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Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
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June 1 to September 6th
Mon to Thurs 8am to 4:30pm
Fridays 8am to 12noon
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Republic Services will collect all real trees the first two weeks in January 2022.

There is **no** charge for this pickup and the 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 scheduled pickup. Trees set out too early may get buried from passing snowplows, making it very difficult to free the tree from the snow.



Volunteers are a Huge Asset to the City

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

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 in 2021 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical Society.**

*Thank You
Volunteers*

2022 Rescheduled Council Meetings

There are three regularly scheduled Council meetings in 2022 that conflict with a major holiday and one meeting that conflicts with election preparations. These four regularly scheduled Council meetings have been rescheduled to the following dates:

<u>Original Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Alternate Date</u>
Monday, January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day	Cancelled
Monday, February 21, 2022	President's Day	Cancelled
Monday, July 4, 2022	4th of July Holiday	Tuesday, July 5, 2022
Monday, November 7, 2022	Election Preparations	Thursday, November 10, 2022

Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2021-2022 season are as follows:

- ◇ Mondays – Fridays: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- ◇ Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- ◇ Sundays: Noon – 9:00 p.m.

The warming houses will be open through February 20, 2022 or later if the weather permits.

Winter

Board of Review Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m.

When you review your property tax statements this March, 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 18th 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 you 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 18th 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.

Appeals at the April 18th 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 18th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.



2022 Improvement Projects

The major 2022 improvement projects will include street resurfacing on Day Lane, Highland Avenue (The Pines), Hooper Lake Road, Jericho Road, Lake Avenue (West of Talton), Leroy Street, Lowell Street, Maple Ridge Road, Monaltrie Avenue (Lake to Rutledge) and Therese Street. The cost of resurfacing these streets is estimated at approximately \$460,000. More information on this project will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Other 2022 Improvement Projects include:

	Est. Cost
Thorpe Park Tennis Court Reconstruction	\$ 90,000
Platform Court Lighting Improvements	\$ 18,500
Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising	\$ 80,000
Sewer Main Repairs	\$ 80,000
Storm Water System Improvements	<u>\$288,000</u>
Total	\$556,500



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 consider the fact that the property owner is ultimately responsible for payment of utility and garbage bills.

The owner of a \$650,000 median valued home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$8,013 in property taxes in 2022. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,228 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 15.3% of your property tax payment. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays \$102 per month to the City for the following array of services:

- 24-hour police, fire protection, emergency services
- Prompt snowplowing of all city streets
- Full-service parks with 8 tennis courts, 3 ball fields, 4 ice rinks, warming houses & 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

\$3,475 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 43.4% of your property tax payment for public education through the property tax levy and a voter approved school levy. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays about \$290 per month to the School District.

\$2,638 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 32.9% of your property tax payment. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays about \$220 per month to Hennepin County.

\$672 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 8.4% of your property tax payment. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays about \$56 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 44 cities in Hennepin County, Deephaven would rank as having the 5th lowest tax capacity rate in 2021.



2022 Sewer Rate Increase

On December 6, 2021, the Deephaven City Council approved a \$25.00 per quarter sewer rate increase that will go into effect in January 2022 with payments due beginning with the April 2022 utility billing. This will increase the sewer rate \$115.00 per quarter to \$140.00 per quarter. This rate increase will generate an additional \$165,200 per year in Sewer Fund revenues.

Why is a rate increase needed? There are two primary reasons why such a significant rate increase is needed to support increasing expenses in the 2022 Sewer Fund.

First, the wastewater from Deephaven is transported and treated by Metropolitan Council Environmental Services at the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment plant in Shakopee. Each month, the Deephaven is required to pay a Municipal Wastewater Charge that is determined by our percentage of the total wastewater use in the Metropolitan Area. The annual Municipal Wastewater Charge makes up 52% of our entire annual Sewer Fund Budget and any increase in this annual charge has a significant impact on our Sewer Fund Budget. The 2022 Municipal Wastewater Charge is proposed to increase 10.1% in 2022, increasing from \$441,785 in 2021 to \$486,584 in 2022.

And second, the sewer system in Deephaven is now 50 years old, which requires significant more repairs to our nine lift stations, sanitary sewer mains, manholes, and force mains. We are now cleaning and televising our sanitary sewer mains every four years at a cost of \$80,000 per year to inspect for problems with inflow and infiltration, damaged sewer lines, and to remove any blockages in the main. In addition, we are also budgeting another \$80,000 per year to repair any problems that are noted after reviewing the televised reports of our sanitary sewer mains, force mains, or manholes.

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.



There will be a total of two elections in 2022, including:

August 9, 2022 – Primary Election

November 8, 2022 – Municipal, State & National Election

Polling 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

None of our elections can be held without the invaluable contributions of our local election judges. Please consider serving your community as an election judge in 2020. For more information, please contact Dana Young at City Hall at 952-358-9939. Thank you!



Snowmobile & ATV Prohibitions

Along with snowplows come snowmobiles and ATV's. If you are operating a snowmobile or ATV within the city limits, please be aware that Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's under any of the following circumstances:

- On a sidewalk or walkway used for pedestrian traffic,
- On private property without 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, public beaches, playgrounds and recreational areas except for areas authorized for such use (the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay boat launches, for example) when traveling to or from the approved snowmobile routes.
- Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., except for travel to or from a final destination without delay, and
- On any street except when traveling to or from an approved area by the shortest legal route.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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.

Lock your Doors!

There have been recent thefts and burglaries in the area! Suspects are entering unlocked homes, stealing items from unlocked cars and taking vehicles. These opportunistic thieves are looking for unlocked cars, unlocked doors and unsecured items. Don't give them any opportunities!

