FALL 2009

Greenwood Quarterly

City on the Lake

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Request a Police Officer: 911
(emergency or non-emergency)

Fire or Medical Emergency: 911

Animal Control: 763-525-6210

Police Administrative Questions:
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

City-Wide Emergency:
TV Emergency Broadcast System
WCCO Radio 830
Police Dept. will direct communication

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG
Gopher State One Call #651-454-0002

SOUTHSHORE COMMUNITY CENTER

Phone: 952-474-7635

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2009 City Budget Meetings

The 2010 preliminary levy of $677,167 (-1.44% decrease from 2009) and preliminary budget of $742,402 (-4.98% decrease from 2009) were approved by the Greenwood City Council at the September 1, 2009, Greenwood City Council meeting. According to state law, the final tax levy amount cannot be increased from the preliminary amount of $677,167. The public is invited to comment on the levy/budget at the October 6, November 3, or December 1 Council meetings. The final levy/budget approval will take place at the December 1, 2009 Council meeting.

SWIFFERS Found in Lift Station Pumps, Again

Deephaven Public Works has reported that lift station pumps are once again being clogged with Swiffer cleaning sheets. Remember, City sewers are designed to dispose of only **two** specific things: human waste and toilet paper! Some household and cosmetic items are disposable but that does not mean they are flushable. Please, don't flush Swiffers!

Beautiful Boulevards Award Winners

This summer the City of Greenwood created the "Beautiful Boulevards Award" to recognize those who help make our streetscape beautiful. The 2009 winners are:

Bridgewater Bank, 21500 Highway 7
Jeannie Bren, Greenwood sign by Manor Road
Frank & Susie Brixius, 21720 Fairview Street
Gene & Carol Dahlin, 21350 Excelsior Blvd.
Greta Palmberg, 21320 Excelsior Blvd.
Jeff & Malana Schmidt, Greenwood sign and gardens by the Villas
Joan Slattery, Greenwood sign and gardens by the Villas
Jamie Wolfe & Idona Holbrook, 5115 Meadville Street
Anonymous, Greenwood sign by Christmas Lake Road

Thank you for helping make Greenwood beautiful! See color photos at www.greenwoodmn.com. Note: If anyone knows who is taking care of the garden at the Greenwood sign by Deephaven, please contact Mayor Deb Kind, 952-401-9181, d.kind@mchsi.com. Thank you!

New Planning Commission Members

Two new Planning Commission members, who will serve as non-voting alternates, were sworn in at the monthly meeting on September 16, 2009. Bill Cook and Brian Malo submitted applications to fill two vacancies. Mr. Cook considers his most important role on the Planning Commission to fairly administer development requests based on ordinances. One reason for Mr. Malo to serve on the Planning Commission was to offer meaningful input with regard to planning decisions that help shape the future of Greenwood. The City is fortunate to have two more residents who are ready and willing to serve the Greenwood community.

Mayor's Letter

Happy fall! I hope this letter finds you well as you prepare for colder weather. Your Greenwood City Council has been preparing the City for the future, too. Below is a sample of what we have been working on...

- Approved new Southshore Community Center lease agreement with Shorewood to manage the facility. Kristi Anderson, the new director of the Center, has brought new energy and great new offerings for people of all ages. The Center also has an updated look that is perfect for weddings, reunions, and other special events. I encourage Greenwood residents to support the Center by attending classes and booking events. Check out the insert about the Southshore Center in this mailing.
- Completed road projects on Greenwood Circle and Meadville Street.
- Directed the Planning Commission to make recommendations to encourage the use of pervious surfaces for driveways and patios. This will help us reach our state-mandated water runoff goals and reduce the need for hardcover variances.
- Met with our assessors to clarify expectations regarding valuations of Greenwood properties.
- Currently developing an administrative hearing process to help with code enforcement.
- Reviewing proposals for a new recycling contract.
- And last, but certainly not least, the City Council approved a 2010 Preliminary Budget that is 4.9% lower than the 2009 budget and reduces the City portion of property taxes by 1.44%. I 'm proud of the City Council's attitude towards being good stewards of taxpayer's money. It is wonderful that Greenwood is in a position to lower taxes.

Have a great fall!

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Mayor Deb Kind

P.S. The budget and other great resources are posted on the City's improved website at www.greenwoodmn.com

St. Albans Bay Milfoil Treatment Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, has been set as the date for an informational meeting on treating the entire bay for milfoil in 2010. Learn about the success of milfoil treatments in other bays on Lake Minnetonka and the costs and benefits in treating St. Albans Bay.
Greenwood resident Rob Roy and Lake Minnetonka Association Executive Director, Dick Osgood, will lead the discussion and answer your questions on this project.
The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM in the Greenwood Council Chambers at 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven.

Snowplow Safety

Unfortunately, winter will be here soon and this is just a little reminder on snowplow safety.

- Move your vehicle off the street during or immediately after a snowfall of two or more inches. Some of Greenwood's roads are so narrow the large plows can't clean the roads if vehicles are parked there. When the plowing crew has to come back for a second or third pass, it's an additional expense for the City.
  You may return your car to the street after it has been completely cleared of snow.
- While driving, allow plenty of space between your vehicle and a snowplow . MNDOT recommends a **minimum** of five car lengths between you and a snowplow. Snow dust obstructs vision, creating hazardous driving conditions.
- Don't allow children to play in snow banks on streets.
- Lower your driving speed for unexpected patches of ice, particularly at intersections.
- If you had experienced yard damage from a City snowplow in the past, install stakes just off the road every 20-25 feet to mark its edge.
- Turn on your vehicle headlights while traveling so others can see you!

Visit the Excelsior Fire District's Fire Prevention Open House/Safety Fair Thursday, October 8, from 6:00 PM-8:30 PM
24100 Smithtown Road in Shorewood at the Public Safety Building. This is a great family event with plenty of 'hands-on' demonstrations from which to learn. You can try on firefighter equipment and even sit in a fire truck! Meet Fire Chief Gerber, firefighters and Sparky the fire dog. Have your picture taken with them, too! Treats will be available for everyone.

Dog Licenses

Per City ordinance, all dogs kept in the City of Greenwood must be licensed and tagged. If you have not yet purchased your 2009-2010 license, please stop by City Hall. The fee is $25 for the two-year license. Dog owners must show proof of rabies vaccination for the duration of the license. If the tag is lost or stolen, a duplicate tag must be purchased. Should your dog get lost, the license is one way to insure that your pooch is returned to you. Please be a responsible pet owner and license your dog.

City Hall Office Closings

November 11 – Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving
December 24 – Administrator's Vacation
December 25 – Christmas Day
January 1, 2010 New Year's Day

Remember, Greenwood City Hall is closed every Friday.