

Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

October, November and December, 2021



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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 September 6th Mon to Thurs 8am to 4:30pm Fridays 8am to 12noon Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection—Saturday, November 6th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for Deephaven residents will be held on Saturday, November 6th. 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 6th.

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 number of volunteers available every fall to help with raking.

One service 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.



Republic Services will be providing trash, recycling and yard waste service beginning January 1, 2022 replacing Waste Management as the City's contracted residential hauler. <u>Trash, recycling and yard waste containers will be delivered to you</u> the week of <u>December 27th</u>. The cart size will be the same size as you currently have. If you want a different cart size, please contact Republic at the following email address: <u>DeephavenCartDelivery@republicservices.com</u>.

There will be no change in the pickup days for trash, recycling and yard waste service that you currently have.

<u>DRIVE UP / VALET SERVICE -</u> Republic will continue valet service for trash pickup at a fee of \$10.00 per month. If you don't currently have Drive up/Valet Service, it can be requested by emailing Republic at:

<u>DeephavenCartDelivery@republicservices.com</u>.

<u>BILLING POLICY</u> - Republic will send quarterly bills with payment being made in advance of service being provided. The first payment is collected up front and reflects the amount due for the first three months of service.

WHO TO NOTIFY - Call Republic at (952) 941-5174 if you need to:

- Report a missed pickup
- Set up new trash or recycling service
- Container size changes, exchanges or repairs
- Billing inquiries
- Inquire about yard waste, valet, or organics recycling services

Service Offerings & Monthly Pricing for 2022

- 32-gallon trash pickup with bi-weekly recycling \$16.65
- 64-gallon trash pickup with bi-weekly recycling \$21.57
- 96-gallon trash pickup with bi-weekly recycling \$24.56
- Additional trash cart \$3.65
- Yard waste service, including use of a 96-gallon cart \$8.00
- Drive up/Valet service \$10.00
- Above pricing does not include Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Fee or MN Solid Waste Tax



Northome Bridge Project

Construction on the new Northome Bridge officially began the last week in August and is expected to end around the first week in November. The total cost of this project has been estimated at \$980,000, the cost of which will be partially offset by a \$750,000 grant from the State of Minnesota.

Deephaven Beach Restroom Project

The City Council has been interested in looking at the feasibility of constructing year-round restrooms at Deephaven Beach for the past 18 months. After finalizing a location near the beach playground equipment and developing the required design plans, bids for the construction of the restrooms were received on August 2nd, with the lowest bid coming in at \$283,200.

Prior to receiving the bids, the Council had considered a cost of no more than \$200,000 for this project and decided to reject all bids as being too high. The Council may reconsider this restroom project again at some future date after re-examining the potential costs of this project.



The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2022 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 7th in the amount of \$3,098,685, which represents a 11.3% increase in the City's property tax levy from 2021. Please note that this doesn't necessarily mean your property taxes will increase by 11.3%. Your property taxes are determined by the estimated market value of your property and the combined property tax levies from the City, Hennepin County, the School District and nine other taxing jurisdictions.

The City's portion of your property tax equates to about 18% of your total property tax payment. The City's tax capacity rate, which is used to determine the City's portion of your property tax, is only estimated to increase from 17.028% this year to 17.872% in 2022. Additional information on the 2022 Budget is available at www.cityofdeephaven.org under Government.

The public is invited to comment on the 2022 Budget at the annual **Truth in Taxation meeting on Monday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.** This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2022 Budget and Levy. The final 2022 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the 2022 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2022 General Fund
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General Fund Expenditures – Total 2022 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$3,440,022 and consist of ten major departments:

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Category	2022 Budget	% of Revenues	Department	2022 Budget	% of Expenses
Taxes	2,498,530	72.50%	General Gov't / Elections	248,119	7.20%
Licenses & Permits	330,550	9.60%	Administration	355,887	10.40%
			City Hall Buildings	52,800	1.50%
Intergovernmental	81,000	2.40%	Zoning/Building Inspections	255,439	7.40%
Charges for Services	321,975	9.30%	Streets & Roads	149,000	4.30%
Fines & Forfeits	40,000	1.20%	Public Works	424,688	12.40%
Miscellaneous Revenues	85,941	2.50%	Parks & Recreation	119,000	3.50%
Interest Income	50,000	1.50%	Police	1,257,148	36.50%
Fund Transfers	38,424	1.00%	Fire Services	569,941	16.60%
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Total 2022 Revenues	\$3,446,420	100.00%	Total 2022 Expenditures	\$3,440,022	100.00%

2022 Revenue Highlights -

- 2022 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$121,834 or 3.7% over 2021 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, building permit revenue, Hennepin County Road Aid, State Police Aid, contract revenue, and cell tower lease revenue.
- The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 72.5% of the 2022 General Fund Revenues.

