



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Hall Hours:
September 2nd to May 23rd
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 27th to September 1st
Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
Fridays 8am to 12noon
Closed Saturday, Sunday and
Holidays.



Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 2nd



Mark your calendar for this annual event. More detailed information is being sent to all residential homes with your permit parking sticker. If you rent a home, contact City Hall to obtain a flyer.

- ♦ **Curbside Yard, Shrub, Compost & Tree Waste Pickup service will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2nd.**
- ♦ **Many disposable items can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fees will be charged depending on the item.**
- ♦ **Major curbside Electronics & Appliance Pickup service will be held on Monday, May 4th. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 30 for cost and pickup information.**



Road Restrictions

- ♦ Weight restrictions for local roads are in effect from **March 1st through April 30th.**
 - ♦ The City strongly enforces weight restrictions to prevent damage to streets.
 - ♦ Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the weight restrictions in their area. This is especially important when contracting with moving vans, delivery trucks or construction vehicles.
 - ♦ Most damage to roads occurs during the spring months, as the frost leaves the ground. The only vehicles excluded from this requirement are school buses, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles.
 - ♦ All roads leading to neighborhoods are posted with the allowable axle weight rating.
- For questions regarding these restrictions, contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The City of Deephaven will be flushing fire hydrants in the Pines and along Minnetonka Blvd and Ridgewood Road **the week of May 11th** in order to help clear the water lines.

During the flushing period, it's normal to experience some discolored water. The water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by simply running the cold water from your faucet.

If you are experiencing problems, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4775.

Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting - Monday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Board of Appeals and Equalization of the City of Deephaven will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 at Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in Deephaven has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact Deephaven City Assessor Dan Distel at 612-237-8094 to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, please feel free to appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and determine whether a correction is warranted. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Pet Owners: Time to Clean Up

Each year before the spring thaw, pet owners are encouraged to begin cleaning their yards of pet waste that has accumulated over the winter. The waste should be picked up continually during the spring thaw, as well as summer and fall months, to prevent bacteria contaminated water from running into city lakes, ponds and wetlands.

Dog waste is NOT fertilizer and it is NOT good for lawns. Most dog owners are unable to keep up on removing pet waste during the winter months, and waste accumulates, covered by each new snowfall. During the spring thaw, the bacteria and parasites from the waste that remain dormant during the winter months are unleashed into the newly formed streams running from your yard and eventually into the storm drains and ditches, ending up in our groundwater and lakes.

Although never a favorite chore, cleaning up the waste is the responsibility of each pet owner. There are services available for hire if it is a chore you would rather not do. Regardless of who does the clean up, it should be completed before the first blades of grass begin to grow.



Dogs permitted to use the PATHWAY through Deephaven Beach



The City permits individuals to walk their dogs along the pathway through Deephaven Beach. For the sake of those other residents and families using the beach, please keep your dog on the PATHWAY and please clean up after your dog. Thank you!

Cats on the Prowl!

Although cats are not required to be leashed or licensed in Deephaven, please be a good neighborhood and keep an eye on your cat and their adventurous activities.

Your neighbor may not be very appreciative of your cat rummaging around their garden or leaving their "special" droppings on their lawn.

Curb your Canine!

MUTT MITTS are available in our parks and trails for your use to clean up after your dog!

Keep a few extras tied to your leash so you're prepared for the inevitable.

Please be a responsible pet owner and help keep our parks clean for others to enjoy!

Also, City Ordinances require your dog to be leashed or at your heel under your command at all times when off of your property.

Part Time Summer Help Wanted

The City of Deephaven is accepting applications for summer help at our parks and public works department.

Responsibilities include: mowing, weeding, painting, street repairs, building maintenance, dock repairs, brush removal, weed whipping, landscaping, street sign maintenance, ball field maintenance and playground maintenance.

This is a 40-hour per week position that begins on or around June 1 and ends around August 31st. The hourly wage is \$11.00. Positions are open until filled.

For information and application, call (952) 474-4755 or stop by Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN. 55331.

2015 Boating Season

With the kickoff of the Boating Season on April 1st, we would like to remind permit holders that there are two primary requirements when leasing a boat mooring space from the City:

All watercraft must be at their assigned space by midnight on May 31, 2015.

Your mooring space must be used a minimum of 90 days during the season, which is defined as:

Docks, Buoys and Shorespace: April 1 – November 1
Slides and Canoe Racks: April 1 – November 15

We wish you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Mooring buoys still available

The City currently has 22 mooring buoys available for leasing for the 2015 season. If you are interested in owning a sailboat and would love the opportunity to moor your boat at the St. Louis Bay or Carson's Bay Marina, this is a perfect opportunity to lease one of the 22 available buoys. The rental fee for mooring buoys is \$450 per season.

