



Landscaping and

Tree Removal in Woodland

Are you thinking of a new landscape plan for your property? If you are, it is important to remember that trees and vegetation control water pollution by preventing soil erosion and flooding, reduce air pollution, temper noise, and provide a natural habitat for wildlife.

The City's ordinance seeks to control the removal of trees and vegetation. There are several activities where a permit is required for such activity:

- ◆ intensive vegetation clearing; and
- ◆ the removal of any tree having a diameter of more than six inches, unless exempted (please see below); and
- ◆ 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.

There are exceptions to the items noted above that include the removal of trees and vegetation that are considered to be detrimental to the environment including Boxelder, Buckthorn, Willow, Cottonwood, Green Ash, Siberian Elm, Prickly Ash and dead or diseased trees.

The City's ordinance also requires replacement of trees that have been removed under permit.

Please visit the City's website to view the full ordinance relating to tree and vegetation removal and replacement (Chapter 9, Section 900.19) at www.woodlandmn.org or call City Hall at 952-474-4755.

The City's Website has a New Look!

The City's website has been enhanced to provide additional information for Woodland residents. This is an on-going process and improvements will be noticed month to month.

Residents can find City Council minutes and agendas, the 2014 recycling calendar, emergency preparedness tips, building permit information, applications, and much more!

Visit www.woodlandmn.org to view your new website!



Home Sales and Building Permit Numbers Up in 2013

The number of home sales and building permits were up considerably in 2013. There were 14 homes sold in Woodland in 2013, and building permit revenue increased significantly from previous years.

Building permit activity includes new homes, remodels, accessory structures, swimming pools, electrical, heating, plumbing, and other various construction projects.

Building Permit Year	2011	2012	2013
Revenue	\$ 5,415	\$ 10,490	\$ 30,244
Number of Permits	69	52	79

See inside pages for well testing opportunities and annual septic review information.

Annual Septic Review

Kurt Larsen, Woodland's septic inspector, will once again be conducting annual maintenance reviews of half of the septic systems in Woodland. Below are a few FAQs about the reviews:

Do I need to be home?

You do not need to be home for the septic review. Kurt will knock on your door to let you know that he is on-site prior to starting the inspection. Kurt will be wearing a safety vest, have a photo identification badge, and his vehicle is marked as the Woodland Inspector.

What will the review involve?

During the review, Kurt will walk around the area of the septic system to look for any signs of sewage leaking on the surface or if other issues exist that may pose a problem. He will also be looking at the drainfield risers and looking into the septic system tanks to measure sludge levels and check the condition of the baffles.

Note: If your septic tank manhole cover is at grade and visible, you will not need to do anything further prior to the septic review. If your septic tank manhole cover is buried, you will need to uncover the manhole if you wish the tank review to take place.

Is this a septic system "compliance" inspection?

The City provides a maintenance review of half of the City's systems each year; however, the review is not considered a compliance inspection. It is up to homeowners to ensure that their systems are compliant with State of Minnesota laws.

Can I opt out of the review?

If you choose not to have Kurt review your system, you will need to provide written proof to City Hall that the system has been pumped within the previous 24 months.

Is there a charge for the review?

There is no direct charge for the septic review. This review is part of the services the City provides each year.

Letters providing additional information on the dates Kurt will begin the review will be mailed to residents in the coming months. Please call Kathy if you have any questions regarding the review at 952-358-9936.

Election Judges Needed

Are you interested in serving as an election judge? The primary and general elections are just around the corner!

August 12, 2014—Primary Election Day
November 4, 2014—General Election Day

The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. (election judges need to be at the polling place at 6:00 a.m.)

If you are interested in serving, please complete the form that is included with this newsletter.

Please call Kathy if you have any questions at 952-474-4755.

What's new in Recycling?

The City of Woodland is in the *Top 2* recycling communicates in Hennepin County! That's #2 out of 42 cities! An excellent achievement for our City!

Hennepin County has asked all communities to join the Hennepin County "Recycle Half" Challenge. Of more than a million tons of garbage thrown away each year, only 39% is recycled.

Congratulations to Woodland residents for being in the Top 2 recycling communities (out of 42) in 2013!

Help the County reach its goal of recycling at least 50% of all waste by 2015—and maybe the City of Woodland can be the #1 recycler in the County next year!

Please visit www.recyclehalf.com to learn more about the challenge and find tips on recycling!

Spring Street Sweeping

The City of Woodland will begin street sweeping early this spring. Be sure to give these slow moving vehicles plenty of room and pass with caution.



Well Testing Offered Again in 2014

The City is offering residents well testing by a State certified laboratory on a voluntary basis again this year. Many Woodland residents obtain drinking water from private wells ranging between 85 to 442 feet deep (average 100-225 feet). According to Ronald D. Thompson, Minnesota Department of Health, water drawn from that depth is not from deeper aquifers but from shallower glacial sands and gravel. The mineral and elemental content of water from glacial deposits may vary, most noticeable between contiguous properties.

