

# Quarterly SPRING 2011

#### **GREENWOOD DIRECTORY**

#### CITY HALL

Location: 20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven, MN 55331

Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day): 8 AM-5 PM, Monday-Thursday

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#### **CITY COUNCIL**

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Meetings are recorded and later televised on Mediacom channel 8. Agendas, council packets, and minutes are available online and at city hall.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Request a Police Officer: 911
Fire or Medical Emergency: 911
Animal Control: 763.525.6210
Police Administrative Questions:

952.474.3261, M-F, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm www.southlakepd.com

Fire Administrative Questions:

952.401.8801, M-F, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm www.excelsiorfire.org

www.exceisioiiiie.u

Citywide Emergency:

TV Emergency Broadcast System WCCO Radio 830

Sign up for alerts at www.nixle.com

Call Before You Dig:

Gopher State One Call, 651.454.0002

#### SOUTHSHORE CENTER

A place for all ages. Available for rent.

Phone: 952.474.7635

Email: director@southshore-center.org Website: www.southshore-center.org

# Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meets April 14

Each spring property owners receive notices of their estimated market value (EMV) from Hennepin County (see the "2011 Property Tax Overview" insert for information about how EMVs are related to property taxes). Having all properties fairly valued benefits everyone. If you believe your 2011 EMV is too high, you may appeal the value. Here is the process for appeal:

- First contact the assessor at 612.348.3046. Concerns often can be resolved at this level.
- If your concerns are not resolved after talking with the assessor, you may appeal to the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (city council). Write a letter or call 952.474.6633 by April 7, 2011 to get on the meeting agenda. The Local Board meeting will be 6 PM, April 14, 2011 at Deephaven City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Rd, Deephaven, MN 55331 (send letters to the same address). Your case may be presented in writing or in person. Note: The Local Board cannot make changes benefiting a property owner who refuses entry to the assessor.
- Items that can be helpful to the Local Board when presenting your case:
  - ~ Information about how your property compares to other similar properties.
  - ~ Information about aspects that are unique to your property.
- If your concerns are not resolved at the Local Board, you may bring your case to the County Board. Call 612.348.7050 to get on the County Board agenda.

  Note: To appear before the County Board, you must contact the Local Board first.
- At any point in the process, you may appeal directly to Minnesota Tax Court. For more information call 651.296.2806 or go to www.taxcourt.state.mn.us.

# **SPRING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY MAY 7**

Get rid of unwanted items at this annual event to beautify Greenwood. Only one trip will be made through the city, so be sure your items are curbside by 7 AM on Saturday, May 7.

ACCEPTED ITEMS ~ limit of one 6 foot pick-up load per home

- 1. Sofas, chairs, cabinets, tables, desks, etc.
- 2. Carpet (must be tied in rolls no longer than 5 feet)
- 3. Small construction debris piles, nails removed, sheetrock boxed or bagged (50 pound maximum per bag), plywood and paneling must be cut into sections, windows accepted if the frame is good. Wood must be no longer than 5 feet.
- 4. Metal items, bicycles, grills, swing sets (must be disassembled and no concrete), lawn mowers, snowblowers, weed whips, etc. (oil/gas must be drained)
- 5. General household junk, blinds, housewares, etc.
- 6. Yard waste in compostable or paper bags.
- 7. Brush must be bundled with twine and no longer than 5 feet and 3 inches in diameter.

#### NOT ACCEPTED:

Broken glass, wood with nails, railroad ties, green treated wood, large windows and sliding glass doors, carpet with nail strips, fluorescent ballast and bulbs, TVs, computers or printers, microwaves, LP tanks, air conditioners, furnaces, appliances, firewood, stumps, bushes with root systems, water heaters, paint, oil, gas, hazardous waste, items over 100 pounds, car tires, batteries, car parts, yard waste in plastic bags, non-bundled brush, household food, garbage, or recycling.

# Did You Know?

# Load Limits in Effect Mar. 1-May 1

Greenwood ordinance code section 730.00 limits trucks to 5 tons per axle on Minnetonka Blvd. and Excelsior Blvd. and to 4 tons per axle on all other city streets from March 1 to May 1. If you see a heavy truck in your neighborhood, call non-emergency police dispatch at 763.525.6210 for enforcement.

## **Gardener Opportunity**

The Greenwood sign on Minnetonka Blvd. near Deephaven needs a gardener. Please call city hall (952.474.6633) if you are interested in volunteering.

