



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
September 8th to May 26th
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 26th to September 4th
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



4th of July Celebration in Deephaven at the Cottagewood General Store!

If we had to describe the Cottagewood July 4th Celebration & Kid's Parade in one word it would have to be legendary. Without a doubt it is our most popular event of the season. Each year the Cottagewood July 4th Celebration and Kid's Parade attracts hundreds of people to Cottagewood to celebrate our nation's freedom in Americana style.



It all started in July of 1961 when the Perry's and the Clark's, two families that at the time lived on Northern Road, decided to organize a kid's parade. After a brief but by all accounts inspirational speech by Bill Perry from the front steps of the Cottagewood General Store, this small band of patriots paraded down Northern Road to Sandy Beach around the block to Jefferson Street and ended back at the Store where they were treated to Popsicles. And thus the tradition began.

Today's parade participants follow the same route taken during that very first parade over 50 years ago. The Deephaven Police barricades the streets and the Excelsior Fire Department leads the multi-generational parade of participants that include kids on bikes, tiny tots in strollers, teens on skate boards, human-powered floats and patriotic pets all decorated in red, white and blue. Children's Park is transformed into a carnival grounds where kids play games for prizes, test their throwing arm at the very popular Dunk Tank and of course there is always a giant inflatable. There is a raffle for all kinds of fun stuff, face painting and what July 4th celebration would be complete without popcorn, hot dogs grilled to perfection and ice-cold root beer.

- ◆ 9:45 AM—Parade
- ◆ Tickets for lunch and wristbands for kids are both \$5
- ◆ Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10 with great prizes including an I-Watch!

Can't wait to see you in Cottagewood this July 4th!

City Beaches Open for Season

Lifeguards will be available at three of the six beaches in Deephaven beginning Saturday, June 6th through Saturday, August 15th for the summer season. Here is a list of beaches with brief information about each one:

- ◆ Deephaven Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 7:00 p.m., off street parking available.
- ◆ Robinson's Bay Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., off street parking available.
- ◆ Sandy Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on street parking only.
- ◆ Rocky Beach – No lifeguards on-duty, limited off street parking available.
- ◆ Nocomo Beach – No lifeguard's on-duty, off street parking available.
- ◆ Linwood Beach - No lifeguard's on-duty, no off street parking available

Street Improvement Plan

Now that the reconstruction of Vine Hill Bridge has been completed, the City Council is focusing more of our attention and financial resources to the repair of City streets. Street repairs can take three very different forms.

Patching – After the harsh demanding winter, the public works crew fills all potholes throughout the City.

Seal Coating - The City attempts to seal coat each street 5-7 years after it has received an overlay to extend the life of each street as long as possible.

Street Overlay – 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 the following year for an overlay. Unfortunately, we cannot overlay each and every one of the worst streets due to limitations in our annual

Street Overlay Improvement Schedule – The following 2015—2020 street overlay schedule may be delayed or re-prioritized depending on the availability of the city funding or the comparative condition of each street:

2015 – St. James Gate, Old Kent Road, and Andover Place

2016 – Harper Road, Vine Hill Road, Vine Street Cul-de-Sac

2017 – Deephaven Avenue, Excelsior Blvd

2018 – Carson Road, Highcrest Drive, Hillcrest Road

2019 – Jericho Road, Lake Avenue (West of Talton), Maple Chase, Therese Street

2020 – Carsonwood Avenue, Dyer Lane, Fairhomes Road, Hillside Street, Hillcrest Way,

Linwood Lane, Maple Ridge Road, Mount Curve, North Lane, Northern Road, Park Place, Rosedale Avenue



Mowing, Junk Cars, Boats & Trailers

Please be a respectful neighbor and make sure that your lawn is properly mowed and free of noxious weeds, and free from the unsightly storage of junk cars, boats and trailers. Deephaven residents are typically very conscientious about the appearance of their property and in being a “good neighbor”. Please remember that the City does have specific requirements on long grass and the storage of junk cars, boats & trailers as shown below:



Section 535.04 (z) – the length of grasses commonly used in lawn areas including blue grass, fescue or rye grass blends of similar grasses shall not exceed eight (8) inches in length, excluding grasses on steep slopes or adjoining ponds, wetlands and lakes.

Section 535.04 (t) - The parking, storing, or keeping on any public or private property any motorized vehicle, including boats and trailers, which (1) has a broken, missing or defective part that is necessary for normal operation thereof; (2) is stored on blocks, jacks or other supports; or (3) does not display a license or displays a license that is 60 days or more past its required renewal date, excluding those vehicles kept within a fully enclosed garage or other building and impounded vehicles held by the City.

