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Meet Frankie Torres, Deephaven's Resident Music Sensation



Deephaven's own Frankie Torres took a trip out to Los Angeles to appear on Season 26 of the NBC hit television show, "The Voice." Torres is also slated to play the Deephaven Quasquicentennial Celebration on Saturday, June 7th in Thorpe Park with her band, Midnight Rambler.

At eight years old, Torres joined the School of Rock in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and stayed with the program for almost a decade, through which she went on six national tours. After being selected for *The Voice*, Torres found success with coaches Gwen Stefani and Reba McEntire during her time on the show.

We caught up with Torres to learn more about her, her background and what it is like to be a national singing sensation.

So, tell us a little bit about yourself and what was it like growing up in Deephaven.

"I grew up here in Deephaven with my mom and dad, brother Carter, and dog named Stevie Nicks. We love the lakes area lifestyle and all of the year-round activities we can enjoy. I will add that Deephaven is an amazing place and community. We will always be grateful to everyone who supported us when my dad was diagnosed with ALS; people checked in on us all the time, brought us meals and cared about our family. That was special, we will never forget that."

Now that you are back at home, what are you doing to keep yourself busy?

"I love to swim and be outdoors in the summertime. I currently play a lot of shows with my band, Midnight Rambler, and recently signed on to sing the National Anthem at the PWHL hockey games. So, yes, there is always a lot going on."



"Let's talk about being on a national TV show..." Torres Article Continued on Page 7.

Deephaven Quasquicentennial 125 Year Celebration - Save the Date, June 7th at Thorpe Park!

All Deephaven residents and all members of our greater Deephaven Community are invited to celebrate the 125th Birthday of the City of Deephaven! The City of Deephaven, in partnership with Thorpe Park Community Events and the Cottagewood Foundation, will host the Quasquicentennial Celebration (125th Anniversary) on June 7th in Thorpe Park. The Events Committee has put together an amazing event full of activities including: Three live bands (Frankie Torres, Jacuzzi Puma and a surprise headliner and national act to be announced the day of the event); beer garden; kids petting zoo; food trucks, and many, many more activities and events.

The celebration will begin at 3 p.m., with shuttle buses running to and from Thorpe Park to designated pick-up and drop-off locations until 11 p.m. Stay tuned to the City's website for additional information and announcements as we get closer to the date of the event. We look forward to seeing you all at Thorpe Park, don't forget to bring your neighbors and friends!

For more information, visit: www.cityofdeephaven.org/events



Volunteers Matter; Help Make a Difference!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community! Their contributions to beautifying our gardens and parks, preserving our historical heritage, and providing recommendations on issues important to our citizens are priceless. We sincerely thank all of you that offer your time to serve our community, your efforts are greatly appreciated! If you would like to help us guide our community, please consider applying for one of our Boards, Committees or Commissions. The City of Deephaven currently has positions available on the Park and Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission.

Deephaven Park and Recreation Committee

The Deephaven Park and Recreation Committee is primarily responsible for issuing recommendations to the City Council on the maintenance, appearance, repair and replacement, budgeting and future improvements at public parks, beaches, trails and community recreation facilities and programs. The Park and Recreation Committee also recommends rules and regulations on the use of park and recreational facilities as deemed necessary to promote public use and preservation of park lands. The Park and Recreation Committee regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.



Deephaven Planning Commission



Interested in the physical development of Deephaven? The City has an opening for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is a seven-member voluntary citizen advisory board that advises the City Council on planning activities and land use issues. The Planning Commission meets once a month, on the third Tuesday. If interested, please contact Planning Director Pat Smith at pats@cityofdeephaven.org or at 952-358-9938.

To inquire about volunteer opportunities with the City of Deephaven, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 and ask for a Volunteer Application Form. You can also stop by City Hall during normal business hours and fill out a form in person. Thank you, we look forward to having you on our team!

