



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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2009 Deephaven Days! —Saturday, August 8th

Triathlon – Registration begins at 9:00 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 for the triathlon. The race is limited to the first 180 participants, 9 years and older. Please complete the registration enclosed with this Newsletter and return it to City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. The registration fee is \$35 for single participants and \$60 for family participants. Race timing chips will be provided this year. The City will also provide a swim cap and T-shirt to each participant. All racers must wear their own bike helmet.

The community picnic features great food and live music. **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.

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



Mark your calendars for this annual celebration! Food, games, live music, fun and of course, the annual children's bike parade!

Where : All events are at the Cottagewood Children's Park in front of the Historic Cottagewood General Store.

When: The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. with live music in the Park, the reading of the Declaration of Independence begins 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 the website at www.cottagewoodusa.com

Night to Unite—Tuesday, August 4th



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.

Excelsior Firefighters 25th Annual Relief Association Dance!—Friday, July 17, 2009

FREE ADMISSION! NO COVER CHARGE! FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS, FAMILIES & NEIGHBORS!



The annual Excelsior Firefighter's Relief Association Annual Dance will be held at the West Side Fire Station at 24100 Smithtown Road in Shorewood from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight. The Grand Door Prizes are a \$350 Gas Gift Certificate from the Water Street Pump and a \$250 Gift Certificate from Cub Foods! There will also be Mechanical Bull Rides, Face Painters, a Moonwalk and a GIANT slide for the kids. Food served will be Pork Chops on a Stick, Brats, Hot Dogs, Auxiliary's famous homemade desserts as well as soda, beer, and root beer.

"The Killer Hayseeds", an excellent Pop Country band will be performing, their playlist includes the Eagles, Alabama and Charlie Daniels band. Come join us! Call for more details, 952-960-1698, or visit www.excelsiorfire.org

Tour De Tonka "Lap the Lake" Bike Ride—Saturday, August 1st



Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual Tour de Tonka bike ride, a community building event coordinated by Minnetonka Community Education. This ride, **not a race**, will be held Saturday, August 1, 2009. Four different route options of 16, 38, 62 or 75 mile rides, have something for everyone.

The event begins at Minnetonka High School at 7:30 a.m. Same day registration begins at 5:45 a.m. For more information or to register, visit www.tourdetonka.org or call Gwynn at 952-401-6842.

Volunteers are also needed during the event. Call Debbie or Lori at 952-401-6800 if you or your group would like to get involved. Registration fee includes a T-shirt. In addition to the registration fee, a separate donation may be made to the ICA Food Shelf, giving riders an opportunity to impact our community with their ride.

See you on August 1!

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 device.
- ◆ Never aim or throw fireworks at a person, animal, building or vehicle.
- ◆ Stay away from a failed firework device for an extended period of time. Never re-light a failed device 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 651-201-7200 or email firecode@state.mn.us

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 15th 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 / Treasurer Mary Courtney and Administrator Dana Young can be credited with the city's receipt of this award.

Got old electronics in your basement or garage? The average U.S. household is storing 2-3 old televisions or computers. Recycle your old electronics for free! Most electronics contain toxic metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium. If any of these contaminants get into our rivers, streams or lakes, they can harm our health and damage the environment.

Hennepin County takes electronics free of charge, year-round, from residents at the following drop-off facilities:

- ◆ Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station, 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park
- ◆ South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 West 96th Street, Bloomington.

The facilities are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Electronics accepted include TVs, computers (CPUs, monitors, laptops), computer peripherals (keyboards, printers, etc), VCRs, DVD players, stereos, and more. Some quantity limits apply. These items are accepted from households only. Electronics from businesses are not accepted at the facilities. For more information on these drop off facilities and how to recycle call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us and search the A to Z "How to get rid of it" guide.

City Beaches Open for Season



Deephaven beaches opened on Wednesday, June 10th for the summer season. Here is a list of beaches with brief information about each one:

Deephaven Beach	Lifeguards on-duty from 11:00 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



Minnnetonka Community Education will be conducting swimming lessons again at Deephaven Beach. Please call 952-401-6800 or visit www.minnetonkacommunityed.org to register.

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 State One, 651-454-0002, for the required utility locates before you begin digging.

Bike Helmets for Sale	Dogs at Beaches	Pedestrian Safety
 <p>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.</p>	<p>Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the sand portion of any beach in Deephaven.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please be a responsible pet owner.</p> 	 <p>Warmer weather means more construction vehicles and many more people are out and about walking, hiking and riding bicycles.</p> <p>Please be alert, drive slowly and with caution.</p> <p>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.</p>

2010 City Budget Schedule for Review by City Council

Monday, June 15 - 2010 Salaries, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Capital Improvement Fund, General Government, Elections, Administration, City Hall, Police, Fire, Public Works, Streets & Roads, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Wildlife Management

Monday, July 20 – Budget Review & Revisions

Monday, August 17 – Budget Review & Revisions

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

Monday, October 19 - Park Improvement Fund, Marina Fund, Recycling Fund

Monday, November 16 - Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund

Monday, December 7 – Truth in Taxation Hearing

Monday, December 21 - Adopt Final Tax Levy, Adopt 2010 City Budget

Street Repairs for 2009

The City intends to seal coat approximately 71,010 square yards of city streets at an estimated cost of \$89,888.40 for 2009.

