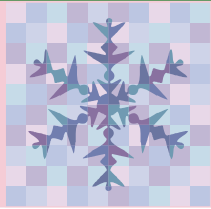


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## City Government

### Thanks to Steve Hornig

Councilmember Steve Hornig's term expired December 2006. Steve served 8 years and contributed countless hours to the City as a Councilmember.

**Thank you Steve for your time and dedication!**

Welcome to Tom Newberry who was elected to the Council along with the incumbent, Jim Doak, who was re-elected to another term.

### Thanks again to the Election Judges that served during the General Election

Grace Norris, Sliv Carlson, Chuck Stark, Monna Suerth, Marilyn Brant and Liz Caye.

Also thanks to Richard & Debbie Moehring for the use of their home as our polling location.

## Snowplow Safety

Snowplows travel slower than the posted speeds and the driver's field of vision is severely restricted to the rear from the cab of the truck. The driver must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and to the side.

Drivers should remember to use the 8 second rule when following a snowplow. This means when the plow passes a fixed object on the side of the road, your vehicle should not pass the same object for a least 8 seconds.

Keep in mind that the average snowplow weighs 17 times more than your car.

In 2005-2006 there were 34 crashes in the metro involving plows and motor vehicles.

Turn off your cruise control  
Turn on your headlights



### Hats off to the Winter Road Maintenance Crews

#### Road Conditions

- Call 511 or visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org) to get current information on road conditions.

## Traffic Speeds in Woodland

### We would like your feedback.

We continue to get calls expressing concern about the traffic speeds along Breezy Point and Maplewood Roads. Safety is our concern. These roads are narrow without pedestrian shoulders and can be a challenge for anyone walking along these corridors.

The police continue to monitor

traffic speeds and we have found the majority of persons exceeding the speed limit are Woodland residents. The City Council would like your input on whether to install speed bumps, stop signs or additional traffic signs.

Please call or email me with your thoughts and comments.

**Shelley@cityofwoodlandmn.org**  
**952-474-4755**

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## City of Woodland 2007 Budget

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Taxes	\$ 237,524
License/ Permits	\$ 10,000
Governmental Aid	\$ 5,968
Charges for Services	\$ 2,500
Fines	\$ 2,000
Interest & Misc.	\$ 4,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 261,992</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Gen. Govt. & Elections	\$ 550
Legal	\$ 20,000
Assessor	\$ 7,935
Clerk, Treasurer, Audit, Zoning, Engineer, supplies	\$ 50,350
Police /Fire Protection	\$ 107,157
Road Mtnc., trees, plowing & mowing	\$ 54,800
Insurance, Recycling, Misc.	\$ 21,200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 261,992</b>

### Property tax dollars at work.

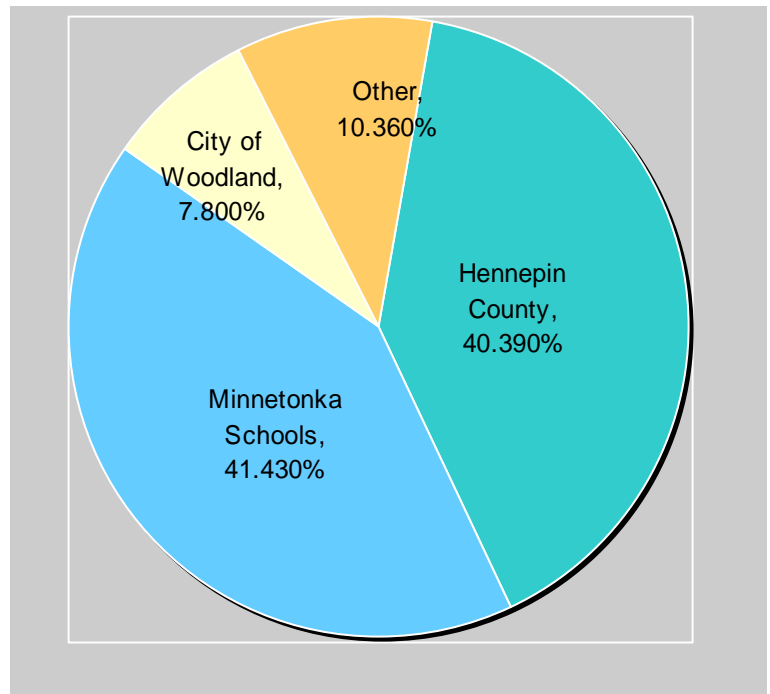
The pie chart illustrates a breakdown of the property tax percentage, per dollar, based on a home valued at \$700,000.

