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Street Improvements

Breezy Point Road/Maplewood Road

The City will be completing street improvements on various roads this Spring and Summer. Bids for improvements to Breezy Point Road and portions of Maplewood Road will be received in April. The proposed work will include milling and resurfacing Breezy Point Road from Maplewood Road to County Road 101. In addition, surface repairs will be completed on portions of Maplewood Road from the south City limits to just north of the intersection of Breezy Point Road. The work is expected to be completed within approximately two weeks once it is started and will require temporary road closures during construction. Additional information will be available on the City’s website prior to the start of construction.

County Road 101 Construction Update—Roundabout

Hennepin County and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) staff have met on site and established a mutually acceptable area that will be checked for additional remains and artifacts. An agreement between Hennepin County and Hamline University is being prepared regarding the archeological work needed to ensure all disturbed remains and artifacts are recovered and restored to their burial site. Representatives from both MIAC and the Mdewakanton Sioux Community will be directing and participating in all aspects of the recovery and ceremonial reburial activities as they progress. This work is anticipated to commence within the month of April, depending on weather conditions, as the ground must be free of frost and in a dry condition for the work to be accomplished. The recovery work is anticipated to take five weeks to complete.

Over the past couple of months, the staff from the County engaged the State Archeologist, MIAC, and the Mdewakanton Sioux Community to determine the next steps for the design and construction of the site. The County continues working with those groups to determine the safest intersection design for that location while preserving the cultural resources the site holds. In the meantime, the contractor has continued working on other parts of the project through the winter months and will have more crews arriving on site in the upcoming weeks.

Annual Septic Review

The City provides a maintenance review of half of the City’s systems each year. There is no direct charge for the septic review. This review is part of the services the City provides 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.

Kurt Larsen, Woodland’s septic inspector, will be conducting annual maintenance reviews of half of the septic systems in Woodland. 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.

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 drain field 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.

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. Letters providing additional information on the dates Kurt will begin the review will be mailed to residents in the coming months.



Spotlight: Dogs and Dog Owners

Important Considerations Pertinent to Dogs and Dog Owners

Pleasant weather brings more people walking the streets of Woodland. Unfortunately, some will encounter uncontrolled or threatening dogs. Dog owners must realize and take responsibility (dictated by Minnesota law) for all behavior of their dog—at all times and on all properties—in order to eliminate threatening, unacceptable or injurious incidents.

The uncontrolled behavior of dogs—excessive exuberance, loud or aggressive barking, charging and/or jumping on strangers or neighbors or “perceived” attacks—is often considered by the owner to be acceptable or benign. But to the passer-by, delivery person or visitor, that behavior is no assurance that physical injury will not be inflicted. Some people are not comfortable when a dog jumps on them. An aggressive dog is capable of knocking a small or frail person to the ground or terrorizing the unsuspecting individual. Dog bites are serious medical emergencies, regardless of extent, and can result in permanent disfigurement and/or disability. The dog and owner may suffer serious penalties.

Woodland has no leash law; a City-specific tag/registration is not required. This freedom does not exempt the dog owner from responsibility but places special emphasis on the owner that the dog be controlled and behave in an acceptable manner.

Dog owners are advised to be cognizant of our ordinance which is available on the City’s website at www.woodlandmn.org Woodland has a detailed ordinance (we are required by Minnesota law to adopt the State requirements and restrictions) which addresses aggressive, threatening or injurious canine behavior as well as disruptive behavior. Dogs have been designated as “potentially dangerous” or “dangerous” in Woodland. Following that designation, substantial restrictions, some onerous, were placed on the dog and owner.

Police Chief Cory Johnson asks “to be informed of all inappropriately aggressive behavior, unpleasant threatening episodes or injury inflicted by dogs in Woodland” These encounters or events are to be referred, promptly, to the police.

All City ordinances may be viewed at www.woodlandmn.org

Questions and concerns may be directed to:

Cory Johnson, Police Chief at 952-474-7555
Kathy McCullum, Clerk—952-358-9936
or your City Council Members (*please see next page for contact information*)

Volunteers Needed to Help Seniors This Spring

The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly



(HOME) program is looking for volunteers to help local seniors with leaf raking and yard cleanup this spring. This is a great opportunity to get your family, friends, and coworkers together to support the seniors living in your community. This is a one-time, fun and flexible activity that can be done for 2-4 hours, weekdays or weekends. Interested? Please contact the HOME program Volunteer Coordinator at scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org or call 952-767-7894 for more information.

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 second week in May—*weather permitting*. You may experience some discoloration of your water and notice rust particles during that time.

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.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

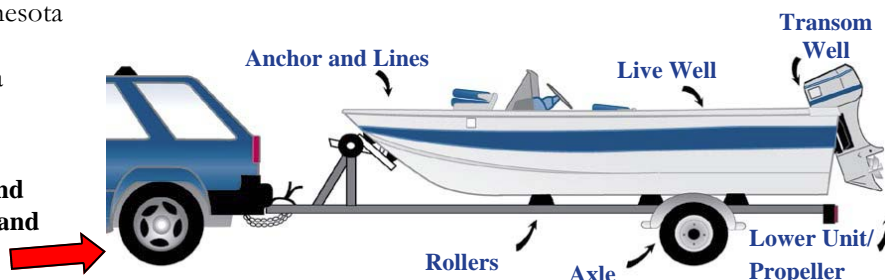
By taking a few simple steps you can help protect Minnesota’s lakes and rivers from zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Take these actions:

- ➔ **CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off your boat, trailer, and other water-related equipment *before* leaving a water access or shoreland property. It’s illegal to transport aquatic plants or animals whether dead or alive.
- ➔ **DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, motor) and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs *before* leaving a water access. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.
- ➔ **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, worms, and fish parts in the trash. It’s illegal to release live bait into a water body, dump worms on the ground, or to move aquatic animals from one water body to another.

