



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.



Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting - Monday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the City of Deephaven will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013 at Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in Deephaven has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact Deephaven City Assessor Dan Distel at 612-237-8094 to discuss your concerns.

If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and determine whether a correction is warranted. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

The South Lake - Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2013

The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2013 Fourth of July celebration. Their goal is to raise donations for the annual fireworks display on Excelsior Bay. Any size donation is appreciated and can be sent to: South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 32, Excelsior, MN 55331.



Please make your check payable to the South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and make a notation "4th of July 2013" in the memo portion of your check.

Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 4th

Mark your calendar for this annual event. More detailed information is being sent to all residential homes with your permit parking sticker. If you rent a home, the flyer is posted on our website www.cityofdeephaven.org or you may contact City Hall to have one mailed to you.



- ◆ **Curbside Yard, Shrub, Compost & Tree Waste Pickup** service will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th.
- ◆ **Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall** on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fees will be charged depending on the item.
- ◆ **MAY 6th—Major curbside Electronics & Appliance Pickup service will be held on Monday, May 6th, 2013.** Call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 2nd for cost and pickup information.

Bill Pay Service Suggestions

If you use a bill pay service to pay your Deephaven utility bills, it would be extremely helpful, and to potentially avoid a late fee, if you have your bill pay service:

- ◆ Schedule your utility payment to be sent no later than 10 days before the due date. City Hall does not accept electronic payments, therefore your service company still prints and mails a physical check to our office. Please take into account weekends and holidays when considering mailing time.
- ◆ Include the correct account number and property address on the payment. Thank you!



NEW ISO RATINGS FOR THE EXCELSIOR FIRE DISTRICT IS GOOD NEWS FOR HOME AND BUILDING OWNERS

EXCELSIOR FIRE DISTRICT, MN – Lower ratings could potentially add up to insurance savings for home and building owners in the cities of Excelsior, Greenwood, Deephaven, Tonka Bay, and Shorewood.

In 2011, the Excelsior Fire District started the process to improve the Insurance Services Office (ISO) class 5 rating for hydrated areas and the ISO class 9 rating for non-hydrated areas.

In the summer of 2012, the Excelsior Fire District was evaluated by the ISO, which resulted in an improvement to an ISO class rating of 4 for hydrated areas and an ISO class rating of 5 for non-hydrated areas.

The ISO evaluation is based on Fire Alarms and Notification, Water Supply which includes documentation of homes and commercial buildings with fire sprinkler systems, and the Fire Department itself. The Excelsior Fire District received high marks in all these areas.

Please be aware that not all insurance companies use ISO ratings to determine insurance cost, however all home, building, and business owners should contact their insurance agents and inform them of the new lower ISO class 5 rating for the non-hydrated areas in the City of Deephaven.

Here is a list of other items you might want to let your insurance agent know about so you can save on insurance premiums:

- ◆ Residential or commercial fire sprinkler system
- ◆ A fire alarm system
- ◆ A fire alarm system that is monitored by an offsite company
- ◆ Hardwired or radio frequency interconnected smoke alarms
- ◆ New wiring in homes or business
- ◆ Stovetops Fire Stops installed above stove tops in apartment complexes
- ◆ Restaurants with annual kitchen hood inspections
- ◆ Restaurants with kitchen hood/ fire suppressions systems

For more information contact Fire Inspector, Kellie Murphy-Ringate at (952) 960-1692.

Message from the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

As you prepare for the upcoming boating season, the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) offers the following information for your consideration:



Prevention and Management of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):



The LMCD urges you to know the AIS transportation laws and regulations of the State of Minnesota. If you are planning on hiring a service provider to install your dock or transport your watercraft, state law requires you to utilize a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) certified provider. Those providers are listed on the MN DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us. Additionally, the providers carry identification of their certification with them, as well as maintain a vehicle sticker (as displayed herein).

If Low Water Continues in 2013:

When Lake levels fall below 928.0 feet, the LMCD Code states that the Board of Directors may approve a resolution that allows for temporary dock length extensions for licensed (multiple dock facilities) and unlicensed (primarily residential) sites on Lake Minnetonka. If the upcoming season provides for such water levels, there is a possibility the LMCD would declare “Low Water.” As the season approaches, the LMCD will assess the water levels and provide regular updates on the website at www.lmcd.org, under, “Hot Topics.”

