



# 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.



## Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection – Saturday, November 14th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This is for curbside pick-up 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.
- ◆ Leaves and yard waste must be bagged **in compostable bags**.
- ◆ Bundles and bags cannot exceed 40 pounds.
- ◆ Please do not rake leaves into the street.



## Make A Difference in the Life of a Senior – Volunteer with HOME!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer this fall? Volunteer with Senior Community Services HOME program! Senior Community Services is a nonprofit that helps older adults and caregivers navigate aging to maintain independence and quality of life. The HOME program provides low cost chore services to seniors using a reliable network of workers and volunteers to provide indoor and outdoor help. Each fall, we provide free leaf raking to seniors in need, but we can't do it alone. We are looking for passionate, excited volunteers for the fall to help us make a difference in a senior's life by raking their leaves. For more information, please call 952-746-4046 or visit our website [www.seniorcommunity.org](http://www.seniorcommunity.org).

## 2015 Construction Project Wrap-up

We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during our construction projects this year. The following is a summary of the major projects undertaken this year:

- ◆ Pipe Lining & Sealing of the sanitary sewer main was completed in various locations throughout the city. This was done to preserve the existing sewer system and lessen the potential of inflow & infiltration into the system.
- ◆ A Manhole Rehabilitation Project undertook the repair of damaged manholes throughout Deephaven.
- ◆ Seal Coating was completed on Ridgewood Road, Talton Road, Virginia Avenue and portions of Monaltrie and Lake Avenues.
- ◆ Street resurfacing was completed in St. James Gate, Old Kent Road and Andover Place.

## 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 hardworking group of volunteers. Thank you for another great year! Please visit their tab on the City's webpage at [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org).



The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2016 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 8<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$2,111,731, which represents a 4.29% increase in the property tax levy from 2015. The public is invited to comment on the 2016 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2016 Budget and Levy. The final 2016 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting. The following is a brief summary of the 2016 Budget:

**General Fund Revenues** – Total 2016 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,844,191 and consist of eight major budget categories:

Category	2015 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,822,731	64.1%
Licenses & Permits	245,350	8.6%
Intergovernmental	195,201	6.9%
Charges for Services	374,897	13.2%
Fines & Forfeits	60,000	2.1%
Miscellaneous Revenues	77,958	2.7%
Interest Income	40,000	1.4%
Fund Transfers	28,054	1.0%
<b>Total 2014 Revenues</b>	<b>2,844,191</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**General Fund Expenditures**— Total 2016 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,842,617 and consist of ten major departments:

Department	2016 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	187,485	6.6%
Administration	292,818	10.3%
City Hall Buildings	45,500	1.6%
Zoning/Building Inspections	205,144	7.2%
Streets & Roads	109,900	3.9%
Public Works	360,899	12.7%
Parks & Recreation	79,600	2.8%
Police	949,571	33.4%
Fire Services	598,925	21.1%
Animal Management	12,775	0.4%
<b>Total 2014 Expenditures</b>	<b>2,842,617</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**2016 Revenue Highlights –**

- ◆ 2016 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$76,164 or 2.8% over 2015 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, Building Permit Fees, and Contract Fees.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal \$314,129 or 11.0% of 2016 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 \$30,000 in the 2015 Budget. However, slightly increasing long term interest rates are projected to increase interest income in 2016.
- ◆ The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 64.1% of the 2016 General Fund Revenues.

**2016 Expenditure Highlights –**

- ◆ Total 2016 General Fund Expenditures increased \$75,530 or 2.7% over 2015 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a 2.0% salary increase for municipal employees, a projected 10% increase in group health premiums, administration of a national, state and municipal election in 2016, and a 5% increase in 2016 Fire Services.
- ◆ With a 2.0% salary increase in 2016, General Fund salaries will increase \$3,819. The 2.0% employee wage increase in 2016 follows a 2.5% increase in 2015, a 2% increase in 2014 & 2013, a 1% increase in 2012, a 2% increase in 2011, and a 0% increase in 2010.
- ◆ Group health insurance premiums are projected to increase 10% or \$17,786 in 2016.
- ◆ Public Safety Departments accounts for 54.5% of all expenditures in the 2016 General Fund.

