

# Deephaven Digest

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## New Neighbors Bring a Special Guest to Visit

New Deephaven residents, the Okposo family, brought a guest to visit their new home earlier this summer. That guest? The holy grail of hockey honors, the Stanley Cup. Last June, residents, friends and fans of all ages met up at the Cottagewood Store to congratulate Kyle Okposo and his family for moving to Deephaven... and probably also for winning the Stanley Cup. The event featured food, refreshments, an opportunity to take a picture with the Stanley Cup and time to meet Kyle Okposo - who was a great sport and took the time to sign autographs and take pictures with just about anyone and everyone there. We had a chance to catch up with Kyle and his family to learn more about one of our newest residents, their experiences and what brought them to our community.

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**Welcome to Deephaven! We would love to learn a little bit more about you and your family. When did you first visit Deephaven and / or what led you decide to make Deephaven your home?**

“Danielle and I were looking at a few homes on Lake Minnetonka to try and figure out if we wanted to move to the area. We had just looked at a place in Spring Park and were just driving around

the lake when we took a left on Linwood Road. We had never heard of Deephaven before we took that turn. We made our way to the Cottagewood Store and immediately knew this would be the place for us. We bought our first home in the area at the end of that summer.”

**Origin stories are always a good way to get to know people... Where did you first meet Danielle, and where did you go on your first date?**

“I met Danielle at a movie theater in Faribault, MN. It was 2002 and we were getting ready for our Freshman year at Shattuck-St. Mary’s. We became friends shortly after meeting. Our friendship grew into a more serious relationship when I sprung for our first date at Fuddrucker’s. I *impressed* her with my ability to eat the one pound burger.”



Kyle, Danielle, Elliana (10), Odin (8) Livia (6), and Emmett (4) Okposo

**“Let’s talk some hockey.” Okposo article continued on Page 6.**

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### City Council Meetings

October 7, October 21,  
 November 4, November 18  
 December 2, TBD December 16

### Parks Committee Meetings

October 1, December 3

### Event Committee Meetings

October 16, November 20, December 18

### Planning & Zoning Committee

October 15, November 19, December 17



## Fall Events and Happenings

### Cottagewood Oktoberfest, Saturday October 5, 2024 at 4 p.m.

Mark your calendars - Cottagewood Oktoberfest is back! Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with live music, great food, and refreshing drinks as we celebrate as a community! We're thrilled to have Dog Park Gourmet Hotdogs serving delicious bites at the event. Plus, the beer garden will feature local wines from Everly Farms and craft beers from Arbeiter Brewing. Drink tickets will be available for purchase at the door. The event kicks off with a Kids Dance Party, followed by a live performance by The Teardowns. Come enjoy the party and help celebrate the improvements being made to Children's Park. Location: Children's Park / Cottagewood Store. [www.cottagewoodstore.com](http://www.cottagewoodstore.com)



### 38th Annual Rake-A-Thon Event, Saturday, October 26, 2024

Minnetonka Community Ed is hosting their 38th Annual Rake-A-Thon event, where volunteers assist senior members of our community or other people in need with yard raking assistance and support. If you are someone that could use assistance with raking your leaves, visit the following link to sign up for services:

<https://minnetonka.ce.eleyo.com/course/11103/fall-2024/rake-a-thon-2024>.

If you are someone interested in helping other people in our community and would like to volunteer as a member of the Rake-A-Thon, you can also visit the link above and sign up to help. This project and program is being headed up by Program Manager, Alex Fairfield-Johnson. Feel free to send an email or call him at Minnetonka Community Education with any questions you may have: [alex.fairfield-johnson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:alex.fairfield-johnson@minnetonkaschools.org) | (952) 401-6800.

### Autumn Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-up, Saturday, November 2, 2024

The Annual Autumn Leaf Pick-up Event will be held Saturday, November 2, 2024. Leaves must be in compostable bags and placed curbside by 6:30 a.m. for the curbside collection Saturday November 2, 2024. The bags must state that they meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and be "compostable." Most home improvement and hardware stores carry these bags. Bags marked "biodegradable" or "degradable" are not able to be collected, please make sure to use the proper bags.



