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#### *City Hall Hours:*

*September 6th to May 30th*  
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm  
Closed Saturday, Sunday and  
Holidays.

#### *"Summer" Hours*

*May 31st to September 5th*  
Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm  
Fridays 8am to 12noon  
Closed Saturday, Sunday and  
Holidays.



## Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection – Saturday, November 5th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. This is for curbside pick-ups only and will begin at 7:00 a.m. Please do not drop off any yard waste at City Hall! Please observe these requirements:

- ◆ Brush must be cut and bundled with string; branches cannot exceed four feet in length and four inches in diameter.
- ◆ As of January 2010, Hennepin County requires all residents to bag their leaves and yard waste **in paper or compostable bags only.** ("biodegradable" does not meet state law, look for the word "compostable" on the box )
- ◆ 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 29th.**

**To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard,** please call Erin Haeg with Minnetonka Community Education at 952-401-6828 or at [erin.haeg@minnetonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:erin.haeg@minnetonka.k12.mn.us).

## Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair

**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 6:00pm to 8:30pm RAIN OR SHINE! Parking on Site

**Location:** Excelsior Fire District Station #1, 24100 Smithtown Road, Shorewood, MN. 55331

**Activities, Demonstrations, Displays and tasty treats for all ages!**



Back by Popular Demand, The Residential Fire Suppressions and Information Demonstration Series

- ◆ Residential Fire Sprinkler Demonstration
- ◆ Live Grease Fire Demonstration
- ◆ Main Event—Grand Finale Live Burn Demonstration 7:45 pm

Watch a dramatic, yet safe, side by side demonstration of how a fire can quickly become deadly in less than three minutes. Designed to illustrate what occurs during a home fire, this event will compare two similarly furnished rooms with smoke detectors—one equipped with fire sprinklers and the other without.

Special Open House Offer - Re-chargeable fire extinguisher inspections, testing and tagging for \$8.00, Free Fire Extinguisher Recycling!

For more information visit [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org) or call the EFD Event Line 952-960-1698

## 2012 City Budget

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2012 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 7<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,922,124, which represents a 0% increase in the property tax levy from 2011. The public is invited to comment on the 2012 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and discuss the final 2012 Budget and Levy. The final 2012 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting. The following is a brief summary of the 2012 Budget:

**General Fund Revenues** – Total 2012 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,460,475 and consist of eight major budget categories:

Category	2012 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,741,124	70.8%
Licenses & Permits	184,860	7.5%
Intergovernmental	58,651	2.4%
Charges for Services	327,509	13.3%
Fines & Forfeits	50,000	2.0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	42,016	1.7%
Interest Income	32,000	1.3%
Fund Transfers	24,315	1.0%
<b>Total 2012 Revenues</b>	<b>2,460,475</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 2012 Revenue Highlights –

- ◆ 2012 General Fund Revenues are projected to decrease \$65,274 or 2.6% over 2011 General Fund Revenues largely owing to a \$40,000 decrease in the property tax levy and a \$30,000 decrease in Cell Tower Lease Revenue when Clearwire terminated their current leases with the City. The \$40,000 decrease in the property tax levy in the General Fund has been offset by a \$40,000 increase in the property tax levy in the Capital Improvement Fund to assist in the financing of future street improvements.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal 11.8% of 2012 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 \$32,000 in the 2012 Budget.
- ◆ The city of Deephaven isn't eligible to receive either Local Government Aid or Market Value Credit in 2012.

**General Fund Expenditures** – Total 2012 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,474,598 and consist of ten major departments:

Department	2012 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	185,845	7.5%
Administration	259,824	10.5%
City Hall Buildings	47,100	1.9%
Zoning/Building Inspections	201,327	8.1%
Streets & Roads	105,900	4.3%
Public Works	314,424	12.7%
Parks & Recreation	72,650	2.9%
Police	861,718	34.8%
Fire Services	412,710	16.7%
Animal Management	13,100	0.6%
<b>Total 2012 Expenditures</b>	<b>2,474,598</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**2012 Expenditure Highlights –**

- ◆ Total 2012 General Fund Expenditures decreased \$36,052 or 1.4% over 2011 General Fund Expenditures.
- ◆ The decrease in 2012 expenditures is due primarily to two factors – the decision to not replace one public works position and a 17% decrease in health insurance costs.

**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 a \$200,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$292,000 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.

**2012 Property Taxes**

The property tax levy totals \$1,922,124 in 2012, which represents a \$0 increase over the 2011 property tax levy. With the continued reduction in the market values of properties in Deephaven, the 2012 tax capacity rate is expected to increase from 17.223% in 2011 to 17.776% in 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the 2012 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Deephaven City Hall.

**2011 Street & Storm Water Project Wrap-up**

We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during our street & storm water projects this year. The following is a summary of the projects completed this year:

- ◆ Mill & street overlay on Ridgewood Road and portions of Monaltrie & Lake Avenue.
- ◆ Installation of a storm sewer main on Mount Curve.
- ◆ Reconstruction of the Carson’s Bay boat launch.
- ◆ Tennis court & basketball court improvements at Thorpe Park.
- ◆ Sewer system improvements at various locations throughout Deephaven.

