



WOODLAND NEWS

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City Hall 952-474-4755

Winter 2005

RECYCLING CHANGES FOR 2006

The City Council approved a new contract with Waste Management for recycling.

Recycling Collection will change to bi-weekly. Every-other Thursday starting January 5, 2006. Waste Management will deliver new containers, called carts.

- You will receive a mid sized, 64-gallon heavy duty green cart with a hinged yellow lid on Thursday, December 22, 2005.
- No more separating. Place **all** your recyclable containers, paper, and loose cardboard directly into the cart. All recyclables can be mixed together in your cart. **USE THE RECYCLE CART IN PLACE OF YOUR PRESENT RECYCLING BIN.**
- Your first pick up with single sort recycling will be on Thursday January 5, 2006. Recycling will be collected **every-other-week** on the regular collection day. The cart will be picked-up in the *SAME SPOT YOUR BIN WAS LOCATED*.
- A new recycling calendar will be delivered with your cart. Recycling is "GOLD WEEK" on the calendar.
- What can I do with my old recycling bin? You have two options. You may use the bin as you wish around your home for storage or other purposes. If you do not want your recycle bin please contact Waste Management and we will schedule to pick your bin up.

If you have any question, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 or Waste Management at 952-890-1100.

In this issue we have included a City Magnet with contact information for the City Hall. Extra magnets are available at the City Hall.

City Council update

The Council has approved the final budget & levy. 2006 Revenue Source Distribution

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| Property Tax (Levy) | 89.7% |
| Building Permits | 4.8% |
| License & Permits | 0.5% |
| State & County Aid | 2.4% |
| Misc. Income | 1.0% |
| Interest | 0.8% |
| Public Safety Charges (fines) | 0.8% |

The tax levy required to fund the 2006 budget is \$219,000. This is an increase of \$10,252 or 5.03% over the 2005 levy.

Property Tax impact: The City's tax capacity (tax base) for 2006 taxes decreased from 8.85% to 8.027%. Using this tax rate, the City's share of your property tax bill is reflected below:

| Property Market Value | City Tax for 2006 | Per month |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| \$250,000 | \$ 200.00 | \$16.66 |
| \$500,000 | \$ 401.00 | \$33.41 |
| \$1,000,000 | \$ 903.00 | \$75.25 |
| \$2,000,000 | \$ 1,960.00 | \$163.33 |
| \$2,500,000 | \$ 2,408.00 | \$200.67 |
| \$3,000,000 | \$ 2,909.00 | \$242.42 |

2006 Anticipated Budget Revenue and Expense

| Revenues | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Taxes | \$ 222,200 |
| License/ Permits | \$ 13,125 |
| Governmental Aid | \$ 5,878 |
| Fines | \$ 2,000 |
| Interest | \$ 2,000 |
| Misc. Revenue | \$ 2,500 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 247,703 |
| Expenditures | |
| Council | \$ 360 |
| Elections | \$ 2,635 |
| Assessor | \$ 7,780 |
| Auditor | \$ 7,000 |
| Legal | \$ 14,700 |
| Office space/clerk/zoning | \$ 29,700 |
| Office Misc. | \$ 2,850 |
| Police/Fire Protection | \$ 101,308 |
| Engineer | \$ 2,000 |
| Road Mtnc/ plowing/mowing | \$ 42,800 |
| Septic System Reviews | \$ 4,500 |
| Insurance | \$ 4,100 |
| Recycling | \$ 9,400 |
| Miscellaneous/contingency | \$ 18,570 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 247,703 |

Thanks to the Mayor and Councilmembers for another year of hard work.

In case you were wondering, the Woodland City Council members are paid for their services.

Mayor - \$80/year

Councilmembers - \$40/year

Most Lake Minnetonka Communities pay their Mayors \$300/month and Councilmembers \$250/month.

BIG THANKS to Grace Norris – City Treasurer

The City wishes to thank Grace Norris for more than 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Woodland as the City Treasurer. Grace attended every Council meeting and unselfishly devoted her time and energy to maintain the City's accounting records. Grace has done a fabulous job of record keeping and reporting and has spent countless hours making sure the City funds were well managed. Grace served under 5 different Councils. Grace is also one of our dedicated Election Judges. We are grateful to have residents like Grace Norris in our community.

