

Deephaven Digest

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Deephaven Quasiquintennial Celebration

June 7, 2025 will mark the 125th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the current-day City of Deephaven. On June 7, 1900, 46 residents of the Villages of Deephaven, Cottagewood, Northome and Summerville voted to incorporate into the Village of Deephaven that then became the City of Deephaven. In an effort to celebrate this event, the Deephaven City Council established an Events Committee that has been planning for the 125th Anniversary Event for the better part of a year. The 125th Anniversary Celebration will take place in Thorpe Park due to its location and ability to hold large crowds, and will feature live music, food trucks and other events for the enjoyment of our community. Details and updates will be forthcoming and will also be posted on the Deephaven City Website: <https://cityofdeephaven.org/>.



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Deephaven 2025 Budget, Property Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Information

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Warming House Hours Village Hall | Thorpe Park

Monday through Saturday:

1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sundays and Holidays:

12:00 Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Be Safe, Be Aware of Thin Ice

Winter ice conditions are highly variable and can change very rapidly from day to day. Safety officials stress the importance of anyone heading out onto the ice to check its thickness for themselves and to not rely on other people's footprints, tracks or social media posts. Please consider following the DNR's guidelines for maximum safety:

- Consider wearing a life jacket or float coat while on the ice
- Carry ice picks, rope, a chisel and measuring tape
- Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions change quickly
- Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon
- Don't go alone, bring a friend or tell someone where you are going
- Check the weather and research ice conditions prior to your event
- Do not leave children unattended on frozen ponds or lakes



Cottagewood Garden Club

Winter may seem an odd time to think about gardening, but it's a perfect time for reflection, planning and some deeper thought about how you want your yard and gardens to look and function. Is this the year to plant more natives, help pollinators, reduce maintenance, mowing and your chemical and water use? Or is this the year to expand planting beds, consider a rain garden or finally address overgrown or failing shrubs?

Change can be difficult so clarifying your goals in advance helps. Other items on your winter checklist might include: repairing or replacing tools, showing some love to indoor plants that might need repotting or splitting, keeping track on a calendar of significant weather events that may affect results in the growing season or inspecting your yard for salt, wind or animal damage. Leaving flower seedheads standing provides food and habitat for birds and enhances the beauty only winter offers. With or without snow!



Help Birds Survive Wintertime



Do cardinals and other birds stuck in our frigid winters ever lament they weren't born a migrating warbler who is now enjoying sunny Mexico? Those of us who aren't human "snowbirds" have developed coping strategies, but what do birds do? Our yards, gardens and parks are key to their survival. Evergreens provide 12-month protection against the elements and predators. Plants with berries, like native hackberry, serviceberry, chokeberry, and no surprise, winterberry, are a crucial source of nutrition and easy to grow and maintain. Other vital food sources are the seedheads from plants like coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, asters, bee balm, joe-pye weed and prairie blazing star, but only if we don't cut them down in our fall clean-up! They might look dead to us, but they are life-giving to birds. We can also feed them and provide water with a note of caution—since they may come to rely on us, we should be consistent. Keeping feeders filled and clean is important, and a heater is needed to keep their water from freezing. Since their populations are down a distressing 80%, an ideal strategy might be to plant natives AND feed them. Many of us will find comfort in watching birds at our feeders, knowing we're going to get through winter together.

Thank You, Deephaven Garden Club!

We would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" and our sincere gratitude for your hard work and effort in beautifying our community! The gardens you plant and meticulously maintain all summer long at City Hall, Thorpe Park, Burton Park and Children's Park look stunning and are enjoyed by everyone in our community. To learn more about the Cottagewood Garden Club, visit their website: <https://cottagewoodgardenclub.com/>.

Winter City Meeting Schedule

Wintertime, the new year and the holidays offer opportunities for reflection, family time and celebration. The City will continue the tradition of cancelling the second Council Meeting of the month in January and February, with the regular meeting schedule recommencing in March. The January and February meeting dates and times are Monday, January 6 and Monday, February 3, 2025. The City Council will have an internal Goal Setting Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5 p.m., but no Council action is planned as this event is for discussion and informational purposes only. In March, Council Meetings will be held on the first and third Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. Additional information on the City's scheduled meetings can be found on the City of Deephaven website: www.cityofdeephaven.org.

