



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:

"Regular" Hours
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 28th to August 31st
 Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
 Fridays 8am to 12noon
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and
 Holidays.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of January 7, 2019 through January 18, 2019. The pickup will be on your normal collection day and is being provided at no additional charge. Trees collected as part of this program will be chipped and used for compost. Please note that wreaths and flocked or artificial trees cannot be composted. These items should be set out with your regular garbage.



To ensure your tree is collected and composted, please:

- ◆ Remove all decorations and wire;
- ◆ Do NOT wrap the tree in a plastic bag; and
- ◆ Place the tree at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m. the day of your garbage collection. Trees set out too early may get buried from passing snowplows, making it very difficult to free the tree from the snow.

Winter Trail Activities

The City will maintain the LRT trail through the City of Deephaven for winter use from November 15th to March 15th for those who wish to continue to use the trail through the winter months.



Warming House Hours

◆ **The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2018-2019 season are as follows:**

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| ◆ Mondays – Fridays: | 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| ◆ Saturdays: | 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| ◆ Sundays: | 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| ◆ School Holiday: | 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| ◆ Christmas Eve: | 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| ◆ New Year's Eve: | 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| ◆ Christmas Day / New Year's Day | 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |

- ◆ The warming houses will be open through February 17, 2019 or later if the weather permits.
- ◆ Please note that the ice rink lights are now on a timer and will go off exactly at 9:00 p.m.

The major 2019 project will include street resurfacing on Carsonwood Avenue, Northern Road, Highland Avenue (West), Parkway, Easton Road and on Minnetonka Blvd from the Vine Hill Bridge to the east end of Deephaven. The estimated cost for the resurfacing of these streets is estimated at approximately \$1.7 million. Financing will be a combination of capital improvement funds, excess General Fund reserves, and the issuance of a Street Improvement Bond. More information on this project will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the City's website: www.cityofdeephaven.org.

<u>Other 2019 Improvement Projects include:</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
New playground equipment at Shuck Park	\$ 35,000
Reconstruction of the Shuck Park tennis court	\$ 50,000
Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising	\$ 30,000
Manhole Rehabilitation	\$ 30,000
Minnetonka Blvd Storm Water Repair	\$ 15,000
St. Louis Bay Launch Repair	\$ 20,000
Total	\$180,000

Snowplow Damage

The width of the street right-of-way is designed to provide room for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks and other public uses. However, certain private uses, such as mailboxes, are also often located in the right-of-way. If the street or grass boulevard is damaged by a snowplow, City crews will repair the damage in the spring. If your mailbox is physically hit and damaged by a plow, the City will repair or replace it immediately.

Please note, however, that the City will only repair those mailboxes or posts that were actually hit by the plow. It is not uncommon for posts to be damaged by snow or ice from the plow and it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that their mailbox post is strong enough to withstand being hit periodically by snow and ice.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for the City crew to clear snow from around mailboxes with the size and type of equipment that the City operates to clear snow. The final cleaning around mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

City personnel do not clear private driveways nor do we intentionally plow more snow into your driveway than your neighbor. You may inadvertently receive more snow due to the angle of the plow blade or the angle of the street.



Snowmobile & ATV Prohibitions

Along with snowplows come snowmobiles and ATV's. If you are operating a snowmobile or ATV within the city limits, please be aware that Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's under any of the following circumstances:

- ◆ On a sidewalk or walkway used for pedestrian traffic,
- ◆ On private property without 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, public beaches, playgrounds and recreational areas except for areas authorized for such use (the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay boat launches, for example) when traveling to or from the approved snowmobile routes.
- ◆ Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., except for travel to or from a final destination without delay, and
- ◆ On any street except when traveling to or from an approved area by the shortest legal route.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.



When you review your property tax statements this March, please note that your property tax is determined by four factors: the amount of money spent by each local taxing jurisdiction, the impact of the market value exclusion credit, the taxable market value of your property, and your property classification.

The Deephaven Board of Review will address objections to the market value or property classification of your property on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. The Board’s powers are limited to these two areas.

Steps to Appeal Your Property Value: What should you do if you believe the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties?

