

WOODLAND NEWSLETTER

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WOODLAND OPEN HOUSE—January 12 at 6:30PM

Please join the City Council on Monday, January 12 at 6:30PM in the City Hall Council Chambers to thank Jean Stark for her 19 years of service on the City Council.

Coffee and cookies will be served from 6:30pm to 7:00pm

The January Council meeting will follow the coffee reception at 7:00pm

January 2009

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FAREWELL FROM MAYOR JEAN STARK

December 22, 2008

Greetings to all Woodland residents,

It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor for the last 12 years plus another 7 on the Council. I want to thank the many residents who have helped toward improvements in our City, particularly the Council Members and City Staff personnel who have participated in many parts of our City government. We have a solid record of financial responsibility. We have continued to make decisions which keep our city safe so that we enjoy and sustain our community of single family residential homes. Among other tasks accomplished were:

- The addition of water/sewer in 1997 to the northeast portion of Woodland which created the need for our first capital investment fund.
- New signs defining the borders of our beautiful city.
- Worked with Deephaven to establish a zoning coordinator to provide professional expertise with Woodland's specific needs, especially on all variances.
- Legally protect all City owned land, addressing issues as they become known.
- Establish a septic inspection service to meet objectives of state law.
- Strongly supported the addition of the semaphore at County 101 and McGinty Road.
- Change in legal counsel and auditing services to be sure our small city gets the proper attention on issues they can guide us on.
- Thoroughly reviewed and revised Chapter 9 Zoning codes to preserve our neighborhoods. Review continues annually and whenever there is a need for improvement in clarity and keeping up to date on building issues.
- Worked on long term planning goals by updating the city's Comprehensive Plan in 1997 and again in 2007.

We've improved our quarterly newsletter and news items. Your suggestions are always welcome. Communication in the proper way to solve issues creates opportunities to make Woodland the best it can be.

Our new Mayor elect is Jim Doak who will take office at the Council meeting January 12, 2009. The City of Woodland is in good hands. The elected 4-year council members are Sliv Carlson and Mike Jilek. Tom Newberry has two more years on his current term. It is the desire of the Council to appoint Troon Dowds to fill out the remaining two-year term vacated by Jim Doak as he assumes the Mayoral role.

Thank you for helping in making my years as councilmember and mayor a rewarding experience. I wish all of you a healthy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Jean M. Stark, Mayor

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City of Woodland 2009 City Budget

City Property Taxes Pay for Services

The City Council approved the 2009 City Operating Budget.

Police and fire protection remains our top priority. Demand for these services continue to increase. Approximately 42 percent of the budget is allocated to the public safety services provided by Deephaven Police and Wayzata Fire Department.

Public works is another high priority and 28 percent of the budget pays for road maintenance, snow and ice removal, tree trimming, street sweeping and rehabilitating City streets.

The City plans to make a major road improvement to a low area near the intersection of Breezy Point Road and Maplewood Road.

General government/other account for 22 percent of the budget and consist of administrative expenses, assessing services, legal and auditing services, city planning and zoning administration, elections, building maintenance, recycling, insurance and other day-to-day business items.

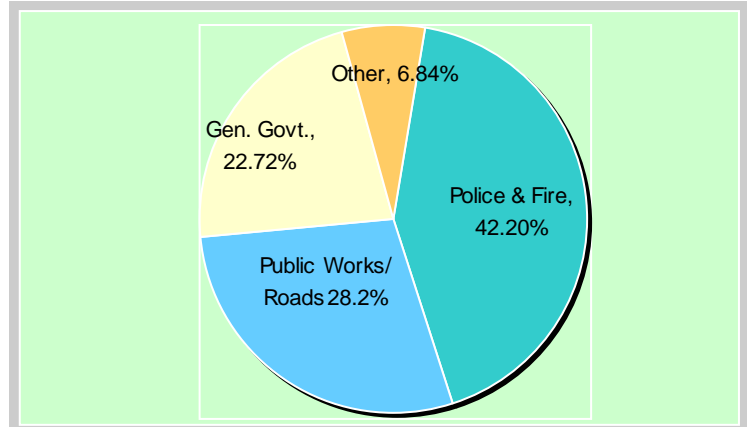
Property taxes represent approximately 91 percent of the General Fund revenues.

