



# Deephaven News

*"Information for Residents"*

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## Spring Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 1st

Mark your calendar for this annual event. More detailed information is being sent to all residential homes on April 15th with your permit parking sticker. If you rent a home, contact City Hall to obtain a flyer.

- ◆ **Curbside Yard, Shrub & Tree Waste Pickup service will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010.**
- ◆ **Plastic Bags are banned from curbside waste collection!** Residents who bag their yard waste will be required to put their waste 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.
- ◆ Major curbside **Appliance Pickup** service will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 29** for cost and pickup information.
- ◆ Hennepin County also accepts household electronics free of charge at their drop off 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](http://www.hennepin.us)
- ◆ Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fees will be charged depending on the item.

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hennepin County residents may dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) at no cost at either of Hennepin County's permanent HHW Drop-off facilities: **Brooklyn Park**, 8100 Jefferson Highway and in **Bloomington**, 1400 96th Street.

**The facilities are open Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Wednesday until 8:00 p.m.), and Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.**

**Accepted Household Hazardous Waste includes:** Paint, stain, thinners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, aerosol cans, fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats, switches and thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances and batteries. Also accepted for no charge are electronics such as TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers. Do not tape lamps together. Containers must be 5 gallons or less. Mattresses can also be disposed of at the Brooklyn Park facility.

For more information on the disposal of household hazardous waste, call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 or contact their web site at: [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us). Search under "Drop Off Facilities".



## 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 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 1, 2010. Additional information on the Spring Cleanup Day will be included in the letter containing your parking permits that will be mailed to you on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 5th 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 each local taxing jurisdiction, 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 your property classification of your property on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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. You should first 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 5 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.**

### ***Notice of Town Hall Meeting***

**MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 6:00 P.M.**

**DEEPHAVEN CITY HALL**

#### **TOPIC: COMMUNICATION TOWER LOCATIONS**

The Deephaven City Council would like to invite you to attend our April 19th Town Hall Meeting to discuss future potential locations for communication towers.

From a historical perspective, the City approved a cell tower at the City Hall Campus in 2006, which currently provides space for T-Mobile, Verizon and Clearwire. Earlier this year, the Council approved the construction of a second communications tower at the publicly owned parking lot at Chowen's Corner for Clearwire, a broadband carrier. The construction of this second tower is expected later this fall.

Why does the City Council permit cell tower locations in the city? The City Council has approved two cell tower locations for two reasons. First, a significant number of city residents desire improved cell service within the community. And second, the Federal Communications Act of 1996 states that a city shall not "unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services" or act in a manner that would prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services. In essence, this was intended and has been interpreted by the courts dealing with the Act to prevent a city from simply setting arbitrary standards such as "we are only going to allow one tower site in our city" or other similar conditions which prevent the provision of service by a carrier or which discriminate among carriers.

The Deephaven City Council adopted a Wireless Communications Tower Ordinance in 2005 to deal with cell tower applications. One of the provisions of this ordinance requires that towers may only be located on parcels owned and controlled by the City of Deephaven. The reason the Council decided to limit towers to city-owned properties is that it enables the annual cell tower lease revenue to be shared by all the residents through lower taxes and it enables the City to better dictate the future location of towers.

The primary purpose of the Town Hall meeting is to discuss possible future tower locations that might be requested on public property in Deephaven.

We sincerely hope that you will join us April 19th to give us your opinions and comments on this issue.

**Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- ◆ 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 occurs 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, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

**Street Repairs for 2010**

Now that the long winter has finally come to an end, it must be time for the street construction season! The City intends to seal coat approximately 95,406 square yards of city streets at an estimated cost of \$143,109 for 2010. The portions of the City that are scheduled for seal coating later this summer may include all or portions of the following streets:

- |                              |                            |                       |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Azure Road                 | - Cottagewood Avenue       | - Cottagewood Road    |
| - Crest Avenue               | - Dale Avenue              | - Hamilton Avenue     |
| - Highland Avenue (West)     | - Hill Lane                | - James Avenue        |
| - Manor Road                 | - Maple Lane               | - Maple Hill Drive    |
| - Maple Ridge Road           | - Maplewood Road           | - Montgomerie Avenue  |
| - Northome Avenue            | - Parkway                  | - Ramsey Road         |
| - Robinson's Bay Road        | - Rutledge Road            | - Shaver's Lake Drive |
| - Shaver's Lake Road         | - Sibley Avenue            | - Thorpe Road         |
| - Virginia Avenue (Portions) | - Walden Beach Parking Lot | - Walden Lane         |
| - Walden Road                | - Walden Trail             | - Westview Drive      |



**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 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.

**Hydrant Flushing Schedule**

**Parking Permits**



The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines, along Minnetonka Blvd and Ridgewood Road the week of May 10th 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 running the cold water from your faucet.

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

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. 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 about how to obtain a permit.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Thorpe Park. Please come join us in this annual celebration!



## Resident Water Supply



Most residents obtain drinking water from private wells ranging between 85 to 442 feet deep (average 100-225 feet). According to Ronald D. Thompson, Minnesota Department of Health, water drawn from that depth is not from deeper aquifers but from shallower glacial sands and gravel. The content of water from glacial deposits may vary.

Properly constructed and maintained water wells can provide many years of trouble-free service, but like any other mechanical devices, wells will eventually deteriorate or become damaged, and allow surface contaminants to enter the water. In addition, some groundwater can contain one or more chemical substances in concentrations above state health limits. The quality and safety of drinking water from private wells is the responsibility of the homeowner since testing is not mandated by the state, county or the city. Here are some recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) that you can follow to assure that your well water is safe.