**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 \$93,000 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 \$300,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$393,000 per year in the CIF Fund – funds that are used to finance park projects, street improvement projects, and the replacement of aged vehicles and equipment that are planned each year.

The property tax levy totals \$2,111,731 in 2016, which represents an \$86,853 or 4.29% increase over the 2015 property tax levy. The 2016 General Fund levy will increase 1.5% over the 2015 General Fund levy and the 2016 Capital Improvement Fund levy will increase 25% over the 2015 Capital Improvement Fund levy. The significant increase in the Capital Improvement Fund levy is due to the need to more aggressively address the condition of city streets. If you have any questions regarding the 2016 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Deephaven City Hall.

**STOLEN MAIL IS A LEADING CAUSE OF IDENTITY THEFT!**

The Deephaven Police Department has experienced several mail thefts over the past several months. This is not a new crime; it has been an ongoing issue for the last 10 years. The thieves are not looking through garbage anymore; they are going through your mailbox. These thieves are not looking for Birthday cards with money; they are looking to steal your identity. Thieves are looking for credit cards, account numbers and anything with personal information. Mail theft can be preventable. We are asking residents to consider locking mailboxes. We have had great success with residents purchasing locking mailboxes. Think of a locking mailbox as an Insurance policy on your identity.

**PROTECTING YOUR MAIL**

Here's what you can do to protect your mail from thieves:

- ◆ Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier. Do not use your personal mailbox to mail outgoing mail. The red flag up is a sign for thieves.
- ◆ Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- ◆ If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- ◆ If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- ◆ Don't send cash in the mail.
- ◆ Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- ◆ Report all suspected mail theft to the Deephaven Police Department and the Postal Inspector.
- ◆ Consider talking to your neighbor's. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).
- ◆ Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.

**If you believe your mail was stolen, call the Deephaven Police immediately, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455, (press 3).**

***Dog Licensing***

Owners of dogs over six months of age must obtain a 2016-2017 dog license beginning January 1, 2016. The 2016/2017 dog licenses will be available for purchase beginning December 1, 2015. A two year dog license costs \$20.00. A dog license application can be downloaded in December from the city website at [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org). Please submit the dog license application and a certificate of rabies



vaccination from your dog's veterinarian along with your \$20.00 fee to the City of Deephaven, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331.

***Please Do Not Flush Disposable Wipe Products***

We would like to caution everyone to NOT flush 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 never flushed down the toilet.

***Boating News & Notes***

It has been 10 years since the last rate increase in 2006. Unfortunately, due to rising costs and declining buoy rentals, rate increases will go into effect for the 2016 Boating Season. The following fees will be in effect this fall with the payment of your 2016 renewal.

<b>Spaces</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
Docks	\$750.00	\$875.00
Shore Space	\$48.00/ft.	\$64.00/ft.
B1 Slides	\$262.50	\$300.00
B2 Slides	\$175.00	\$200.00
Street Ends	\$175.00	\$200.00

There will be no rate change for canoe racks or buoys.

The new rates will generate an additional \$17,291 in revenue that will be used to offset \$8,100 in reduced buoy revenue and the increased cost of:

- ◆ Salaries & benefits (\$1,449)
- ◆ Police services (\$742)
- ◆ Aquatic weed management (\$10,500), and
- ◆ Capital project costs (\$5,500).

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!**

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 a city 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 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.

### **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.



### **Tips and tricks to Recycle Everywhere in your home**

Remembering to recycle everything from every room in your house can sometimes be challenging, especially when you're just trying to get the laundry done or get ready for work. About half of home recyclables never make it to the recycling bin. We do well recycling kitchen items, but our bathrooms, laundry rooms and home offices have lots of recyclables we throw out. Expand your recycling habit by using convenient recycling bins and signage and mix in a little education and fun. Recycle everywhere in your home with these tips and tricks.