Join the Deephaven Beach Patrol <https://cityofdeephaven.org/hiring-life-guards/>



Starting Rates

Beach lifeguard have a starting rate of \$22 per hour, Beach Leads will start at \$24 per hour

Pay negotiable based on experience and knowledge



Requirements

- Up-to-date lifeguard certification with Waterfront Skills or willing to take class by end of May
 - Contact us to schedule
- Attend mandatory trainings (2x a month)
 - Days/Times TBD once staff is hired
- Willing to work weekends and holidays; 4th of July and Labor Day
- Able to get to and from Beaches on your own



Why our Team

The mission of the Deephaven Beach Patrol is to provide professional lifeguarding service to all residents and guests of the Deephaven beaches with the highest standards of safety, integrity and excellence in the preparation and performance of lifeguarding skills

Positions:

Beach Lifeguard

Beach Lead
Lifeguard

Beach Supervisor

Apply Here!!



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Seasonal Public Works Employment Opportunity

The City of Deephaven is looking for enthusiastic individuals who are interested in working in the great outdoors for our Public Works Department this summer. The salary is \$19.00-\$20.00 per hour for 30-40 hours per week. Contact the Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Kask: j.kask@cityofdeephaven.org



For more information on these opportunities, or to learn more about other volunteer offerings, please visit the City's website: www.cityofdeephaven.org, or contact City Clerk, Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt: kimberlyl@cityofdeephaven.org | (952) 358-9940



Deephaven Garden Club

Drumroll, please... It's the moment we've awaited—our 2025 Plant of the Year reveal! A familiar perennial, it's a Monarch butterfly favorite for laying eggs. Once hatched, it's the

the only plant Monarch caterpillars eat to grow into the butterflies we all love. (Your other flowers love these pollinating Monarch butterflies, too.) Common milkweed gets the honor! Despite the name, it's not as common as it once was—and a reason Monarch population numbers are down a startling 60%. Let's welcome back our favorite Minnesota butterflies this spring by adding milkweed to our list of flowers.

It's the single most important thing we can do. Common milkweed, a hardy, easy-to-grow, low maintenance, native plant adapts from full sun to part shade. Poke milkweed variety is an option for deeper woodland shade.



Swamp (aka Rose) milkweed grows well in wet clay soil. Wherever milkweed is planted—a back corner or along the garage, Monarchs will find them! Choosing pesticide-free (non-neonicotinoid) plants or seeds is key. Tips for planting: <https://www.prairiemoon.com/asclepias-syrriaca-common-milkweed>.

Parking Sticker Season is Here!

Lakes and Parks Season is right around the corner! Our new-look Deephaven Parking Stickers are in and are ready to be mailed out to residents. Stickers will be sent out near the end of April and will be available for sale starting Wednesday, May 1st at City Hall. Please remember to affix these stickers to your rear driver's side window in the lower corner in a way that is easily visible for staff and the Police Department. Additional parking stickers are available at City Hall: \$10 each for residents; non-resident stickers are \$60 for beach only, or \$120 for beach and boat launch parking this summer. Finally, please observe parking restrictions and help us deter mischief by locking your car doors and not leaving any valuables visible in your vehicles. Thank you, and we hope you have a great Spring and Summer at our fantastic parks and beaches!



Curbside Yard, Shrub & Tree Waste Pickup

DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2025 **TIME:** Beginning at 7:00 a.m.

WHAT: Yard, shrub and tree waste will be collected curbside.

- Brush should be cut in 4' lengths, 4" or less in diameter.
- Please BUNDLE the brush so that one person can handle it.
- Use only compostable and/or paper bags for grass/leaves.
- Please limit all bags and bundles to 40 lbs. or less.
- **YARD, SHRUB & TREE WASTE ONLY!**

Drop-Off Site For Disposable Items

DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2025 **TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Deephaven City Hall

WHAT: Deephaven residents may discard a variety of items

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: concrete, dirt, liquids, tree stumps, appliances, batteries, 55-gallon drums, electronics, hazardous waste (including paint cans) or construction debris.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Bicycles or scrap metal - **Free**
- Mattress, box spring, couch, recliner, carpet (rolls 6' or less, 12" diameter or less, tied with twine, no wire): \$20.00 each
- Tires (no rims): car, boat, motorcycle: \$5.00 each
- Tires (no rims), Truck: \$15.00 each
- Tires (no rims), Tractor: \$20.00 each
- Lawnmowers & snowblowers (drain gas & oil): \$15.00 each
- Car load: \$20.00 each
- SUVs, mini-vans & trailer load: \$25.00 each
- Pickups & vans: half load \$25.00 each, full load \$45.00 each
- **No U-Haul or rental trucks allowed**
- **Please make checks payable to the City of Deephaven**
- **Staff has final say on charges & materials to be accepted**

Major Appliance & Electronics Pickup

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2025 **Time:** 7:00 a.m.

