

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: 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

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES -0.18% DECREASE FOR PRELIMINARY 2018 TAX LEVY

At the Sep 6 meeting, the city council approved a *preliminary* 2018 tax levy of \$637,879. This is a -0.18% decrease from the 2017 tax levy. The public comment opportunity and *final* 2018 tax levy and budget approval will take place at the Dec 6 council meeting. Note: According to state law, the *final* tax levy amount cannot be increased from the *preliminary* amount set by the city council.

Fulfill a Childhood Dream: Become a Part-Time Firefighter!

The Excelsior Fire District (EFD) serves Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, and Tonka Bay and is recruiting part-time, paid-on-call firefighters who want to help others, serve with a fun crew, and qualify for a great pension. For more details, call 952.401.8801.



Excelsior Fire District Open House & Safety Fair

Th 10/5, 5:30-8pm, 24100 Smithtown Rd, Shorewood. Enjoy activities, demos, displays, fire truck rides, and tasty treats!

MEDICINE DISPOSAL

Monday thru Friday, 8am-4:30pm
Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol Office
4141 Shoreline Dr, Spring Park 55384

South Lake Minnetonka
Police Department
Firearms Safety Program

Operation Lock & Unload



Operation Lock & Unload is a South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD) initiative that focuses on the safe storage of firearms. Simply hiding a gun without taking additional precautions is not a safe practice. Proper safeguards include unloading the firearm, using a trigger or cable lock, and placing the gun in a lock box or safe. Ammunition should be securely stored away from the firearm. The SLMPD offers free cable locks that will secure most types of guns. To learn more about firearm safety, visit www.projectchildsafes.org.

As part of the Operation Lock & Unload program, the SLMPD also provides a safe and easy way to **DISPOSE OF UNWANTED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**. Many times the only reason people do not discard these items is because they are unsure how to properly dispose of them. The SLMPD offers this simple 3-step, no-hassle process:

1. Call SLMPD dispatch at 952.258.5321.
2. Specify that you would like a police officer to contact you about the disposal of an unwanted firearm and / or ammunition.
3. A police officer will call you back and make a determination on whether to have an officer pick up the item(s) or have you bring the item(s) to the police station.

Sign Up for City Emails

Go to www.greenwoodmn.com and click on "Email List" to subscribe to the city email system to receive monthly council agendas, minutes, etc.

Dumping anywhere, except on your own property, is illegal!

You cannot dump yard waste or junk on city park land, road right-of-ways (paved or unpaved), regional trail property, your neighbor's property, or any property that is not your own property. It does not matter how many years you have been dumping in locations off of your property – **STOP IT NOW!** Get rid of unwanted junk on Greenwood Clean-Up Day (next one is May 19, 2018) and call your trash hauler to sign up for yard waste removal.

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.

Use City's Buckthorn Wrench for Free!

Buckthorn is woody shrub / small tree that is invasive and threatens the future of forests, wetlands, prairies, and other natural habitats. Fall is an excellent time to identify and remove buckthorn, since it is one of the last trees to lose leaves. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us to see photos. City Hall has a buckthorn wrench that property owners can use for free (a \$50 check is required as a deposit to be given back when you return the wrench).

Bill Pay Reminder

If you use a "bill pay" service through your bank to pay your Greenwood utility bill, please ...

- Schedule your utility payment to be sent no later than 10 days before the due date. The city does not accept electronic payments, therefore your service company still prints and mails a physical check to our office. Please take into account weekends and holidays when considering mailing time.
- Include the account number and property address on the payment.

Keep Wipes Out of Pipes!

Even if the package says that the item is "flushable" or "disposable," please do not flush moist adult wipes, baby wipes, or Swiffers down your toilet. They clog the city's sewer system pipes / pumps (costs taxpayers over \$2500 each time they need to be rebuilt), not to mention, the fact that they can clog your toilet and cause a back-up into your house. Yuck! The city sewers are designed to dispose of **TWO**, and **ONLY** two, very specific things: human waste and toilet paper. Do not flush anything else down the toilet. Thank you!

Auto-Pay Program

Save postage and avoid the hassle of remembering to pay your city utility bills by setting up automatic payments. Simply download a form at www.greenwoodmn.com or stop by City Hall to sign up for the program.

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Did You Know?

Trash & Recycling Containers Must Be Hidden From View

Per ordinance 475.15, subd. 3, trash, recycling, yard waste, and organics containers may



be placed by the curb 12 hours before and after the scheduled pick-up time. On non-pick-up days, containers must be kept out of view from the public street. Thank you!

KEY DATES

Oct 4	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Oct 18	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Nov 1	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Nov 15	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Dec 6	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Dec 20	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm

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

Mayor's Corner

Greenwood Quarterly 4TH QUARTER 2017
www.greenwoodmn.com

Below is my fall update regarding city council items of interest ...

- The council approved a slight -.018% decrease for the preliminary tax levy (see article on other side). The council may reduce the levy further, but it cannot be increased when we approve the final levy in December. I am pleased to report we have reduced the city's tax levy every year since I have been mayor (8th budget in my 9 years as mayor).
- The Greenwood Park and road projects will be completed this fall.
- We are continuing our work on the ordinance to regulate residential properties based on lot size. The goal is to reduce the number and/or severity of variance requests for small lots in our city and to set expectations for small lot property owners and prospective buyers regarding setbacks, hardcover, building height, etc.
- As required by the Metropolitan Council, the city council and staff have begun the process of updating the city's Comprehensive Plan for 2040. Other than formatting revisions to improve usability and updates to numbers, no major changes are expected to be made to Greenwood's 2040 Comp Plan.
- In response to a concern raised by an Excelsior Blvd resident, the city council approved an ordinance amending the city's nuisance code to prohibit engine braking (also known as jake braking). Next, the council will consider requesting that MnDOT install "No Engine Braking" signs along Hwy 7 in Greenwood.
- At the October meeting, the city council will consider an ordinance to regulate small cell wireless facilities (e.g. cell phone antennas mounted on street light poles and ground equipment).



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Got questions? City council contact information is on the other side of this newsletter. See you around town! – **MAYOR DEB KIND**