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"Skate Late" Event! Friday, January 21st

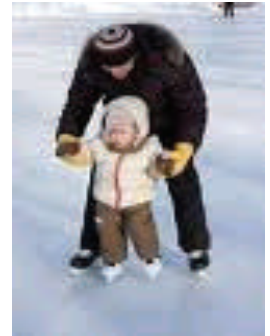
Minnetonka Community Education is hosting their Annual "Skate Late Event" Come join us for a fun night of skating with family and friends!

Skate to music, enjoy hot chocolate and other concessions in the warming house, listen to your favorite music and cozy up by the bonfire.

Everyone is Welcome! Free Event, Bonfire, Concessions for sale!
(NO HOCKEY)

Friday, January 21, 2011, 6pm to 8pm

Deephaven Village Hall Ice Rink



Ice Rink Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2010-2011 season are as follows:

Mondays – Fridays:	1:00 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:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
New Year's Day:	9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.



The warming houses will be open through February 20, 2011 or later if the weather permits.

A Brief Word of Thanks & Farewell

On behalf of the City Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council Members Kim Crockett and Steve Adams for their many years of service on behalf of the City of Deephaven. Kim served on the City Council from 2003 – 2010 and Steve from 2007 - 2010. Few people realize the time, effort and energy needed to serve on the City Council and both Kim and Steve generously donated a great deal of their time and considerable talent to make Deephaven an even better place to live. We wish both Kim and Steve a bright and enjoyable future.

We are also eagerly looking forward to working with Josh Hackney and Darel Gustafson, both of whom were recently elected to serve on the City Council, as well as some very familiar faces on the City Council – Mayor Paul Skrede and Councilmember John Wheaton and Keith Kask!

On November 15, 2010, the Deephaven City Council approved a sewer rate increase that will go into effect this January and due beginning with the April, 2011 utility billing. *The sewer rate will increase from \$75.00 per quarter to \$85.00 per quarter.* This is the second consecutive year that a sewer rate increase of \$10 per quarter has been approved and it is intended that this will be the last sewer rate increase that will be needed for at least the next five years.

Why is a rate increase needed? Beginning in 2008, short term financial projections of our Sewer Fund revealed that the current sewer rates would soon be unable to offset future increases in operational and wastewater disposal costs and with the increasing capital costs needed to maintain our lift stations and clean, televise and repair our mains and manholes each and every year. This proved to be the case at the end of 2009, when expenses exceeded revenues in the Sewer Fund by \$108,795.

In 2009, the City Council chose to address these ongoing shortfalls in our Sewer Fund by approving a \$10 per quarter rate increase in 2010 with the knowledge that a second \$10 per quarter rate increase would be needed for 2011 in order to put our Sewer Fund on a more secure financial footing. Each rate increase is expected to generate an additional \$63,840 in revenues per year that will be used to offset rising expenditures and finance the ongoing schedule of capital projects that are required of a sanitary sewer system that is now almost 40 years old.

Keep "Flushable" Wipes out of the Sewer

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

While marketed as convenience items, these products may potentially become a huge inconvenience because they may clog not only the sewer on your property, but also cause blockages and backup problems in Deephaven's public sewer system and lift stations.

To understand how these wipes can become a problem, it's important to know how the sewer system works. 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 help pump the wastewater across different elevations in the sewer system.



Why are household wipes such a problem? Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can then cause blockages in your home sewer lines, especially in older pipelines that may have already existing grease, roots or other obstructions, resulting in the backup of sewer into the home.

A repair of the 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 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 or baby wipes
- ◆ Cotton swabs
- ◆ Toilet cleaning pads
- ◆ Mop refills
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Moist towelettes
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products

When in doubt, don't flush it, put it in the trash instead! For more information, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$7,680 in property taxes in 2011. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,131 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 14.7% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$94 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

\$2,806 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 36.5% 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 \$234 per month to the School District.

\$3,035 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 39.5% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$253 per month to Hennepin County.

\$708 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, and the Railroad Authority – These agencies receive about 9.2% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$59 per month to these various agencies.



Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m.

As you review your property tax statements that should be sent to you in March 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 the property classification of your property on Monday, April 4th 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 his home office 952-361-0566 to discuss this information.

Step 2 - If, after discussing this information with the City 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 4 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 4th 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 4th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of January 3rd and the week of January 17th. 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.



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.

Snowplow Damage

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.

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.

Please note, however, that the City will only repair those mailboxes or posts that were actually hit by the plow. It is not uncommon for posts to be damaged by snow or ice from the plow and it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that their mailbox post is strong enough to withstand being hit periodically by snow and ice.

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.

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.

Snowmobile & ATV Prohibitions

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:

- ◆ 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.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.



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 2010 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical 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. Thank you!!



Southshore Community Center

Please refer to the following website for the Southshore Community Center for a wide variety of information, classes, and activities: 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 to 175 people. Events have included business meetings, birthday & anniversary parties, wedding receptions and many others!