For those residents who already have a 2015 watercraft permit with the City and would also be interested in obtaining a second permit for one of the currently available mooring buoys, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755.

Volunteers Needed to Help Seniors This Spring

The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program is looking for volunteers to help local seniors with leaf raking and yard cleanup this spring.

This is a great opportunity to get your family, friends, and coworkers together to support the seniors living in your community. This is a one-time, fun and flexible activity that can be done for 2-4 hours, weekdays or weekends. Interested?

Please contact the HOME program Volunteer Coordinator at scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org or call 952-767-7894 for more information.

Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with five programs serving seniors and caregivers in Deephaven. For more information on these supportive services please visit www.seniorcommunity.org or call 952-541-1019.

Cottagewood Store Spring Opening - May 2nd

Opening day is May 2, 2015, 8:00am to 7:00pm

It's a sure sign of spring, the front window sign flips around and the store is open for business seven days a week, from May through October.

After weeks of planning and preparation by the store's staff and volunteers there is always speculation as to who will be the first customer through the doors when we open at 8:00 AM. In the past middle school-aged boys have lined up early in the morning to have that honor. Each year the first customer is always different but their delight that the Cottagewood General Store is once again open is always the same.

It's been more than 100 years since Ralph & Stella Chapman stocked the shelves in anticipation of their first customer. There is no record of who that customer was but we are pretty sure that they were equally delighted to have a general store in their neighborhood where they could chat with friends and neighbors while enjoying a bottle of Hires root beer for 10 cents.



For more information about the Cottagewood General Store and the Cottagewood Community Foundation, please visit www.cottagewoodusa.com.

Licenses Required for Certain Contractors**Bill Pay Service Suggestions**

The City of Deephaven requires plumbers, gas fitters, tree trimmers and building contractors to be currently licensed by the City of Deephaven before they are able to work in the City.

The City requires these contractors to be licensed for the following reasons:

First, the licensing process ensures that gas fitters and building contractors are currently licensed through the State of Minnesota, which provides some assurance that these contractors are qualified professionals and are more likely to provide higher quality work.

And second, licensing requires contractors to provide

certificates of insurance demonstrating that they have proper insurance coverage in the event of an accident or some other unforeseen occurrence.

Prior to hiring a contractor to perform work in your house or property, please contact City Hall or go to the City's website at www.cityofdeephaven.org to ensure that the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Deephaven.



If you use a bill pay service to pay your Deephaven utility bills, it would be extremely helpful and could potentially save you a late fee on your utility bills to have your bill pay service:

1. Schedule your utility payment to be sent no later than 10 days before the due date. City Hall does not accept electronic payments; therefore your service company still prints and mails a physical check to our office. Please take into account weekends and holidays when considering mail time.
2. Include the correct account number and property address on the payment.

Thank you!

Building Permits**Street Repairs for 2015**

It's Spring Time! That magical time of year to start all those maintenance projects you need done on your home. Please remember that a building permit may be necessary for your repairs, remodeling, or additions. Common projects requiring a building permit include re-roofing, re-siding, decks, additions, furnaces, air conditioners, plumbing and electrical work. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about permit requirements. Permit applications are available at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

Now that the long Minnesota winter is over, it must be time for the street construction season! The City intends to mill & overlay St. James Gate, Old Kent Road, and Andover Place this year at an estimated cost of \$190,000 and seal coat sections of Virginia Avenue, Ridgewood Road, Talton Place, Lake Avenue, and Monaltrie Avenue at an estimated cost of \$30,000. A letter will be sent to all property owners abutting St. James Gate, Old Kent Road, and Andover Place prior to commencing the project to provide more specific details on the project.

A very common question is how does the City decide to improve one street over another?

Seal Coating - The City attempts to seal coat each street 5-7 years after it has received an overlay to extend the life of each street as long as possible.

Street Overlay – A street is overlaid with 2" – 3" of new asphalt if there is too much surface cracking to warrant a seal coat. Each street in the City is graded in the fall according to its condition and the worst streets are scheduled the following year for an overlay. Unfortunately, we cannot overlay each and every one of the worst streets due to limitations in our annual Capital Improvement Budget and the fact that we do not have a policy of charging special assessments to our residents for street improvements.

