Greenwood
City on the Lake

Quarterly

2ND QUARTER 2020

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
Main Phone: 952.474.6633
City Clerk/City Docks: Dana Young,
952.358.9939, danayoung@mchsi.com
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CITY COUNCIL
Mayor Deb Kind
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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 lmcc-tv.org (use "agenda parsing" to skip to the topic you want to view).

PUBLIC SAFETY
Fire or Medical Emergency: 911
ANY In-Progress or Time-Sensitive Calls for Police: 911
Non-Urgent Calls for Police: 952.258.5321
Animal Services: 952.258.5321
Excelsior Fire District: 952.401.8801,
M-F, 9:30am to 2pm, excelsiorfire.org
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department:
952.474.3261 (administrative requests),
M-F, 8:30am to 4:30pm, southlakepd.com
Citywide Emergency: Alerts will be sent via the city email system (sign up at greenwoodmn.com) and will be posted at greenwoodmn.com. Watch TV Emergency Broadcast System. Listen to WCCO Radio 830. Sign up for regional alerts at nixle.com.
Call Before You Dig:
Gopher State One Call, 651.454.0002

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS

Greenwood's Emergency Management Director, **SOUTH LAKE MINNETONKA POLICE CHIEF MIKE MEEHAN,** has been leading the COVID-19 preparation efforts on behalf of the city. Chief Meehan has discussed response protocols with Hennepin County Medical Center, Ridgeview, Excelsior Fire District, and Hennepin County Emergency Communications. In addition, Chief Meehan has met with the Lake Minnetonka area police chiefs to discuss continuity of operations plans – including emergency staffing procedures if one or more of the departments has significant staffing issues related to COVID-19. Chief Meehan reminds us all to wash hands frequently for 20 seconds, practice 6ft social distancing, and stay home if you are sick. Visit https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html for up to date information and strategies **YOU** can implement to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Property Value Appeal Date: April 16

This spring you received a notice of your property's **2020** estimated market value (EMV) from Hennepin County for taxes payable in **2021.** EMVs and property taxes are related, but not directly. The assessor does not "get more $$$" for the county, school, or city by increasing property values. These entities get whatever $$$ they put in their budgets as revenue they will collect via their tax levy, and this amount will be collected whether property values increase or decrease. The assessed property values are simply used to determine how the tax levies are divided among property owners. An individual property's share of the tax levies may shift if an individual property's value goes up or down more in comparison to other properties. This is why it is important to make sure valuations are fair.

Visit 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* **2020** *assessment roll and other assessment documents will be posted at greenwoodmn.com 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 612.267.4480. 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 16** at the Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Rd, Deephaven, MN 55331 (send written appeals to this address). Call 952.474.6633 by **APRIL 10** 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 appeal to 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 visit taxcourt.state.mn.us.

Spring Clean-Up: May 16

Greenwood's "free"annual spring clean-up day is **MAY 16.** Items must 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.

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.

KEY DATES

Apr 1	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Apr 8	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
May 6	City Council Meeting, 7pm
May 13	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Jun 3	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Jun 10	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm

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

WANTED:

Planning Commissioners

The planning commission has openings! This group makes recommendations to the council regarding variances and more. Download an application at *greenwoodmn.com* or stop by City Hall. For more details, contact Zoning Administrator Pat Smith at 952.358.9938 pat@cityofdeephaven.org.

2020 Greenwood Permit Sticker

Two 2020 Greenwood permit stickers are included with this month's newsletter mailing. To use the Meadville boat launch, one sticker must be displayed on the lower left 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!** Giving or selling stickers to non-residents is prohibited. Non-resident stickers: $100.

St. Alban's Bay Lake Improvement District Board Candidate Deadline is June 2

If you are a SABLID property owner interested in serving on the SABLID Board, the candidate deadline is the first Tuesday in June **(JUNE 2).** Candidates will be submitted for a vote at the Annual Meeting in the fall. Contact SABLID Board Secretary Joan Maher at joanmaher11@gmail.com or 612.418.1400 to get your name on the ballot.

Watercraft Operation Reminders & Increased Water Patrol

In response to concerns raised by residents, water patrol presence will continue to be strong on St. Alban's Bay during the summer of **2020.** The increased patrol has and will continue to deter unsafe and inconsiderate activity in the bay. Residents should call 911 to report both dangerous and non-emergency concerns. For example, a driver towing people close to docks or other watercraft is a dangerous activity that should be reported immediately. Loud music from an anchored boat is an example of a concern that could be reported. If possible, please include the boat description and license number when calling 911. Here are a few rule reminders:

- **WATERSKIING, TUBING, WAKE SURFING** hours are sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Boats and jetskis towing people are required to have an observer 12yrs or older in addition to the driver.
- **JETSKI** hours are 9:30am to 1 hour before sunset. Operation of a jetski for more than 30 minutes in one area is prohibited.
- **A MINIMUM WAKE** is required for boats and jetskis within 150ft of shore, swimmers, docks, or another boat / jetski. Exception: normal speed is allowed perpendicular from the shore from which a boat or jetski is operating.

Sign Up for Emails

Visit *greenwoodmn.com* to subscribe to the **CITY** and/or **ST. ALBAN'S BAY LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** email systems.

Mayor's Corner

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

- *The city's accounting firm submitted reports to the State Auditor's Office. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition.*
- *In preparation for another cycle of property valuation appeals, the city council met with the city's assessors and learned that Greenwood's valuations increased by an average of 1.3% for off-lake residential properties, 4.9% for residential lakeshore properties, and 3.71% for condos. See other side for more.*
- *In response to resident concerns, the city council is considering revisions to building permit construction hours.*

I hope you and yours stay healthy during this time of COVID-19 uncertainty. Take care! **– MAYOR DEB KIND**

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