



WOODLAND NEWSLETTER

GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Woodland's Polling Location—2860 East Road (Moehring residence)

Absentee Ballots will be available starting Friday, October 3.

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

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, November 1st from 10 am to 3 pm**
- Monday November 3rd from 8 am to 5 pm**

CURBSIDE VOTING

If you are not able to physically walk into the polling location on election day, 2 election judges at the polling location can assist you with curbside voting. You may vote from your car, once you are at the polling location. Please call City Hall if you have any questions. 952-474-4755



Thank You To Our LMCC Representative—Thank you to resident Mr. Fred Wall for serving as Woodland's representative to the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC). We appreciated his time and service on this organization!

The LMCC is an agency formed by a Joint Powers Agreement between 17 area communities, whose purpose is to oversee the franchise agreement with the cable operator, currently Mediacom, and to promote awareness and use of community television. If you are interested in serving as Woodland's representative please contact the City Offices at 952-474-4755. You may also go to the LMCC website to learn more: www.lmcc.org



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THANK YOU TO OUR ELECTION JUDGES

The City Council wants to express our sincere thanks to the dedicated group of residents who are serving as election judges and helping to administer the elections.

2008 Election Judges

Liz Caye

Kay Johnson

Carol Kenyon

Hilary Kenyon

Catherine McElhatton

Nancy Nordmeyer

Grace Norris

Sara Skalle

Meg Slocum

Chuck Stark

Thank you also to Rick & Debbie Moehring for the use of their home as our official polling place.



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You can register ahead of time:

- Get a downloadable voter registration form on the City website.
- Register at the city offices.
- You also can register at the polling place on the day of the Election.

To register to vote, you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- A resident of Minnesota at least 20 days before the Election.
- At least 18 years old by the day of the Election.

If you are currently registered to vote, you don't need to register again unless you have:

- Moved to a different address.
- Changed your name.
- Not voted during the last four years.
- Recently returned from active military duty and last registered to vote where you were deployed.

To register to vote in the election at the polling place, you must provide election judges with proper identification, such as:

- A Minnesota driver's license, a learner's permit, a state identification card (ID) or a tribal ID card that has your current address (or the receipt for renewal or change of license or ID).
- A "notice of late registration" from your city clerk, if you pre-registered to vote but didn't make the deadline for this year's general election.

If your ID doesn't have your current address, bring one of the following documents, even if it has your previous address:

- Minnesota driver's license, state ID or tribal ID.
- U.S. passport.
- U.S. military ID.
- Student ID from a Minnesota college.

And one of the following:

A bill for electric, water, gas, telephone (including cell phone or satellite phone service), cable TV, Internet service provider, sewer or trash pickup that has your name and current address, with a due date within 30 days of the general election. Beginning this year, copies of electronically provided utility bills also will be acceptable proofs of residence.

Voucher

If you have none of these, another registered voter living in Woodland can come with you and vouch for your residency.

NOVEMBER 4

**POLLS ARE
OPEN FROM
7:00 AM
UNTIL
8:00 PM**



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL ON NOVEMBER 4 BALLOT

The following question will be placed on the November 4 General Election ballot:

“Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests and fish, games and wild-life habitat; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance and restore our lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater by increasing sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?”

If the measure is approved by more than 50% of all voters casting votes in the election, the state sales tax would be increased by three-eighths of a cent to fund the type of programs listed in the question.

It would currently generate \$276 million per year. Of the amount, \$91.1 million would go to wildlife and fish habitat for hunting and fishing access; \$9.1 million would go for cleaning up and protecting lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater; \$54 million would go for arts, arts education and access and preserving historic places; and \$39.3 million would go for parks and trails.



CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR CITY OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 4

Candidate order and rotation on the ballot is created by lot drawing

MAYOR
(VOTE FOR ONE)

Jim Doak

write in, if any

COUNCIL MEMBER
(VOTE FOR UP TO TWO)

Michael Jilek

Sliv Carlson

Troon N. Dowds

write in, if any

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CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS

U.S. President & Vice President: A natural born citizen, at least 35 years of age and a resident within the United States for 14 years. Candidates for president and vice president must be residents of different states.

U.S. Senator: Candidate must be living in Minnesota when elected, at least 30-years old, and a U.S. citizen for at least nine years on January 3, 2009.

