



Spring-Summer 2025

GREENWOOD DIRECTORY

CITY HALL

Location: 350 Highway 7, Suite 230,
Excelsior, MN 55331
Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm, M-Th
City Meetings: Deephaven City Hall,
20225 Cottagewood Road
Council: 7pm, 1st Wed
Planning Commission: 6pm, 2nd Wed
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LMCC

The Lake Minnetonka Communications
Commission provides community
programming (including council meetings)
on channels 8, 12, 20 & 21.
Website: www.lmcc-tv.org

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
www.excelsiorfire.org
South Lake Minnetonka Police:
Dept: 952.474.3261 (admin requests)
M-F, 8:30am to 4:30pm
www.southlakepd.com
Citywide Emergency: Alerts will be sent
via the city email system and will be
posted at www.greenwoodmn.gov.
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



South Lake Minnetonka Police Chief Brian Tholen Retirement

After three and a half years as
SLMPD's Chief and twenty-nine years
of dedicated service as a police
officer, Chief Tholen is retiring from
policing. Chief Tholen took a strong
department and made it even stronger
during his time with us. Experience
has always mattered in policing and is
ever more important in the modern
world. Chief Tholen motivated,
retained, and recruited increasingly
experienced officers to SLMPD. It is
not an accident that SLMPD has
several officers who will likely be
future Police Chiefs. Building a strong
cadre of ethical, motivated officers will
be Chief Tholen's legacy.

Spring Clean-Up Day is May 17

Greenwood's "free" annual spring
clean-up day is Saturday, May 17.
Items need to be curbside by 7am.
See a list of accepted items at
www.greenwoodmn.gov/utilities.

Stay Informed!

Sign up for city emails and alerts at
www.greenwoodmn.gov.

Property Value Appeal Date is April 10

Residents should have received their
2025 Estimated Market Value from
Hennepin County for taxes payable in
2026. The **2025** assessment roll with
EMVs for the entire city and other
documents will be posted at
www.greenwoodmn.gov/assessments
when available. Process to **APPEAL**
YOUR EMV:

1. **Contact the assessor as soon as possible!**
michael.smerdon@hennepin.us or
612-596-1362.
2. Appeal to the Local Board of
Appeal & Equalization (city
council). Present your case in
writing and/or in person. The
LBAE meeting will convene at
6pm on April 10th. Call
952.474.6633 or email
administrator@greenwoodmn.gov
to get on the agenda.
3. Appeal to the County Board of
Appeal & Equalization. Call
612.348.7050 to get on the CBAE
agenda. To appeal to the CBAE,
you must appeal to the LBAE first.
4. Appeal directly to Minnesota Tax
Court by April 30 of the year the
tax becomes payable. For more
information, call 651.296.2806 or
visit www.taxcourt.state.mn.us.

Of note, the City Assessor increased
St. Albans Bay lakeshore property
estimated market values by as much
as 30 to 40% from 2024 to 2025. This
is based on sales at 5195 Greenwood
Circle and 5155 Weeks Road located
in Greenwood, and also 1 Maclynn
Road, 2 Maclynn Road, and 925
Excelsior Boulevard located in
Excelsior.

Yard Management

Maintain a healthy lawn and protect our water. Everyone has different expectations for their lawns. Weeds and dormant grass are acceptable to some, but intolerable to others. Whatever your preference, choose best management practices to improve the health of your lawn and protect the water. Take a soil test to know what fertilizers your lawn needs, mow high (3-4" tall) to promote deep roots and aid water and nutrient retention, apply fertilizers and herbicides according to the label and when they will be most effective, sweep up grass clippings and other materials from hard surfaces. Healthy lawn, healthy water.

Planning Commission *Current Needs*

Greenwood's planning commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. There are currently two vacant seats and two vacant alternate seats on the planning commission. Please consider serving your city by joining the planning commission. Applications are found online at www.greenwoodmn.gov/planning.

Short-Term Rentals

City code section 320.30 subd 7 states that residential rental leases must be for at least 30 days and properties may not be leased to more than 3 tenant occupant groups in any calendar year. Short term rentals, such as Airbnb and Vrbo, are not allowed.

Annual Utility Bill

In September, property owners will receive their **ANNUAL** invoice for utility charges. The 2025 invoice for residential properties will be \$696 for JAN-DEC 2025 sanitary sewer (\$440), recycling (\$170), and stormwater (\$86). Automatic payments can be setup by completing the Auto-Pay form available at www.greenwoodmn.gov/formsandpayments.

Construction Activities

With the spring comes construction season. Maintaining clean construction sites and preventing sediment and materials from leaving the site protect our water. When performing outdoor projects, install perimeter protection (i.e. earth berm, sandbags, bio-rolls, silt-fence) prior to performing the work. Also, clean up the site after each day in case of precipitation overnight to limit exposure to erosion. If a site allowing the discharge of sediment to City streets or waters is observed, please provide a report to the City at adminstrator@greenwoodmn.gov.

Boat Music

Please use common courtesy and keep the volume to a minimum. Sound carries on the lake more than you realize. 911 may be used to report loud music on the lake.

- An observer 12yrs or older, in addition to the driver is required for watercraft towing people.
- Waterskiing, tubing, and wake surfing hours are sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- Jet ski hours 9:30am to 1 hour before sunset. Operation of a jet ski for more than 30 minutes in one area is prohibited.
- 300-Foot No Wake Rule: 5mph speed limit on all boats within 300 feet from the shoreline.

Greenwood July 4th BOAT Parade!

After two years of weather cancellations, we are hoping to have a sunny July 4 for the 2025 boat parade. Meet at the St. Alban's Bay city docks at 10am on July 4 and follow the Fire Boat clockwise around the bay. Spectators may bring chairs to view from the city docks. For questions or to offer/request a boat ride, contact igallagher.gcc@gmail.com. Excelsior July 4 activities can be found at www.excelsiorminnetonkachamber.com.

Highway 7 - Safety

Greenwood is a participant in the Highway 7 Corridor Safety Coalition, which includes every Hennepin County city along Highway 7 between Minnetonka and St Bonifacius. Council Member Mike Marti, who is one of the leading highway safety experts in Minnesota, brings his knowledge and expertise to this coalition.

Building Permit? City Review Needed

The city has ordinances that could apply to projects, even if a building permit is not required. Please contact City Zoning Administrator, Scott Richards, at 952.221.0547 or at scott@planningco.com before starting any landscaping, grading, or building project.

Mayor's Corner SPRING-SUMMER 2025

The Greenwood Marina's proposal to extend its dock A further into St. Albans Bay in front of the St. Albans Bay Villas and Byron Circle homes generated significant resident opposition before the City Council and Lake Minnetonka Conservation District. The opposition centered on the impact on residents' lake views with public safety and navigation also being concerns. The Marina has been a valued Greenwood business for many years. However, after considering the impact on its neighbors, the City Council opposed the Marina's LMCD dock reconfiguration variance application. The Marina withdrew its application at the January LMCD meeting. A City Ordinance to protect lake views is now being considered.

In my year as Mayor, I have truly enjoyed working with Police Chief Tholen. He exemplifies everything that is right about policing in our country. Hopefully, we will find a new chief who will, above all, continue to motivate our officers to provide ethical, visible, and proactive policing for our community. As a property owner and landlord in the City of Minneapolis, I see and experience on a day-to-day basis what my residents experience with an overstretched and poorly supported police force. In Greenwood we need to continue to support our police so that they can continue to support us.

— MAYOR TOM FLETCHER