Properly constructed and maintained water wells can provide many years of trouble-free service, but like any other mechanical devices, wells will eventually deteriorate or become damaged, and allow surface contaminants to enter the water. In addition, groundwater can contain one or more chemical or elemental substances in concentrations above recommended state health limits, maximum contaminate levels (MCL). In the City-wide offering of well water testing in 2007, the city sponsored four test sites at diverse locations. A very newly drilled well demonstrated arsenic levels exceeding the MCL, (10 micrograms per liter or parts per billion). This residence has installed a treatment to render their drinking/cooking water potable. The quality and safety of drinking water from private wells is the responsibility of the homeowner; testing is not mandated by the State, County or the City.

If after testing you find that there are issues that need to be corrected, you can use the test data to make an informed decision about any remedial action needed.

Residents of the Assembly Grounds and those drawing water from the Minnetonka municipal supply benefit from deep water aquifer wells and the regular testing carried out by the City of Minnetonka. But contamination with lead, elemental or ionic, from their individual plumbing systems is possible, particularly with older systems. Testing and potential treatment for elevated lead levels is the responsibility of the homeowner; it is not mandated by the State, County or City.

The following are recommended tests by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); endorsed by the Woodland City Council, after review by the City's Medical Officer, Bruce B. Shilling, MD, to assure that your drinking/cooking water is safe.

The following test is pertinent to all Woodland homeowners:

1) Lead



Well water in Minnesota that from residential glacial sands or from deep aquifer municipal wells, usually does not contain detectable levels of lead. However, the pipes and other components of the household plumbing system (faucets, valves, or fittings) may contain lead; thus elemental or ionic lead may be carried in household water used for drinking and cooking purposes. Older plumbing systems are vulnerable to this possibility. The longer the water stands idle in this type of plumbing system the higher the lead level can become.

Test frequency:

After the plumbing system has been established, at least once and after any major plumbing change, e.g. remodeled kitchens, or a change of water heater, water pump and or pressure tanks.

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The following tests are pertinent to all residential wells:

2) Coliform Bacteria

Water that has become contaminated by human or animal wastes can transmit a variety of infectious diseases, including dysentery, salmonellosis, hepatitis, and giardiasis. To assess bacterial safety, drinking water is tested for a group of “indicator bacteria” called total coliform bacteria.

Test frequency

At least once every other year for bacterial safety.

3) Nitrate

Nitrate is a common contaminant of Minnesota groundwater. Elevated levels of nitrate, in the Woodland area, are often caused by surface run-off, excessive use of fertilizers, or septic systems. Wells most vulnerable to nitrate contamination include shallow wells, wells with nonwater tight castings, wells with damaged leaking casting or fittings, and well heads at or below ground surface level, and wells drawing septic system grey water, i.e. wells functionally too close to a septic drainfield.

Test frequency

Test at least once every other year or two.

4) Arsenic

Arsenic occurs naturally in about half of the wells in Minnesota, and about 15 percent of Minnesota wells produce water which exceeds 10 micrograms per liter (parts per billion), the state MCL. Arsenic is more prevalent in western Minnesota, but can occur sporadically almost anywhere in the state; it may be present in one site and at levels above the MCL and absent in a contiguous neighbor’s system. Long-term consumption of arsenic above the drinking water standard may increase the risk of irreversible health problems of the skin, circulatory system or the nervous system, including some forms of cancer. Every private well should be tested at least once or twice during the lifetime of the well to determine if arsenic is present, and at what levels. Arsenic levels in groundwater will not usually change much over time.

Test frequency

Test your well water at least once or twice during the life of your well.

5) Other Contaminants

Volatile organic chemicals (VOC), pesticides and fluoride at toxic levels are highly unlikely to be present in water drawn by Woodland residential individual wells.



The City has reviewed certified laboratories in the State of Minnesota and compared testing costs. Engel Water Testing, Inc. from Minnetrista was selected to assist the City with the water analysis this year if residents so chose. Testing is strictly voluntary.

Residents may select any combination of the following:

- 1) Lead
- 2) Coliform Bacteria
- 3) Nitrates
- 4) Combined Coliform/Nitrates

If you have any questions about wells or well water quality in Minnesota contact your local Minnesota Department of Health office and ask to talk with a well specialist or contact the Well Management Section Central Office at wells@health.state.mn.us or by telephone at 651-201-4600 or 800-383-9808.

- 1) Return the order form to the City with payment no later than Monday, June 9, 2014. Make checks payable to the City of Woodland, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331.
- 2) Pick up water containers for testing at the City Hall between May 12 and June 9. (Monday – Thursday)
- 3) Water samples will need drawn on Monday, June 16th and brought to the City Hall by 2:00 p.m. on June 16th.

**Residents must draw their own water sample.
Water samples must be tested within 24 hours after drawing the sample.**

Well Testing Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Type of Test to be Performed	Cost Per Test	Test(s) Performed
Lead	\$30.00	\$
Coliform Bacteria	\$20.00	\$
Nitrates	\$20.00	\$
Combined Coliform/Nitrates	\$30.00	\$
Arsenic	\$30.00	\$
Total Due:		\$

Please make checks payable to:

City of Woodland
20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331



Property Valuation Notices

Valuation Notice

Property owners are currently receiving their proposed property valuations for 2014 in the mail.

