



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection – Saturday, November 7th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for Deephaven residents will be held on Saturday, November 7th. 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.



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City Hall Hours:

"Regular" Hours

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

"Summer" Hours

June 1 to August 28th

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



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 7th.

To register to have your yard raked or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please visit www.MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org.



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 for Elderly) 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 a large numbers of volunteers available every fall to help with raking.

One new service that we are offering is a 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. As a non-profit, we offer our services on a sliding fee scale based on your income. Don't put off help any longer, call us today at 952-746-4046 or visit us on the web at

www.seniorcommunity.org. We also have an office conveniently located at Creekside Community Center so stop by for a visit. 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 at www.cityofdeephaven.org.



Primary Election**Absentee Voting**

The Primary Election was held on August 11th and a total of 540 Deephaven residents turned out to vote at our two precincts and another 441 residents voted by absentee ballot. With 2,809 registered voters, this represents a voter turnout of 34.9%.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Election Judges, who did such a terrific job at the Primary Election under difficult circumstances due to the health restrictions required by the pandemic.

Without their help, conducting elections would not be possible.

We also would like to thank St. Therese Church for providing us with the use of their community room during the Primary Election and upcoming General Election!

**General Election – November 3^d**

Elections for local, state and federal offices will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. Precinct 1 residents vote at City Hall and Precinct 2 residents vote at the St. Therese Community Room. The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats for the City of Deephaven are open this year.

The candidates for these offices are:

Mayor (Vote for One)

Paul A. Skrede

City Council (Vote for up to Two)

Steven Erickson
Kent Carlson



Not surprisingly, we are expecting a huge turnout for the upcoming General Election on November 3rd. With social distancing requirements in place, including the 6-foot separation of voting booths, there will likely be significant waiting lines especially at City Hall Precinct 1 where there is only so much space to accommodate voting booths that are spaced 6-feet apart.

During these challenging times, the safest and most convenient way to vote is to apply for an absentee ballot. If you have a busy schedule on Election Day, health concerns, out of town, or if you just hate waiting in long lines, simply apply for an Absentee Ballot Application and the ballot will be sent to you with pre-paid postage to return the ballot.

To apply online for an absentee ballot:

1. Go to www.mnvotes.org
2. Click on "OTHER WAYS TO VOTE"
3. Click on "Vote early by mail"
4. Go to online absentee application
5. Enter your County (Hennepin), City, State & Zip Code (choose your post office city*) and Election (11/03/20 General Election)
6. This brings you to a screen where you need to fill in your name, identification number, address & mailing address (if different) for your ballot.
7. Hit submit and your ballot will be mailed to you. Follow the instructions provided when your ballot arrives and mail it back to Hennepin County.

* If your Post Office City is different than your precinct city (e.g. Wayzata instead of Deephaven), your ballot will be correctly determined by your street address.



The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2021 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 8th in the amount of \$2,788,895, which represents a 6.5% increase in the property tax levy from 2020.

The public is invited to comment on the 2021 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting on **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.** This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2021 Budget and Levy. The final 2021 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the 2021 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2021 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$3,320,056 and consist of eight major budget categories:

Category	2021 Budget	% of Revenues
Taxes	2,233,000	67.3%
Licenses & Permits	305,550	9.2%
Intergovernmental	225,500	6.8%
Charges for Services	300,486	9.1%
Fines & Forfeits	40,000	1.2%
Miscellaneous Revenues	85,416	2.6%
Interest Income	95,000	2.8%
Fund Transfers	35,104	1.0%
Total 2021 Revenues	3,320,056	100.0%

2021 Revenue Highlights –

- 2021 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$97,801 or 3.0% over 2020 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, building permit revenue, interest income, State Police & Fire Aid, and cell tower lease revenue.
- The annual service contract with the City of Woodland has been retained through 2021 but the service contracts with Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District will expire at the end of 2020. This will result in the loss of approximately \$152,000 in service contract revenue and is the primary reason for the increase in the General Fund property tax levy.
- The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 67.3% of the 2021 General Fund Revenues.