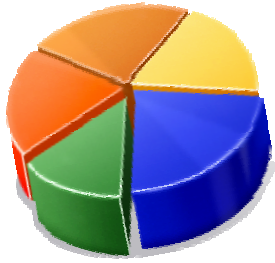
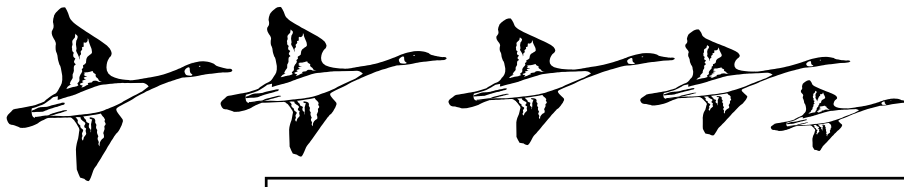
U.S. Representative: At least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for at least seven years on January 3, the year after the general election, or if filled at special election, within 21 days after the election.

State Legislator: A resident of the state for at least one year and of the legislative district for at least six months prior to general election.

Judicial Officers: Licensed to practice law in Minnesota.

Municipal Office: All candidates must state on the Affidavit of Candidacy that they are eligible voters, will be at least 21 years of age when assuming office, and will have been residents of their districts for at least 30 days before the general election (Minnesota Statutes 204B.06).

See Sample General Election Ballot



2009 CITY BUDGET

The City Council approved a proposed budget and a Tax Levy for 2009.

The 2009 budget increased \$26,218 from the 2008 budget. The proposed tax levy required to fund the proposed 2009 budget is \$288,799. This is an increase of

\$24,348 (9%) over the 2008 tax levy.

The Levy is the primary source of funding the city budget for all services.

The 2009 budget reflects an increase in the levy to accrue additional funding for street maintenance and improvements for a large scale pro-

ject in 2009. Specifically, future surface maintenance and repairs to Breezy Point and Maplewood Roads. The Council has created a cost effective, multi-year street improvement plan that is designed to fund the cost of managing the condition of the city streets.

THE CITY CONCIL WILL MEET TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET AND LEVY AT THEIR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2008 AT 7:00PM

Revenue Category	2009 Budget	% of Revenue
Taxes	\$ 288,799	90.67%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 11,350	3.56%
Govt. Aid	\$ 8,551	2.68%
Charges for Services	\$ 2,000	0.63%
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 1,200	0.38%
Interest Income & Misc	\$ 6,600	2.07%
Total Revenues	\$ 318,500	100.00%
Expenditure Category	2009 Budget	% of Expenses
Gen. Govt. / Elections	\$ 1,085	0.34%
Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, Zoning,	\$ 59,292	18.62%
Legal (General Legal & Prosecution Service)	\$ 12,000	3.77%
Police & Fire	\$ 134,473	42.22%
Street Repairs, snow plowing, mowing, trees	\$ 89,850	28.21%
Recycling, Insurance, deer control	\$ 21,800	6.84%
Total Expenditures	\$ 318,500	100.00%

**CITY COUNCIL
MAYOR**

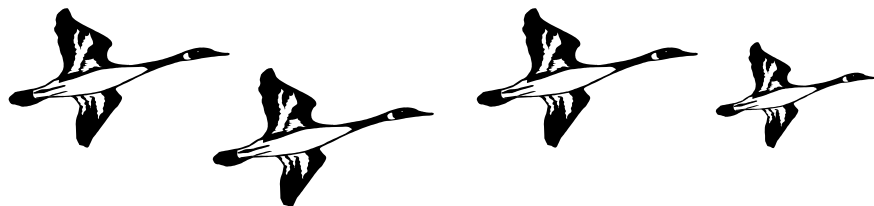
Jean Stark

COUNCIL MEMBERS

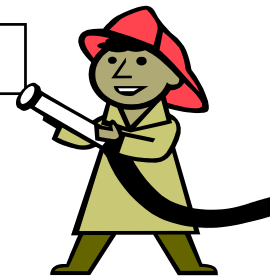
- Jim Doak
- Tom Newberry
- Mike Jilek
- Mark Evenstad

CHIEF OF POLICE

Cory Johnson



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 the call is 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. The Wayzata Fire Department pays the firemen and women for responding to all calls.

Woodland adopted a Resolution to fairly allocate a portion of the fire contract costs by assessing a charge to the property where the call originated, (false or real). The first call is \$250 per hour. The second call and all additional calls will be \$500 in the same year. The cost of Woodland's Fire Protection Contract with Wayzata is based on the number of calls. The contract is adjusted annually. Most cities charge for the cost of emergency calls to the property where the call originated. Unpaid calls result in an additional fine and assessment to the property taxes.

