

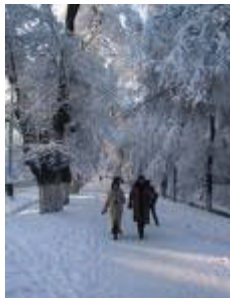


Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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2010 Utility Rate Increases

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On November 16, 2009, the Deephaven City Council approved a sewer rate increase that will go into effect in January and due beginning with the April, 2010 utility billing. The sewer rate will increase from \$65.00 per quarter to \$75.00 per quarter.

The reason for the sewer rate increase is due to primarily three significant factors. First, the sewer system was installed in the early 1970's and there is a greater need to clean, televise and repair our mains and manholes. The cost of cleaning and repairing our sewer mains is projected at approximately \$32,800 per year from 2010-2014.

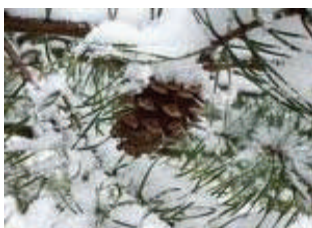
The second most important component to our sewer system is our lift stations. The City owns and operates nine lift stations that were installed along with the sewer mains in 1972. Each lift station contains two pumps, each with an estimated life of ten years. However, they can easily be damaged by improper disposal of cloth material that is continually flushed into the sewer line. The cost of replacing pumps has increased substantially over the last two years and the City has now budgeted \$16,000 per year for the repair and upgrade of lift station pumps.

Finally, the waste generated in the City of Deephaven is treated at wastewater treatment facilities owned by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. The cost for waste treatment has risen dramatically (18.7%) in the last three years to where the City will now pay \$331,556 towards waste treatment in 2010 to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. This amount now equals 76% of the revenue that we currently generate through rates.

As a result of these three principal factors, the City has to raise our sewer rates to ensure that there are adequate funds to support future improvements to the sewer system and that annual operating costs, including waste treatment, are adequately supported by rates.

Verizon Cell Tower

There has been substantial interest in the progress of Verizon collocating on the cell tower owned by T-Mobile at City Hall. After considerable negotiations between the two carriers, the new cell tower at City Hall has been installed, along with Verizon's equipment shed, and Verizon intends to be operational by Christmas.



The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$6,924 in property taxes in 2010. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,024 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 \$85 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

\$2,488 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 35.9% 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 \$207 per month to the School District.

\$2,793 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 40.3% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$233 per month to Hennepin County.

\$634 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 9.0% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$52 per month to these various agencies.

New Law on Yard Waste Collection

Beginning January 1, 2010, residents who bag their yard waste will be required to put their waste out in compostable bags – either paper bags or compostable plastic bags.

Compostable plastic bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a green-tinted opaque color. Most home improvement, grocery and hardware stores now carry them. The benefits of compostable plastic bags are that it will enable local composters to have less plastic to screen out of their finished compost, which will reduce processing costs and enhance the quality of the finished compost.

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; they preserve our historical heritage; and provide recommendations on the improvements of our parks, beaches and marinas. 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 2009 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical Society. Thank you!**

We also would like to recognize the many volunteers who assisted during Deephaven Days 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, as election judges, or additional volunteers may be needed for the Garden Club or to join the Deephaven Historic Society. If you have time and an interest in serving your community, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form.

Improvement Projects Planned for 2010

The schedule of projects planned for 2010 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Haralson Park Drainage Improvements	\$ 22,000
Seal Coating	\$140,000
Village Hall Tennis Court Reconstruction	\$ 75,000
Thorpe Park Modular Playground	\$ 30,000
Thorpe Park Slide / Swing	\$ 3,000
Carson's Bay Launch Repair	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total	\$285,000

Staff Milestones in 2009

Deephaven is 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, Chris Whiteside, Matt Case, Mary Courtney, Teresa Pendleton, John Menzel and Doug Lawver for providing over 5 years of excellent service to our community.

We would also like to welcome three new Police Officers who have joined our Department over the last year. David Klisczc was hired on May 5, 2008, Mark Westgard returned to our Department on January 12, 2009 and Jason Heasley was hired on June 2, 2009.



Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of January 4th and the week of January 18th.

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.

Looking for minimal investment with maximum impact this holiday season?

Join the Friends of the Excelsior Library (FOEL) and for as little as five tax deductible dollars you'll see 100% of your membership fee go to youth, teen and adult programs held at the Excelsior Library!



In 2009, the all-volunteer FOEL funded 89% of library classes, youth book clubs, author events (and more!) through membership drives and two annual used book sales.

In 2010, Hennepin County, due to budget deficits, is unable to contribute to library program funding.

The Friends need you more than ever!

Memberships are currently available at all levels: Bronze (\$5), Silver (\$10), Gold (\$25). Please visit www.hclib.org/Excelsior and choose "Join the Friends" to download a brochure.

Warming House Hours

- ◆ The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2009-2010 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 14, 2010.

"Skate Late" Event! Friday, January 22nd

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

**Friday, January 22, 2010
Deephaven Village Hall Ice Rink
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**



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

Bonfire, DJ Music, Heated Tent and Concessions for Sale!
(NO HOCKEY)

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 or walk. The other half will be left with snow for cross-country skiers.



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

Please Note Changes to 2010 Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with holidays, four Council meeting dates have been changed in 2010 as follows:

Holiday	Original Meeting Date	New Meeting Date
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18th	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 15th	Cancelled
4th of July	Monday, July 5th	Thursday, July 8th
Labor Day	Monday, September 6th	Thursday, September 9th
General Election Eve	Monday, November 1st	Wednesday, November 3rd

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

<i>Snowplow Damage</i>	<i>Snowmobile & ATV Prohibitions</i>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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. <p>We thank you for your assistance in this matter.</p>

Certificate of Achievement



For the 14th consecutive year, the City of Deephaven has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2008. The award is given by the Government Finance Officers Association as “the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management”. Both Deputy Clerk Mary Courtney and our auditing firm of KDV are directly responsible for helping us obtain this outstanding achievement.

Household Wipes Clogging Home & City Sewer Systems!



The past few years have seen the introduction of more and more disposable wipe products for a variety of household uses, unfortunately many of these products are not only labeled as disposable, but also flushable, but unlike toilet paper these products don't break down once they are flushed!

These products have been causing blockages in Deephaven home sewer lines, especially in the older pipelines that may already have existing grease, roots or other obstructions, resulting in the backup of sewer into the home! They have also caused problems in Deephaven's public city sewer system and lift stations.

Every home has a sewer connection that runs from the home to the public sewer system. This sewer service line is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain so there are no backups of wastewater into the home. From there, the sewage moves into larger collector lines, and lift stations which help pump the wastewater across different elevations into the sewer system.

A repair of a sewer line can leave the homeowner with a nasty repair bill, often not covered by homeowner's insurance, and an even nastier cleanup!

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they collect together and cause clogs in the collector lines and get tangled in the lift pumps. When lift stations are clogged, they stop working and require cleaning and repair—or even replacement—in order to get the sewage moving again.

Avoid a nasty cleanup in your home and help protect the city's sewer system by NEVER flushing ANY consumer item that is not toilet paper into the sewer system, regardless of what the packaging promises. Put these items in the trash instead:

- diapers
- disinfecting wipes
- baby wipes
- cotton swabs
- toilet cleaning pads
- mop refills
- paper towels
- moist towelettes
- feminine hygiene products

Please Remember— Toilets are not trashcans, if it's not toilet paper it shouldn't go into the toilet!

