



# WOODLAND NEWS

Newsletter for City Residents

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Mayor Jean Stark, Councilmembers Jim Doak, Mark Evenstad, Steve Hornig and Michael Jilek



## Special Appreciation to Councilmembers Tom Newberry and Bruce Shilling

A special Resolution of thanks and appreciation was given to Tom Newberry and Bruce Shilling for displaying exemplary leadership, creativity and setting a high ethical standard as a member of the Woodland City Council. Both have devoted countless hours and contributed considerable energy and enthusiasm to improving the quality of life of the residents of Woodland. Tom has served the City for ten years and Bruce served the City for six years.

### We want to Welcome Mark Evenstad and Michael Jilek to the City Council.

Thanks to all 98% of the registered voters who participated in this year's election.

A great big thank you to all the volunteers that gave of their time to make certain that the election was fair and open to all. We were very fortunate to have had such a qualified group of citizens that felt strongly enough about their community to put their names up for consideration for a Council seat. It was a close election and we did have a recount, which determined that 2 ballots were not read by the voting machine; however, the additional 2 votes were split, so the recount ended with the same results, a two vote difference.



## Recycling Services



Council received three bids for recycling services and has elected to retain E-Z Recycling. The only difference residents will see is different trucks. E-Z Recycling will continue picking up on **Thursdays**. Bins must be out by 7:00 AM and visible to the driver. If you have any question, please call City Hall at 952-474-4755 or E-Z Recycling at 651-644-6577.

## Alarm Systems

The City Council has had several discussions regarding the protocol for home alarm systems. The central station responds to alarms in a residential property in three steps: 1) the Fire Department and Police Department are dispatched; 2) a call is made to the premises to verify the fire; 3) if no one answers at the premises, persons on the homeowner's "call list" are contacted. The protocol can be modified at the written request of the homeowner to have the alarm company attempt to verify the fire by calling the premises first, before calling the fire company. If there is no answer at the premises, the fire company is immediately dispatched. If the fire trucks have been dispatched and they receive a call en-route that their services are not needed. They do turn around and go back to the station. Residents should note that once the fire trucks have been dispatched, there will generally be a charge to the homeowner for answering the alarm.



**Fire Protection Service** - The City of Woodland has a contract with the City of Wayzata for fire protection services. **Residents are responsible for costs related to calls from their residence whether a false alarm or actual fire.**

Often, the fire alarm is canceled prior to the fire trucks arriving at your residence, or even leaving the station.



However, the Wayzata Fire Department pays the volunteer firemen for showing up and incurs possible alert charges. By Resolution the City of Woodland will assess the homeowner \$250 for answering a false alarm. Subsequent false alarms within a one-year period will result in a charge of \$500 per alarm.

A \$100 charge will be added to all delinquent payments for fire call charges. This arrangement has allowed the City to keep the cost of the Fire Service Contract very low.



**Parking On City Streets** – Woodland has limited designated parking zones, which require a permit from the City. 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. Don’t forget to remind your lawn/snow service providers or construction/service trucks etc. of the parking restrictions. Be considerate And help keep our city streets open to traffic.

There are weight restrictions for the streets in Woodland. No vehicles weighing over 4 tons per axle are allowed on the streets during the months of March through May, except in emergencies.

**Police Update** - Watch for a flyer in your mailbox from the Police Department regarding recent influx of mail theft reports. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please contact the police department. Call them at 952-474-7555 or on their non-emergency number, 763-525-6210 or 911. Officer Matt Carns has been designated to Woodland.



### **Be A Responsible Pet Owner**

Consider your neighbors’ feelings and concerns when dealing with your pet. City Hall receives complaints primarily about dogs and cats. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to control your animal’s behavior and clean up after it.

## **Board of Appeals**

### **What is your property worth?**

The Woodland Board of Appeals will be held at 7 PM on Monday, April 11, 2005 in the City Council Chambers, 20225 Cottagewood Road in Deephaven.

If you don’t agree with the market value of your property after you have discussed the value with the Assessor , you may appeal in person, by letter or by sending a representative to the Board. If a property owner is not satisfied following the Local Board of Appeal, the value can be appealed to the County Bd of Equalization.

**Please Note:** The Local and County Boards have the authority to raise or lower an appealed market value.

If you have questions or concerns about your market value, please contact Dan Distel, the City Assessor, 952-474-4755.



### **Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to volunteer to be on one of these committees, please contact City Hall at 952-474-4755.

**Cable Commission** – One resident is appointed to this commission as well as a Councilmember Liaison. They meet monthly and establish rates for cable service and supervise a variety of programs being televised through the public access studio.

**MCES Liaison** – One resident is appointed to the Minnetonka Community Education and Services Board.

This member will help provide educational opportunities to young children and their parents, as well as recreational and educational programs for older children, youth and adults in the District by using the human and financial resources available. The Board would convene at least four times annually.

**Community Emergency Response Team** - “*self..family..neighborhood..community,*” The Deephaven/Woodland Police Department is looking for volunteers for the Deephaven/Woodland CERT Team. The CERT team is a group of residents that are willing to volunteer their time to be trained to assist their neighbor and their community in an emergency. The Police Department will provide you with 24 hours of basic training in first aid skills, light fire fighting, light search and rescue, etc. You will be equipped with the necessary tools and equipment to help. To be a part of the team or for more information contact the Police Department at 952-474-7555.