

Deephaven Quasquicentennial | 125th Anniversary Celebration



On Saturday, June 7th, 2,000-plus Deephaven residents, friends and neighbors descended on Thorpe Park for what would become the largest celebration in Deephaven's 125 year history. The event had it all; sunshine, rain, great times, fantastic food, a beer garden, and three amazing bands... plus face painting, pony rides and a DJ spinning family friendly tracks all afternoon.

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The Quasquicentennial Celebration did not come together overnight. The process started back in March of 2024 when the City Council established the Event Committee to create and plan an annual celebration for the City of Deephaven. Laurie Jenkins, Sharon Murphy

Garber, Cally Scholtec, Hilary Cheeley and Scott Hansen were appointed to represent the residents of Deephaven, and City Council Member Emily Scherschligt was named the Council Liaison and *de facto* leader of the Event Committee. The direction given by the Council was simple, yet complicated: create an event that will have something for everyone, will be well-attended, and will attract people from all of the neighborhoods and areas in our community.

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Pictured: Frankie Torres signs autographs for crowd

The Story of the Village Hall Park Hockey Rink

The story of the Village Hall Park Hockey Rink begins back in 2022, when the Park Committee and City Council engaged the community for ideas and comments that led to the creation of the Village Hall Park Master Plan. This master plan was shared with the community at an open house, where people were asked to provide their thoughts and feedback on the proposed improvements to the park. The final conceptual plan included improved tennis courts, pickle ball courts, an improved hockey rink, an updated warming house and improvements to the t-ball field. Due to the projected cost of the project, the Council began applying for grant funding, state and federal funding and saving for the improvements that would be constructed as segments of the overall master plan.

Based upon the size and scale of the project, the hockey rink was crafted as a stand-alone component of the project to be pursued. In late 2023, the City submitted a grant application to the Hennepin County Youth Activities Grant Program. The grant application resulted in the award of \$300,000 that was dedicated to construction of an improved hockey rink. The Village Hall rink has served the park well for many years, but the deteriorating condition and annual repair and maintenance of the wood boards, along with the outdated lighting and grassy surface have made the hockey rink increasingly difficult to maintain. This grant award offered an opportunity to upgrade the rink to something of better quality, a project that would provide better ice conditions and save the Public Works Department many, many hours in the repair and maintenance of the previous hockey rink.

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Kate Goodrich, Mayor for a Day

Each year, the League of Minnesota Cities holds an annual statewide essay contest entitled "Mayor for a Day," where students in grades 4 through 8 in schools across the state are encouraged to submit an essay explaining what they would do if they were appointed "Mayor for a Day." The 2024 essay contest had over 800 submissions, all of which were reviewed, scored and ranked by Senior Policy Staff at the League of Minnesota Cities.



On February 10th, 2025, Mayor Carlson and Staff received a surprising email from Don Reeder, Public Affairs Coordinator at the League of MN Cities, informing us that a student in Deephaven was selected as one of four winning recipients of the 2024 Mayor for a Day Essay Competition. Our local winner was none other than our very own Breck Middle School 5th grader, Kate Goodrich. Kate's essay is very well deserved of the award - a brilliant read, focusing on lake ecosystem improvements, water safety, water conservation and other environmental concerns.

Mayor Kent Carlson and the Deephaven City Council worked with City Staff to celebrate Kate's accomplishment and share the fun side of serving on a City Council. Given her essay and award, the Council felt it was appropriate to

appoint Kate Goodrich as the official Mayor Ad Diem (Latin: "for a day"). Kate's day started with a visit from Deephaven Police Officer Kaylin Nelson who picked Kate up at her house and gave her a ride in a patrol car to Deephaven City Hall. After a tour of City Hall, including the Police Department and Public Works, it was time to start the Council Meeting. Kate gaveled the Council Meeting to Order at approximately 7 p.m. and led the Council and Staff in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kate called for a vote on the Consent Agenda, and then asked City Administrator Dan Madsen to present the first item on the Agenda: Resolution #12-25 Officially Declaring Kate Goodrich as Mayor Ad Diem for Monday, May 19th, 2025. After a brief discussion and review, a Motion was made by Councilman Tony Jewett, and



seconded by Councilman Tom Erdmann, to pass Resolution #12-25. The Motion passed by unanimous vote, and Kate Goodrich became Mayor Ad Diem - and the youngest Mayor in Deephaven history, even if only for a day.



