



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
September 5th to May 26th
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 30th to September 1st
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection—Saturday, November 11th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 11th. 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.



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 Friday, October 27th.

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please email Matt Wiitala with Minnetonka Community Education at matt.wiitala@minnetonka.k12.mn.us.

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



Senior Community Services

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.

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!

For more information, please visit their tab on our city website www.cityofdeephaven.org and their new website www.cottagewoodgardenclub.com



The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2018 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 5th in the amount of \$2,199,000, which represents a 3.6% increase in the property tax levy from 2017. The public is invited to comment on the 2018 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.

This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2018 Budget and Levy. The final 2018 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting. The following is a brief summary of the 2018 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2018 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$2,991,581 and consist of eight major budget categories:

General Fund Expenditures – Total 2018 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$2,989,210 and consist of ten major departments:

Category	2018 Budget	% of Revenues	Department	2018 Budget	% of Expenses
Taxes	1,864,000	62.3%	General Gov't / Elections	203,545	6.8%
Licenses & Permits	248,000	8.3%	Administration	307,666	10.3%
Intergovernmental	213,101	7.1%	City Hall Buildings	46,500	1.6%
Charges for Services	439,905	14.7%	Zoning/Building Inspections	241,701	8.1%
Fines & Forfeits	60,000	2.0%	Streets & Roads	111,600	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues	79,998	2.7%	Public Works	367,343	12.3%
Interest Income	55,000	1.8%	Parks & Recreation	86,050	2.9%
Fund Transfers	31,577	1.1%	Police	964,504	32.3%
Total 2018 Revenues	2,991,581	100.0%	Fire Services	647,301	21.6%
			Animal Management	13,000	0.4%
			Total 2018 Expenditures	2,989,210	100.0%

2018 Revenue Highlights –

- * 2018 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$87,149 or 3.0% over 2017 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, contract fees and interest income.
- * Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal \$362,105 or 12.1% of 2018 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 2018.
- * The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 61.3% of the 2018 General Fund Revenues.

2018 Expenditure Highlights –

- * Total 2018 General Fund Expenditures increased \$89,575 or 3.1% over 2017 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a projected 10% increase in group health premiums, administration of a national, state and municipal election in 2018, and an overall increase in contract service costs.
- * With a 2.5% salary increase in 2018, General Fund salaries will only increase \$1,055 due to an employee resignation. The 2.5% employee wage increase in 2018 follows a 2.0% increase in 2017 & 2016, 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 13.5% or \$25,006 in 2018.
- * Public Safety Departments accounts for 53.9% of all expenditures in the 2018 General 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 \$342,000 property tax levy, which represents a \$42,000 increase in 2018. These two revenues combine to provide \$435,000 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.

2018 Property Taxes

The property tax levy totals \$2,199,000 in 2018, which represents a \$77,084 or 3.6% increase over the 2017 property tax levy. The 2018 General Fund levy will increase 1.9% over the 2017 General Fund levy and the 2018 Capital Improvement Fund levy will increase 14% over the 2017 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 2018 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4th at Deephaven City Hall.

2017 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:

- * Cleaning & televising of the sanitary sewer main was completed in various locations throughout the city. This was done to clear potential obstructions from the sewer main and to televise any potential inflow & infiltration problems with the sewer system.
- * A Manhole Rehabilitation Project undertook the repair of damaged manholes throughout Deephaven.
- * Seal Coating was completed on portions of Azure Road, Northome Avenue, and Rutledge Road.
- * Street resurfacing was completed on Park Avenue and Deephaven Avenue.
- * Two tennis courts at Thorpe Park and three courts at Village Hall Park were crack sealed and repainted.
- * The Deephaven Beach swimming dock was replaced with a pile driven dock.

Thorpe Park Grant Project

The City of Deephaven received a grant in the amount of \$143,000 from the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Program to construct a new restroom / warming house, an asphalt surface for the hockey ring, and new hockey boards and lighting.

At the time of the publication of this newsletter, the asphalt surface and boards for the hockey rink have been installed, quotes for new overhead lights have been received, and bids for the new restroom / warming house have been requested.

While the Council intends to have the rink and warming house completed by December, there is a strong likelihood that construction on the warming house will be postponed until the spring of 2018.



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.

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.



Dog Licensing



Owners of dogs over six months of age must obtain a 2018-2019 dog license beginning January 1, 2018. **The 2018-2019 dog licenses will be available for purchase beginning December 1, 2017.** A two year dog license costs \$20.00.

A dog license application can be downloaded from the City of Deephaven website at 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.

Interested in Serving as Deephaven's Representative to the LMCD?

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) is a regional governmental agency created under State enabling legislation in 1967. The District is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one member appointed by the City Councils of the 14 cities surrounding Lake Minnetonka. The LMCD helps manage the long term health and safety of our great resource and asset, Lake Minnetonka, for all users both today and into the future.

The District meets two times per month on the second and fourth Wednesday at Wayzata City Hall. These meetings start at 7pm and can last up to three hours. There are also opportunities to serve on committees or working groups that meet anywhere from once a month to once a quarter, but is not required.