Park & Recreation Strategic Plan

The Deephaven Park Committee and City Council are excited to report that we have entered into a contract with Confluence to develop a Park & Recreation Strategic Plan for all of our parks, beaches and trails in Deephaven. The Strategic Plan will establish a specific conceptual plan for each park, beach and trail that will be incorporated into the overall capital improvement plan of the city. The benefits of the strategic plan are that each park, beach and trail will have its own unique conceptual plan and identity that outlines current and future amenities, it will enable the City to avoid purchasing duplicate equipment or park facilities, establish a stronger financing plan for future park improvements, and invite citizen input on the future design of our parks, beaches & trails.

Future community meeting and survey information will be available on the City’s website and other social media outlets.

- ◆ Minimize the use of fertilizers and other lawn chemicals
- ◆ Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street
- ◆ Redirect rooftop runoff from hard surfaces such as streets & driveways to vegetated areas and lawns
- ◆ Plant native vegetation to reduce lawn watering
- ◆ Properly dispose of oil, antifreeze, cleaners, and other household chemicals
- ◆ Do not flush old medicines down the toilet.



For more information go to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website:
www.pca.state.mn.us

Pedestrian Safety

Dogs at Beaches

Help is Around the Corner!

Warmer weather means more construction vehicles and many more people are out and about walking, hiking and riding bicycles both along the City streets and on the LRT Trail.

PLEASE BE ALERT, drive slowly and with caution. Minnesota law requires that drivers of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and others who are crossing a street in a marked crosswalk.



Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the sand portion of any beach in Deephaven.

While we realize that it might be a special treat for your dog to romp in the sand, it's not so much fun for someone walking or playing in the sand to find the "treat" your pet left behind.

Please be a responsible pet owner.

Senior Community Services is a nonprofit that helps older adults and caregivers navigate aging to maintain independence and quality of life. We work with trusted professionals and volunteers in your community who are ready to stop and listen to your unique needs, helping you take care of the place you call home. Through our Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program, we now provide free Home Health and Safety Assessments. For more information, please call 952-746-4046 or visit our website

www.seniorcommunity.org



2016 City Budget Review by City Council

- ◆ **Monday, June 15th** - 2016 Budget Overview, 2016 Salaries, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Capital Improvement Fund, General Government, Elections, Administration, City Hall, Police, Fire, Public Works, Streets & Roads, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Wildlife Management
- ◆ **Monday, July 6th** - Budget Review & Revisions
- ◆ **Monday, August 17th** - Budget Review & Revisions
- ◆ **Tuesday, September 8th** - Final Budget Review, Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy
- ◆ **Monday, October 19th** - Park Improvement Fund, Marina Fund, Recycling Fund
- ◆ **Monday, November 16th** - Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund
- ◆ **Monday, December 7th** - Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt Final Tax Levy, Adopt 2016 Budget



Due to a number of complaints regarding the frequency, intensity and duration of recreational fires, the City Council adopted an ordinance that only permits recreational fires under the following conditions:

1. A recreational fire shall have a total area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and three (3) or less in height.
2. Recreational fires shall be contained within a fire ring, pit, container or device designed for such use.
3. The area within a five (5) foot radius of the recreational fire shall be reasonably clear of all combustibles.
4. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a neighboring dwelling or garage.
5. The fire shall be under the immediate supervision of the resident or his/her authorized adult representative.
6. Buckets, shovels, garden hose or a fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
7. The prevailing wind at the time of the recreational fire shall be away from nearby residences and must be less than 15 mph.
8. No flammable or combustible liquids shall be used to kindle or rekindle a recreational fire.
9. Demolition debris, industrial solid waste, hazardous materials, oil, rubber, plastic, railroad ties, shingles, tarpaper, insulation, composition boards, sheetrock, wiring, painted materials or paint filters, garbage, chemically treated wood or other materials that would give off a toxic smoke irritant to nearby residents are prohibited material. Only clean material can be burned as part of a recreational fire.
10. The hours that recreational fires shall be extinguished are between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
11. Fires must be fully extinguished when unattended.
12. Recreational fires can be cancelled or terminated at the discretion of the Police Department if a complaint has been received from a nearby resident concerning the smoke, irritants or a medical condition that is aggravated by the residential fire.
13. No brush, tree limbs under two inches in diameter, leaves, grass, compost, or other yard waste shall be burned. No rubbish can be burned at any time.
14. Recreational fires are prohibited when the fire danger level is at or above VERY HIGH. Current fire danger levels can be found at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.mn.us.



If you have any questions regarding any of these provisions, please call the Deephaven Police Department at (952) 474-7555.

Keep an eye out for AIS

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is watching closely for any new aquatic invasive species (AIS) infestations this season, but we can't be everywhere at once. Help be our eyes on the ground! Early detection of a new invasive species can allow for rapid response and increased awareness of AIS issues in a lake. In some cases, these actions can prevent a full-blown infestation.

This season MCWD staff will be monitoring highly-used lakes for signs for a variety of invasive species, including zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, and invasive snails. We will be snorkeling, kayaking, boating and walking shorelines. We will be testing water samples for signs of microscopic zebra mussels. We will continue to help fund inspectors at public boat launches and to educate residents on how to prevent the spread of these species.

