



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Property Taxes Fund Many Services

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The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$6,682 in property taxes in 2009. Here's where your tax money ends up:

\$991 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 14.8% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$83 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



\$2,405 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 36.0% 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 \$200 per month to the School District.

\$2,650 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 39.7% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$221 per month to Hennepin County.

\$636 goes to other agencies such as the Watershed District, Metropolitan Council, Mosquito Control, Hennepin County Parks, Met Transit Debt, the Park Museum, Hennepin County HRA, the Railroad Authority and the Solid Waste Fee – These agencies receive about 9.5% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$53 per month to these various agencies.

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; they preserve our historical heritage; and they work to install boards to improve our ice rinks.

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 2008 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 those volunteers who installed 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 "Deeplahaven 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, as election judges, or additional volunteers may be needed for the Garden Club or to join the Deeplahaven Historic Society. If you have time or interest in serving your community, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form. Thank you!!

Skating Rink—Warming House Hours



The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2008-2009 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.

Christmas Day / New Year's Day Closed

The warming houses will be open through February 15, 2009.



Improvement Projects Planned for 2009

The schedule of projects planned for 2009 include:

Improvement Projects	Est. Cost
Main Beach Drainage Improvements	\$ 45,000
Robinson's Bay Beach Drainage Improvements	\$ 10,000
Seal Coating	\$ 110,000
Street Overlay	\$ 95,000
Thorpe Park Modular Playground	\$ 30,000
Sewer Main Rodding	\$ 25,000
Sewer Main Repairs	\$ 45,000
Storm Water Improvements	\$ 33,000
St. Louis Bay Cruiser Docks	<u>\$106,500</u>
Total	<u>\$499,500</u>

"Skate Late" Event! Friday, January 23rd



Minnetonka Community Education is hosting the Second Annual **"Skate Late Event"** on

Friday, January 23, 2009

Deeplahaven Village Hall Ice Rink

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Free Event!

The event will include music, food and fun for the entire community! Come join us!

Bonfire, DJ Music, Heated tent, Concessions for sale!

NO HOCKEY



The Deephaven City Council made changes in 2007 to Section 430 of the City Code pertaining to the licensing of peddlers that:

1. Reduces the license period from six months to fourteen consecutive calendar days.
2. Limits the hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. Limits the peddler's access to the front door only.
4. Requires the peddler to promptly depart following the successful or unsuccessful completion of a transaction.
5. Prohibits any harassment.

Another important change is that residents now have the ability to add their 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 call City Hall at 952-474-4755 or email DeborahHicks@cityofdeephaven.org with your name and address.**

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.

Christmas Tree Disposal



Waste Management will collect all real trees **the week of December 28th and the week of January 11th**. 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.



CT RideNet



Need a Ride?

CT RideNet (Coordinated Transportation Ride Network) can connect you with a ride in your area for medical appointments, shopping, work and more.

RideNet has multilingual, live operators available 24/7 to provide information about all transportation options in your area including public, private and volunteer services.

With one phone call or click of the mouse, you will be given information to available public and private transportation options.

They will also help you determine if you are eligible for assistance to pay for your ride.

Please call 1-800-450-6100 or www.ctridenet.com

TTY service available.

Variety of transportation services! Bus, Automobile, Agency, Accessible Van, Taxi, Public, Private & Volunteers.

With CT RideNet, new transportation options are created and funded by forming partnerships with government, non-profit agencies and businesses. Hennepin County has contracted with RideNet to provide ride information, referral and reporting in Western Hennepin County.

Snowplows are here!

Snowplow Damage



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 your children or other children to play on snow banks next to the street.**

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.

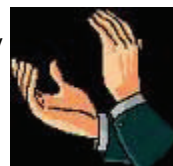
City personnel do not clear private driveways nor do we intentionally plow more snow into your driveway than your neighbor. You may inadvertently receive more snow due to the angle of the plow blade or the angle of the street.

Staff Milestones in 2008



We would like to bid a fond farewell to Police Officer Bridget Joyce, who resigned in November to take a similar position with the Winona Police Department after serving 4 years with the Deephaven Police Department. We wish Bridget and her family the best of luck!

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



Southshore Senior Center



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:

www.southshore-center.org

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. Events have included business meetings, birthday & anniversary parties, wedding receptions and many others! Call 952-474-7635 for more information.

Snowmobile & ATV Prohibitions



Along with snowplows come snowmobiles and ATV's. If you operate a snowmobile or ATV within the city limits, please be aware that Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's 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.



Please don't trash fluorescent bulbs!



With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator.

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.

www.hennepin.us # 612-348-3777

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.



This is a thankless task so please take the time to occasionally thank your neighbors for their time and effort to maintain the public sidewalk during our unimaginably long winters.

Household Electronics Waste

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.

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:

8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park / 1400 W 96th St., Bloomington

www.hennepin.us # 612-348-3777



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.

As we get ready for 2009, let me tell you Deephaven is well positioned for the challenges that lie ahead ... the State of the City is sound.

The Council is not oblivious to the happenings at the County and State level - deficits, cuts in services, reductions (they call it un-allotments) in aid to cities, etc. However, we are well positioned to provide all of the services you have come to expect as residents. We will continue to fix roads, plow streets and maintain the Parks and Beaches – all of the things we do that make living in Deephaven a rich experience for all of us.

Thank you for re-electing Keith, John and me for another term. We look forward to working with Kim and Steve as new opportunities to improve Deephaven arise in the coming years. We are not insensitive to the ‘tough times out there’ that we see on TV, read about in the papers, or experience first-hand in our Community. But we are dedicated to maintaining or improving the quality of life in our fine little town. When residents return from vacation – or working the late shift – we don’t want them to see Deephaven in the headlines as a place where things aren’t going well.

If difficult issues arise or you need our help, please give me a call. In the meantime, hug your kids, play in the snow or visit grandparents, take care of your health and let’s all try to do the best we can to make 2009 a Happy New Year for ourselves and our neighbors.

Paul

Please Note Changes to 2009 Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with several holidays, the dates of three Council meetings in 2009 have been changed as follows:

HOLIDAY	ORIGINAL MEETING DATE	NEW MEETING DATE
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19, 2009	Cancelled
President’s Day	Monday, February 16, 2009	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2009	Tuesday, September 8, 2009



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 & Mooring Lease Clerk
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

City Office Closed on these

Holidays:

December 25th, 2008

January 1st, 2009

January 19, 2009

February 16, 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 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