If you think you might be interested in serving on the LMCD, please contact Dana Young at DanaYoung@mchsi.com or 952-358-9939.

Deephaven Historical Society Fall Boat Tour

**Please Join Us On Sunday,
October 1st from 3 to 5 p.m. for our
Fall Boat Tour on the *Lady of the Lake*.**

Once again, it's that time of year for our annual Boat Tour on Lake Minnetonka. We are hoping the weather will be glorious and the trees will be in full color as we tour the shores of Lake Minnetonka in Deephaven. We'll be viewing selected Deephaven homes and describe their history from the paddleboat, the *Lady of the Lake*, leaving from the Port of Excelsior at 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$10 and non-members \$15. Memberships will be available. Call Nan Nicole at 952-473-3682 to schedule your reservations. You may pay the day of the tour, (checks made out to the Deephaven Historical Society or cash) or mail your payment to Nan Nicole, 17600 Breconwood Road., Wayzata, MN. 55391.

We will start checking in reservations at 2:30. Because of the popularity of our boat tour, all those with reservations will board early. If there are any seats left after those with reservations are seated, open seats will be available to purchase.

Complimentary snacks and soft drinks are included in your history boat tour of homes on the shore of Lake Minnetonka. There will also be a cash bar for beer and cocktails.

We Look Forward to Seeing You All!
[wwwdeephavenhistorical.org](http://www.deephavenhistorical.org)



Deephaven Woods—A Community within a Community

Located on The Church of St. Therese' campus, Deephaven Woods Senior Living is an inviting senior living community which offers Senior Apartment rentals, Assisted Living, Memory Care as well as Enhanced Care apartment homes. This unique community was created to provide services to our aging population and meet the changing needs of older adults with on-site conveniences, amenities and compassionate care if and when they should need it.

They offer a wide range of activities and enriching services to help improve mental health, maintain physical strength and increase socialization. Residents are also able to participate in intergenerational activities with children from The Church of St. Therese School.

Some of the amenities included at Deephaven Woods are an on-site Chapel, Beauty/Barber Salon, Bistro, Fitness Center, Restaurant, Club Room, Guest Suite, Movie Theater and underground parking.



Deephaven Woods currently has openings in Memory Care and Enhanced Assisted Living, with a wait list for Independent and Assisted Living apartments. Deephaven Woods is a member of the Struther's Parkinson's Care Network and has the specialty training to care for people with Parkinson's disease. Deephaven Woods is managed by Ebenezer, which is part of the Fairview Health System and has been providing care for older adults for 100 years.



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.

Well, school has started and the leaves are beginning to fall ... so we must be getting ready for one of the most beautiful seasons in Deephaven. Hope summer was eventful for all of you!

The Staff and Council have been working on the budget for next year, monitoring the Deephaven and Park Street re-surfacing project, and trying to get some work finalized for the warming house and renovated hockey rink in Thorpe Park. I have been assured the rink and lights will be ready for the upcoming season ... but we may not have enough time to get the entire warming house done this winter. It is the Council's opinion that if the timing gets too tight, we would rather begin the warming house improvements early next spring versus wondering what to do for a warming house this season, since the current structure is scheduled to be demolished as a part of the improvements. We feel we can do better than have to bring in a temporary structure, etc ... and hope you feel the same. We have waited for at least forty years for indoor plumbing at Thorpe Park; I hope you agree one more winter is not too long to wait.

Everything else seems to be humming along fairly smoothly, but if you have ideas, comments or questions, I hope you will let us know. Just like you, the Council and Staff want Deephaven to be more than just a place to return to when the snow melts.

Speaking of the weather changes ... guess I had better go find the rake and snow shovel. See you around the neighborhood!

Paul

Visit the City of Deephaven Website

Please visit our website at www.cityofdeephaven.org for a wide variety of information. The top of the website includes the city staff directory and information on the Police Department, Fire Department, the history of Deephaven, and local activities and events. **The main body of the homepage includes the following highlights:**

Government – Council & Committee minutes and agendas
 City Code – The entire City Code is provided for your review
 Calendar – Upcoming city events and meetings
 Permits & Licenses – Building Permit, Parking Permits, Tree Contractor Licenses, Dog Licenses
 Planning & Zoning – Zoning information and applications
 Parks & Trails – Master Park & Recreation Plan and overview of city parks & beaches
 Boat Mooring & Waiting Lists – Updated mooring & waiting list information
 Recycling & Garbage – General information and collection dates
 Clean Water Information – Stormwater and clean water articles
 Maps – All utility, street and zoning maps of the City
 Newsletters – Three year history of City Newsletters
 Cottagewood Garden Club – General information on the Garden Club
 Cottagewood General Store – General information and dates of interest
 Deephaven Historical Society – General information and upcoming events

City Office will be closed : November 10th, November 23rd and 24th and December 25th

City Hall Hours, September 5 to May 26:

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

Summer Hours, May 30 to September 1:

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

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 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

Your City Council:

Mayor: Paul Skrede

Council members:

Steve Erickson, Darel Gustafson,
 Tony Jewett, Kent Carlson

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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