



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

June 1 to August 28th

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



City Beaches Open for Season

Lifeguards will be available at three of the six beaches in Deephaven through Sunday, August 9th for the summer season. Here is a list of beaches with brief information about each one:

- **Deephaven Beach** – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 7:00 p.m., off street parking available.
- **Robinson's Bay Beach** – Lifeguards on-duty from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., off street parking available.
- **Sandy Beach** – Lifeguards on-duty from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on street parking only.
- **Rocky Beach** – No lifeguards on-duty, limited off street parking available.
- **Nocomo Beach** – No lifeguard's on-duty, off street parking available.
- **Linwood Beach** - No lifeguard's on-duty, no off street parking available



Street Improvement Plan

Northome Blvd, Hillcrest Road, and the Chowen's Corner Parking lot were resurfaced in June of this year as part of the City's Street Improvement Plan. This is the fifth year of the Plan as the City of Deephaven is focusing more attention and financial resources to the repair of City streets. The City has spent \$2,708,646 resurfacing city streets from 2015—2019.

Street Overlay Improvement Schedule—The following 2021—2025 street overlay schedule may be delayed or re-prioritized depending on the availability of city funding or the comparative condition of each street:

2021 — Carson Road, Eastwood Drive, Maple Ridge Road, and Maplewood Road

2022 — Day Lane, Hooper Lake Road, Jericho Road, Lake Avenue (West of Talton), Leroy Street, Lowell Street, Monaltrie Avenue (North of Lake), and Therese Street

2023 — Dale Avenue, Hamilton Avenue, Ramsey Road, Sibley Avenue, Walden Lane, Walden Road, and Walden Trail.

2024 — Heathcote Drive, Heathcote Lane, and Heathcote Road

2025 — Dyer Lane, Lakeview Avenue, Linden Road, Manor Road, North Lane and Water Street



Monday, June 15 - 2021 Budget Overview, 2021 Salaries, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Capital Improvement Fund, General Government, Elections, Administration, City Hall, Police, Fire, Public Works, Streets & Roads, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Wildlife Management

Monday, July 6 - Budget Review & Revisions, Marina Fund

Monday, August 17 - Budget Review & Revisions

Tuesday, September 8 - Final Budget Review, Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy

Monday, October 19 - Park Improvement Fund, Recycling Fund

Monday, November 16 - Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund

Monday, December 7 - Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt Final 2021 Tax Levy & Budget



Help Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

You can help protect your favorite lake from aquatic invasive species (AIS) by following these three simple steps while boating:

1. **Clean** – before leaving a lake, boaters should clean all visible plants and other debris from all equipment (motors, jet skis, trailers, paddles, etc)
2. **Drain** – drain any water from the boat and keep drain plugs out
3. **Dry** – wipe everything dry

Disposing of unwanted bait in the trash also helps prevent the spread of invasive species.

Another way to protect your lake from AIS is by looking for invasive species when you are on or in the water.

While the MCWD (Minnehaha Creek Watershed District) and its partners regularly monitor lakes for AIS, watchful residents can provide an extra layer of protection. By keeping an eye out for AIS, you can help catch any new infestation early and improve the chances for successful management.

MCWD has an early detection guide book that will give you the tools you need to identify what's invasive and what's native. The book is free and available either online at www.minnehahacreek.org/early-detectors or at the MCWD office at 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Help Keep Our Water Clean



- Minimize the use of fertilizers and other lawn chemicals
- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street
- Redirect rooftop runoff from hard surfaces such as streets & driveways to vegetated areas and lawns
- Plant native vegetation to reduce lawn watering
- Properly dispose of oil, antifreeze, cleaners, and other household chemicals
- Do not flush old medicines down the toilet.

For more information: www.pca.state.mn.us

Mowing, Junk Cars, Boats & Trailers

Please be a respectful neighbor and make sure that your lawn is properly mowed and free of noxious weeds, and free from the unsightly storage of junk cars, boats and trailers. Deephaven residents are typically very conscientious about the appearance of their property and in being a “good neighbor”. Please remember that the City does have specific requirements on long grass and the storage of junk cars, boats & trailers as shown below:

- **Section 535.04 (z)** – the length of grasses commonly used in lawn areas including blue grass, fescue or rye grass blends of similar grasses shall not exceed eight (8) inches in length, excluding grasses on steep slopes or adjoining ponds, wetlands and lakes.
- **Section 535.04 (t)** - The parking, storing, or keeping on any public or private property any motorized vehicle, including boats and trailers, which (1) has a broken, missing or defective part that is necessary for normal operation thereof; (2) is stored on blocks, jacks or other supports; or (3) does not display a license or displays a license that is 60 days or more past its required renewal date, excluding those vehicles kept within a fully enclosed garage or other building and impounded vehicles held by the City.



