



# WOODLAND NEWSLETTER

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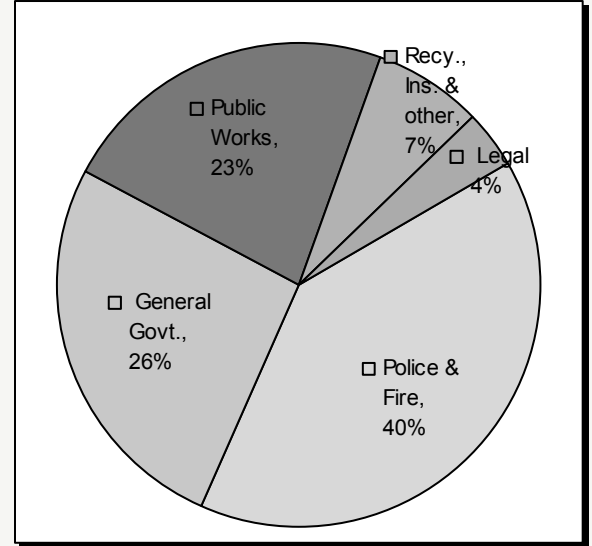


## 2011 Preliminary Budget and Tax

The Woodland City Council adopted its 2011 preliminary budget and property tax levy on September 13, 2010. The 2011 General Fund expenditures have decreased slightly from \$314,525 in 2010 to \$313,903 in 2011.

The tax levy required to fund the proposed 2011 budget is \$300,682. This is an increase of \$707 or less than 1% over the 2010 levy. The increased levy is needed to fund increased debt service requirements and to offset declining revenues from other sources. Woodland's tax capacity, which is impacted by declining property valuations has decreased about 3% which will cause the municipal tax rate will increase slightly from 2010.

The City will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing as part of the regular council meeting scheduled for December 13, 2010.



### Important Information on Personal Health and Safety Available

Woodland's Medical Officer, Bruce B. Shilling, MD, presented a comprehensive report on residential safety to the City Council at its October meeting. His report explained the personal risks to residents from fire, smoke, carbon monoxide, and radon gas. Practical steps each resident can take to control these risks were the focus of his report. The complete report is available at the City's website

[www.cityofwoodlandmn.org](http://www.cityofwoodlandmn.org) or in hard copy at City Hall from our City Clerk, Shelley Souers (952-474-4755).

The City Council strongly recommends the following

#### FIVE STEPS TO SAFETY IN YOUR HOME:

- 1) All residents should read Dr. Shilling's report;
- 2) Smoke detectors be installed in or immediately outside all bedrooms (this is required for all new construction by State law);
- 3) Fire extinguishers (ABC Type) be centrally located on all floors including the basement and be immediately available near cooking stoves;
- 4) Carbon monoxide (CO) monitor/alarms be installed within 10 feet of all bedrooms (this is required for all new construction by State law) and one CO/natural gas alarm be located in the furnace room; and
- 5) Residents test for the presence and concentration of radon gas in their homes every 5 years.



### GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Polling location— 2860 East Road

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## Voting Absentee 2-part process

### Absentee Vote in Person

Woodland voters may vote by absentee at the City Hall or Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours. City and county offices are also open for absentee voting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 30 and on Monday, November 1 until 5 p.m.

### Absentee Vote by Mail

#### 1st – complete and return the Absentee Ballot Application to the County or City

To begin the process to absentee vote by mail, call City Hall at 952-474-4755 to request an Absentee Ballot Application, or download an Absentee Ballot Application from the City's website at [www.cityofwoodlandmn.org](http://www.cityofwoodlandmn.org). Send the completed application to City Hall or the County.

- Mail - Woodland City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331
- Fax - 952-474-1274; or
- Scan and email - [shelley@cityofwoodlandmn.org](mailto:shelley@cityofwoodlandmn.org)

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.

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

**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.

**The General Election Ballot  
will contain the municipal  
race for City Council Member**

**COUNCIL MEMBER  
City of Woodland  
(VOTE FOR UP TO TWO)**

- Tom Newberry
- John Massie
- Chris Rich
- write in, if any
- write in, if any

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

## 2010 General Election

### Register to vote in the 2010 Elections at the Poll:

#### You will need to register on Election Day if:

- you have never registered,
- if you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, or
- if you have not voted in the last four years.

