



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Public Meeting on the 2019 Minnetonka Blvd Resurfacing Project – April 4

The City of Deephaven will be holding a public meeting from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th at the St. Therese Community Room to present information on the following items:

- 2019 Minnetonka Blvd Resurfacing Project
- The 2019 resurfacing of Highland Avenue (West of Minnetonka Blvd), Carsonwood Avenue, Easton Road, Northern Road, and Parkway
- The feasibility of installing a bikeway and/or pedestrian walkway along Minnetonka Blvd
- And, other potential future amenities along Minnetonka Blvd, which could include sidewalks, buried power lines, and redesigned street lighting.

The format of the meeting is to allow residents to drop by at your convenience anytime from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to participate in individual group discussions on each of these four areas. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend the meeting to give us your input. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to give us your comments or concerns at DanaYoung@mchsi.com.

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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.



Help is Around the Corner!

Senior Community Services is a nonprofit that helps older adults and caregivers navigate aging to maintain independence and quality of life. We work with trusted professionals and volunteers in your community who are ready to stop and listen to your unique needs, helping you take care of the place you call home.

Through our Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program, we now provide free Home Health and Safety Assessments. For more information, please call 952-746-4046 or visit our website www.seniorcommunity.org.



Spring Cleanup Day—Saturday, May 11th

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, contact City Hall to obtain a flyer.

- **Curbside Yard, Shrub, Compost & Tree Waste Pickup service** will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11th
- **Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall** on Saturday, May 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fees will be charged depending on the item.
- **Major curbside Electronics & Appliance Pickup service** will be held on Monday, May 13th. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 5th for cost and pickup information.

The annual Board of Appeals and Equalization of the City of Deephaven will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019 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 952-361-0566 to discuss your concerns.

If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, please feel free to 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.

Bill Pay Service Suggestions

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

1. 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 mail time.
2. Include the correct account number and property address on the payment.

Thank you!

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.

DOGS PERMITTED TO USE THE PATHWAY THROUGH DEEPHAVEN BEACH

The City permits individuals to walk their dogs along the pathway through Deephaven Beach. For the sake of those other residents and families using the beach, please keep your dog on the PATHWAY and please clean up after your dog. Thank you!



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. Please be a responsible pet owner and help keep our parks clean for others to enjoy! Also, 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 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.

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 on May 31, 2019.

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!



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 simply running the cold water from your faucet.

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



Fluorescent Bulb Drop-off

In partnership with Waste Management, the City of Deephaven is providing residents with the option of disposing of your fluorescent bulbs at City Hall. Two cardboard boxes for small and large fluorescent bulbs have been located in the first floor entranceway of City Hall just outside the Police Office.

2019 Store Opening and Event Schedule

- April 27** Opening Day!
- May 18** Spring Lawn Sale
- June 1st** CTWD Foundation Party
- June 7** Grill Night
- June 21** Grill Night
- July 4** 4th of July Parade and Children's Carnival
- July 12** Grill Night
- July 26** Grill Night
- Aug 6** National Night Out Grill Night
- Sept 7** Back to School Pancake Breakfast
- Sept 14** Fall Lawn Sale
- Oct 31** Store Closes for Season
- Dec 8** Christmas in Cottagewood

For more information please visit www.cottagewoodusa.com or contact by calling 952-470-8400 or by email to: info@cottagewoodusa.com



City Webpage Redesign

The City has enlisted the help of several volunteers to redesign the City's webpage with the attempt to make it visually more appealing and more user friendly. Please give us your thoughts on the redesign!

Beginning in August of this year, the City has contracted with GovOffice to provide even more enhancements to our webpage. We are looking forward to making our webpage more interactive and a more vital communication link to our residents.

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, 2017. This is the 23rd 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 and the entire office staff!

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.

Street Repairs for 2019

The City is planning a very aggressive schedule of street improvement projects this summer with close to 4 miles of roads being resurfaced. While this represents a significant upgrade in our streets, there’s no question that these projects will likely be a significant inconvenience to all our residents. While some of these streets may be postponed depending on cost, the following roads are scheduled for resurfacing this summer at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million dollars:

- Minnetonka Blvd from the Vine Hill Bridge to the Eastern City Limits
- Highland Avenue west of Minnetonka Blvd
- Carsonwood Avenue
- Easton Road
- Northern Road
- Parkway

As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, a public meeting on these projects will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th in the St. Therese Community Room.