A home valued at \$700,000 will pay approx. \$7,266 in property tax for 2007.

Less than 8 cents on every property tax dollar goes to fund the city budget.

*Other category includes: Hennepin County Parks, Metro Transit debt., Watershed District, mosquito control, and solid waste fees*

<b>2007 Budget</b>
<p>The 2007 budget reflects a small increase in General Fund expenditures, due to increased legal services, police protection and road improvements. The biggest change in general fund revenue reflects an anticipated reduction in building permit fees due to a slowing in residential construction activity.</p>





# Your Fire Department - More Than Volunteers

Your Woodland Fire Fighters are much more than volunteers. They are a close group of dedicated and highly trained individuals that spend 75 hours each year training. All are certified in CPR.



The average firefighter commits 15 years to volunteer fire service

The Department has unique types of safety equipment: 2 defibrators, Rescue Tools, Cutter/Spreader/Ram (Jaws of Life), Air bags for lifting, Thermal Imaging Camera for seeing hot spots and seeing through the smoke, Electric Sticks

that tell if there is electricity, and Heat Guns that tell temperature.

The department also has 8 vehicles and 2 boats. The largest fire engine pumps 1250 gallons of water per minute. One of the fire boats is stored in Wayzata Bay and can pump 500 gallons per minute.

The Wayzata department serves Wayzata, Woodland and eastern parts of Orono.

The call volume is approximately 300 responses annually. The station covers about 3.8 square miles.

Fire Chief—Kevin Klapprich 952-404-5337

## Thanks to Our Fire Fighting Team for Their Service

### Firefighters listed by years of service

Paul Klapprich	42 years	Kirk Zahrbock	20 years	Brandyn Springsted	3 years
Bill Meyer	32 years	Bill Malinkowski	16 years	Mike Swierzewski	3 years
Kevin Klapprich	28 years	Mark Hughes	14 years	Reid Willemson	3 years
Brian Botham	27 years	Troy Hoefker	12 years	Mike Coen	1 year
Peter Deschneau	27 years	Joe Rasmus	8 years	Chris Erickson	2 months
Justy Anderson	26 years	Scott Woodworth	7 years	Justin Hughes	2 months
Kurt Klapprich	24 years	Mike Johnson	4 years	Denise Zozojed	2 months
Reb Bowman	24 years	David Anderson	3 years	Randy Ozinga	2 months
Dan Day	20 years	Scott Spiczka	3 years	Alex Plechash	2 months
Rich Holm	20 years	John Berns	3 years	Brett Springsted	2 months

## Hennepin County Sales & Use Tax

Beginning January 1, 2007, Hennepin County will have a 0.15% sales tax and use tax that will be administered by the MN Dept. of Revenue. The tax will be used to finance the new Twins Stadium.

Sales tax applies to retail sales made within the boundaries of Hennepin County. The use tax applies to taxable items used in Hennepin County if the local sales tax was not paid. The tax applies

to the same items that are taxable under the MN sales and use tax law.

The combined rate for state and Hennepin County sales tax is 6.65%. Customers will be charged the new Hennepin County tax for purchases made in Hennepin County, even if the item is taken out of the county.

The Hennepin County sales and

use tax does not apply to purchases of motor vehicles registered for road use. For more information go to: [www.taxes.state.mn.us](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us)



How much is that doggie in the window... with the new tax!



# THINK GREEN

## Cart Recycling

Woodland has been using single-stream recycling with the roll cart for one year now. Residents can co-mingle all recycling products together in one cart.

### No sorting necessary!

By all reports it seems to be working well. Waste Management will continue to collect your recycling products at the garage door. Please have your cart out and available by 7:00 AM on recycling day.

Recycling will be collected bi-weekly on Thursdays.

January Collection: 5 (Friday) & 18  
February Collection: 1 & 18  
March Collection: 1, 15 & 29

## Change your light bulbs

There are highly efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) that last for years, use one quarter of the energy of regular light bulbs and actually produce more light. Look for the government's ENERGY STAR label, which means that the bulb has been tested for quality and efficiency. These bulbs will cost more initially, anywhere from \$3-\$9 a piece, but you will save much more in your household over the long term. CFLs are widely available.

