

GREENWOOD DIRECTORY

CITY HALL

Location: 20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331
Hours: 8am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday
Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day):
8am to 5pm, Monday-Thursday
8am to 12noon, Fridays
Main Phone: 952.474.6633
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administrator@greenwoodmn.com
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952.358.9935, tpendleton@mediacombb.net
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CITY COUNCIL

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LMCC

The Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission provides community programming (including council meetings) on channels 8, 12, 20 & 21. Meetings also may be viewed at www.lmcc-tv.org where you can use "agenda parsing" to skip to the topic you want to view.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Request a Police Officer: 911
Fire or Medical Emergency: 911
Animal Services: 763.525.6210
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department:
952.474.3261, M-F, 8:30am to 4:30pm
www.southlakepd.com

Excelsior Fire District:

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

Citywide Emergency:

Alerts will be sent via the city email system
(sign up at www.greenwoodmn.com)
Alerts will be posted at www.greenwoodmn.com
Watch TV Emergency Broadcast System
Listen to WCCO Radio 830
Sign up for regional 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 11

This spring you will receive a notice of your 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 2013 EMV is incorrect, you are encouraged to appeal the value. Here is the process:

- First contact the assessor at 612.348.3046. Concerns often are 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 at 6pm on **April 11** 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: By law the Local Board cannot make changes for property owners who refuse 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.

INTERESTING PROPERTY TAX FACT:

If property values decline, it is possible your property taxes will stay the same!

When property values decrease, the county, school district, city, etc. must increase their respective tax rates to get the amount they budget for. See the enclosed 2013 Property Tax Overview sheet for more.

2013 Greenwood Boat Launch Stickers

Two 2013 Greenwood boat launch stickers were included with this month's mailing to each Greenwood household. One sticker must be displayed on your trunk window (driver's side) to use the Meadville boat launch. However, even if you do not use the boat launch, you might want to display a sticker to show your "Greenwood pride."

Note: Non-residents may purchase a boat launch sticker for \$50. It is illegal to give or sell stickers to non-residents.



Spring Clean-Up: May 4

Get rid of your unwanted "stuff" at Greenwood's annual spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 4. Only one trip will be made through the city, so be sure your items are curbside by 7am.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- 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 ft.
- Metal items, bicycles, grills, swing sets (must be disassembled and no concrete), lawn mowers, snow-blowers, 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.
- Limit of one 6-ft. pick-up truck load per home.

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.

May 4 also is the perfect time to clean up the trails and boulevards near your property. – Thank you!

LMCD News

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) offers the following information for this boating season:

Aquatic Invasive Species Control

If you are planning on hiring a service provider to install your dock or transport your watercraft, state law requires you to utilize a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources certified provider. Those providers are listed on the MN DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us. The providers carry identification of their certification with them, as well as display a vehicle sticker.



Low-Water Policy

When the level of Lake Minnetonka falls below 928.0 feet, the LMCD code states the LMCD Board may approve a resolution that allows for temporary dock length extensions. As the boating season approaches, the LMCD will assess the water levels and provide regular updates at www.lmcd.org under "Hot Topics."

City Sign Project

To comply with federal retroreflectivity standards, the city will continue the project to replace street signs this summer. If you are interested in having a keepsake, feel free to take any old sign



that is lying against the base of new posts. Old signs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and will not be "saved" for anyone.

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 all 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.

KEY DATES

Apr. 3	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Apr. 17	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
May 1	City Council Meeting, 7pm
May 15	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Jun. 5	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Jun. 19	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in the Deephaven Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Road

St. Alban's Bay News

Due to the outstanding effectiveness of 2011 treatment, no baywide treatment was done in 2012. However, two tests of the bay were required in 2012. The spring test came back with no signs of milfoil. The fall test came back with a hearty milfoil infestation in the entire bay. This has led to the conclusion that St. Alban's Bay likely will need baywide treatment every other year, with spot treatments and testing in the off years. The cost for 2013 baywide treatment is \$62,000 – 20% of this funding is anticipated to come from government sources, therefore the remaining 80% needs to come from private sources. Since there are reserves left from 2012, the below suggested contribution amounts for lakeshore owners are lower than what they would be if funding was starting from scratch.* Mail your tax-deductible check to LMA at PO Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331 or pay online at www.LMAAssociation.org. Contributions from off-shore property owners are encouraged and appreciated as well! To receive St. Alban's Bay updates, send your email address to Bay Captain/Councilman Rob Roy irobbroy@msn.com, 612.387.4443.

Suggested Contribution Amounts:

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

Thank you to those who contributed to the first 2 years of the program!

* To even out year-to-year contribution amounts and secure a long-term funding source, the concept of a Lake Improvement District is being investigated. Stay tuned.

Xcel Update

In November 2012, the Department of Commerce (DOC) released their recommendation that Xcel use a "Hwy. 5 Hybrid" alternative which included upgrades to the existing Hwy. 5 transmission line, a new substation along the Chanhassen/Chaska border, and minor upgrades to the line in Greenwood. In a 01-09-13 submission to the Public Utilities Commission Xcel stated they support the Hwy. 5 alternative. Since then some cities affected by the Hwy. 5 Hybrid route have expressed concern. In response, the Greenwood city council sent a letter on 02-11-13 to the Public Utilities Commission and Xcel Energy in support of the Hwy. 5 Hybrid alternative for the following reasons: (1) It utilizes existing infrastructure and is a cost-effective solution for upgrading the system. (2) The proposed new substation would be in a commercial/industrial area vs. increasing the mass of poles along the Three Rivers Park Trail. (3) The proposed new Chanhassen/Chaska substation would add infrastructure in an area where there is most likely to be future development.

Concerned Greenwood residents are encouraged to attend a DOC environmental assessment public hearing (date to be determined). Sign up for city emails at www.greenwoodmn.com to be notified of the hearing!

Planning Commission

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

Seat B-1 Pat Lucking (term expires 3/15)

Seat B-2 Kristi Conrad (term expires 3/15)

They join commissioners John Beal, Lisa Christian, Dave Paepfer, and Doug Reeder. One alternate seat remains open. If you are interested in applying for the alternate seat, please complete an application online or at city hall. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of planning commissioners willing to serve our community. Thank you!

Sign up for city emails at www.greenwoodmn.com

Mayor's Corner

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www.greenwoodmn.com

Happy Spring! It is that time of year when the city council undertakes our usual spring housekeeping tasks ...

- We will review the 2012 city audit at the April council meeting. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition with a healthy general fund reserve of 45%.
- We are preparing for another cycle of property valuation appeals. See the article on the other side of this newsletter and read the enclosed "2013 Property Tax Overview" sheet to learn more.

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

- The city council approved a watermain project along Excelsior Blvd. as part of the larger Met Council sewer foreremain project that will take place this summer. All costs will be paid by the benefitting property owners.
- The city council continues to monitor the Xcel transmission upgrade project (see article above).

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



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