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#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Request a Police Officer: 911

(emergency or non-emergency)

Fire or Medical Emergency: 911

Animal Control: 763-525-6210

Police Administrative Questions:

952-474-3261 M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

[www.southlakepd.com](http://www.southlakepd.com)

Fire Administrative Questions:

952-401-8801, M-F, 9:30 am-2:00 pm

[www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org)

City-Wide Emergency:

TV Emergency Broadcast System

WCCO Radio 830

Police Dept. will direct communication

#### **SOUTHSHORE**

##### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Phone: 952-474-7635

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#### **TRANSIT – CT RideNet**

Phone: 800-450-6100

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### **Stormwater Management Utility Fee**

The Greenwood City Council has created a new utility fee to offset the state and federally mandated Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). The SWMP is designed to prevent contaminated surface water from running into ponds, lakes and streams.

The easiest way to explain the need for the SWMP is; due to the increase in impervious surfaces (roads, sheds, parking lots, homes, etc.) that are covering the land, less area for water to seep into the ground is available. The impermeable surface becomes saturated and causes water to flow rather than be absorbed. As it flows, the water picks up contaminants like pet waste, fertilizers, road salt, leaves and grass clippings, construction debris and oils, etc. which eventually find its way into lakes and rivers. So the next time you forget to pick up after your dog, or think no one will care if you dump your yard waste along the LRT, remember that you are inadvertently dumping that 'stuff' into Lake Minnetonka.

The Council will be working with the City Engineer to determine the best long-term solution to effectively deal with stormwater runoff. However, one of the easiest ways to eliminate runoff is by creating a rain garden in your own yard. Rain garden information is readily available on the internet. Residents are encouraged to develop a rain gardens to create surfaces that hold runoff much better than grass lawns. Another plus is that you'll end up with some interesting and attractive plants and a smaller area to mow!

The additional \$12 per quarter stormwater management fee will appear on your utility bill which is included with this newsletter. Remember, this fee is to help keep ponds, lakes and rivers clean for the enjoyment of generations yet to come.

### **Join the Parade!**

PHEWF! Just when it was beginning to look like Greenwood wouldn't have a 4th of July parade this year, Kaylene Kickhafer stepped up to the plate, **AGAIN**. Meet at the Park by Meadville & Covington at 10 AM on Saturday, July 4th. Dress for the day in red, white and blue. Join the parade on your bikes, trikes, roller blades, strollers or wagons. Trinkets and treats will be provided for the kiddies. Sparky the Fire Dog will join us this year as well as fire trucks and police cars. This is a great family event and bring your guests to the City Celebration!

### **You, too, Could be a Planning Commission Member**

Two vacancies as alternates need to be filled on Greenwood's Planning Commission. It's a chance for you have input on a variety of City zoning ordinances. As an alternate, you won't have voting rights but it's a great way to learn about an interesting part of City planning.

Greenwood's Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please contact Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator at #952-474-4755 or Pat Lucking, Planning Commission Chair at #952-474-3984. You can print the Planning Commission application off the City website. Click the Planning Commission button on the left side of the page and navigate from there.

## Mayor's Corner

As summer begins, your Greenwood City Council has been very busy. Below is a sampling of projects...

- Working with neighboring cities to ensure the future of the SouthShore Community Center without raising Greenwood taxes.
- Approved street projects for Greenwood Circle and Meadville Street.
- Directed the Planning Commission to review lighting ordinance (see separate article). Please send your comments on this issue to the Planning Commission via the City's mailing address or City Administrator's email
- Established uses for fire lanes with the intent to install a seasonal barrier at the Meadville fire lane to quiet ice fishing traffic while continuing to allow residential snowmobile access and summertime boat access.
- Updated fees and placed in one section (510) of the code book for ease of use. The code book is available for viewing at the City office or online at [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com)
- Established a stormwater management fee (see separate article) to fund state mandates to reduce phosphorus introduction into waterways.
- Established Beautiful Boulevards Award to encourage and recognize residents who make Greenwood beautiful. Call or email me with your nominees.
- Held "Painting with the Council" to refurbish the Greenwood signs. On behalf of the Council, I extend a big "thank you" to Jeff Schmidt, Val Steussi, Pat Fletcher and Steve Kind for their help. Many hands make light (and fun) work.

As summer swings into high gear, I invite all Greenwood residents to take in a show at the Old Log Theater. The Old Log is celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year. We congratulate Don Stolz, the Stolz family, and the extended Old Log Theater family on this amazing accomplishment. Order tickets online at [www.oldlog.com](http://www.oldlog.com), by calling the box office at #952-474-5951, or in person at 5185 Meadville Street.

Have a great summer!

Mayor Deb Kind

PS: Remember to check out the City's improved website at [www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com)

## Seeing in a New Light

The Planning Commission, and later the City Council, is reviewing our City Code concerning external lighting. We are evaluating how perimeter security lighting and decorative holiday lighting can, in some instances, negatively impact our neighbors.

Our current City Code requires all external lighting to be directed so as to not overly project into our neighbor's property. Please inspect your perimeter lighting and as necessary, make adjustments to your fixtures to prevent bright lights from extending beyond your property line or from being left on excessively. What might be OK to you may be seen in a different light (please forgive a small effort at humor) by others. The use of down lighting, timers, and motion sensors can provide light needed to enhance security to our homes or businesses. Additionally, we ask everyone to observe respectful hours (off by 11:00 PM) and restrict the use of holiday/seasonal decorative lighting to 60 days prior to and 30 days after the holiday period.

If all observe these common sense guidelines, the Code becomes a formal, last concern. If anyone has suggestions for how we can improve the effectiveness of lighting in Greenwood, please contact a Planning Commissioner ([www.greenwoodmn.com](http://www.greenwoodmn.com)) or a Councilmember. We welcome all suggestions.

--Prepared by Mark Spiers, Greenwood Planning Commissioner.



Special thanks go to Steve Kind, Jeff Schmidt, Val Steussi, and Pat Fletcher (not pictured) for helping Councilmember Tom Fletcher and Mayor Deb Kind paint the Greenwood signs.

## Sign up for Beautiful Boulevards Award

We're still looking for residents who have a flair for flowers or a grasp for grasses. Nominate a neighbor's yard or pat yourself on the back by emailing a photo of your favorite Greenwood garden/landscape to Mayor Deb Kind at [d.kind@mchsi.com](mailto:d.kind@mchsi.com).

Please include the name/phone/address of the property and YOUR name/phone if you are not the property owner. Submissions will be accepted through September. Award recipients receive:

- Beautiful Boulevards Award Certificate
- Photo, name, and address\* on the City website
- Feature in Greenwood Quarterly Newsletter
- The appreciation and admiration of all your neighbors!

\*Award recipients will be contacted regarding permission to publish photos, addresses, and names.