## 2024 General Election Information

The 2024 General Election for local, state and federal offices will be held Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. For more information on voting, whether in person or by mail, or for more general information regarding the 2024 General Election, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State Website: [www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/).

### Voting Schedule and Important Dates

- Absentee Voting Opens Friday, September 20
- Direct Balloting Opens Friday, October 18
- Saturday Voting Hours October 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Extended Voting Hours Tuesday, October 29 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday Voting Hours November 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday Voting Hours November 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Extended Voting Hours Monday, November 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- General Election, Tuesday, November 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



### Precinct One

Deephaven City Hall  
20225 Cottagewood Road  
Deephaven, MN

### Precinct Two

Calvary Church  
18360 Minnetonka Boulevard  
Deephaven, MN



## Deephaven Council Tasks Trail Plan Committee to Study Walkability and Bikability, Use of Trails Around the City

The Deephaven City Council has established the Deephaven Trail Plan Steering Committee, consisting of members of the Planning Commission, Parks Committee, Minnetonka Public Schools and St. Therese Catholic School. The objectives of the Trail Plan Committee are to determine the constraints that prevent residents from using the City’s trails more frequently, and to establish a formalized Trail Plan to support funding requests to help pay for the proposed improvements from grants like Safe Routes to Schools.

Public engagement is an imperative component of this project; your thoughts and comments are needed to define our plan and help it begin to take shape. Residents and community members are encouraged to provide feedback through a survey posted on the City’s website: [www.cityofdeephaven.org](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org). Please provide your thoughts and comments by Monday, October 21, 2024. If you have any questions about the Trail Plan or the survey, please call City Planning Director, Pat Smith, at (952) 358-9938 or email [pats@cityofdeephaven.org](mailto:pats@cityofdeephaven.org).



## Meet The Candidates for Deephaven City Council



The Deephaven City Council will have two vacant seats that will be filled by this November’s Election. Two candidates have filed for office; here is a bit more about them, their families and their interest in serving our community.

### Emily Scherschligt



My husband, Benji, and I moved with our three then-young children to this area 10 years ago and I can’t imagine a better place to raise our family. As a City Council member, I hope to continue the work we have started during my first term serving on the Council and also to tackle new challenges in the next four years, if I am elected.

Some specific goals I have are: to develop a comprehensive and sustainable plan for addressing our roads; to update and improve our website and communication; and, to continue to focus on maintaining and improving our parks and common areas. The Council, working together with the Parks Committee, recently approved updates to Children’s Park that I think will be appreciated by the many residents who use and love that park. I’m also looking forward to updates at Village Hall Park, including the hockey rink, which will be funded by a grant we were awarded by the Hennepin County Youth Sports Program. I’m excited about ideas being developed by our newly created Deephaven Events Committee and look forward to a city-wide celebration bringing our residents together.

I am honored to be a part of the collaboration between the city and our wonderful community and to have served these past two years on City Council and as a liaison to the Parks Committee and Events Committee and hope to be able to continue in that role in this next term. Please reach out to me if you have thoughts about any of this or other ideas for Deephaven, I welcome the opportunity to connect!

Thirteen years ago, my family relocated from a neighboring town to Deephaven, driven by our desire to live in a verdant and welcoming village with easy access to parks, beaches, work, and schools. We sought a neighborhood where residents actively engage with one another, foster connections and build a strong sense of community. Deephaven embodies this spirit, and we feel fortunate to call it home.

I am running for city council because I envision a Deephaven that continues to grow and thrive for future generations. Our abundant public lakeshore, parks, and green spaces, alongside excellent schools, and a high level of public safety provide an exceptional lifestyle.

Nevertheless, I believe we have room for continuous improvement. My key areas of focus include: balancing fiscal responsibility with the need to support and enhance city services; protecting Deephaven's unique character as homes are remodeled and replaced; expanding and improving walking and biking routes throughout Deephaven; and, maintaining and enhancing our parks, beaches, and marina.

My wife, Juli, and I live in the Cottagewood neighborhood and take pride in our two grown children, Tom and Abby, who reside in San Francisco and New York. I enjoyed a 35-year career at Cargill in various trading, operations, sales, strategy, and business development roles, and now consult for the food and beverage industry. I have actively volunteered in Deephaven, serving on the Cottagewood Community Foundation Board, leading Cottagewood Store Lawn Sales, and serving on the Deephaven Parks Committee for over six years, where I currently chair the committee.