The City also provides limited water and sanitary sewer service, however, these services are supported by the direct users of the municipal system; no tax dollars are placed in these enterprises.

Cost for City Service in Woodland in 2009

Market Value	Tax Capacity	Cost / Year
\$ 400,000	4,000	\$ 319
\$ 450,000	4500	\$ 359
\$ 500,000	5000	\$ 398
\$ 600,000	6250	\$ 498
\$ 650,000	6875	\$ 548
\$ 700,000	7500	\$ 598
\$ 750,000	8125	\$ 647
\$ 800,000	8750	\$ 697
\$ 850,000	9,375	\$ 747
\$ 900,000	10,000	\$ 797
\$ 1,000,000	11,250	\$ 896
\$ 1,500,000	17,500	\$ 1,394
\$ 2,000,000	23,750	\$ 1,892
\$ 2,500,000	30,000	\$ 2,390
\$ 3,000,000	36,250	\$ 2,888

WOODLAND BUDGET



Woodland Revenue	2009 Budget	% / 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	0.51%
Interest Income & Misc	\$ 6,600	2.07%
Total Revenues	\$ 318,500	100%
Woodland Expenditure	2009 Budget	% / Expenses
Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, Zoning, Elections, supplies & equip.	\$ 60,377	18.96%
Legal & Prosecution	\$ 12,000	3.77%
Police & Fire	\$ 134,473	42.22%
Streets, snow plowing, mowing, trees	\$ 89,850	28.21%
Recycling, Insurance, deer control & Other	\$ 21,300	6.84%
Total Expenditures	\$ 318,500	100%

Where your property tax dollars go

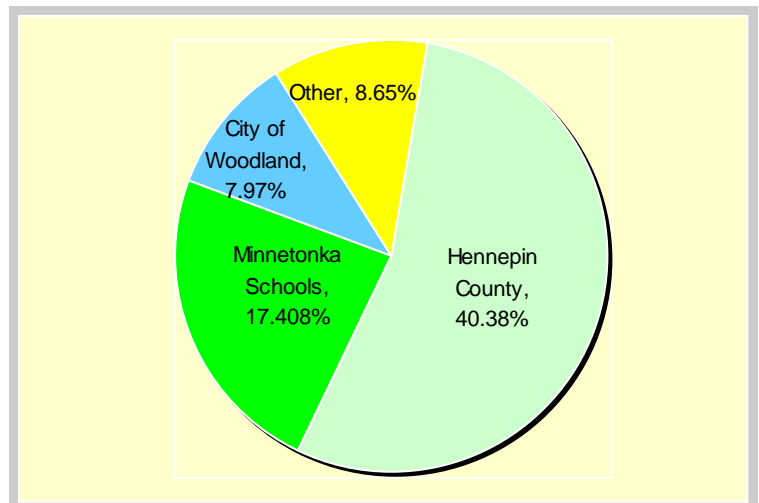


Chart does not reflect school voter approved referendum

Hennepin County Government Highlights

Hennepin County's 2009 budget is \$1.7 billion, including a net property tax levy of \$644 million

- Hennepin County is converting 26 million archived pages of historical land, property tax and marriage license records from paper to digital format dating back to the 1850's to present date.
- Accepted a \$328,952 grant to support the Governor's plan to end long-term homelessness
- Approved legislation for replacement of the Lowery Avenue Bridge, funding for transportation, health care, veterans services, measures to address the housing and foreclosure crisis and renewable energy.
- Accepted \$1.5 million in state funding to provide adult mental health services, including expanding the 24-hour crisis service.
- Approved \$1.8 million in Environmental Response Fund grants to clean up 13 contaminated sites in the County.
- Approved funds for three school districts to provide teen pregnancy prevention programs.
- Approved funds for remodeling and improvements at Minneapolis libraries.

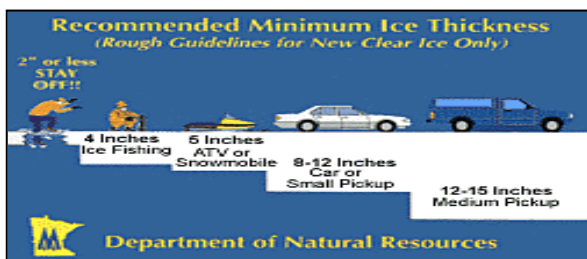
Parking on City Streets—require permits

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 per day. 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 guest, and persons that might be doing construction to your home of the parking restrictions.

