

WOODLAND NEWS

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Election 2008



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History for the month of July

1802, the U.S. Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams & Thomas Jefferson both died.

1939, baseball's Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium

1947, UFO crashes in Roswell, NM

1946, Bikini makes its debut

1955, Disney Opens in Anaheim, Ca.

1969, Neil Armstrong is the 1st man on the moon

State Primary—Tuesday, September 9

General Election—Tuesday, November 4

Polling Location

2860 East Road (Groveland Homeowners Association)

Filing to Run for City Office

Woodland will have a City Election as part of the General Election on November 4 to elect a Mayor and two Council members to office.

City Office Filing period is August 26 – September 9

Every person who is entitled to vote in Woodland, is 21 years of age when assuming office, and will have been a resident for at least 30 days before the General Election, is eligible to file as a candidate for City office. The following City offices will appear on the 2008 Ballot:

- **Mayor, 4-year term**
- **Councilmember, 4-year term (two seats open)**

To run for Mayor or Councilmember - file an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2 filing fee at the City Hall. Filing resources are also available on the State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

Candidates for City office may file beginning Tuesday, August 26. The closing date for City candidate filing is at 5:00PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

Questions, please contact Shelley at the City Hall at 952-474-4755.

After serving on the City Council since 1989, Mayor Jean Stark will not be running for office in the upcoming Election. We encourage you to consider serving on the Council. If you have any questions about filing for office or Council service, please call Shelley at 952-474-4755.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors

In 2006, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law (MN Statute 299F.50) requiring the installation of carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms in all single family and multi-family apartment units. The effect dates are as follows:

- January 1, 2007-All new construction single

family homes and multi-family dwellings.

- August 1, 2008-All existing single family homes
- August 1, 2009-All existing multi-family or apartment dwellings.

To learn about the law and its requirements, visit the State Fire Marshal's Website at dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/fmarshal.html

Voting by Absentee Ballot (if you are not available to vote on Election Day)

Voting Absentee is a 2-part process

1st — complete and return the Absentee Ballot Application to the City (see next page)

(mail, fax or in person) - Applications available at the City Hall and the City's website.

2nd —you will be mailed or handed a ballot upon receipt of the application

Eligible Woodland voters may vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to vote in person on Election Day for any of the following reasons:

- Out of town
- Illness or disability
- Unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or beliefs
- An election judge serving in another precinct

The Absentee ballots are available for 30 days prior to each election.

Absentee Ballots for the September 9 Primary Election will be available starting Friday, August 8.

Absentee Ballots for the November 4 General Election will be available starting Friday, October 3

You may absentee vote in person at the City Hall during regular business hours before Election Day. Additional absentee voting hours at City Hall will be:

Saturday prior to each Election Day – 10 am to 3 pm

Monday prior to each Election Day – Until 5 pm

To absentee vote by mail: **Allow at least ten mailing days for the entire** process if applying for an absentee ballot by mail. College-bound residents will want to be especially aware of this option. To vote by mail, you may request an absentee ballot by submitting an Absentee Ballot application to the City.

The **Absentee Ballot Application** may be mailed or faxed to City Hall at 952-474-1274.

Armed Forces residents living outside the United States may vote by absentee ballot using the address where they last lived in Minnesota. A special application form is required, that you may obtain from the Federal Voting website: <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.pdf>, or from the voting assistance officer in your military unit. Your parent, spouse, brother, sister or child at least 18 years of age may also request an absentee ballot for you by completing this same form.

Campaign Sign Rules

State Statute allows campaign signs to be permitted from August 1 until 10 days after the election, (November 14). Campaign signs are permitted in any size and any number, during August 1 until November 14, regardless of our City Ordinance dictating size of signs.

Campaign signs may NOT be placed in the City right-of-way or on City property.

Campaign signs should not be placed on private property without the permission of the property owner.

Voting ID—What ID do you need to vote?

Voters registering to vote on Election Day must provide proof of residence. You may show *one* item from Table A or *two* items from Table B (valid photo ID plus valid utility bill).

Table A

On Election Day present **one** of the following items:

- Valid Minnesota driver's license or learner's permit (or receipt for either) showing current name and address in Woodland.
- Valid Minnesota identification card (or receipt) showing current name and address in Woodland.
- Voucher—oath of voter registered in the Woodland who can verify the registrant's address in the Woodland.
- A voucher card must be signed by the person vouching for the voter and by an election judge.