## **2011-12 Dog Tags**

Dogs are required to be licensed in the city. Get new tags at city hall or download the application at www.greenwoodmn.com to complete the process by mail.

## **Planning Commissioners**

The city council appointed the following planning commission seats at the March council meeting:

Seat B-1 (term expires 3/13) - Pat Lucking Seat B-2 (term expires 3/13) - Bill Cook Seat A-1 (term expires 3/12) – Brian Malo Alternate Seat 1 (term expires 3/12) - Douglas Reeder

These commissioners join current commissioners John Beal and David Paeper. One alternate seat remains open. If you are interested, please complete an application (available online or at city hall). The city is fortunate to have a great group of planning commissioners willing to serve our community.

# Key Dates:

- Apr. 5 City Council Meeting, 7 PM
- Apr. 14 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting, 6 PM
- Planning Commission Meeting, 7 PM Apr. 20
- Subsequent Local Board of Appeal & Apr. 28 Equalization Meeting, 6 PM
- May 3 City Council Meeting, 7 PM
- May 18 Joint City Council & Planning Commission Worksession, 6 PM
- Planning Commission Meeting, 7 PM May 18
- City Council Meeting, 7 PM Jun. 7
- Jun. 15 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 PM

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are located at the Deephaven Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Road

# St. Alban's Bay Milfoil Treatment Fund Raising

Bay Captain Rob Roy has sent a letter to residents and friends of St. Alban's Bay to raise funds for this important project. The suggested contribution amounts for lakeshore owners are below. Contributions from non-lakeshore owners are encouraged and appreciated as well. Please go to www.LMAssociation.org to make your tax deductible donation today. Ouestions? Call Rob at 952.474.3774.

#### SUGGESTED DONATION AMOUNTS PER SHORELINE FOOTAGE:

0 to 20 ft	\$300
21 to 40 ft	\$600
41 to 60 ft	\$850
61 to 80 ft	\$1100
81 to 100 ft	\$1400
101 ft. and over	\$1700

ATTENTION LAKESHORE OWNERS: Whether you make a donation or not, you MUST complete a DNR form so your lakeshore can be treated. The consent form is available at www.greenwoodmn. com. Mail the form to Lake Minnetonka Association, PO Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331 or email to Info@LMAssociation.org.

#### Cable Franchise Renewal

The Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission is conducting a Mediacom Franchise Renewal needs assessment. If you have comments, please contact Councilman Tom Fletcher (952.224.5550) who is chairing the LMCC Needs Assessment Committee.

## Sign Up for City Emails

It is easy to stay informed. Go to www.greenwoodmn.com and click on "Greenwood Email List" to subscribe to the city email system. Once activated, you will receive links to monthly council agendas and minutes, as well as other items of community interest. This new system is more private and much more reliable than the old group email system. You also may unsubscribe at anytime.

### **Boat Launch Permits FREE for Residents**



Meadville boat launch stickers are available at the city office or by mail (form is available at www.greenwoodmn. com). Each Greenwood

household may receive up to two FREE stickers. Note: Even if you do not use the launch, you might want a sticker to show your "Greenwood pride."

## Friends of the Excelsion **Library Used Book Sale**

Saturday, April 9, 2011 8 AM - 3 PMMount Calvary Lutheran Church 301 Cty. Rd. 19 Excelsior, MN

Donations accepted at the Excelsior Library March 14-April 7 during regular hours.

Ouestions? Call 952.847.5450.

# Mayor's Corner Greenwood Quarterly SPRING 2011 www.greenwoodmn.com

Happy Spring! As we all look forward to warmer weather, your city council has been undertaking the task of our usual spring housekeeping items ...

- Approved the 2010 City Audit at the March council meeting. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition with a healthy general fund reserve of 38.8%.
- Currently preparing for another cycle of property valuation appeals. See the article in this newsletter and related "2011 Property Tax Overview" insert to learn more.

The council also has been working on several ordinances this last quarter ...

- Amended the code to require the completion of exteriors of structures within 6 months.
- Created new ordinances that prohibit depositing snow or ice on city streets, and prohibit street parking after a 2-inch snowfall until the roads have been plowed the full width.
- Currently reviewing a code error with an eye towards ensuring that reasonable standards are set for common parking areas on commercial properties.

*If you have any questions, please call me or another council member.* See you around town! — Mayor Deb Kind

