



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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City Beaches Open for Season

Due to the significant shortage of lifeguards this season, Sandy Beach & Robinson's Bay Beach will not have any lifeguards on duty beginning July 5th until the end of the season on Sunday, August 14th.

Deephaven Beach will have regular lifeguard service for the rest of the season with the exception of Mondays. Here is a list of our beaches with information on lifeguard hours and off-street parking availability:



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- **Deephaven Beach** – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 7:00 p.m., off street parking available. No lifeguard service on Mondays.
- **Robinson's Bay Beach** – No lifeguards on-duty after July 4th.
- **Sandy Beach** – No lifeguards on-duty after July 4th.
- **Rocky Beach** – No lifeguards on-duty, limited off street parking available.
- **Nocomo Beach** – No lifeguard's on-duty, off street parking available.
- **Linwood Beach** - No lifeguard's on-duty, no off-street parking available.

Dogs at Beaches

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the sand portion of any beach in Deephaven. While we realize that it might be a special treat for your dog to romp in the sand, it's not so much fun for someone walking or playing in the sand to find the "treat" your pet left behind. Please be a responsible pet owner.



Email Alerts



Please send your email address to info@cityofdeephaven.org if you would like to receive email alerts from the City on a wide variety of items ranging from street closures, upcoming events, street sweeping & striping dates, street project updates, utility project alerts, lost dog notices, council meeting & public hearing notices, etc.

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

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



2023 City Budget Review by City Council

Monday, June 20 - 2023 Budget Overview, 2023 Salaries, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Capital Improvement Fund, General Government, Elections, Administration, City Hall, Police, Fire, Public Works, Streets & Roads, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Wildlife Management, 2023 Bonded Debt Fund

Tuesday, July 5 - Budget Review & Revisions

Monday, August 15 - Budget Review & Revisions

Tuesday, September 6 - Final Budget Review, Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy

Monday, October 17 - Park Improvement Fund, Marina Fund, Recycling Fund

Monday, November 21 - Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund

Monday, December 5 - Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt Final 2023 Tax Levy & Budget



Project Update

Streets - this year's Street Resurfacing Schedule includes the following streets:

- Highland Avenue, Jericho Road, Leroy Street, Lowell Street & Therese Street – the resurfacing of these streets has been completed.
- Hooper Lake Road, & Maple Ridge Road – the resurfacing of these streets has been completed.
- Day Lane, Monaltrie Avenue, & Lake Avenue – the installation of a new forcemain on Lake Avenue was completed at the end of April. Street resurfacing and storm water improvements are scheduled to begin at the end of July.

Street Overlay Improvement Schedule

The City has spent \$4,015,818 resurfacing city streets from 2015-2021. The following 2023-2026 street overlay schedule may be delayed or re-prioritized depending on the availability of city funding or the comparative condition of each street:

- 2023 – Dale Avenue, Manor Road, Ramsey Road, Sibley Avenue, Walden Lane, Walden Road, and Walden Trail
- 2024 – Circle Drive, Heathcote Drive, Heathcote Lane, and Heathcote Road
- 2025 – Dyer Lane, Lakeview Avenue, Linden Road, North Lane, Vine Street, and Water Street
- 2026 – Azure Road, Berry Lane, Chickadee Lane, Hillcrest Court, Hillcrest Lane, Hillcrest Way, Park Place, Pederson Street, and Western Road

4th of July Celebration in Deephaven at the Cottagewood General Store!



Come celebrate July 4th with us! This is a very special holiday for our community, without a doubt it is our most popular event of the season!

For further information and start times for our Pancake Breakfast and the Children's Parade and Raffle, please visit our website www.cottagewoodusa.com or call 952-470-8400.

Pedestrian Safety

Warmer weather means more construction vehicles and many more people are out and about walking and riding bicycles both along the City streets and on the LRT Trail.

PLEASE BE ALERT, drive slowly and with caution. Minnesota law requires that drivers of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and others who are crossing a street in a marked crosswalk.