Step 1 – Meet with City Assessor Dan Distel. If you have reason to believe that the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties, we strongly recommend that your very first step should be to contact City Assessor Dan Distel at City Hall 952-474-4755 or at his Home Office 952-361-0566 to discuss this issue in greater detail. He may be able to answer your questions without having to attend the Board of Review meeting.

Step 2 - If, after discussing this information with the assessor, you still feel you have good comparable sales and information to support an appeal, you should attend the Board of Review meeting on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. Please remember that the property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the market value as determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable.

Appeals at the April 15th Board of Review will be considered in the following order:

1. Those residents who have met with the Assessor but were unable to come to a mutual agreement on the estimated market value of your property.
 2. Those residents presenting their cases in advance of the meeting by letter or email.
 3. And lastly, those residents who have come directly to the board without advance notice or without contacting the assessor prior to the meeting.
- ◆ Residents will be allowed five minutes to present their appeal to the Board.
 - ◆ Residents will be notified within three business days of the board’s decision.
 - ◆ The board may decide to hold a reconvened meeting for the purpose of considering the appeals presented on April 15th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

Rental Property & Utility and Garbage Payments

If you are currently renting your home, please be aware that the Deephaven City Code requires all delinquent water, sewer/storm and garbage/recycling bills to be assessed to the property owner. It can come as an unpleasant surprise to a property owner to learn that an assessment will be placed against their property because their renter hasn’t been paying their quarterly utility or garbage/recycling bills.

If you are renting your home, we strongly recommend that you take into account the fact that the property owner is ultimately responsible for payment of utility and garbage bills.



Utility Payment Drop Off Box

For your convenience, the City has installed a utility bill security box for utility payments located right next to the public mailbox in the City Hall parking lot. We hope it might be more convenient for you to drop off your utility payment right from your car than having to park and come into City Hall.

City Property Taxes Fund Many Services

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$7,938 in property taxes in 2019. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$982 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 12.4% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$82 per month to the City for the following array of services:

- ◆ 24-hour police and fire protection
- ◆ Prompt snowplowing of all city streets
- ◆ Full-service parks with 8 tennis courts, 3 ball fields, 4 ice rinks & 7 playground structures
- ◆ Six beaches – 3 with lifeguard services
- ◆ Three public trails
- ◆ Street maintenance, boulevard maintenance, street sweeping & street lighting
- ◆ Park maintenance
- ◆ Public tree maintenance
- ◆ Deer management
- ◆ Building & zoning code enforcement
- ◆ Office staff to assist residents and answer questions
- ◆ Municipal, State & National Elections

\$3,519 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 44.3% of your property tax payment for public education through the property tax levy and a voter approved school levy. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$293 per month to the School District.

\$2,734 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 34.4% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$228 per month to Hennepin County.

\$703 goes to other agencies such as the Watershed District, Metropolitan Council, Mosquito Control, Hennepin County Parks, Met Transit Debt, the Park Museum, Hennepin County HRA, and the Railroad Authority – These agencies receive about 8.9% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$59 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 853 cities and townships in Minnesota, Deephaven ranked 17th in terms of the lowest tax capacity rate in 2016.



Solicitors, Peddlers, and Canvassers

Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers **are allowed** in Deephaven. For-profit sale of products or services require a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a permit ID issued by the Deephaven Police Department. The city does not endorse any specific product or service by the issuing of this license.

Charitable organizations conducting door-to-door sales or solicitations do not need a license.

Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property or you may contact City Hall to include your address on the Do Not Solicit List.

If you have a complaint about a door-to-door salesperson or solicitors, immediately contact the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555.



2019 Sewer Rate Increase

On December 3, 2018, the Deephaven City Council approved a \$10.00 per quarter sewer rate increase that will go into effect in January 2019 with payments due beginning with the April 2019 utility billing. The sewer rate will increase from \$95.00 per quarter to \$105.00 per quarter. This is the first sewer rate increase since November 2015.