Reserving designated parking locations is done on a first-come basis.



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.)

Thank to Councilmember Mark Evenstad

Mark recently completed a 4 year term on the City Council. During his tenure he has displayed exemplary leadership and has devoted countless hours to serving and improving the quality of life for the residents of Woodland. **Thanks Mark!**

Fire Protection Service

The City of Woodland contracts with the City of Wayzata for fire protection services and pays a portion of the Fire Department's 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.

The City of Woodland adopted a fee to assess fire calls to the property where the call originated. The first call is \$250. The second call and all additional calls will be \$500 in a calendar year.

Please don't trash fluorescent bulbs!

With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs. Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator.

Many hardware stores take old bulbs, and all types of bulbs may be recycled at Ikea in Bloomington or at the Hennepin County Recycling Centers in Brooklyn Park or Bloomington.
www.hennepin.us # 612-348-3777

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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 2009

Friday—January 2 (*one day later due to holiday*)

Thursday—January 15

Thursday—January 29

Thursday—February 12

Thursday— February 26

Thursday—March 12

Thursday—March 26

Thursday—April 9

Puzzle:

What is lengthened by being cut at both ends?

Answer on last page

Living with Coyotes

Hardly any animal in America is more adaptable to changing conditions than the coyote. Coyotes can live just about anywhere. They are found in deserts, swamps, tundra, grasslands brush and dense forests.

One of the keys to the coyote's success is its diet. A true scavenger, the coyote will eat just about anything. Identified as a killer of small livestock, poultry and deer, the coyote will also eat snakes and foxes, rodents and rabbits, birds, frogs, grass and grasshoppers, pet cats and cat food, pet dogs and dog food, carrion, fruits and vegetables, and just plain garbage.

Coyotes look like small collies or German shepherds. They have erect pointed ears, slender muzzle, and a bushy tail. Most coyotes are brownish gray in color with a light gray to cream-colored belly. However, a coyote's color varies and may be somewhat darker or lighter depending on the time of the year.

In areas where they are hunted or trapped, coyotes are extremely wary of human beings. However, in urban and suburban areas where they are less likely to be harmed and more likely to associate people with an easy and dependable source of food, they can become very bold. They will come up to the door of a house if food is regularly present.

Steps to take to reduce the chance of human-coyote conflicts

- Do not feed coyotes!
- Don't allow pets to run free. Keep them safely confined and provide secure nighttime housing for them. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night.
- Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up any leftovers if feeding outdoors. Store pet and livestock feed where it is inaccessible to wildlife.
- Bird feeders should be positioned so that coyotes can't get to the feed. Coyotes are attracted by bread, table scraps and even seed. They may also be attracted by birds and rodents that come to the feeders.
- Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors.

These steps may decrease the frequency of coyote sightings in your area if practiced continuously. However, coyotes are adaptable to change and are quick to learn new ways of survival. Occasional sightings most likely will continue. By making life more difficult for coyotes, you will increase the likelihood that they will go somewhere else.

CT RideNet Need a Ride?

Hennepin County has contracted with CT RideNet (Coordinated Transportation Ride Network) to provide ride information, referral and reporting in Western Hennepin County.

CT RideNet can connect you with a ride in your area for medical appointments, shopping, work and more.

RideNet has multilingual, operators available 24/7 to provide information about all transportation options in your area including public, private and volunteer services. With one phone call or click of the mouse, you will be given information to available public and private transportation options.

They will also help you determine if you are eligible for assistance to pay for your ride.

Please call 1-800-450-6100 or www.ctridenet.com TTY service available.

Variety of transportation services! Bus, Automobile, Agency, Accessible Van, Taxi, Public, Private & Volunteers. With CT RideNet, new transportation options are created and funded by forming partnerships with government, non-profit agencies and businesses.



Diseased Trees



The City of Woodland is a special place to live, in part because of the beautiful trees.

It is the City's intent to control and eliminate the spread of Dutch elm disease (DED) fungus, elm bark beetles, and of oak wilt fungus.

