



Quarterly

2ND QUARTER 2016

GREENWOOD DIRECTORY

CITY HALL

Location: 20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

8am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday

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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: 763.525.6210

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

SOUTHSHORE CENTER

A place for all ages. Available for rent.

Location: 5735 Country Club Rd, Shorewood

Phone: 952.474.7635

Email: director@southshore-center.org

Website: www.southshore-center.org

Property Value Appeal Date: April 13

This spring you will receive a notice of your property's 2016 estimated market value (EMV) from Hennepin County. 2016 EMVs will be used to calculate 2017 taxes. EMVs and property taxes are related, but not directly. If your EMV increases, it does not mean that your property taxes will increase by the same percentage. Instead, property taxes are driven by the budgets of the county, school district, city, etc. EMVs are used to determine how the budgets are divided among taxpayers. The total budgets will be collected whether EMVs increase or decrease, but your share of the budget pies may shift if your EMV goes up or down more in comparison to other properties in the county, school district, or city. This is why it is important to ensure your property is fairly assessed.

Visit www.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 2016 assessment roll and other 2016 assessment documents will be posted online 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 612.348.3046. 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 13** at the Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Rd, Deephaven, MN 55331 (send written appeals to this address). Call 952.474.6633 by **APRIL 8** 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 contact the Local Board first.*
- At any point in the process, you may appeal directly to Minnesota Tax Court. All appeals for tax court must be filed on or before April 30 of the year the tax becomes payable. For more information call 651.296.2806 or go to www.taxcourt.state.mn.us.

2016 Greenwood Permit Sticker

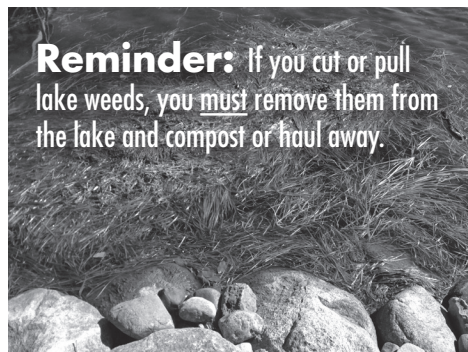
Two 2016 Greenwood permit stickers are included with this month's newsletter mailing to each Greenwood household. To use the Meadville boat launch (see enclosed map), one sticker must be displayed on the lower left side of your trunk window. Even if you do not use the boat launch, you are encouraged to display a sticker to show your **GREENWOOD PRIDE!** Non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$50. Giving or selling stickers to non-residents is prohibited.



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New High Definition Channel 808 for City Council Meetings!

After years of negotiations and discussion with Mediacom, the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission is pleased to announce the addition of the LMCC's first high definition channel 808 found on Mediacom's HD Local Plus TV tier. HD channel 808 will begin on April 1. It will air LMCC member city government meetings and LMCC board meetings in crisp, clear high definition. The LMCC will continue to broadcast the same meetings in standard definition on channel 8 for those who do not have access to a high definition TV.



Reminder: If you cut or pull lake weeds, you must remove them from the lake and compost or haul away.

Did You Know?

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 (May 21) and call your trash hauler to sign up for yard waste removal.

KEY DATES

Apr 6	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Apr 20	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
May 4	City Council Meeting, 7pm
May 18	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
Jun 1	City Council Meeting, 7pm
Jun 15	Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
All meetings are held in the Deephaven Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Road	

Spring Clean-Up: May 21

Greenwood's "free" annual spring clean-up day is May 21. Items need to 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.

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Emerald Ash Borer

EAB is a destructive pest that attacks all species of ash trees. Since ash trees have NO natural defense to EAB, trees will die in 1-4 years once infested. Eventually all ash trees will die unless successfully treated. Treatment costs approximately \$100 for a 20" diameter tree and must be done 1-3 years in perpetuity. EAB has been located in Plymouth and will spread to Greenwood.



HOW TO IDENTIFY EAB: EAB larva creates S-shaped galleries under the bark. An adult EAB is a slender elongated insect 1/3 to 1/2 inch long, iridescent-green to copper-green in color, and leaves a D-shaped exit hole in the bark. If you suspect you have found EAB, call the hotline at 651.201.6684.

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING: On city property, the city forester will mark ash trees for removal if they are weak specimens located close to a public street / trail / play area or have the potential to interfere with utility lines. Otherwise, ash trees on public property will become habitat for wildlife.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: Consult with a certified arborist to determine options for privately-owned ash trees.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Hennepin County is under a quarantine that prohibits the movement of any hardwood firewood as well as ash branches. Do not transport firewood to campgrounds or parks.

MORE DETAILS: www.mda.state.mn.us (keyword: ash borer).

Mayor's Corner

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

- The city council approved the 2015 city audit at the March council meeting. I am pleased to report the city is in excellent financial condition with general fund reserves of 66.7%.
- We are preparing for another cycle of property valuation appeals. See the article on the other side of this newsletter.
- The Old Log's dining patio conditional use permit request was denied.
- The city council revised the simple subdivision ordinance to require that a 1-to-2 lot split go through the full plat process.
- As part of the ongoing litigation initiated by Shorewood, the cities of Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, and Tonka Bay approved resolutions authorizing the sale of the Shoreshore Center to Shorewood. The attorney for the 4 defendant cities filed a motion for summary judgment and the court heard arguments on Feb 5. There was no court decision as of the newsletter deadline.

– Mayor Deb Kind



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