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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
Fire Administrative Questions:
952-401-8801, M-F, 9:30 am-2:00 pm
www.excelsiorfire.org
City-Wide Emergency:
TV Emergency Broadcast System
WCCO Radio 830
Police Dept. will direct communications

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Gopher State One Call #651-454-0002

SOUTHSHORE

COMMUNITY CENTER

Phone: 952-474-7635
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Planning Commission Vacancies

Each year, the Greenwood Planning Commission has term expirations. There are three voting seats and one non-voting alternate seat to be filled this winter. Appointments are made at the February 4, 2010, City Council meeting with new members being sworn in at the March 17, 2010, Planning Commission Meeting.

Applications are available at the City website: greenwoodmn.com, click the Planning Commission button on the home page. You may also call City Hall if you'd like an application emailed or mailed to you.

The Planning Commission plays an important role in guiding City development and ensuring that City zoning and building ordinances are followed. This is a chance for you to become involved in important City development decisions.

Greenwood Night at the Old Log Theater

Back by popular demand, the Old Log Theater is hosting "Greenwood Night" on January 14, 2010. The show is Funny Money and the cost is only \$16 (an \$11 discount from the regular price). Mention "Greenwood Night" when you call the theater at #952-474-5951 to make a reservation. Theater owner Don Stolz says, "We hope a lot of our old (and new) Greenwood friends join us."

Southshore Center

The Southshore Center invites residents of all ages to participate in the many activities that are scheduled in the coming months. Look forward to arts, crafts, bingo, exercises for mind and body, information on aging well and planning travel adventures by using the internet. In January there is an introductory safety training course where you'll learn how to use the Automatic External Defibrillator. The Ridgeview Medical Center offers educational classes on mood lifters for winter blahs, staying heart healthy, and coping with stress in your life. As always, you can enjoy lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:45 a.m.

Call the Center, #952-474-7635, if you need a location to host an event; the building is totally accessible!

See the Greenwood website for more information or call the Southshore Center #952-474-7635 and ask to be included in future mailing lists. This great community asset is meant to be shared; join us!



Enjoy a happy and healthy 2010!

Friends of the Library Need Your Help

If you are looking for some tax-deductions this year, consider purchasing a Friends of the Excelsior Library (FOEL) membership that range in price from \$5-\$25. The FOEL supports teen and adult programs at the library as well as author events and book clubs. Due to budget cuts, Hennepin County will no longer contribute to library program funding so the FOEL will fund 100% of their events.

The memberships will make a great stocking-stuffer!

Start Thinking Elections

Recently signed federal legislation requires states to offer a minimum of a 45-day absentee voting period. To accommodate this requirement, Minnesota's primary needs to be moved earlier in the year. However, the primary can't be moved until the legislature begins its 2010 session early in February. Stay tuned for information on the date of the 2010 primary.

In the meantime, it's not too early to start thinking about the 2010 election season. The Mayor's seat (a two-year term) and two Council seats (each four-year terms) will be on the Greenwood ballot this November. Could this be the year YOU throw your hat in the ring for a Greenwood public office?

If you have an interest in serving as an election judge for the City of Greenwood, please call City Hall.

Mayor's Corner

As 2009 comes to a close and I look back, I am amazed at everything our Council has accomplished this past year. And the fourth quarter was no exception. Below is a sample of what we have been working on...

- Approved the FINAL 2010 Budget of \$736,817 (-5.69% reduction from 2009) and the FINAL 2010 Tax Levy of \$666,252 (-3.03% reduction from 2009). Note: Road improvement budget increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000.
- Completed the Administrative Civil Citation & Hearing project, which will aid in code enforcement.
- Reviewed Community Survey results. Thank you to all who responded. Results are posted on the City website and available for viewing at the City office.
- Designated \$5,000 from the Marina Fund for treating milfoil on St. Alban's Bay in 2010, contingent on permit approval from the DNR. Note: one of the strongest survey responses was support for treating milfoil.
- Approved a 60% food to 40% liquor sales ratio requirement for restaurants.
- Currently reviewing lighting and fencing ordinances.

I hope you and your neighbors will join me for Greenwood Night at the Old Log Theater on Thursday, January 14. (See details in this newsletter)

Have a great New Year!

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Mayor Deb Kind

P.S. The 2010 Budget, Community Survey results, and other great resources are on the City's website at www.greenwoodmn.com

Greenwood Summary Budget

This report provides a summary of the 2010 budget information concerning the City of Greenwood. The budget is published in accordance with the Minnesota State Statute 471.6965. The City Council approved this budget December 1, 2009.

Revenues	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
Taxes, Delinquent Ad Valorem, etc.	\$690,382	\$669,527
Public Charges for Services	\$18,528	\$22,360
Marina fund, interest, etc.	\$28,650	\$20,025
Licenses & Permits	\$34,765	\$19,905
Fines & Forfeitures	\$5,300	\$5,000
Intergovernment Aid	\$3,675	\$0
	\$781,300	\$736,817
Expenditures	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
Public Safety	\$318,020	\$328,763
General Government	\$183,725	\$161,524
Public Works	\$128,900	\$145,200
Contingency & Reserves	\$80,257	\$50,587
Misc	\$35,998	\$40,043
Zoning	\$34,400	\$10,700
	\$781,300	\$736,817

Winter Driving Safety Reminders

- While the City doesn't have an ordinance regarding parking during a snow event, it is a good practice to get your vehicle off the street, if possible. If snow plows have to make a second trip, it costs the City twice as much to plow a street!
- Turn on your vehicle headlights so others can see you.
- While driving, allow plenty of space between your vehicle and a snowplow. MNDOT recommends a minimum of five car lengths between you and a snowplow.
- Clear snow and ice from the hood and windshield of your vehicle before getting behind the wheel.
- Do not allow children to play in snow banks on streets.
- Lower your driving speeds for unexpected patches of ice, particularly at intersections.
- If you had experienced yard damage from a City snowplow in the past, install stakes just off the road every 20-25 feet to mark its edge.
- Be a patient driver. It's better to arrive at your destination late, than not at all.

Did You Know?

**Residents are required to purchase a dog license for any dog living in Greenwood? The \$25 license is good for two years (2009-2010). Dog owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination before being granted the license.

**The City has a leash law. No dog, cat or other animal is allowed to run at-large while on City streets or other public places.

**Residents may have two dogs without obtaining a private kennel license. A \$50 kennel license is required for three dogs.

**A single family residential unit may not have more than three cats or three dogs over the age of six months.

These are just a few of the interesting tidbits found in Section 445 of the City Ordinances.

City Hall Office Hours

The Greenwood City Hall office is open Monday through Thursday 8:00-4:30 and closed on Fridays. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

Office Closings

December 24 and 25, 2009 – Christmas

January 1, 2010 – New Year's Day

January 18, 2010 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 15, 2010 – President's Day

February 24 – March 4, 2010 – Administrator's Vacation (tentative)