



Deephaven News

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City Hall Hours:
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4th of July Celebration in Deephaven at the Cottagewood General Store!

- ◆ **8:30 Registration for Family Fun Run/Walk**, \$5/person or \$15/family, all finishers receive a special commemorative water bottle!
- **9:00 Start, Family Fun Run/Walk**
- **10:00 Parade begins**
- **11:00 Raffle** - \$1/ea or 12 for \$10
- Kiddie Carnival- \$5/kid,
- RaffleLunch-\$6 Hot Dog Value Meal

This year's Cottagewood Celebration starts out with a 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk. Bring the whole family (pets too) in red, white and blue! Registration begins at 8:30AM with the race starting at 9:00. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family and each finisher gets a special commemorative water bottle for the parade!

After the Fun Run you can check out all the amazing Raffle prizes available. How about a Stand Up Paddleboard or tickets to your favorite sporting event? Raffle tickets are \$1/each or 12 for \$10. Kids can decorate their bikes or scooters for the parade.

Parade starts at 10AM. Pledge of Allegiance, Fire Truck, Matterhorn Brass Band....and that's just the beginning. The Deephaven Police Department 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.

Parade participants follow the same route today as participants did during the very first parade over 50 years ago!

Kiddie Carnival starts after the parade and includes cupcake walk, dunk tank, bouncy house, and many other favorites.

Children's Park is transformed into a carnival ground 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.

Carnival bracelets are \$5. Lunch is available for \$6 and includes hot dog, chips, and beverage.

We wrap up the morning with the Raffle at 11:00. Must be present to win all the fabulous prizes!



City Beaches Open for Season

Lifeguards will be available at three of the six beaches in Deephaven beginning Saturday, June 8th through Sunday, August 11th 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

Dogs not permitted—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.

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.

Pedestrian Safety

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.

Building Permits

Please remember that building permits are needed for all structural alterations. If you are planning to repair a roof, deck or install siding at your home, permits are required before starting your project. Permit fees double for those individuals who are found to be working without the appropriate permit. Also, please make sure that all permits have the required inspections. Please be sure to call Gopher One for the required utility locates before you begin digging.

Delinquent Utility Bill Notice

Please be aware that all unpaid balances on your utility bill for sewer / storm water, water (if applicable) and garbage / recycling must be paid in full to the City of Deephaven on or before *September 20, 2013*.



If the past due amount is not paid by this date, the Deephaven City Code *requires the past due amount to be levied against your property for payment along with your 2014 property taxes.*

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Update

With another open water season underway, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and other groups around the state are working to manage and prevent aquatic invasive species (AIS). Here are some of the things the District has been up to (learn more at www.minnehahacreek.org/AIS):



MINNEHAHA CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

Boat Inspections Underway

Inspections are underway at public access lakes across the District. The MCWD is helping fund inspectors at Lake Minnewashta, Christmas Lake, Lake Minnetonka and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes. The District is also funding roaming inspectors who rotate between several lakes that otherwise wouldn't be staffed: Pierson, Wasserman, Parley, Virginia, Auburn, Zumbra, and Steiger.

Inspectors are important educational resources. In addition to making sure that boaters aren't unwittingly transporting invasive species to or from a lake, they educate boaters about the threat of AIS and what can be done to stop the spread.

Proof of Inspection

In an effort to speed up the process for boaters who have already been deemed clean, the District is rolling out a pilot "Proof of Inspection" program this season. Inspectors will examine boats as they leave a lake, when time allows. If the boat passes inspection, the owner can choose to have a seal placed between the boat and trailer. With this seal intact, the boater will receive an abbreviated inspection at the next launch.

Milfoil weevil study

The District is preparing for the first full year of [a study on the effectiveness of milfoil weevils](#) in controlling Eurasian watermilfoil. The beetles feed primarily on the invasive plant and are not a nuisance to humans. Once collected, the weevils will be placed in two study sites -- Christmas Lake and Veteran's Cove in Lake Minnetonka (near Big Island).

Curlyleaf pondweed study

Staff is still determining the best sites for a study on removing Curlyleaf pondweed. The District, in partnership with Freshwater Scientific Services, will be evaluating mechanical harvesting as an alternative to herbicide treatments for managing curlyleaf pondweed.

AIS Management Plan

In March the MCWD Board of Managers approved the draft of the District's Long Term AIS Management Plan which, once finalized, will become part of the MCWD's comprehensive plan. You can read the plan and submit comments at www.minnehahacreek.org

Recreational Fires

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.

Coyote Awareness

Like other suburbs, Deephaven has experienced Coyote sightings and related activity over the past few years. With the wooded surroundings of the area and the many city parks in Deephaven, opportunistic Coyotes have found locations to thrive.

Coyotes are scavengers and opportunistic hunters that will range wherever necessary to find food. They will eat many types of animals that may include domestic pets of various sizes. Therefore, dog and cat owners should be aware that a Coyote may prey on a family pet.