Why is a rate increase needed? The wastewater from Deephaven is transported and treated by the Metropolitan Council at the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment plant in Shakopee. Each month, Deephaven is required to pay a Municipal Wastewater Charge that is determined by our percentage of the total wastewater use in the Metropolitan Area. In 2018, we were billed on a total wastewater usage of 154.08 million gallons, which resulted in an annual Municipal Wastewater Charge of \$372,990. In 2019, we will be billed on a total wastewater use of 164.84 million gallons, a 7.0% increase that will increase our annual Municipal Wastewater Charge by \$43,622 to \$416,612 in 2019. In short, the sewer rate had to be increased to support this increase in our 2019 Municipal Wastewater Charge.

Volunteers are a Huge Asset to the City

Volunteers play a critical role in our City. They provide recommendations on issues relating to planning and land use; they beautify our city gardens and parks; they preserve our historical heritage; and provide recommendations on the improvements of our parks, and beaches. As we look forward to a new year, we would like to look back and thank all those volunteers who have devoted so much of their personal time to help their community in 2018 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Park Committee, Garen Club and Historical Society.**

If you have time and an interest in serving your community, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form. Thank you!!

2019 Rescheduled Council Meetings

There are three regularly scheduled Council meetings in 2019 that conflict with a major holiday. These three regularly scheduled Council meetings have been rescheduled to the following dates:

Original Date	Event	Alternate Date
Monday, January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Day	Cancelled
Monday, February 18, 2019	President's Day	Cancelled
Monday, September 2, 2019	Labor Day	Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Staff Milestones in 2019

Deephaven is very fortunate to be served by a talented and dedicated staff. Please join us in thanking our employees for their valuable contributions to our community:

Over 15 years of service – Mary Courtney, Deborah Hicks, Cory Johnson, John Menzel, Teresa Pendleton, Chris Whiteside, and Dana Young

Over 10 years of service – Randy Clay and David Klisczc,

Over 5 years of service - Jeff Kask and Richard Meyer

Less than 5 years of service – Troy Carlson, Dale Cooney, Elizabeth McColl, Casey Nus, Ethan Read, Sara Skalle, and Dan Smith

A Brief Word of Thanks & Farewell

On behalf of the City Council and City Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council Member Darel Gustafson for fourteen years of dedicated service on behalf of the City of Deephaven. Darel displayed leadership and high ethical standards during his fourteen years of service to the City of Deephaven through his outstanding contributions as a member of the Deephaven Boat Committee (2005 – 2006), Deephaven Park Committee (2007 – 2010), and as a valued member of the Deephaven City Council (2011-2018).

We are also eagerly looking forward to working with Melissa McNeill, who was recently elected to serve on the City Council, as well working once again with some very familiar faces on the City Council – Mayor Paul Skrede and Councilmember's Kent Carlson, Steve Erickson, and Tony Jewett!



Happy New Year, everyone! Got any unbroken Resolutions left? As we roll up our sleeves and get ready to start 2019, I thank you for returning me to the Mayor's Office, for returning Tony to the Council, and for electing Melissa McNeill to be our newest Council member. I look forward to working with them, along with Kent and Steve, as we begin what should prove to be a very productive year.

We are in preliminary discussions about the renovation of Chowen's Corner with a prospective developer who has some wonderful ideas for the area. And, we have already started work on the RFP for re-doing Minnetonka Boulevard, which will be in addition to doing the other streets previously selected in our road program for 2019. Stay tuned for those orange construction cones coming to an area near you!

Over the past few months, some folks have asked if there could be a more timely dissemination of pertinent and credible information available to the residents in a format they could access more readily than waiting for the quarterly newsletter or watching a Council meeting on their computer. To this end, I will be using www.paulskrede.com, it will be a constant work in progress ... much like its author ... to see if this vehicle provides the information residents seem to want. If not, we will do something else!

On a personal note, I want to publicly thank Darel Gustafson for his many years of service to the Community. Most recently, he is retiring after two terms as a member of the Council. But additionally, he has previously served the Community as a member of the Park Committee, the Boat Committee and the Planning Commission. Heck, he should probably have the platform tennis courts re-named in his honor. Thanks, Darel, for all your work!

May the New Year bring you and yours good fortune and happiness!

Paul

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Summer Hours, May 28 to August 31st: 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
 Sara Skalle, Woodland 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.

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, Tony Jewett,
 Kent Carlson, Melissa McNeill

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:

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