Deephaven Garden Club: Among the Spring Plantings

Hope you're making the rounds! Village Hall gardens are in full summer bloom, along with Thorpe and Burton Parks. Bring the kids and visit Children's Park as well—with its beautiful new lawn and irrigation system. The Cottagewood Garden Club's Outreach committee recently planted flowering native shrubs there: Common Ninebark (physocarpus opulifolius), Hardhack Meadowsweet Spirea (tomentosa), Potentilla (bush cinquefoil) and Wild Petunias (ruellia humilis). These pollinator-friendly plants will quickly grow to support a healthy ecosystem and provide border landscaping around the new wooden

structures that enclose the park's trash bins and irrigation equipment. Enjoy an ice cream treat at the Cottagewood store while you're at it!



Tour de Tonka, Saturday, August 2, 2025

Minnetonka Community Education invites cyclists and volunteers to join the 20th annual Tour de Tonka on Saturday, August 2, 2025. This ride offers routes from 16 to 100 miles through 25 scenic west metro communities. Over 2,500 riders from across Minnesota and the U.S. participate each year. Proceeds support Minnetonka Community Education and the ICA Food Shelf. Learn more or register at TourdeTonka.org or call (952) 401-6800.

E-bikes and Lawful Operation, Please Ride Safely

Electric bicycles, or "E-bikes," have been wildly popular over the past few years and continue to be the latest transportation trend in the Minnetonka Lakes area. E-bikes are available for purchase in many local shops and are legal for use on city streets, bike lanes, bike routes, trails and wherever else normal bicycles are allowed. Some types of electric bicycles, however, are built to exceed the limits set by Minnesota Statute and are not allowed to be operated in the same areas – or in the same manner – as E-bikes. Regardless of type or style, it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 15 to operate an E-bike on public rights of way in Minnesota.

There are three "classes" of E-bikes, all of which have different requirements and regulations. Class 1 E-bikes have to be pedaled in order to activate any assistance from the motor and have an assisted top speed of 20 miles per hour or less. Class 2 E-bikes can be used either by pedaling or using the throttle control, the throttle function cannot exceed a speed greater than 20 miles per hour. Class 3 E-bikes are similar to Class 1 E-bikes in that they need to be pedaled to activate motor assistance.



Unlike Class 1, Class 3 E-bikes are equipped with a speedometer and have a maximum speed of 28 miles per hour.



Looking beyond regulations and classifications, the safe operation of any bicycle – and especially an E-bike – is of critical importance to our community. Regardless of the speed or class of E-bike, unsafe or risky operation is directly related to numerous accidents along the City's roadways and trails. The Deephaven Police Department routinely receives calls about the reckless or hazardous operation of E-bikes, and all too often they are called to respond to an accident where a pedestrian has been struck by an E-bike while walking along a local roadway or trail. While E-bikes can be fast, fun and exhilarating, it is important to always operate them in a safe and responsible manner. To combat reckless cycling, the Deephaven Police actively stop people improperly operating E-bikes in an unsafe manner. The first encounter with our officers is

typically used as an opportunity to educate the operator about the importance of safe behavior and proper cycling conduct, often accompanied by a call to the parents of a juvenile unsafely operating an E-bike. The second instance of unlawful E-bike operation usually results in a citation and can result in the impoundment of the E-bike.

Summertime is one of the best times of the year in Deephaven, and getting out and enjoying the lakes is what life in Deephaven is all about. If you are out riding around the City's streets or trails, please remember to ride under control and help keep our community bike-friendly and safe.

Welcome to Beachhaven, Chapter II

Summertime in Deephaven is something special. It's hard to find a better pastime than enjoying some sunshine down at the lake. Fortunately for us, the Deephaven Beach Patrol is back for their second year guarding Main Beach. Deephaven continues to be one of the only cities in the Lakes Area with its own lifeguard program, a benefit that adds a heightened level of safety and security for everyone that spends time at our beach.



This summer, the Beach Patrol will continue to focus all of its effort on Main Beach. The hours of operation are similar to last year, with the beach being open weekly from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Hours may be expanded as the summer moves forward, but that will depend in lifeguard availability – many guards return to college and are not available in August. Moving forward, and in future years, the Beach Patrol may be able to expand operations to other beaches in Deephaven.