Swimming Pool Discharge

For those residents with swimming pools, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has the following recommendations regarding the discharge of swimming pool or hot tub water:

- Once the water is free of chlorine, the water should be directed onto a vegetated surface to encourage infiltration,
- The discharge should not flow onto any other persons’ property, the city street, or create nuisance conditions.
- If the discharge flow is to occur across bare soil areas, care should be taken to prevent soil erosion. This can be done in several ways. The flow rate can be reduced to prevent erosion by the use of a small diameter hose, or additional piping or hose can be placed over the erosive area to prevent soil/water contact, and/or sod can lie in the bare area.
- Chlorination must be stopped at least three days prior to discharge.
- **Chlorinated water should NEVER be discharged to any surface water such as a storm sewer, ditch, lake or wetland.**
- **Swimming pool or hot tub water should NEVER be discharged into the sanitary sewer. This could potentially cause a sewer backup into neighboring homes.**



Emergency Gas Leak	Illicit Discharges
<p>CenterPoint Energy cautions that if the public smells, hears or sees a natural gas leak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the area immediately on foot and tell others to do the same. Do not use electric switches, telephones, cell phones, drive or start a vehicle, or do anything that would cause a spark. • Once safely away from the area, call the CenterPoint Energy emergency gas leak hotline at 1-800-296-9815 and dial 911 to report the location and description of the leak; and CenterPoint Energy will send a trained service technician immediately. • Never try to repair a gas leak yourself. Leave all repairs to a trained technician. 	<p>The City has a program to detect and prevent illicit discharges (oil, paint, fertilizer, pet waste, grass clippings, etc.) from entering the city’s storm sewer system, ditches, wetlands, or lakes. If you observe an illicit discharge, call 911.</p> <p>Discharges from sump pumps and foundation drains into the sanitary sewer system are also prohibited.</p> <p>If you observe an illicit sanitary sewer discharge, call City Hall at 952-474-4755.</p>



Mowing, Junk Cars, Boats & Trailers

Please be a respectful neighbor and make sure that your lawn is properly mowed and free of noxious weeds, and free from the unsightly storage of junk cars, boats and trailers. Deephaven residents are typically very conscientious about the appearance of their property and in being a “good neighbor”. Please remember that the City does have specific requirements on long grass and the storage of junk cars, boats & trailers as shown below:

- **Section 535.04 (z)** – the length of grasses commonly used in lawn areas including blue grass, fescue or rye grass blends of similar grasses shall not exceed eight (8) inches in length, excluding grasses on steep slopes or adjoining ponds, wetlands and lakes.
- **Section 535.04 (t)** - The parking, storing, or keeping on any public or private property any motorized vehicle, including boats and trailers, which (1) has a broken, missing or defective part that is necessary for normal operation thereof; (2) is stored on blocks, jacks or other supports; or (3) does not display a license or displays a license that is 60 days or more past its required renewal date, excluding those vehicles kept within a fully enclosed garage or other building and impounded vehicles held by the City.

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9 and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8.

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

- The August 9 Primary Election is a partisan election; you cannot cross parties while voting on the Primary Ballot.
- Federal, State, County and local races will be held at the General Election on November 8.

The following City Offices will be on the ballot for the November 8th General Election:

- Mayor – Four-year term of office.
- Two Council seats – Four-year terms of office.

Filing for Deephaven City Offices:

- Filing Opens – Tuesday, August 2
- Filing Closes – Tuesday, August 16

ABSENTEE VOTING

We strongly recommended that residents take advantage of the ease and convenience of absentee voting for either the August 9 Primary Election or the November 8 General Election.

Voting by absentee ballot is very simple - go on-line to www.hennepin.us/elections and follow the instructions to vote by absentee ballot. The ballots will be mailed to you along with a stamped self-addressed return envelope. You can fill out and return your ballot from the comfort of your own home.

- Absentee voting for the August 9 Primary Election begins on June 24 and ends August 8. In-person absentee voting for the August 9 Primary Election is held at Deephaven City Hall and begins on August 2 and ends August 8.
- Absentee voting for the November 8 General Election begins on September 23 and ends on November 7. In-person absentee voting for the November 8 General Election is held at Deephaven City Hall and begins on November 1 and ends on November 7.



Campaign Sign Regulations

We realize that one of the more contentious issues surrounding elections is the placement of political signs. This election season will be no exception. Please note that many of the regulations regarding political signs are governed by Section 211B.045 of Minnesota State Statutes, which states:

“In any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from 46 days before the state primary in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election.”

In summary:

- Political signs may be posted from June 24, 2022—November 18, 2022
- Signs must be located off of the public right-of-way and permission obtained from the property owner before you post any political sign on their property. If you are uncertain about where the public right-of-way ends, utility poles are typically located just within the public right-of-way.
- On Election Day, political signs must be at least 100 feet away from a building containing a polling place.
- Elections are also notorious for the theft of political signs. Please be aware that anyone apprehended for the theft of a political sign could face 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding political signs, please call the City at 952-474-4755.

