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

"Summer" Hours
May 26th to September 4th
 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 6, 2020 and January 13, 2020. 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 2019-2020 season are as follows:

- **Mondays – Fridays:** 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Sundays:** Noon – 9:00 p.m.



The warming houses will be open through February 16, 2020 or later if the weather permits.

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 parks; 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 2019 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Park Committee, Garden 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!!

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 20th 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 his Home Office at 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 20th 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 in comparison with other similar properties.

Appeals at the April 20th 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 20th New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

Don't trash fluorescent bulbs

With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator. The City of Deephaven offers a convenience drop off box for residents located on the first floor lobby of City Hall right next to the Police Office.



2020 Rescheduled Council Meetings

There are three regularly scheduled Council meetings in 2020 that conflict with a major holiday and two meetings that conflict with election preparations. These five regularly scheduled Council meetings have been rescheduled to the following dates:

Original Date	Event	Alternate Date
Monday, January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day	Cancelled
Monday, February 17, 2020	President's Day	Cancelled
Monday, March 2, 2020	Election Preparations	Thursday, March 5, 2020
Monday, September 7, 2020	Labor Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Monday, November 2, 2020	Election Preparations	Thursday, November 5, 2020

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$7,985 in property taxes in 2020. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,104 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 13.8% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$92 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

\$3,507 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 43.9% 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 \$292 per month to the School District.

\$2,692 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 33.7% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$224 per month to Hennepin County.

\$682 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 8.6% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$57 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 44 cities in Hennepin County, Deephaven would rank with the 4th lowest tax capacity rate in 2020.



2020 Improvement Projects

The major 2020 project will include street resurfacing on Northome Blvd and Hillcrest Road. The cost of the resurfacing these streets is estimated at approximately \$509,000. Financing will be a combination of capital improvement funds and excess General Fund reserves. More information on this project will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Other 2020 Improvement Projects include:	Est. Cost
Reconstruction of the Shuck Park tennis courts	\$ 100,000
Sewer Main Rehabilitation	\$ 80,000
Summerville Storm Water Upgrades	\$ 40,000
Cottagewood Road Storm Water Upgrades	\$ 90,000
St. Louis Bay Launch Repair	\$ 25,000
Total	\$ 335,000

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.

There will be a total of three elections in 2020, including:

- **March 3, 2020—Presidential Nomination Primary.**
- **August 11, 2020—Primary Election**
- **November 3, 2020—Municipal, State & National Election**



None of these elections can be held without the invaluable contributions of our local election judges. For the first time in many years, the number of residents volunteering to serve as an election judge dropped during the 2018 elections and we are hoping to see this turn around in 2020. **Please consider serving your community as an election judge in 2020. For more information, please contact Dana Young at City hall at 952-358-9939. Thank you!**

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 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 bills 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.



2020 Sewer Rate Increase

On December 2, 2019, the Deephaven City Council approved a \$10.00 per quarter sewer rate increase that will go into effect in January 2020 with payments due beginning with the April 2020 utility billing. The sewer rate will increase from \$105.00 per quarter to \$115 per quarter. This rate increase will generate an additional \$66,080 per year in Sewer Fund revenues. This is the second sewer rate increase in two years.

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. The annual Municipal Wastewater Charge comprises over 50% of our entire annual Sewer Fund Budget and any increase in this annual charge has a significant impact on our Sewer Fund.

The sewer rate increase in both 2019 and 2020 are largely in response to a 11.7% fee increase in 2019 in the Municipal Wastewater Charge and another 3.8% increase in 2020. These increases, combined with the need to upgrade and rehabilitate sewer mains that are now 50 years old, require more revenue for our Sewer Fund. In short, the sewer rate will be increased in 2020 to support 2020 Municipal Wastewater Charge cost increases and to continue to invest in our sewer infrastructure.

2020 Storm Water Rate Increase

On December 2, 2019, the Deephaven City Council also approved a \$1.50 per month storm water rate increase that will go into effect in January 2020 with payments due beginning with the April 2020 utility billing. The storm water rate will increase from \$7.00 per month to \$8.50 per month. This rate increase is expected to generate an additional \$26,676 per year in storm water fund revenues. This is the first storm water rate increase since 2014.

Why is a rate increase needed? The Storm Water fund finances the repair and replacement of all existing catch basins, culverts and storm water mains throughout Deephaven. It also funds all future additions to the storm water system, which have been estimated at \$512,000 over the next ten years. The rate increase will finance these projects and provide additional funding to help address issues pertaining to landlocked ponds and wetlands, which caused significant problems and expenses over the past year due to ever-increasing rainfall events.

Public Meeting on the Bikeway Feasibility Study

The Deephaven Park Committee received a matching grant in the amount of \$40,000 from Hennepin County to undertake a Bikeway Feasibility Study that would evaluate the feasibility of constructing a bikeway/pedestrian walkway along Minnetonka Blvd from Chowen's Corner to the Elementary School and to examine several inner city on street and off street bicycle connections throughout the City. The feasibility study has been completed by Toole Design with the input of City Council and Park Committee representatives and will now be presented for public review.

The public meeting will be held at Deephaven City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. We hope you will be able to attend!

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 and 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.

Staff Milestones in 2020

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 – Deborah Hicks, Cory Johnson, Mary Courtney, John Menzel, Teresa Pendleton, Chris Whiteside, and Dana Young

Over 10 years of service— David Klisczc

Over 5 years of service - Jeff Kask

Less than 5 years of service – Dale Cooney, Elizabeth McColl, Casey Nus, Jace Rosenfeld, Ethan Read, Sara Skalle, Tracy Gustafson, Mark Duffy and Dan Smith.



Happy New Year, everybody! Still trying to wrap my head round the fact the year is 2020...I remember when that seemed to be so very far away!

Seems like everywhere you would turn in 2019, we were doing a road repair or replacement, or sewer or storm water project. We did have a couple of really good firms doing road work for us this past year and prices remained within budget. Couple those facts with the work our own Public Works crew did over the year, including spreading their own 432 tons of asphalt, and I hope you will agree we accomplished a lot of improvements in the City last year.

The Council has approved a budget and levy for 2020 that will include more road work and storm water fixes for us, and I believe there will be a significant construction project by MCES at ol' Deephaven High, so no one should consider 2019 a "one and done" as far as our Capital Improvement Projects are concerned. If we get a break on the weather, all work should be finished before the September start of school...fingers crossed!

Please join me in welcoming the new faces in our Administration and Public Works departments. Tracy Gustafson has been a long-time resident of Deephaven and Mark Duffy just has to change the color of the truck he is driving, from Waste Management green and yellow to City of Deephaven blue. We are looking forward to their contributions to the team as we begin the New Year!

We get an extra day this year in February. Rather than spending it shoveling snow, I intend to spend it at Top Golf. Have fun out there!

Paul

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City Hall "Regular" Hours:

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

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
Tracy Gustafson, 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 26 to September 4th:

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



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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