



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
 Monday to Friday 8 to 4:30
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.



Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection—Saturday, November 6th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 6th. This is for curbside pick-ups only and will begin at 7:00 a.m. Do not drop off any yard waste at City Hall! Please remember to use compostable bags.

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 **in compostable bags**.
- ◆ 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 30th.

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please contact Chris Karki with Minnetonka Community Education at 952-401-6828 or at Chris.Karki@minnetonka.k12.mn.us.

Primary Election

The Primary Election was held on August 10th and a total of 587 Deephaven residents turned out to vote at our two precincts. This represents a voter turnout of 22.5%.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Election Judges, who do such a terrific job on Election Day both at the Primary Election and the upcoming General Election. Without their help, conducting elections would not be possible.

Precinct 1—Head Judge, Susan Jerutis

Robert Gerlicher
 Susan Batchelder
 Micki Flaaten
 Norm Midthun
 Donna Berbee
 Judi Forsmark

MaryAnn Tucker
 John Dupont
 Charlotte Oliver
 Nancy Perry
 Cynthia Simons

Precinct 2— Head Judge, Wiley H. Sharp, III

William Beim, Jr.
 Judith Allen Kim
 Barb Sikorski
 Sheila Laughlin
 Gwen Ladner
 Judith Davidson
 Melinda Kroll

Katie Williams
 Stellar Mason
 Mary Lou Bennis
 Vicki Narveson
 Kay Parkhurst
 Diane Foote

We also would like to thank St. Therese Church for the use of their Community Room during the Primary Election and upcoming General Election!

What you should know about arsenic in private wells

In order to be fully knowledgeable about the quality and safety of your drinking water, we would strongly recommend that you test your well water at least annually to determine whether there are acceptable levels of **coliform bacteria, iron, manganese or arsenic** in your drinking water. A list of state certified laboratories in Hennepin County include:



Braun Intertec Corporations	Minneapolis	952-995-2638
Engel Water Testing, Inc.	Minnetrissa	952-955-1800
Pace Analytical Services, Inc.	Minneapolis	612-607-1700
Tri-City	Bloomington	952-563-4904
Twin City Water Clinic, Inc.	Hopkins	952-935-3556

What you should know about arsenic

- 1. Where does arsenic come from?** – Arsenic occurs naturally in our environment. It is part of the earth's crust. As a natural component of underground rocks and soil, arsenic works its way into groundwater. As a result, water supplied from underground sources may contain amounts of arsenic. Arsenic occurs naturally in about half the wells in Minnesota and about 10 percent of Minnesota wells produce water with arsenic levels that exceed 10 micrograms per liter (parts per billion), the state health level.
- 2. How often should my well water be tested?** – There is no requirement for testing frequency; however, once a year is a good target.
- 3. What should my well be tested for?** – Arsenic, coliform bacteria, iron, and manganese.
- 4. What do the test results mean?** – Arsenic and other elements in drinking water are regulated with a maximum allowable limit, known as a maximum contaminant level (MCL). The MCL for arsenic is 10 parts per billion. Elevated levels of arsenic can be a concern because people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage, problems with their circulatory system, and/or may have an increased risk of developing cancer.
- 5. Why did the limit for arsenic drop from 50 to 10 parts per billion?** – For many years, the maximum contaminant level was 50 parts per billion (ppb). During the 1990's, however, it was determined that this level was too high to provide maximum health protection, so the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided to lower the MCL to 10 parts per billion in 2006.
- 6. What treatment options are available for arsenic?** – Drilling a new well, filters for typical iron and manganese removal, or using arsenic adsorption media. Special types of water treatment systems which are proven effective in removing arsenic from drinking water include adsorption media systems, "reverse osmosis systems" with pretreatment, and "distillation" systems. Contact a reputable water treatment dealer in your area for information about water treatment systems.
- 7. Can a new well help?** – A new well may produce lower arsenic levels; however, it is quite possible that a new well may also have concentrations of arsenic.
- 8. Can arsenic levels change over time?** – Since the state of underground water supplies is dynamic, arsenic levels can change over time.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about your well water, we recommend the following websites.

United States Environmental Protection Agency

<http://water.epa.gov/drink>

and <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic/>

Minnesota Department of Health

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/>

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, often in brutally warm weather conditions.

Please visit their tab on the City's webpage at www.cityofdeephaven.org

◆ **Elections for local, state and federal offices will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd.**

Precinct One residents vote at City Hall and Precinct Two residents vote at the St. Therese Community Room. The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats are open this year. The candidates for these offices include:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>City Council</u>
Paul Skrede	Darel Gustafson
	Steven Erickson
	Warren Nelson
	Josh Hackney

The South Tonka League of Women Voters is sponsoring a “Meet the Candidates Night” on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall.

◆ **Included on the ballot for the City of Deephaven will be the following questions regarding the issuance of Intoxicating liquor:**

CITY BALLOT QUESTION 1

QUESTION OF ISSUANCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES

Shall the City of Deephaven be authorized to issue intoxicating liquor licenses?

- YES
- NO

CITY BALLOT QUESTION 2

QUESTION OF ISSUANCE OF SUNDAY INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES

Shall the City of Deephaven be authorized to issue licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday?

- YES
- NO

Why are these questions on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Election? On August 16, 2010 the Deephaven City Council received a petition from over 200 registered voters in Deephaven requesting that these two questions regarding the issuance of intoxicating liquor licenses be placed on the ballot. Deephaven has been a “dry” community since a local option election was held back in 1954 and, if the voters support these two propositions, the City of Deephaven would revert to a “wet” community and could potentially issue intoxicating liquor licenses.

◆ **Residents may vote absentee:** If you are not able to vote in person on Election Day, you may vote by absentee ballot. Ballots are available beginning September 17th at City Hall. 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, October 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 if you have any questions.

