



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 26th to September 4th

Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
Fridays 8am to 12noon
Closed Saturday, Sunday and
Holidays.



Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection – Saturday, November 9th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for Deephaven residents will be held on Saturday, November 9th. This is 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 Saturday, November 2nd.

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please contact Sheila Arnold at 952-401-6827.

Attention Seniors! Do you need help around the house?

Then the HOME program of Senior Community Services is the answer for you. HOME (Household and Outside Maintenance) offers an array of services designed to help you stay in your home.

Our handymen can help with that dripping faucet that's just getting worse or with those other repairs that you just haven't taken care of. Our homemakers can help with those cleaning tasks that are getting harder to do as well as run errands for you. This time of year, yard work might be on your mind as well. We have large numbers of volunteers available every fall to help with raking. As a non-profit, we offer our services on a sliding fee scale based on your income.

We are also offering a NO COST Home Health and Safety assessment. During this one hour visit, we will identify safety issues in your home and work with you to make the corrective repairs. Our goal is to help you stay safe in your home and avoid falls. Don't put off help any longer, call us today at 952-746-4046 or email us at

home@seniorcommunity.org We look forward to hearing from you soon!



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! Please visit their tab on the city's webpage.





There will be a total of three elections held in 2020.

- **March 3, 2020 – Presidential Nomination Primary.** The State Legislature recently established the presidential primary and answers to common questions regarding this election are provided below.
- **August 11, 2020 – Primary Election**
- **November 3, 2020 – General 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 or DanaYoung@mchsi.com. Thank you!

Answers to Common Questions about the Presidential Nomination Primary

- **When will the presidential primary take place?** March 3, 2020.
- **Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?** No, only major parties will participate.
- **Will all parties be on the same ballot?** No, each major party will have a separate ballot.
- **Who decides which candidates will appear on a party's ballot?** The chair of each party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than 63 days before the date of the presidential primary (December 31, 2019).
- **What if a candidate drops out before the primary?** Once a party's list is submitted, changes will not be made to candidates that will appear on the ballot.
- **Will there be a place to write in a choice or vote for "uncommitted"?** Only if it is requested by the party chair. Party chairs will need to submit names of write-in candidates to be counted seven days before the primary.
- **Will any other offices be on the ballot?** No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.
- **How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary?** Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day (starting January 17, 2020). A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.
- **Will other people know which party's ballot I requested?** A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.
- **Will parties have to abide by the primary results?** The presidential primary results must bind the election of delegates in each party.
- **Who will pay for the presidential nomination primary?** County and municipalities will be reimbursed by the state for the primary costs.
- **Will there still be precinct caucuses?** Yes, precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place to conduct other party business.

2019 Construction Project Wrap-up

We would like to thank all of our residents for your considerable patience during all of our construction projects this year, particularly with the Minnetonka Blvd Resurfacing Project. The following is a list of the more notable projects undertaken this year:

- West Highland Avenue and Parkway – street resurfacing
- Northern Road - street resurfacing
- East Easton Road - street resurfacing and storm sewer installation
- Minnetonka Blvd - street resurfacing and storm water repairs
- Carsonwood Avenue – street resurfacing



The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2020 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 10th in the amount of \$2,645,683, which represents a \$389,395 or 17.5% increase in the property tax levy from 2019.

The reason for this significant increase is due to increases in the General Fund Levy (\$170,000) and for the new Street Reconstruction Bond payment (\$219,395). The public is invited to comment on the 2020 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on **Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2020 Budget and Levy. The final 2020 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the 2020 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2020 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$3,222,255 and consist of eight major budget categories:			General Fund Expenditures – Total 2020 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$3,219,354 and consist of ten major departments:		
Category	2020 Budget	% of Revenues	Department	2020 Budget	% of Expenses
Taxes	2,033,288	63.1%	General Gov't / Elections	230,650	7.2%
Licenses & Permits	296,340	9.2%	Administration	302,970	9.4%
Intergovernmental	221,725	6.9%	City Hall Buildings	52,040	1.6%
Charges for Services	443,562	13.8%	Zoning/Building Inspections	260,079	8.1%
Fines & Forfeits	40,000	1.2%	Streets & Roads	139,300	4.3%
Miscellaneous Revenues	95,614	2.9%	Public Works	408,211	12.7%
Interest Income	60,000	1.9%	Parks & Recreation	102,250	3.2%
Fund Transfers	31,726	1.0%	Police	1,016,315	31.6%
Total 2020 Revenues	3,222,255	100.0%	Fire Services	694,539	21.6%
2020 Revenue Highlights – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$170,634 or 5.6% over 2019 General Fund Revenues largely owing to a proposed \$170,000 increase in the property tax levy. All other revenues of the City - including building permit revenues, State Police & Fire Aid, cell tower lease revenue, and Contract Fees – are projected to remain relatively flat. Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal \$360,762 or 11.2% of 2020 General Fund Revenues. The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 62.1% of the 2020 General Fund Revenues. 			Animal Management	13,000	0.3%
			Total 2020 Expenditures	3,219,354	100.0%
			2020 Expenditure Highlights – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 2020 General Fund Expenditures increased \$179,447 or 5.9% over 2019 General Fund Expenditures. General Fund salaries will increase \$47,742 in 2020 from the prior year. Public Safety Departments accounts for 53.2% of all expenditures in the 2020 General Fund. 		