WHAT: Household appliances & electronics will be collected curbside by JR's Advanced Recyclers.

If you wish to dispose of an appliance or electronic item, please call JR's at 651-454-9215 NO LATER THAN THURS.

May 15th to arrange for pickup on May 22, 2025. JR's will place your order & arrange for the method of payment: check, cash or credit card. Once you have arranged the pickup with JR's, **please place your appliance(s) or electronic equipment at the curb NO LATER THAN 7:00 a.m. THURSDAY, MAY 22nd, 2025.**

- **COST:** There will be a charge of **\$40.00 per unit for the first appliance, \$10.00 each additional appliance.** Please call JR's for individual pricing to dispose of electronics.
- **APPLIANCES INCLUDED:** Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, garbage disposals, humidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves/ovens, trash compactors, washing machines, water heaters and softeners. JR's reserves the right to refuse any appliances that contain food, debris, or foreign material, or are in a compacted/destroyed condition that prevents the removal of hazardous wastes and/or refrigerants by law.
- **ELECTRONICS INCLUDED:** CD players, cell phones, copiers, computers, laptops, fax machines, modems, monitors, printers, TVs, treadmills, typewriters, vacuum cleaners, VCR/ DVD players.

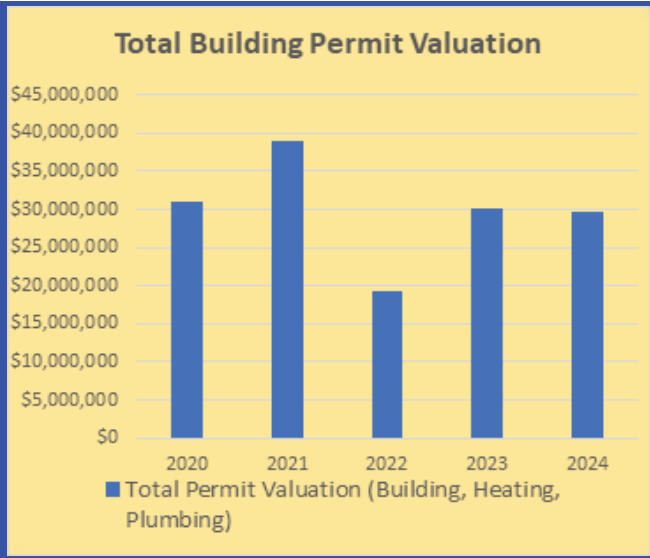
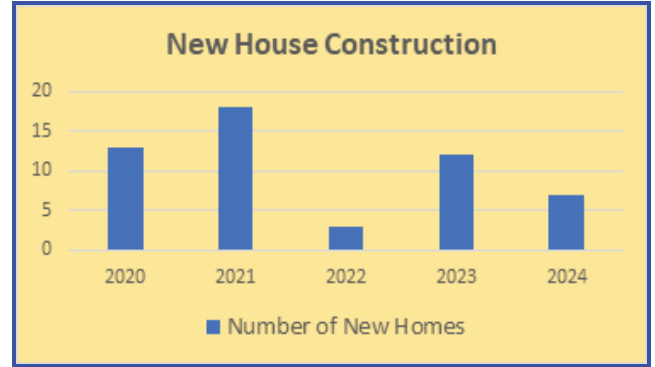
Deephaven 2024 Construction and Development Highlights

Each year the Planning Commission looks back at the construction activity and planning activity in Deephaven. In 2024, Deephaven experienced average residential construction in terms of number of houses, value of construction and number of building permits. Highlights include:

Seven new homes were constructed in 2024, which is slightly lower than the four-year average of 11.5 new homes per year.

