



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Collection – Saturday, November 10th

Autumn leaf and yard waste pick-up for our residents is Saturday, November 10th. This is for curbside pick-up only and will begin at 7:00 a.m. Please do not drop off any yard waste at City Hall!

Please observe these requirements:

- ◆ Brush must be cut and bundled with string; branches cannot exceed four feet in length and four inches in diameter.
- ◆ Leaves and yard waste must be bagged **in compostable bags**.
- ◆ Bundles and bags cannot exceed 40 pounds.
- ◆ Please do not rake leaves into the street.



Rake-A-Thon

If you are a senior, or cannot rake your lawn due to a disability, the Rake-A-Thon can help you! A team of volunteers will rake your lawn and bag your leaves. This service is sponsored by Minnetonka Community Education and is FREE!

The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd.

To register to have your yard raked, or if you would be interested in volunteering your time to rake someone's yard, please email Sheila Arnold with Minnetonka Community Education at sheila.arnold@minnetonkaschools.org



Attention Seniors! Do you need help around the house?

Then the HOME program of Senior Community Services is the answer for you. HOME (Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly) offers an array of services designed to help you stay in your home. Our handymen can help with that dripping faucet that's just getting worse or with those other repairs that you just haven't taken care of.

Our homemakers can help with those cleaning tasks that are getting harder to do as well as run errands for you. This time of year, yard work might be on your mind as well. We have a large numbers of volunteers available every fall to help with raking.

One new service that we are offering is a Home Health and Safety assessment. During this one hour visit, we will identify safety issues in your home and work with you to make the corrective repairs. Our goal is to help you stay safe in your home and avoid falls. As a non-profit, we offer our services on a sliding fee scale based on your income. Don't put off help any longer, call us today at 952-746-4046 or visit us on the web at seniorcommunity.org. We also have an office conveniently located at Creekside Community Center so stop by for a visit. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thanks to the Garden Club!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the many talented and dedicated members of the Cottagewood Garden Club who are directly responsible for the beautiful gardens at Thorpe Park, Burton Park, Children's Park and City Hall that are planted and tended to by this hardworking group of volunteers. Thank you for another great year! Please visit their tab on the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org.



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City Hall Hours:

"Regular" Hours

Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours

May 29th to August 31st
Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
Fridays 8am to 12noon
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.



The Primary Election was held on August 14th and a total of 890 Deephaven residents turned out to vote at our two precincts. With 2,669 registered voters, this represents a voter turnout of 33.3%, which is an outstanding turnout for a primary election.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Election Judges, who do such a terrific job on Election Day at both the Primary Election and the upcoming General Election. Without their help, conducting elections would not be possible. Similar to many other communities throughout the Metro area, we are short of election judges to serve at the November 6th General Election. If you think you would have an interest in serving as an election judge, please contact Mary Courtney at 952-358-9937.

We also would like to thank St. Therese Church for providing us with the use of their community room during the Primary Election and upcoming General Election!

General Election—November 6th

Elections for local, state and federal offices will be held on Tuesday, November 6th.

Precinct 1 residents vote at City Hall and Precinct 2 residents vote at the St. Therese Community Room. The Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council (four-year terms) seats for the City of Deephaven are open this year. The candidates for these offices are:



Mayor (Vote for One)

Paul A. Skrede
Jim Sulciner

City Council (Vote for up to Two)

Tony Jewett
Tom Burton
Melissa McNeill

Registering to Vote

To vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years old on the day of the election
- A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days prior to the election
- Properly registered.

To save yourself some time at the polling place, if you are NOT registered to vote, please pre-register by October 16, 2018 for the General Election. Go to www.MNVOTES.ORG to register, or to confirm that you are already registered. You can also find your polling location and track your ballot on this site.

Absentee Voting



TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON-LINE:

- ♦ Go to: www.mnvotes.org
- ♦ Click on "OTHER WAYS TO VOTE"
- ♦ Click on "VOTE EARLY BY MAIL"
- ♦ Click on "GO TO ONLINE APPLICATION"
- ♦ Scroll down to "COUNTY WHERE YOU LIVE" and begin your online application requesting a ballot to be mailed to you.

A significant change has occurred with absentee voting in that you no longer need a reason to vote absentee. If you have a busy schedule on Election Day or if you will be out of town or just hate waiting in lines, simply submit an Absentee Ballot Application and the ballot will be sent to you. To learn more about the Absentee Voting process go to the City of Deephaven website, Elections tab, at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Absentee voting for the November 6th General Election begins on September 21st and ends on November 5th.

