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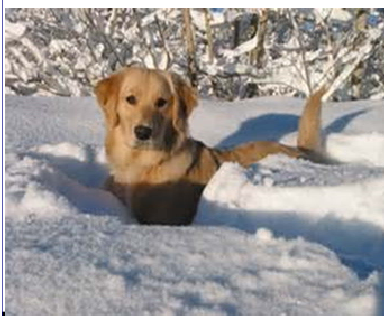
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City Hall Hours:
September 6th to May 26th
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

"Summer" Hours
May 30th to September 1st
Mon to Thurs 8am to 5pm
Fridays 8am to 12noon
Closed Saturday, Sunday and
Holidays.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will collect all real trees the week of December 26th and the week of January 2nd. The pickup will be on your normal collection day and is being provided at no additional charge. 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 garbage collection. Trees set out too early may get buried from passing snowplows, making it very difficult to free the tree from the snow.



Warming House Hours

The warming house hours at both Village Hall Park and Thorpe Park for the 2016-2017 season are as follows:

◆ Mondays – Fridays:	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
◆ Saturdays:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
◆ Sundays:	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
◆ School Holiday:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
◆ Christmas Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
◆ New Year's Eve:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
◆ Christmas Day / New Year's Day	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- The warming houses will be open through February 19, 2017 or later if the weather permits.
- Please note that the ice rink lights are now on a timer and will go off exactly at 9:00 p.m.

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.



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 City Hall 952-474-4755 or 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 17th. New appeals will not be heard at the reconvened meeting.

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, beaches and marinas.

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 2016 by serving on the **Planning & Zoning Commission, Boat Committee, Park Committee, Garden Club and Historical Society.**

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!!

The owner of a \$625,000 home in Deephaven will pay a total of \$8,027 in property taxes in 2017. Here's where your tax money ends up.

\$1,028 goes to the City of Deephaven – The City receives 12.8% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays \$86 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

\$3,369 goes to the Minnetonka School District – The School District receives 42.0% of your property tax payment for public education through the property tax levy and a voter approved school levy. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$281 per month to the School District.

\$2,888 goes to Hennepin County – Hennepin County receives 36.0% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$241 per month to Hennepin County.

\$742 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 9.2% of your property tax payment. A household with a home valued at \$625,000 pays about \$62 per month to these various agencies.

In comparison with the other 853 cities and townships in Minnesota, Deephaven ranks 17th in terms of offering the lowest tax capacity rate in 2016.



2017 Improvement Projects

The schedule of projects planned for 2017 include:

<u>Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Street Mill & Overlay on Deephaven Avenue & Park Avenue*	\$289,575
Seal Coating	\$ 10,000
Curbing Improvements on Minnetonka Blvd	\$ 15,300
Hwy 7 & Vine Hill Road Signal Light Improvements	\$ 90,000
Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising	\$ 30,000
Manhole Rehabilitation	\$ 30,000
Lake Louise Storm Water Pipe Repair	\$ 15,000
Vine Street Storm Water Pipe Repair	\$ 12,000
Minnetonka Blvd Storm Water Repair	\$ 75,000
St. Louis Bay Launch Repair	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$571,875

* The City originally intended to mill & overlay Excelsior Blvd in 2017 but the project has been delayed until 2018 due to concerns about excessive traffic congestion resulting from the Hwy 7 & Vine Hill Traffic Signal Light Project that is also planned for 2017.

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.



Deephaven's sanitary sewer system was constructed, in large part, in the 1970's. Now that the system is 45 years old, the system requires additional maintenance on both the public and private sewer lines to ensure that the system continues to function as expected. The City of Deephaven is responsible for the maintenance of over 30 miles of sanitary sewer main, hundreds of manholes, and 9 lift stations. The sanitary sewer mains are typically 8 inch pipes made of varying materials. Most of these mains are located under City streets, although there are a number of sewer mains located within public easements on private property.

To keep the sewer system in good working order, the City performs many inspections and routine maintenance activities. In general, the purpose of this work is to identify and eliminate areas where ground water is allowed to enter the sewer system (commonly known as inflow and infiltration or I & I) and to remove obstructions that could lead to a sewer back up.



Maintenance activities performed by the City include:

- Daily monitoring of lift station control panels that have been installed to monitor the condition of pumps and electrical systems in each lift station
- Monthly inspections of lift station pumps and electrical systems
- Annual manhole inspections
- Televising of sanitary sewer mains
- Jet cleaning of sanitary sewer mains
- Sewer repairs to correct deficiencies identified during routine inspections are scheduled as soon as practical

Apart from the public sanitary sewer system, it is also a good idea for homeowners to consider occasional maintenance of the private sewer line that extends from the sewer main to your house. Private sewer lines are typically 4 to 6 inch pipes that, over time, can build up with grease or be penetrated by roots. To ensure that your service line stays free from build up and obstructions, it is recommended that you consider having your sewer service cleaned at least once every five years.