The portions of the City that are scheduled for seal coating later this summer will 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.

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:

1. A recreational fire shall have a total area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and three (3) or less in height.
2. Recreational fires shall be contained within a fire ring, pit, container or device designed for such use.
3. The area within a five (5) foot radius of the recreational fire shall be reasonably clear of all combustibles.
4. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a neighboring dwelling or garage.
5. The fire shall be under the immediate supervision of the resident or his/her authorized adult representative.
6. Buckets, shovels, garden hose or a fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
7. The prevailing wind at the time of the recreational fire shall be away from nearby residences and must be less than 15 mph.
8. No flammable or combustible liquids shall be used to kindle or rekindle a recreational fire.
9. 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.
10. The hours that recreational fires shall be extinguished are between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
11. Fires must be fully extinguished when unattended.
12. 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.

Interested in Adopting a Park, Trail or Beach?



Do you have an interest in adopting a City Park, Trail or Beach? Volunteers are needed to help keep a watchful eye on whether garbage cans are overflowing, if there has been any vandalism, broken or damaged play structures, tree damage, or other maintenance issues. A one year commitment with at least 2 visits to the site per year is all that is required.

For an application please stop by city hall or visit our website at www.cityofdeephaven.org / Recreation tab. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Souers at 952-474-4755. Thank you!

A Letter from the Police Department

Each year, millions of people have their identities stolen. Identity theft is a serious crime, and can cost time and money. We at the Deephaven Police Department would like to provide you with some helpful information.

DETER IDENTITY THEFT

Shred: financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.

Protect: your social security number. Don't carry your SS card in your wallet or write your number on a check.

Do Not: give personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the internet unless you know who you are dealing with.

Never Click: on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in a web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus software to protect your home computer.

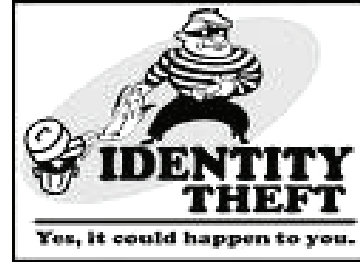
Don't use: an obvious password like your date of birth, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

DETECT IDENTITY THEFT:

Be alert to signs that require immediate attention:

- ◆ Bills that do not arrive as expected
- ◆ Unexpected credit cards or account statements
- ◆ Denials of credit for no apparent reason
- ◆ Calls or letters about purchases you did not make

We have had an increase in identity theft in Deephaven. We suspect most of the victims have had their mail taken from their mailbox. We ask that you immediately retrieve your mail after it has been delivered. If you are sending mail, please place your mail in a secure "Blue" mailbox. If you plan on being out of town for any amount of time, please stop your mail. If this is not possible, ask a neighbor to pick up your mail.



IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT:

- ◆ Notify the Police Department immediately
- ◆ Close accounts that have been tampered with
- ◆ Place fraud alert on your credit reports
 1. Equifax 1-800-525-6285
 2. Experian 1-800-397-3742
 3. TransUnion 1-800-680-7289

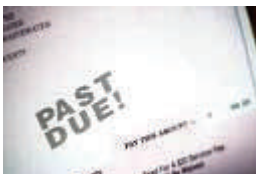
GOOD NEWS!

You are not responsible for monetary losses, the banks and credit card companies must refund your money losses (if any), although they may hold your money while they are conducting an investigation in the case. Some may charge up to \$50 per account.

If you have any questions please call the Deephaven Police Department **952-474-7555**.

Sincerely,
Cory Johnson
Deephaven Chief of Police

Delinquent Utility Bill Notice



Please be aware that all unpaid balances on your utility bill for sewer / storm water, city water (if applicable) and garbage / recycling must be paid in full to the City of Deephaven **on or before September 25, 2009**.

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 2010 on your property tax statements**.

If you own a rental property, please be certain that your tenants have paid any past due amounts for these accounts since these utilities are tied to the property and are placed on the owner's property taxes if left unpaid.

We made it to another season! Cozy evening fires have been replaced by the fragrance of outdoor cooking and the snow plows and school buses are gone. Our parks, tennis courts and beaches are open, so let's get out there and have some fun! Who needs a travel brochure when you can spend a summer in Deephaven?

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! I hope the successes and experiences you have enjoyed during your last twelve years in school will serve you well as you embark upon your next journey.

I do have an update regarding the five cities that own the SouthShore Community Center. We have been working to develop a solution for the needs of this facility for many months. I am happy to announce and would like to thank the City Council of Shorewood for courageously deciding to step up and manage the building as a Community Center for the area. They will do an excellent job of providing programs and activities for residents of all ages, including our senior population, and we look forward to supporting them in their efforts.

Also, we have a new eco-friendly surface down at the Main Beach. We should expect less phosphorous emissions into the lake through better overall drainage and see less erosion of the beach sand as a result of this improvement. Take a look at it while you are down there enjoying the fireworks on the Fourth of July!

If you are looking for a fun picnic this summer, don't forget that Deephaven Days is August 8. In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable and fun-filled summer!

Paul

Reminder—It's Summer Hours at City Hall!

Starting May 26th through September 4th, 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.

Deephaven City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00

Fridays 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON .

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator

Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk

Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing / Marina Operations Clerk

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 will be closed

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