



Quarterly

1ST QUARTER 2013

GREENWOOD DIRECTORY

CITY HALL

Location: 20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331
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Main Phone: 952.474.6633
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administrator@greenwoodmn.com
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CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Deb Kind
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Councilman Tom Fletcher
952.224.5550, tfletcher@aexcom.com
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Councilman Rob Roy
612.387.4443, lrobroy@msn.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
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:
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

Final -0.01% Tax Levy Decrease Approved

The 2013 final tax levy of \$644,668, a slight -0.01% decrease from 2012, was approved at the December Greenwood city council meeting. The spreadsheet below shows a summary of the budget. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 471.6965. The complete budget may be viewed at www.greenwoodmn.com or at city hall.

REVENUES	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	% Change
Taxes	\$644,719	\$644,668	-0.01%
Licenses & Permits	\$23,600	\$22,950	-2.75%
Public Charges for Services	\$21,319	\$22,575	5.89%
Court Fines	\$4,500	\$4,500	0.00%
Investment Income	\$6,000	\$3,500	-41.67%
Transfer from Marina Fund	\$12,130	\$12,500	3.05%
Admin. Reimbursement from Marina Fund	\$2,790	\$3,086	10.61%
Admin. Reimbursement from Sewer Fund	\$10,866	\$10,866	0.00%
Admin. Reimbursement from Stormwater Fund	\$1,625	\$1,625	0.00%
	\$727,549	\$726,270	-0.18%

EXPENDITURES	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	% Change
General Government	\$108,137	\$106,098	-1.89%
Public Safety (Police & Fire)	\$345,432	\$348,295	0.83%
Zoning	\$11,900	\$14,900	25.21%
Roads & Public Works	\$182,250	\$190,700	4.64%
LMCD, Recycling, Insurance, etc.	\$34,384	\$34,730	1.01%
Contingency	\$25,446	\$11,547	-54.62%
Transfer to Bridge Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00%
	\$727,549	\$726,270	-0.18%

Xcel Update: Department of Commerce Recommends "Hwy. 5 Hybrid" Alternative

In late 2010, Xcel Energy notified the city of Greenwood regarding a potential electric transmission line upgrade along the LRT trail. The current system was built in 1953. To improve reliability and meet future demand, Xcel's proposed plan was to upgrade the current 69kV line with a 115kV line, which would require the use of taller poles. The city council and residents immediately raised concerns regarding how the new line would affect Greenwood. Councilman Tom Fletcher volunteered to take the lead to monitor the proposed project and keep the council informed.

In June 2012, based on the recommendation from Councilman Fletcher, the city council approved a resolution that filed comments with the Minnesota Department of Commerce in response to Xcel's Certificate of Need application. The comments included questions regarding the need for the 115kV upgrade of the transmission line and also suggested that lower-cost conductor upgrades to the existing 69kV line be considered. In addition, at a Department of Commerce public information session, Greenwood resident

Keith Stuessi suggested the option of using Xcel's existing transmission line capacity along Highway 5 as an alternative to the proposed transmission line upgrade through Greenwood.

In November 2012, the Department of Commerce (DOC) released their recommendation that Xcel use a "Highway 5 Hybrid" alternative. This alternative includes the use of the existing Highway 5 route as well as limited upgrades to the existing 69kV transmission line — essentially a combination of the city of Greenwood's recommendations and Keith Stuessi's suggestion. In fact, the DOC specifically referenced Keith Stuessi's comments in their report. According to its filings with the Public Utilities Commission, Xcel Energy also appears to agree that the Highway 5 Hybrid alternative is a viable option. The DOC's recommendation will go to the Public Utilities Commission, which still needs to make the final decision on the proposed project.

The city council will continue to follow the process. Updates will be posted at www.greenwoodmn.com.

City Election Results & Thank-Yous

Mayor Deb Kind ran unopposed and was reelected to serve another 2-year term.

This will be her 3rd term as mayor.

Council candidates Bill Cook and Rob Roy also ran unopposed and were elected to serve 4-year terms on the council.

