

Christmas Tree Disposal

Republic Services will collect all real trees the weeks of January 2 and January 9, 2023.

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.



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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 2022 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Park Committee, and Cottagewood Garden Club.**

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!!

2023 Rescheduled Council Meetings

There are five regularly scheduled Council meetings in 2023 that conflict with a major holiday. These five regularly scheduled Council meetings have been rescheduled to the following dates:

| Original Date | Event | Alternate Date |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday, January 2, 2023 | New Year's Day | Tuesday, January 3, 2023 |
| Monday, January 16, 2023 | Martin Luther King Day | Cancelled |
| Monday, February 20, 2023 | President's Day | Cancelled |
| Monday, June 19, 2023 | Juneteenth | Cancelled |
| Monday, September 4, 2023 | Labor Day | Tuesday, September 5, 2023 |

Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2022-2023 season are as follows:

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| 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 19, 2023 or later if the weather permits.



City Hall Hours:
"Regular" Hours
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

May 30 to September 4th
Mon to Thurs 8am to 4:30pm
Fridays 8am to 12noon
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



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 17th 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 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 17th 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 17th 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 19th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

2023 Improvement Projects

The major 2023 projects will include street resurfacing on Dale Avenue, Ramsey Road, Sibley Avenue, Walden Lane, Walden Road, and Walden Trail. The cost of resurfacing these streets is estimated at approximately \$526,000. More information on this project will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

| Other 2023 Improvement Projects include: | Est. Cost |
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| Thorpe Park Walking Path Resurfacing (1/3) | \$ 50,000 |
| Sewer Main Rehabilitation | \$ 80,000 |
| Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising | \$ 80,000 |
| Storm Water System Improvements | <u>\$190,000</u> |
| Total | \$400,000 |



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 \$7,240 in property taxes in 2023. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,038 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 14.3% of your property tax payment. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays \$87 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

\$3,212 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 44.4% 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 \$268 per month to the School District.

\$2,393 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 33.1% of your property tax payment. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays about \$199 per month to Hennepin County.

\$597 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 8.2% of your property tax payment. A household with a median valued home of \$650,000 pays about \$50 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 44 cities in Hennepin County, Deephaven has the 4th lowest tax capacity rate in 2023.



2023 Storm Water Rate Increase

On January 3, 2023, the Deephaven City Council is expected to approve a \$4.50 per month storm water rate increase that will go into effect in January 2023 with payment due beginning with the April 2023 utility billing. The storm water rate will increase from \$13.50 per month to \$18.00 per month. This rate increase will generate an additional \$80,298 per year in Storm Water Fund revenues. This is the second storm water rate increase in three years.

Why is a rate increase needed? The Storm Water Fund finances the repair and replacement of all existing catch basins, culverts, and storm water mains throughout Deephaven. It also funds all future additions to the storm water system, which have been estimated at \$870,000 over the next five years. Every time the City resurfaces a street, deteriorating storm water lines, catch basins and culverts located under the street also have to be replaced. This rate increase will finance these and other storm water improvement projects with the goal of improving overall drainage throughout the community, as well as to improve the overall quality of the storm water entering into lakes, ponds and wetlands.

2022 Municipal Election



A HUGE thank you to our staff, who administered much of the absentee voting, and to our Election Judges, who did such an outstanding job

conducting the in-person voting on November 8th.

We also greatly appreciate St. Therese Church for allowing us to use their community room during the election.

The results of the 2022 Municipal Election are as follows:

MAYOR (4 Year Term)

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| Kent Carlson | 1,733 |
| Other Write-In | 72 |

COUNCIL MEMBER (4 Year Term – 2 Elected)

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| Tony Jewett | 1,613 |
| John Studer | 1,412 |
| Other Write-In | 68 |

For more election information, go to the City website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

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.

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.



What is Illicit Discharge?

Discharge to any part of the city's storm water sewer system (roads, catch basins, curbs, ditches, etc.) that is not composed entirely of stormwater is considered **illicit discharge**. Illicit discharge that enters the storm water system contaminates stormwater and flows directly to nearby waterbodies, degrading water quality and harming local flora and fauna. Common Pollutants Include:



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| Soil, Dirt, and Sediment | Concrete compounds |
| Paints and Solvents | Asphalt compounds |
| Pesticides and Herbicides | Petroleum products (fuel, oil, grease) |
| Fertilizers | Hazardous chemicals (acids, lime, glue, adhesives) |
| Detergents | Plaster |

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.



Utility Payment Drop Off Box

For your convenience, 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.



Staff Milestones in 2023

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, 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

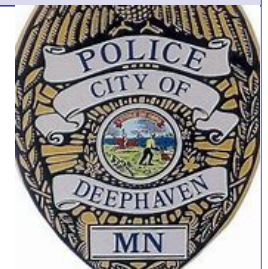
Over 5 years of service – Libby McColl and Ethan Read

Less than 5 years of service – Chris Bennis, Kaylin Nelson, Sara Skalle, Tracy Gustafson, Mark Duffy, Pat Smith, Nicholas Esping, and Mark Johnson

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
Deephaven Police Department

The new year's excitement is upon us... full of new goals to achieve and the promise of possibility! I am excited to begin my term as your mayor and to start accomplishing what is possible for Deephaven with the help of all of you.

I want to congratulate council member's Tony Jewett and John Studer on their re-elections. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Deephaven community, and I look forward to serving with you in the years ahead.

I also want to give a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing mayor, the honorable Melissa McNeill. Mayor McNeill demonstrated to all of us what it means to be a public servant when she stepped in to serve after the loss of Mayor Paul Skrede. Unanimously voted in by her fellow councilmembers, Mayor McNeill was the first woman to hold the post of Deephaven mayor, and she gave us her all in the 15 months she served. Under her leadership, the City completed its first-ever wage study, hired a new City engineering firm, and invested in IT infrastructure and improvements to our City website. Thank you, Mayor McNeill, for your dedication and great contributions, as our mayor, as a member of our city council and as a valued member of our community.

Many of you know that local government is comprised of more than elected officials and paid City employees. Volunteers play a vital role in the functioning of our government. They provide recommendations on issues such as planning and land use, our city gardens, parks and beaches and public improvements. We've had a rich history of volunteerism in Deephaven, but we need you! Please consider a role on the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Park Committee or the Garden Club. I'd especially like to see more young people involved in our boards and commissions. While they are unpaid volunteer positions, they are great entries to understanding how local government works, meeting new community members, and exploring what life in public leadership could look like. Plus, you can make a positive impact on our community! If you are interested in becoming a Deephaven volunteer, find more information on our website (www.cityofdeephaven.org) and complete a volunteer application.

I look forward to working with all of you to improve our already great community! In the newsletters ahead, I'll be writing about the initiatives we're undertaking and the progress we're making together. Please reach out with your ideas and feedback. My door and email are always open.

All the best,
Kent Carlson
Mayor, City of Deephaven



City Office will be closed : December 26th,
January 2 and 16th and February 20th

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
Jeff Kask, Public Works Foreman
Sara Skalle, Woodland City Clerk

Summer Hours, May 30 to September 4th

Monday to Thursday 8 to 4:30
Fridays 8—Noon / Closed Saturday,



Your City Council:

Mayor: Kent Carlson

Council members:

Steve Erickson, Tony Jewett,
John Studer

Phone Numbers:

Administration & Public Works:

952-474-4755

Police Non-Emergency: 952-474-7555

24-Hour Police Dispatch: 952-258-5321

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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