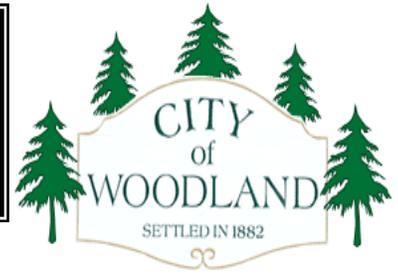




WOODLAND NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013



A Comment on City Services

A number of residents have asked about Woodland’s ability to collect trees, tree limbs, and other yard waste that fell on private property in recent storms.

The City does remove branches that have fallen on the City right of way as a matter of public safety and you probably saw Shorewood Tree's activity on our roads after the storms. Woodland has not been able to secure a drop off arrangement with neighboring cities or been willing to incur the open-ended cost of a pick up service for tree debris or brush from private property.

As a matter of longstanding policy, Woodland depends heavily on the self-sufficiency and resource-

fulness of residents to minimize the need for municipal services, thus keeping our City’s tax rate among the lowest in the State. Woodland will never compromise on the quality of public safety and is vitally concerned with preserving the extraordinary quality of life we enjoy, but the Council does focus on efficiency, value, and prioritizing services.

It goes without saying that if residents wish more municipal services, tax rates will rise. The Council is always open to suggested policy changes, so please let your voice be heard at a Council meeting or by email or letter.

City Council meets on the second Monday of every month.

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Brush Disposal

Options for residents to dispose of brush and yard waste:



The Mulch Store, located off of Highway 7 in Minnetrista will accept brush from individuals. There is a charge.

As an alternative, Waste Management and Vintage will haul brush away for a charge. Most tree trimming companies will also mulch up tree debris for a charge.

The Mulch Store:
www.mulchstoremn.com

4275 Creek View Circle
Minnetrista, MN 55331
(952) 446-1056

Waste Management:
952-890-1100

Vintage Waste:
952-472-0401

A list of licensed tree contractors can be found on the front page of the City’s website:
www.cityofwoodlandmn.org

Hours of Construction



Construction is permitted in Woodland:
Monday to Friday from 7:00AM to 6:00PM
Saturday from 9:00AM– 6:00PM.

All construction noise, commercial landscaping and yard maintenance, tree removal, commercial deliveries of construction or landscape materials are **not** permitted on Sunday or before or after the hours listed above, unless there is an emergency.

Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety. The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety and shall be enforced by the police department or the zoning coordinator:

Construction activity and commercial property maintenance at any time other than the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and no such activity is permitted on Sundays or on the following public holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Noise from equipment used during the removal of snow and generators and equipment used during power outages or other emergencies shall be exempt from the restrictions under this subsection.

Insect Transmitted Infectious Disease

Woodland consists of many large wooded areas, habitat for ticks carrying the bacterium of Lyme disease. While the late spring has decreased the mosquito population this occurrence has had no influence on the tick population, which is substantially increasing. The rate of tick infection is spreading from Ramsey into Hennepin County, which makes residents of Woodland vulnerable to inoculation through a tick bite (black legged or deer tick) to Lyme Disease.

Tick born Lyme disease

During the 15 year period (1996-2010) 10,821 confirmed cases were reported. The population of the deer tick or bear tick (*Ixodes scapularis*, the black legged tick) is increasing in Minnesota east of the Mississippi River and starting to invade Hennepin County in measurable quantities.

If the tick is infected with spirochet, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and attached to the skin for 24-48 hours, inoculation with ensuing Lyme disease for humans and animals (including dogs) can result. Fortunately not all ticks are infected with the bacterium.

Signs and symptoms include: the "bull in eye" rash (a red ring with central clearing), fever, chills, muscle and joint pain, fatigue and headache. If a person has one or several of these signs or symptoms, 3 to 30 days after a tick bite or spending time in infested woodlands, medical attention should be sought. If left untreated, further development includes: facial paralysis, weakness and joint pain with arthritis (particularly the knees). Fortunately, antibiotic treatment (e.g. Doxycycline), if early in the course, can eradicate the bacteria with reversal of the signs and symptoms.

Bottom line for Lyme disease

Screen yourself, children and dogs after being out in the woods. The ticks are about ¼ inch in size and can be removed by gentle slow pulling with tweezers. Topical application of DEET (30-35%) or permethrin are repellants-partially deterrent. Permethrin when sprayed on fabrics (cloths) can be toxic to the ticks. Both chemicals, in application form, are available in many pharmacies and camping stores.

MOSQUITO BORN (TREE HOLD MOSQUITO) VIRAL LA CROSSE ENCEPHALITIS-LAC

Mosquito borne encephalitis is yet of a concern to residents of Woodland as we have reported in the past.

For more information and answers to questions with regard to Lyme Disease and Mosquito borne Encephalitis contact:

www.health.state.mn.us

www.mayoclinic.com

Mn Department of Health, Division of Infectious Disease (651)201-5414.