At the 09-05-12 council meeting Bill Cook was appointed to complete the term of Councilman William "Biff" Rose who moved from the city. The city council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Biff and outgoing Councilman H. Kelsey Page for their years of service to the city.

Thank you Biff and Kelsey!

Thanks also to the below election judges for their great work!

2012 Election Judges:

Pam Canning, Lisa Christian, Jan Gray, Bonnie Lane, Pat McGowan, Mary Jo Newman, Sally Olson, Cindy Paeper, Judy Spiegel, Cheryl Svendsen, and Bud Wudlick.

Tom Fletcher & Rob Roy Receive MCWD Award

Greenwood City Councilman/Milfoil Liaison Tom Fletcher and Councilman-Elect/St. Alban's Bay Captain Rob Roy were two of the recipients of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's 2012 Watershed Heroes Awards.

The awards honor those who make significant contributions to clean water.

Congratulations Tom & Rob!

Did You Know?

You must prove Greenwood residency to have top priority for city watercraft spaces.

Priority is given to Greenwood residents for watercraft spaces and the application process requires you to provide a copy of a driver's license to prove residency.

If you have a 2nd home in another location, you must keep your "residency" in Greenwood to maintain your watercraft space priority.

KEY DATES

Jan. 2	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Jan. 16	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Feb. 6	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Feb. 20	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Mar. 6	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Mar. 20	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm

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



Greenwood Night at the Old Log

The Old Log Theater is hosting "Greenwood Night" at 8pm on Friday, 01-11-13. The show is *Perfect Wedding* and the cost is only \$18 (\$11 discount). Just mention "Greenwood Night" when you call 952.474.5951 to make your reservation. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to share the tradition of this beloved Greenwood landmark!

Canoe Rack Spaces

Spaces are available at the new canoe rack located at the Meadville boat launch. Begin the process by completing a watercraft waiting list application at city hall or download the form at www.greenwoodmn.com (click on "forms and permits") to complete the process by mail.

Thanks to Buckthorn Volunteers!

On 09-22-12 the below people helped remove buckthorn along Excelsior Blvd. Many hands made the work fun. Thank you for your service to our community!

Gayle Beal, John Beal, Carl Bergquist, Lisa Christian, Roger Creamer, Pat Fletcher, Tom Fletcher, Deb Flood, Sheri Hoffmann, Marietta Jacobsen, Mark Knight, Bob Newman, Benjamin Olgilvie, Matt Olgilvie, Frank Precopio, Brad Richter, Ethan Richter, and Ray Richter.

If you would like to participate on a city Buckthorn Team, or have a volunteer team that would like to clear buckthorn in another public area in the city, please contact Gus Karpas, 952.358.9938, administrator@greenwoodmn.com.

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

2013-14 Dog Tags

Dogs are required to be licensed in the city. Get tags at city hall or download the application at www.greenwoodmn.com to complete the process by mail.

WANTED: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

The terms of three planning commission seats expire in 2013. The planning commission makes recommendations to the council regarding zoning, variances, and more. If you are interested in serving on the commission, please complete an application (available online or at city hall). The council will make appointments at the March city council meeting.

Mayor's Corner

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Happy New Year! As we look forward to the new year, I share the below city council highlights from the last quarter of 2012 ...

- Approved the 2013 city budget with slight tax levy reduction of -0.01%.
- Approved the city hosting a Planning & Zoning Workshop at the Southshore Center.
- Monitoring the Xcel Energy transmission upgrade project (see article on other side).
- Submitted comments supporting Aquatic Invasive Species management efforts to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and Lake Minnetonka Conservation District.
- Considering a watermain upgrade along Excelsior Blvd. as part of the larger Met Council sewer forcemain project in that area. Watch for public hearing notices.

Have a great 2013! – Mayor Deb Kind

PS: I hope you, your friends, family, and neighbors will join me for Greenwood Night at the Old Log Theater on Friday, January 11 (see article on this page for details).



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