

WOODLAND NEWS

2014 City Budget and Tax Levy

NEW WEBSITE
www.woodlandmn.org

We have updated the City's website.

You can find:

- permit applications,
- zoning information,
- recycling schedules,
- Council agendas and contact information

The Woodland City Council adopted its 2014 preliminary budget and property tax levy on September 9th. The total tax levy required to fund the 2014 budget is \$337,327. This represents a 5.3% increase over the 2013 levy of \$320,228. In 2014 General Fund expenditures are estimated to be \$355,002. This represents an increase of 5.8% or \$19,349 from the 2013 budgeted amount, but is somewhat less than the \$358,087 projected for actual expenses in 2013. Costs associated with replacing a large culvert on Maplewood Circle East, extensive patching of Breezy Point Road, and heavy snow and ice removal costs pushed actual expenses over budget this year. In 2014 we will continue to experience modest inflation in personnel and maintenance expenses. We must also provide for the expense of a general election, major repairs to Breezy Point Road, and our portion of the Route 101 renovation project. 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.

The City will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing, as part of the regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend and comment on the 2014 budget and levy. The City anticipates adopting the final 2014 Budget and Levy at this meeting. The detailed preliminary budget is available for review on the City website. www.woodlandmn.org



City Hall closed
 Monday,
 November 11th
 in honor of
 Veterans Day

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Revenue	2013 Budget	2013 Projection	2014 Budget	% of Revenue
Taxes	\$320,228	\$323,012	\$337,327	95.02%
Licenses & Permits	\$9,025	\$21,875	\$11,125	3.13%
Govt. Aid	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,400	0.39%
Charges /Services	\$1,700	\$6,850	\$2,000	0.56%
Fines & Forfeits	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$2,500	0.70%
Interest & Misc	\$700	\$1,850	\$650	0.18%
TOTAL	\$335,653	\$358,087	\$355,002	100.00%
Expenses	2013 Budget	2013 Projection	2014 Budget	% of Expenses
Elections	\$400	\$325	\$3,400	0.96%
Clerk/Treas., Auditor, Assessor, Zoning, Engineer & Legal	\$87,446	\$90,963	\$95,614	26.93%
Police & Fire	\$124,707	\$124,707	\$127,438	35.90%
Streets, snow plow, mow, trees, septic insp.	\$101,700	\$115,574	\$106,600	30.03%
Recycling, Insurance, deer control	\$21,400	\$21,210	\$21,950	6.18%
TOTAL	\$335,653	\$352,779	\$355,002	100.00%





Christmas Trees

Plan ahead for disposal of your Christmas tree. Woodland does not have an organized collection of Christmas trees. Residents must arrange for disposal of Christmas trees on their own.

Tree Trimming & Removal

Contractors trimming or removing trees in Woodland must obtain an annual license from the City.

In addition to the contractor obtaining a license, a separate permit may be required for removal of certain tree species.

Woodland has a tree replacement ordinance requiring trees to be replaced with a similar species.

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 snow plow driver has a blind zone and may not see your vehicle if you are too close. Please give them plenty of room.

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



Dakota Rail Trail

Experience the Dakota Rail Trail. One of the many trails in the metro area.



This 13-mile, multi-use trail runs from Wayzata to St. Bonifacius and continues to Mayer in Carver

County. It offers spectacular views of Lake Minnetonka.

Not all visitors are familiar with local parking options. As a result, parking in unauthorized locations can be a problem in some communities. Three Rivers Park District, which manages the trail, would like to remind users to be sure to park in designated public parking areas.

These parking areas include:

- Wayzata, 175 Grove Ln.
- Mound, 5515 Lynwood Blvd
- Minnetrista, Gale Woods Farm
- St. Bonifacius, 4150 Bell St
- Mayer, State Highway 25 and First Street Northwest

For more information:
www.threeriversparks.org

Recycling Schedule

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

Have your cart out and available for the driver by 7:00 AM on the pick-up day.

PICK-UP DATES

Thursday— Nov. 14

*** Friday—Nov. 29**

Thursday— Dec. 12

*** Friday—Dec. 27**

Thursday— Jan. 9

Thursday—Jan. 23

** Holidays move the pick up day as noted*

No need to separate products.

