

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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CITY COUNCIL

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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 4:30pm,
www.southlakepd.com
Excelsior Fire District: 952.401.8801,
M-F, 9:30am 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

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES -0.4% DECREASE FOR PRELIMINARY 2017 TAX LEVY

At the September 7 meeting, the city council approved a *preliminary* 2016 tax levy of \$639,894. This is a -0.4% decrease from the 2016 tax levy. The public comment opportunity and *final* 2017 tax levy and budget approval will take place at the December 7 council meeting. Note: According to state law, the *final* tax levy amount cannot be increased from the *preliminary* amount set by the council.

Vote Nov 8

**Polls are Open Tues, Nov 8
7am-8pm, Old Log Theatre,
5185 Meadville St, Greenwood**

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 preregister at City Hall, Hennepin County Libraries, Hennepin County Service Centers, or at the Hennepin County Government Center.

The preregistration deadline is October 18. You also may register at the polling place on election day with authorized proof of residence (see details at www.sos.state.mn.us). For those who are not able to vote on election day, absentee ballots are available at City Hall.

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

COYOTES IN GREENWOOD!

A Coyote Alert sheet was mailed to all Greenwood property owners in mid-September.

The alert sheet was developed by the Coyote Advisory Committee in response to concerns raised by residents who live on Meadville, Fairview, and Covington Streets.

Members of the committee were:
MAYOR DEB KIND, COUNCILMAN BILL COOK, CHIEF MIKE MEEHAN, CITY CLERK DANA YOUNG, LYNN ALLAR, JOHN & JULIE EKELUND, JOE FRONIUS, JENNIFER GALLAGHER, AND MARY THACKER.

Committee members invested a lot of time researching urban coyotes. Based on this extensive research, the committee developed a Coyote Management Plan (the first of its kind in the area) in addition to the Coyote Alert sheet.

Under the **WHY DON'T WE KILL THEM ALL?** section of the alert sheet, it states, "Coyotes are very 'wily,' so they are difficult to kill. Plus, if they are killed, more coyotes move in to replace those that were killed. Coyotes also adapt to the loss of individuals in their families by over-reproducing to replace those lost."

Basically, the committee learned it is impossible to get rid of coyotes, so we need to figure out how to coexist. We need to teach residents how to respond to coyotes, so coyotes learn to be afraid of humans again. **COYOTE HAZING** (using shakers, yelling, throwing objects, etc.) has proven to be very effective in making coyotes afraid of humans.

To view hazing tips and other information about coyotes, visit www.greenwoodmn.com and click on the "Coyotes & Animal Services" tab.



Recycle Everywhere

Hennepin County recently launched a **RECYCLE EVERYWHERE** campaign to encourage people to refresh their laundry room, revamp their bathroom, or rethink their home office by adding a recycling bin, bag, or basket to collect recycling. Visit www.hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere for more details. This mailing of the *Greenwood Quarterly* also includes a **RECYCLING GUIDE**.

Illicit Discharges

The city of Greenwood has a program in place to detect and prevent illicit discharges from entering the city's storm sewer system, ditches, ponds, or Lake Minnetonka. An illicit discharge is anything that is not composed entirely of stormwater – such as oil, paint, fertilizer, pet waste, and grass clippings. If you observe an illicit discharge, please call 911 immediately.

Setting up **AUTO-PAY** for utility bills is easy!
Visit www.greenwoodmn.com to download the form.

Question: Who has the right-of-way at the Meadville LRT trail crossing – cars or bikes?

Answer:
CARS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.



According to MN law, a biker crossing a roadway has all of the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian. Since the LRT trail crossing at Meadville Street is not an intersection of two roads, the trail crossing is a situation where a pedestrian or biker is “crossing between intersections.” Therefore, pedestrians and bikers must yield the right-of-way to cars. The LRT trail has stop signs and Three Rivers officers will write tickets to bikers who do not obey the stop signs. Please stay safe and obey the law. Chief Meehan adds, “I would urge both bikers and cars to be cautious at the trail crossing. My experience with bike vs. car accidents is that the biker always loses.”

Sign Up for City Emails

To subscribe to the city email system, visit www.greenwoodmn.com and click on “Email List” tab. Once activated, you will receive links to council agendas, minutes, and other items of community interest.

Firefighters Needed

The Excelsior Fire District (EFD) serves Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, and Tonka Bay and recruiting new members become

part-time, paid-on-call firefighters who help others, serve the community, and qualify for a great pension. For more details, call 952.401.8801.

THE EFD OPEN HOUSE & SAFETY FAIR

is Thursday, 10-06-16, 5:30-8pm 24100

Smithtown Rd, Shorewood.

Enjoy activities, demos, displays, fire truck rides, and tasty treats!



Did You Know?

The city has regulations for rental properties...

YOU MUST HAVE A RENTAL LICENSE TO RENT YOUR PROPERTY. The rental license application may be downloaded at www.greenwoodmn.com or stop by City Hall. The fee is \$50 for the first unit, \$30 for additional units. Also, **THERE IS A 30-DAY MINIMUM FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES**, and rental properties may not be rented to more than 2 tenant groups in any 4-month period. See code sections 320.20, 480, 910.70, and 1140.85 at www.greenwoodmn.com or City Hall for more regulations regarding rental properties.

CITY MEETING DATES

Oct 5	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Oct 19	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Nov 2	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Nov 16	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Dec 7	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Dec 21	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm

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

Mayor's Corner

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www.greenwoodmn.com

Below is my fall 2016 report regarding city items of interest ...

- The city council approved a -4% decrease in the tax levy (see article on other side).
- The city council formed a fast-working advisory committee to address coyote concerns raised by residents living on Meadville, Fairview, and Covington Streets (see the article on the other side).
- The city council authorized our share of Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission audio-visual funds to go towards upgrades for the Deephaven council chambers. LMCC AV funds come from fees paid by cable subscribers.
- To protect the shoreline, the city council approved the installation of new rip-rap along the lakeshore by the Meadville stub road / fire lane.
- The Southshore Center partition action lawsuit initiated by Shorewood on 09-04-15 (over a year ago) continues ... On 06-22-16, Shorewood appealed the summary judgment order granted to the defendant cities (Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, and Tonka Bay). On 07-19-16, the court of appeals dismissed Shorewood's appeal because it was not submitted within the 30-day appeal period provided in the partition statute. On 08-18-16, Shorewood submitted a petition to the MN Supreme Court to review the decision of the court of appeals. On 09-07-16, the defendant cities submitted our response. As of the deadline for this newsletter, we still were waiting to hear if the MN Supreme Court accepted review of this matter.

I am pleased to report that Councilman Bill Cook and I are running unopposed in the upcoming election. I also am pleased to report that current Planning Commissioner Kristi Conrad has thrown her hat in the ring to be on the ballot for the 2nd open city council seat. Councilman Rob Roy is not seeking reelection after completing his 4-year term. Thank you for your service Rob!

Got questions? City council contact information is on the other side of this newsletter. Have a great fall! – Mayor Deb Kind



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