

# Quarter 2015 Quarter 2015

#### **GREENWOOD DIRECTORY**

#### **CITY HALL**

Location: 20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331
Regular Hours: 8am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday
Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day):
8am to 5pm, Monday-Thursday
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Main Phone: 952.474.6633
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952.358.9938, guskarpas@mchsi.com
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952.358.9935, tmpendleton@mediacombb.net
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Deborah Hicks, 952.358.9934, deborahhicks@
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#### **CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Deb Kind
952.401.9181, dkind100@gmail.com
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#### LMCC

The Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission provides community programming (including council meetings) on channels 8, 12, 20 & 21. Or view at www.lmcc-tv.org where you may use "agenda parsing" to skip to the topic you want to view.

## PUBLIC SAFETY Request a Police Officer: 911

Non-Emergency Number 952.258.5321
Fire or Medical Emergency: 911
Animal Services: 763.525.6210
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department: 952.474.3261, M-F, 8:30am to 4:30 pm, 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) and 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

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# In Memory of Don Stolz

Long-time Old Log Theatre owner Don Stolz died on February 14, 2015 at the age of 97. Don was preceded in death by wife Joan and daughter Joannie. He is survived by sons Peter (Pam) Stolz, Dony (Sue) Stolz, Tom (Pat) Stolz, Tim (Mary) Stolz, and Jon Stolz; 8 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held for Don on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Deephaven. Those who were there heard Don's oft-repeated story about how he purchased the Old Log Theatre in 1946 for the sum of \$1. With a twinkle in his eye Don would say, "It was the buyer who got the short end of the deal." What is truly amazing is that Don



guided the Old Log over the next 65+ years to become one of the longest continuously-running theatre companies in the nation and a beloved Greenwood landmark. Greenwood has lost a dear friend. Don Stolz will be missed!

# Market Value Appeal Date: April 9

This spring you will receive a notice of your property's 2015 estimated market value (EMV) from Hennepin County. 2015 EMVs will be used to calculate 2016 taxes and are supposed to be between 90% and 105% of what your property would sell for. Note: The assessor does not increase property tax revenues by raising property values. Property taxes are a function of government *budgets* (county, school district, city, etc). EMVs are used determine how government budgets are divided among taxpayers. The total budget will be collected whether EMVs increase or decrease, but your share of the budget pie may shift if your EMV goes up or down more in comparison to other properties. This is why it is important to ensure your property is fairly assessed. If you believe your EMV is incorrect, you may appeal the value. Here is the process:

- First contact the assessor at 612.348.3046. Concerns often are resolved at this level.
- If your concerns are not resolved after talking with the assessor, you may appeal to the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (city council). Write a letter or call 952.358.9938 by **APRIL 3** to get on the meeting agenda. The Local Board meeting will be at 6pm on **APRIL 9** at Deephaven Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Rd, Deephaven, MN 55331 (send letters to this address). Your case may be presented in writing or in person. Note: By law the Local Board cannot make changes for property owners who refuse entry to the assessor.
- If your concerns are not resolved at the Local Board, you may bring your case to the County Board. Call 612.348.7050 to get on the County Board agenda. *Note: To appear before the County Board, you must contact the Local Board first.*
- At any point in the process, you may appeal directly to Minnesota Tax Court. For more information call 651.296.2806 or go to www.taxcourt.state.mn.us.

#### St. Alban's Bay Lake Improvement District and 2015 Fundraising

In January and February, the cities of Excelsior and Greenwood approved the establishment of a St. Alban's Bay Lake Improvement District (SABLID) the first LID on Lake Minnetonka. The SABLID is made up of property owners who have access rights to St. Alban's Bay and has taxing authority for the specific purpose to manage aquatic invasive species beginning in 2016. All SABLID property owners will be notified of SABLID meetings. In the meantime, fundraising for 2015 will be done on a voluntary basis. Following the everyother-year protocol, St. Alban's Bay will need baywide treatment for milfoil/ pondweed in 2015. The below table outlines the suggested 2015 contributions for lakeshore owners. Contributions from marina customers and off-shore property owners are encouraged and appreciated as well! Mail your tax-deductible check to LMA at PO Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331 or pay online at www.LMAssociation.org. Questions: Bay Captain/Councilman Rob Roy lrobroy@msn.com, 612.387.4443.

