy is considering an upgrade to their transmission line on Vine Hill Road from Highway 7 to their substation across from the Elementary School by installing a new underground line. The project is tentatively

scheduled to begin in early June, after school is out for the summer, and will run through most of the summer. Please expect some traffic delays if you intend to use Vine Hill Road this summer.

Hydrant Flushing - Week of May 5th



The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines, along Minnetonka Blvd and Ridgewood Road the week of May 5th in order to help clear the water lines.

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. If you are experiencing problems, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4775.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hennepin County residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at no cost at either of Hennepin County's permanent drop-off facilities located in Brooklyn Park, 8100 Jefferson Highway and in Bloomington, 1400 W. 96th St.

The facilities are open Tuesday-Friday, 10AM to 6PM, Wednesdays until 8PM and Saturday 8AM to 5PM. Closed Sundays, Mondays, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Please visit their website at www.hennepin.us for more information or call 612-348-3777.



Just a Reminder!

As the snow begins to melt and the leaves left behind from the Fall begin to show, **please do not rake the leaves into the street**, it creates hazardous driving conditions. Please help 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, May 2nd, 2009.

Additional information on the Spring Cleanup Day will be listed on our website, www.cityofdeephaven.org as well as in a notice to be mailed along with your Deephaven parking permit on April 15th.

Having turned all of our clocks forward, except that pesky VCR that is still blinking 12:00, we are beginning to work on the "Spring Cleaning To-Do List" for the City.

We are getting ready for some road re-surfacing projects, but the old "list" isn't too long this year. Your Council is very aware that we need to complete planned projects, but we have been reluctant to spend a great deal of your money on items that can be reasonably scheduled for future years, because it is very apparent that the mass mailing of "stimulus money" doesn't seem to be coming our way.

On the bright side, be sure to get down to St. Louis Bay and see the new docks that were completed over the winter. We also covered the breakwater structure that has been a hazard for snowmobilers and just plain ugly to the rest of us as it stuck out of the water. Give a give "thanks" to the members of the Boat Committee for their work on these projects! Hopefully, before the beaches are open for the season, we will have a better drainage system along the boardwalk so the beach doesn't erode, also.

The Council also approved a Lease Agreement with Verizon so they can co-locate on the T-Mobile cell tower. It appears they will begin their work fairly soon. To all of you, as we put the snowshoes away and look forward to spring, if you have questions or ideas for the Council, I look forward to hearing from you.

Paul

Southshore Community & Senior Center

Minnetonka Center for the Arts Spring Fundraiser

Southshore 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! Call 952-474-7635 for more information or visit their website at www.southshore-center.org

"ART 4 LUNCH " Spring Fundraiser will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 11:30 to 1:30 PM in The Metropolitan Ballroom, 5418 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley, MN. Tickets cost \$75. per person, this includes lunch and speaker.

This event is open to the public. The Mtkca Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1952 to enrich the quality of life in the community by making art a part of everyday life. Studio classes and workshops are scheduled year round. Please call 952-473-7361 Ext.10 for further information.

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
Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing & Marina Operations
Cory Johnson, Police Chief Pat Thiede, Police Admin Assistant
Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator
Teresa Pendleton Building Permits
Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor
Shelley Souers, Woodland Deputy Clerk

City Office Closed on these Holidays:

April 10, 2009
May 25, 2009
July 3, 2009



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 meets 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. 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