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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.



**Christmas Tree Disposal**

**Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of January 2nd and the week of January 16th.**

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.



**"Skate Late" Event! Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Minnnetonka Community Education is hosting the Third Annual "Skate Late Event" on

Friday, January 27, 2012  
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, Concessions for Sale!

**Warming House Hours**

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2011-2012 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. – 9:00 p.m.
School Holiday:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day / New Year's Day	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The warming houses will be open through February 19, 2011 or later if the weather permits.



**Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m.**

When you review your property tax statements later this March, please note that your property tax is determined by four factors: the amount of money spent by local taxing jurisdictions, the impact of the market value exclusion credit, the taxable market value of your property and your property classification.

The Deephaven Board of Review will address objections to the **market value or property classification** of your property on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The Board's powers are limited to these two areas.

**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.** If you have reason to believe that the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties, we strongly recommend that your very first step should be to contact City Assessor Dan Distel at City Hall 952-474-4755 or at his Home Office 952-361-0566 to discuss this issue in greater detail. He may be able to answer your question without having to attend the Board of Review meeting.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. Please remember that 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 2<sup>nd</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 by 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

**Rental Property & Utility and Garbage Payments**

If you are currently renting your home, please be aware that the Deephaven City Code requires all delinquent water, sewer and garbage/recycling bills to be assessed to the property owner.

It can come as an unpleasant surprise to a property owner to learn that an assessment will be placed against their property because their renter hasn't been paying their quarterly utility bills or garbage bills. If you are renting your home, we strongly recommend that you take into account the fact that the property owner is ultimately responsible for payment of utility and garbage bills.

**Solicitors, Peddlers, and Canvassers**

Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers **are allowed** in Deephaven. For-profit sale of products or services requires a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a permit ID issued by the Police Department. The city does not endorse any specific product or service by the issuing of this license.

Charitable organizations conducting door-to-door sales or solicitations do not need a license, unless they pay their solicitors.

Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property.

**If you have a complaint about a door-to-door salesperson or soliciting party, immediately contact the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555.**

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$8,030 in property taxes in 2012. Here's where your tax money ends up.

**\$1,167 goes to the City of Deephaven** – The City receives 14.5% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$97 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



**\$2,917 goes to the Minnetonka School District** – The School District receives 36.3% 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 \$243 per month to the School District.

**\$3,201 goes to Hennepin County** – Hennepin County receives 39.9% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$267 per month to Hennepin County.

**\$745 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 9.3% of your property tax statement. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$62 per month to these various agencies.

**Improvement Projects Planned for 2012**

The schedule of projects planned for 2012 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Vine Hill / Hwy 7 Intersection Improvements	\$ 40,000
Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising	\$ 30,000
Sewer Main Manhole Repairs	\$ 30,000
Rutledge / Azure Storm Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 159,000
Carson's Bay Dock Reconstruction	\$ 132,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 391,000</b>

**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.



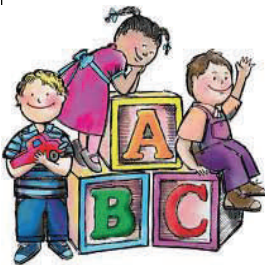
**Discover All that Minnetonka Preschool and ECFE Has to Offer!**

**Preschool and ECFE OPEN HOUSE, Saturday, January 28th from 9 to 11am in Deephaven**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Minnetonka Preschool and ECFE Open House on Saturday, January 28th from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Education Center in Deephaven!

Parents and children are invited to explore, play, and participate in activities in the Preschool and ECFE classrooms and gym.

In addition, childcare will be available while parents are given the opportunity to attend the presentation "What to Look for in a Preschool". Please call 952-401-6812 for more details.



Welcome to Preschool

### **Winter Trail Activities**

The City will maintain the LRT trail through the City of Deephaven for winter use from November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> for those who wish to continue to use the trail through the winter months. A couple of years ago, it had been the City's policy to leave one-half of the trail unplowed for cross country skiers. But starting last year and continuing this winter, the City will be plowing the entire trail. This change in policy is due to the fact that this cross country trail now ends at the Greenwood city limits and no longer continues through to the City of Excelsior.

### **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**

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.

### **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 recreational 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 for 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.