January

February

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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- Holiday / Closed
- Park Committee
- Planning and Zoning
- Council Meeting
- Events Committee
- Fire Board
(Shorewood Station)

All meetings, with the exception of the Fire Board meeting, begin at 7 p.m. and are held in Deephaven City Hall.

Deephaven 2025 Budget and Levy Continued

The City's Capital Improvement Fund proposed levy for next year is \$900,000, which represents an increase in capital funding in the amount of \$200,000 from the amount levied in 2024 of \$700,000; representing an increase of roughly 28.57%. The increase in capital funding proposed for next year will support planned improvements to Village Hall Park and set up funding for the proposed 2026 Street Improvement Project in the Thorpe Park area. Based upon these figures, the City's total 2025 Property Tax Levy is currently recommended to be \$4,256,885.65; which represents an increase of \$373,250.65 from the 2024 Property Tax Levy of \$3,883,635, an overall increase of 9.61%.

The City's Tax Rate is determined by dividing the total Property Tax Levy, less the Fiscal Disparities contribution, by the City's Total Tax Capacity. As provided above, the Property Tax Levy was set in the amount of \$4,256,885.65. Subtracting Fiscal Disparities of \$32,043, the applicable levy for Tax Rate calculation purposes is \$ 4,224,842.65. The 2025 Deephaven Total Tax Capacity has been established by the Hennepin County Assessor in the amount of \$25,226,734. On that basis, the Deephaven 2025 Tax Rate is established at 16.74%.

The following chart illustrates what your property tax dollar supports in our community. For more information, stop by City Hall for a copy of the City's 2024 Budget and Property Tax Publication, or view it online here:

<https://cityofdeephaven.org/truth-in-taxation-informational-letter/>.

Where does your property tax dollar go?*

Minnetonka Schools 41¢ Hennepin County 36¢ 7¢ Other Deephaven 16¢



This graphic depicts what is funded by every tax dollar collected.

- 7¢ Police Services**
- 2.5¢ Administration**
- 3¢ Public Works**
- 2¢ Fire Services**
- 1¢ Planning and Zoning**
- .5¢ Parks and Recreation**

*"Other" includes the Met Council, any Fiscal Disparity Tax, TIF Districts or other Special Taxing Districts

*Based upon a 2024 home valuation of approximately \$1,500,000 located in the City of Deephaven, Minnesota.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Public Hearing

The Deephaven Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6 p.m. in Deephaven City Hall: 20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven, MN 55331

Long Term Debt

The long-term debt a city has incurred is a factor impacting the city's property tax levy. 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 \$1,635,856 for the 2020 Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction project. The 2019A Series debt will be satisfied 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 in the amount of \$192,045; with \$155,000 of that amount being principle, and the remaining \$37,045 being administration and interest fees.

Bond / Loan	Annual Payment	Balance	Interest Rate	Maturity Year	Call Date
2019 A Series	\$192,045	\$696,300	3% - 4%	2030	January, 2027

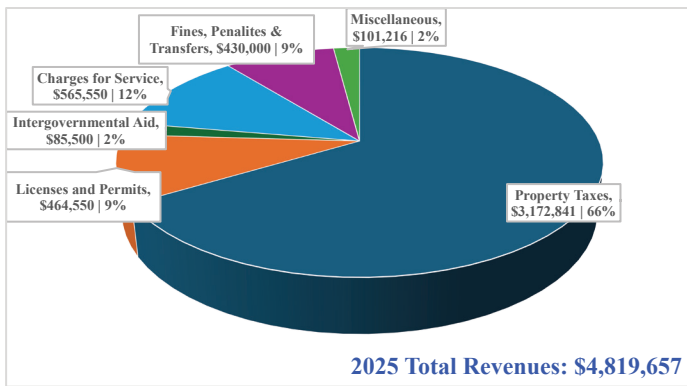
Funding Future Projects

The City also has a fund into which incremental transfers are made to offset the expense of future large-scale projects and equipment purchases. Depreciation schedules have been established for most assets with a value over \$10,000 and annual contributions to this fund support timely replacement of these assets when needed. The City also has funds for future infrastructure projects. By funding those incrementally now we decrease the burden or dependence of bonding for these projects in the future. For 2025, the City is proposing a levy of \$900,000 that will support planned projects in 2025. These include construction of a Hockey Rink, Warming House and T-ball Field in Village Hall Park, as well as creating a funding process for the proposed 2026 Street Improvement Project that is planned for the Thorpe Park area.

