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City Hall Hours:
"Regular" Hours
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
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Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of January 2nd and the week of January 9th.

The pickup will be on your normal collection day and is being provided at no additional charge. Trees collected as part of this program will be chipped and used for compost. Please note that wreaths and flocked or artificial trees cannot be composted. These items should be set out with your regular garbage.

To ensure your tree is collected and composted, please:

- * Remove all decorations and wire;
- * Do NOT wrap the tree in a plastic bag; and
- * Place the tree at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m. the day of your garbage collection. Trees set out too early may get buried from passing snowplows, making it very difficult to free the tree from the snow.



Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2017-2018 season are as follows:

Mondays – Fridays:	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays:	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
School Holiday:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day / New Year's Day	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The warming houses will be open through February 18, 2018 or later if the weather permits.



Winter Trail Activities

The City will maintain the LRT trail through the City of Deephaven for winter use from November 15th to March 15th for those who wish to continue to use the trail through the winter months.



When you review your property tax statements in March of 2018, please note that your property tax is determined by four factors: the amount of money spent by each local taxing jurisdiction, the impact of the market value exclusion credit, the taxable market value of your property and your property classification.

The Deephaven Board of Review will address objections to the **market value or property classification** of your property on Monday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. The Board's powers are limited to these two areas.



Steps to Appeal Your Property Value: What should you do if you believe the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties?

Step 1 – Meet with City Assessor Dan Distel. If you have reason to believe that the estimated market value of your property is higher than other comparable properties, we strongly recommend that your very first step should be to contact City Assessor Dan Distel at his Home Office at 952-361-0566 to discuss this issue in greater detail. He may be able to answer your questions without having to attend the Board of Review meeting.

Step 2 - If, after discussing this information with the assessor, you still feel you have good comparable sales and information to support an appeal, you should attend the Board of Review meeting on April 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall. Please remember that the property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the market value as determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable in comparison with other similar properties.

Appeals at the April 16th Board of Review will be considered in the following order:

1. Those residents who have met with the Assessor but were unable to come to a mutual agreement on the estimated market value of your property.
 2. Those residents presenting their cases in advance of the meeting by letter or email.
 3. And lastly, those residents who have come directly to the board without advance notice or without contacting the assessor prior to the meeting.
- Residents will be allowed five minutes to present their appeal to the Board.
 - Residents will be notified within three business days of the board's decision.
 - The board may decide to hold a reconvened meeting for the purpose of considering the appeals presented on April 16th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

Don't trash fluorescent bulbs

With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator. The City of Deephaven offers a convenience drop off box for residents located on the first floor lobby of City Hall right next to the Police Office.



Volunteers are a Huge Asset to the City

Volunteers play a critical role in our City. They provide recommendations on issues relating to planning, parks and boating; they beautify our city gardens and parks; they preserve our historical heritage; and provide recommendations on the improvements of our parks, beaches and marinas.

As we look forward to a new year, we would like to look back and thank all those volunteers who have devoted so much of their personal time to help their community this year by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club, and Historical Society.**

If you have time and an interest in serving your community, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form. Thank you!!



The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$7,991 in property taxes in 2018. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,005 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 12.7% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$84 per month to the City for the following array of services:

- 24-hour police and fire protection
- Prompt snowplowing of all city streets
- Full-service parks with 8 tennis courts, 3 ball fields, 4 ice rinks & 7 playground structures
- Six beaches – 3 with lifeguard services
- Three public trails
- Street maintenance, boulevard maintenance, street sweeping & street lighting
- Park maintenance
- Public tree maintenance
- Deer management
- Building & zoning code enforcement
- Office staff to assist residents and answer questions
- Municipal, State & National Elections

\$3,415 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 42.7% of your property tax payment for public education through the property tax levy and a voter approved school levy. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$285 per month to the School District.

\$2,834 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 35.4% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$236 per month to Hennepin County.