The Deephaven City Council certified the preliminary 2019 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund levy on September 17th in the amount of \$2,250,000, which represents a 4.3% increase in the property tax levy from 2018.

The public is invited to comment on the 2019 Budget at the annual Truth in Taxation meeting held on **Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** This is the meeting in which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the final 2019 Budget and Levy. The final 2019 Budget and levy will be adopted at this same meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the 2019 Budget:

General Fund Revenues – Total 2019 General Fund Revenues are budgeted at \$3,071,621 and consist of eight major budget categories:			General Fund Expenditures – Total 2019 General Fund Expenditures are budgeted at \$3,047,984 and consist of ten major departments:		
Category	2019 Budget	% of Revenues	Department	2019 Budget	% of Expenses
Taxes	1,883,000	61.3%	General Gov't / Elections	203,185	6.7%
Licenses & Permits	290,315	9.5%	Administration	301,661	9.9%
Intergovernmental	218,226	7.1%	City Hall Buildings	48,800	1.6%
Charges for Services	442,401	14.4%	Zoning/Building Inspections	249,701	8.2%
Fines & Forfeits	60,000	2.0%	Streets & Roads	111,600	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues	90,510	2.9%	Public Works	385,714	12.7%
Interest Income	55,000	1.8%	Parks & Recreation	87,050	2.8%
Fund Transfers	32,169	1.0%	Police	983,568	32.3%
			Fire Services	663,705	21.8%
			Animal Management	13,000	0.3%
Total 2019 Revenues	3,071,621	100.0%	Total 2019 Expenditures	3,047,984	100.0%
2019 Revenue Highlights –			2019 Expenditure Highlights –		
2019 General Fund Revenues are projected to increase \$96,165 or 3.2% over 2018 General Fund Revenues largely owing to projected increases in the property tax levy, building permit revenue, State Police & Fire Aid, cell tower lease revenue, and Contract Fees. - Service contracts with the cities of Woodland and Greenwood and the Excelsior Fire District combine to equal \$361,051 or 11.8% of 2019 General Fund Revenues. - The property tax levy continues to be the major source of funding for the General Fund, constituting 60.2% of the 2019 General Fund Revenues.			- Total 2019 General Fund Expenditures increased \$85,358 or 2.9% over 2018 General Fund Expenditures primarily owing to a 2.5% salary increase for municipal employees, a 5.1% increase in General Government, a 3.6% increase in the Police Department, and a 5.4% increase in Public Works. - With a 2.5% salary increase in 2019, scheduled salary step increases, and the addition of a permanent part-time position in the Public Works Department, General Fund salaries will increase \$56,079 in 2019. The 2.5% employee wage increase in 2019 follows a 2.5% wage increase in 2018, a 2.0% increase in 2017, a 2.0% increase in 2016, a 2.5% increase in 2015, a 2% increase in 2014 & 2013, a 1% increase in 2012, a 2% increase in 2011, and a 0% increase in 2010. - Public Safety Departments accounts for 54.0% of all expenditures in the 2019 General Fund.		

The Capital Improvement Fund (CIF Fund) is a critical fund that finances all street improvement projects and the replacement of all street, police and park vehicles and equipment. The CIF Fund receives funding from two separate sources.

The first is approximately \$94,000 each year in franchise fees that the City receives from Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy. Franchise fees are actually paid by Deephaven utility customers to Xcel and CenterPoint through a \$2.50 monthly franchise fee that appears on your monthly utility bill.

The second revenue source is through a \$400,000 property tax levy. These two revenues combine to provide \$493,000 per year in the CIF Fund – funds that are used to finance park projects, street improvement projects, and the replacement of aged vehicles and equipment that are planned each year.

2019 Property Taxes

The property tax levy totals \$2,250,000 in 2019, which represents a \$93,000 or 4.31% increase over the 2018 property tax levy.

If you have any questions regarding the 2019 Budget, we hope you will attend the annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3rd at Deephaven City Hall.