For more information regarding the Deephaven 2025 Budget and Property Tax Levy, visit the City's Website: <https://cityofdeephaven.org/truth-n-taxation/> or contact City Hall during normal business hours.

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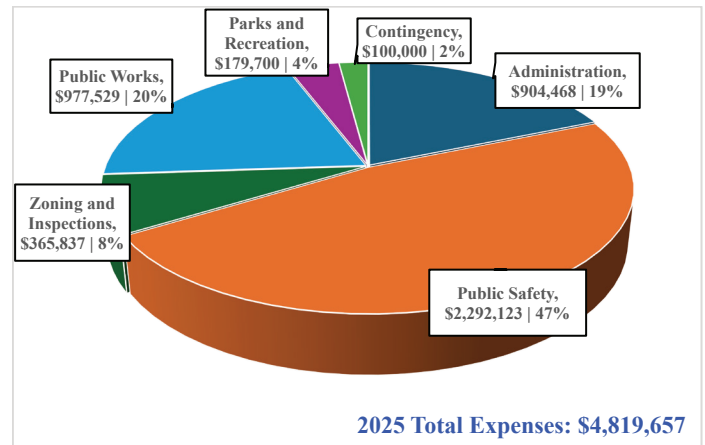


2025 Projected Revenues

The pie chart featured to the left highlights the general categories of revenues received by the city that support city services and operations. Property taxes provide the majority of city revenues (66%). Other sources of revenue that support city operations include revenues generated from Fund Transfers (9%), Licenses and Permits (9%), Charges for Service (12%) and a variety of smaller Miscellaneous sources of revenue (2%).

2025 Projected Expenses

The pie chart featured to the right highlights the general categories of expenses involved in city operations and through the provision of city services. Public Safety (Police and Fire Services) comprises the largest portion of the City’s annual budget, with a combined cost of \$2,292,123, constituting approximately 47% of the annual budget. Administration (19%), Public Works (20%) and Zoning and Inspections (8%) round out the other major categories of annual expenditures.



Putting it into Practice

As provided above, the City’s annual budgeting process ends with a determination of the property taxes that need to be levied to fund the provision of city services. The property tax levy set by the Council is certified to the County and apportioned across all taxable property in the City pursuant to property classification, property valuation and pursuant to the City’s tax rate. An overview of how this works is provided on the following page. Property owners that feel the valuation or classification of their property is inaccurate may appeal to the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

The purpose of the Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE or the Board) is to determine whether the taxable property in the city has been properly classified and / or valued by the assessor. Any changes to property valuations made by the Board must be substantiated by facts. Any value reductions approved must be justified because they have the effect of shifting the tax burden to other property in the jurisdiction. Further, any changes made by the Board must meet statutory guidelines as provided in Minnesota Statute Chapter §274. Property owners who seek to appeal the assessment of their properties typically must first contact the City Assessor directly prior to the Board of Equalization and Appeal meeting. The Deephaven contact serving as our City Assessor is Michael Smerdon. Mr. Smerdon can be reached at Michael.Smerdon@hennepin.us | (612) 596-1362.

Parcel Tax Capacity

Here is a current example of the property tax system put into practice with a property located in the City of Deephaven. This property has an estimated market value of \$1,569,100, and with no exemptions or deductions applicable, a taxable market value also of \$1,569,100. This property is zoned residential with a residential use, and because it is valued greater than \$500,000 it is assigned a class rate of 1% for the first \$500,000 and a class rate of 1.25% for the remainder of the value. When the taxable market value is multiplied by the property's tax rate of 1% for the first \$500,000 in value, and 1.25% for the remaining estimated market value, the property is given a net tax capacity of \$18,363.75.