### Tom Erdmann



# Deephaven Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Draft 2024 Budget Information

The Deephaven 2024 Budget is currently in-line with projections, operating revenues and expenses are trending as anticipated to date. The 2025 budgeting process is also well underway. This article reviews the Preliminary Property Tax Levy process as we work towards the Final 2025 Budget and Property Tax Levy in December of this year.

## The City Budgeting Process

The City of Deephaven budgeting process is a year-round project that begins to take shape in the summer months of each year. The prior year's budget is compared to the revenues and expenses received to date, and projections are made and revised for the following year until the preliminary budget and preliminary property tax levies are established. Cities are required by Minnesota Statute to certify a proposed levy amount to the County Auditor no later than September 30th of each year.

The amount of the preliminary levy can be decreased, but generally cannot increase after it is certified. The city then carefully compares the revenues and expenses from September through December to establish the final budget and property tax levy. This final levy is what is collected as property tax the following year.

**Truth in Taxation Public Hearing**  
**Monday, December 2, 7 p.m.**  
**Deephaven City Hall**  
**20255 Cottagewood Road**  
**Deephaven, MN 55331**

## Balancing the Budgets and the Preliminary Property Tax Levy

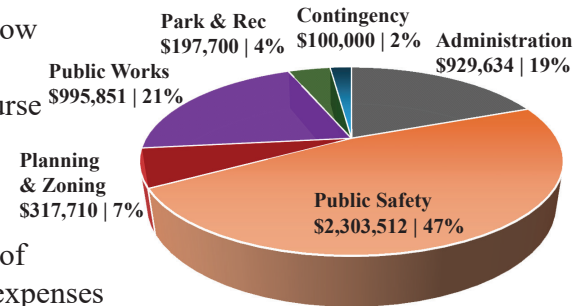
The City of Deephaven has three individual budgetary components that combine to form the annual Property Tax Levy: Ad Valorem (Operating) Levy; Long Term Bond Debt Levy, and the Capital Projects and Equipment Levy. Here is a look at how each of these three levies has contributed to the overall Preliminary 2025 Property Tax Levy.

## The City Budgeting Process

The City established a 2024 General Fund Budget last December with expenses totaling \$4,061,858. The City's Ad Valorem Levy for operating expenses was \$2,968,365. The Draft 2025 Operating Budget is currently set with expenses totaling \$4,880,408. The proposed Preliminary 2025 Ad Valorem Levy for operating expenses is \$3,255,425.06, which represents an increase in operating expenses of \$818,550; reflecting an increase of 9.67%. These numbers, however, are somewhat misleading. City Budgets traditionally apportioned Staff compensation, insurance benefits and retirement contributions, equipment costs and other costs across the Enterprise Fund Budgets (Water, Wastewater, Marina and Stormwater Funds) based upon the estimated percentage of Staff support and equipment expensed to those funds.

For transparency and to support a cleaner audit process, the General Fund now reflects all city operational expenses. To offset the expenses that benefit the Enterprise Funds, transfers have been established as contributions to reimburse the General Fund. This shift in budgeting structure accounts for nearly half of the increase in operating expenses depicted in the budget for 2025.

Additionally, these numbers reflect the general increases in inflationary expenses, compensation and insurance for all City Employees and addition of one full-time employee in City Hall. It is important to recognize that these expenses are mitigated by the revenues being paid by Woodland and Greenwood for the provision of Police, Administration and Public Works services. After review of all of these revenues and expenditures, the current proposed increase in the operating expenses from last year to this year is \$259,425. This number represents the amount the Ad Valorem property tax levy, if left unchanged, would increase over last year. A more detailed explanation and review of the 2025 Budget will be provided in the second article in this series.



## Long Term Debt

Another factor impacting the city's property tax levy are any bonds or other forms of long term debt the city may have. The principal and interest of these bonds is paid annually, which is reflected as a separate line item in the city's Property Tax Levy Resolution. Deephaven has one outstanding bond obligation for the 2019A Series Bond issued July 11, 2019, in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the 2020 Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction project. The 2019A Series debt will be retired in 2030, but can be called and paid early on or after February 1, 2027 for the amount of the outstanding principal and interest accrued to the date of redemption. The 2025 payment on this bond is projected in the amount of \$178,857; with \$145,000 of that amount being principal, \$25,340 being interest and \$8,517 being administration and interest fees.

