



Quarterly

2ND QUARTER 2017

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

8am to 12noon, Fridays

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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: 952.258.5321

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

Property Value Appeal Date: April 13

This spring you will receive a notice of your property's 2017 estimated market value (EMV) from Hennepin County. 2017 EMVs will be used to calculate 2018 taxes. EMVs and property taxes are related, but not directly. If your EMV increases, it does not mean that your property taxes will increase by the same percentage. Instead, property taxes are driven by the budgets of the county, school district, city, etc. EMVs are used to determine how the budgets are divided among taxpayers. The total budgets will be collected whether EMVs increase or decrease, but your share of the budget pies may shift if your EMV goes up or down more in comparison to other properties in the county, school district, or city. This is why it is important to ensure your property is fairly assessed.

Visit www.greenwoodmn.com and click on the "Assessments & Taxes" tab to view the **ASSESSMENT ROLL** that includes every property in the city and other assessment-related / property tax-related documents. *Note: The 2017 assessment roll and other 2017 assessment documents will be posted online as soon as they become available.*

Your EMV should be in alignment with similar properties in the area and is supposed to be between 90% and 105% of what your property would sell for. If you believe your EMV is incorrect, you are encouraged to **APPEAL YOUR EMV**. Here is the process:

- First contact the assessor at 763.226.5730. 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). Your case may be presented in writing or in person. The Local Board meeting will be held at 6pm on **APRIL 13** at the Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Rd, Deephaven, MN 55331 (send written appeals to this address). Call 952.474.6633 by **APRIL 6** to get on the agenda. *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. All Tax Court appeals must be filed on or before April 30 of the year the tax becomes payable. For more information call 651.296.2806 or go to www.taxcourt.state.mn.us.

2017 Greenwood Permit Sticker

Two 2017 Greenwood permit stickers are included with this month's newsletter mailing to each Greenwood household. To use the Meadville boat launch, 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!** Non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$100. Giving or selling stickers to non-residents is prohibited.



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Spring Clean-Up: May 20

Greenwood's "free" annual spring clean-up day is May 20. 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 drained).
- 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, non-bundled brush, household food, garbage, or recycling.

Did You Know?

THERE IS A 30-DAY MINIMUM TO RENT YOUR PROPERTY, and your property 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 regulations regarding renting.

KEY DATES

Apr 5	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Apr 19	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Apr 13	Local Board of Appeal & Equalization, 6pm
Apr 27	Subsequent LBAE Meeting, 6pm
May 3	City Council Meeting, 7pm
May 17	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
May 20	Spring Clean-Up Day, 7am
Jun 7	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Jun 21	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Jun 22	Excelsior Library Used Book Sale, 12-7pm

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

Southshore Center Lawsuit Ends – Finally!

The Southshore Center lawsuit initiated by Shorewood on 09-04-15 was finally resolved on 01-20-17 when the defendant cities of Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, and Tonka Bay received payment from Shorewood in accordance with the court order and the 1996 agreement. The Southshore Center is a community center located adjacent to Shorewood City Hall. Shorewood now is the sole owner and operator of the facility.

Floating Lake Weeds!

In recent years, St. Alban's Bay has experienced large masses of floating *native* weeds – water buttercup (midsummer) and wild celery (late summer). These weeds have shallow root structures that easily dislodge from the lake bottom. The St. Alban's Bay Lake Improvement District is restricted to manage only *invasive* species. Therefore, property owners are responsible for removing floating *native* weeds. The city is doing our part by removing *native* weeds that wash up by the city docks.

Illicit Discharges

The city has a program to detect and prevent illicit discharges (**OIL, PAINT, FERTILIZER, PET WASTE, GRASS CLIPPINGS, ETC**) from entering the city's storm sewer system, ditches, ponds, or Lake Minnetonka. If you observe an illicit discharge, call 911. Discharges from **SUMP PUMPS** and **FOUNDATION DRAINS** into the *sanitary* sewer also are prohibited. If you observe an illicit *sanitary* sewer discharge, call City Hall at 952.474.6633.

Dogs Must Be Licensed

Dogs are required to be licensed in the city. New **2017-18 DOG TAGS** cost \$25 and may be purchased at City Hall or download the application at www.greenwoodmn.com to complete the process by mail. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.



Dog Doo-Doo Dos and Don'ts

Bags for dog doo-doo are provided at stations along the LRT trail. Please **DO** use the bags to pick up your dog's doo-doo. Please **NOT** leave bags of doo-doo along the trail. Three Rivers Park District and city personnel do **NOT** pick up doo-doo bags.

Friends of the Excelsior Library Used Book Sale

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 12NOON - 7PM
MOST BOOKS ARE 50¢ OR \$1
Book donations accepted after June 7 at the library during regular business hours.

Sign Up for City Emails

Go to www.greenwoodmn.com and click on "Email List" to subscribe to the city email system. Once activated, you will receive links to monthly council agendas and minutes, as well as other items of community interest.

Auto-Pay Program

Setting up auto-pay for utility bills is easy! Simply download a form at www.greenwoodmn.com or stop by City Hall to sign up for the program.

Mayor's Corner

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Happy Spring! See below for info about the city council's usual spring housekeeping items and other city items of interest ...

- The city council approved the 2016 city audit at the March council meeting. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition with general fund reserves of 78.4%.
 - We are preparing for another cycle of property valuation appeals. See the article on the other side of this newsletter.
 - At the request of Police Chief Mike Meehan, Greenwood approved the 1st reading of a social host ordinance. The ordinance will go into effect, if the council approves the 2nd reading (scheduled for the April 5 council meeting).
 - The city council and planning commission continue to work on a new zoning ordinance that will regulate properties based on lot size.
- Mayor Deb Kind



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