Deephaven Tax Rate

The City of Deephaven approved the 2025 Preliminary Property Tax Levy at the September 18, 2024 Council Meeting by Resolution in the amount of \$4,334,282. Subtracting Fiscal Disparities, the levy becomes \$4,302,239.06. The net taxable tax capacity for Deephaven in 2025, as set by the County Assessor, is \$25,226,734. When the property tax levy is divided by the City's net taxable tax capacity, it provides us with the 2025 Deephaven Tax Rate of 17.056%.

Parcel Specific Tax Rate

The net tax capacity of this specific parcel, as provided above, is \$18,364. The City's 2025 Tax Rate is 17.056%. When the net tax capacity is multiplied by the City's tax rate, it gives us the property taxes to be paid to the City in the amount of \$3,132.16. This amount is added to the taxes of the other jurisdictions to provide the total taxes due in 2025.

Taxation Process in Review

Step 1: Local, County and School District officials review their budgets each year to determine how much money should be raised from property taxes to cover operational expenses and support the provision of services to the community.

Step 2: The levy is spread among all taxable properties according to their tax capacity: $\text{Taxable Market Value} \times \text{Classification Rate} = \text{Tax Capacity}$.

Addresses for correspondence	Actual 2024	Proposed 2025
Hennepin County, A2400 300 S Sixth St Minneapolis MN 55487 612-348-3011 hennepin.us	\$6,539.34	\$6,995.02
City of DEEPHAVEN City Hall 20225 Cottagewood Rd Deephaven MN 55331 952-474-4755 cityofdeephaven.org	\$2,919.28	\$3,132.16
STATE GENERAL TAX		
School District 276		
Voter Approved Levy:	\$4,653.37	\$4,633.62
Other Local Levies:	\$3,152.02	\$3,463.74
School District Total:	\$7,805.39	\$8,097.36
Minnetonka Schools 5621 Hwy 101 S Minnetonka MN 55345 952-401-5000 minnetonkaschools.org		
Metropolitan Council 390 Robert Street North St Paul MN 55101-1805 651-602-1738 metro council.org/budget	\$338.15	\$370.95
Other Special Taxing Dist:	\$885.46	\$942.29
Fiscal Disparity Tax:		
Tax Increment Tax:		
TAX EXCLUDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	\$18,487.62	\$19,537.78

Property taxes statement schedule

Step 1	Value & classification	2024	2025
		HOMESTEAD	HOMESTEAD
	TAX YEAR PAYABLE		
	CLASS:		
	Estimate Market Value:	\$1,559,900.00	\$1,569,100.00
	Homestead Exclusion:		
	Other Exclusion/Deferral:		
	Taxable Market Value:	\$1,559,900.00	\$1,569,100.00

Step 3: The levy and total tax capacity for all properties are used to calculate the local tax rate: $\text{Local Tax Levy} / \text{Total Tax Capacity} = \text{Local Tax Rate}$.

Step 4: County Auditor determines if any tax credits or additional taxes apply. These may include property tax credits, referendum levies, State general taxes or taxes from special taxing jurisdictions.

Step 5: Property Tax Notices are compiled for each property that list the taxes assessed to the property by jurisdiction. Taxes are then assessed to each property and collected by the County annually.

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. in Council Chambers of City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, Minnesota 55331. The City Council may set the Final Property Tax Levy after the Public Hearing at this City Council Meeting. If you have comments or questions, please share them with City Staff by contacting City Hall at (952) 474-4755 or stop by City Hall during normal business hours.



Winter Parking Regulations

Wintertime and snow accumulation are a constant battle for communities across our great State. We need your help to ensure that our roads are free from vehicles during snowstorms to support our snow plowing activities. Deephaven City Ordinance 700.05, Subd. 2 prohibits vehicles from being parked or left unattended on City streets or in City parking lots after two inches or more of snow has fallen during a snow event. Vehicles must remain off of all streets and out of all parking lots until our city roads and parking lots have been plowed and cleared of snow. Thank you, we greatly appreciate your cooperation and support.