### Registering on Election Day

To register at your polling place on Election Day, you must bring one of the following with your current name and address to verify your residence in the precinct:

- A valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these
- A valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
- A Tribal ID card that contains your picture and signature
- A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
- A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath
- Both 1) a photo ID from the list below, and 2) a current bill from the list below with your current name and address in the precinct

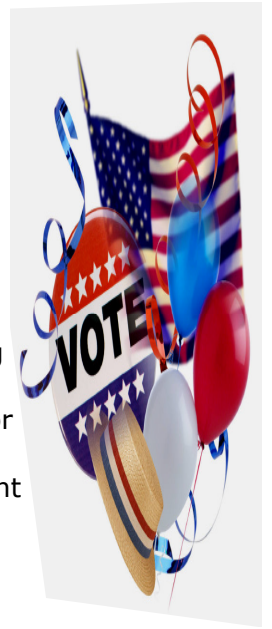
#### #1 Photo IDs (may be expired)

- Minnesota Driver's License
- Minnesota ID Card
- United States Passport
- United States Military ID Card
- Tribal ID Card
- Minnesota University, College, or Technical College ID Card

#### #2 Bills (electronic or mail)

- Utility bill due within 30 days of election day:
- Telephone (landline, cell, VOIP, etc.)
- TV (cable, satellite, etc.)
- Internet services
- Electric
- Gas

- Solid Waste
- Sewer / water Services
- Rent statement dated within 30 days of election day that itemizes utilities
- Current student fee statement



To verify if you are registered to vote—call City Hall or go online to the State voter system:

**Puzzle 1:** How many years elapsed between the Declaration of Independence and Lincoln's Gettysburg address?

**Puzzle 2:** Where would you go to find the Spanish steps?

**Answers on last page**

## 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/Woodland Police Department.*

### Parking on City Streets—require permits

Woodland has limited designated parking zones, which require a permit from the City before use. There is no parking on the City Streets other than the designated parking zones with the proper permit.

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.

Dog Regulations

### Woodland City Hall Directory

20225 Cottagewood Road  
Deephaven, MN 55331

City Hall # 952-474-4755  
Police Department # 952-474-7555  
24 hour Police Dispatch  
# 763-525-6210

Chief of Police—Cory Johnson  
Website:

www.cityofwoodlandmn.org

### City Council

Mayor

**Jim Doak**

Councilmembers

**Sliv Carlson    Mike Jilek**

## RECYCLING

Recycling is collected every-other  
Thursday (Bi-weekly)

**NOVEMBER: 4 & 18**

**DECEMBER: 2, 16 & 30**

**JANUARY: 13 & 27**

**FEBRUARY: 10 & 24**

No need to separate products. You  
may co-mingle products in the  
green cart.

Have your cart out and available  
by 7:00A.M.

### Answers to the Puzzles

- 87 years - "Four score and seven years ago..."
- Rome, Italy

## HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

### Minnetonka High School Theater Presents:

- How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. November 5-20
- Willie Wonka—The Musical December 10-19

### **OmniTheater Hubble**

Opens November 5

### **Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs**

Opens February 18, 2011

## SNOW PLOWING

Cornerstone Industries will be plowing the Woodland Streets again this year.

Snow plowing will begin when 2 or more inches of snow has accumulated. Plowing all City streets requires several hours and often multiple passes through the neighborhoods.

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

\* Please be sure NOT push your driveway snow into public streets.

## 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 a 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. Woodland is charged for this response.

*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 in a calendar year, will be \$500.*

## Schedule of Meetings & Events

November 2:	General Election 7:00Am-8:00PM
November 7:	Daylight savings-set clocks back
November 8:	Council Meeting
November 11:	Veterans Day-City Hall Closed
November 25 & 26:	Thanksgiving Holiday—City Hall Closed

December 13:	Council Meeting
December 24:	Christmas Eve Day-City Hall Closed

January 10, 2011:	Council Meeting
January 17,	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Character is much easier kept  
than recovered.

Thomas Pain