\$737 goes to other agencies such as the Watershed District, Metropolitan Council, Mosquito Control, Hennepin County Parks, Met Transit Debt, the Park Museum, Hennepin County HRA, and the Railroad Authority – These agencies receive about 9.2% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$61 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 852 cities and townships in Minnesota, Deephaven ranked 19th in terms of the lowest tax capacity rate in 2016.



2018 Improvement Projects

The schedule of projects planned for 2018 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Excelsior Blvd, Highcrest, Rosedale & Maple Chase Overlay	\$337,870
Chowen's Corner Parking Lot Fencing	\$ 14,000
Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising	\$ 30,000
Manhole Rehabilitation	\$ 30,000
Northome Road Storm Water Repair	\$ 12,000
Easton Pond Repair	\$ 30,000
Dock Lighting Repair	\$ 4,000
St. Louis Bay Launch Repair	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$462,870

Utility Payment Drop Off Box

The City has installed a utility bill security box for utility payments located right next to the public mailbox in the City Hall parking lot. We hope it might be more convenient for you to drop off your utility payment right from your car than having to park and come into City Hall.

Each year, the League of Women Voters – South Tonka and the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor the “Mayors Forum”. The “Mayors Forum” will be held at **7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2018 at the Southshore Community Center, 5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood, MN.**

This year, the following mayors will participate in this event:

- ◆ Paul A. Skrede, Deephaven
- ◆ Mark Gaylord, Excelsior
- ◆ Deb Kind, Greenwood
- ◆ Scott Zerby, Shorewood
- ◆ Gerry De La Vega, Tonka Bay
- ◆ Jim Doak, Woodland



This event is a panel discussion which gives citizens an opportunity to meet the mayors and to discuss significant issues in our communities.

The Forum will proceed as follows:

1. Forum will have a Moderator
2. Each mayor will be given five (5) minutes to present a short update pertinent to their city
3. Q&A: Members of the audience will submit written questions for mayor(s) to answer.
4. Questions will be screened and/or consolidated by topic
5. Forum will be recorded by the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC).

We hope to see you there!

Rental Property & Utility and Garbage Payments

If you are currently renting your home, please be aware that the Deephaven City Code requires all delinquent water, sewer and garbage/recycling bills to be assessed to the property owner.

It can come as an unpleasant surprise to a property owner to learn that an assessment will be placed against their property because their renter hasn't been paying their quarterly utility bills or garbage/recycling bills. If you are renting your home, we strongly recommend that you take into account the fact that the property owner is ultimately responsible for payment of utility and garbage bills.



Solicitors, Peddlers, and Canvassers



Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers **are allowed** in Deephaven. For-profit sale of products or services require a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a permit ID issued by the Deephaven Police Department. The city does not endorse any specific product or service by the issuing of this license.

Charitable organizations conducting door-to-door sales or solicitations do not need a license.

Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property or you may contact City Hall to include your address on the Do Not Solicit List.

If you have a complaint about a door-to-door salesperson or solicitors, immediately contact the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555.

Snowplow Damage

The width of the street right-of-way is designed to provide room for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks and other public uses. However, certain private uses, such as mailboxes, are also often located in the right-of-way. If the street or grass boulevard is damaged by a snowplow, City crews will repair the damage in the spring. If your mailbox is physically hit and damaged by a plow, the City will repair or replace it immediately.

Please note, however, that the City will only repair those mailboxes or posts that were actually hit by the plow.

It is not uncommon for posts to be damaged by snow or ice from the plow and it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that their mailbox post is strong enough to withstand being hit periodically by snow and ice.



Unfortunately, it is not possible for the City crew to clear snow from around mailboxes with the size and type of equipment that the City operates to clear snow. The final cleaning around mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

City personnel do not clear private driveways nor do we intentionally plow more snow into your driveway than your neighbor. You may inadvertently receive more snow due to the angle of the plow blade or the angle of the street.