## Capital Improvement Plan / Funding Future Projects

Cities often have budgets that incrementally fund large infrastructure projects and the replacement cost of large pieces of equipment on an annual basis. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund budgets operate under a concept of depreciating assets, where a portion of these large expenses is partially funded annually based upon the anticipated duration of usefulness of that asset. These annual contributions are accrued to lessen the burden or entirely cover the cost of replacement when the asset, equipment or infrastructure needs replacement.

The City Council and Staff are building out a Capital Infrastructure, Maintenance and Equipment Plan that will address the aging condition and disrepair of some of the City's streets, establish an annual street maintenance and repair plan, and fund the replacement of expensive equipment needed for municipal operations. The Capital Infrastructure portion of this plan establishes a stepped increase in the Capital Improvement Fund for the next three years to fund a series of road projects that will repair or rebuild all of the City's roads that are in poor or failing condition. The first of these projects is planned to start in the spring of 2026 and is proposed to correct or replace approximately three miles of roadway. Much like the Capital Infrastructure Plan, the Capital Repair and Maintenance Plan proactively supports the current and future repair and maintenance of our roadways by funding crack sealing, chip and fog sealing, maltene treatments and small area mills and pavement replacement projects on an annual basis. These methods of road maintenance and repair can extend the life of a road by decades over a road that is left to the elements and not properly maintained. The Capital Equipment Plan will provide incremental funding to replace large and expensive pieces of equipment used in municipal operations.

The City levied \$700,000 in 2024 to fund the Manor Road and Dyer Lane projects, purchase equipment for Thorpe Park, and to partially fund the walking trail constructed in Thorpe Park. The Capital Infrastructure, Maintenance and Equipment Plan would increase this levy by \$200,000 to support those projects and plans as provided above, for a total Preliminary 2025 Capital Improvement and Equipment Fund Levy of \$900,000.

As provided herein, the Ad Valorem Levy, Debt Service Levy and CIP Fund Levy are combined to form the City's Annual Property Tax Levy. That levy is then apportioned across all taxable properties in Deephaven based upon the market value of each property pursuant to the City's the tax rate. The Deephaven City Council has set the Preliminary Property Tax Levy for 2025 in the amount of \$4,334,282; which represents an increase of 11.6% from the amount levied in 2024 which was \$3,883,635. As provided above, this levy can be decreased prior to certification of the Final Property Tax Levy.

## The Deephaven Tax Rate

The Tax Rate is the rate used to calculate taxes for each parcel of property in the city. The local tax rate is computed by dividing the amount of the Property Tax Levy (after reduction for fiscal disparities distribution levy and disparity reduction) by the Taxable Tax Capacity of the City. For the purpose of taxes payable in 2025, the Preliminary Taxable Tax Capacity, as determined by Hennepin County is \$25,226,734. The Deephaven Preliminary Property Tax Levy is \$4,334,282. When the Levy is divided by the Taxable Tax Capacity, it provides the approximate 2025 Deephaven Tax Rate of 17.18%. For taxes payable this year (2024), the Deephaven Tax Rate is 15.99%.

The Deephaven City Council has set the Preliminary Property Tax Levy for 2025 in the amount of \$4,334,282, which represents an increase of 11.6% from the amount levied in 2024 which was \$3,883,635. The City's estimated 2025 Tax Rate would be 17.18%, which is an increase of 1.19% from the 2024 Tax Rate of 15.99%. The City Council and Staff continue to review scenarios for property tax levy increases that include 0%, 6%, and 9%; in addition to the current 11.6% preliminary levy increase. The main point of discussion and consideration of the Council and Staff is how actively and aggressively road improvements should be pursued, and how pro-active the City should be in maintaining and repairing our infrastructure and replacing equipment moving forward.

To learn more about the City of Deephaven proposed 2025 Budget or Property Tax Levy, please attend the Public Hearing on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The City Council may set the Final Property Tax Levy after the Public Hearing. If you have comments or questions, please share them with us by calling (925) 474-4755, or by stopping by City Hall during normal business hours.