Snow Plowing



Council approved a contract with Tim Lovett, owner of Cornerstone, to plow the City streets. We use a sand/salt mixture for ice removal. During extremely cold conditions salt will not melt ice so sand will be used for traction. If you have questions or concerns about the roadways please call the City at 952-474-4755.

Meetings & Events

Dec. 26 - Christmas Holiday –City Hall Closed

Jan. 2 - New Years Holiday - City Hall Closed

Jan. 9 - City Council Meeting – 7:00pm

Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King Holiday – City Hall Closed

Feb. 13 - City Council Meeting – 7:00pm

Feb. 20 - Presidents Day – City Hall Closed

Happenings Around the State



Winter can be a good season for wildlife and bird watching. Nearly two thousand great gray owls migrated south from their native Canada in search of food last winter, due to a temporary drop in the vole population (their favorite dinner). This owl invasion, known as

an "irruption," was one of the largest ever recorded in the country. The great gray is over two-feet tall, with a five-foot wingspan.

The great gray owls perch in trees in open areas along roadsides in broad daylight, hunting for voles tunneling under the snow. There were many sightings in northeastern Minnesota, especially in Aitkin, Carlton, Pine and St. Louis counties. Many of the great gray owls that wintered in Minnesota stayed and nested, so there may be good opportunities to see great grays again this winter.

Other winter birding highlights include a large flock of tundra swans that winter in the open waters of the Mississippi River at Monticello, and the bald eagles that fish the open waters of the Mississippi at Red Wing and Wabasha.

Stop and smell the flowers

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at the Como Zoo in St. Paul is a half-acre garden under glass. This 1915 gem opened a new wing last May, including the soothing, green Fern Room. A quiet stroll through the Conservatory is a great winter break. Colorful poinsettias are the highlight of the holiday display Dec. 3 to Jan. 23. The Winter Carnival Orchid Show is Jan. 28-29. Hues of pink are featured during the Feb. 3-Mar. 17 Winter Flower Show, with azaleas, primroses, lilies and more.

Check out the new Walker.

www.walkerart.org It's happening and it's hip. The Walker Art Center in Minneapolis is one of the top contemporary art venues in the country. It doubled in size last spring with the opening of a jazzy new wing. There's a special Andy Warhol exhibit there this winter, featuring his photo-silkscreen images of Marilyn Monroe, Jackie Kennedy and Elvis Presley.

Winter Classes Available at the Parks
Check out their website:

www.threeriversparkdistrict.org/news/

What a Difference a Century Makes - 100 years ago

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone
A 3-minute call from Denver to New York cost \$11
Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
There were only 8000 cars in the US and 144 miles of paved roads.
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10mph.
The average wage in the US was .22/hour
The average US worker made between \$200-\$400/year.
More than 95% of all births in the US took place at home.
6% of Americans had graduated from High School.
The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

This month many years ago:

December 20, 1606 - Virginia Company settlers left London to establish the first permanent English settlement in North America.

December 16, 1773 - the Boston Tea Party takes place as residents throw crates of tea into the Boston Harbor.

December 25, 1776 - American Forces cross the Delaware River and attack British Forces at Trenton.

Frequently Called Numbers

Lake Agencies

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| DNR | 651-296-6157 |
| Lake Mtn Conservation Dist... | 952-475-0789 |
| Minnehaha Creek Watershed Dist. | 952-471-0590 |

Community Groups

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| Lake Minnetonka Area Chamber | 952-471-0768 |
| Wayzata Historical Society | 952-473-3631 |

Services

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| Ridgedale Service Center | 612-348-8240 |
| US Post Office | 800-ASK-USPS |
| Center Point Energy - Gas | 612-372-4727 |
| Xcel - Electric | 800-895-4999 |
| Gopher One-Call - before you dig | 651-454-0002 |

Recycling

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| Waste Management missed pick-ups | 952-890-1100 |
| Yard Waste & Brush - NRG | |
| Compost | 952-446-1056 |
| Hazardous Waste – Hennepin Cnty | 612-348-3777 |

USPS Mailboxes

Only stamped or metered mail can legally be placed in your official mail box.

