



# Quarterly

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## GREENWOOD DIRECTORY

### CITY HALL

Location: 20225 Cottagewood Road  
Deephaven, MN 55331  
Hours: 8am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday  
Main Phone: 952.474.6633  
City clerk/zoning: Gus Karpas, 952.358.9938,  
administrator@greenwoodmn.com  
Building permits/public works: Teresa Pendleton,  
952.358.9935, tpendleton@mediacombb.net  
Utility billings, final billings for property sales, city  
docks, dog tags: Deborah Hicks, 952.358.9934,  
deborahhicks@cityofdeephaven.org  
Fax: 952.474.1274  
Website: www.greenwoodmn.com

### CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Deb Kind  
952.401.9181, dkind100@gmail.com  
Councilman Tom Fletcher  
952.224.5550, tfletcher@aexcom.com  
Councilman H. Kelsey Page  
952.474.4406, page.kelsey@gmail.com  
Councilman Bob Quam  
952.474.1847, quamco@aol.com  
Councilman William (Biff) Rose  
952.380.0961, idarose@mchsi.com

### 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  
Domestic 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, 9:30 am to 2pm  
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

## Fire Dept. Open House

Thursday,  
October 11  
6-8:30pm  
Public Safety  
Building  
24150 Smithtown Rd.  
Shorewood



Activities, demonstrations, displays, and tasty treats for all ages! For more information call 952.960.1698.

## Vote Nov. 6

Polls are Open  
Tuesday, November 6, 7am-8pm  
Old Log Theater  
5185 Meadville St, Greenwood

In addition to county, state, federal, and other offices, this year's election includes voting for two city council members and the mayor. Two newcomers (current Planning Commissioner William Cook and St. Alban's Bay Captain Rob Roy) have filed to run for the two city council seats up for election on November 6. Mayor Deb Kind also has filed to run again and is unopposed. Check your voter's registration status at www.sos.state.mn.us under the "voters registration lookup service." If you are not already registered, you may pre-register at city hall, Hennepin County Libraries, Hennepin County Service Centers, or at the Hennepin County Government Center. The pre-registration deadline is October 16. You also may register at the polls on election day with authorized proof of residence (see details at www.sos.state.mn.us). For those who cannot vote on election day, absentee ballots are available at city hall.



## CITY COUNCIL TARGETING 0% TAX LEVY INCREASE FOR 2013

The *Greenwood Quarterly* newsletter deadline was before the September council meeting where the council will have taken action on the 2013 preliminary tax levy. Based on the council's budget worksession in August, it is known that the council is targeting a 0% percent increase for the 2013 tax levy (the 2012 tax levy was \$644,719, and it is anticipated that this number will stay the same or be slightly lower for 2013). Visit www.greenwood.mn to see the approved amount of the preliminary 2013 tax levy. The FINAL 2013 tax levy and budget approval will take place at the December 5, 2012 council meeting. The public is welcome to comment on the levy and budget at that meeting. Note: According to state law, the final tax levy amount cannot be increased from the preliminary amount set by the council.

## Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 6, 5-8pm  
Southshore Center  
5735 Country Club Rd, Shorewood

This FREE event features polka music, food, wine and beer tasting (courtesy of Cellars Wine and Spirits and Excelsior Brewing), and lots of fun! Oktoberfest is a great event for friends and family of all ages!

### Stay Informed

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

## Dog & Trail Etiquette

The city recently has received complaints regarding dog “doo-doo” along public trails and at the city park. **Please be courteous and pick up after your dog!** Also, as trails become more popular, congestion and resulting user conflicts can create potentially hazardous situations. If we all follow the same set of rules, the trails will be safer and more enjoyable. Please follow these guidelines:

- **Dogs are required to be on a leash.** No matter how well behaved your dog is, all it takes is one little distraction to send your dog into trouble. Make sure your dog is under control and not jumping at other trail users. Penalties for dogs that bite are severe. And please remember to pick up after your dog!
- **Keep as far to the right as practical.** Use no more than half the trail (except when passing), to avoid blocking the flow of other trail users. When stopping, step to the side or move off of the trail.
- **Pass on the left.** Control your speed, slow down, and use caution when approaching or overtaking other trail users. Before passing announce your intentions by saying, “on your left” or by ringing a bell.
- **Obey traffic signs and signals.** Use extra caution where trails cross streets and driveways.
- **Be respectful of private property.** Trails and paths are open to the public, but typically the adjacent land is private property. Please respect all property rights.