Here's the impact. If every household in the U.S. replaced a burned-out bulb with an energy-efficient, ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent bulb, the cumulative effect is enormous. It would prevent more than 13 billion pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere – which is like taking more than a million cars off the road for an entire year.

Turn off unneeded lights and replace old light bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescents that can last for a decade or more. The ENERGY STAR program estimates that by changing the five most used lights in your home, you could save more than \$60 every year in energy costs.

Source: *EarthDay.net & Energyhog.org*

## eCycling – Get on Board

**Did you get a new electronic device for the holidays and now need to get rid of an old one?**

### CRT Ban - Its the Law!

It is now illegal in Minnesota to place computer monitors and televisions in the trash, they must be recycled.

MN State Statute 115A.9565

Effective July 1, 2006, a person may not place an electronic product containing a cathode-ray tube in the garbage.

A Cathode-Ray Tube (CRT) is the display device used in most older computer monitors and televisions.

### Electronic recycling

You can also recycle many other electronic items, including computer peripherals (mouse, keyboard, cables, printer, scanner, speakers, etc.), cell phones, hand-held devices, photocopiers, fax machines, stereos, VCRs, and DVD players.

For information on eCycling (electronic recycling) please call Waste Management at (952) 890-1100 or [www.wmtwincities.com](http://www.wmtwincities.com) or

**Drop off locations:** Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station  
8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park, MN 952-348-6500 (Free of charge)

### Did You Know?

A computer monitor can contain more than 5 pounds of lead!



## What is it all about: Greenhouse Effect, Climate Change, and Global Warming

Earth has warmed by about 1°F over the past 100 years. But why? And how? Scientists are not exactly sure. The Earth could be getting warmer on its own, but many of the world's leading climate scientists think that things people do are helping to make the Earth warmer.

**The Greenhouse Effect:** Scientists know that greenhouse gases make the Earth warmer by trapping energy in the atmosphere.

**Climate Change:** Refers to global changes in the temperature, wind patterns and precipitation.

**Global Warming:** Global warming refers to an average increase in the Earth's temperature, which in turn causes changes in climate. A warmer Earth may lead to changes in rainfall patterns, a rise in sea level, and a wide range of impacts on plants, wildlife, and humans.

**Oceans** -Oceans cover about 70% of Earth's surface. Their large mass and thermal properties, enable them to store vast quantities of heat. Oceans buffer and regulate temperature – energy absorbed or lost by the oceans results in a smaller surface temperature change than would occur over land.

**Land** -Land covers 27% of Earth's surface.

**Ice** -Ice is the world's largest supply of freshwater. It covers the remaining 3% of Earth's surface including most of Antarctica and Greenland. Because ice is highly reflective and because of its insulating properties, ice plays an important role in regulating climate. Not only does melting ice raise water levels, but it release carbon dioxide that has been trapped in the ice for millions of years.

## Consumer Use Adds Up - Waste Growth is Outpacing Population Growth

In 2004, we generated 1,580,100 tons of waste, we recycled 603,600 tons of that material or approximately 38%. That's over 7 pounds of waste per person per day! In the Twin Cities Metro Area, that's enough waste to fill the Metrodome 11 times each year.

- Nearly 30% of our trash is packaging and cardboard that can be recycled.
- Every year each household gets an estimated 50 pounds worth of unwanted, unsolicited mail. That's 2.6 million tons of paper to discard nationally.
- Food waste accounts for 11% of the garbage we throw away. (Maybe super sizing is not all that super)!
- About 1/3 of what we still throw away at home is recyclable. The majority of recyclables in the trash are paper (mail, boxboard and cardboard). **Remember, you can now put all these paper products in your green recycling cart!**

Hennepin County owns a mass burn waste-to-energy facility and participates in programs to process waste into refuse derived fuel. The Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) burns solid waste, producing steam to turn a turbine/generator, creating electricity. It is located at 505 6th Ave. N., Minneapolis. The facility operates 24 hours/day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

- Any waste that the county cannot process into energy must be transported and landfilled at county expense. About 29% of our waste is land-filled.
- Approximately 150 garbage trucks use the facility daily plus 14 service trucks to haul ash, scrap metal and deliver supplies.
- Enough electricity is generated to supply 25,000 homes with power for the entire year.
- Electricity generated is sold to Xcel Energy.
- Each year over 11,000 tons of ferrous metal are recovered from the garbage and recycled.
- Since it opened in 1989, HERC has diverted 5.5 million tons of waste from landfills.

