Spring 2010

Greenwood Quarterly

City on the Lake

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Request a Police Officer: 911
(emergency or non-emergency)
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Animal Control: 763-525-6210
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952-474-3261 M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
www.southlakepd.com
Fire Administrative Questions:
952-401-8801, M-F, 9:30 am-2:00 pm
www.excelsiorfire.org
Citywide Emergency:
TV Emergency Broadcast System
WCCO Radio 830
Police Dept. will direct communica tions
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG
Gopher State One Call #651-454-0002

SOUTHSHORE COMMUNITY CENTER

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City's Spring Clean-up Day Set for Saturday, May 1

The annual rite of spring is upon us again—time to clean out the garage and other areas around your home that have accumulated unwanted 'stuff' since last year.

The city has once again contracted with Vintage Waste to aid in the removal and disposal of your unwanted items. Only **ONE TRIP** will be made through the city, so be sure your items are curbside by 7:00 AM. Vintage will start at Minnetonka Blvd and Byron Circle and end in the area of Excelsior Blvd. and MacLynn Road.

ACCEPTED ITEMS FOR PICK UP: Misc: chairs, desks, beds, couches, mattresses & box springs, tables. Carpet is accepted ONLY if it is rolled and tied in sections of 5′ or less (no nails). Lawn mowers, weed whips and snow blowers must be drained of gas or they will be left behind. Nothing weighing over 50 pounds will be picked up. Small debris is allowed if there are no nails and it's in a sturdy box. Construction debris must be in a small, sturdy box. Grills, bicycles and swing sets will be picked up but they must be broken down to 5′ or less.

Yard waste: grass and leaves must be bagged in compostable or brown paper bags and not weigh more than 50 pounds. **(Plastic bags may no longer be used for yard waste.)** Branches must be bundled with twine and cannot be longer than 5′ and no larger than 3″ in diameter. You may use a garbage can for loose sticks.

NOT ACCEPTED: Propane tanks, air conditioners, water heaters, furnaces, fluorescent bulbs, concrete, broken glass, appliances, electronics (TV's, computers, radios, microwaves, etc.), gas, oil, grease, aerosol paint cans, fertilizer, herbicide, tires, car batteries or paint. Anything hazardous will be left behind. No firewood, treated lumber, railroad ties, stumps or bushes with root systems. No household food garbage or recycling will be picked up.

Local Board of Appeal Meets 6:00 PM, Thursday, April 15

Each spring property owners receive notices of their property valuation from the County. See the "Greenwood Property Tax Basics" insert with this newsletter for details about the process to appeal your property valuation with the local board of appeal (city council). The local board of appeal will meet to hear cases at 6:00 PM, Thursday, April 15, in the council chambers located at Deephaven City Hall. The first step in your appeal process is to call the Greenwood Assessor at #612-803-0845. If you want to follow through with an appeal, you must than notify the City Administrator by calling #952-474-6633 by April 7. If you cannot appear in person, you may send a representative or forward your documentation to the city office by April 7.

Friends of the Excelsior Library Spring Used Book Sale

Bargain hunters and book lovers take note: On Saturday, April 10, 2010, the Friends of the Excelsior Library will hold a sale of hundreds of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books in hardcover and paperback. The books, and other media, withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public, will be priced at $1 or less. Funds raised benefit the Excelsior Library. In 2009, The Friends funded 89% of library classes, youth book clubs, author events (and much more!) through membership drives and the two annual used book sales. In 2010, that number will increase to almost 100% now that Hennepin County is no longer able to contribute as much funding for library programs. The Friends and Excelsior Library patrons of all ages, need you more than ever, so stop by and get some deals on books of all kinds. Customers using scanners must pay a $5 fee.

LOCATION: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 Co. Road 19 Excelsior from 8 AM—3:30 PM. On Saturday, April 10.2010.

