



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
September 2nd to May 23rd
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 27th to September 1st
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 3rd

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

- ◆ **Curbside Yard, Shrub, Compost & Tree Waste Pickup service will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3rd.**
 - ◆ **Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fees will be charged depending on the item.**
 - ◆ **Major curbside Electronics & Appliance Pickup service will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014.**
- Call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 1 for cost and pickup information.**



Road Restrictions

- ◆ Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from March 1st through April 30th.
- ◆ The City strongly enforces weight restrictions to prevent damage to streets.
- ◆ Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the weight restrictions in their area. This is especially important when contracting with moving vans, delivery trucks or construction vehicles.
- ◆ 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.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines and along Minnetonka Blvd and Ridgewood Road the **week of May 12th** 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 simply running the cold water from your faucet. If you are experiencing problems, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4775.



Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting - Monday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Board of Appeals and Equalization of the City of Deephaven will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014 at Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in Deephaven has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact Deephaven City Assessor Dan Distel at 612-237-8094 to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and determine whether a correction is warranted. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Dogs permitted to use the PATHWAY through Deephaven Beach

The City permits individuals to walk their dogs along the pathway through Deephaven Beach. For the sake of those other residents and families using the beach, please keep your dog on the PATHWAY and please clean up after your dog. Thank you!

Pet Owners: Time to Clean Up

Each year before the spring thaw, pet owners are encouraged to begin cleaning their yards of pet waste that has accumulated over the winter. The waste should be picked up continually during the spring thaw, as well as the summer and fall months, to prevent bacteria contaminated water from running into city lakes, ponds and wetlands.

Dog waste is NOT fertilizer and is NOT good for the lawns. Most dog owners are unable to keep up on removing pet waste during the winter months and waste accumulates, covered by each new snowfall. During the spring thaw the bacteria and parasites from the waste that remain dormant during the winter months are unleashed into the newly formed streams running from your yard and eventually into the storm drains and ditches, ending up in our groundwater and lakes.

Although never a favorite chore, cleaning up the waste is the responsibility of each pet owner. There are services available for hire if it is a chore you would rather not do. Regardless of who does the clean up, it should be completed before the first blades of grass begin to grow.



CATS ON THE PROWL!

Although 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.

CURB YOUR CANINE!

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! And please remember, City Ordinances require your dog to be leashed or at your heel under your command at all times when off of your property.



2014 Boating Season

With the kickoff of the Boating Season on April 1st, we would like to remind permit holders that there are two primary requirements when leasing a boat mooring space from the City:

All watercraft must be at their assigned space by midnight on May 31, 2014.

Your mooring space must be used a minimum of 90 days during the season, which is defined as:

Docks, Buoys and Shorespace: April 1 – November 1
Slides and Canoe Racks: April 1 – November 15

We wish you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Mooring buoys still available

The City currently has 21 mooring buoys available for leasing for the 2014 season. If you are interested in owning a sailboat and would love the opportunity to moor your boat at the St. Louis Bay Marina or Carson's Bay Marina, this is a perfect opportunity to lease one of the 21 available buoys. The rental fee for mooring buoys is \$450 per season.

For those residents who already have a 2014 watercraft permit with the City and would also be interested in obtaining a second permit for one of the currently available mooring buoys, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755



Cottagewood Store Spring Opening

In Deephaven, we have two seasons—the winter season and the Cottagewood General Store season. After the long, frigid-cold and snowy winter of 2013-2014, anticipation is building for **April 26 at 8AM** because that's when the Cottagewood General Store will once again open its doors to customers.

We are happy to say that Laurie Jenkins will be behind the counter serving up Store favorites and a few new things too. Friday Grill nights are back with fun new themes, varied menu choices, live entertainment, movies in the park and turtle racing. We're stocking the shelves with lots of great stuff including a new selection of Cottagewood branded merchandise and lake inspired gifts. And in July, a 52-year tradition continues when the Cottagewood General Store hosts the best 4th of July Celebration in the USA!

So stop in on April 26 for coffee, a muffin or some Sebastian Joe's ice cream and help us celebrate the first day of our 119th year.

For more information about the Cottagewood General Store and the Cottagewood Community Foundation, please visit www.cottagewoodusa.com.

April 5, 2014 Book Sale

Bargain hunters and book lovers take note - On Saturday, April 5, 2014, the Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold a sale of several thousand adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books, and other media, withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public, will be priced at \$1 or less. Funds raised benefit the Excelsior Library, library classes, youth book clubs, author events and much more! Customers using scanners must pay a \$5 fee.

Saturday, April 5, 2014, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 19, Excelsior, MN 55331.

If questions, please call 612-543-6350.

Donations accepted at the Excelsior Library Monday, March 10 – Thursday, April 3 during open hours.

Please: no text books, magazines, VHS or phonograph records.