### 2024 Area City Tax Rates

For comparison, here are the 2024 tax rates of some of our neighboring cities:

**Woodland: 9.11%**

**Greenwood: 10.13%**

**Tonka Bay: 13.97%**

**Deephaven: 15.99%**

**Orono: 16.35%**

**Minnetrasta: 19.43%**

**Minnetonka Beach: 20.82%**

**Shorewood: 22.36%**

**Excelsior: 26.47%**

**Minnetonka: 34.51%**

# Let's Talk Some Hockey, with Kyle Okposo

**Where did you grow up, when did you start skating, and where did you play youth hockey?**

"I grew up in St. Paul in the Highland Park neighborhood. I started skating when I was six years old and fell in love with the game skating outside at Groveland Park which was a few blocks from our home. I played for the Highland Central Capitals growing up. It took a lot for me to move west as an east side kid but I am sure glad we did!"

**Deephaven is the (self-proclaimed) Hockey Capital of Lake Minnetonka based upon the amount of former players and coaches that live here, as well as the number of youth hockey players that call Deephaven home. What advice would you share with the kids out there that are following in your footsteps?**

"There are so many different things you can do now to try and get yourself to the highest levels in athletics. I worked hard every time I stepped on the ice.

Without a strong work ethic, greatness is not achievable. However, I would implore kids to be kids. Children are specializing at such an early age in sports. Playing multiple sports teaches you how to handle your body in different situations. It creates spatial awareness you would not get if you only focused on one sport. Have kids try many things before playing one sport year-round."

**What are your best memories of youth hockey?**

"I loved skating outside. I still do. We had a rink in our backyard when I played in Buffalo. When I would come home from a tough game the last few years, I would go outside when I got home and just skate. It would give me the same feeling I had when I was a kid. The game was so pure. Throw your sticks in the middle, pick teams and play! That was what always brought me the most joy."



**You certainly lit the lamp a lot over the years. Out of all of the goals you have scored in your career, which was your favorite, and why? Was there a specific moment that stands out to you as the "best moment" of your hockey career?**

"There are two goals that really stick out in my mind when I look back at my career. My first goal I scored in the NHL was very special to me. It was late in the game against New Jersey and I found myself in the slot. I got a quick pass and one timed the puck past the winningest goalie in NHL history, Martin Brodner. My helmet was also knocked loose about 3 seconds before I scored. My first NHL goal was with no helmet and against arguably the best goalie to ever play. The other goal was the night after I found out I did not make the 2014 Olympic Team. It was a goal of mine going into that season to make that team. I was having a great season and was the second leading American scorer in the NHL at the time. I scored the overtime winner against Chicago the next night and the crowd started chanting "USA, USA, USA". I still get goosebumps thinking about it.

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**Finally, when you have time off, what does your perfect weekend look like? Does your family have any favorite hobbies, traditions or outings?**

"My perfect weekend would be spending time with all of my kids activities during the day, board games at night with the whole family, and finish it with a nice glass of red wine!"



**Thank you, Kyle and the Okposo Family! Welcome to Deephaven!**

## Skating Rinks and Winter Warming House Hours of Operation



It's not winter yet... and as of the issuance of this Newsletter it isn't even Halloween yet. Winter, however, is inevitable and will probably be here before the next Newsletter is sent. So, looking forward, here are some updates about the Deephaven Ice Rinks.

The Thorpe Park and City Hall Warming Houses will be open, weather permitting, starting on Friday, December 13, 2024. They may open earlier, or later, depending on conditions and our ability to make and keep ice. Remember, it takes several days to build a skate-able rink.  
Weekdays: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. | Sundays: Noon to 9 p.m.

### When it snows, it snows...

While fall is in full swing, winter is just a couple of months away. Here are some useful updates and items that will help us keep Deephaven roads plowed and safe this winter.

Please move vehicles off of streets and out of city parking lots during snowfalls, especially those with more than two inches of accumulation. Vehicles can resume parking on the streets or in parking lots once the snow event has ended and the road or lot has been cleared of all snow.