Woodland's Medical Officer, Bruce Shilling, MD

Woodland City Council, James Doak, Mayor

Road Damage Escrow

The City recently adopted a fee to ensure, if city streets are damaged during construction projects, the contractor/property owner is accountable for damages. If there are no damages, the fee is refundable.

All construction activity which includes the physical alteration or repair of the structure envelope, i.e., the alteration of the footprint or height of an existing structure, or the construction of a new structure shall require the submittal of a road damage escrow as required by Section 305 of the City Code. In addition, the City Engineer will document the condition of the road surface in the vicinity of the access to the proposed project: 1) prior to the commencement of construction and, 2) before the refund of the escrow.

All damage to the road that can be attributed to the project shall be repaired and restored to the previously existing condition by the owner of the construction site and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer by a duly licensed and approved contractor. In the alternative, the cost of repair to the road surface by the City's appointed contractor shall be deducted from the road damage escrow. All costs in excess of the submitted escrow amount will be charged to the property owner of record and must be paid in full.

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.

Signs Woodland has a Sign Ordinance with certain restrictions. Below is an excerpt of some of the restrictions.

1100.03 Sale or Rental Signs.

- The sign may read "Open," "For Rent" face or "For Sale," and may include the name and the telephone number of the owner or agent relative to the premises upon which the sign is located.
- The total face surface of the sign, inclusive of all attachments and hanging sign additions, may not exceed **200 square inches**, and neither the length nor width may exceed 25 inches.
- Only one such sign is permitted on any one premises, with the exception of an open house sign as permitted under section 1100.04. Where the property abuts a lake, no signs may be placed or erected to be visible from such lake.
- Signs may be placed parallel or perpendicular to the front property line. Signs must be placed only on the property being offered for sale or lease.

1100.05 Signs Relating to Land Development. Signs advertising the sale or development of the premises upon which they are erected, when erected in connection with the construction of a new single-family dwelling, remodeling projects and structure additions by an owner of the premises or by a builder or developer interested in such a sale or development, may be erected and maintained if they comply with all of the following:

- No sign shall be erected until a building permit for construction on the site has been issued by the City. The sign shall indicate only the name and contact information of the builder, developer or owner.
- Any such sign shall be removed by the developer, builder or owner within 3 days after the completion or abandonment of the project.

1100.06 Signs of Workers and Contractors. Except as permitted under Section 1100.05, signs of workers, contractors, painters, and other artisans may **not** be erected either during the period such persons are performing work on a premises or otherwise.

The full sign ordinance is posted on the website: www.cityofwoodlandmn.org If you have any questions, please call the City Offices: 952-358-9936

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:
www.cityofwoodlandmn.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 **Summer and fall**

Thursday—July 25

Thursday—Aug. 8

Thursday— Aug. 22

Friday—Sept. 6

Thursday—Sept. 20

Thursday— Oct. 3

Thursday—Oct. 17

Thursday—Oct. 31

No need to separate products—all of your recycling materials go into the green & gold cart on wheels.

Happenings Around Town

State Fair

August 22 - September 2
www.mnstatefair.org

James J Hill Day - In Wayzata September 7, 2013

Questions or Concerns

City Hall: 952-474-4755 • **Police Dept:** 952-474-7555
(24 hour Police Dispatch # 763-525-6210)

Fire Dept: 952-404-5337

Wayzata Motor Vehicle/ License Bureau: 952-404-5320

Public Meeting Schedules

City Council: August 12

September 9

Unless otherwise announced, all Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Thank you to Dr. Bruce Shilling

Unfortunately the City's signs have been a subject of vandalism over the years. Last winter was no exception. The large City sign at the entrance of the City was deliberately broken in two. We were fortunate to be able to reclaim the sign with the skilled carpentry services of Dr. Bruce Shilling who is also our City health Officer. Dr. Shilling is in the process of restoring the entry sign and we expect to have it back in place in the near future.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Shilling for all his good work.



**SPEED
LIMIT
30**

The City monitors 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.

DNR offers deer hunting clinic Aug. 11

Adults and youth who want to learn the basics of deer hunting are invited to the Department of Natural Resources' deer day on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., on the Wilkens farm near Mora in Kanabec County.

DNR to offer state lands at public auction

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will offer for sale more than 20 parcels of state lands at two public auctions to be held July 23-24. A third auction date has been scheduled on July 30 to offer any remaining parcels that did not sell at the initial two auctions.

Minnesota's wolf population remains strong

The wolf population remains firmly established on Minnesota's landscape, according to a comprehensive population survey conducted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The latest survey results estimate that within Minnesota's wolf range there were 438 packs and 2,211 wolves last winter – down 710 wolves from the survey five years ago. Minnesota's wolf range generally covers the state's forested region. The DNR intends on putting in place another conservative wolf season in fall and winter 2013.

More information:
www.mndnr.gov