Road Restrictions

- Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from March 1st through May 1st.
- 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
2009	399	\$11,737,115
2010	541	\$13,268,023
2011	494	\$ 7,579,378
2012	506	\$14,447,728
2013	572	\$18,515,926
2014	551	\$25,926,380
2015	606	\$15,562,559
2016	548	\$20,471,415
2017	623	\$22,453,999
2018	650	\$27,492,851

The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2019



The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2019 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, 37 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331. Please make your check payable to the South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and make a notation “4th of July 2019” in the memo portion of your check.**

The Lake Minnetonka Celebration has been recorded back to July 4, 1854 when settler William Ferguson, who lived in Linwood/Deephaven, wrote in his diary “Celebrated the day with Excelsior people” (courtesy of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society)

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 again be mailing out two parking permits to each residential home this year. Hopefully, this will allow you to use both parking permits on your vehicles without having to come to City Hall for an additional permit.

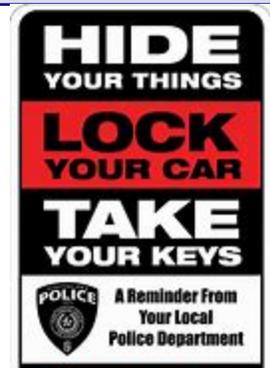


The sticker allows you to park from May 1 – October 1 in parking permit-only areas, including all City beaches. Please be aware that you will be subject to a parking ticket if you park your vehicle in permit-only areas without a current sticker. If you currently rent your home, please contact City Hall on how to obtain a permit.

Preventing Vehicle Theft

Thefts from your motor vehicle are crimes of opportunity. Each year, the Police Department receives numerous calls regarding thefts from vehicles during the summer season. In an attempt to prevent crimes, you want to make your vehicle less of a target. Here are some simple tips to help you protect your vehicle and your belongings.

- Secure your vehicle by locking all doors and rolling up the windows.
- Remove all stereo and related objects from your vehicle. (CD’s, portable CD player, etc) If this is not possible, make an attempt to hide them from view.
- Remove all personal property such as purses and wallets.
- Do not leave packages in your vehicle, or other items that look as if they would contain items. Criminals often figure there are valuables in the packages.
- Park in well lit areas; and or high traffic/visibility areas. At home, leave your outside lights on or install motion lights in areas where they cannot be defeated.
- Limit access to your vehicle keys (keep them with you, do not loan them out to others, do not leave them in gym lockers, etc).
- Do not leave your vehicle running or your keys in the vehicle unattended. Do not leave cell phones, radar detectors, or other items of value in your vehicle. If you do choose to leave them in, at least remove them from sight.
- You may consider using anti-theft devices on your vehicle, such as car alarms, the Club, etc. Be advised, however, that not all these devices are impregnable; many security devices can be defeated.



We hope the information provided to you will assist you in deterring crime. We ask you to report any suspicious behavior by dialing 911.



The other day, I received a cartoon of Punxsutawney Phil holding a sign that simply said, "I Lied", which I am currently making into a dart board. More importantly, many of you have contacted me throughout the snow storms to tell me how much you appreciate the efforts of our Public Works Department as they performed their "Eat, Sleep, Plow ... Repeat" routine. I, too, am very proud of their dedication, and thankful for their work. THANKS, GUYS!

As you have read earlier in the Newsletter, our newest project, "Road Repair" will be performed at St Therese Church on April 4. The last City-wide meeting on this subject was in 2003 ...I led the Council presentation which was held at Deephaven Elementary School ... and was titled "Road Repair and Wildlife Management" ... and it drew about 160 residents. We want to have that dialogue again, with residents who live on or use those streets within this year's scope of work, with residents who have questions about 'how we decide to do what we do' when we fix roads, about 'when will our street be addressed', about how much fixing roads costs our tax payers, and with anyone who has other unanswered questions about our processes. Hope to see many of you at the meeting, and 'Thank You', St Therese, for providing the meeting place!

By now, many of you have become aware there will be a new owner and some new tenants in Deephaven Court ... I am told they may even want to change the name of the area and possibly add a restaurant. In any event, we look forward to working with Maggie as this part of Chowen's Corner business district gets re-developed. We will try to post updates on the City's website as they become available.

Through the month of March, we have welcomed back Jace Rosenfeld as a Deephaven Police Officer. We have also approved the reappointment of Wendy Duren to the Park Committee, added Josh Wilcox to the Planning Commission, and approved John Studer and Cindy Hunt Webster as Planning Commission Chair & Vice-Chair. We are glad these folks are contributing to Deephaven and thank them for volunteering. Now, if they could all get together and teach us the moves to a 'NO MORE SNOW' dance, we would be very grateful!

Paul

City Office will be closed : May 27th

City Hall "Regular" Hours:

Monday to Friday 8 to 4:30 /
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 City Clerk

Summer Hours, May 28 to August 31st:

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



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:

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.

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