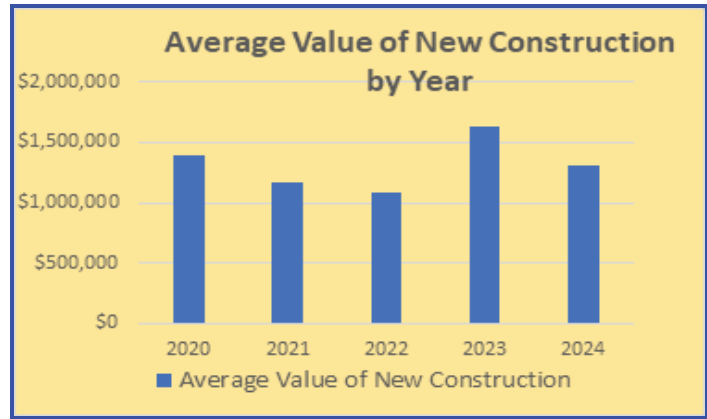
The market value of the seven new homes is \$1,313,500, which is consistent with the average new home value over the last four years.

Of these seven new homes constructed, only two needed a variance. Of the 12 house additions constructed, only one needed a variance.



The City issued 490 total permits (building, mechanical and plumbing), which exceeded the four-year average of 480 total permits.

The total value of all building permits received in 2024 was \$29,743,600. This represents the amount of money invested in the City and the expansion of the City's Market Valuation, which is also consistent with the four-year average.



Sidewalks and Trails Committee Update and Survey

The City Council has appointed a Steering Committee to help develop a comprehensive trail and sidewalk plan. The goals of the trail and sidewalk plan are:

- 1) To determine the constraints that prevent residents from using the City's trail system more often; and
- 2) To Use the Trail Plan to solicit funding to help pay for improvements from grants like Safe Routes to Schools.

Late last year, residents completed a survey that determined the missing links in the City's trail system. On January 30th the Steering Committee hosted an open house to solicit input on possible solutions to complete the City's trail system. In order to garner as much community feedback as possible, the Steering Committee has posted the survey on the City's website. If you have not yet completed the survey, please visit the City's website at:

<https://cityofdeephaven.org/sidewalk-trail-survey/> and complete the survey.

Results of the survey will be posted on the City's website in late April. If you have any questions about the trail and sidewalk plan or the survey, please contact Pat Smith, the City's Planning Director, at (952) 339-9938 or email pats@cityofdeephaven.org.



Local Board of Appeal and Equalization
6:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2025
Council Chambers, Deephaven City Hall

Members of the Deephaven City Council act as the Deephaven Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board hears appeals from property owners who disagree with the Assessor's estimated market value of their property. The purpose of the Board of Appeal and Equalization is to provide a fair and objective forum for property owners to appeal their valuation or classification. The local board often serves as the first formal step in the appeals process for taxpayers. Typically, property owners who seek to challenge the assessment of their properties must first contact our City Assessor directly to begin that process prior to the Board of Equalization and Appeal meeting. Any changes to property valuations made by the Board must be substantiated by facts. Any value reductions must be justified because they have the effect of shifting the tax burden to other properties in the jurisdiction. Further, any changes made by the Board must meet statutory guidelines, including those provided in Minnesota Statute §274.014.



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Hennepin County Assessor's Office
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If you believe the estimated market valuation of your property is incorrect, please contact Michael Smerdon, Hennepin County Property Appraiser, to discuss your thoughts and concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with Mr. Smerdon, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will review the estimated market valuation of your property and may make corrections if warranted.

Generally, a property owner must appeal to the Local Board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Additionally, a property owner can appeal decisions made by the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization as well. This year, the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Deephaven City Hall: 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, Minnesota 55331.

Deephaven City Meeting Calendar

The City of Deephaven observes Summer Hours beginning May 27, and ending September 1, 2025. City Hall will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. and close at 12:00 noon.

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) meeting will be held on Monday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. The Deephaven City Council meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on April 7th and 21st, May 5th and 19th; and June 2nd and 16th at Deephaven City Hall.

The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Park Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The Event Committee will meet April 16 and May 21, 2025.