Whether a neighbor has let out their barking dog in the early morning, or keeps an unsightly yard, it is these types of issues that seem to drive a wedge

between otherwise friendly people. City Staff often deals with two types of neighbor to neighbor complaints—those that relate to safety and health and those that relate to individual taste and preference.

Deephaven has ordinances to protect overall community safety and health, covering such issues as noise, weeds, junk storage, etc. However, when it comes to matters of taste or preference, neighbors sometimes just have to work through the problem together. Either way, if you have a problem with something your neighbor is or is not doing; there are neighborly ways to resolve it.

Be Understanding. It helps to forge good relations with neighbors before problems arise. It also helps to get to know your neighbors. If you think one of your neighbors has difficulty with certain tasks because of age or disability, offer resources and/or assistance.

Do not be so quick to judge your neighbor's faults that you forget to examine your own. You may have habits that irritate them. Walk around your house, garage or shed—look at your property from an outsider's perspective. You may discover unsightly items in your own yard.

Attempt to Resolve the Problem First, do a little research. You may discover that what bugs you about your neighbor's property is a violation of an ordinance. Remember that most people do not purposely try to annoy their neighbors. When approaching a neighbor about a complaint, speak calmly and stick to the facts. Avoid making offensive, personal comments. Give reasons why the behavior may not be in the best interest of the neighborhood. Offer a solution. If you are not able to reach an agreement, inform the City of your complaint. If your neighbor approaches you with a legitimate complaint—listen and be open to their concerns.

For those residents with swimming pools, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has the following recommendations regarding the discharge of swimming pool or hot tub water:

- ◆ Once the water is free of chlorine, the water should be directed onto a vegetated surface to encourage infiltration.
- ◆ The discharge should not flow onto any other persons' property, the city street, or create nuisance conditions.
- ◆ If the discharge flow is to occur across bare soil areas, care should be taken to prevent soil erosion. This can be done in several ways. The flow rate can be reduced to prevent erosion by the use of a small diameter hose, or additional piping or hose can be placed over the erosive area to prevent soil/water contact, and/or sod can lie in the bare area.
- ◆ Chlorination must be stopped at least three days prior to discharge.
- ◆ **Chlorinated water should NEVER be discharged to any surface water such as a storm sewer, ditch, lake or wetland.**
- ◆ **Swimming pool or hot tub water should NEVER be discharged into the sanitary sewer. This could potentially cause sewer backup into neighboring homes.**



Dogs at Beaches

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the sand portion of any beach in Deephaven. While we realize that it might be a special treat for your dog to romp in the sand, it's not so much fun for someone walking or playing in the sand to find the "treat" your pet left behind. Please be a responsible pet owner.

Emergency Gas Leak

CenterPoint Energy cautions that if the public smells, hears or sees a natural gas leak:

- Leave the area immediately on foot and tell others to do the same. Do not use electric switches, telephones, cell phones, drive or start a vehicle, or do anything that would cause a spark.
- Once safely away from the area, call the CenterPoint Energy emergency gas leak hotline at 1-800-296-9815 and dial 911 to report the location and description of the leak; and CenterPoint Energy will send a trained service technician immediately.
- **Never try to repair a gas leak yourself. Leave all repairs to a trained technician.**

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Poling place locations for Deephaven residents are as follows:

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.
- Federal, State County and local races will be held at the General Election on November 3.

The following City Offices will be on the ballot for the November 3rd General Election:

- Mayor—Two year term of office.
- Two Council seats—Four year terms of office.

Filing for Deephaven City Offices:

- Filing Opens—Tuesday, July 28
- Filing Closes—Tuesday, August 11

ABSENTEE VOTING

In light of COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that residents take advantage of absentee voting to avoid coming to the polling place for either the August 11th Primary Election or the November 3rd General Election.

Voting by absentee ballot is very simple—go on-line to www.hennepin.us/elections and follow the instructions to vote by absentee ballot. The ballot will be mailed to you along with a stamped self-addressed return envelope. You can fill out and return the ballot from the comfort of your own home.

- Absentee voting for the August 11th Primary Election begins on June 26th and will be administered by Hennepin County.
- Direct Balloting allows residents to vote by absentee ballot at City Hall starting on August 4th.



Campaign Sign Regulations

We realize that one of the more contentious issues surrounding elections is the placement of political signs. This election season will be no exception. Please note that many of the regulations regarding political signs are governed by Section 211B.045 of Minnesota State Statutes, which states:

“In any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from 46 days before the state primary in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election.”