General Fund Expenditures – Total 2021 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$3,313,466 and consist of ten major departments:

Department	2021 Budget	% of Expenses
General Gov't / Elections	230,425	7.0%
Administration	338,771	10.2%
City Hall Buildings	53,040	1.6%
Zoning / Building Inspections	255,570	7.7%
Streets & Roads	147,400	4.5%
Public Works	408,221	12.3%
Parks & Recreation	100,300	3.0%
Police	1,064,380	32.1%
Fire Services	707,359	21.3%
Wildlife Management	8,000	0.3%
Total 2021 Expenditures	3,313,466	100.0%

2021 Expenditure Highlights –

- Total 2021 General Fund Expenditures increased \$98,229 or 3.1% over 2020 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a 3% salary increase for municipal employees, a 5.6% increase in General Government, a 4.6% increase in Administration, a 4.7% increase in the Police Department, a 5.8% increase in Streets & Roads, and a 6.6% increase in Public Works.
- With a 3% salary increase in 2021 and scheduled salary step increases, General Fund salaries will increase \$52,607 in 2021. The 3% employee wage increase in 2021 follows a 3% increase in 2020, a 2.5% increase in 2019, a 2.5% increase in 2018, a 2.0% increase in 2017, a 2.0% increase in 2016, a 2.5% increase in 2015, a 2% increase in 2014 & 2013, a 1% increase in 2012, a 2% increase in 2011, and a 0% increase in 2010.
- Public Safety Departments accounts for 53.5% of all expenditures in the 2021 General 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 to 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.

2021 Property Taxes

The property tax levy totals \$2,788,895 in 2021, which represents a \$169,500 or 6.5% increase over the 2021 property tax levy.

If you have any questions regarding the 2021 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7th at Deephaven City Hall.



2020 Construction Project Wrap-up

We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during our construction projects this year. The resurfacing of Hillcrest Road took an especially long time. The following is a summary of the more notable projects undertaken this year:

- Street resurfacing was completed on Northome Blvd and Hillcrest Road.
- The Chowen's Corner public parking lot was resurfaced.
- Storm sewer repairs were completed on Northome Blvd, Summerville Road, Rutledge Road, and Walden Trail with the installation of new catch basins and storm water mains.
- Sewer main rehabilitation was completed in the south half of Deephaven.
- A new boat launch ramp was installed in St. Louis Bay.



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.

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.



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.

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.

Boat Fee Increase

The Council approved the following fee increases that will be in effect later this year for the 2021 boating season:

<u>Space</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>
Docks	\$875.00	\$1,000.00
Shore Space	\$64.00/ft.	\$71.00/ft.
B1 Slides	\$300.00	\$325.00
B2 Slides	\$200.00	\$225.00
Street Ends	\$200.00	\$225.00
Buoys	\$450.00	\$500.00

There were two main reasons why the Council approved an increase in watercraft space fees.

First, the City of Deephaven charges the lowest dock slip fee for any municipal marina on Lake Minnetonka at \$875 per year. The second lowest dock slip fee is charged by the City of Greenwood at \$1,550 per year. The Council would like to eventually increase boating fees over the course of the next five years to at least equal the dock slip fee of our neighboring city and to more accurately reflect the value of this resource.

And second, the Council has decided that a significant portion of the additional revenue generated by the rate increase should be used to augment the funding of capital projects for our parks and beaches, which are currently underfunded through our Capital Improvement Fund levy.



Unlike many of you, I still get the 'hard copy' of the newspaper... mostly for the crossword puzzles and comics ... dropped at the end of my driveway. The other day, it took me over two hours to walk down my driveway, retrieve my paper and return to the kitchen and my morning coffee. The reason? Because I spent that much time chatting with my neighbors who, out for their daily walks around the hood, took the time to stop and 'catch up'. What a pleasant morning! How exciting to see the smiles on people's faces, to hear what everyone has been doing during the last few months, and to feel the unspoken resolve we all have as we cope with the day to day.

Because I do not have any solutions for this virus-thing and what is going on around us, I was not going to even write about how challenging our lives have become over the past six months. Then the other morning, the newspaper thing happened and when I realized my neighbors already had the 'whatever it was going to take' to get through this ordeal, I felt compelled to put into writing how proud I am of everyone and their efforts as we get through this period together.

I was prepared to write about the road projects being done for the year, to discuss the budget for 2021, to thank the lifeguards for their work at the beach this summer and the Garden Club for the lovely flowers. I also wanted to thank the Police Department for their sensitive handling of residents' concerns. But, most of all, I just want to say Thank You to everyone for keeping a stiff upper lip.

Paul

Warming House Hours

Weather permitting; the warming houses at Thorpe Park and City Hall will be open starting on Saturday, **December 19th**. The warming house hours for the 2020-2021 seasons are as follows:

Monday – Friday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Saturday** 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Sunday** Noon to 9:00 p.m.

City Office will be closed : November 11th, November 26th and 27th, December 25th

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

Summer Hours, June 1 to August 28 Monday to Thursday 8 to 5:00 ,
Fridays 8—Noon / Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
Tracy Gustafson, Deputy Clerk
Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Marina Operations
Pat Smith, 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