As the last resort, Hennepin County landfills the excess waste that cannot be processed at the resource recovery facilities. Minnesota has 21 landfills: Brainerd, Burnsville, Dundas, Elk River, Fosston, Glencoe, Hallock, Inver Grove Heights, Little Falls, Mankato, Marshall, Moorhead, Mora, New Ulm, Olivia, Owatonna, Rochester, Virginia, Willmar, Windom and Worthington.

Did you know: The word racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

## Minnetonka Public Schools

The Minnetonka Public School System continues to rank high among the nation's public schools. The school district has increase enrollment by 50 students over 2005. Eleven communities and two counties are included in the Minnetonka District.

The School District's operating expenses increase 4-5% each year. Personnel costs make up about 80% of the operating costs.

The School District mailed their annual report to each household in the district. If you did not receive a copy and would like to get a copy call the district office at 952-401-5000 or go to [www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us](http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us)

Woodland has 95 students under age 18, 32 of these students attend one of the schools in the

Minnetonka District.

A recent study of the curriculum options was completed by over 150 individuals. The School Board will consider taking action on those proposals that hold the greatest promise for students.

*"People ask why Minnetonka, needs to consider new programs and options. The answer is clear, the world is changing. Our students will be faced with challenges that are different than those faced by previous generations. We must prepare them for a higher level of performance than ever before. "Good enough" serves no one well. Becoming a world class district will take time, talent, money and determination, but the children and citizens of our community deserve no less. We must strive to move from "Good" to World Class."*  
Dennis Peterson, Superintendent



Minnetonka School District is one of only four school districts recognized three times by the state for exceptional performance on state tests at elementary, middle and high school.

### MN Five-Star Schools in Reading and Math

Deephaven, Excelsior, Clear Springs, Scenic Heights, Minnewashta and Minnetonka Middle School East

### MN Five-Star Schools in Reading

Minnetonka High School

### MN Five-Star School in Math

Groveland

### Four Minnetonka elementary schools have been named Blue Ribbon Schools and State Schools of Excellence

Clear Springs, Deephaven, Groveland and Scenic Heights

## Dutch Elm Trees

The City will be working with an arborist to look at trees throughout the community to assess the extent of Dutch Elm disease. Many Cities have restarted a Dutch Elm tree program to remove the diseased Elm trees.

Dutch Elm Disease is caused by a fungus which is transmitted by two species of bark beetles or by root grafting.

Trees infected by the fungus first show wilting, curling and yellowing of leaves on one or more branches in the upper portion of the tree. Large trees may survive and show progressively more symptoms for one or more years.

Trees infected through root grafts wilt and die rapidly; this frequently occurs in the spring soon after the trees have leafed out and progresses from the base of the tree upward.

Once the fungus is established within a tree, it spreads rapidly via the water-conducting vessels. The tree forms gums within these vessels in response to the presence of the fungus, causing the tree to wilt and eventually die.

Two kinds of bark beetles attack elm trees. The beetles carry the Dutch elm disease fungus as they move from infected breeding sites to feed on healthy elm trees.

*Watch for more information in the spring newsletter.*





## Happenings Around Town

### A Portrait of Katrina

Premiers December 22 in the  
**Science Museum Omnitheater**  
[www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org)

A powerfully moving film unlike any other, *Hurricane on the Bayou* will carry you on a journey deep into the soul-stirring heart of Louisiana—before, during and after the unprecedented devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Unfolding against the poignant backdrop of the most costly natural disaster in America's history, the film follows a group of four musicians, both legendary and rising, as they explore the electrifying culture of New Orleans.

Speed through the beautiful, alligator-filled bayous on airboats, recount their heart-wrenching, personal stories of Katrina, and most of all, bring the focus to the rapidly disappearing wetlands that are New Orleans' first line of defense against deadly storms.

### Youth Snowmobile Training Class

[www.waterpatrol.org](http://www.waterpatrol.org)

If your child will turn 12 during the 2006-07 winter season, and will be operating a snowmobile, he/she must complete a Youth Snowmobile class. The Water Patrol is holding four sessions this year.