Thorpe Park Grant Project

The City of Deephaven received a grant in the amount of \$143,000 from the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Program to construct a new restroom / warming house and install an asphalt surface, new hockey boards and lighting for the hockey rink. Here is the most current update on the progress of upgrading the warming house & hockey rink:

Hockey Rink Improvements

- Asphalt surface for the rink was completed by Barber Construction in mid-October (final cost - \$62,692.50)
- New hockey rink boards were installed by Bennis Construction in late October (final cost for labor and materials - \$20,224.06)
- Overhead lights for the hockey rink & open rink were completed by Musco Lighting in mid November (final cost - \$55,181.00)
- This concludes the hockey rink improvement portion of the Thorpe Park Project for a total cost of \$138,097.56.

Warming House Improvements

- The cost of a new warming house with restrooms was estimated at between \$392,610 - \$432,273.
- The City only received one bid on the project from B. Streeter & Company in the amount of \$299,190.00. The City Council approved the bid on November 6, 2017.
- Since winter construction of the new warming house would have required the removal of the existing warming house for the 2017/2018 skating season, the City and Contractor agreed to start the project on May 1, 2018. According to the Contractor's schedule, the project will take approximately 15 weeks. The new warming house is expected to be completed no later than September 1, 2018.

Staff Milestones in 2018

Deephaven is very fortunate to be served by a talented and dedicated staff. Please join us in thanking our employees for their valuable contributions to our community:

Over 10 years of service – Randy Clay, Mary Courtney, Deborah Hicks, Cory Johnson, David Klisczc, John Menzel, Teresa Pendleton, Chris Whiteside, and Dana Young

Over 5 years of service - Jeff Kask, Kathy McCullum, and Richard Meyer

Less than 5 years of service – Troy Carlson, Dale Cooney, Elizabeth McColl, Ethan Read, Jace Rosenfeld, and Troy Stransky

On behalf of the entire Council, I want to start the New Year by saying a big 'Thank You' to Dana and his entire Administrative Staff, to John and his Public Works Department and to Cory and his Deephaven Police Department for getting us through 2017 in such fine shape. If the phone calls and emails to me are any indication, your hard work throughout the year has been appreciated by everyone in the entire City. Thank you very much!!

We've got next year's tax levy approved, this year's road projects completed, next year's plans and contractor for the warming house chosen and this year's new hockey rink constructed ... thanks to the work of Howard and Jake, who did a great job ... thanks a lot, guys! Looks like Deephaven is once again ready for a Happy New Year!

Steve, Darel, Tony, Kent and I will be sitting at the table on January 2 as we begin 2018. If you have any concerns you want addressed or projects you want considered, be sure to contact us because, as you well know, we enjoy hearing from you and working for you.

As we continue to play in our Winter Wonderland, whether it's using the new hockey rink at Thorpe, the improved platform courts, or if it's skating, skiing or fishing on the Lake, I hope everyone has plenty of opportunities to enjoy this beautiful area we proudly call home.

From my family to yours ... Happy New Year everybody!

Paul

Please Note Changes to 2018 Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with four holidays and election preparations next year, the dates of five Council meetings have been changed as follows:

Date	Event	Alternate Date
Monday, January 1, 2018	New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Monday, January 16, 2018	Martin Luther King Day	Cancel
Monday, February 19, 2018	President's Day	Cancel
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Monday, November 5, 2018	Election Eve	Thursday, November 8, 2018

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Summer Hours, May 28 to August 31st:

Monday to Thursday 8 to 5:00
Fridays 8—Noon / Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator
Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk
Deborah Hicks, Utility Billing, Marina Operations
Dale Cooney, Zoning Coordinator
Teresa Pendleton, Building Permits
Cory Johnson, Police Chief
Elizabeth McColl, Police Admin Assistant
John Menzel, Public Works Foreman
Kathy McCullum, Woodland City Clerk



Your City Council:

Mayor: Paul Skrede

Council members:

Steve Erickson, Darel Gustafson,
Tony Jewett, Kent Carlson

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