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GENERAL ELECTION

November 4, 2014
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Polling Place for General Election

2860 East Road
Woodland, Minnesota

General Election Absentee Voting at City Hall

Friday, September 19, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014 until 5:00 p.m.

Woodland will have a City Election as part of the General Election on November 4 to elect two Council members to office. Council Members begin their terms on January 12, 2015.

The candidates for City Council who are on the ballot are:

John Massie
Elizabeth Weiner

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are currently registered to vote, you do not need to register again unless you have moved to a different address, changed your name, or have not voted at least once within the last four years.

If you are not registered to vote in Woodland, eligible voters may pre-register to vote anytime, except during the 20 days immediately preceding any regularly scheduled election. October 14 is the last day to register to vote before Election Day.

Election Day Registration – Proof of residence

If you are not able to pre-register, you can register on Election Day. To do so, you must provide election judges at your polling location with certain acceptable forms of identification to prove your eligibility. Visit www.woodlandmn.org for a list of acceptable forms of identification— just click on the “Elections” tab.



www.woodlandmn.org

is the City of Woodland’s
Website Address!

The updated website includes *so* many things that may interest you.

Clean Water Tab

On the “Clean Water” tab, you’ll find ways you can make a difference whether its using chemicals on your lawn, keeping your lawn healthy, using native plants on your property, or planting rain gardens—you will see some things that you can do to make a difference in keeping our water bodies clean! All of this is found on the “Clean Water” tab under “10 Things You Can Do”.

Clean Water

The “Clean Water” tab will also direct you to fun interactive activities for kids in addition to clean water fun facts! You can find links to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the City’s Stormwater Management Plan, and the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District where you can learn much more about keeping our lakes clean.

Natural Resources Tab

On the “Natural Resources” tab, there are numerous ideas for activities for kids and kids at heart. There is information about indoor and outdoor activities, Minnesota minerals, identifying Minnesota’s rare species, underground mine tours, and even where you can visit a cave to spelunk to your heart’s content. A link to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum website is also included for your convenience. These are just a few things you can find on this educational and informative tab.

City Business

Of course you’ll also find all sorts of information about the City’s ordinances, Council agendas and minutes, and answers to frequently asked questions!

Check out your new website! You just might find something new!

- 10 Things You Can Do (brochure)
- Storm Water Management Plan
- Clean Water for Kids
- Clean Water Fun Facts
- Visit the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Website
- Visit the Minnesota DNR Website
- Visit the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Website



Spotlight on the City of Woodland 2015 Budget and Levy

The Woodland City Council adopted the City's 2015 preliminary budget and property tax levy on September 8th. In 2015, we expect to experience modest inflation in maintenance, personnel, and operating expenses. Spending on street repairs and improvements will experience a significant increase. In 2015 General Fund expenditures are estimated to be \$384,863.

The total tax levy required to fund the 2015 budget is \$349,629. This represents a 3.65% increase over the 2014 levy. The City's tax levy accounts for approximately 1/10 of a typical Woodland property's total tax bill and reflects one of the lowest municipal tax rates in Minnesota. The bulk of residents' tax bills represents levies by Hennepin County, the School District, and various other taxing authorities.