Call: (952) 471-1300

### Spend a day at the Park

Winter is a great time to enjoy one of the many Hennepin County Parks. [www.threeriversparkdistrict.org](http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org)

Three Rivers Park District offers more than 70 miles of cross-country ski trails at seven locations. Trails are available for skiers of all skill levels and are groomed for traditional stride and ski skating. Park permits are required for cross-country skiing.

Lighted trails are available Elm Creek and Hyland Lake Park Reserve and Cleary Lake, Eagle Lake and French Regional Park.

**For Snow Conditions:** call 763-559-6778 or go to:  
[www.threeriversparkdistrict.org/trails/](http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org/trails/)



Deephaven Ice Rinks & Warming Houses at Village Park and Thorpe Parks are open as follows:

#### Monday-Friday

4:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

1:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Wayzata Klapprich Park Ice Rink & Warming House  
340 Park Street East, open as follows:

#### Monday - Friday

3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Weekends

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

#### When School is not in session

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

## Saint Paul Winter Carnival January 26th – February 4th, 2007

A 10 day celebration of winter!

Harriet Island Regional Park in downtown Saint Paul (across the river from the Science Museum of Minnesota) will be "Winter Carnival Park" for many of the events and activities that make this the "Coolest Celebration on Earth! Take a ride down the giant snow slide, try your hand at mushing a sled dog team, get lost in the amazing ice maze, warm up in the Minnesota Hot Dish Tent and take in the beauty of the snow and ice sculptures. These activities and more will be available on the island during the 2007 Saint Paul Winter Carnival. More Information— Go to: [www.winter-carnival.com/events/](http://www.winter-carnival.com/events/)



## The Story of the Poinsettia - Do not judge a plant by its flowers

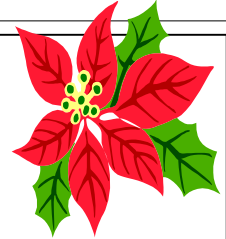
California is the top poinsettia producing state.

The Paul Ecke Ranch in California grows over 80% of poinsettias in the United States for the wholesale market.

There are over 100 varieties of poinsettias available.

The Poinsettia is a sub-tropical plant known for its striking red displays. Its "flowers" are actually large bunches of colored leaves. The true flowers are the tiny yellow structure in the center of the red leaves.

Poinsettias are native to southern Mexico and Central America. They are named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the plant in the U.S. in 1825.



### It is the Law Hennepin County Curfew for Juveniles

AGE	Weekdays	Weekends
Under 12	Home by 9pm	10pm
12-14	Home by 10pm	11pm
15-17	Home by 11pm	midnight

### Snowmobile Operation by Persons Under 18

Persons under 18 years of age may operate a snowmobile on Lake Minnetonka if they are being supervised by an adult. If a person under 18 passed the snowmobile safety course, obtained a valid snowmobile safety certificate and has the certificate in his/her immediate possession (in his/her pocket or the glove box of the snowmobile), he/she may operate a snowmobile on the Lake without adult supervision.



### Recommended minimum ice thickness

4" of new clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot  
5" is minimum for snowmobiles and ATVs  
8"- 12" for cars or small trucks

(Remember that these thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.)

### Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible.

If you must drive a vehicle, be prepared to leave it in a hurry. Keep windows down, unbuckle your seat belt and have a simple emergency plan of action you have discussed with your passengers.

### Stay away from alcoholic beverages.

Even "just a couple of beers" are enough to cause a careless error in judgment that could cost you your life. And contrary to common belief, alcohol actually makes you colder rather than warming you up.

### Don't "overdrive" your snowmobile's headlight.

At 30 miles per hour, it can take a much longer distance to stop on ice than your headlight shines. Many fatal snowmobile through-the-ice accidents occur because the machine was traveling too fast for the operator to stop when the headlamp illuminated the hole in the ice.

### Wear a life vest under your winter gear.

Or wear one of the new flotation snowmobile suits. And it's a good idea to carry a pair of ice picks that may be home made or purchased from most well stocked sporting goods stores that cater to winter anglers. It's amazing how difficult it can be to pull yourself back onto the surface of unbroken but wet and slippery ice while wearing a snowmobile suit weighted down with 60 lbs of water. The ice picks really help pulling yourself back onto solid ice. **CAUTION: Do NOT wear a flotation device when traveling across the ice in an enclosed vehicle!**