**Make recycling easy** - Start by putting a recycling bin, bag or box next to every garbage can in your house. Then label your bins with signs so that everyone knows how to sort their recycling and trash. If you have limited space, get creative. Hang a bag on the doorknob of your bathroom, laundry room or office for recyclables. Put a divider in your wastebasket to make it trash on one side and recycling on the other. You could also hang a recycling container inside a cabinet or mount them on a wall.

**Recycle in every room** - Did you know there are more than 20 items in the bathroom alone that are recyclable? Find more items to recycle by reviewing this list:

**Bathroom** - Shampoo, soap, lotion, mouthwash and contact lens cleaner bottles. Keep caps on plastic bottles, but remove and toss pumps and spray nozzles. Boxes from toothpaste, medication and other toiletries. Empty medicine bottles, empty toilet paper rolls, and plastic containers from baby wipes and cleaning wipes.

**Laundry room** - Laundry detergent and fabric softener bottles. Keep caps on plastic bottles.

Stain remover and other cleaner bottles. Remove and toss spray pumps. Cat litter jugs and boxes, dryer sheet and laundry detergent boxes.

**Office** - Paper, if shredded, place in a closed paper bag. Mail, catalogs, magazines and newspaper. Office supply boxes, paper file folders, soft cover books, and tissue boxes.

**Make it fun** - Involve the entire family in recycling by making it fun. Have kids make a "please recycle" sign that shows what items can go in the recycling bin. Place a basketball rim above the recycling bin so your family can slam dunk their recyclables. Make it a challenge: try to generate only one bag of trash a week, and once you've conquered that, get a smaller trash can.

Learn more tips and get resources at [www.hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere](http://www.hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere).



## *Deephaven Historical Society*

The Deephaven Historical Society is very happy to announce the launch of our own website, [www.deephavenhistorical.org](http://www.deephavenhistorical.org) in August. We have a small collection of wonderful pictures, documents and articles that have been donated or which we have been given permission to use on our new website by those who love Deephaven history. For those who want to share your Deephaven history, contact us at [Deephavenhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:Deephavenhistorical@gmail.com) or call Barbara Sykora 952-473-9539, Bob Gerlicher 952-474-7248 or Mary Lou Bennis 952-473-2031.

### **Join Us!**

#### **Become a Member of the Deephaven Historical Society**

\_\_\_\_\_ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5 YEARS \$75.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the **Deephaven Historical Society**. Thank You!

Mail to: DHS Deephaven Village Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road  
Deephaven, Minnesota 55331

Am I alone when thinking summer just flew by? If it weren't for the beautiful fall colors anxiously waiting to explode on the scene, I could almost be talked into asking for a mulligan!

Would you please join me in giving a heartfelt 'thank you' to Mark Westgard as he retires from our Deephaven Police Department? His pleasant demeanor and team approach to the everyday challenges of the job coupled with his investigative talents have made our Police Department a shining example of what Police work should be like in a Community. Thanks, Mark, and best wishes as you enjoy your retirement.

Troy Carlson, with over nine years of law enforcement work in Carver County under his belt, is joining us as our newest Police officer. Please join me in welcoming him before ... you know ... he has to introduce himself to you!

The preliminary budget has been certified, pending final approval in December. The Council is asking for a little more money in our Capital Improvement Fund as we get back to addressing our roads throughout the City. It's expensive, necessary work, but we are looking at several resurfacing techniques as we establish a schedule for the next five years.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to give the Park Committee your feedback as they move forward with their Strategic Planning, please do so.

In the meantime, guess it's off to the store to buy a rake for those beautiful leaves that are coming!

Paul



**Warming House Hours**

Weather permitting; the warming houses at Thorpe Park and City Hall will be open starting on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The warming house hours for the 2015-2016 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.



**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 :  
November 11, November 26 and 27  
December 25th, 2015**

**Your City Council:**

**Mayor :** Paul Skrede

**Council members:**

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson  
Darel Gustafson, Tony Jewett

**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



**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 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](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org)