Snowmobile & ATV Operation

Wintertime is the best time of year for snowmobile enthusiasts. Safe operation of snowmobiles and ATVs includes knowing where and when you can ride them in our community. If you plan on operating a snowmobile or ATV this winter, please be aware that Deephaven City Ordinance No. 705.03 prohibits the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's under any of the following circumstances:

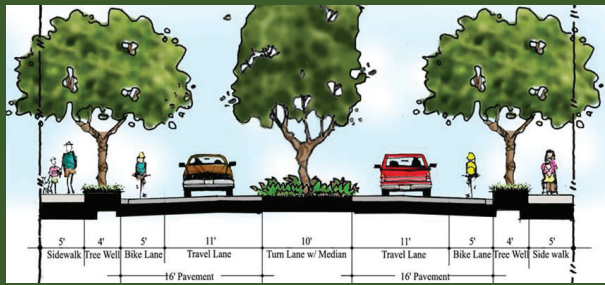
- * On a sidewalk or walkway used for pedestrian traffic,
On private property without having in possession written consent from the property owner,
- * On any public land or frozen waters including, but not limited to, school property, park property, public beaches, playgrounds and recreational areas 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.
- * On any street except when traveling to or from an approved area by the shortest legal route.



Thank you, and please ride safely.

Parks & Trails Committee Open House 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2025

The Parks & Trails Committee will hold an open house on January 30, 2025 to provide updates and share opportunities regarding the connectivity of the sidewalks and trails throughout our community.



Republic Sanitation Christmas Tree Collection

Republic will be picking up Christmas Trees the weeks of January 6, and January 13, 2025. There is no charge for this pickup and the trees collected as part of this program will be chipped and used for compost. Place the tree curbside by 6 a.m. on your trash collection day, either the first or second week in January. Before trees are recycled, please remove all lights, tinsel, wire and ornaments, as well as bags you may have used to bring the tree in and out of the house. If it is longer than 8 feet, please cut the tree into sections.

Shoveling? Don't forget the mailbox...

The width of the street right-of-way is designed to provide room for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks and other public uses. However, private mailboxes are also often located in the right-of-way and

digging out mailboxes is a private property owner's responsibility. The City of Deephaven plow operators will plow as close to mailboxes as snow accumulation will allow.

If your mailbox is physically hit and damaged by a plow, the City will repair or replace it immediately; however, the City will only replace a mailbox directly hit by a plow, not ones broken by snow heave, wear and tear from the elements or age.

It is important for residents to clear snow accumulations from around the entire mailbox. Doing so not only reduces the chance of snowplow damage, it also goes a long way in helping the United States Postal Service safely and timely deliver your mail.

Don't Be Salty... Salt Smart This Winter!

Salt is an important means of preventing slips, falls and accidents on our walkways and roads each winter. Unfortunately, salt can have a detrimental impact on our habitat and environment if overused. According to environmental experts, it only takes 1 teaspoon of salt to pollute 5 gallons of water to a level that is toxic for freshwater eco-systems like Lake Minnetonka. To protect our lakes and community, please consider using salt cautiously and sparingly. Here are some suggestions to help maximize the benefits of minimal salt use this winter:



- * Most salts stop working at temperatures around 15 degrees Fahrenheit, try to avoid using salt at temperatures around there and lower. While it won't melt the ice, using sand as a salt substitute when it is cold can help with traction and visibility of slippery areas.
- * You can probably use less salt than you think. Salt will continue to melt ice even after it dilutes into the melted ice water. Spreading salt on ice is very effective if the salt grains are spread out to the point they resemble stars in the night sky.
- * If you notice excess salt on a dry pavement, it can still be swept up and re-used at a later time. That will help conserve salt usage and help keep it from washing down into Lake Minnetonka.

Thank you for your smart usage of salt this winter. For more information on winter salt and safety, additional information can be found on the University of Minnesota Sustainability Website:

<https://sustainable.umn.edu/sustainable-campus>.

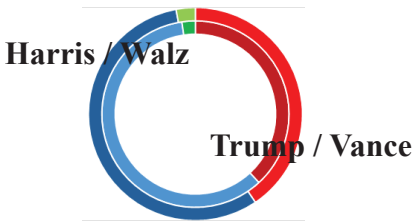
2024 General Election Results

The 2024 General Election is complete. Please join us in both thanking and congratulating Council Members Tom Erdmann and Emily Scherschligt in their election to the Deephaven City Council! We sincerely appreciate your time and dedication in the advancement of our community!