Although Coyotes are a threat to domestic pets, they are not a threat to humans. In fact, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, there has never been a documented Coyote attack on a human in Minnesota. Given these facts, the Deephaven Police Department is encouraging citizens to take these simple precautions to ensure the safety of their pets.

- ◆ Do not leave pet food or garbage outside.
- ◆ Do not intentionally feed Coyotes.
- ◆ Do not leave dogs or cats outside unattended for long periods.
- ◆ Pets should be leashed and attended when walking.
- ◆ If confronted by a Coyote, persons should shout or make loud noises to scare the Coyote away.

Per City Ordinance, no citizen can discharge a firearm or trap these animals. Instead persons should notify our office and we will assess the situation and give recommendations. Presently, we are suggesting residents hire a private contractor to trap the animal.

Please remember that prior approval by the Police Department is required before hiring a trapper.

If you have any questions, please contact the Deephaven Police Department at (952)-474-7555.

Rutledge Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement Project

The existing storm sewer main on that portion of Rutledge Avenue between Northome Avenue and Deephaven Avenue will be replaced with a new storm sewer main later this summer. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin sometime after July 15, 2013 with the project substantially completed on or before August 31, 2013. The entire project area includes that portion of Northome Avenue located halfway between Azure Road & Rutledge Road and extends west on Rutledge Road to a point 50 feet or so west of Deephaven Avenue. The reason for the storm sewer replacement is that the existing storm sewer main, which consists primarily of old water heater shells, has substantially deteriorated. The property owners abutting and immediately surrounding the project area will be invited to attend a meeting in July to discuss the project in more detail.

Bay Wide Aquatic Weed Treatment in Carson's Bay & St. Louis Bay

As a result of public meetings, input received from Lakeshore Owners and Homeowner Association Members, and results from the Carson's Bay/St Louis Bay (CB/SLB) survey, it has been determined to implement a bay wide Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP) in 2013.

For clarification, bay wide means Carson's Bay (including that portion south of the bridge known to many as the "Back Bay") and St Louis Bay. The LVMP is focused on the ever increasing population of invasive plants- Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and Curlyleaf pondweed (CLP).

The LVMP is a five-year plan written by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow bay-wide treatment under the framework of the LVMP. The goal is to enhance navigability and recreational use in areas affected by the EWM/CLP, maintain native plants and water quality.



The treatments refer to "Bay-Wide", meaning EWM/CLP is targeted where they occur in the bay, but that does not mean the entire bay is treated. CB/SLB has a total of 195 surface acres of which 120 acres are defined as littoral. Previous CB/SLB surveys suggest about 100 acres have EWM/CLP and will receive a treatment. In previous years, 15-20 acres have received treatments in our bays.

The LVMP does not address nuisance plant treatment, but targets Eurasian watermilfoil in the first year and Curlyleaf pondweed in the second year. These large-scale treatments require variances to DNR rules, which typically limit

treatments to 15% of the littoral acres in the bay. The trade-off for large area treatments is the assurance that native plants will remain unharmed.



It is estimated the two-year costs for this project will be approximately \$90,000 - \$65,000 in 2013 and \$25,000 in 2014. Year three costs are variable depending on the treatment results in 2013 and 2014, but it is estimated that the cost for 2015 could fall somewhere between the cost of the first two years of this project. This is not a two-year project where EWM/CLP will be eliminated. There will be ongoing costs and treatments. We have received \$60,000 in donations for the 2013 effort from 102 residents representing lakeshore residents, boat dock association members, City Of Deephaven and the Minnetonka Yacht Association. We anticipate receiving \$9-10,000 from the DNR, depending on the acres treated. Seventy % of the CB/SLB lakeshore residents have contributed.

The Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA) will be the Project Manager. They have managed similar programs on the other bays that have implemented an LVMP and have significant experience and history in effective management of this plan. The treatment will be permitted by the DNR and applied by a licensed professional applicator. PLM Lake and Land Management Corp is the applicator who will treat our bays. PLM is the applicator who has previously done bay wide treatments for the other Lake Minnetonka bays. We anticipate the bay treatment will be the week of June 23 as treatments generally occur in late-May or early-June and are keyed to water temperature and milfoil growth. There will be one treatment for 2013.

The CB/SLB program is similar to five other Lake Minnetonka bay programs. In 2007 Carmen's, Grays, and Phelps initiated an LVMP and in 2011 Gideon and St. Albans Bays started their bay wide treatments. Results have varied but generally the results have been successful and, with experience, have gotten better in the last few years. Recreational uses have increased and the cleanup of milfoil fragments on the lakeshore has been sharply reduced in treated bays.

We would like to thank all of our neighbors who have participated in one way or another to make this a community effort. We have our fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

For additional information about other Lake Minnetonka bay treatments and a summary of past years go to:

<http://lmassociation.moonfruit.com/#bay-projects/4558535357>



Are you considering seal coating your parking lot or driveway this summer?

Runoff from driveways and parking lots can contain concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). PAHs can pose health risks to humans, be toxic to aquatic life, and degrade aquatic communities. In addition to the environmental risk they pose, it can be much more costly for cities to dispose of the material dredged from stormwater ponds.