2018 Construction Project Wrap-up

We would like to thank all of our residents for your patience during our construction projects this year. The following is a summary of the more notable projects undertaken this year:

- ◆ Street resurfacing and gas main repairs were completed on Excelsior Blvd, Maple Chase, Highcrest Drive, Rosedale Avenue, Mount Curve and a small section of Linwood Road in September. We would like to thank our residents for your patience on this project. With all the utility work needed under these streets, the street repair work took the entire summer to complete.
- ◆ Storm sewer repairs were completed on Linden Road, Cottagewood Avenue, and Northome Road with the repair of several catch basins, a storm water line, and ditch improvements at Thorpe Park
- ◆ Sewer main jet cleaning & televising was completed in the south half of Deephaven.



Please Do Not Flush Disposable Wipe Products Down the Toilet!

We would like to caution everyone to NOT flush disposable wipe products in the sewer system. Unfortunately, many of these products are not only mislabeled as disposable, but also as flushable. However, unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed.

This type of material tends to plug the pumps in our lift stations, which could potentially cause a sewer backup in your house or your neighbor's house.

Please remember that this type of material should be thrown away in the garbage and never flushed down the toilet.



Snowplows are coming!

Winter is right around the corner and we want to give you some useful information that will help us clear snow from your streets and make winter driving safer.

- ◆ Please move your car off the street or a city parking lot during or immediately after a snowfall of two or more inches. You may return your vehicle to the street or parking lot after it has been completely plowed. Please move your vehicle if you have any doubt about how much snow has fallen or is falling. The police are required to tow vehicles parked in violation of this regulation.
- ◆ Allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the snowplow. Snow dust from a snowplow can obstruct your vision while driving, creating hazardous conditions.
- ◆ If you experienced yard damage from a snowplow in the past, please install stakes just off the road every 20-25 feet to mark its edge.
- ◆ Please do not allow your children or other children to play in snow banks near the street.
- ◆ Lower your driving speed and be extra cautious during unexpected winter conditions.



Snowmobile & ATV Regulations

City Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATVs under any of the following circumstances:

- ◆ On a sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian traffic.
- ◆ On private property without the operator 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, playgrounds and recreational areas, except for areas authorized for such use by proper authority when traveling to or from approved snowmobile routes.



Sidewalk Maintenance

Although we don't have many sidewalks in Deephaven, please remember that property owners with a public sidewalk abutting their property have the additional responsibility to ensure that all snow and ice is removed from the abutting public sidewalk 12 hours after the snow or other precipitation has stopped falling.

This is a thankless task so please take the time to occasionally thank your neighbors for their time and effort to maintain the public sidewalk during our long and cold winters.



Kids Free Movie—Saturday, December 1st

- ◆ Dock Cinema in Excelsior
- ◆ **Doors open at 8:45 a.m. and movie starts at 9:30 a.m.**
- ◆ Movie to be announced
- ◆ Meet Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog!

For more information go to
www.excelsiorfire.org





I really wanted to start this Mayor's Corner by asking you to 'Save the Date' for a Grand Opening celebration of our new building in Thorpe Park, but rather than pick a day in Mid-October for that event and then find we are off schedule a little, we will post the date on our website www.cityofdeephaven.org as soon as it is available. Please check the website often and plan to come ... the bathrooms will flush ... it will be fun!

Moody's Investors Services has upgraded Deephaven's issuer rating to **Aaa** ... the highest Bond rating available for a municipality. I want to thank Dana Young for his continued guidance and my fellow council members over the last fifteen years as we spent a lot of taxpayer dollars, but always kept the financial health of the City foremost in our minds! Moody's credited this rating in part to "fund balances and cash balances ... near 100% for the last fifteen years". And the ratings outlook is rated as "STABLE" given the City's "proactive budgeting practices". This provides the City yet another tool to use as we assess the financial needs of the City while addressing our infrastructure needs.

One of those infrastructure needs is work on Minnetonka Blvd ... estimated to be \$1,200,000. The Council has been looking at a combination of spending some reserves and/or bonding for Minnetonka Blvd work while continuing or expanding our current level of maintenance on our other roads. The **Aaa** rating might come in handy. Stay tuned ...

Please don't forget that in November you have some big decisions to make ... like "Will you rake those leaves, or let Ol' Man Winter cover them in snow"?

See ya' around the neighborhood!

Paul

Warming House Hours

Weather permitting; the warming houses at Thorpe Park and City Hall will be open starting on Saturday, December 15th. The warming house hours for the 2018-2019 seasons are as follows:

- ◆ Monday – Friday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday Noon to 9:00 p.m.

City Office will be closed : November 12th, November 22nd and 23rd, and December 25th

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

Summer Hours, May 29 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



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