The City is asking all residents to look at the trees on their property this spring for signs of disease. You may need to contact a license tree contractor to help you identify problem trees.

The City requires homeowners to remove and dispose of the infected trees to prevent the diseases from spreading to healthy elms and oaks.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Symptoms are the result of a fungus infecting the vascular (water conducting) system of the tree. Infection by the fungus results in clogging of vascular tissues, thus preventing water movement to the crown. The tree wilts and dies.

Foliage symptoms: Symptoms of DED begin as wilting of leaves and proceed to yellowing and browning.

Symptoms begin in late spring or any time later during the growing season. However, if the tree was infected the previous year (and not detected), symptoms may first be observed in early spring. Symptoms may progress throughout the whole tree in a single season, or may take two or more years.

Vascular symptoms:

Branches and stems of elms infected by the DED fungus typically develop dark streaks of discoloration.

OAK WILT

Oak wilt is a fungal disease which causes the water-conducting vessels in oak trees to become plugged. Once the vessels are plugged, water movement within the tree stops, causing leaves to wilt and fall from the tree.

Red, black and pin oaks are highly susceptible to oak wilt.

Once infected, oaks can die within a few weeks. White and bur oaks are much less susceptible. If infected, they can take months or years to die, or they may even recover.

How do Oak trees become infected:

Oak wilt spreads in two ways: over land, by sap-feeding beetles that carry the fungal spores from infected oaks to fresh wounds on healthy oaks; and, under ground, from infected oaks to nearby healthy oaks, or interconnected root systems.

Tree License Required

Tree trimmers operating in the City of Woodland must obtain an annual license from the City. The annual license is \$50.

Tree Removal Permit Required

In addition to a tree contractor obtaining a license from the City, a **separate** permit is required to remove trees in the Woodland. The permit is available at the City Hall for \$25.

Call the City with questions: 952-474-4755

Ord. 900.19 Tree Removal and Vegetation Maintenance and Alterations.

Subd. 1. Purpose. The City finds that it has been established that trees and other vegetation stabilize the soil and control water pollution by preventing soil erosion and flooding, reduce air pollution, temper noise, and provide a natural

habitat for wildlife. Indiscriminate removal of trees and clearing of vegetation cause deprivation of these benefits and that it is in the interests of the City and its residents to prevent the indiscriminate removal of trees and clearing of vegetation.

Subd. 2. Activities Requiring a Permit. Except as provided in Subd. 3 in this Section, no person shall engage in any of the following activities:

- (a) intensive vegetation clearing
- (b) removal of any tree except the species of Boxelder, Buckthorn, Willow, Cottonwood, Green Ash, Siberian Elm and Prickly Ash or the removal of any tree having a diameter of more than six inches.
- (c) tree and vegetation removal necessary for the construction of structures and public utilities and the construction of roads and parking areas otherwise complying with the applicable provisions of the Code; provided that any trees removed as a result of such construction shall be replaced as provided in Subd. 6 of this Section.

Subd. 3. Exceptions. The requirements of Subd. 2 of this Section do not apply to the following removal of trees and vegetation:

- (a) removal of any tree and vegetation that is dead or diseased.
- (b) tree and vegetation pruning within accepted tree management parameters.

Subd. 4. Permit. Prior to engaging in any activity that requires a permit under Subd. 2 of this Section, an application shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for a permit, which shall remain valid for 8 months from the date of issuance, for such activity. The application shall describe the proposed activity and its purpose in detail (landscape drawing included when appropriate; lot lines and structures noted when appropriate) and a description of all replacement plants and materials.

Complete Ordinance on the website

HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM

The Deephaven/Woodland Police Department is pleased to provide house checks. When you are on vacation or out of town for an extended period of time, the Police Department will do a security check on your residence. This service involves a periodic drive-by/and or walk around of your residence. Generally the service is provided by a curbside view from the officer. If the officer sees anything unusual they will investigate the residence and property.

