



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"



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City Hall Hours:
September 4th to May 27th
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 28th to September 3rd
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.



Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection—Saturday, November 9th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 9th. This is for curbside pick-ups only and will begin at 7:00 a.m. Please do not drop off any yard waste at City Hall!

Please observe these requirements:

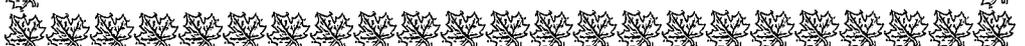
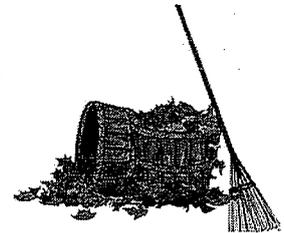
- ◆ Brush must be cut and bundled with string; branches cannot exceed four feet in length and four inches in diameter.
- ◆ Leaves and yard waste must be bagged **in compostable bags**.
- ◆ Bundles and bags cannot exceed 40 pounds.
- ◆ Please do not rake leaves into the street.



Rake-A-Thon

If you are a senior, or cannot rake your lawn due to a disability, the Rake-A-Thon can help you! A team of volunteers will rake your lawn and bag your leaves. This service is sponsored by Minnetonka Community Education and is FREE! The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th.

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please call Louise Bagshaw with Minnetonka Community Education at 952-401-6828 or louise.bagshaw@minnetonka.k12.mn.us.



2013 Construction Project Wrap-up

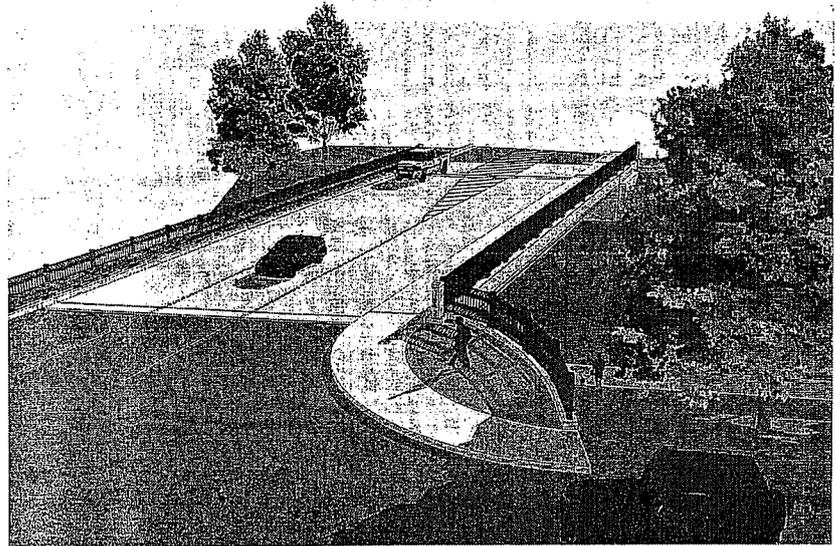
We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during our construction projects this year. The following is a summary of the major projects undertaken this year:

- ◆ Sewer main cleaning & televising in the northwest quarter of Deephaven was completed and the televised reports are currently under review.
- ◆ Reconstruction of an existing storm sewer main on Northome Road and Rutledge Road was completed.
- ◆ 19 street lights along Chowen's Corner were replaced and the underground wiring repaired.

Vine Hill Bridge Replacement

On July 12, 2011, the City of Deephaven received the bi-annual bridge inspection report from the Hennepin County Transportation Department on the Vine Hill Bridge that extends over the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail near Deephaven Elementary School. The report states that there has been continuing deterioration of the bridge, which has effectively lowered the sufficiency rating of the bridge from 60.0 to 49.4. The report further states that a bridge with a sufficiency rating of less than 50 qualifies for Federal and State funding for replacement. Since receiving this bridge inspection report, the City has moved forward with plans to replace the Vine Hill Bridge.

Conceptual Design



BOLTON & MENK, INC.
Consulting Engineers & Surveyors

Progress to Date -

- ◆ Agreement with Hennepin County for Project Sponsorship since cities under 5,000 must obtain county sponsorship.
- ◆ Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority to reconstruct the Vine Hill Bridge on HCRRRA property
- ◆ Encroachment Permit from the Three Rivers Park District to close the LRT Trail during construction
- ◆ Bridge plans & specifications have been completed and approved by Hennepin County and the MN Department of Transportation
- ◆ State Bridge Bond funding for the project has been approved and the project authorized for bidding.