The voucher card must be placed with the registration application.

A voter who is vouched for cannot vouch for another voter at this election.

Challengers cannot serve as vouchers.

Voucher must leave the polling place as soon as the vouching process is complete.

- Late notice sent from the Elections Office. Place this notice with the registration application.
- Prior registration in the Woodland — voter's former address listed in the polling place roster.
- Student ID or dated registration or fee statement with valid address in Woodland; or student ID if on a dormitory list provided by Election Headquarters.

OR

Table B

On Election Day voters may register by a combination of one picture ID from Column 1 along with one type of utility bill from Column 2.

Column 1

Approved photo IDs must contain voter's name and photo. It may contain voter's old address or have no address.

MN driver's license

MN state ID

U.S. passport

U.S. military ID

Student ID from MN post-secondary school

Column 2

Approved utility bills must contain name, current address in the precinct, and date due within 30 days before/after Election Day.

Cable TV

Electric

Gas

Phone (includes cell phone bills)

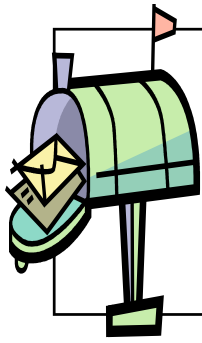
Garbage

Water/sewer

Annual Septic System Reviews

The Septic Reviewer, Kurt Larsen, will be conducting the annual reviews of 1/2 of the septic systems in Woodland starting Monday, July 28 through July 31, weather permitting. Kurt will be stopping at 1/2 of the properties in Woodland to review the septic systems. Kurt will check the baffles and measure the solids in the tanks to determine if

pumping is needed and will look for any surface leakage. If your system is one of the systems that is scheduled for review this year, the City will be sending you a notice prior to the start of the reviews on July 28. You do not have to be home during the review.



Mail delivery questions or concerns—Contact the post office.

We have had several calls regarding inconsistent mail delivery in Woodland. If you have specific questions or concerns with your mail delivery, you can contact the post office directly. You may email them your questions or concerns. The Post Office can be reached at www.usps.com. On the home page, select **contact us** (at the bottom of the page). Then at the top of the contact page, select **Email us**.

Consider a Locking Mailbox

There has been an increase in mail theft around the lake communities. The police are urging residents to put out going mail in the official post office blue boxes or drop it at the post office. The police also want to encourage residents to consider getting a locking mail box. These types of mailboxes are constructed of galvanized steel and lock. There are several types that are approved by the USPS. You can check with the post office for a variety of styles. You can also check out www.lockingsecuritymailbox.com

From a soda to a sweatshirt—What happens to recycled plastic bottles and jugs

The soda bottle you are drinking from today may appear as a sweatshirt on your back tomorrow. The plastic used to make bottles and jugs can re-emerge as an array of products.

14—20 ounce soda bottles can make one XL t-shirt

96—one gallon jugs can make 1 six-foot long piece of 2x4 lumber

The life of recycled plastics

After your plastic bottles/jugs are collected, trucks haul them to a recycling facility where they are sorted into types. Each type is squished into a huge bale for shipping. The bales weigh around 1,000 pounds and can contain up to 7,200 bottles.

Reclaimers purchase the bales of plastic and then shred them into tiny flakes. The flakes are washed and dried before being melted and put through a machine called an extruder. The extruder squishes the plastic into spaghetti-like strands that are chopped into small pellets and made available for sale.

Manufacturers purchase the pellets and begin the process of transforming the plastic into new products like clothing.



Fire Protection Service

The City of Woodland has a contract with the City of Wayzata for fire protection services. Woodland pays a portion of the Fire Department budget based on the volume of calls. The City believes the most fair and equitable way to cover the cost of fire protection service is to charge back the residence where the fire call originated. Residents are responsible for all costs related to fire calls to their residence whether the call is a false alarm or real fire.

Often, the fire alarm is canceled immediately and prior to the fire trucks arriving at the residence, or even leaving the station. The Wayzata Fire Firefighters are paged instantaneously and they respond, leaving their homes or jobs. The volunteers are paid for responding, even if the call is canceled. Firefighters go through extensive training and education to maintain a high standard of service.

RECYCLING

Waste Management collects recycling bi-weekly in Woodland on Thursdays.

Please be sure to have your cart out and available for the driver by 7:00 AM on the pick-up day.