Year	Number of Permits	Permit Value
2005	534	\$ 9,384,029
2006	622	\$14,337,775
2007	590	\$13,532,474
2008	524	\$16,664,812
2009	399	\$11,737,115
2010	541	\$13,268,023
2011	494	\$ 7,579,378
2012	506	\$14,447,728
2013	572	\$18,515,926
2014	551	\$25,926,380

Parking Permits

**PERMIT
PARKING
ONLY**

Parking permit stickers will be sent to all residential homes in Deephaven beginning the third week of April.

These are exterior

window stickers and they must be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle on the lower corner of the rear window. For your convenience, we will again be mailing out two parking permits to each residential home this year. Hopefully, this will allow you to use both parking permits on your vehicles without having to come to City Hall for an additional permit. The sticker allows you to park from May 1 – October 1 in parking permit-only areas, including all City beaches.

Please be aware that you will be subject to a parking ticket if you park your vehicle in permit-only areas without a current sticker. If you currently rent your home, please contact City Hall on how to obtain a permit.

The South Lake – Excelsior Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 2015



The South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual 2015 Fourth of July celebration. Their goal is to raise donations for the annual fireworks display on Excelsior Bay. Any size donation is appreciated and can be sent to: South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 32, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Please make your check payable to the South Lake-Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and make a notation "4th of July 2015" in the memo portion of your check.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 26th** as the Deephaven Park Committee invites you to join us in our annual celebration of Arbor Day. This year's festivities will be held at **1:00 p.m. at Thorpe Park.**

Refreshments will be served following a short ceremony. Please come join us in this annual celebration!



FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE AND SAFETY FAIR

**Thursday, October 1,
2015 from 5:30 p.m. -
8:00 p.m.**

Activities,
demonstrations,
displays, fire truck
rides, FREE dinner,
and fun for all ages!

For more information -
www.excelsiorfire.org



KIDS FREE MOVIE

**Saturday, December 5,
2015 with doors open at
9:30 a.m. at the Dock
Cinema**

Movie to be
announced

Meet Santa and Sparky
the Fire Dog - for more
information
www.excelsiorfire.org

Check us out and Like Us
on Facebook, follow us on
Twitter, or go to our web
site at
www.excelsiorfire.org as
the dates approach for
more information.

ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S DANCE

**Friday, July 17, 2015
5:00pm—Midnight**

Hi Hats Polka Band from
5 p.m. –7 p.m.

Featured Band (to be
announced) 8 p.m.—
Midnight

Free Admission!

No Cover Charge!

Door Prizes!

Mega Sized Silent Auction!

Kids Activities!

Pork chops, brats, hot dogs,
homemade desserts, sodas,
beer, wine & 1919 root
beer.

Food, Fun, Friends, Family &
Neighbors! For more
information -
www.excelsiorfire.org

As golf carts replace snowmobiles and boats begin to replace fish houses on the Lake, I believe it is safe to say "We survived another winter". Some things never seem to change ... snow still melts when the temperature rises above 60 degrees in March!

Although staff has highlighted some upcoming events, please allow me to chime in from my perspective. We convene the Board of Appeals in an attempt to examine your thoughts about the Fairness of your property values. Some increase appears to be inevitable in today's market but, in selected instances, we are a necessary step in your appeal process before you proceed to the County.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts do a commendable job for Arbor Day. Prior to the ceremonial planting of a tree, they have routinely scoured the park for trash left by many of us throughout the winter. Their work is 'above and beyond' what would be necessary for an Arbor Day celebration, and I would like you to join me in saying Thank You to them at the event.

Spring Cleanup is a good opportunity to get our property looking better, but we need your help on a daily basis to keep the City looking better.

Hope to see many of you out enjoying your favorite activities ... and have a great Spring!

Paul

SOUTH LAKE SAFETY CAMP—Wednesday, August 12, 2015. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm For Kids in 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

Open to all residents in Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood & Tonka Bay. For more information contact Twila at 952-960-7902 or tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us

City Receives Financial Reporting Award

The City of Deephaven has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2013. This is the 19th consecutive year that the City of Deephaven has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

There are 32,070 municipalities nationwide with populations under 10,000 and less than 1% qualifies to receive this award. Congratulations to the City of Deephaven's Finance Department!

City Hall Hours, "Summer Hours" May 27th to September 1st

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

City Hall Hours, September 2nd to May 23rd

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

Your City Staff:

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

**City Office will be closed :
April 3rd and May 25th**



Your City Council:

Mayor : Paul Skrede

Council members:

Keith Kask, Steve Erickson
Darel Gustafson, Tony Jewett

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. The Boat Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday 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