Here is a little more detail and context on how Deephaven voted on some of the contested major races in the 2024 General Election:

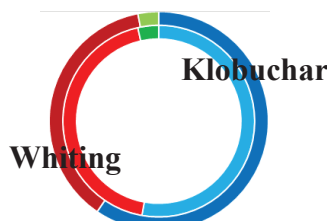
Presidential Election

	Trump / Vance	Harris / Walz	Other
Precinct 1	477	745	29
Precinct 2	599	836	43



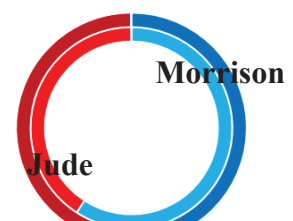
U.S. Senate

	Klobuchar	Whiting	Other
Precinct 1	496	410	33
Precinct 2	873	549	45



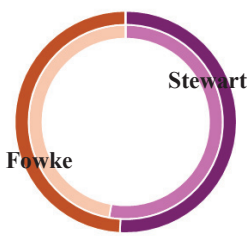
U.S. Rep. District 3

	Morrison	Jude	Other
Precinct 1	731	505	0
Precinct 2	822	644	1



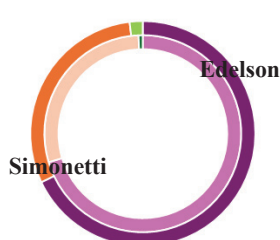
State Senate District 45

	Stewart	Fowke	Other
Precinct 1	643	576	0
Precinct 2	738	712	1



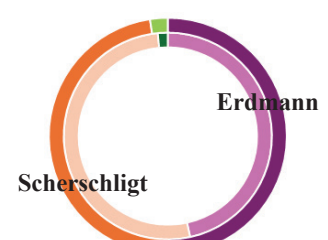
County Comm'r District 6

	Edelson	Simonetti	Other
Precinct 1	602	248	6
Precinct 2	686	305	19



City Council

	Scherschligt	Erdmann	Other
Precinct 1	663	739	22
Precinct 2	828	795	40



Precinct 1 voted at Deephaven City Hall, Precinct 2 voted at Calvary Church. Uncontested races are not depicted above. For full 2024 Election results, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website: <https://electionresults.sos.mn.gov/170>. 7



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Mayor Carlson's Mentions

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. On behalf of our Council and City Staff, I wish you all the best in 2025!



The New Year will bring with it a new level of engagement with our Community. The City Council created a Parks and Trails Committee that has been working on connectivity of our sidewalks and trails throughout Deephaven. The Committee will be having an Open House on January 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. to discuss and review the options for trail improvements proposed for our community.

Moving into the Spring and Summer months, the Council and Staff will begin improvement projects at Village Hall Park that include a new hockey rink, warming house and T-ball fields in-line with our Village Hall Park Master Plan. The hockey rink will feature an improved concrete base that will support better ice and provide a street hockey surface in the summer, with fiberglass boards and improved lighting. A warming house similar to the one in Thorpe Park is also in this summer's plans. The Hennepin County Youth Activities Grant received last year will also help fund improvements to the T-ball field. Finally, the Capital Improvement Fund has budgeted for resurfacing of the Village Hall Tennis Courts. This will provide a safe and improved surface for both tennis and pickleball next summer.

The City will hold our annual Local Board of Appeal and Equalization on April 7, 2025 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. This Public Hearing is your opportunity to appeal your property's valuation as assigned by the Hennepin County Assessor. Prior to attending the Public Hearing, you should be sure to contact the Assessor, Michael Smerdon, to review your question and concerns: Michael.Smerdon@hennepin.us | (612) 596-1362.

Finally, we would like to thank Steve Erickson for his 12 years of service on the Deephaven City Council, and 10 years of dedication and service on the Excelsior Fire Board. With Councilman Erickson's retirement, we welcome Tom Erdmann to the City Council and look forward to his energy and leadership into the New Year.

Thank you for your attention and being an engaged member of our Deephaven Community. As always, please reach out with any feedback or suggestions you may have. I wish you a fun and safe winter, and a very merry New Year!

- Kent