PICK-UP DAYS in 2008

Thursday—July 17

Thursday—July 31

Thursday— August 14

Thursday—August 28

Thursday—September 11

Thursday—September 23

More information on where to recycle items like electronics... go to: www.hennepin.us
key word search: environmental

Lyme Disease

Insect born infectious disease and Woodland

Discussion with Dave Neitzel, epidemiologist with the MN department of Health division of Infectious Disease, elucidated the following;

1) Tick born Lyme disease

The deer tick (*I. Scapularis*); *vector of the* spirochetal bacterium causing Lyme disease, population is monitored by the Mosquito Control Division of Hennepin County. The population in the Lake Minnetonka area is relatively low to "occasional". (Northern Counties such as Anoka, Washington and Aiken carry high populations of the tick with high rates of bacterial inoculation).

The adult form of an inoculated tick transmits the disease to humans after attachment of 1-2 days. The ticks are readily visible as they are slightly smaller than ¼ of an inch. Screening yourself or children for ticks after being outside is recommended for prevention. Fortunately, the antibiotic Doxycycline is a specific treatment for eradication of the spirochete and cure for the disease if detected early.

2) La Crosse Encephalitis

This is a viral disease with no specific known cure, transmitted by the tree-hole mosquito. The mosquito breeds in shallow stagnate waters commonly found in abandoned tires, small pails and pans or shallow ornamental stagnant pools.

Fortunately the mosquito is not found in or around marshes or wetlands.

Children and debilitated elders are the susceptible group of individuals most commonly affected. The only cure is prevention. Removal of shallow stagnant abandoned containers of water from your property is the favored prevention (the mosquito is a poor flyer and cannot venture much farther than 200 yards from its breeding waters).

3) West Nile Viral Fever/Meningitis/Encephalitis

All people should be attentive to this viral disease transmitted by a mosquito. Do not take this potential disease lightly. The mosquito which carries the virus is most active from mid-July to mid-September during dusk and dawn. 80% of the disease presents as a rash, fever and aches, even in the most healthy of individuals. 20% of the disease progresses to meningitis and/or encephalitis (generally in the older debilitated population). The only cure is prevention, liberal application of insect repellent containing approximately 30% Deet.

For more information and answers to questions contact; www.health.state.mn.us

Woodland's Medical Officer, Bruce Shilling, MD

July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation was 2.5 million.

July 4, 2008, the nation's population will be 304 million.

U.S. Census Bureau



July is National Ice Cream Month

With over a billion gallons of ice cream sold annually in the United States, it's no surprise that July is National Ice Cream Month. Eight percent of all the milk produced in the U.S. ends up as a frozen treat!

First Ice Cream Parlor In America

The first ice cream parlor in America opened in New York City in 1776. American colonists were the first to use the term "ice cream". The name came from the phrase "iced cream" that was similar to "iced tea". The name was later abbreviated to "ice cream" the name we know today.

The walk-away edible cone made its American debut at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.



City Newsletter

The City of Woodland mails quarterly newsletter to each household. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email, instead of the mail or in addition to the mailed copy. Please let me know.

Call Shelley at the City Hall at 952-474-4755 or send me an email at Shelley@cityofwoodlandmn.org

Allowable Construction Hours



Construction is permitted in Woodland M-F from 7:00AM to 6:00PM and Saturday from 9:00AM–6:00PM.

All construction noise, commercial landscaping and yard maintenance, tree removal, commercial deliveries of construction or landscape materials are **not** permitted on Sunday or before or after the hours listed above, unless there is an emergency.

Going out of town this summer for a vacation?



- Contact the police department to arrange house checks
#952-474-7555

- Stop mail delivery
www.usps.com

Common Code Enforcement Issues

Enforcement of the City Code is conducted primarily on a complaint basis. As a reminder please be aware of some common concerns:

- Permitted construction hours (see above) Ord. 415.04
- Junk vehicles are not permitted to be parked, stored or displayed upon any private land other than in an enclosed building. Junk vehicles are those not in operable condition, or (b) partially dismantled, or (c) used as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, or (d) kept for scrapping, dismantling, salvage or sale of parts. Ord. 413.03
- Signs pertaining to the sale, lease or rental of property must all comply with certain size restrictions. Ord. 1100.03
- Tree trimmers must be licensed with the City prior to starting any work. Ord. 315.01 Tree trimmers should also be familiar with the Cities rules regarding tree removal and replacement. Ord. 900.19

In George Washington's Days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back, while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "it will cost you an arm and a leg."