The Minnesota law requires that all property be appraised at estimated market value for tax purposes. Woodland's Assessor Dan Distel's job is to estimate, as accurately as possible, the market value of your property. His work is overseen by Hennepin County and the Department of Revenue.

If you feel the property information is not correct, contact the City Assessor. Often your issues can be resolved at this level.

Market Value

Market value is defined as the most probable price that a well informed buyer would pay a seller without either party being unduly forced to buy or sell. The best indicator of market value is market activity as evidenced by the sale price of the subject property or of similar properties.

Questions on Valuation

If you believe that your valuation and property class are correct, it is not necessary to contact your assessor or attend the City's Board of Appeals meeting.

If you feel the property information is not correct, please contact Dan Distel, City Assessor, at 952-361-0566 or 612-237-8094. Often your issues can be resolved at this level. If your questions or concerns are not resolved, more formal appeal options are available, such as the Board of Appeals.

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals, which is composed of the City Council members, will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Hydrant Flushing

The City of Woodland will be flushing water hydrants in Groveland Homeowners Association and along Stone Arch Road.

Hydrant flushing will occur the week of May 11th—*weather permitting*

You may experience some discoloration of your water and notice rust particles during the period that Woodland flushes the hydrants.

Let the COLD water run for several minutes until clear, (outside faucet would be best). The discolored water is caused by iron and manganese, two minerals in water that have settled into the water mains. The water is only discolored. It is safe to use, however, you may want to refrain from washing clothing during this time.

Please call City Hall if you have any questions at 952-474-4755.

Mayor
 Jim Doak..... 952-473-1308

Council Members
 Sliv Carlson 952-475-0586
 John Massie 612-889-1333
 Tom Newberry..... 651-642-4242
 Chris Rich..... 612-308-5916

Woodland City Hall
 City Hall 952-474-4755
 Police 952-474-7555

For additional contact information,
 please call City Hall or visit our website at
www.woodlandmn.org.

City of Woodland
20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331
phone: 952.474-4755
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ELECTION JUDGE - 2014

**PLEASE RETURN TO CITY HALL
As Soon as Possible**

ELIGIBILITY (MS 204B.19): Must be: 1) Eligible Voter (U.S. Citizen; 18 years of age or older; Minnesota resident for at least 20 days; maintain residence at address listed); 2) able to read, write, and speak in English; 3) a member of a major political party (in the event there is not a sufficient number of election judges affiliated with different major political parties, persons may be appointed who are not affiliated with a major political party MS 204B.21, subdivision 2).

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Middle Last

Street City State Zip

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Home phone Work / Cell phone E-mail

PARTY AFFILIATION

Election Judges are required by law to declare their political party affiliation. *Party affiliation is required so we can have a party split of election judges on Election Day.*

Democratic Farmer Labor (DFL) Independence Party Republican Party Not Affiliated /Other

WORK AVAILABILITY AND HOURS

PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 12, 2014

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2014

I am available to work for the Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I am available to work for the General	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Available 6:00 a.m. to close	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Available 6:00 a.m. to close	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Available 6:00 am – 2:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Available 6:30 am – 2:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Available 2:00 pm to close	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Available 2:00 pm to close	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

OTHER INFORMATION

Do you have a relative who is applying to be an election judge at this time? Yes No
If yes, state person's name, address and relationship.

Are you a relative of any candidate for any of the offices on the ballot? Yes No
If yes, please explain relationship. _____

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Election Judges
2014 Elections
Primary—August 12, 2014
General—November 4, 2014

Election Judge Requirements:

- An eligible voter in Woodland
- Willing to identify with the Democratic-Farmer Labor, Independence or Republican parties
- Able to read, write, and speak English
- Not the brother, sister, spouse, parent or child of another election judge in the same precinct or of candidate in the election
- Not a candidate in the election
- Attend a training class

Election Judge Responsibilities:

- Open and close the polls
- Register and sign in voters
- Distribute and collect ballots
- Operate voting equipment
- Record and certify the vote totals
- Process Absentee Ballots

But I work on Election Day. . .

With 20 days written notice to your employer, you can take time off from work to serve as an election judge - with pay. Include a notice from the city or town that gives the hours you will be serving and the hourly rate of pay. Your employer then makes-up any difference between your election judge pay and the amount you would have made at work - similar to jury duty. Employers, however, can limit election judge service to 20% of the employees at a work site. (Minnesota Statutes 204B.195)

Scheduling

Full-day (6 a.m. to approximately 9 p.m.) or half-time shifts are available. Election Judge assignments are made by the City Clerk.

High School Students (*election judge trainees*)

If you are a high school student 16 and older and have good academic standing, you can be an election judge. Students must:

- Have permission from his or her school and parents.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Serve in the county where he or she resides.
- Not serve after 10 p.m.

Election judge trainees must undergo the same training as election judges. The number of trainees cannot be more than one-third of the election judges in the precinct. Trainees are appointed without party affiliation.