All of your recycling materials go into the green & gold cart on wheels.

Lawn Care Tips from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Fall is the best time to fertilize lawns and control weeds. Here are some tips for keeping a healthy fall lawn that looks nice and protects the health of nearby lakes and streams:

Mow – Mow often, leave clippings on the lawn and leave your grass 2.5 to 3 inches high. This strengthens roots and retains moisture for a green, resilient lawn.

Fertilize – Mid-to late October is the best time to fertilize your lawn. Fertilizer provides grass with nutrients for spring growth. Use low-phosphorus fertilizer (look for a middle number of 3 or below on the package). Water your lawn for 1 to 2 hours after application.

Control Weeds – September is the best time to treat dandelions, plantain, clover and creeping Charlie. Limited numbers of weeds should be removed by hand or spot-treated with herbicide.

Sweep up - Sweep up and reuse lawn care products that fall on streets, sidewalks and driveways

Rake – Rake leaves to keep them out of storm drains and nearby water bodies, where they release phosphorus and other unwanted nutrients. Keep them away from driveways, streets and sidewalks.

What to do with leaves – There are a few ways you can get rid of leaves:

Compost – Recycles nutrients

Mulch – Use leaves as mulch, either whole or shredded

Mow – If there is less than 2 inches of leaves on your lawn, leave them in place and make several passes over them with a power mower. This provides your lawn valuable nutrients and makes it

Know The Rules When Approaching Vehicles On The Side Of The Road "Ted Foss" Move Over Law

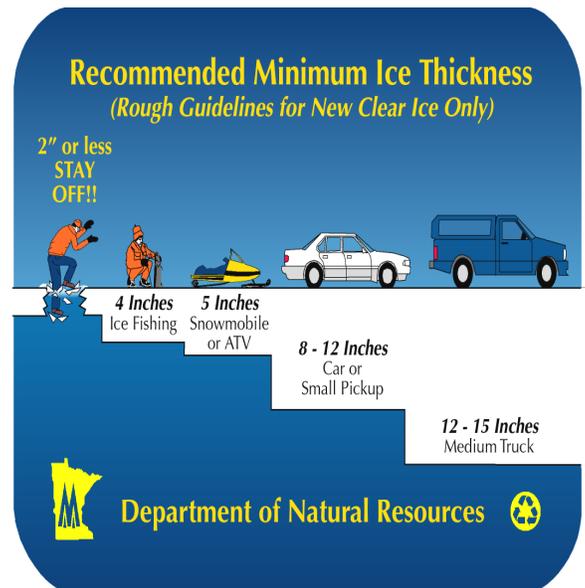
The "move over" law, also known as the Ted Foss Law, was written after Minnesota State Trooper Ted Foss was hit and killed by a semi-truck on August 31, 2000, during a traffic stop. The law is designed to give emergency vehicles room to work on the portion of roadway they are occupying by requiring passing motorists to leave a lane vacant between them and those parked emergency vehicles. The law also requires that drivers reduce their speed as they pass the location of the emergency vehicles and road repair equipment. Emergency vehicle is defined by Minnesota statute as the following: towing vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances, and fire trucks.

Minnesota Statutes 169.18, subd. 11, reads:

"When approaching and before passing an authorized emergency vehicle that is parked or otherwise stopped on or next to a street or highway having two or more lanes in the same direction, the driver of a vehicle shall safely move the vehicle to a lane away from the emergency vehicle."

To put it simply:

- If you are traveling on a roadway with two or more lanes, you must keep a lane away when passing a stopped ambulance, fire truck, or law enforcement vehicle.
- If you are not able to safely move a lane away, reduce your speed.
- If you fail to take these actions you could receive a citation.
- Ignoring this law endangers the law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and tow truck drivers who provide critical and sometimes lifesaving services on Minnesota roadways.



Ice Safety Tips

Ice safety tips recommended by the MN DNR. The following chart has been established for recommended minimum ice thickness before venturing out on a frozen lake or pond. Remember, the thicknesses detailed in this chart are merely guidelines for new, clear solid ice and that many factors, other than thickness, can cause the ice to be unsafe. Even if the ice seems to be thick enough, factors such as currents, wind, water chemistry, and wildlife can affect the relative safeness of the ice.