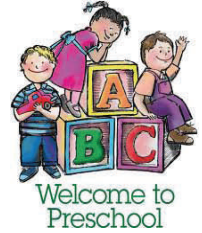
Call 952-541-1019 for more information.

Minnetonka Preschool OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 29th, 2011 from 9 to 11 am

Minnetonka Community Education Center
4584 Vine Hill Road, Deephaven 952-401-6812
www.minnetonkacommunityed.org

Learn about Preschool options for the 2011-2012 school year,—Meet our teachers, Visit our classrooms, Discover how you can combine Preschool with full-time childcare. Attend a short presentation “What to Look for in a Preschool” held at 9:30 am and 10:15 am.



Online registration for fall begins February 5th at 8am

Staff Milestones in 2010

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Doug Lawyer, who retired in December after 11 years of service with the Deephaven Public Works Department. Doug is a true character who was unfailingly cheerful and a hard working member of our public works crew who will be greatly missed. We wish him and his family a wonderful retirement! We would also like to welcome Jeff Kask, who was hired on November 15, 2010 to replace Doug on our Public Works Crew.

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, Shelley Souers, Jerry Hudlow, Pat Thiede, Chris Whiteside, Matt Case, Mary Courtney, Teresa Pendleton, and John Menzel for providing over 5 years of excellent service to our community.

Household Electronics Waste

Waste electronic and electrical products from your homes need to be managed responsibly, even in small quantities. As of July 1, 2006, Minnesota residents were no longer allowed to put television and computer monitors in the trash. CRT (cathode ray tube) containing devices need to be recycled. Televisions and computer monitors are hazardous because they contain up to eight pounds of lead and can cause environmental problems if discarded with regular garbage. Televisions and computer monitors can be taken to either of the two Hennepin County drop off sites:

- ◆ 8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park or 1400 W 96th St., Bloomington

Additional information is available at www.hennepin.us or 612-348-3777.

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 through the City of Deephaven for winter use from November 15th to March 15th.

In past years, the City Crew plowed approximately half of the trail for those who like to jog, walk or ride a bike and kept the other half unplowed for cross-country skiers.

This year, however, due to a general decline in cross-country skiers, the entire width of the trail will be plowed.

Don't trash fluorescent bulbs

With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes them hazardous if placed in a landfill or incinerator. Many hardware stores will take old bulbs and all types of bulbs may be recycled at Ikea in Bloomington or at the Hennepin County Recycling Centers in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park. More information is available at www.hennepin.us or call 612-348-3777.

Please join me in welcoming our new Council members, Josh Hackney and Darel Gustafson, as we begin the New Year. I look forward to their contributions as we all continue to work on behalf of our friends and neighbors. Also, let me take this moment to thank our City Staff for getting us through another year. Our City runs smoothly because of their efforts and I think they have done a great job.

We do have a little unfinished business as we start the year. We had hoped to be re-building the docks in Carson's Bay this winter, but our timing was off a little. I apologize. We are still working on this issue, but we may have to wait until next winter for the docks. Traffic on Vine Hill is also being reviewed with Minnetonka Schools in hopes of mitigating our town's version of 'rush hour'. We will keep you posted.

The referendum to make the City "wet" passed during the last election, so the Planning Commission is busy crafting a Liquor Ordinance for Council approval. We want to hear from you on this issue also, and look forward to your comments.

For those of you that make Resolutions this time of year, mine are to work on slowing down my golf swing and speeding up my platform tennis game. But mostly, I am looking forward to working for you again in 2011. Thank you for the opportunity.

Now, let's get out there and build a snowman and then have some hot chocolate! I hear that winter isn't going to last forever.

Happy New Year, everybody! Paul

Reconstruction of Carson's Bay Docks has been Rescheduled

The Carson's Bay docks were originally scheduled to be reconstructed in February of this year. However, due to several unexpected delays, the project has recently been rescheduled for construction next year.

Improvement Projects Planned for 2011

Changes to 2011 Council Meeting Dates

The schedule of projects planned for 2011 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Street Overlay on Lake Avenue & Monaltrie Ave.	\$180,000
Sewer Main Rehabilitation	\$100,000
Thorpe Park Tennis Court Armor Sealing	\$ 25,000
Thorpe Park Basketball Court Sealing	\$ 4,000
Total	\$309,000

Due to conflicts with several holidays, the dates of the following Council meetings have been changed as follows:

- Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan 17th, Meeting Cancelled
- President's Day, Monday, Feb 21st, Meeting Cancelled
- Independence Day, Monday, Jul 4th, rescheduled to Weds July 6th
- Labor Day, Monday, Sept 5th, rescheduled to Weds, Sept 7th

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City Office will be closed :

Monday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 21, President's Day

Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, John Wheaton
Darel Gustafson, Josh Hackney

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, Greenwood City Clerk
Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits, Public Works Admin
Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor
Shelley Souers, Woodland Deputy Clerk



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952-474-4755
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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