The \$179,447 increase in **2020 General Fund Expenditures** is roughly double the increase in expenditures that the City has typically experienced in past years. A brief overview of each 2020 General Fund Department and the proposed increase over 2019 is shown below:

Department	\$ Increase	Reason
General Government	14,800	Cost increases in property & liability insurance
Elections	12,665	Municipal election is scheduled in 2020
Administration	11,181	Salary & benefit cost increases
City Hall	3,240	Increases in supply & repair costs on an older building
Police	27,875	Salary, benefits, PERA rate increases
Fire Services	30,834	Operational cost increases & Fire Aid reimbursement increase
Zoning & Building	11,299	Salary, benefits & professional service cost increases
Streets & Roads	27,700	Sand, Salt, Sweeping (2x per year) & crack sealing costs
Public Works	24,653	Salary, benefit, & gasoline cost increases
Parks & Recreation	15,200	Supplies, beach testing, EAB tree treatments
Wildlife Control	0	No change in 2020
Total Increase	179,447	

Street Improvement Bonded Debt Levy - For the first time since the installation of the sanitary sewer system back in the early 1970's, the City of Deephaven issued a 10-Year Street Reconstruction Bond in the amount of \$1,500,000 to finance the resurfacing of Minnetonka Blvd and a number of other minor streets in 2019. The annual bond payments begin in 2020 with interest payments of \$30,500.00 and in 2021 with the first principal and interest payments of \$188,895. The 2020 Bonded Debt Levy of \$219,395 is required to cover these two bonded debt payments in 2020 and 2021.

Capital Improvement Fund - The Capital Improvement Fund (CIF Fund) is a critical fund that finances all street improvement projects and the replacement of all street, police and park vehicles and equipment. The CIF Fund receives funding from two separate sources.

The first is approximately \$94,000 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 \$400,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$494,000 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.

2020 Property Taxes—The total 2020 property tax levy from the General Fund (\$2,026,288), Capital Improvement Fund (\$400,000), and Bonded Debt Levy (\$219,395) totals \$2,645,683 in 2020, which represents a \$389,395 or 17.5% increase over the 2019 property tax levy.

If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd** at Deephaven City Hall.



Dog Licensing



Owners of dogs over six months of age must obtain a 2020-2021 dog license beginning January 1, 2020. The 2020-2021 dog licenses will be available for purchase beginning December 1, 2019. 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 copy of your certificate of rabies vaccination from your dog's veterinarian along with your \$20.00 fee to the City of Deephaven.

Deephaven Historical Society
Please Join Us on Sunday, October 6th From 3 to 5 p.m. For Our Fall Boat Tour!

Once again, it's that time for our Boat Tour on the Lady of the Lake and we will leave from the Port of Excelsior. **Boarding will begin at 2:30.** Big Island historian, Paul Maraveles will speak on the island's amazing history. Paul grew up in Tonka Bay, studied history at the University of Minnesota. He is the Curator at the MN Veterinary Museum in St. Paul. His wife, Joni Scheftel, grew up as a year round resident of Big Island. He is completing a book on Big Island.

Members: \$10 and non-members \$15. Memberships will be available. **Call Nan Nicolle 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 Nicolle, 17600 Breconwood Rd., Wayzata, MN. 55391.



We will be checking in reservations at 2:30. Because of the popularity of our boat tour, all those with reservations will board first. Any open seats thereafter will be available for purchase.

If the weather cooperates, we'll dock on Big Island and take a walk.

Complimentary snacks and soft drinks are included in your tour of Big Island. There will also be a cash bar for beer and cocktails. See you then!

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.

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.



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 mislabeled as disposable, but also as flushable. However, 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.



Sidewalk Maintenance

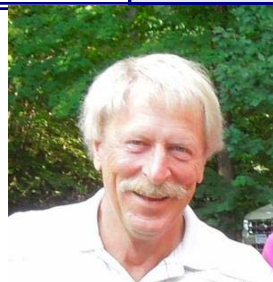
Although we don't have many sidewalks in Deephaven, please remember that property owners with a public sidewalk abutting their property have the additional responsibility to ensure that all snow and ice is removed from the abutting public sidewalk 12 hours after the snow or other precipitation has stopped 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 long and cold winters.



***Kids Free Movie
Saturday, December 7th***

- ◆ Dock Cinema in Excelsior
- ◆ **Doors open at 8:45 a.m. and movie starts at 9:30 a.m.**
- ◆ Movie to be announced
- ◆ Meet Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog!

For more information visit www.excelsiorfire.org



Seems like the summer months slid by quite quickly this year, huh? Kids are back in school, a lot of the summer vacations are in the books and we are starting to see some of the leaves turning. We all know what that means ... MEA must be right around the corner!

Thank you for your patience during what has been a fairly significant construction and maintenance period for the City. By the time this gets to print, I'm hoping 90% of the Minnetonka Blvd Project will be completed and the remaining three street projects will be well on their way. We have also had an enormous amount of rainfall this season, providing many of us with runoff and wet basement issues. Believe me, you are not alone.

Most of you have been very supportive of the road work; I have received numerous compliments about the projects. For those of you with drainage issues, the City will be meeting with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and then following up with the DNR to see what guidance they can provide as we tackle these projects. It's a work in progress, but we are definitely trying to address the issues.

As Dana has outlined in this Newsletter, we have certified the budget for next year. The increase is more than I would have liked, but it does truly reflect the cost of big dollar projects, like street maintenance/replacement. May we all keep these facts in mind as we sit around the kitchen table discussing what else the City can do to preserve Deephaven as the place we all love to call home.

Thanks, Paul

Warming House Hours

Weather permitting: the warming houses at Thorpe Park and City Hall will be open starting on Saturday, December 14th. The warming house hours for the 2019-2020 seasons are as follows:

- * Monday—Friday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- * Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- * Sunday Noon to 9:00 p.m.

City Office will be closed : November 11th, November 28th and 29th, and December 25th

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

Summer Hours, May 26th to September 4th: 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



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