First Class Stamps will go up to 39¢ on January 8, 2006. Here are a few facts about the **United States Postal Service**:

- Deliver mail to over **142 million** homes, businesses and post office boxes in every state, city, and town in the country; including Puerto Rico, Guam, the American Virgin Islands and American Samoa
- Add **1.8 million** new addresses each year to the delivery network
- Serve over **7 million** customers daily at nearly **38,000** post offices
- Have annual operating revenue of **\$69 billion**
- Deliver more than **206 billion** pieces of mail a year
- Pay nearly **\$2 billion** in employee salaries and benefits every two weeks
- Employ more than **700,000** career employees
- Operate a transport and delivery fleet of over **200,000** vehicles driving approximately **1.1 billion** miles a year
- Each letter carrier delivers about **2,300** pieces of mail a day to approximately **500** addresses

- There are **86 million** pounds of mail traveling through our processing centers every day
- About **17%** of the nation's population moves every year. The Postal Service processes more than 44 million changes of address for temporary and permanent moves
- When fuel costs rise one-cent, postal costs increase **\$8 million**

Parking On City Streets

Woodland has limited designated parking zones, which require a permit from the City before use. The permit may be obtained through the Clerk's Department at City Hall. The parking permit is \$5. The Police Department will ticket vehicles that are improperly parked or parked without a permit. Please check with the City for parking restrictions.

Taking a vacation?

Things to consider:



Stop newspaper delivery and mail delivery (online at www.usps.com)

Reserve boarding space for your pets

Put lights on a timer

Let neighbors know you'll be away, so they can keep an eye on your house.

Leave your itinerary & contact information with a relative or close friend.

Inform the police department:
952-474-7555.

Email yourself flight information, medications and physicians' phone numbers, this way you will have access to this information almost anywhere in the world just by checking your email.

LRT Trail

The Public Works Department maintains the LRT trail for winter use from November 15th to March 31st. Half of the trail will be plowed for those who jog, walk and ride bike. The other half will be left with snow for cross-country skiers.



Skating Rinks and Warming house hours

Village Hall Park & Thorpe Park

Monday-Friday 4:30pm – 9:00pm
Saturday 9:00pm-9:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-8:00pm
Christmas Day: Closed
New Years Day: Closed

Youth Snowmobile Class

If your child is between 12 and 18, and will be operating a snowmobile this winter, he/she will need an operators certificate.

In order to legally operate a snowmobile in the State of Minnesota, all persons born after 1976 must have a Snowmobile Safety Certificate in their possession.

The Sheriff's Water Patrol is offering classes for young people between 12 and 17 years of age during the 2005-06 Snowmobiling Season. (Must be born on or after January 1, 1994.)

To earn the Certificate, students must attend an eight hour classroom session and pass a practical test.

The Hennepin Water Patrol will offer four classroom sessions this year. We suggest you sign up early to get the date you want.

www.waterpatrol.org/SMClass/index.htm

Wind Chill measures the effective temperature on unprotected skin. If you are snowmobiling, the speed at which you are traveling must also be considered. The chart below shows how quickly exposed skin can freeze:

| Wind Chill Temperature | Exposure Time Before Frostbite can Occur |
|------------------------|--|
| 0 to -25 degrees F | less than 30 minutes |
| -25 to -75 degrees F | less than 1 minute |

Hypothermia is the number one killer of outdoor recreationists in the United States. Hypothermia is a condition which can occur when the body is losing heat faster than it can be produced, thus lowering the normal body core temperature. As the body temperature falls, vital organs fail to function.

Winter Rules - Lake Minnetonka

Pieces of ice cut from the lake may not be left on the surface, but must be put back in the hole or slid under the ice.

Deicing: requires a license from the LMCD and application and fee are required.

Helmets: a person under 18 years is required to wear a suitable helmet that complies with helmet standards while operating a snowmobile and ATV.

Slow speed requirements: All motorized vehicles have a speed limit of 15 mph when they are within 150 feet from persons fishing, a fish house, a pedestrian, a skier, a skater, a skating rink or gathering of people.

To learn more about lake restrictions and winter rules visit the water patrol.

www.waterpatrol.org/minnetonka/index.html