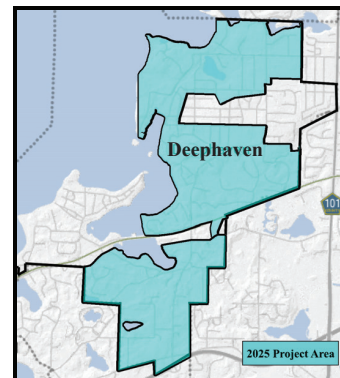
If your yard has experienced damage from a snowplow in the past, please consider installing stakes off of the edge of the road along your property line. If your yard is damaged by a snowplow, please reach out to the Public Works Department and we will help restore your yard in the springtime.

Please check the condition of your mailbox. Mailboxes can appear to be in good condition, but may have soft, rotted or damaged posts that should be replaced before the snow flies. The City is unable to replace mailboxes that are damaged due to snow being pushed up against them, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their mailboxes in good condition. If a plow truck blade makes contact with your mailbox causing damage, please reach out to the Public Works Department and we will help you replace your mailbox.

### 2024 Wastewater Main Inspection and Televising Project

The City of Deehaven cleans and televises a portion of the City's wastewater distribution system each year, with the intent to have the entire system completed every five years. The primary purpose of cleaning the mains is to clear debris to ensure that they are in good working order. Another important reason to clean the mains is to inspect the system and identify any areas of deterioration or problems with inflow and infiltration.

This year's wastewater main project will take place this fall and continue into next spring. While these projects typically have no impact on homes, there can, at times, be small issues that arise. For example, the air pressure created by cleaning the mains can sometimes travel through the private sewer line into the bathrooms causing minor backflows and sometimes causing a dry P-trap or drain. A "dry drain" is created when the cleaning equipment passes by a lateral service and creates negative pressure that pulls water from the property's drain traps causing them to be emptied and dry out. Dry drain traps can allow odors or a light "sewer smell" to enter the home. To correct the dry drain problem, you can run the sinks and flush the toilets in the home and / or try pouring soapy water down the drains. This will refill the P-trap and correct any odor issues within the drain. The map to the right shows the areas to be cleaned and televised with this project. Feel free to reach out to Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Kask, with any questions you may have: [j.kask@cityofdeephaven.org](mailto:j.kask@cityofdeephaven.org).



### Deephaven ATV and Snowmobile Regulations

The fall and wintertime provide great opportunities for getting outdoors. ATVs and snowmobile outings are a great way to enjoy the seasons, but only where it is lawful to operate them. Some of the areas where snowmobile use is prohibited include: on public sidewalks or walkways; on private property of another without written consent of the owner of the property; and, on any publicly owned land including parks or recreational areas, except for areas expressly authorized for such use. For more information on Snowmobile and ATV regulations, visit the City's website and see Chapter 7 of the City Code: [www.cityofdeephaven.org/code-of-ordinances/](http://www.cityofdeephaven.org/code-of-ordinances/), or contact the Deephaven Police Department: (952) 474-7555.



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**Mayor Carlson’s Mentions**

Fall is in the air; brisk mornings and evenings, and everything becomes pumpkin spiced. It was another good summer in Deephaven, people were out and about enjoying our wonderful parks and beaches. In furtherance of that theme, the City Council established a Parks and Trails Committee including representatives from Minnetonka Public Schools, St. Therese School, the Park Committee and the Planning Commission. This Committee will work to identify areas for improvement and connectivity throughout the City’s sidewalk and trails system.

This summer also saw the completion of the Manor Road and Dyer Lane improvement project. The City Council and Staff want to continue that momentum and recently completed a Street Conditions Study that identifies the current condition of all of the roads in our community. This Study is being used to create a long-term Street Improvement Plan that will schedule the improvement and replacement of all Deephaven roads based upon their current condition. The result will be a series of larger street improvement, replacement and maintenance projects addressing Deephaven streets, especially those rated in poor or worse condition. The Plan should be developed and formalized over the winter.

As we move forward, we will continue to rework and develop these project plans to be as cost-effective as possible. A balance will need to be struck between maintaining a low property tax levy and tax rate, while also properly maintaining, improving and replacing our streets and other infrastructure in Deephaven.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of our wonderful community! As always, I am available for any questions or comments you may have to share. We hope you will get out and enjoy the fall and all that the seasons have to offer.

- Kent Carlson

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