This does not guarantee that your home or property will not be vandalized or violated; it is a reassurance program to better pinpoint a time of occurrence if your home is criminally violated. If you would like a house check, please call the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555. **Please sign and date the form, and return it to the Police Department. House checks will not begin until a signed form is received by the Police Department. The form need only be signed once. The signed form will be kept on file at the Police Department. Subsequent house check requests will not require another signed form.**

Please take the necessary steps to ensure your home and property are secured. Here are some helpful tips to take before leaving town:

- Contact one or two trusted neighbors or family members and let them know what your itinerary will be and give them a phone number to each place you plan on staying. It would be helpful to leave a key, so your neighbor or family member can access your home in cases of emergency. If your house has an alarm, give the code to them so the alarm can be de-activated if it goes off.
- You should have the Post Office hold your mail or have your neighbor/family member pick it up daily.
- You should have the newspaper stopped or have it picked up daily.
- Leave a light on inside the home. This can be accomplished either by plugging in a lamp (or two) into a timer.
- Make sure your neighbor/family member takes care of the garbage, usually for the first week you're gone.
- If you are going to be gone for several weeks it is a good idea to have someone take care of your lawn or remove snow.
- Lock your garage doors and do not leave the keys in the vehicles.
- Activate your alarm system if you have one.

HOMEOWNER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Disclaimer:

I have read and understand the House Check Program provided by the Deephaven Police Department.

Mail Theft—Some things to do to protect your mail from thieves:

- Always deposit your mail in a mail slot at your local post office, or hand it to your letter carrier.
- Never send cash or coins in the mail. Use checks or money orders.
- Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery, especially if you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items. If you won't be home when the items are expected, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
 - Have your local post office hold your mail while you're on vacation, or absent from your home for a long period of time. www.usps.com
 - notify the police department if any unusual activity has taken place with your mail or accounts.

If you believe your mail was stolen, report it immediately to your local postmaster. You'll be asked to file a formal complaint using PS Form 2016, *Mail Theft and Vandalism Complaint*.

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Mayor
Jean Stark

Councilmembers
Jim Doak
Tom Newberry
Mike Jilek
Mark Evenstad

Schedule of meetings

January 12, 2009	Council meeting
January 19, 2009	Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>City Hall Closed</i>
February 9, 2009	Council Meeting
February 16, 2009	Presidents Day <i>City Hall Closed</i>
March 8, 2009	Day Light Savings Time begins
March 9, 2009	Council Meeting
April 10, 2009	Good Friday <i>City Hall Closed</i>
April 13, 2009	Council Meeting & Local Property Board of Review

Answer to Puzzle:

A ditch

The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

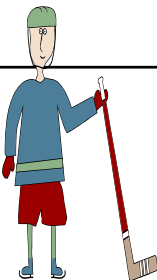

**The City Council
wishes you all a
healthy and happy
New Year!**



Christmas Tree Disposal

The City does not have a city-wide pick-up of Christmas trees. You will need to arrange with your trash hauler for the proper disposal of your Christmas tree.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN



St. Paul Winter Carnival
January 22 – February 1
www.winter-carnival.com/events/

President's Day - February 16

Has there ever been an unmarried U.S. president elected to office?

Several, but only one, James Buchanan (1791-1868), remained a lifelong bachelor. John Tyler (1790-1862) was the first to marry while in office, and Grover Cleveland (1837-1908) was the first and only one to marry in the White House itself.

What did Abraham Lincoln liked to read?

Although Abraham Lincoln had only about a year of formal education, he was an avid reader. He especially enjoyed the works of Shakespeare and often recited his favorite passages to White House visitors.

MN Arboretum—Hwy 5
Cozy Winter Afternoon Teas -Snyder Building Tea Room
 Wednesdays, Jan. 7 through March 25, 2:30-4 p.m.
 Cure your winter blues with this lovely three-course tea in the Snyder Building's cozy Tea Room. Call 612-624-7173 to reserve a "tea-time."

Freestyle Motocross - Target Center, February 7
Annie - Historic Orpheum Theatre, February 12
Celtic Woman—Isle of Hope - Xcel Energy Center, February 13
Smucker's Stars on Ice - Xcel Energy Center, February 22
Fiddler On the Roof - Historic Orpheum Theatre, February 24
Movin' Out—Music By Billy Joel - Historic Orpheum Theatre, March 6
Rent - Historic Orpheum Theatre, March 25
Nickelback, Seether & Saving Abel -Target Center in Minneapolis, April 7

Chanhassen Dinner Theater—Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
 Opens February 6, 2009