## Auto-Pay Program

Save postage and avoid the hassle of remembering to pay your city utility bills by setting up automatic payments. Simply download a form at [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com) or stop by city hall to sign up for the program.

## Did You Know?

**City code section 710.05 allows the city clerk to issue temporary permits for the parking of vehicles in no-parking zones for social events.**

The cost of a temporary parking permit is \$25 per event and there is a limit of two permits per year. The permit application may be completed at city hall or download the application at [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com) to complete the process by mail.

### KEY DATES

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|---------|----------------------------------|
| Oct. 3  | City Council Meeting, 7pm        |
| Oct. 17 | Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm |
| Nov. 7  | City Council Meeting, 7pm        |
| Nov. 21 | Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm |
| Dec. 5  | City Council Meeting, 7pm        |
| Dec. 19 | Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm |

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

## FREE Medicine Disposal

Properly disposing of unused medicine is important to prevent abuse or accidental poisoning, and also helps the environment (flushing medicine down the drain or throwing medicine in the trash can contaminate bodies of water and landfills and harm wildlife). Residents may dispose of unwanted medicine year-round at FREE disposal boxes at the sheriff's facility in Spring Park. For information on what is accepted and not accepted, as well as the program guidelines, please visit [www.hennepin.us/medicine](http://www.hennepin.us/medicine).

## Greenwood History & Photos Needed

An archive of Greenwood history is being developed and your help is needed. If you have history information and/or photos of Greenwood from the past or present, please email to Mayor Kind at [dkind100@gmail.com](mailto:dkind100@gmail.com). The archive will be displayed at [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com).

## One More Thank You

In the last issue of the *Greenwood Quarterly* **Carole Sayer** was inadvertently left off of the list of the Greenwood gardeners that make the entry signs to our city beautiful. Thank you Carole!



## Xcel Upgrade Update

The Department of Commerce Deputy Commissioner has issued the Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping Decision for the Xcel upgrade from a 69kV to 115kV line. The decision includes an order for Xcel to provide an estimate for the cost to bury the line in Greenwood. The EA also will address potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The EA Scoping Decision and other relevant documents are at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?ID=32547>. In a resolution, which was filed with the Department of Commerce, the city of Greenwood also asked if the upgrade is even required in our area in light of the 28% and 4% decline in power load at Xcel Energy's Excelsior and Deephaven substations respectively between 2004 and 2010 and the fact that Xcel has identified low-impact options to increase the capacity of the existing transmission line by 16%.

## Sign Up for City Emails

Go to [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com) to subscribe to the city email system and receive monthly council agendas, minutes, etc.

**Forms Online** Commonly used forms are available at [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com)

## Mayor's Corner

Greenwood *Quarterly* FALL 2012  
[www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com)

*Greetings! I hope you all have been enjoying the crisp air of fall and the change of seasons in our beautiful city. Below are city council highlights from this past quarter ...*

- Working on the 2013 city budget with the goal of a 0% tax levy increase.
- Implemented a new “sump pump program” to ensure property owners are not paying to treat clean water. Thanks to everyone who promptly returned the certification form! If you did not receive a certification form in the mail, please call Gus Karpas at 952.358.9938 as soon as possible.
- Considering options for the establishment of a Capital Replacement Fund for police and fire buildings.

*At the close of my second term as mayor of our beautiful “city on the lake,” I want to thank all of you for the kind words and support these past four years. It has been a true honor serving you. As you may have heard – I am running unopposed in the upcoming election. I am thrilled that my campaign signs will once again be able to stay in the attic, and I look forward to serving another two years as your mayor.*

Thank you! – Mayor Deb Kind

