



CITY OF GREENWOOD NEWS

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Contact Your Council

A Greenwood voter turn-out of nearly 95% in the November General Election brought new faces to the Greenwood City Council. At the January 6, 2009, City Council meeting, four new members will be sworn in:

Mayor Deb Kind #952-401-9181
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Thomas M. Fletcher #952-224-5555
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William Rose #952-380-0961
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H. Kelsey Page #952-474-4406
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Incumbent, Bob Quam #952-474-1847
quamco@aol.com

Please feel free to contact your Council if you have concerns, questions or comments about the City. The City Council generally meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 in the Council Chambers at 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN. The meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

City Hall Office Closings:

Wednesday, December 24
Vacation Day

Thursday, December 25, 2008
Christmas Day

Thursday, January 1, 2009
New Year's Day

Monday, January 19, 2009
MLK, Jr. Day

Remember, City Hall is closed Fridays.

Greenwood Election Judges Count and Count and Count

There is a lot more to being an election judge than most people realize and Greenwood is lucky to have such dedicated ones.

The morning starts early, at 6:15, and doesn't end until 9:00 p.m. (if we're lucky). In case you're curious, Greenwood did not reject a single absentee ballot and during the Senate recount, not one ballot was challenged. Recounts cause extra work for election administrators and judges; schedules need to be juggled and personal lives are on hold. One can only hope we've learned something from this past election.

When you see the following Greenwood residents, thank them for going through the training and taking time out of their lives to serve the City in the 2008 elections: Bonnie Boedecker, Pam Canning, Jan Gray, Deb Kind, Bonnie Lane, Carol McMullin, Mary Jo Newman, Cindy Paeper, Carole Sayer, Judy Spiegel, Rebecca Ofstehage, Maureen Burns, Jeff Schmidt, and Bud Wudlick. For the second time, Cheryl Svendsen has served as Head Election judge and helped out greatly during the Senate recount.

The employees of the Old Log Theater need to be recognized for their willingness to rearrange furniture, for being available extended hours, and their help in setting up the polling place. Where would Greenwood hold their election if not for Don Stolz and the Old Log Theater? Once again, the City is indebted to Mr. Stolz for being a gracious host and accommodating us for the Primary and General Elections; thank you.

Planning Commission Seeks New Members

Regular seats and alternate seats need to be filled on the Greenwood Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month and the terms are for two years beginning in March, 2009. The main duties of the Planning Commission are to review requests for variances and conditional use permits, then forward their recommendations to the City Council. However, often they are called upon to draft or revise ordinances.

If you see this as an opportunity to serve your City, please contact Pat Lucking, the Planning Commission Chair #952-474-3984 or Gus Karpas, City Zoning Coordinator #952-474-4755. The City website has a downloadable application that must be completed and delivered to the Planning Commission for review at the January 21, 2009 meeting.

For City information, please visit the website!

www.cityofgreenwoodmn.com

2009 Summary Budget-City of Greenwood

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2009 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 55331. The City Council approved this budget on Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

REVENUES	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Property Taxes	646,430	690,382
Licenses & Permits	81,302	34,765
Grants from County & Other Gov't.	8,559	3,675
Public Chgs. For Service	20,644	18,528
Fines & Specials	<u>31,850</u>	<u>33,950</u>
	\$788,785	\$781,300
EXPENDITURES	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
General Government	237,257	226,125
Public Safety	326,778	318,120
Public Works	116,250	120,900
Sanitation	12,900	17,685
Misc.	<u>95,600</u>	<u>98,470</u>
	\$788,785	\$781,300

Ignorance is No Excuse - Understand Greenwood Ordinances

Did you know that there was an ordinance that requires the preservation of an urban forest in and amongst the commercial buildings, homes, and streets of the City? Or that you need to submit a tree preservation plan prior to building a new home or an addition to an existing one? How about the ordinance that allows residents to have only two dogs unless they have been granted a kennel permit? Exterior lighting must be a down-cast cut-off type concealing the light source from view and preventing glare from spilling into residential areas or onto the waters of Lake Minnetonka; were you aware of that ordinance? Luckily, with the new website, all the City ordinances are available to you by going on-line. Stay informed and bookmark the City site: www.cityofgreenwoodmn.com

A critic is someone who knows the way, but can't drive the car. Anonymous

Greenwood Resident Needed

Serve as the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) representative. The meetings are the third Tuesday of each month. The LMCC oversees the franchise agreement with Mediacom and promotes awareness of community television. There is an application on the City website or call City Hall if you need a blank form. For more details call the LMCC at #952-471-7125 or email: lmcc@lmcc-tv.org

Firewood: Buy it Where You Burn It

The DNR is attributing the spread of Dutch elm disease, oak wilt, and the invasion of the gypsy moth and the emerald ash borer to the movement of firewood. Residents are encouraged to purchase wood only from an approved firewood vendor. Some Cities have prohibited the transport of firewood between April 15-September 15, in an attempt to control nonnative forest pests.

To find an approved vendor see the DNR site: www.dnr.state.mn.us/firewood/index.html