Say hello if you see us at your lake, and keep your eyes peeled! If you see a suspicious plant or animal in a water body, please contact our AIS Specialist immediately at (952) 471-7873 or efieldseth@minnehahacreek.org. Learn more about various invasive species at www.minnehahacreek.org/AIS.



Mark your 2015 Summer Calendars!!!

**TOUR DE TONKA BIKE RIDE—SATURDAY,
AUGUST 1**



Mark your calendar for the 10th Annual Tour de Tonka bike ride, a community-building event coordinated by Minnetonka Community Education.

This ride, not a race, will be held Saturday, August 1, 2015. With six different route options available -- 16, 28, 49, 57, 77 or 100 miles – the ride has something for everyone.

The 16, 28, 49, 57, and 77 miles rides all begin at Minnetonka High School at 7:30 a.m., while the 100-mile ride will start at the Minnetonka Community Education Center at 7 a.m.

All rides will end at the high school. Riders can pre-register at a lower cost at tourdetonka.org or same-day beginning at 5:45 a.m., on the morning of the ride. The registration fee includes a t-shirt, 14 bands or DJs, lots of entertainment, and a plethora of rest stops full of great treats.



ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S DANCE

Friday, July 17, 2015 - 5:00 p.m. to Midnight

Hi Hats Polka Band - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Feature Band to be Announced – 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Free Admission!! No Cover Charge!! Door Prizes!!
Mega Sized Silent Auction!!

Pork Chops, brats, hot dogs, homemade desserts, sodas, beer, wine & 1919 root beer.

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

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE & SAFETY FAIR—OCTOBER 1

Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Activities, demonstrations, displays, fire truck rides, FREE dinner, and fun for all ages! For more information - www.excelsiorfire.org



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH



Join your neighbors, the Deephaven City Council, Deephaven Police Department and Excelsior Fire District in giving crime a going away party. Please commit to hosting a block party to celebrate the efforts of residents and the police in keeping Deephaven a safe community. To register your party and ensure a visit by a police officer, the Police Chief or members of the City Council, please call 952-474-7555.

Emergency Gas Leak

CenterPoint Energy cautions that if the public smells, hears or sees a natural gas leak:

- ◆ Leave the area immediately on foot and tell others to do the same. Do not use electric switches, telephones, cell phones, drive or start a vehicle, or do anything that would cause a spark.
- ◆ Once safely away from the area, call the CenterPoint Energy emergency gas leak hotline at 1-800-296-9815 and dial 911 to report the location and description of the leak; and CenterPoint Energy will send a trained service technician immediately.
- ◆ Never try to repair a gas leak yourself. Leave all repairs to a trained technician.



On June 30, Pat Thiede retired. As the most tenured member of the Deephaven Staff, with over 32 years of dedicated service to our community, Pat handled her duties in the Police Department with acumen and an aplomb we will dearly miss. She was Mother Superior to our Boys in Blue, a confidant to those of you who called the department, and a cheerful personality who greeted me with a smile every time I saw her. We will miss her calm approach to problem solving and her 'Can Do' attitude as she begins the next chapter in her busy life, Retirement. Congratulations, best wishes and thank you, Pat.

Elizabeth McColl will energetically assume the position of Police Administrative Assistant and is eager to meet and hear from you. Welcome aboard, Elizabeth!

Dale Cooney has accepted the position of Planning and Zoning Coordinator for not only Deephaven, but also Woodland and Greenwood. That's three books of City Code, folks! I have found him to be thorough, inquisitive and personable ... all good traits as we pursue reasonable improvements to our properties and our City.

We also have four new members on our Planning Commission; John Studer, Bill Sharpe, Jim Anderson and returning veteran Bob Werneiwski. Lindsey Carr is the newest member of the Park Committee ... and rumor has it that we will be adding a newborn in our Public Works Department to Jeff's family. I guess Heraclitus was right ... the only constant in life is change!

Friendly reminder ... the kids aren't on the school bus. They're on their skateboards, their bikes and the beaches. Hope you all have a fun-filled summer!

Paul

SUMMER HOURS AT CITY HALL

Starting May 26th and extending through September 4th, Deephaven City Hall will be open Monday—Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

City Hall Hours, "Summer Hours" May 26th to September 4th

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

City Hall Hours, September 8th to May 26th

Monday to Friday 8 to 4:30 / Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

City Office will be closed :
July 3rd and September 7th

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk
Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Marina Operations
Dale Cooney, Zoning Coordinator
Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits
Cory Johnson, Police Chief
Elizabeth McColl, Police Admin Assistant
John Menzel, Public Works Foreman
Kathy McCullum, Woodland City Clerk



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 Thursday of every April, May, June, September and December.

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

Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson
Darel Gustafson, Tony Jewett

Phone Numbers:

Administration & Public Works:

952-474-4755

Police Non-Emergency: 952-474-7555

24-Hour Police Dispatch: 763-525-6210

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