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

The City requires these contractors to be 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 to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

Building Permits

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, furnaces, air conditioners, plumbing and electrical work. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about permit requirements. Permit applications are available at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
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
2010	541	\$13,268,023
2011	494	\$ 7,579,378
2012	506	\$14,447,728
2013	572	\$18,515,926

From the Police Department

We have been receiving phone calls from residents about the use of BB guns and traps in Deephaven.



The Deephaven City Code prohibits any use of a weapon in the City limits. Animal traps and hunting are also not allowed in the City unless permission is given by the City Council. Several residents have reported injured fox wandering throughout the City. Many have thought these injured fox have been snared and somehow got free.

Our City is fortunate to have an abundance of wildlife and many residents enjoy seeing fox, turkeys, squirrels and rabbits in their backyards. Please remember that the use of traps and hunting is illegal. The purpose of these Ordinances is to prevent potential injuries related to hunting, trapping and use of weapons.

If you have concerns about wildlife, please call the Police Department.

If someone is caught trapping/hunting or discharging a weapon, they may be charged with a misdemeanor which is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or \$1,000.00 fine.

Bill Pay Service Suggestions

If you use a bill pay service to pay your Deephaven utility bills, it would be extremely helpful and potentially save you a late fee on your utility bills, to have your bill pay service:

- ◆ Schedule your utility payment to be sent no later than 10 days before the due date. City Hall does not accept electronic payments; therefore your service company still prints and mails a physical check to our office. Please take into account weekends and holidays when considering mail time.
- ◆ Include the correct account number and property address on the payment.



Thank you!

Parking Permits

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 side window. For your convenience, we will again be mailing out two parking permits to each residential home this year. Hopefully, this will allow you to use both parking permits on your vehicles without having to come to City Hall for an additional permit. 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 are currently rent your home, please contact City Hall on how to obtain a permit.

The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2014



The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2014 Fourth of July celebration. Their goal is to raise donations for the annual fireworks display on Excelsior Bay.

Any size donation is appreciated and can be sent to: South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 32, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Please make your check payable to the South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and make a notation "4th of July 2014" in the memo portion of your check.

Deephaven Historical Society Upcoming Program:

**Sunday, May 4th, 1PM,
Deephaven City Hall
Council Chambers**

Speakers will talk about the history of Walden, Rufus Jefferson, The Jefferson Family, Cottagewood and the history of Groveland School.

Free, and all welcome!

Additional Information?

Call Nan Nicolle:
952- 473-3682
or Bob Gerlicher:
952-474-7248

Celebrate Arbor Day

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 27th** as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to join us in our annual celebration of Arbor Day. This year's festivities will be held at **1:00 pm at Thorpe Park**. Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony.

Annual Firefighter's Dance

**Friday, July 18, 2014
5:00pm—Midnight**

Hi Hats Polka Band from 5p.m. – 7p.m. and Featured Band (to be announced) 8 p.m.—Midnight

Free Admission!

No Cover Charge!

Mega Sized Silent Auction!

Kids Activities!

Food, Fun, Friends, Family & Neighbors For more information—
www.excelsiorfire.org

South Lake Safety Camp

August 13, 2014

8:30am—3:30pm

For kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades.

Open to all residents in Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood and Tonka Bay.

For more information call Twila at 952-960-7902 or tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us

When I was a kid, my mom took me to a parade in our town so I could see the Budweiser Clydesdales because, as she said, "You may only get one chance to see this in your lifetime". Small town, huh? Well, here in Deephaven, we will have another event that I am pretty sure I will only see once in my lifetime ... it appears we will be having six trucks, measuring 125' each, driving in reverse up Vine Hill Road from Highway 7 as they deliver the spans for our new bridge!

Speaking of traffic safety (what a segue), we will have both local and regional detours during construction of the bridge. All items will be on our website, with the exception of where we will have our Police Officers deployed. Subtle enough?

Word on the street is the Spring thaw this year may impact us more negatively than in prior years. If you experience some water problems, please take some pictures. They will be helpful as we analyze possible storm water projects that we may have to address.

I am sure we will all get through this next quarter in typical Deephaven style. However, if you are having concerns, let me know. In the meantime, I would again like to share some of my mom's wisdom imparted on me whenever I was feeling really frustrated, "As Noah once said, we are all in this boat together!"

Paul

City Receives Financial Reporting Award

The City of Deephaven has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2012. This is the 18th consecutive year that the City of Deephaven has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

There are 32,070 municipalities nationwide with populations under 10,000 and less than 1% qualifies to receive this award. Congratulations to the City of Deephaven's Finance Department!

City Hall Hours, "Summer Hours" May 27th to September 1st

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

City Hall Hours, September 2nd to May 23rd

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City Office will be closed :

May 26th

Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson

Darel Gustafson, Josh Hackney

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator

Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk

Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Marina Operations

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits

Cory Johnson, Police Chief

Pat Thiede, Police Admin Assistant

John Menzel, Public Works Foreman



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 Tuesday 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