



# CITY OF GREENWOOD NEWS

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## Members Needed for Planning Commission

Planning Commission members serve Greenwood for two year terms on a rotating basis. Residents are encouraged to apply for a position on the Planning Commission by contacting City Hall for an application. All applications will be reviewed at the January 16 Planning Commission meeting so you don't have a long time to ponder your opportunity. Seats for regular members and an alternate position are available.

Appointments will be made at the February 5th City Council meeting and the candidates will be sworn in for the Planning Commission at the regular meeting on Wednesday, March 19.

This is an opportunity for Greenwood residents to serve their City and guide the Council on building and zoning issues. Get in touch with Mayor Bob Newman #474-6633 or Planning Commission Chair

Pat Lucking #474-3984 for details on the positions available.

## Happy Election Year

The time has come to begin planning for the September Primary and the November General elections that take place later this year. Greenwood has been fortunate to have reliable and informed election judges serve the City. If you have an interest in being an election judge, please call Roberta at City Hall. A minimum 2-hour training session is required prior to serving as a judge.

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This is the first year the precinct caucuses will be held in February on Tuesday the 5th at 7:00 p.m. To actively participate at a caucus, you must be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2008 state general election and support or be likely to support the candidates of the political party whose caucuses you attend.

The major political parties traditionally publish their caucus location information in the newspaper during the week before their caucus date.

**I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody**

Bill Cosby

### City Hall Office Closings

December 25.....	Christmas Day
December 26.....	Clerk's Vacation
January 1.....	New Year's Day
January 21.....	MLK, Jr. Day
March 11, 12, 13.....	Clerk at MCFOA Conference
March 18, 19, 20.....	Clerk's Vacation
March 21.....	Good Friday

### Protect Your Pet's Paws

While the foot pads of your dogs and cats seem fairly tough, salt is very irritating to them. Sidewalk ice-melt, in many cases, is simple salt. If the salt is ingested as they lick their paws, this could result in drooling. Large amounts could be ingested if they eat the salt directly off the ground. The pet may show excessive thirst, weakness or fainting, decreased muscle function, seizures, and even death. Ask your veterinarian about salt-free, pet-safe ice melters.

## Functional City Web Site Coming Soon

The Greenwood City Council put money in the 2008 budget to get a City web site up and running. Developing the site will take time, so please be patient; we believe it will be worth the wait. The goal is to have all ordinances, forms, meeting notices, agendas and minutes available to anyone with internet access. It will be a great way for Greenwood residents to stay in the City Hall loop!

## 2008 Summary Budget – City of Greenwood

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2008 budget information concerning the City of Greenwood. The budget is published in accordance with the Minnesota State Statute 471.6965. This budget is a summary document only. The complete budget may be examined at the City of Greenwood City Hall 20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven, MN. The City Council approved this budget on Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

Revenues	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	Percentage Change
Property Taxes	537,781	646,430	20.25
Licenses & Permits	81,250	81,30	0
Grants from County & Other Gov't	8,944	8,559	-4.5
Fines & Forfeits	22,350	24,850	11.2
Interest/Special Assessments	9,000	7,000	-22.0
Public Charges for Service	<u>14,369</u>	<u>20,644</u>	<u>43.6</u>
	<b>\$673,694</b>	<b>\$788,785</b>	<b>17</b>

Expenses	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	Percentage Change
General Government	216,421	237,257	9.62
Public Safety	275,748	326,778	18.5
Public Works	75,906	116,250	53.0
Sanitation	12,950	12,900	0
Misc.	<u>92,669</u>	<u>95,600</u>	<u>3.1</u>
	<b>\$673,694</b>	<b>\$788,785</b>	<b>17</b>

### Safe Lake Ice? No Such Thing!

What can be more Minnesotan than skating, ice fishing or snowmobiling on the lakes as soon as they're frozen over? Sure, it's fun; but it's also very dangerous. As the DNR says, 'there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice'. Even though there have been some very cold temperatures in December, there has also been snow which has created slush. One of the keys to judging ice safety is not only the **thickness** of the ice but the **quality** of the ice. Avoid ice with air bubbles, ice with rocks or stumps sticking out and ice over moving water. A minimum of 4" of clear ice will support a person on foot. But you would need a minimum of 8"-12" of clear ice to support a car or *small* truck. However, the ice can be a foot thick in one place, but just a couple inches thick a few feet away. Currents flowing beneath the ice can prevent an area from freezing. Go to the Minnesota DNR website for tips on what to do if you or someone else falls through the ice. It's best to think twice before going on the ice.

**For information on disposing your Christmas tree, please contact your trash hauler.**

### Test Your Private Well at Least Once a Year

The majority of Greenwood residents depend on private wells for their water. Therefore, the homeowner is responsible for maintenance and inspection. The first thing to check is that your well is located and constructed properly. Since 1974, all water wells must meet the location and construction requirements of the Minnesota Well Code. If your well is old, or has not been inspected for many years, contact a licensed well contractor and have the well inspected. If your well needs to be replaced, the old one must be properly sealed by a licensed contractor.

If you have built an addition or made changes to the septic system it's important to maintain the required separation distances to your well. When landscaping, keep the top of the well at least one foot above the ground and make sure the cap is securely attached to the well casing. For information on how to test your water, call #651-201-4600 the Well Management Central Office.

### Greenwood City Hall Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### City Council Members:

Bob Newman, Mayor.....952-401-6332  
 Jeff Sagal.....952-474-8656  
 Doug Hill.....952-474-2255  
 Kelly Scharf.....952-380-3501  
 Bob Quam.....952-474-1847  
 Mark Kelly, attorney.....952-474-5977  
 Roberta Whipple, Clerk...952-474-6633

The City Council meets the *first* Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 20225 Cottagewood Road in Deephaven.

Police Chief, Bryan Litsey....952-474-3261  
 Fire Chief, Scott Gerber.....952-960-1650