2022 Expenditure Highlights -

- Total 2022 General Fund Expenditures increased \$126,556 or 3.8% over 2021 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a 3% salary increase for municipal employees, a Primary & General Election in 2022, the hiring of an additional police officer, and professional & supply cost increases.
- Public Safety Departments accounts for 53.1% of all expenditures in the 2022 General Fund.

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 primary 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 Center Point through a \$2.50 monthly franchise fee that appears on your monthly utility bill.

The second revenue source is through a \$450,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$544,000 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.

2022 Property Taxes

The property tax levy totals \$3,098,685 in 2022, which represents a \$314,320 or 11.3% increase over the 2022 property tax levy. With the continued increase in the City's market value, the Tax Capacity Rate is expected to only increase from 17.028% to 17.872%, which continues to be one of the lowest tax capacity rates in Hennepin County.

If you have any questions regarding the 2022 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6th at Deephaven City Hall.



2021 Construction Project Wrap-up

We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during our construction projects this year. A summary of the more notable projects undertaken this year is as follows:

- Street resurfacing was completed on Carson Road, Easton Road, Eastwood Drive, Hamilton Avenue, and Maplewood Road.
- The trailer parking area across from the Carson's Bay launch lot was resurfaced.
- Storm sewer repairs were completed on Linwood Road, Deephaven Beach, and are currently underway on Cottagewood Road with the installation of new catch basins and storm water mains.
- Sewer mains in the NW & central portions of Deephaven were cleaned and televised.
- Other sewer projects included the lining of sewer mains and the sealing of 22 manholes.

Dog Licensing

Owners of dogs over six months of age must obtain a 2022-2023 dog license beginning January 1, 2022. The 2022/2023 dog licenses will be available for purchase beginning December 1, 2021.

A two year dog license costs \$20.00. A dog license application can be downloaded in December from the city website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Please submit the dog license application and a certificate of rabies vaccination from your dog's veterinarian along with your \$20.00 fee to the City of Deephaven.



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.

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.



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.

Boat Fee Increase

The Council approved the following fee increases that will be in effect later this year for the 2022 boating season:

Space	Existing Fee	New Fee
Docks	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Shore Space	\$71.00/ft.	\$85.00/ft.
B1 Slides	\$325.00	\$350.00
Buoys	\$500.00	\$525.00

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

First, the fees for watercraft spaces are well below the dock slip fees charged by any other municipal marina. In 2021, the City of Deephaven charged the lowest dock slip fee for any municipal marina on Lake Minnetonka at \$1,000 per year. The second lowest dock slip fee charged in 2021 is the City of Greenwood at \$1,600 per year. The Council would like to continue to increase boating fees each year over the course of the next four 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.

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Mayor's Corner



By the time you are reading this column, the paving crew should be done with their restoration work and the orange barrels, cones and their informative signage should be out of town. Everything seems to have been done according to plan, so to Northwest Asphalt, our engineers at Bolton Menk, Steve Erickson for baby-sitting the projects and most of all ... you folks for your patience and comments ... a big 'thank you' for a job well done.

We will still have orange signage for our other big project for the next few months, however ... traffic guidance relating to the construction of our new bridge over the Northome Trail. It's going to be a little noisy as they pound pilings for a few days, so turn up your headsets as you walk

through town! Part of the Northome Trail will obviously have to be closed for the construction period, so some of us may have to change the route we use to view the changing colors of fall in that area. We are hoping for completion by mid-November, but we will try to keep you posted on our website regarding progress.

There will not be any hammering and sawing at the Main Beach however, because the bids we received for constructing the proposed bathrooms came in a little higher than we had expected, so we are putting that project on the back burner as we tweak the design a little and wait for the construction industry to 'normalize', whatever that means.

Although we will have to wait for the New Year to start working with our new garbage hauler, we will not have to wait until January to add our additional Police Officer. Please join us in welcoming Talia Kindom to our force. She will be sworn in effective September 20 and will be out on the streets soon thereafter, so when you see her, please take a moment to say 'Hi'.

As you get ready for our annual Fall Cleanup, if you have a little extra time, please help a neighbor. If you need a little help, please let us know. In the meantime, I will see you around the neighborhood ... some of us have a little more golf to play!

Paul

<u>Warming House Hours</u> - Weather permitting; the warming houses at Thorpe Park and City Hall will be open starting on Saturday, December 18th. The warming house hours for the 2021-2022 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 25th and 26th and December

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
Patrick Smith, Planning & 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, June 1 to September 6th Monday to Thursday 8 to 4:30 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: 952-258-5321

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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