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)

The LMCD has relocated to Mound, (current City of Mound office building). The office is just south at County Road 15 and Cypress Lane.

5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200
Mound, MN 55364
(952) 745-0789
Email: lmcd@lmcd.org www.lmcd.org

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

The MCWD has relocated to Minnetonka. The office is at 15320 Minnetonka Blvd. Minnetonka, MN 55345

(952) 471-0590
Email: admin@minnehahacreek.org
www.minnehahacreek.org

A Reminder About Fire Alarm Fees

The City of Woodland has long assessed a fee for fire calls to the property where the incident occurred. The first call in a calendar year is \$250. The second call and all additional calls in a calendar year are \$500. These fees cover only part of the cost of the City's fire protection. Woodland contracts with the Wayzata Fire Department for fire protection services. Woodland pays a portion of the Department's budget, based on the volume of our calls relative to total fire calls from communities served.

Woodland residents are responsible for fire service fees, whether the call is a false alarm or a real fire. If your home is monitored by a private alarm company and that company initiates a fire alarm call, be prepared to pay the City's fire service fee. Please understand the Fire Department has a duty to respond even though the fire alarm is canceled immediately and prior to the fire trucks arriving at your residence or even leaving the station. Wayzata volunteer fire fighters are paged instantaneously and respond, leaving their homes or jobs at all hours of the day or night. The fire fighters are paid for responding even if the call is cancelled. Wayzata firefighters are well trained and equipped and are strongly committed to excellent community service.

Woodland City Hall Directory

City Council

Mayor

Jim Doak

Council Members

Sliv Carlson

John Massie

Chris Rich

Tom Newberry

All contact information can be found on the City website:

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Questions or Concerns

City Hall: 952-474-4755

City Clerk: 952-358-9936

Police Dept: 952-474-7555

24 hour Police Dispatch # 763-525-6210

Fire Dept: 952-404-5337

Planning & Zoning: 952-358-9938

Wayzata Motor Vehicle/ License Bureau:

952-404-5320

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Information

Coyote Sightings



Coyotes average 30 lbs., and stand about 18" high at the shoulders. However, they may appear much larger due to their heavy fur coat, especially in winter.

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- do not feed coyotes
- do not leave pet food outside
- do not allow cats and small dogs outside, unattended

Call the police department if you have noticed a nuisance coyote.

**Police Department
952-474-7555**



The police monitor and strictly enforces traffic speeds throughout Woodland

The Speed Limit on Breezy Point Road and Maplewood Road is 30 MPH

Many children live in close proximity to these main roadways. Pedestrian and bike riders are often present. All drivers should exercise caution at all times when driving on City streets.

Schedule of Meetings & Events

November 3: Daylight savings-set clocks back

November 11: Veterans Day-City Hall Closed

November 12: City Council Meeting

November 28 & 29: Thanksgiving Holiday—City Hall Closed

December 9: City Council Meeting

December 25: Christmas Day-City Hall Closed

January 13: City Council Meeting

January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day-City Hall Closed



Watch for deer on roads at this time of year.

Deer-vehicle crashes increase in early to mid-

November when herd are most active.

Be especially cautious from 6 to 9 p.m. when deer are most active.

Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road. If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.

Deer are unpredictable. They stop in the middle of the road when crossing; cross quickly and re-cross back; and move toward the an approaching vehicle. Blow your horn to urge deer to leave the road.

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Boater Safety Program

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD), through its Save the Lake (STL) Committee, is targeting a 2014 Boater Safety Education Program for Lake Minnetonka (primarily geared to the youth). Prior to kicking this off for the 2014 boating season, the LMCD is coordinating a 2013 pilot course in November.

Date for Pilot Course: Saturday, November 16, 2013 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Location for Pilot Course: Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol Building (4141 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park, MN 55384)

Goals for Pilot Course:

1. Facilitate participants securing their MN DNR Youth Operators Permit on-line;
2. "Shake down" the technology and assess the flow and layout of the course; and
3. Learn from the 2013 pilot project (making the necessary improvements for the 2014 kick off).

Participant Costs for Pilot Program: FREE OF CHARGE (sponsored by the Save the Lake Fund)