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CodeRED Community Emergency Management System



The Deephaven City Council approved the purchase of the CodeRed Emergency Communication System at the March 7, 2025 City Council Meeting. CodeRED is a web based system which will allow us the ability to reach a large number of citizens in a very short period of time. The system uses the latest in geographically based notification technology making the system both precise in communications and very easy to use. The CodeRED system will serve as the backbone of our emergency planning and communications outreach to both citizens and staff. The system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails and posts to on-line formats to notify residents of emergency situations that require immediate action.

Residents are encouraged to sign-up and / or create a CodeRED account so you can be contacted by the desired means that work best for you. Through the account set-up process, you can add or remove phone numbers and email addresses to cater the system to your preferred means of communication. To sign up for CodeRED, please scan the QR code, or visit the City's website for more information and a link to sign-up. Please contact Deephaven Chief of Police, Cory Johnson, with any questions you may have: coryj@deephavenpolice.com | (952) 358-9926.



Boating Season is Nearly Here!

TOP 5 DNR BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- Wear your life jacket and make sure children wear theirs.
- Stay sober. Booze and boating don't mix. Alcohol is the #1 factor in boating fatalities.
- Tell a friend. Tell someone where you are headed and when you will be back. If you are not back, they should call 911.
- Be weather aware. Don't let a storm surprise you; delay your trip or head to shore. Go slow in rough water, avoid capsizing.
- Boat smart. Take a boating safety course. Know your boat; stay alert while scanning for dangers; stay seated and low in the boat to prevent falls overboard.



Stormwater Management: Protecting the Water in Minnesota's 10,000 Lakes

Stormwater is the water that runs off buildings, streets, sidewalks, and parking lots – anywhere it is unable to soak into the ground after rain and snowmelt. Storm sewer inlets are connected and discharge into nearby waterways, instead of to the sanitary sewer, which discharges to a wastewater treatment plant. If not well-managed, stormwater can contaminate aquatic habitats and kill plants, fish, and animals in our local water bodies. Managing stormwater is crucial to environmental and community health. Here's how you can help:

- Keep litter and debris, including grass clippings, away from storm drains and do not pour household chemicals on the ground or into the storm drains.
- Replant bare lawn spots to prevent soil erosion.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- Don't overwater or overfertilize your lawn.
- Use a rain barrel; plant a rain garden or native plants.

Another aspect of managing our stormwater is preventing illicit discharges, which are unlawful acts of disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than stormwater into our stormwater drainage system, or directly into streams or lakes. As a community member, you play a key role in identifying and reducing illicit discharges in our City.



Deephaven

June 7, 2025
Thorpe Park

125th Anniversary Celebration!

- **Amazing Live Music!** Frankie Torres, Jacuzzi Puma, and a Surprise National Recording Artist will be announced at the event
- **Food Trucks, Beer Gardens and More!**
- **Family Fun!** Petting Zoo, Facepainting, Kids DJ and many more family-friendly activities
- **Community Spirit!** Connect with neighbors and friends in celebration of our shared history

Visit the City's Website, more details to follow:

www.cityofdeephaven.org/events

Brought to you by: Thorpe Park Community Events, the Cottagewood Foundation and the City of Deephaven

Let's talk about being on a National TV Show, with Frankie Torres

Thinking back on the earlier days, do you have a favorite performance that stands out to you?

“When I was 14, I had the opportunity to play at the Prior Lake Music Festival. There was a crowd of around 15,000 people there, and I sang “Heart Breaker” by Pat Benatar. As I sang the bridge, I looked out and all 15,000 people were singing back to me. That was an unbelievable moment and feeling.”

How did you end up deciding to apply to *The Voice*?

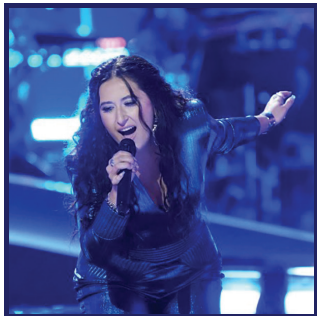
“I first tried out for *The Voice* when I was 14. My friend, Alison Albrecht, was on Season 24 which inspired me to give it a try. I got pretty far the first time through, so I thought I would give the show one more try.”

Can you tell us a little bit about the process you went through to be on a National TV show like *The Voice*?