Committee Vacancies

Do you think you might be interested in volunteering your time and talents? There will be a number of openings beginning January 1st 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.

Public Meeting on Carson’s Bay Dock Reconstruction—October 18th

The Deephaven City Council would like to invite all interested residents to attend a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2010 to review and comment on the proposed design of the Carson’s Bay docks, which are scheduled to be reconstructed later this winter.

The new Carson’s Bay dock design is available for viewing at www.cityofdeephaven.org. The new design includes 48 slips, 10 more dock slips than the current number of 38 slips at Carson’s Bay.

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2011 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 9th in the amount of \$1,922,219, which represents a 2.0% levy increase over 2010.

The public is invited to comment on the 2011 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and discuss the final 2011 Budget and Levy.

The final 2011 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting. The following is a brief summary of the 2011 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2011 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,525,749 and consist of eight major budget categories:

Category	2011 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,778,124	70.4%
Licenses & Permits	182,960	7.2%
Intergovernmental	59,051	2.3%
Charges for Services	321,862	12.7%
Fines & Forfeits	45,000	1.8%
Miscellaneous Revenues	72,216	2.9%
Interest Income	45,000	1.8%
Fund Transfers	21,536	0.9%
Total 2011 Revenues	2,525,749	100.0%

General Fund Expenditures – Total 2011 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,525,715 and consist of ten major departments:

Department	2011 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	176,341	7.0%
Administration	258,874	10.2%
City Hall Buildings	47,100	1.9%
Zoning/Building Inspections	207,641	8.2%
Streets & Roads	101,400	4.0%
Public Works	403,896	16.0%
Parks & Recreation	72,050	2.9%
Police	836,889	33.1%
Fire Services	408,424	16.2%
Animal Management	13,100	0.5%
Total 2011 Expenditures	2,525,715	100.0%

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.

2011 Property Taxes – The property tax levy totals \$1,922,219 in 2011. This represents a \$36,849 increase over the 2010 property tax levy. With the continued reduction in the market values of properties in Deephaven, the 2011 tax capacity rate is expected to increase from 15.601% in 2010 to 17.223% in 2011. If you have any questions regarding the 2011 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6th at Deephaven City Hall.

2011 Revenue Highlights

- ◆ 2011 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$29,040 or 1.2% over 2010 General Fund Revenues largely owing to an increase in the property tax levy. While the majority of all other city revenues are projected to remain stable over the next few years, they are also projected to remain somewhat flat over that same period.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal 11.3% of 2011 General Fund Revenues.
- ◆ Interest Income has declined significantly over the last few years due to declining investment rates. Interest Income has dropped from \$101,025 in 2007 to a projected \$45,000 in the 2011 Budget.
- ◆ The city of Deephaven isn't eligible to receive either Local Government Aid or Market Value Credit in 2011.

2011 Expenditure Highlights

- ◆ Total 2011 General Fund Expenditures increased \$29,485 or 1.2% over 2010 General Fund Expenditures.
- ◆ The marginal increase in 2011 expenditures is due primarily to two factors – a 2% employee salary increase and increases in health insurance costs.

Campaign Sign Regulations

One of the more contentious issues surrounding elections is the placement of political signs. Many of the regulations regarding political signs are governed by Section 211B.045 of Minnesota State Statutes:

"In any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from 46 days before the state primary in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election."

In summary:

- ◆ Political signs may be posted from June 25, 2010 – November 12, 2010.
- ◆ Signs must be located off of the public right-of-way and permission obtained from the property owner before you post 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.

Snowplows are coming!

Unfortunately, there is no avoiding it. 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.



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.

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.



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 country skiers.

Warming House Hours

Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming house will be open starting on Saturday, December 18th. The warming house hours for the 2010-2011 season are as follows:

- ◆ Monday – Friday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday Noon to 9:00 p.m.

The staff has done a great job of covering the upcoming elections, well water testing and the budget, but I do have some thoughts I wanted to share with you before I go out to celebrate the beautiful fall colors with my rake.

Please note the ballot questions regarding intoxicating liquor when you are voting this year. We have not voted on this issue since 1954, and rarely have a ballot issue of any sort, so it might be easy to miss this opportunity for your voice to be heard.

We have scheduled a Town Hall Meeting on October 18 and will be reviewing the work our Boat Committee has done on a Carson's Bay dock reconstruction project. The money for this project will come out of the Marina Fund which is comprised of dock rental fees, not out of the General Fund where your tax dollars go. Hope you can make it!

The discovery of zebra mussels in Lake Minnetonka is truly saddening. We will be following this issue closely, especially as it affects our swimming beaches and boat launching areas, and are open to your ideas and information on this topic.

The State Supreme Court's latest decision on variances related to building in our City was not necessarily a shock to me. Their decision does, however, provide a great opportunity to re-examine our Ordinances to determine if improvements, or changes to them, are necessary.

Lastly, while the Candidate's Forum on October 7 will give you a great chance to hear from Darel, Steve, Warren and Josh, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Kim and Steve for their work on the Council over their eight and four years, respectively. Thank you very much!

Paul

Excelsior Fire District Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair !



When: Thursday, October 7th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm **Where:** Station #1, 24100 Smithtown Rd., Shorewood, MN. 55331 952-960-1698 www.excelsiorfire.org Rain or Shine, Parking on Site.

Displays, Activities, Demonstrations, Food, Fun and Fire Truck Rides! Grand Finale Live Burn Demonstration 7:45pm Side-by-Side live burn demonstration, watch two identical room fires, one room is protected by a residential fire sprinkler and the other is not—See What Happens LIVE!

City Hall Hours:

Monday to Friday 8 to 4:30
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

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 :

November 25, 26
December 24
December 31st

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