## **Sanitary Sewer Maintenance**

Deephaven's sanitary sewer system was constructed, in large part, in the 1970's. Now that the system is 40 years old, the system requires additional maintenance on both the public and private sewer lines to ensure that the system continues to function as expected. The City of Deephaven is responsible for the maintenance of over 30 miles of sanitary sewer main, hundreds of manholes, and 12 lift stations. The sanitary sewer mains are typically 8 inch pipes made of varying materials. Most of these mains are located under City streets, although there are a number of sewer mains located within public easements on private property.

To keep the sewer system in working order, the City performs many inspections and routine maintenance activities. In general, the purpose of this work is to identify and eliminate areas where ground water is allowed to enter the sewer system (commonly known as inflow and infiltration or I & I) and to remove obstructions that could lead to a sewer backup. Maintenance activities performed by the City include:

- Daily monitoring of lift station control panels that have been installed to constantly monitor the condition of pumps and electrical systems in each lift station
- Monthly inspections of lift station pumps and electrical systems
- Annual manhole inspections
- Televising of sanitary sewer mains at least once every seven years
- Jet cleaning of sanitary sewer mains at least once every seven years
- ◆ Sewer repairs to correct deficiencies identified during routine inspections are scheduled as soon as practical



Apart from the public sanitary sewer system, it is also a good idea for homeowners to consider occasional maintenance of the private sewer line that extends from the sewer main to your house. Private sewer lines are typically 4 to 6 inch pipes that, over time, can build up with grease or be penetrated by roots. To ensure that your service line stays free from build up and obstructions, it is recommended that you consider having your sewer service cleaned at least once every five years.

If you have any questions about the City's sanitary sewer system or measures you should take as a homeowner to maintain your portion of the system, please contact City Hall at (952) 474-4755.

### **Staff Milestones in 2011**

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, who retired last May after 31 years of service with the Deephaven Public Works Department and to Police Officer Benjamin Nordell, who resigned in December after 5 years of service with the Police Department. It was very difficult to say goodbye to both Jerry & Ben and we wish both a very happy future!

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

We also would like to recognize the excellent efforts of John Menzel, who was appointed as our Public Works Foreman to replace Jerry Hudlow. He has done a terrific job and we look forward to working with him for many more years!

**Platform Tennis Court** You may be unaware that the City of Deephaven has a platform tennis court located on Minnetonka Blvd next to Deephaven City Hall in Haralson Park. If you would be interested in using the platform tennis court but don't have any platform tennis paddles or balls, City Hall has a number of paddles that you can use free of charge. We also sell a package of two balls for \$5.00.

### **Please Note Changes to 2012 Council Meeting Dates**

Due to conflicts with several holidays and preparation for the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election, the dates of five Council meetings in 2012 have been changed as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Original Meeting Date</u>	<u>New Meeting Date</u>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>
Election Preparations	Monday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>

Before ringing in the New Year, allow me to finish some business for 2011. Officer Ben Nordell left our Police Department on December 31, to begin a new chapter in his life. Ben and his wife are new parents and he has chosen raising children over raising his radar gun. I thank him for his years of service and wish him well!

As we kick off 2012, the Council will have several new items in the job jar. First, our application for new docks in Carson's Bay was approved. If you have been driving over the bridge, you will notice the old docks have already been removed so the new dock construction can begin this winter. That way, we won't interrupt the upcoming boating season.

Soon, we will be starting work on plans for a new bridge on Vine Hill. When we get a little more info collected, we will have a Town Hall Meeting to present our findings and get your feedback. We are optimistic that we will be able to apply for State funding to pay for a majority of the cost.

A little later in the year, we will be reconstructing a portion of our storm water system, followed by evaluating the lighting system at Chowen's Corner. When all of this dust settles, we hope to address the intersection of Vine Hill and Highway 7 with our neighboring cities to see if we can streamline the traffic flow there.

Sounds like an aggressive schedule, but it sure beats standing in line at the returns counter! In the meantime, hug your kids, take care of your health and let me know if you have any additional ideas for our job jar.

Happy New Year, everybody!

Paul

**2012 / 2013 Dog Licenses Available**



The new 2012 / 2013 dog licenses are now available for purchase at city hall from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. This is a two year, \$20.00 license. If you prefer, you may also print the application from our website, [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org), and mail in along with proof of current rabies vaccination and a \$20 check made out to the City of Deephaven and we will send your dog license to you. All dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed.

**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 :**

January 2nd, January 16 and February 20, 2012

*Happy Holidays*



**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)