

## Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

April, May and June, 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 3rd Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm Fridays 8am to 12noon Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



#### Spring Cleanup Day— Saturday, May 8th

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 beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8th.
- *Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall* on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup> for cost and pickup information.



#### 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.

If you have questions regarding these restrictions, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755



#### 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. They 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 the Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program, they provide free Home Health and Safety Assessments. For more information, please call 952-541-1019 or visit their website www.seniorcommunity.org.



The annual Board of Appeals and Equalization of the City of Deephaven will meet at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021** 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 612-237-8094 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 will 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.

#### **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
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
2019	572	\$20,239,055
2020	657	\$32,229,505

#### 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 <a href="https://www.cityofdeephaven.org">www.cityofdeephaven.org</a> to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.

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, try 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.

#### 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 3rd* 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.



#### Cottagewood General Store Opens May 1st

In Deephaven, we have two seasons - the winter season and the Cottagewood General Store season.



After the long, frigid-cold and snowy winter, anticipation is building for the Cottagewood General Store opening. We're stocking the shelves with lots of great stuff including Cottagewood branded merchandise and lake inspired gifts.

So, stop in on May 1st for coffee, a muffin or some Sebastian Joe's ice cream and help us celebrate!

For more information, please visit www.cottagewoodusa.com

#### Street Repairs for 2020



The City is planning to resurface the following streets this year:

- Carson Road
- West Easton Road
- Eastwood Drive
- Hamilton Avenue
- Maplewood Road

Neighborhood meetings will be held prior to construction to inform residents of the project scope and timelines. **Project updates will be included on the City Website at www.cityofdeephaven.org** 

#### 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**

#### Cats on the Prowl

**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.

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.



#### **Parking Permits**



Parking permit stickers will be sent to all residential homes in Deephaven beginning the third week of April. These are <u>exterior</u> window stickers and they must be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle on the lower corner of the rear side 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.

#### Spring Lawn Care Tips!

Spring is a time of rejuvination. Say goodbye to the last of that gray, gritty snow. It's time for some lawn TLC.

#### Tips for a healthy spring lawn

- *Remove*—Remove damage and dead vegetation.
- Reseed—Reseed bare spots caused by salt with a salt-tolerant grass mix. Then keep the ground moist for 3-4 weeks.
- *Keep grass long* 2 1/2 to 3 inches long for the healthiest growth.
- Wait to fertilize—Fall is the best time to fertilize.
   If you're worried about lawn nutrition, have a free soil test done. For a free test kit, call the County Extension Service at 651-374-8400. If you do fertilize, wait until the ground thaws so it doesn't wash off.

#### Tips for keeping pollutants out\*

- Follow directions carefully—When applying and disposing of lawn-care products, please follow all instructions.
- Sweep-up—Sweep up lawn products that fall on driveways or chemical waste.
- *Keep drains clear*—Keep storm drains clear of debris.
- Avoid street waste—Avoid raking leaves or shooting grass clippings into the street. Compost yard waste or bag it collection.
- "Double bag" pet waste—And dispose of all pet waste in the trash.
- *Clean*—Clean material from gutters
- *Direct*—Direct downspouts onto grass.
- \* Springtime pollutants include phosphorous and other chemicals. Phosphorous is found in organic materials—soil, grass, leaves, fertilizer, and pet waste. In waters, they feed algae. Chemicals are often part of spring fix-up efforts—paints, oils and cleaners. Both can get into storm sewers, washed off by rainwater and snow runoff. It is not treated! It goes directly into area lakes and streams.

#### **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:

- 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.
- Include the correct account number and property address on the payment.

Thank you!

#### Mayor's Corner



Spring has returned to Deephaven, hopefully putting cabin fever on the run. There is still a lot of 'stuff' going on, but I am resolved to just keeping my head down and moving forward. Please join me in this endeavor.

The Park Committee has been quite active during the last months as we and they continue to enjoy and improve our many beaches, trails and amenities throughout the City. They have requested, and the Council has approved, restoring Burton Park to its condition prior to some

vandalism within the trails. We will be posting references to our Ordinances Section 800.01 (2) of the City Code at the entrances of the Park to remind folks we are thankful for these amenities, and do not appreciate their destruction.

In a partnership with the members of the Park Committee, the Council is developing a design team to move forward with the construction of bathrooms at the Main Beach near the Park Avenue parking lot area. As details emerge, we will hope to have a City-wide meeting, like the one we had at St Therese prior to our work on Minnetonka Boulevard, to showcase the proposal and solicit input from residents.

We are adopting new Construction & Maintenance Hours for construction the building projects in town. The Council believes this work can and should be accomplished between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. during weekdays, from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and no work needs to be done on Sundays and Holidays. We love the new and remodeled homes springing up in the City, but also want to respect the lives of the remaining citizenry as the work takes place.

Finally, we are moving forward with designs for the new Northome Bridge to be constructed, hopefully, over this late Summer and Fall. Timing and coordination is difficult, but we remain optimistic.

But enough about us ... how are YOU doing?

Paul

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#### 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 3rd 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: 952-258-5321

City of Deephaven

**Website:** www.cityofdeephaven.org **Email:** info@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