

# Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

April, May and June, 2022



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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.



#### Spring Cleanup Day—Saturday, May 14th

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 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday, May 14<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 16<sup>th</sup>. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 12TH 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.

For 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.

## **Organics Drop-Off Program**

An Organics Drop-Off Container has been made available at Haralson Park (where the platform tennis court are located), which is located just across the LRT Trail from Deephaven City Hall, to allow Deephaven residents to drop-off their organics. The container will be locked to prevent illegal dumping and a combination padlock number will be provided to each resident to open the container.

If you think you would be interested in participating in this program, please send me an email at danay@cityofdeephaven.org with your name, address, phone number, and email address and I'll provide you with additional information on the Organics Drop-Off Program.

## Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting—Monday, April 18th, at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Board of Appeals and Equalization of the City of Deephaven will meet at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022** 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 reroofing, 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.** 

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Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
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
2021	752	\$39,665,116

# 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.

#### The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2022



The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2022 Fourth of July celebration. Their goal is to raise donations for the annual fireworks display on Excelsior Bay. Any size donation is appreciated and can be sent to: South Lake -Excelsior Chamber of Commerce, 37 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Please make your check payable to the South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and make a notation " $4^{th}$  of July 2022" in the memo portion of your check .

#### Preventing Vehicle Theft

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.

## Flourescent Bulb Drop-off



In partnership with Republic Services, 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.

#### Hydrant Flushing Schedule

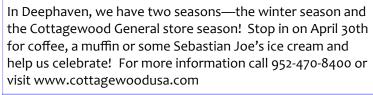
The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines and along Minnetonka Blvd and Ridgewood Road **the week of May 9**<sup>th</sup> in order to help clear the water lines.

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.

## Cottagewood Store Opening, April 30th





## Chief Cory's Corner

Welcome to 2022. Spring is near and the snow is melting. The Police Department thanks all of you for your continued gratitude and support.

We have seen a large number of Mail Thefts taking place in Deephaven and around the Metro. Please consider a locking mailbox and always put outgoing mail in the blue USPS receptacle at City Hall or Chowens Corner.



We have been busy working the vehicle thefts and a home invasion. I am pleased to report that we have not had any reports of burglaries or vehicle thefts since December 1, 2021.

Our Officers are out 24/7 being active and visible. I strongly believe in Proactive enforcement and visibility. If you plan on leaving town, let a neighbor or family member know. Have them check on your house frequently.

Please call 911 for anything! Don't wait until the next day to call our office, Please!

P.S. Remember to turn your headlights on with inclement (Snow or Rain) weather. Not your running lights, your actual headlights.

Have a wonderful Spring, and do not hesitate to call us if you need anything. Chief Cory Johnson, Deephaven Police Department

#### 2022 Street Repairs

The City is planning to resurface Day Lane, Highland Avenue (The Pines), Hooper Lake Road, Jericho Road, Leroy Street, Lowell Street, Maple Ridge Road, Monaltrie Avenue (from Lake to Rutledge), Therese Street, and Lake Avenue (West of Talton). The Lake Avenue project will also include significant storm water improvements and the repair of an existing sewer forcemain.

Neighborhood meetings will be held prior to construction to inform residents in those areas of the scope and timelines. **Project updates will be included on the City Website at <u>www.cityofdeephaven.org</u>.** 

#### 2022 Election News & Notes

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the following locations for Deephaven residents:

#### **Polling Locations**

Precinct 1: Deephaven City Hall – 20225 Cottagewood Road

Precinct 2: St. Therese Community Room – 18323 Minnetonka Blvd



- The Primary Election is a partisan election; you cannot cross parties while voting on the Primary Ballot.
- Deephaven will hold a municipal election as part of the General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.



Dogs Permitted to use the Pathway Through Deephaven Beach

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.

The City permits individuals to walk their dogs along the pathway through Deephaven Beach.

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.

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.

# **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.



Thank you!

#### **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 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.



Please be aware that you will be subject to a parking ticket if you park your vehicle in permit-only areas without a current sticker. If you currently rent your home, please contact City Hall on how to obtain a permit.

## Capturing Rainwater and Preventing Runoff

When it rains, water can't soak into impervious surfaces like rooftops, driveways, and roads. Instead, it runs off into streets and storm sewers creating stormwater. From our streets to our streams, stormwater picks up nutrient's dirt, salt, fertilizers, pesticides, oil, bacteria, and garbage.