#### **SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS:**

0 to 20 ft - \$75 61 to 80 ft - \$275 21 to 40 ft - \$150 81 to 100 ft - \$350 41 to 60 ft - \$225 101 ft and over - \$425

Thank you to those who have contributed to this very successful program!

## Did You Know?

#### Canoe Rack & Sailboat Slip Spaces are Available

at the Meadville boat launch. Begin the process by completing the watercraft waiting list application at city hall or download at www.greenwood-mn.com to complete the process by mail.

#### **KEY DATES**

City Council Meeting, 7pm Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm Apr 1 Apr 15 City Council Meeting, 7pm Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm May 6 May 20 Jun 3 City Council Meeting, 7pm Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm Jun 17

All meetings are held in the Deephaven Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Road

#### Spring Clean-Up: May 16

Greenwood's annual spring clean-up day is May 16. Items need to be curbside by 7am.

#### **ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

- Small construction debris piles, nails removed, sheetrock boxed or bagged (50lb maximum per bag), plywood and paneling must be cut into sections, windows accepted if the frame is good. Wood must be no longer than 5ft.
- Metal items, bicycles, grills, swing sets (must be disassembled and no concrete), lawn mowers, snowblowers, weed whips, etc. (oil/gas must be
- Sofas, chairs, cabinets, tables, desks, etc.
- Carpet (must be tied in rolls no longer than 5ft).
- General household junk, blinds, housewares, etc.
- Yard waste in compostable or paper bags.
- Brush must be bundled with twine and no longer than 5ft and no wider than 3 inches in diameter.
- Limit of one 6ft pick-up truck load per home.

**NOT ACCEPTED:** TVs, computers/printers, appliances, mini-refrigerators, microwaves, broken glass, wood with nails, railroad ties, green treated wood, large windows, sliding glass doors, carpet with nail strips, fluorescent ballast and bulbs, LP tanks, air conditioners, furnaces, firewood, stumps, bushes with root systems, water heaters, paint, oil, gas, hazardous waste, items over 100lbs, car tires, batteries, car parts, yard waste in plastic bags, nonbundled brush, household food, garbage, or recycling.

#### **Parks & Trails**

Below is a list of park and trail amenities located in the city. See the enclosed map for locations and more details about parks and trails.

- GREENWOOD PARK
- SHUMAN WOODS PARK
- EXCELSIOR BLVD TRAIL
- LRT TRAIL
- MINNETONKA BLVD TRAIL

To ensure that parks and trails are enjoyable for all, please obey these rules ...

- Respect public property. Trails and parks are open to the public for enjoyment, but they are not public dumping grounds. Contact your garbage hauler to dispose of yard waste and other unwanted items.
- <u>Dogs are required to be on a 6ft leash</u>. Make sure your dog is under control and not jumping at other park and trail users.
- Pick up dog "doo-doo." Please be courteous and pick up after your dog.
- Keep as far to the right as practical. Use no more than half the trail (except when passing). When stopping, step to the side or move off of the trail.
- Pass on the left. Use caution when approaching or overtaking other trail users. Before passing, announce your intentions by saying,"on your left" or ring a bell.
- Obey traffic signs and signals. Use extra caution where trails cross streets and driveways.

## 2015 Greenwood Boat Launch Sticker

Two 2015 Greenwood boat launch stickers are included with this month's newsletter mailing to each Greenwood household. To to use the Meadville boat launch (see enclosed map), one sticker must be displayed on the lower left side of your trunk window. Even if you do not use the boat launch, you are encouraged to display a sticker to show your **GREENWOOD PRIDE.** Nonresidents may purchase a boat launch sticker for \$50. Giving or selling stickers to non-residents is prohibited.



# Mayor's Corner Greenwood Quarterly 2ND QUARTER 2015 www.greenwoodmn.com

Happy Spring! Here is a quick update of city council items of interest ...

- In January and February, the cities of Excelsior and Greenwood approved the establishment of a St. Alban's Bay Lake *Improvement District – the first on Lake Minnetonka! See the article on this page.*
- We approved the 2014 city audit at the March council meeting. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition.
- We are preparing for another cycle of property valuation appeals. See the article on the other side of this newsletter.
- Mayor Deb Kind