Mayor's Corner

“Teamwork makes the dream work.” If I heard this once from my coaches in college, I heard it 1,000 times. Looking back, I understand now that my years with two different college sports taught me more about how to succeed than any other life experience. Rediscovering one of those sports, rowing, as an adult has shown me just how important teamwork is. Much can be learned from rowing, which is arguably the ultimate team sport. Everyone is literally pulling in the same direction. Every team member is expected to contribute, and those who don't cannot escape their responsibilities and expect success. It can take months and months of practices for a crew to achieve the collective cadence, consistency, and tempo to succeed.

The same can be said of any team - sporting, professional, or otherwise. Nothing produces results like working diligently together as a unified group, and our City Council has been working beautifully as a team this year. In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, it has taken months of intense work sessions and additional meetings to get to the place that we are at now. We have had the opportunity to lay more groundwork for upcoming city endeavors than ever before, setting targets for both short- and long-term projects, and developing a “wish list” of sorts for consideration in the future.

For the first time ever, we held goal-setting sessions as a Council, as well as separate sessions with both the Planning and Zoning Commission and with the Park Committee. We have taken all of the feedback that we have received from the generous volunteers in those groups, as well as feedback from the community, and formulated those into objectives with tentative timeframes. While we may not meet each of those objectives, or perhaps not meet them in the timeline that we had hoped, we have done more collective listening than we have ever done, and have a roadmap for where we hope to go.

In hearing resident concerns, one of the biggest changes that we've implemented this past year is the introduction of a new firm to provide engineering services to the city. Our new firm, WSB, specializes in engineering, community planning, environmental, and construction services. One of the many things that we are excited about is that WSB has tremendous depth of knowledge in the area of funding and grant writing, As city projects can be extremely expensive and often cost-prohibitive, we are looking forward to more fully participating in the resource programs that our county and state have to offer to communities like ours. A small example of areas for potential funding on the horizon that we are currently reviewing include: new bathroom facilities at Deephaven Beach, stormwater improvements, sidewalk opportunities, pickleball courts, and upgrades to our aging infrastructure at City Hall and Village Hall Park.

As we have heard from the community, communication is important, and we are working on developing better avenues for communication with our limited resources. As most of you know, our city staff, though mighty, is small in number. As an example, I personally attempt to help maintain our website in my free time and I know that there is always room for improvement. We are getting better, however. I strongly encourage everyone to sign up on our website to receive email or text messages for important updates. (“About” tab, “News & Events” link, then “Sign up for City Notifications.”)

I've run out of room to continue much further here in this newsletter, so before I get the red edit pen treatment from Staff, I'll leave you with one last thought. Every member of the City Council, myself included, are here because we care deeply about where we live. We want what is best for our little slice of the world, and everyone in it. We might not get it right every time, but we are listening, we are trying, we are involved, and we are committed. Social media is great for some things, but not for everything. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly with questions and concerns. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you rather than finding out that the conversation was bypassed in favor of a social media post.

Melissa McNeill
Mayor, City of Deephaven



Residents:

Please monitor your dog's when left outside. We are getting a lot of questions and phone calls about barking dogs. Our officers have responded to several homes this year and spoken with animal owners. Most often this response is enough, but some still do not monitor their dogs. The City Ordinance reads, "No dog barking repeatedly over at least a five-minute period of time with one minute or less lapse time between each dog bark during the five-minute period". Please be respectful to your neighbors and let them enjoy some peace and quiet.

Summer is here! Please watch for pedestrians and bicyclists on the roads. More and more people are out and about, so please eliminate the distractions like cell phones. We have been stopping and reminding people about the "Hands Free" law in MN.

If you have an event planned and are expecting several guests, please call the Police Department and we will post signs or hand them to you.

If you are parking in a Permit Area, please make sure you have the 2022 Deephaven Parking Permit on the window of your vehicle.

Please remember to lock your vehicles and homes. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicles.

Please consider getting a locking mailbox if you do not have one. We often take calls of stolen mail which leads to Fraud and Identity Theft. They are cheap insurance! Please mail outgoing mail in the Blue USPS Box at Chowens or City Hall.

I wish you all a safe and fun Summer!

Feel free to stop an officer and have a chat. We love talking to our residents.

Thank you, Cory Johnson
Chief of Police, Deephaven Police Department



Summer Hours at City Hall Since 2001, the City Council has permitted City Hall staff to switch to summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day to coincide with the summer hours of other lake communities. Summer hours began on May 31 and will end on September 6 with the following City Hall hours:

Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Noon

City Office will be closed : July 4th and September 5th

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

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

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