Recycling Dates

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

PICK-UP DAYS

October	9
October	23
November	6
November	20
December	4
December	18
January (Friday)	2
January	15
January	29

SNOW PLOWING

Snow plowing will begin when 2 or more inches of snow has accumulated. Plowing all city streets will require several hours.

The City will be using a 50/50 mix of salt and sand again this year.

Plows frequently stop and back up. The driver has a blind zone and may not see your vehicle if you are too close. Please give them plenty of room.

Questions: Call City Hall 952-474-4755



MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT - LOCATED NEXT TO THE WAYZATA CITY OFFICES: Services Include

- Passport processing and pictures *(New)*
- Motor Vehicle, Camper, Motorcycle, and Trailer Registration
- Vehicle Titling and Transfers
- Duplicate vehicle plates, stickers and titles
- DNR Registration and titling for:
(Boats, Personal Watercraft, Snowmobiles, ATV/Off-road vehicles)
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Public Notary

Motor Vehicle Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

For answers to your motor vehicle, DNR or passport questions: 952-404-5320

PUZZLE #1

How much dirt is there in a hole five feet deep, six feet long, and three feet wide?

Answer on last page

POLICE DEPARTMENT—OPEN HOUSE

The Police Department will host their annual Halloween Open House

at the City Hall Police Department on Friday, October 31, from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Wear your costume and stop over for treats.



PUZZLE #2

What is that which is full of holes and yet holds water?

Answer on last page



CITY OF WOODLAND

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City Clerk email:
shelley@cityofwoodlandmn.org

www.cityofwoodlandmn.org

Mail: 20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

Minnetonka High School Theater Presents

South Pacific: Directed by Kent Knutson, Main Stage Theatre, November 7-22.

MHS Drama is proud to present the fall musical production **South Pacific**. The original production in 1949-50 made history, garnering 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

MN Science Museum - Omnitheater

Mysteries of the Great Lakes shows daily in the Omnitheater through January 2009. www.smm.org or call (651) 221-9444

Going Green with STEAM

Steam line at the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center is under construction

A portion of the steam generated at the Hennepin County Energy Recovery Center (HERC) will help supply downtown Minneapolis buildings with heat once steam line construction is complete. The project is projected to finish by the end of 2008. The steam from HERC will be sold to NRG Energy and will be connected to the steam system in downtown Minneapolis through a steam line that will run under the 7th Street Bridge. Eventually, the system will provide steam for indoor space heating, food preparation and hot water at Target Field.

- ANSWER TO THE PUZZLES:
- #1 NONE; THERE IS NO DIRT IN A HOLE.
 - #2 A SPONGE

PLEASE OBEY STOP SIGNS

The City routinely gets calls regarding vehicles not stopping at the posted stop signs in Woodland. Woodland's roads are narrow and pedestrians and bicyclist also use the roads for walking and biking.

Please come to a complete stop at all intersections posted with stop signs. Many vehicles roll through the intersection at the entrance to Maplewoods. Please be mindful and stop at the Maplewood Circle East and Maplewood Circle West intersections and all other locations with posted stop signs. The police have increased their monitoring of all intersections.

City Ordinance Regarding Fires

400.01 Definitions.

Subd.1. Open Burning. Burning any material in a way where the resultant combustion products are emitted directly into the open atmosphere without passing through an adequate stack, duct or chimney.

Subd.2. Recreational Fires. Wood-burning fireplaces and other recreational fires, provided only wood, coal or charcoal is burned.

Subd.3. Burning Permit. A permit issued by the Council authorizing fires exempted from the general provisions of this Section and setting conditions for the permit, if approved by the City's fire marshal.

400.02 Open Burning Prohibited. Except as provided otherwise in this Section, open burning is prohibited within the City.

400.03 Exemptions from Open Burning Prohibitions. Open burning of the types, and subject to the conditions stated in this Section, are exempt from the prohibition of Section 400.02.

Subd.1. Recreational Fires All recreational fires, including campfires and bonfires. All recreational fires shall be subject to the following general conditions:

- a) the fire must be kept a minimum of 25 feet from any structure;
- b) the fire must be in a non-combustible fire ring or container;
- c) the firewood [stack] must be no larger than 36 inches in diameter and twenty four inches high (3' X 2');
- d) the fire must be attended at all times and there must be a fire extinguisher available or garden hose connected to a water supply readily available for use

Recreational fires that exceed these general standards are prohibited unless a permit has been issued for the fire. At the discretion of the City, recreational fires may be prohibited, and permits for other open burning will not be issued, when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Burning leaves is not permitted in Woodland