Reducing runoff is critical to minimizing the impact our yards and gardens have on the surrounding lakes and streams. There are many ways to encourage rainwater to soak into the ground. Or you can capture rainwater for use in your yard. Either way, stormwater is reduced and lakes and rivers stay clean.

#### Permeable Surfaces: Let it Soak in

Rain will soak in to the ground where there are gardens and other vegetation. These surfaces are permeable, meaning they let the water through. Rain will not soak through your roof, most driveways, or roads. These surfaces are impermeable.

When you are planning changes to your house or lot, think about reducing the size of hard surfaces. For areas where hard surfaces are necessary, consider pavers or pavement that lets water through. There are now a variety of permeable pavements on the market that are specifically designed to increase infiltration into the ground. Ask your contractor or home and garden supply store for water-friendly pavers, or porous pavement or asphalt.

#### Rain Gardens and Native Plants: Beautiful Solutions to Water Pollution

A rain garden is a popular landscaping choice that prevents water pollution by allowing stormwater to soak into the ground before it runs off. Rain gardens and native plants also:

- Prevent erosion by holding soil in place with their deep roots.
- Attract birds and butterflies.
- Require little watering and maintenance once established.

Rain gardens are concave gardens that collect runoff from downspouts or driveways. Plants that tolerate "wet feet" should be planted in the bottom, while plants that need less water are planted on the edges.

For information about rain gardens, check out the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or the Minnehaha Creek

Watershed District websites. They take a little work to install, but a do-it-yourselfer can do it.



Another way to reduce runoff is to capture some of it with rain barrels. Rain barrels also help conserve water. The can be fancy or simple, but the basic structure is to have a barrel at the end of a downspout. The barrel has a spigot or hose that you can use to water your garden or yard. Several home improvement stores now sell rain barrels.

In Minnesota, rain barrels will need to be disconnected during winter so that they don't freeze and crack. To winterize your rain barrel:

- Disconnect the downspout from the rain barrel and re-connect a downspout extension to the main downspout to funnel water away from the foundation of the house.
- Empty the rain barrel.
- Flip the rain barrel upside-down and store it outside, or if you room, move the rain barrel into a garage or basement.



Dear Neighbors and Friends,

There have been more ups, downs, and changes than we ever expected in our recent past, including here in our own community. With the unexpected passing of our long-time mayor Paul Skrede last fall, we were lucky to have Councilmember Steve Erickson take over the reins as Mayor Pro Tem and guide us through the transition. December saw my own appointment to the role of Mayor, and John Studer into the role of Councilmember.

It is a true honor and a privilege to continue my service to the city of Deephaven. I have volunteered alongside many phenomenal residents as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, then as a City Councilmember, and now as Mayor. I would like to thank my husband, Marty, for the support he continues to offer as I serve the community. Our City Council team has provided strength, leadership, and support in this challenging environment and I am lucky to work together with them. I am committed to maintaining our small-town charm by ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods, the quality of our services, and the vitality of our businesses. A great deal of work continues to be done toward that intention.

Deephaven has been fortunate. The city maintains its incredibly strong financial position due to engaged leadership, prudent financial planning, good decision making, and an incredibly dedicated staff. The staff at City Hall is professional, skillful, and committed to delivering quality work. They are capable of rising to any challenge and proceeding steadfastly to deliver the quality services to which we have become accustomed.

Proactive measures must be taken in order to reach our goals and shape our own destiny. I remain committed to collaborating with the dedicated staff and city officials, and residents and business leaders to maintain and enhance the services and programs that we so proudly offer. We need to embrace new initiatives and continually identify new opportunities so as to remain fiscally sound while preserving the quality of life valued by our residents. With the help and support of all of you, we will continue to be a vibrant community with a bright future.

On behalf of city officials, administration, and staff, I thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide services that will carry us into the future. As always, my door remains open, and I welcome you to share your ideas and concerns with me.

Very truly yours, Melissa McNeill Mayor, City of Deephaven



City Office will be closed: April 15th and May 30th.

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: Melissa McNeill
Council members:

Steve Erickson, Tony Jewett, Kent Carlson, John Studer

**Phone Numbers:** 

**Administration & Public Works:** 952-474-4755

Police Non-Emergency: 952-474-7555 24-Hour Police Dispatch: 952-258-5321

City of Deephaven

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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