If you have any questions about the City's sanitary sewer system or measures you should take as a homeowner to maintain your portion of the system, please contact City Hall at (952) 474-4755.

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 take into account the fact that the property owner is ultimately responsible for payment of utility and garbage bills.

Thorpe Park Grant Request

The City Council has authorized a grant application to be submitted to the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Program for a \$500,000 matching grant for some major upgrades to Thorpe Park. The improvements include a new warming house with an attached restroom, an asphalt surface for the hockey rink, new hockey boards and overhead lighting. The City's portion of the \$500,000 matching grant will be funded from the Park Improvement Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and undesignated funds in the General Fund. The City should learn in the next few months if the grant has been awarded to the City.

Solicitors, Peddlers, and Canvassers

Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers **are allowed** in Deephaven. For-profit sale of products or services require a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a permit ID issued by the Deephaven Police Department. The city does not endorse any specific product or service by the issuing of this license.

Charitable organizations conducting door-to-door sales or solicitations do not need a license.

Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property or you may contact City Hall to include your address on the Do Not Solicit List.

If you have a complaint about a door-to-door salesperson or solicitors, immediately contact the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555

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.

Staff Milestones in 2017	Don't trash fluorescent bulbs	Utility Payment Drop Off Box
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 10 years of service - Matt Case, Mary Courtney, Deborah Hicks, Cory Johnson, John Menzel, Teresa Pendleton, Chris Whiteside, and Dana Young. Over 5 years of service - Randy Clay, Josh Heasley, Jeff Kask, and David Klisczc. Less than 5 years of service – Troy Carlson, Ethan Read, Dale Cooney, Elizabeth McColl, Kathy McCullum, and Richard Meyer	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. Many hardware stores take old bulbs, and all types of bulbs may be recycled at Ikea in Bloomington or at the Hennepin County Recycling Centers in Brooklyn Park or Bloomington. More information is available at www.hennepin.us or 612-348-3777	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.



A Brief Word of Thanks & Farewell

On behalf of the City Council and City Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council Member Keith Kask for thirty-three years of dedicated service on behalf of the City of Deephaven. Keith displayed exemplary skills, leadership, creativity and high ethical standards during his thirty-three years of service to the City of Deephaven through his outstanding contributions as a member of the Deephaven Planning Commission (1983 – 2004), Deephaven Planning Commission Chairman (1985 – 2004), as a member of the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Board (2009 – 2012), and as a valued member of the Deephaven City Council (2005-2016). Keith is an outstanding historian of land use policies in Deephaven and a generous and thoughtful contributor to our community. He will be sorely missed.

We are also eagerly looking forward to working with Kent Carlson, who was recently elected to serve on the City Council, as well working once again with some very familiar faces on the City Council – Mayor Paul Skrede and Councilmember's Darel Gustafson, Steve Erickson, and Tony Jewett!

Please let me begin by saying 'Thank you' for giving me the opportunity to serve again as Deephaven's Mayor. Working for you is an honor and a pleasure. And, with the addition of Council member Kent Carlson and the re-election of Steve Erickson, along with returning members Tony and Darel, we have a group that is eager and ready to serve.

Speaking of serving, there really isn't enough room here to cover all of the contributions that departing Council member Keith Kask has made to the Community, be it as a Council member, Chairman of the Planning Commission, rep to the LMCD, or member of the Power Squadron, but I need to state here publicly how much I have appreciated his many contributions throughout his tenure with the City ... all 33 years! Thank you, Keith, for all of your hard work ... you truly will be missed!

As we get ready for the upcoming year, I also want to thank the Admin Staff, the Police Department and the Public Works gang for all of their efforts throughout all of 2016. We are truly blessed to have a Staff of this quality. Their 'can do' attitude and professionalism make living here a real pleasure. Way to go, my friends!

As we start the New Year, the rules are the same; if you have questions or ideas, we want to hear from you. If you have time to volunteer, please let us know. I am very excited about some of our upcoming projects, and I am sure you will want to be involved.

Happy New Year, everyone! Hope it's one of your best ever!

Paul

Please Note Changes to 2017 Council Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with several holidays next year, the dates of four Council meetings have been changed as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Original Meeting Date</u>	<u>New Meeting Date</u>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2 nd	Tuesday, January 3 rd
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16 th	Cancelled
President's Day	Monday, February 20 th	Cancelled
Labor Day	Monday, September 4 th	Tuesday, September 5 th

City Hall Hours, September 6 to May 26:

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

Summer Hours, May 30 to September 1:

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
Kathy McCullum, Woodland City Clerk

City Office will be closed :

January 2, January 16, February 20



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