- Don't leave any items of value in your car
- Don't leave valuables anywhere unattended or unsecured
- Don't leave garage doors open
- Don't leave interior doors unlocked

Most importantly—**Lock your Cars & Lock your Doors!** If there are no opportunities, they'll move on. See it, Hear it, Report it. Call 911 immediately!

Cory Johnson, Chief of Police



New Garbage & Recycling Service Beginning in 2022

The Deephaven City Council has awarded a four-year municipal garbage & recycling contract to Republic Service for service beginning January 1, 2022. After over 25+ years of service with Waste Management, residents have asked a number of questions on this switch to Republic Service:

Why did the City switch garbage & recycling haulers?

The final year of our 5-Year contract with Waste Management expired on December 31, 2021. With the contract set to expire at the end of the year, the City asked for quotes on garbage & recycling service that would begin in 2022 from Waste Management, Republic Services, Randy's Sanitation (now owned by Republic Services), Total Sanitation, Suburban Waste Services, and Aspen Waste Systems.

Bids were received on July 14th and the only bid the City received was from Republic Services. Waste Management contacted staff several days prior to the bid opening to explain that they had no plans to submit a bid for 2022 garbage & recycling service in Deephaven, largely owing to the fact that they no longer wanted to provide a smaller garbage truck, which is needed to provide valet service and to service those areas of Deephaven with extremely narrow streets.

In summary, Republic Services was awarded the contract due to the fact that they provided reasonable rates, were more than capable of providing service to Deephaven residents, and were the only company that expressed an interest in providing garbage & recycling service Deephaven.

How will Republic know which services I need?

Since Waste Management no longer intended to provide service beginning in 2022, they were generous enough to provide Republic with their current customer listing, which includes all the services requested by each customer in Deephaven. If you want to change your cart size or change any other optional service, please contact Republic at DeephavenCartDelivery@republicservices.com.

Pickup and Drop Off of Garbage Carts

The week of December 27th, Republic will be dropping off their garbage, recycling, and yard waste carts and Waste Management will be picking up their carts that same week.

How do Republic's rates compare with current garbage & recycling rates?

Republic's 2022 rates compare very favorably to the rates that Waste Management is currently charging this year as shown below:

Item	2021 Waste Management Rates	2022 Republic Rates
32-Gallon Cart	\$11.71	\$10.34
64-Gallon Cart	\$17.28	\$15.26
96-Gallon Cart	\$20.67	\$18.25
Recycling	\$4.11	\$6.31
Extra Can	\$3.65	\$3.65
Yard Waste Pickup	\$6.00	\$8.00

As you can see, the prices are very comparable with Republic offering lower garbage pickup rates but higher recycling and yard waste pickup rates in 2022 than the rates that Waste Management is providing this year. However, it should also be noted that since 2021 is the fifth year of Waste Management's contract, current recycling and yard waste pickup rates are likely below market rate.

Valet Service

There have been a number of questions regarding valet service – what is it & why does it cost \$10.00 per month in 2022 to provide this service?

Valet service is an optional service where the hauler drives into your driveway to pick up your garbage located next to your garage. This service is intended to assist those residents with long driveways or those with special needs. Please note that this service is intended for garbage pickup only and valet service is not provided for recycling or yard waste pickup.

The Request for Proposals for garbage & recycling service specifically required valet service to be provided as an optional service for Deephaven residents. We realize that a rate of \$10.00 per month for valet service is not inconsiderable, but it should be recognized that there is a significant cost to providing valet service, particularly with having to provide a smaller garbage truck and the labor cost of requiring Republic's staff to get out of the vehicle to manually pick up the garbage.

It should also be noted that it was the cost and burden of providing smaller garbage trucks that was a direct factor in Waste Management concluding that they no longer wanted to service our community.

Mayor's Corner

So much has changed since the last newsletter. Mayor Paul Skrede's passing in September made me active Mayor Pro Tem. The council and I have been busy handling all aspects of city government.

The big project to get done was the Northome Bridge. The bridge is complete, and I had the honor to dedicate the bridge in memory of Mayor Skrede. If you have not seen the bridge, head over and take a look, it really is a good-looking bridge. Thank you to Senator Dave Osmek, Representative Kelly Morrison for getting the funding done, along with the city engineer and Jim Archer, the bridge designer.

By the time you read this many things will have happened. We will make our move to Republic Services, the new garbage hauler. The change happens on January 1st but bin replacement may happen by the end of December.

We will also be hiring a new police officer to replace Officer Dan Smith, who left to join Maple Grove PD. Welcome Nicholas Esping. He was approved and sworn in at the December 6th council meeting. Welcome Officer Esping when you see him around the city.

The last thing that has happened is the council has appointed Melissa McNeill as mayor and John Studer as councilmember. This was done to create a smooth transition with those experienced with city leadership and involvement during this unique time.

Lastly, I and the rest of the council want to thank everyone who reached out, for your support. Mayor Skrede's shoes cannot be filled by any of us. We are all working to do what is best for the city of Deephaven.

So enjoy the holiday and know that we will hit the ground running in 2022.

Steve Erickson, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff Milestones in 2022—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 20 years of service – Cory Johnson, John Menzel, Teresa Pendleton, and Dana Young

Over 15 years of service – Deborah Hicks and Chris Whiteside

Over 10 years of service – Jeff Kask and David Klisczc

Over 5 years of service – Libby McColl and Ethan Read

Less than 5 years of service – Chris Bennis, Kaylin Nelson, Jace Rosenfeld, Sara Skalle, Tracy Gustafson, Mark Duffy, Talia Kindom and Pat Smith

**City Office will be closed : December 31,
January 17th and February 21st**

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

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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