SIGN OF THE TIMES

The huge HOLLYWOOD sign in the hills above Hollywood, CA is one of those iconic things that everyone has seen a million times. It all started in 1923 when a large developer who owned a lot of land in LA. The developer, named Hollywoodland Realty, planning to open a new development wanted to get the word out, and apparently there were no sign or zoning ordinances to get in the way of a really big sign.

So Hollywoodland Realty put up a gigantic sign that said HOLLYWOODLAND. The letters were 30 feet wide and 50 feet high. They were lit by thousands of light bulbs (so many bulbs that a guy lived in a cabin near the sign and replaced burned out bulbs every day). The sign was located high in the hills where everyone could see it.

By the 1940s the sign was abandoned and falling apart. The Chamber of Commerce took over the sign in 1949, repaired it and removed the last four letters. The sign is now in the care of the Hollywood Sign Trust, which completed another refurbishment of the letters in November of 2005

Things to do:

Minneapolis Aquatennial

July 12-27 www.aquatennial.org

Duluth Maritime Festival

August 1, 2 & 3

The Tall Ships arrive in the harbor on July 31st.

The golden age of sail meets the worlds largest lake.



www.visitduluth.com/maritimefestival/

State Fair August 21 - Sept. 1

www.mnstatefair.org

Minnesota Renaissance Festival

August 16 - September 28

www.renaissancefest.com

James J Hill Days — Wayzata

September 6-7

Woodland City Council

Mayor

Jean Stark

Councilmembers

Jim Doak

Mark Evenstad

Mike Jilek

Tom Newberry

All contact information can be found on the website

www.cityofwoodlandmn.org

City Hall 952-474-4755

Chief of Police—Cory Johnson

Police 952-474-7555

Council meets the second Monday of each month—7:00PM

Happenings Around Town



Deephaven Days Triathlon SWIM, BIKE & RUN
Saturday, August 9, 2008

Registration is open to everyone for the 4th annual Deephaven Days Triathlon.

Registration forms and maps are available at the City Hall or on the Deephaven website at www.cityofdeephaven.org

Some upcoming concerts and performances include:

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers at the Target Center, July 23

Dave Koz and Friends at the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, July 25

Peter Frampton at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, July 25

Bill Maher at the Historic Orpheum Theatre, July 26

Hootie and the Blowfish at the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, July 27

The Gear Daddies at the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, August 1

Judas Priest at The Myth in Maplewood, August 2

Nine Inch Nails at the Target Center, August 2

Los Lobos and Los Lonely Boys at the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, August 4

Chaka Khan at The Epic in Minneapolis, August 5

The Wiggles at the Target Center, August 7

Larry the Cable Guy at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, August 8-10

Melissa Etheridge at The O'Shaughnessy Auditorium in St. Paul, August 9

Chris Isaak at the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, August 13

Three Doors Down - Special Guests Staind and Hinder at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand in St. Paul, August 21

Brad Paisley, Jewel and Chuck Wicks at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand, August 22

Jerry Jeff Walker at the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, August 23

The Backstreet Boys Concert at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand, August 23

Jonny Lang and Buddy Guy at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand, August 24

Dierks Bentley and Miranda Lambert at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand, August 25

The Counting Crows and Maroon 5 at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel in Prior Lake, August 26

NBC's Last Comic Standing at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, August 29

The Black Crowes at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand, August 30

Donna Summer at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, August 31

Pop-Tarts Presents American Idols Live at the Target Center, August 31

Toby Keith at the Minnesota Fair Grandstand, September 1

Chicago at the Historic Orpheum Theatre, September 9

Wayne Brady at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, September 10

Journey at the Target Center Minneapolis, September 16

Cirque Du Soleil-Saltimbanco at the Target Center, September 24

Defending the Caveman at the Hennepin Stages in Minneapolis, October 1

Tegan and Sara at the Historic State Theatre, October 11

New Kids On the Block at the Xcel Energy Center, October 21

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons at the Historic Orpheum Theatre, October 23

Celine Dion at the Target Center in Minneapolis, October 30

Wicked-A New Musical at the Historic Orpheum Theatre, November 5

For further information on any of these performances or events, contact Ticketmaster at 651/989-5151