Project Scope -

- ◆ Single span, three-lane bridge including a northbound left hand turn lane
- ◆ Urban design
- ◆ 4' shoulder on east side of bridge
- ◆ Sidewalk on west side of bridge with sidewalk extension to the school property
- ◆ "Plaza" area on NW corner of intersection to provide for more open sight lines
- ◆ Concrete railings similar to the railings on the Carson's Bay Bridge

Project Costs -

- ◆ State Bridge Bond Fund pays for 100% of the new bridge from abutment to abutment, with the exception of the demolition of the old bridge
- ◆ The City pays for 100% of the approach work up to the bridge and the bridge demolition cost
- ◆ Total projected construction cost - \$1,332,045
- ◆ State Bridge Bond Fund share - \$1,136,195
- ◆ City share - \$195,850

Bidding and Construction -

- ◆ Bidding date set for end of 2013
- ◆ Construction to begin April 2014
- ◆ Approximately 100 working days to complete construction
- ◆ LRT Trail will be closed at the east and west bridge construction limits
- ◆ Regional and local detour information is provided on the City of Deephaven website at www.cityofdeephaven.org
- ◆ An informational meeting will be scheduled prior to the start of construction

The Deephaven City Council certified the 2014 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 3rd in the amount of \$1,977,235, which represents a 2.9% increase in the property tax levy from 2013. The public is invited to comment on the 2014 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and discuss the final 2014 Budget and Levy. The final 2014 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting. The following is a brief summary of the 2014 Budget:

2014 Revenue Highlights -

- ◆ 2014 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$84,546 or 3.3% over 2013 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, Hennepin County Road Aid, Fine Revenue, and increases in the annual contract fees with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood.
- ◆ Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal 11.3% of 2014 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 2014 Budget.
- ◆ The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 64.6% of the 2014 General Fund Revenues.

General Fund Revenues – Total 2014 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,684,056 and consist of eight major budget categories:

Category	2014 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	1,772,935	66.1%
Licenses & Permits	182,625	6.8%
Intergovernmental	172,501	6.4%
Charges for Services	359,026	13.4%
Fines & Forfeits	65,000	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues	74,503	2.8%
Interest Income	30,000	1.1%
Fund Transfers	27,466	1.0%
Total 2014 Revenues	2,684,056	100.0%

2014 Expenditure Highlights –

- ◆ Total 2014 General Fund Expenditures increased \$84,597 or 3.3% over 2013 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a 2% salary increase for municipal employees, a municipal election in 2014, Emerald Ash Borer tree treatments, and a projected 15% increase in health premiums.
- ◆ A 2% increase in salary & benefits increases 2014 General Fund expenditures by \$39,982. The 2% employee wage increase in 2014 follows a 2% increase in 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 15% or \$21,560 in 2014.
- ◆ Public Safety Departments accounts for 53.8% of all expenditures in the 2014 General Fund.

General Fund Expenditures – Total 2014 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,683,876 and consist of ten major departments:

Department	2014 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	182,177	6.8%
Administration	275,892	10.3%
City Hall Buildings	44,600	1.7%
Zoning/Building Inspections	201,387	7.5%
Streets & Roads	107,300	4.0%
Public Works	340,985	12.7%
Parks & Recreation	75,350	2.8%
Police	915,500	34.1%
Fire Services	528,635	19.7%
Animal Management	12,050	0.4%
Total 2014 Expenditures	2,683,876	100.0%

Capital Improvement Fund –

The Capital Improvement Fund (CIF Fund) is a critical fund that finances the replacement of all streets, police and park vehicles and equipment and all street improvement projects. The CIF Fund receives funding from two separate sources. The first is approximately \$92,000 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 \$220,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$312,000 per year in the CIF Fund – funds that are used to finance the replacement of the Vine Hill Bridge, street improvement projects, and the replacement of aged vehicles and equipment that are planned each year.

2014 Property Taxes –

The property tax levy totals \$1,977,235 in 2014, which represents a \$55,111 or 2.9% increase over the 2013 property tax levy. With the continued reduction in the market values of properties in Deephaven, the tax capacity rate is expected to increase in 2014. ***If you have any questions regarding the 2014 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd at Deephaven City Hall.***

Boating News & Notes

The City public works crew vastly improved our buoy anchoring system at St. Louis Bay and Carson's Bay prior to the 2013 Boating Season by replacing the connections to each mooring buoy with stainless steel chain. The only other item of note is that there will be no Boating Fee increases for the 2014 Boating Season.

Excelsior Fire District Events**Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair**

Thursday, October 3, 2013 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Activities, demonstrations, displays and tasty treats for all ages.

