

# Quarterly SPRING 2012

## **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 to 5 PM, Monday-Thursday
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Meetings are recorded and later televised on Mediacom channel 8. View agendas, council packets, and minutes at www.greenwoodmn.com or at city hall.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Request a Police Officer: 911
Fire or Medical Emergency: 911
Domestic Animal Services: 763.525.6210
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department: 952.474.3261, M-F, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM www.southlakepd.com
Excelsior Fire District: 952.401.8801, M-F, 9:30 AM to 2 PM

952.401.8801, M-F, 9:30AM to 2 PM www.excelsiorfire.org

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. Location: 5735 Country Club Rd, Shorewood Phone: 952.474.7635

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

# Market Value Appeal Date: April 12

Each spring property owners receive notices of their estimated market value (EMV) from Hennepin County. EMVs are supposed to be between 90 and 105% of what your home would sell for on the market. If you believe your 2012 EMV is incorrect, you may appeal the value. Here is the process:

- 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 5 to get on the meeting agenda. The Local Board meeting will be 6 PM, April 12 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. Items that can be helpful to the Local Board when presenting your case: Information about how your property compares to other similar properties, aspects that are unique to your property, a recent bank appraisal, etc.

Note: The Local Board cannot make changes for property owner who refuses entry to the assessor.

- 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.

To see how EMVs are related to property taxes, go to www.greenwoodmn.com, click on "Assessments & Taxes," and then click on "2012 Property Tax Overview."

# **SPRING CLEAN-UP, SATURDAY, MAY 5**

Get rid of unwanted "stuff" at Greenwood's annual spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 5. Only one trip will be made through the city, so be sure your items are curbside by 7 AM.

**ACCEPTED ITEMS:** (limit of one 6-ft. pick-up truck load per home)

- Small construction debris piles, nails removed, sheetrock boxed or bagged (50-lb. 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.
- Metal items, bicycles, grills, swing sets (must be disassembled and no concrete), lawn mowers, snowblowers, weed whips, etc. (oil/gas must be drained)
- Sofas, chairs, cabinets, tables, desks, etc.
- Carpet (must be tied in rolls no longer than 5 feet)
- General household junk, blinds, housewares, etc.
- Yard waste in compostable or paper bags.
- Brush must be bundled with twine and no longer than 5 feet and 3 inches in diameter.

**NOT ACCEPTED:** TVs, computers/printers, appliances, mini refrigerators, microwaves, broken glass, wood with nails, railroad ties, green treated wood, large windows, sliding glass doors, carpet with nail strips, fluorescent ballast and bulbs, LP tanks, air conditioners, furnaces, 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.

# Hennepin County Household Hazardous Collection Event

May 17-19, 2012, 9 AM to 4 PM City of Minnetonka - Public Works Dept. 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Minnetonka, MN 55305

For a list of accepted items go to www. hennepin.us, click on Residents, then click on Environment, Recycling & Trash.

May 5 also is a good day to clean up the boulevards and trails near your property. Thank you!

# **City Sign Project**

Beginning this spring the city will be replacing old street signs to comply with federal retroreflectivity standards. All signs including stop, no parking, speed limit, as well street name signs will be replaced over the next few years. The new signs will be mounted on cedar wood posts with steel anchors. This system costs less than traditional u-channel steel posts, and the look of the natural wood posts fits better with the character of Greenwood.

# **OLD SIGNS AVAILABLE AS KEEPSAKES**

The sign installation workers will leave old signs on the ground near the base of the new sign posts. If you are interested in having an old sign as a keepsake, feel free to take any old sign that is lying on the ground. Old signs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Unclaimed signs will be picked up for recycling.

# Did You Know?

PERMITTED 2012 SERVICE 2013 PROVIDER 2014

**Lake Service Providers Must** Have a DNR Permit

The new state law pertaining to aquatic invasive species requires all lake service providers to be permitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to install or remove waterrelated equipment from Minnesota bodies of water.

Click on the "Lake Minnetonka" button at www.greenwoodmn.com for more information.

# **KEY DATES**

# The city council meets on first WEDNESDAYS

- Apr. 4 City Council Meeting, 7 PM
- Local Board Mtg. (EMV Appeals), 6 PM Apr. 12
- Planning Commission Meeting, 7 PM Apr. 18
- May 2 City Council Meeting, 7 PM
- May 5 Spring Clean Up Day, 7 AM
- Planning Commission Meeting, 7 PM May 16
- Jun. 6 City Council Meeting, 7 PM
- Jun. 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 PM

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

**Stay Informed** ... Sign up for the city email list at www.greenwoodmn.com

# St. Alban's Bay Milfoil **Treatment Fundraising**

Bay Captain Rob Roy and his team of volunteers will contact residents and friends of St. Alban's Bay to raise funds for milfoil treatment in the bay. The below suggested contribution amounts for lakeshore owners are less than last year, because the costs are expected to be lower this year. Contributions from non-lakeshore owners are encouraged and appreciated as well. Please go to www.LMAssociation. org to make your tax deductible donation today. Also, in 2012 the DNR has waived the need to get consent forms signed by each property owner. Questions? Contact Rob at 952.474.3774.

## **SUGGESTED DONATION AMOUNTS:**

0 to 20 ft. - \$150 61 to 80 ft. - \$550 81 to 100 ft. - \$700 21 to 40 ft. - \$300 41 to 60 ft. - \$425 101 ft. and over - \$850

# **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."

# **Crime Update**

Stewart Eugene Peschek (age 43) of Richfield was arrested on Feb. 6. Peschek admitted to the attempted burglary in Greenwood on January 18, and the two successful burglaries in Greenwood on January 27. SLMPD Detective Sergeant Steve Neururer was instrumental in the multi-jurisdictional arrest of Peschek. Click on the "Crime Alert" button at www. greenwoodmn.com to see the full media release, including a photo of Mr. Pesheck.

# **Planning Commission**

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

A-1 Douglas Reeder (term expires 3/14) A-2 John Beal (term expires 3/14) A-3 Dave Paeper (term expires 3/14)

Alt-1 Kristi Conrad (term expires 3/14)

These people join Pat Lucking and Bill Cook on the commission. One alternate seat remains open. If you are interested in applying for the open seat, please complete an application online or at city hall. The city also thanks Brian Malo for his years of service on the commission. We are fortunate to have a great group of planning commissioners willing to serve our community. Thank you!

# **Agenda Parsing**

The www.lmcc-tv.org website now has "agenda parsing" for council meetings. Simply click on the agenda topic you want and you will be able to view that part of the meeting.

# Mayor's Corner Greenwood Quarterly SPRING 2012 www.greenwoodmn.com

Happy Spring! As we look forward to "ice out" on the lake, your city council has been undertaking our usual spring housekeeping tasks ...

- Approved the 2011 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 39.8%.
- Preparing for another cycle of property valuation appeals. See the article on the other side of this newsletter and go to www.greenwoomn.com to view the "2012 Property Tax Överview" sheet to learn more.

Also, here is a quick report on a few items of interest ...

- Construction of the new Excelsior Bay Harbor office building is on hold until an anchor tenant is found.
- The council decided to take "no action" regarding rezoning of the Old Log Theater property until an application for rezoning has been submitted to the city.
- Fees for variances, conditional use permits, and zoning code amendments have been updated to ensure costs are paid by the applicant.

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