If you are considering seal coating your driveway or parking lot, consider using an asphalt-based sealcoat. The other variety of sealcoat is a coal-tar based sealcoat. A collaborative study completed by the City of Austin, Texas and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) have identified that PAH concentrations can be ten times that of an uncoated parking lot for asphalt-based sealcoats and up to 65 times for coal-tar based sealcoats.

In fact, coal-tar based seal coating products have been removed from the shelves of two home improvement retailers, Lowe's and Home Depot. Recently, Minnesota legislation has banned the purchase of coal-tar based sealcoat products by state agencies as of July 1, 2010.

Remember, if you are seal coating your parking lot or driveway this summer, look for an asphalt-based sealcoat. It will help minimize the impact to the environment and reduce costs for cities to dispose of dredged stormwater.

Mark your Calendars for these 2013 events!!!

EXCELSIOR FIREFIGHTERS DANCE - FRIDAY, JULY 19

Friday, July 19, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – Midnight
Hi Hats Polka Band from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Sell Out Stereo from 8:00 p.m. – Midnight
Free Admission!! No Cover Charge!!
Food, Fun, Friends, Family & Neighbors
For more information - www.excelsiorfire.org



SOUTH LAKE SAFETY CAMP—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For kids in 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades
Open to all residents in the Excelsior Fire District
For more information contact Twila at 952-960-7902 or tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us

GOVERNOR'S FIRE PREVENTION DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR - FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Friday, August 23, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Free fun filled, action packed event taking place throughout the State Fair grounds. www.goversfirepreventionday.com

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE AND SAFETY FAIR

Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 6:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
Activities, demonstrations, displays, and tasty treats for all ages
For more information - www.excelsiorfire.org

KIDS FREE MOVIE

Saturday, December 7, 2013 with doors open at 9:30 a.m.
Movie to be announced
Meet Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog - for more information www.excelsiorfire.org

TOUR DE TONKA BIKE RIDE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Mark your calendar for the 8th 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 3, 2013. Six different route options are available: 16, 26, 43, 51, 77 or 100—they have a ride distance for everyone.

The event begins at Minnetonka High School at 7:30 am. Same day registration begins at 5:45 am.

Registration fee includes a T-shirt and lots of entertainment and many wonderful rest stops full of great treats. In addition to the registration fee, a separate donation may be made to the ICA Food Shelf, giving riders an opportunity to positively impact our community with their exercise.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 6TH

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 952-474-4755.

2014 CITY BUDGET SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW BY CITY COUNCIL

- Monday, June 17th** - 2014 Budget Overview, 2014 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 1st** - Budget Review & Revisions
- Monday, August 19th** - Budget Review & Revisions
- Tuesday, September 3rd** - Final Budget Review, Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy
- Monday, October 21st** - Park Improvement Fund, Marina Fund, Recycling Fund
- Monday, November 18th** - Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund
- Monday, December 2nd** - Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt Final Tax Levy, Adopt 2014 Budget

VINE HILL BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION MEETING

The Deephaven City Council will be holding a public meeting at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19th** at Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, to discuss the proposed reconstruction of the Vine Hill Bridge. Discussion will include:

- ◆ Project cost
- ◆ Bridge design
- ◆ Project timelines
- ◆ Proposed detours
- ◆ Regional trail closing

Further information on the Vine Hill Bridge project is available on the city web site www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Happy Anniversary, PAT THIEDE, and Thank You for your thirty years of service to the City of Deephaven! As the senior employee in Deephaven, you have seen it all, my friend. Thank You for keeping the Deephaven Police Department running so smoothly. Your smiling face and calming voice have always greeted the enumerable visits and residents' calls to the Department. I dare say your list of problems solved far exceeds the length of the Wish Lists received by Santa himself. Great job, kid!

The Vine Hill Bridge project is moving along. We are hoping the State will be approving our plans and application for State Bridge Bonding Funds by the first weeks of July. As discussed in this Newsletter, we will be having a Public Meeting on the subject on August 19. We hope to see many of you there, so we can answer any questions you might have, including "Did we get the money?"

St. Therese has broken ground on their Deephaven Woods Project and hope to have the building ready for occupancy by next May. I understand they have some folks already signed up to move in and a large list of people indicating an interest in becoming residents.

The Council has started on the Budget for 2014. Thanks to the State legislature, we are under Levy Limits for 2014. But before we frown too deeply ... Cities are now exempt from sales tax. How those two items go together is anyone's guess, but that is the way I received the news.

My hope for all of you is that you get to play as hard this summer as you worked this past winter and spring. Please be safe as you enjoy the many amenities our City has to offer. Oh, and if you find yourself wondering who the two little boys with the English accents are down at the Main Beach this August, those will be my grandchildren. See ya' around the neighborhood ... maybe even on our version of National Night Out!

Paul

Summer Hours at City Hall

Starting May 28th through August 31st, Deephaven City Hall will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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City Office will be closed :

July 4th and September 2nd

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

Shelley Souers, Woodland Deputy 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

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