That possibility will need to be explored in the off-season with the Beach Managers, Staff and the City Council.

So, if you're out on the lake or visiting Main Beach, make sure to give a wave or stop by and say "hi" to the lifeguards in your Deephaven Beach Patrol. They are well trained and happy to be enjoying the summer helping to keep our beach and residents safe.

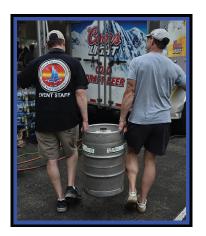
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The Event Committee began meeting regularly over the next 16 months to plan, reshape, restructure and refine what eventually evolved into the ultimate party in Thorpe Park. To begin the planning process, the Committee discussed elements of community events that were memorable and that could be included in the Deephaven event. Initial discussions included scavenger hunts, different locations for separate events throughout the City, and even contemplated different types of races or competitions that could be held between neighborhoods or different community groups. It became clear as the Committee continued to explore event options that the final event plan should be held in one location to break from the tradition of having multiple events in different neighborhoods; the goal remained to bring the entire City together for one big party. Based upon the anticipated size and scale of the event, Thorpe Park was quickly identified as the optimal location based upon its available space, accessibility and design.



The next challenge faced by the Event Committee was deciding what components should be included in the event. Live music was immediately identified as something that could be enjoyed by everyone, so the Committee started working on booking bands for the event. Several bands were considered, including the Gin Blossoms (ultimately too expensive), Big Head Todd and the Monsters (already booked at Red Rocks), the Bodeans (challenges with format of event) and the Jayhawks. The Committee decided to work with the Jayhawks based upon their notoriety and draw, as well as their family friendly genre of music. The challenge with the Jayhawks was that they were contractually obligated to perform a show later this summer which prohibited us from marketing their appearance. Thus, the "mystery band" concept for advertising the Jayhawks was born. This mystery band approach grew into its own form of entertainment as rumors began swirling about the identity of this unknown headlining act. The other two bands were much easier to choose for the event. Jaccuzi Puma is local legendary act, and Deephaven's own Frankie Torres + Midnight Rambler were easy decisions as they were very talented and locally based. With that, the all-Minnesota band lineup for the Quasquicentennial Celebration was set.



With the bands confirmed, the Event Committee began working to secure food trucks, fencing, restrooms and tents, the stage, lighting and garbage service, and all other items necessary for large community events. Once the planning was in place, it was time to find as many volunteers as possible. The Events Committee, City Council and City Staff were joined by residents and volunteers from all over Deephaven. Ticket and wristband sales, general grounds maintenance and security were all filled by volunteers, but beer tent – for some reason - appeared to be the most popular and in-demand location for volunteerism at the event. From Cottagewood to Thorpe Park, and from Chowen's Corner to Highway 7, volunteers and residents from all corners of the community had the chance to connect, or reconnect, and spend the day together at the park.

While the Quasquicentennial Celebration was well-planned and ran smoothly, the day was certainly not without its challenges. The rain was daunting, starting at exactly 5 p.m. when the Jayhawks were set to take the stage. The rain sent party-goers scurrying for shelter and caused power failures at both the stage and the Beer Garden. Just when everything seemed to be at its worst, the sun peaked through the clouds. The break in the rain allowed Public Works to connect generators to the stage and beer tent, saving the day. The Jayhawks took the stage after the 15 minute rain shower and played a set that sounded like they did 20 years ago. The band played all of their biggest hits much to the appreciation of their energetic fanbase that weathered the storm to hear them play.



The biggest crowd and most energy of the day came when Deephaven's own Frankie Torres + Midnight Rambler took the stage. Torres electrified the crowd, and converted a new fanbase of idolizing young girls in front of the stage, with her powerhouse vocals and talented band. Playing a mix of original music and power rock covers, Torres continues to be the talk of the town after what was considered by most to be the performance of the event.

Not to be outdone, Jaccuzi Puma took the stage and delighted the

crowd with an impressive set of covers that spanned several genres of music. The band was in tune and in lock-step with the rhythm, which had people dancing and singing along for the rest of the show. Being the awesome people that they are, Jaccuzi Puma even pulled Frankie Torres up on stage for a couple of amazing duets. You would not have known this was spontaneous, as Torres and the Pumas sounded like they were midway through a cross-country tour together.