### 1) Coliform Bacteria

Water that has become contaminated by human or animal wastes can transmit a variety of infectious diseases, including dysentery, salmonellosis, hepatitis, and giardiasis. Symptoms vary, but nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, with or without fever, are the most common. To assess bacterial safety, drinking water is tested for a group of "indicator bacteria" called total coliform bacteria.

**Test frequency:** at least once a year for bacterial safety.

### 2) Nitrate

Nitrate is a common contaminant of Minnesota groundwater. Elevated levels of nitrate are often caused by run-off from barnyards or feedlots, excessive use of fertilizers, or septic systems. Wells most vulnerable to nitrate contamination include shallow wells, dug wells with nonwatertight casings, and wells with damaged, leaking casing or fittings.

**Test frequency:** at least once every year or two for nitrate.

### 3) Lead

Well water in Minnesota usually does not contain detectable levels of lead. However, the pipes and other components of the household plumbing system (faucets, valves, or fittings) may contain lead. If they do, lead may slowly dissolve into the water. The longer the water stands idle in the pipes, the higher the lead levels can become.

**Test frequency:** flush standing water to reduce levels of lead.

### 4) Arsenic

Arsenic occurs naturally in about half of the wells in Minnesota, and about 10 percent of Minnesota wells produce water which exceeds 10 micrograms per liter (parts per billion), the state health level. Arsenic is more prevalent in western Minnesota, but can occur almost anywhere in the state. Long-term consumption of arsenic above the drinking water standard may increase the risk of health problems of the skin, circulatory system or the nervous system, including some forms of cancer. Every private well should be tested at least once or twice to determine if arsenic is present, and at what levels. Arsenic levels in groundwater will not usually change much over time.

**Test frequency:** test your well water at least once or twice during the life of your well.

Volatile organic chemicals (VOC), pesticides and fluoride at toxic levels are highly unlikely to be present in water drawn by Deephaven residents but it is recommended that you have your well tested at least once for these contaminants.

### Who can I contact to have my well water tested?

For a list of all state-certified laboratories, see the [Minnesota Department of Health Certified Environmental Laboratories](#) for all your water testing needs. Be sure that the laboratory you choose is state certified to perform each test you want.

Homeowners drawing water from the municipal water supply of Minnetonka or Shorewood should consult that City regarding quality control and testing. Remember that toxic lead levels, derived from the plumbing system, can be a problem to all homeowners.

**For more information contact the Minnesota Department of Health website at [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us) or call the MN Health Department at 651-201-5000.**

### Building Permits

### Friends of Excelsior Library Spring Used Book Sale

**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](http://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
2009	399	\$11,737,115

**Bargain hunters and book lovers take note:**



On Saturday, April 10, 2010, the Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold a sale of hundreds of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books in hardcover and paperback. The books, and other media, withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public will be priced at \$1.00 or less. Funds benefit the Excelsior Library.

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

In 2010, that number will increase to almost 100% now that Hennepin County is no longer able to contribute as much funding for library programs. The Friends—and Excelsior Library patrons of all ages—need you more than ever, so stop by and get some deals and steals on books of all kinds!

Customers using book scanners, used to determine the value of a used book, must pay a \$5.00 fee.

**Location : Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 19, Excelsior. Saturday, April 10, 8 AM to 3:30 PM**

### Licenses Required for Certain Contractors

The City of Deephaven requires that plumbers, gas fitters, tree trimmers and building contractors are currently licensed with the City of Deephaven before they are able to work in the City.

**The City requires that these contractors are licensed for several reasons. First,** the licensing process ensures that gas fitters 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](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org) to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

### Curb your canine!

### Cats on the Prowl!



**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!

**City Ordinances require your dog to be leashed or at your heel under your command at all times when off of your property! And please remember, dogs are only allowed on the Thorpe Park walking path if they are on a leash!**

Speaking of pets, while cats are not required to be leashed or licensed in Deephaven, please be a good neighborhood and keep an eye on your cat and on their adventurous activities. Your neighbor may not be very appreciative of your cat rummaging around their garden or leaving their "special" droppings on their lawn.



### Cottagewood Store Spring Opening—Officially open for business May 1st!

Bring your friends, family and join your neighbors to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Cottagewood General Store on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Call 952-470-8400 for more information or visit [www.cottagewoodusa.com](http://www.cottagewoodusa.com)



I hope the winter season has been kind to you. Personally, I feel a big burst of energy this time of year, so if you have any issues you would like to discuss, please give me a call or send me an email at [PaulSkrede@mchsi.com](mailto:PaulSkrede@mchsi.com) .

As noted in this Newsletter, we are having a Town Meeting on April 19 to discuss telecommunication towers with residents. The City currently allows towers to be constructed on City-owned property, but we would like to hear if you think some of the City-owned property such as certain park property, should be exempted from this construction activity.

Also, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is working on some Rules Changes that, in my opinion, may negatively affect some property owners in town. They are considering increasing buffer setbacks from wetland areas that could impact proposed improvements to residential properties and they are examining the use and repair of riprap on shorelines. We would like the MCWD to clarify the impact of these Rules in writing but have not been successful to date. If you feel these Rule changes might affect your property, please let us know your thoughts.

I've got some busted snow shovels I am trying to sell on eBay, so I'll have to cut this letter short. Let's talk later!

Paul

### ***2010 Boating Season - Reminder!***

With the kickoff of the Boating Season on April 1st, we would like to remind permit holders to have their watercraft in their city moorings on or before June 1, 2010. We wish you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

#### **City Hall Hours:**

##### **"Summer Hours" May 31 to September 3rd, 2010**

Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to Noon,  
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

##### **"Winter Hours" September 6, 2010 to May 30, 2011**

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
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 :**

Friday, April 2

Monday, May 31



#### **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](http://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](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org)