For more information, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755

2010 / 2011 Dog Licenses Available

This is a two year \$20.00 license

Licenses may be purchased at City Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

If you prefer you may send in the below application, along with a \$20.00 check made out to "The City of Deephaven". In addition, we need a copy of your current rabies vaccination document for your dog and a self addressed stamped envelope. Mail to address listed below. *Thank You!*



City of Deephaven Dog License

Base Fee \$20.00

This box for office use only

Total Paid _____ Rcv'd by _____

License # _____ Date _____

Owner Please complete below—PLEASE PRINT

Owners Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's Age _____

Breed _____ Color _____

Sex: M _____ F _____ N/M _____ S/F _____

Name of Veterinarian Clinic _____

Phone # for Veterinarian _____

Rabies Vaccination Date _____

Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date _____

Signature Of OWNER—please sign below

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

X _____

Mail application to: City of Deephaven, 20225
Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN. 55331

Southshore Community Center

Please refer to the following website for the Southshore Community Center for a wide variety of information, classes and activities at 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 and anniversary parties, wedding receptions and many others! Call 952-474-7635 for more information.

Looks like Old Man Winter finally made it to Deephaven, doesn't it? Me, I'm just sitting here with a cup of hot chocolate, watching the first snow fall ... and reflecting.

As the year ends, I want to personally thank my fellow Council members, the City Staff and our many volunteers for all of their hard work throughout the year. Their time and effort have made Deephaven a wonderful place in which to live. And, to our residents who attend our meetings, offer your input on issues important to you and pay the bills, a special thank you!

As we prepare for 2010, Deephaven will face a few challenges, but we feel we are well-situated financially to address the issues. We intend to seal coat many of our streets and repair a few tennis courts, but these are budgeted items considered to be regular maintenance. The Council continues to consider 'need to have' versus 'nice to have' when evaluating projects.

On a personal note, my twin grandsons will be coming from England to spend their first Christmas in America, or more importantly, in Deephaven. I wonder what they will like the most – sliding and ice skating in Thorpe Park, the lights in Children's Park, the shiny Fire Trucks and Police Cars, the Platform Tennis Court, ice fishing in St. Louis Bay or skiing on the Trail - you know, all those things we take for granted. I wonder if they will want to return in the summer and swim at the beach and sail on the Lake. I wonder if they will meet all of Grandpa's neighbors and fellow-residents, and find them as friendly and helpful as he does. They have so many years ahead of them to enjoy this wonderful community that I feel blessed to call 'my home'. Oh, I forgot to mention they will be 11-months old!

May the New Year bring you and yours good fortune, good health, fond memories ... and many smiles!

Mayor Paul Skrede



Deephaven City Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30

Closed Saturday and Sunday

City Office will be closed

January 1, 2010

January 18, 2010

February 15, 2010

Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

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



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

City Parks Survey - Please let us know!

The Deephaven City Council and Deephaven Park Committee would love to hear from all residents concerning your thoughts on the current condition of our City Parks and the future improvements you would like to see at our parks. Please fill out the following survey on one or all of the parks listed below and drop off or mail back to Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN. 55331. *Thank You!*

Thorpe Park - Please Rate the Current Condition of Thorpe Park Facilities

<i>Item</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<i>Wooden Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Multi-Colored Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Dinosaur Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Swing Sets</i>				
<i>Slide</i>				
<i>Pavilion</i>				
<i>Warming House</i>				
<i>Ice Rink</i>				
<i>Hockey Rink</i>				
<i>Walking Path</i>				
<i>Ball Fields</i>				
<i>Tennis Courts</i>				
<i>Basketball Court</i>				

Thorpe Park - Please List Your Suggestions for Future Improvements

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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Village Hall Park - Please Rate the Current Condition of Village Hall Park Facilities

<i>Item</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<i>Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Gazebo</i>				
<i>Warming House</i>				
<i>Ice Rink</i>				
<i>Hockey Rink</i>				
<i>Walking Path</i>				
<i>Ball Field</i>				
<i>Tennis Courts</i>				

Please list your suggestions for future improvements at Village Hall Park

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Children's Park - Please Rate the Current Condition of Children's Park Facilities

<i>Item</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<i>Slide Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Boat Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Gazebo</i>				
<i>Fountain</i>				

Please list your suggestions for future improvements at Children's Park

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Shuck Park - Please Rate the Current Condition of Shuck Park Facilities

<i>Item</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
<i>Playground Equipment</i>				
<i>Spring Toys</i>				
<i>Swings</i>				
<i>Basketball Court</i>				
<i>Tennis Courts</i>				

Please list your suggestions for future improvements at Shuck Park

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____