Giving Tree Kick Off

Saturday, November 30, 2013

Trees Ready for Public Decorating

Donations of new, homemade and ornaments with "previous tree experience" accepted.

Kids Free Movie

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Doors open at 9:30a.m.

Movie to be announced

Meet Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog

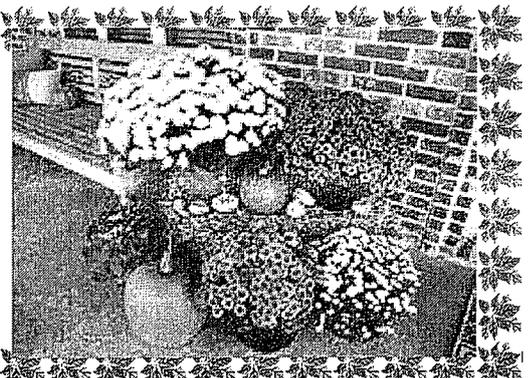
For more information on any of these Fire District Events please visit their website at : www.excelsiorfire.org or call 952-401-8801.

Please Do Not Flush Disposable Wipe Products Down the Toilet!

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.

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.



Snowplows are coming!

Unfortunately, there is no avoiding it. 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 from 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.

Snowmobile & ATV Regulations

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.

Take the Great Hennepin County Recycle Half Challenge

Could you recycle half of all your waste? Hennepin County residents, businesses and organizations create enough waste each year to fill Target Field 11 times, but only 38 percent of that waste is recycled. Help us reach our goal of recycling half of all the waste produced in Hennepin County by 2015.

To help you get to half, we've made recycling easier than ever. You can now recycle more of what you buy - including plastic cups and containers (like cottage cheese containers, yogurt cups and party cups), milk and broth cartons, and juice boxes.

Ready to take the challenge? Visit www.RecycleHalf.com to sign up for the Great Hennepin County Recycle Half Challenge. You can also watch a "recycling intervention," test your recycling knowledge, challenge your friends and learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle more at home, work and play.

Recycling Goals

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency adopted a new Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan on April 6, 2011 that required Hennepin County to prepare a solid waste master plan to implement the new policy plan. The county's current recycling rate is 38% and organics recovery is 4%. Here are the goals established by the MPCA:

Management Method	2015	2020	2025	2030
Source Reduction and Reuse	1-2%	2-4%	3-5%	4-6%
Recycling	45-48%	47-51%	49-54%	54-60%
Organics Recovery	3-6%	4-8%	6-12%	9-15%
Resource Recovery	32-34%	32-33%	30-31%	24-28%
Max Landfill	20%	17%	15%	9%

In 2010, of the 43 cities within Hennepin County, the City of Deephaven ranked 9th in terms of recycling participation. In 2011, Deephaven fell to 19th with 552 Lbs/Household and fell even further in 2012 to 23rd place with 533 Lbs/Household.

We need each and every resident to continue to increase their recycling efforts. Cities that fall below the average of 523 pounds per household will be required to prepare a recycling improvement plan to meet the goal of achieving a 50% recycling participation rate.



Mayor's Corner

Rather whacky summer, wouldn't you say? Too cold ... too hot ... too dry ... too wet ... too short! Thanks so very much to our Public Works crew, our Police Department and the EFD for their handling of the aftermath caused by our severe weather that brought us downed trees and power outages. We got through it, again.

We got our approval for State funding for the reconstruction of the Vine Hill Bridge and the project will be starting in late Spring ... leaving the street easier to plow this winter and the LRT open for skiing. We actually had to coordinate with several of our friends ... the School, Three Rivers Park District, the gas company ... and the consensus was spring versus winter.

The Council has been busy this past quarter. The new lights are in at Chowen's Corner, a major storm water project is wrapped up, the budget for next year has been set, and we are working with our neighboring cities on negotiations for a new contract with Mediacom through the LMCC. The Council members and staff have put in many extra hours, and I thank them for their work.

Fall, now maybe that will be worth waiting for. Leaves will be bursting with color ... that one last pleasure cruise on the Lake before it freezes ... brisk walks at any time of the day ... we seem to breath easier ... the kids are in school ... refurbished paddle tennis courts ... everything seems to be jumping.

Time to kick back, light a fire and ponder all of those putts I should have made this season. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, my land line still works!

Paul

Warming House Hours

Weather permitting, the Thorpe Park and City Hall warming house will be open starting on Saturday, December 14th. The warming house hours for the 2013-2014 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 28th to September 2nd

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

City Hall Hours, September 3rd to May 27th

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

City Office will be closed :

November 11, November 28 and 29
December 25th, 2013

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



Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson

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

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