**Please Do Not Flush Disposable Wipe Products Down the Toilet**

Our Public Works crew wanted to caution everyone that they are finding significant amounts of disposable wipe products in the sewer system.

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. This type of material tends to plug the pumps in our lift stations, which could potentially cause a sewer backup in your house or your neighbor’s house. Please remember that this type of material should be thrown away in the garbage and should never be flushed down the toilet.

**Boating News**

The application for the reconstruction of Carson’s Bay docks has been submitted to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District for their approval. Construction of these new docks is scheduled for February 2012 at an estimated cost of \$132,000. The entire cost of the project will be funded by the Marina Fund and boat rental fees. There will be no Boating Fee increases for the 2012 Boating Season.



**The Giving Tree Project**

**Trees Ready for Public Decorating—Saturday, December 3rd, 2011**

Benefit Resource West and our family, friends and neighbors who need a helping hand.  
Downtown Excelsior, MN. 55331

*Resource West is a responsive community-based organization, assists people and strengthens the west metro community through collaborative programs and connections to resources.*

In partnership with Renewable Energy, Resource West, The Excelsior Fire District, and Gary’s First Class Car Care. For more information 952-960-1698

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.	Minnetrista	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.

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

- ◆ United States Environmental Protection Agency, visit: <http://water.epa.gov/drink> and [www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic)
- ◆ Minnesota Department of Health, visit: [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/)

### **Thanks to the Garden Club!**

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the many talented and dedicated members of the Cottagewood Garden Club, who are directly responsible for the beautiful gardens at Thorpe Park, Burton Park, Children's Park and City Hall that are planted and tended to by this dedicated group of volunteers.

Thank you for another great year!



## 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.



## Warming House Hours

Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming house will be open starting on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The warming house hours for the 2011-2012 seasons 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.



## Volunteers needed to Clear Ice Rinks!

During the winter months, we occasionally hear from residents asking us why the City doesn't clear the ice rinks at Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park over the weekends. The reason we don't clear rinks over the weekends is due to having to pay overtime

costs for our public works crew and, depending on the frequency of snowfalls, the real possibility that our crew might have to work too many consecutive days in a row without a break. The last thing anyone wants is a bleary eyed snow plow operator driving around city streets.

We know there are many enthusiastic skaters in our community who might be willing to volunteer to help clear snow from the ice rinks over the weekend. If you think you might be interested in helping out at the rinks at Village Hall Park or Thorpe Park, please e-mail Councilmember Josh Hackney at [josh@joshhackney.com](mailto:josh@joshhackney.com) with your name, contact information and which rinks you would be willing to help clear over the weekends. Thank you!

## 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.

## 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.

## Winter Trail Activities

As we have done in the past, the City will maintain the LRT Trail for winter use from November 15 to March 31.

**The Excelsior Fire Districts Kids Free Movie!** - Saturday, December 3rd, 2011, doors open at 9:30am

**Location :** Excelsior Dock Cinema, 26 Water Street, Excelsior, MN. 55331

Sponsored by: Excelsior Real Estate

**Movie:** To be Announced, Admission is a non-perishable food item for the ICA food shelf.

For more information please call 952-960-1698 **Meet Santa & Sparky!**



Yet another golf season is coming to a close and, alas, I still have no hole-in-one! Oh, well. At least we have some accomplishments worth discussing:

Hopefully, you will notice the improvements to the traffic stacking issues at Deephaven Elementary School. Traffic seems to be moving considerably better than in recent years. I thank the parents for their cooperation, our staff for their work with the school district in designing the new 'routes', and the district for making the physical improvements. Hopefully, Deephaven's version of a traffic jam will be mitigated by this work.

The Police Department is busily working on the creation of a Facebook page to help inform residents of the happenings around town. Look for the link to appear on the City website, [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org), soon.

We were able to make some road improvements on Ridgewood Road, Monaltrie and Lake Avenue this past month. More will follow as we evaluate our roads throughout the year.

The Council will be approving a City budget for 2012 that will be an increase of zero percent over 2011. We will be using reserves to cover any shortfall, but it appears we will be continuing to provide the services you have all come to expect, while not asking for more tax dollars. Our thanks go to City Administrator Dana Young and his staff for providing this opportunity.

Time for the fall colors, don't you think? We have some Oktoberfest celebrations coming, school has started .. Boy, does time fly!

Happy leaf raking!

Paul

### Committee Vacancies

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

#### City Hall Hours, "Summer Hours" May 31st to Sept 5th

Monday to Thursday 8 to 5:00 / Friday 8 to Noon / Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

#### City Hall Hours, Sept 6th to May 30th

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

Cory Johnson, Police Chief

Pat Thiede, Police Admin Assistant

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits

John Menzel, Public Works Foreman

Shelley Souers, Woodland Deputy Clerk

#### City Office will be closed :

November 11, 24 and 25 and December 26th, 2011



#### Your City Council:

**Mayor :** Paul Skrede

#### Council members:

Keith Kask, John Wheaton

Darel Gustafson, Josh Hackney

#### 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)