Licenses Required for Certain Contractors

The City of Deephaven requires plumbers, gas fitters, tree trimmers and building contractors to be currently licensed by the City of Deephaven before they are able to work in the City.

The City requires these contractors to be licensed for several reasons. First, the licensing process ensures that gas fitters and building contractors are currently licensed through the State of Minnesota, which provides some assurance that these contractors are qualified professionals and are more likely to provide higher quality work.

And second, licensing requires contractors to provide certificates of insurance demonstrating that they have proper insurance coverage in the event of an accident or some other unforeseen occurrence.

Prior to hiring a contractor to perform work in your house or property, please contact City Hall or go to the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

Road Restrictions

- ◆ Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from **March 1st through April 30th**.
- ◆ The City strongly enforces weight restrictions to prevent damage to streets.
- ◆ Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the weight restrictions in their area. This is especially important when contracting with moving vans, delivery trucks or construction vehicles.
- ◆ Most damage to roads occurs during the spring months, as the frost leaves the ground. The only vehicles excluded from this requirement are school buses, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles.
- ◆ All roads leading to neighborhoods are posted with the allowable axle weight rating.

For questions regarding these restrictions, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

Building Permits

It's Spring Time! That magical time of year to start all those maintenance projects you need done on your home. Please remember that a building permit may be necessary for your repairs, remodeling, or additions.

Common projects requiring a building permit include re-roofing, re-siding, decks, additions, furnaces, air conditioners, plumbing and electrical work.

Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about permit requirements. Permit applications are available at www.cityofdeephaven.org.



Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
2003	605	\$13,353,874
2004	560	\$10,975,766
2005	534	\$ 9,384,029
2006	622	\$14,337,775
2007	590	\$13,532,474
2008	524	\$16,664,812
2009	399	\$11,737,115
2010	541	\$13,268,023
2011	494	\$ 7,579,378
2012	506	\$14,447,728

City Receives Financial Reporting Award

The City of Deephaven has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2011. This is the 17th consecutive year that the City of Deephaven has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

There are 32,070 municipalities nationwide with populations under 10,000 and less than 1% qualifies to receive this award. Congratulations to the City of Deephaven's Finance Department!

2013 Boating Season

With the kickoff of the Boating Season on April 1st, we would like to remind permit holders that there are two primary requirements when leasing a boat mooring space from the City:

- ◆ All watercraft must be at their assigned space by midnight of May 31, 2013.
- ◆ Your mooring space must be used a minimum of 90 days during the season, which is defined as:

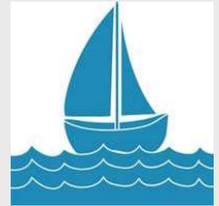
Docks, Buoys and Shorespace: April 1 – November 1
Slides and Canoe Racks: April 1 – November 15

We wish you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Mooring buoys still available

The City currently has 21 mooring buoys available for leasing for the 2013 season. If you are interested in owning a sailboat and would love the opportunity to moor your boat at the St. Louis Bay or Carson's Bay Marina, this is a perfect opportunity. The rental fee for mooring buoys is \$450 per season.

For those residents who already have a 2013 watercraft permit with the City and would also be interested in obtaining a second permit for one of the currently available mooring buoys, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755.

**Parking Permits**

Parking permit stickers will be sent to all residential homes in Deephaven beginning the third week of April.

These are exterior window stickers and they must be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle on the lower corner of the rear window. For your convenience, we will be mailing out two parking permits to each residential home this year.



Hopefully, this will allow you to use both parking permits for your vehicles without having to come to City Hall for an additional permit. The sticker allows you to park from May 1 – October 1 in parking permit-only areas, including all City beaches.

Please be aware that you will be subject to a parking ticket if you park your vehicle in permit-only areas without a current sticker.

If you are currently rent your home, please contact City Hall on how to obtain a permit.

Pet Owners: Time to Clean Up

Each year before the spring thaw, pet owners are encouraged to begin cleaning their yards of pet waste that has accumulated over the winter. The waste should be picked up continually during the spring thaw, as well as summer and fall months, to prevent bacteria contaminated water from running into city lakes, ponds and wetlands.