Mayor's Corner

Happy Spring! The rhythm of the seasons changing is echoed by the rhythm of the council year…

Each spring the council appoints planning commissioners. I am pleased to report that John Beal, Bill Cook, David Paeper, and Todd Palmberg have agreed to serve another 2-year term on the planning commission. These gentlemen have served the city well and their efforts are appreciated.

Another spring rite is the council review of the city audit. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition and we currently have a healthy reserve of 39% of the operating budget.

In April we will begin another cycle of property valuation appeals (see the "Greenwood Property Tax Basics" insert to learn more).

Other items on the council's agenda…

- Working with bay captains, neighboring officials, state representatives, the Lake Minnetonka Association, and the DNR to discuss reconsideration of the DNR's denial of the plan to treat milfoil on St. Alban's and Gideon's Bays.
- Participating with other Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Cities to oppose rule changes that would unduly increase wetland buffers and restrict the use of riprap on lakeshore properties.
- Updating the city code book. If all goes as expected, it will soon be legal to spit and swear in Greenwood. However, until the new code book is approved, you will have to take your chances!

If you have any questions, please call me or another council member.

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Mayor Deb Kind

"Take 10" to Complete the Census

Census forms will be delivered in the mail to every household in the U.S. The Census has only 10 questions, which officials estimate will take only ten minutes to complete. Households that complete and mail back census forms by April 15 will not require any follow-up visits from the Census Bureau. Census officials emphasize the importance of achieving an accurate count – there is the possibility that Minnesota may lose a seat in Congress.

Taking 10 minutes to fill out the census as soon as it comes will enhance the accuracy of the count.

FREE Severe Weather Awareness Class

Spring is severe weather time. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe during storm season. Come to a FREE severe weather awareness class 6-7:30 pm on April 6, 2010. The class will be lead by Dan Bovits, Deputy Director for Hennepin County Emergency Preparedness at the Public Safety Building at 21450 Smithtown Road, Shorewood, MN. Preregistration is requested for this event. Contact Dave Hohertz, dhohertz@southlakepd.com or #952-930-1619 to register

Did You Know? Curfew

The County curfew rules dictate that kids must be home by the following times:

	Sun.-Thurs.	Fri.-Sat.
Under age 12	9:00 PM	10:00 PM
Age 12-14	10:00 PM	11:00 PM
Age 15-17	11:00 PM	12:00 Midnight

Exceptions: The juvenile is accompanied by a parent/guardian or other responsible adult; is engaged in lawful employment; is going to/from work; is involved in an emergency situation; is going to/from an official school, religious, or other activity sponsored and/or supervised by a public entity or civic organization; is on an errand at the direction of a parent/guardian; or is on the boulevard or sidewalk abutting the property of the juvenile's residence.

The complete ordinance can be viewed online at www.co.hennepin.mn.us click on "reference" then on "ordinances" and go to ordinance 16.

General Election

The 2010 primary election has been moved to Tuesday, August 10. The general election is Tuesday, November 2. The two-year term for the Mayor and two four-year Councilmember seats will be on the November ballot. Could this be the year YOU throw your hat in the ring for Greenwood public office? Candidates must file in person at the city office. More information will be in the June newsletter. Please call the city office at #952-474-6633 if you are interested in serving as an election judge. The pay for judges is $9 per hour which includes paid, mandatory training.

Boat Launch Permits FREE for Residents

New Meadville boat launch permit stickers are available at the city office. Each Greenwood household may receive up to two FREE permits. Stickers must be displayed on the driver's side of the trunk window of vehicles using the boat launch. Non-residents may purchase permits for $50 per vehicle.

Spring Load Limits

Remember, from March 1 to May 1, heavy trucks are not allowed on Greenwood streets. Trucks must weigh less than 5 tons per axle to travel on Minnetonka Blvd. and Excelsior Blvd. and less than 4 tons per axle to travel all other city streets. If you see a heavy truck in your neighborhood, call Hennepin County non-emergency police dispatch at #763-525-6210 for enforcement.

City Hall Office Hours

The Greenwood City Hall office is open Monday through Thursday 8:00-4:30 and closed on Fridays. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.