



CITY OF GREENWOOD NEWS

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Local Mail Theft

Recently, the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD) received reports of theft from mailboxes. Mail theft leads to identity theft which is currently the fastest growing crime in Minnesota and the United States.

The SLMPD urges area residents to follow basic steps to reduce your chances of being a victim: NEVER leave outgoing mail in your mailbox. The red flag serves as a signal that there is something in the mailbox that may be worth stealing.

Retrieve delivered mail as soon as possible.

Before leaving on vacation, have the post office hold your mail.

Always shred credit card offers and all statements before throwing them in the garbage. Keep account information secure and private.

Consider electronic banking and direct deposits.

But even with electronic payments, it's a good idea to check your balances on-line daily.

Suspicious activity in your neighborhood should be reported by calling SLMPD, #911.

Board of Appeals set for Wednesday, April 9th

Greenwood residents have the opportunity to discuss their property valuations with the Hennepin County Assessors and the Greenwood City Council at the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

If you have questions on your property's value, the **FIRST THING** you must do is call the Assessor, #612-348-3046. Bill Davy is the Senior Assessor and he will review the assessment information with you. Often, the assessors will do a site visit to explain how the valuation was determined. If, after meeting with the Assessor, you still feel your property is not valued correctly, you may attend the Board of Appeals meeting. To appeal to the Board, you must **REGISTER** with City Hall to be placed on the agenda. If you do not want to appear in person, you may forward documentation to City Hall for consideration prior to the meeting.

PLEASE remember to get in touch with the Hennepin County Assessors before you attend the Board of Appeals & Equalization meeting.

Contact City Hall by Friday, April 4, 2008, to reserve your place on the agenda.

Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.

You Be the Judge

Training to be an election judge will begin late spring/early summer. Judges are paid \$8.00 per hour and the day begins at 6:15 a.m. and ends around 9:30 p.m. Judges are required to state their party affiliation to insure a balance of party representation at the polls. The primary election is Tuesday, September 9 and the general election is Tuesday, November 4, 2008. See the City website for an application or call City Hall.

First Ever: Computer E-Waste Day @ City Hall

Mark the date: Saturday, July 12, 2008 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

The Cities of Greenwood, Deephaven, and Woodland are sponsoring a computer waste day. This is a great opportunity for residents to get rid of old monitors, keyboards, modems, printers, CPU's and mice. You must show a driver's license or utility bill to prove you are a resident. JR's Advanced Recycling will handle the disposal of these electronics. The price is quite reasonable; \$5 for each computer and monitor, CPU's and printers only \$2 each.

It's HERE!

The City website is up, running, and full of information for residents. We will try to keep the web site as up-to-date as possible. It will be a while before we post all the necessary information, but we're working toward that goal. If you have a suggestion for what you'd like to see on the web site, email City Hall: greenwood@visi.com. Visit the new site:

www.cityofgreenwoodmn.com

Mayor's Corner

We're finally to the weather transition month of March, which usually means more snow but warmer temps. Because of the ensuing mush that the melt brings, we also have road restrictions until May 1st. So, other than trash trucks, we shouldn't have heavy vehicles on our roads. Hopefully, the SLMPD will help enforce that.

Tree trimming was done in Greenwood again by Excel Energy and their tree service contractor this year, Asplundh. Last year the trimming was done under transmission lines and this year under distribution lines. The effort was, once again, well planned and professionally managed by the Excel Energy personnel according to our new franchise agreement, which requires better advance communication and strong oversight. This year their tree contractor, Asplundh, impressed me much more as very professional and cooperative with our desires for a balanced approach to the trimming or cutting down: conservative yet responsibly wise. My approach: don't cut more than you have to, but it's better to lose a few branches or even a whole tree than power to half the City.

LRT Hennepin Co will get on with their plan to cut Buckthorn in the corridor this summer. Phase 1 is from Meadville to where Fairview turns close to the trail. Phase 2 goes from there, past Sleepy Hollow and on down to Linwood Circle. Analysis shows considerable growth that will thrive when the Buckthorn is gone, but if cutting leaves too little of that, then a replacement program will be explored. No firm start date has been set. Last year my Buckthorn Burn didn't at all measure up to the previous year. Very few clippings were set out and none were bundled to five foot lengths. This is now a requirement as last year I nearly made the ultimate sacrifice just for Buckthorn eradication. I'm not too old to learn a few things!

We continue to work on the Senior Center viability issue. We are exploring many opportunities for funding and use sources, one of which is renting space to Sojourn, a Senior Care organization. Anyone with any input of any kind is encouraged to call Roberta at 952-474-6633.

Finally, the Massing issue is progressing well and being simplified. I believe the finished product will be very helpful and protective of our City's profile and values at the same time.

As always, I am reachable at bnewman@mchsi.com or 401-6332. Mayor Bob Newman.

Spring Clean-up Day Scheduled

Each year, the City Council budgets money for the city-wide spring clean-up day. The cost to the City is around \$4,500 for the annual event. This year, the clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th. It's a couple weeks earlier than other years, but it was the only time

Waste Management could fit Greenwood in their schedule.

Please have all your items for pick-up at the street by 6:30 a.m. the day of the pick-up.

These items are **NOT** allowed for pick-up: cement blocks, batteries, tires, bricks, glass, windows, tiles, electronics, light bulbs, shingles, appliances, aerosol cans, paint, chemicals, pesticides or any type of hazardous waste.

These items **ARE** allowed for pick-up: regular household trash, carpet, furniture, mattresses/box springs, light construction material, bagged leaves, and bundled brush less than 5 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.

Watch your Weight

From March 1 until May 1, the City does not allow over weight trucks on any streets. Excelsior Blvd. and Minnetonka Blvd. allow trucks with weights of 5 tons per axle; all other roads in the City have a limit of 4 tons per axle. Residents are responsible for letting their service providers know that weight restrictions are on. If an over weight truck is cited by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, the fines can be quite steep.

Once road restrictions are off, a permit will allow trucks to travel in Greenwood with an additional two tons per axle. The permit is \$15 per round trip and may be purchased at City Hall. The load limit permit is available at the City web site, too.