Dog waste is NOT fertilizer and it is NOT good for lawns. Most dog owners are unable to keep up on removing pet waste during the winter months, and waste accumulates, covered by each new snowfall. During the spring thaw, the bacteria and parasites from the waste that remain dormant during the winter months are unleashed into the newly formed streams running from your yard and eventually into the storm drains and ditches, ending up in our groundwater and lakes.

Although never a favorite chore, cleaning up the waste is the responsibility of each pet owner. There are services available for hire if it is a chore you would rather not do. Regardless of who does the clean up, it should be completed before the first blades of grass begin to grow.

**CURB YOUR CANINE!**

MUTT MITTS are available in our parks and trails for your use to clean up after your dog! Keep a few extras tied to your leash so you're prepared for the inevitable. Be a responsible pet owner and help keep our parks clean for others to enjoy!

And please remember, City Ordinances require your dog to be leashed or at your heel under your command at all times when off of your property.

CATS ON THE PROWL!

Although cats are not required to be leashed or licensed in Deephaven, please be a good neighborhood and keep an eye on your cat and on their adventurous activities. Your neighbor may not be very appreciative of your cat rummaging around their garden or leaving their "special" droppings on their lawn.

Mark your Calendars for these 2013 events!!!

ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS DANCE

Friday, July 19, 2013 - 5:00 p.m. – Midnight

Hi Hats Polka Band - 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sell Out Stereo – 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, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 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 tgroust@ci.shorewood.mn.us

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

GOVERNORS FIRE PREVENTION DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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

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

Check us out and [Like Us](#) on Facebook or go to our web site at www.excelsiorfire.org as the dates approach for more information.

Cottagewood Store Spring Opening

Officially open for business on Saturday, April 27th

Bring your friends, family and join your neighbors to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Cottagewood General Store!

Meet the staff and purchase Deephaven and Cottagewood hats, t-shirts, mugs and more! The coffee will be ready, ice cream and cold pop waiting in the cooler with plenty of candy and sweets for everyone to enjoy. Call 952-470-8400 for more information or visit www.cottagewoodusa.com.

Platform Court Improvements

After a busy winter season, the City will be finishing up the final improvements to the platform courts at Haralson Park by resurfacing the courts and installing new heating units. We thank the platform tennis enthusiasts for your patience throughout this renovation process.

April 13, 2013 Book Sale

Bargain hunters and book lovers take note: on Saturday, April 13, 2013, the **Friends of the Excelsior Library** will hold a sale of several thousand adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books, and other media, will be priced at \$1 or less. Funds raised will benefit the Excelsior Library. Customers using scanners must pay a \$5 fee.

The book sale will be held on **Saturday, April 13, 2013, 8 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 19, Excelsior, MN 55331. Questions, call 612-543-6350.**

Donations accepted at the Excelsior Library Monday, March 18 – Thursday, April 11 during open hours. Please: no text books, magazines or phonograph records.



Celebrate Arbor Day



Plant A Tree

Celebrate Arbor Day on April 21st

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21st as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to join us in our annual celebration of Arbor Day. This year's festivities will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Thorpe Park. Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony. Please come join us in this annual celebration!

Thanks to our hard-working Staff and my affable Council members, it looks like we passed another Audit! When was the last time you read about a government entity having both cash and a budget as they started a new year? Way to go, gang!

I offer a special thanks to Kent Norby and his 'Whole Bay Treatment' group who have reached their monetary goal for implementing the Lake Vegetation Management Plan in Carson's and St. Louis Bays this summer. Nice work!

Look for a new sign on Minnetonka Blvd that St Therese will be posting to announce the beginning of their Assisted Living structure construction somewhere in the May-June period.

Some updates: We will have updates on our web site for Xcel Energy's proposed 115Kv line routes and new bus line schedules as the information becomes available.

Thanks to the Public Works crew for keeping our streets as clean as possible this winter ... twice as much snow as last year ... but you keep gettin' 'er done!

Paul

Hydrant Flushing Schedule



The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines and along Minnetonka Blvd and Ridgewood Road the week of May 13th in order to help clear the water lines.

During the flushing period, it's normal to experience some discolored water. The water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water from your faucet.

If you are experiencing problems, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4775.

City Hall Hours, "Summer Hours" May 28th to September 3rd

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

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City Office will be closed :

May 27th

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