As the event wound down to a close, and after the last song was played, members of the Council, City Staff and the Events Committee cleaned up the park and put the night to rest. The Quasquicentennial Celebration was officially in the record books as the largest event ever held in Deephaven, and by all accounts, was also the best.

In the days following the event, members of the Event Committee, Cottagewood Store and the Thorp Park Events group met to review the celebration and share notes for posterity. The purpose of the event was not only to celebrate the City's 125th Anniversary, it was also

intended to be a fundraiser to help the Cottagewood Foundation and Store and the Thorpe Park Events group support their programming and cover expenses they incur in providing services and events for our community. As advertised, proceeds from the event – beer, wristband and ticket sales - were shared between Cottagewood Store and Thorpe Park, with each group earning just over \$6,000 each for their organizations.

The Deephaven Quasquicentennial is now history, an event and celebration that will be remembered by our community for years, if not for decades to come. The next milestone event worthy of another event could be the Deephaven Sesquicentennial in 25 years, but will it be that long before Deephaven has another community celebration? Will there be one sooner, perhaps as soon as next year? Well, that matter appears...to be continued...



Officer Kaylin Nelson, Child Passanger Safety Certified

Deephaven Police Officer, Kaylin Nelson, was recently certified as a National Child Passenger Safety Technician. As a Safety Tech, Officer Nelson can help keep children safe by inspecting the installation of car seats in vehicles and helping parents and caregivers understand all they can do to prevent unintentional injuries in and around cars.

According to the National Digital Car Seat Check Form database, 74% of car seats inspected in 2023 were found to have been improperly installed or used. The most common errors discovered were car seats installed too loosely, not using the car seat tether properly, and the harness being too loose. When installed and used correctly, car seats, booster seats, and

seat belts reduce fatalities by 71% for infants and by 54% for children ages one to four.

If you are purchasing a car seat, make sure to do your research and choose the right seat for the age and size of your child. Additional information on child car seats can be found by visiting the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website: https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats.

Choose the right car seat. One size doesn't fit all

Additionally, please contact the Deephaven Police Department to set up a time to meet with Officer Nelson; she will be able to inspect your car seat installation and provide information on ways to keep your children safe in your motor vehicle. Officer Nelson can be reached by calling the Deephaven Police Department: (952) 474-7555, or by email: kaylinn@deephavenpolice.com. 5

Clean City Corner



PSA From Public Works - To Flush or Not to Flush

Certain items should NEVER be flushed down the toilet as they cause problems with the sanitary sewer system. The damage can be extensive and can cause unintended environmental damage, sewer backups, and a higher sewer bill for residents. Avoid flushing the following "Dirty Dozen":

- Rags, disposable wipes, personal cleansing cloths, Kleenex and tissues - Some of these are marketed as flushable but they do not break down in the wastewater system, causing blockages and ruined equipment.
- Fats, Oils and Grease (known as FOG) A byproduct of cooking that accumulates in the sewer pipes and hardens, causing clogs.
- Garbage, feminine products and "flushable" kitty litter.
- Unused pharmaceuticals and medicines These chemicals seep into the water aquifers and waterways with unintended consequences to humans, fish and animals who might consume them. Dispose of your medications at a hazardous waste facility.





Organics Recycling is Available in Deephaven!

Organics recycling is a great way to reduce what you throw away and put it to better use as compost. About 25% of household trash is organic material like food, paper towels, or certified compostable products. The organics drop-off container is located at 20260 Minnetonka Blvd (Haralson Park, at the end of the parking lot). It is available 24 hours a day and equipped with a combination padlock to prevent illegal dumping. To sign up, contact us at info@cityofdeephaven.org and we'll send you a registration email with more information.

Another Way to Help the Environment—Take the **Stop Food Waste Challenge!**

Team up to fight food waste with the Stop Food Waste Challenge this August! The average family of four spends more than \$2,500 on food that goes to waste every year. The challenge is a month-long effort starting August 1 to help you notice when you are wasting food, commit to actions that will have the greatest impact in your household, save money, fight climate change, provide for your family, improve your cooking skills, connect with helpful

resources, and receive support and motivation along the way. Signup food waste opens July 1–find out more at stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org.