In summary:

- Political signs may be posted from June 26, 2020—November 13, 2020.
- Signs must be located off of the public right-of-way and permission obtained from the property owner before you post any political sign on their property. If you are uncertain about where the public right-of-way ends, utility poles are typically located just within the public right-of-way.
- On Election Day, political signs must be at least 100 feet away from a building containing a polling place.
- Elections are also notorious for the theft of political signs. Please be aware that anyone apprehended for the theft of a political sign could face 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding political signs, please call the City at 952-474-4755.



COVID-19

For information regarding COVID-19, please go to “COVID-19 Updates” on the City website at www.cityofdeephaven.org. The site will provide you with general information regarding the City of Deephaven’s response to the virus.

Deephaven City Hall has been open to the public since June 15th. Please note that we have made several changes to City Hall to enhance the safety of our city staff and the public.

- First, if at all possible, it would be appreciated if you would contact us by email or phone rather than stopping by City Hall.
- Second, when dropping off your utility bill or a payment for a permit, please feel free to use the silver utility box located in the City Hall parking lot.
- Third, when meeting with city staff for an extended period of time, please remember to wear a mask.
- And finally, please remember to social distance when you are in City Hall. Only one person will be allowed at each counter window at one time and we would ask others in line to stand at least 6 feet from the counter and from each other person waiting in line.

We thank you for your patience during this difficult and unusual time.

Recreational Fires

Please be aware that the City Council adopted an ordinance that only permits recreational fires under the following conditions:

1. A recreational fire shall have a total area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and three (3) or less in height.
2. Recreational fires shall be contained within a fire ring, pit, container or device designed for such use.
3. The area within a five (5) foot radius of the recreational fire shall be reasonably clear of all combustibles.
4. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a neighboring dwelling or garage.
5. The fire shall be under the immediate supervision of the resident or his/her authorized adult representative.
6. Buckets, shovels, garden hose or a fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
7. The prevailing wind at the time of the recreational fire shall be away from nearby residences and must be less than 15 mph.
8. No flammable or combustible liquids shall be used to kindle or rekindle a recreational fire.
9. Demolition debris, industrial solid waste, hazardous materials, oil, rubber, plastic, railroad ties, shingles, tarpaper, insulation, composition boards, sheetrock, wiring, painted materials or paint filters, garbage, chemically treated wood or other materials that would give off a toxic smoke irritant to nearby residents are prohibited material. Only clean material can be burned as part of a recreational fire.
10. The hours that recreational fires shall be extinguished are between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
11. Fires must be fully extinguished when unattended.
12. Recreational fires can be cancelled or terminated at the discretion of the Police Department if a complaint has been received from a nearby resident concerning the smoke, irritants or a medical condition that is aggravated by the residential fire.
13. No brush, tree limbs under two inches in diameter, leaves, grass, compost, or other yard waste shall be burned. No rubbish can be burned at any time.
14. Recreational fires are prohibited when the fire danger level is at or above VERY HIGH. Current fire danger levels can be found at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

If you have any questions regarding any of these provisions, please call the Deephaven Police Department at (952) 474-7555



All of the beaches are open, some with lifeguards, boats have been launched, kids are playing in the Parks and road trips are being planned. It's official ... summer has finally arrived! Let's try to make sure everyone has a great three months ... you have all earned it.

Our road repair and parking lot projects should be almost done by the time you get this Newsletter. The new tennis courts in Shuck Park will be ready in a few weeks as will the new boat launch in St. Louis Bay. Guess we can just kick back and relax, huh?

Except for that "Bathrooms at the Main Beach" project I would love to get started on. We did Thorpe's bathrooms with some help from Hennepin County, by way of a grant that Tony Jewett orchestrated, and they have been a great success. However, I have a feeling that funds like those for a town like ours might be more difficult to come by this year ... this is year number six that I have waited for money from the legislature to repair the Northome Bridge, for example ... so the Main Beach Project may need some "donations" in order to get started this year. If you would be willing to help, could you please contact me? I would love to work with you on this project!

If you have any questions or concerns for the Council, you will be happy to know that we have begun meeting back at City Hall starting June 15. In the meantime, I was told the other day "if you are not wearing sandals, you are overdressed". Have a really fun summer everybody!

Paul

Pedestrian Safety Warmer weather means more construction vehicles and many more people are out and about walking and riding bicycles both along the City streets and on the LRT Trail. PLEASE BE ALERT, drive slowly and with caution. Minnesota law requires that drivers of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and others who are crossing a street in a marked crosswalk.

Summer Hours at City Hall Since 2001, the City Council has permitted City Hall staff to switch to summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day to coincide with the summer hours of other lake communities. Summer Hours begin June 1—August 28 with the following City Hall hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.—Noon

City Office will be closed : July 3rd and September 7th

**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**

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