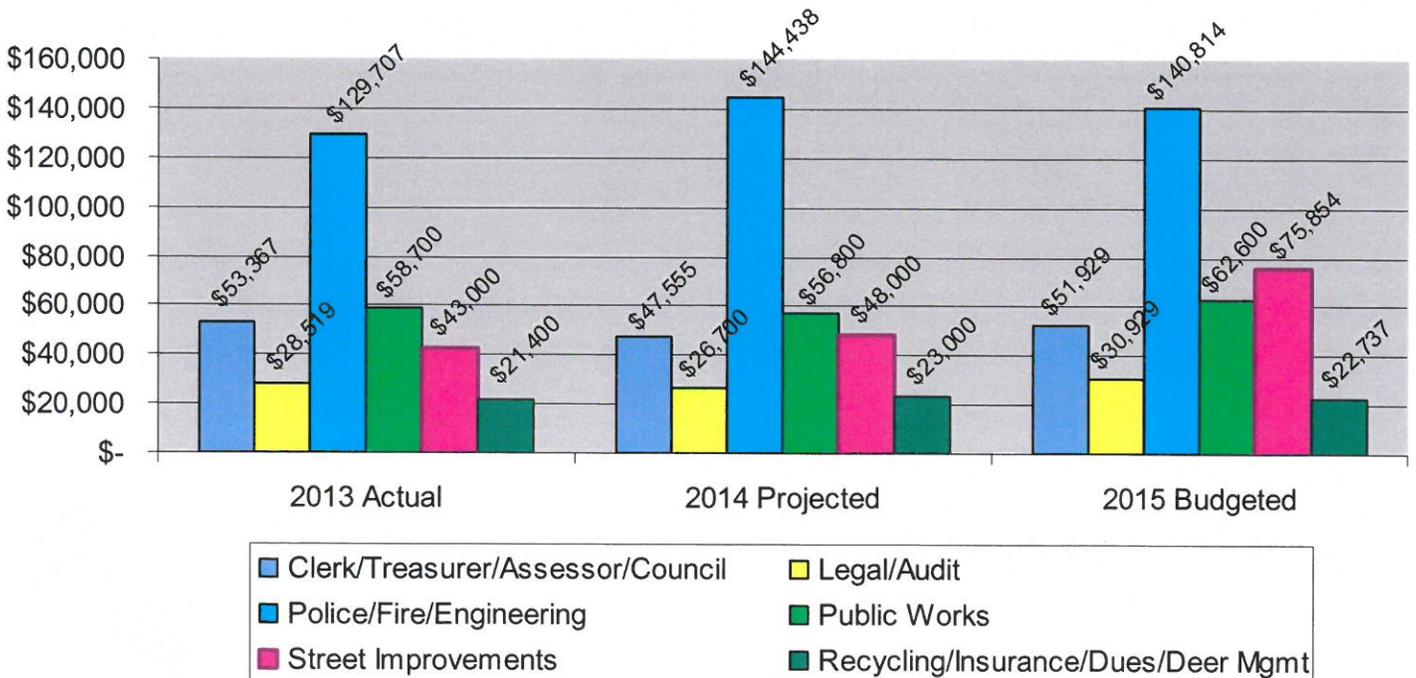
Truth in Taxation Hearing
December 8, 2014
7:00 p.m.
City Hall
20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

Revenue	2014 Budget	2014 Projection	2015 Budget	% of Revenue
Taxes	\$ 337,327	\$ 357,000	\$ 349,629	90.85%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 11,125	\$ 26,875	\$ 21,600	5.61%
Charges for Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,500	1.43%
Government Aid	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,434	1.15%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.65%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 650	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,200	0.31%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 355,002	\$ 394,725	\$ 384,863	100.00%

The City will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing, as part of the regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend and comment on the 2015 budget and levy. The City anticipates adopting the final 2015 Budget and Levy at this meeting. The detailed preliminary budget is available for review on the City website at www.woodlandmn.org

Expenses	2014 Budget	2014 Projection	2015 Budget	% of Expenses
Street Improvements	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 75,854	19.71%
Legal, Audit, Assessor	\$ 30,700	\$ 26,700	\$ 30,929	8.04%
City Clerk, Treasurer, City Council, Elections	\$ 61,264	\$ 47,555	\$ 51,929	13.49%
Police, Fire, and Engineering	\$ 135,438	\$ 144,438	\$ 140,814	36.59%
Snow plowing, mowing, tree removal, septic inspections	\$ 58,600	\$ 56,800	\$ 62,600	16.27%
Deer Management, recycling, insurance, dues: LMCD, MCWD, LMC	\$ 21,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,737	5.91%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 355,002	\$ 346,493	\$ 384,863	100.00%

Expenses 2013, 2014, 2015



County Road 101 Improvements Schedule Revised

The Hennepin County Department of Transportation has revised the schedule for the upcoming County Road 101 reconstruction. The new schedule pushes all of the stages back by one month.

Revised Schedule:

Stage 1 (Early September) Excavation will start in the roundabout area and at Eastman Lane/McGinty Road in Wayzata/Minnetonka, respectively. Through traffic to and from Wayzata will be allowed during this stage.

Stage 2 (Begin mid to late September) – The road will be closed to through traffic. Wayzata will not be accessible via County Road 101. A passable surface will be available for local and emergency vehicles only. The railroad bridge will be removed and utility work (undergrounding wires) will begin on the periphery. Storm sewer lines will be placed and work will begin on retaining wall construction.

Stage 3 (January, 2015-May, 2015) County Road 101 will be closed to through traffic – open to local traffic only.

Stage 4 (June, 2015– December, 2015) Pavement will be removed, watermain and sanitary sewer placement and road construction and paving will begin. The east/west stretch from Grays Bay Boulevard to the roundabout will be completed in early June. In late 2015, the area north of the causeway will be completed. County Road 101 will reopen in late 2015. Minor landscaping and general finishing could go into 2016.