Your yard and the nearest lake, stream, or wetland are connected by the nearest storm drain or ditch, so the actions you take on your property affect the local water bodies. Stormwater runoff brings along any pollutants it has picked up along the way, but you can help reduce the amount (and save money) by following a few simple steps:

- Water wisely if your lawn needs water, do it in the morning when it's cooler to avoid evaporation, and make sure to aim sprinklers so they don't water hard surfaces. Lawns typically only need one inch of water per week, so if it rains, you can skip the watering.
- Mow three inches or higher This makes your lawn thicker, healthier, and more resistant to weeds, drought, and erosion.
- Sharpen your mower blades They will cut grass to an ideal height more effectively. Dull blades damage grass, which can discolor it.
- Leave grass clippings on lawn This puts the same amount of nutrients back into your grass as one application of fertilizer. If you don't want them on your lawn, compost them. Be sure to sweep up any clippings that blow into the street so they don't run down the storm
- Fertilize smartly (if you need it) If you choose to fertilize, only do it in the fall when it's most effective, in only the amount directed. Choose a zero-phosphorus fertilizer. Many lawns already have plenty of phosphorus in the soil and any excess will just run off into local waters and produce algae (do a soil test first if you aren't sure about your lawn). Another alternative to fertilizing is aerating your lawn.
- Pick up pet waste regularly In addition to preventing lawn burns, regular pick-up keeps bacteria from running off into storm drains and local waters.

Following these tips will help keep your lawn healthy while keeping our waters clean and safe this summer!

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The next step in planning the hockey rink involved an investigation into the current rink location to determine what, if anything, could be built there. City Engineer, Steve Hegland, worked with a drilling crew to core out soil samples 15 feet into the ground. The soil samples are then investigated to determine what type of soils would be underneath the rink and identify any contaminants or pollution that may exist below the surface. Unfortunately, the soil borings revealed several feet of very wet and "slushy" soils laying below a rather solid layer of clay. These types of soils limit what can be built on this site without removing several thousand cubic yards of dirt and replacing it with solid, clean fill.



Pictured: soil core samples from below hockey rink

Based upon that information and the examination of the soil samples, it was determined that the current hockey rink location could support a concrete slab with fiberglass boards and upgraded lighting, but would not be able to support a more expanded rink project that may include a refrigeration system and / or a roof over the rink. The City Council discussed and reviewed the findings at the May 26th City Council Meeting and approved the preparation of bids for a concrete slab that would support high-quality ice in the winter and roller hockey and other activities in the summer. The Council also approved the purchase of NHL hockey boards coming out of Atlanta, that will be resided with fiberglass and installed with chain link fencing around the radius of the rink. These boards are designed for outdoor use and will hold up well to the Minnesota summers and winters for many, many years to come.



Pictured: Engineer Hegland examines soil core samples

The Village Hall Park Hockey Rink Project is still a work in progress, but it is anticipated that the rink will be constructed and installed this fall and will be available and ready for a great skating season this winter.

Summer Hours May 26 to September 1 Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

City Hall Hours and Closures

Regular Hours Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. Upcoming Holidays
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 1
City Hall will be closed
on these days.

Meeting Notes

City Council meets first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Planning Commission meets third Tuesday; Park Board meets first Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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I hope you all enjoyed the 4th of July celebration. The weather was perfect, and our city was a buzz with activity. One of the greatest joys of being your mayor is leading the kids in the Pledge of Allegiance before the start of the parade. Looking out and seeing their smiling faces filled with joy and excitement, it reminds me of our shared values and what brings us together as a community, celebrating the start of our great nation.

Our next community event on the calendar is National Night Out, which will be held Tuesday, August 5th. The Deephaven Police Department will again be stopping by neighborhood block parties to say "hi" and to hand out stickers to the kids in our community. If you would like our

Officers to stop by your neighborhood event, please call our office at (952) 474-7555 and have your neighborhood added to our list.

It has been great to see our neighborhoods filled with families and friends this summer enjoying the days of barbecues and parties. One of the things that makes Deephaven so special is our community celebrations. Events like the Quasquicentennial Celebration, 4th of July and National Night Out feature what we love best about Deephaven. Through the hard work and dedication of countless volunteers, members of the City Council and our Committees, and of course city staff, these events are enjoyed by everyone. Please join me in thanking our hard-working neighbors, staff and friends for their time, talent, and treasures. **Mayor Kent Carlson**

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