“The application and audition process is pretty long, and it all starts with an on-line submission. You send in videos of yourself and hope to get someone’s attention. If you get a callback, you are sent a massive questionnaire and asked to send in more videos. If you make it to the next stage, you get another callback and another request for videos. Eventually, I received the call I was waiting for... an invitation to Los Angeles.”

How many auditions did you have in LA before making it onto the TV portion of the show?

“There were multiple rounds of interviews and auditions before the first episode of the “Live” shows. There is a lot to do between practicing and rehearsals, staging, interviews, wardrobe, social media posts... We got to work with a personal stylist that walked us through a warehouse full of clothes, accessories, shoes and everything else to help us create our image. We started with over 100 performers in LA, only 56 made it onto a team on the show. I was fortunate enough to be one of the 56.”



Why did you choose “Magic Man” as your audition song?

“Female rockers do not have a lot of representation in rock these days. The Wilson Sisters, Stevie Nicks, and Heart are all inspirations, and Led Zeppelin is my favorite band. The song ‘Magic Man’ has a unique attitude, with personality and bluesyness; something that defies or bends genres. That is my kind of music and the type of artist I want to be.”

What was it like having all four judges turn for you and want you on their team?

“We have no idea if we will be chosen when we perform, I didn’t know if anyone would turn. The process is scary, you know there are only a few spots on each team and you don’t know

who already made a team before you perform. Then, there are always a few performers that have the same style or genre you have, so there are limited spots for those styles as well. I was super nervous, so much stress... and then, relief when you are chosen.”

How was it working with Gwen Stefani?

“I picked Gwen as my first coach because she is a style bender; reggae, punk, ska – all featured in her time with the band “No Doubt.” She is a strong woman performer that is protective of rock music. She really helped me focus on my confidence and stage presence.”

How was it working with Reba McEntire?

“It was equally amazing working with Reba, and I also got to work with her friend Jennifer Hudson while I was on the show. Reba is an amazing person and really pushed me to focus on emotionally selling the song. I performed Lady Gaga “You and I,” and Reba worked with me on digging into the song and how it impacted me on a personal level.”

Frankie Torres is about more than just the music. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 2023 with a Psychology Major, and Minors in both Social Work and Music. We asked Frankie where we would see her in five to ten years. Her answer: “Performing at Target Center.” Well Frankie, we believe you and will be first in line waiting to buy those tickets. Until then, we can’t wait to see you June 7th at the Deephaven Quasiquintennial Concert in Thorpe Park!





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Mayor Carlson's Mentions



Springtime is Mother Nature's way of saying "Let's Celebrate!"

This year, maybe more than any others in recent memory, truly gives cause to celebrate. In the spring of 1900, area residents elected to incorporate as a City to provide greater benefit to themselves and the area. This year, we celebrate the Quasquicentennial (125th) Anniversary with a community event for the ages. The Event Committee, consisting of Council Member Emily Scherschligt, Administrator / Counsel Dan Madsen, Sharon Murphy Garber, Cally Scholtec, Laurie Jenkins and Scott Hansen have been working for over a year to plan the celebration that will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2025 in Thorpe Park. The event will showcase three bands, including our very own Frankie Torres and her band Midnight Rambler,

with a national headline act to be revealed at the concert. We encourage everyone in our community to join us in celebrating our wonderful city!

Speaking of Committees, the Sidewalks and Trails Committee is wrapping up their year-long project of identifying areas for improved or enhanced walkability throughout our community. Committee Members Kendall Carlson, Patrick Donlin, Amy Frye, Andy Fazendin, Jane Sladky Valley, Brooke Hardie, along with City Planner Pat Smith and Council Member Emily Scherschligt recently held an Open House to discuss some of the identified opportunities for improvement and engaged the community through an on-line survey to gauge interest in specific projects. The Committee will be presenting a final report for Council review in the coming months. Thank you to all of you who took part in that process to help make Deephaven a more walkable community.

If you have interest or would like to take part in these opportunities, please consider volunteering for the Planning Commission or the Park Committee. For more information, or for an application, please contact our team at City Hall. Thank you for your support and helping to make Deephaven all that it is today. As the weather warms and Spring comes into full swing, consider stopping by City Hall to meet our staff, or send us an email to share your thoughts and offer any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Thank you, and sincerely,

- Mayor Kent Carlson