Disposing of Fall Yard Waste

Yard and tree waste includes brush, garden debris, grass clippings, leaves, plants (indoor and outdoor), compost, mulch and wood chips. It is illegal to put yard and tree waste in your household garbage.

Disposal Options

Some yard waste materials can be picked up at the curb by your private waste hauler. Contact your private hauler to learn if this option is available to you.

Local Waste Haulers:

- Waste Management—952-860-1100
- Allied Waste—952-941-8394
- Randy's Sanitation—763-972-3335
- Vintage Waste—952-472-0401

Christmas Tree Disposal Reminder

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

Wells and Well Testing

In June, numerous residents opted to have their well water tested for arsenic, lead, coliform bacteria, and nitrates. Water that was tested for several households came back with positive results that warranted further analysis.

Dr. Bruce Shilling, the City's Health Officer, has recommended that all residents have their wells tested at least every five years. It's important to remember that older homes may have lead pipes and that could result in presence of lead in drinking water. Dr. Shilling encourages residents to participate in the City's annual well testing next Spring.

If you have any questions about your well or well water quality, contact the Minnesota Department of Health and ask to speak with a well specialist or contact the Well Management Office at: **health.wells@state.mn.us** or by telephone at: **651-201-4600**.

Septic Maintenance Inspections

Kurt Larsen, the Septic System inspector for Woodland, recently looked at half of the septic systems in Woodland. Several systems were found to be in need of pumping and others will need to be pumped in 2015. If your system was one that was inspected, you should have received a notice from the City regarding Kurt's findings.

The City Ordinance requires that you or your system pumper notify the City once the system has been pumped. Pumping reports can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to City Hall.



Barking Dogs and Their Owners

Dogs bark to communicate with other dogs and with people. Unfortunately, barking can sometimes develop into a unpleasant nuisance to neighbors and can be a source of neighbor to neighbor frustration.

If neighbors hear excessive barking, they can file a complaint with the police who will investigate the nuisance. But before filing a complaint, it's best to

Speak with the dog owner directly or leave a note. The dog owner may be unaware that the dog is barking and is annoying, especially if the owner is not home.

City ordinance prohibits excessive barking. Please be a responsible pet owner and a good neighbor and control your dog's barking.

Snow Removal Rules

Winter brings two weather conditions, snow and ice, that affect our street safety.

Please do not plow snow from your driveway into City streets.

When do snowplowing operations begin?

- When two inches of snow has accumulated, if there is an accumulation of drifting snow, or if ice and/or freezing rain affect road conditions.
- Plowing operations typically begin during early morning hours to facilitate the morning work traffic.

Can I pass a snowplow?

- Never pass a snow plow by driving on the shoulder.
- Plows frequently stop and back up. The driver has a "blind zone" and may not see your vehicle if you are following too closely.
- Never drive into the "cloud" a snow plow kicks up. It can create a total "white out" condition and cause loss of visibility.
- Pass only with extreme caution!

Why does the snowplow come back and fill in my driveway after I've already cleaned it?

During heavy snowfalls, snowplowing is accomplished in phases.

- The first pass is intended to provide an initial access path.
- Full-width widening can occur several hours later after all streets have received a first pass.
- Final cleanup may occur within the next few days and provides for intersection cleanup, plowing back of snow banks, and sanding.

Answers to Commonly Asked Recycling Questions

Which boxes are recyclable?

If a box is kept in the cupboard, it is recyclable. If it goes in the fridge, freezer or microwave, it is not. The wax coating that makes refrigerator, freezer and microwavable boxes water-resistant is a problem in the recycling process. The glossy coating used on toothpaste, cereal, pasta and some cardboard boxes does not affect the recycling process.



Which plastics are recyclable?

Plastic bottles and jugs are recyclable. The symbol with a number on the bottom of a plastic container does not mean it is recyclable – it only tells you what type of plastic the container is made of. In Hennepin County, plastic bottles and jugs with a neck and number 1 or 2 are collected for recycling.

How should I prepare my recycling?

- Remove all caps, lids and pumps
- Give containers a quick rinse
- It's okay to leave labels on
- Do not place recyclables in a plastic bag

Emergency Preparedness Tip

Take time now to review your family's emergency preparedness. The following information is a reminder for things you might want to check before an emergency occurs. Make sure you have at least one of the following in case there is a power failure:

- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered radio, with extra batteries, for listening to local emergency instructions
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio receiver for listening to National Weather Service broadcasts



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Sliv Carlson.....	952-475-0586
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Chris Rich.....	612-308-5916
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