Additional information may be found on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.mn.us or visit the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District website at www.lmcd.org.

Check these places on your boat and trailer and remove aquatic plants and animals



What do Cuckoo, Mining, Leafcutter, Bumbles, and Honey all have in Common?

They are all types of bees!



It’s time to think about what you will be planting this Spring! Did you know that the bee population has dwindled at least 45% over the last 10 years? Beekeepers around the world have observed a sudden decline in honeybee colonies. Bees are an important key to food production because they pollinate crops. Bumblebees, other wild bees, and insects like butterflies, are all pollinators.

There are things we can do to help reverse the decline in the bee population. Planting patches of flowers can be done to improve the environment for the little critters. Native plants are the best source of food, but there are also some garden plants that are great for the bees. Planting trees, shrubs, and flowers that bloom at various times during the season will allow for a consistent food supply for bees and other pollinators. A few of the garden plants that work well in the Minnesota climate are basil, lavender, oregano, rosemary, Russian sage, and mint. For more information, please visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum website at www.arboretum.umn.edu.

“SKY” OR “CHINESE WISH” LANTERNS are not legal in Minnesota

The City received a request for a permit to allow the release of sky lanterns at an upcoming event that will be held in the City of Woodland. Sky lanterns are used for special occasions and have become more popular for celebrations, including weddings. However, fire officials have indicated that the lanterns technically follow the same guidelines as fireworks. State Statute 424.20 indicates that the term “*Fireworks*,” includes “*the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them*”. So, the use of sky lanterns is not permitted in Woodland or anywhere else in the state of Minnesota.

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Coyotes in Woodland

Coyotes are usually wary of humans and will avoid people whenever possible. Aggressive behavior toward people is not normal and is most often a result of habituation due to feeding by humans. If you encounter a coyote, remember the following:

- ◆ Never feed or attempt to "tame" a coyote.
- ◆ Avoid direct eye contact.
- ◆ Do not turn your back or run.
- ◆ Attempt to leave the area calmly.

If you are followed, make loud noises and make yourself look big. If this fails, throw rocks or sticks in the direction of the coyote.

Cost Share Grants - 2015

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is offering grants for landscaping projects that provide and protect clean water and educate the community about the importance of preventing storm water runoff.

The MCWD Cost Share Program can contribute up to 75 percent of the cost to installing water friendly landscaping, such as rain gardens and permeable pavement driveways. These features prevent runoff by capturing rain where it falls, improving the health of nearby lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. When done right, they require minimal upkeep and enhance a property's appearance.

To qualify for funding, the projects must increase the awareness of stormwater management through signage, events or other outreach methods. Cost Share grants are available to any public or private property owner located within the MCWD. The deadline for most residential projects is June 30th.

To learn more about the options or to apply for a grant, visit www.minnehahacreek.org/CostShare or contact MCWD Cost Share Grant Administrator Brett Eidem at 952-641-4523 or beidem@minnehahacreek.org.

Recycling FAQs

Can I recycle refrigerated and frozen food boxes?

Milk cartons and juice boxes can be recycled. Soup, broth, and wine cartons can too. Thanks to new technology at paper mills the valuable, high-quality paper in cartons can be separated from the unwanted layers of plastic and aluminum.



However, frozen food boxes and ice cream cartons are typically not accepted because plastic is incorporated into the matrix of the paper during manufacturing. This added plastic helps protect food from freezer burn and ensures that the paper container won't get

Recycling Fast Facts

- ◆ Americans generated 250 million tons of trash in 2010, and the recycling rate was 34.1%
- ◆ 1.51 lbs of waste was recycled or composted out of 4.43 lbs of waste per person generated per day
- ◆ Paper and cardboard account for the most trash at 34.2%
- ◆ One metric ton of electronic scrap from personal computers contains more gold than that recovered from 17 tons of gold ore

How clean do my recyclables need to be?

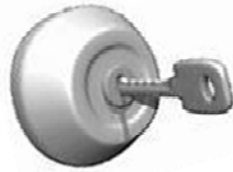
Cleaner is better. Rinse cans, bottles and jars to remove food residue. Here are some other pointers for preparing recyclables.

- ◆ Leave plastic caps and lids on
- ◆ Remove lids from glass jars
- ◆ Flatten boxes
- ◆ Do not place recyclables in plastic bags

Have Other Recycling Questions?

For more recycling information, please visit the City's website at www.woodlandmn.org

Home Security and Personal Theft



Deterrence and Prevention

Springtime brings pleasant weather with a concomitant increase in crimes of opportunity – theft or intrusion – suffered by the homeowner. The Deephaven Police Department serves Woodland promptly with professionalism; but they also need our awareness and personal responsibility – the implementation of the homeowner’s common sense, civil courtesy, and the purposeful application of effective deterrents – in order to minimize or eliminate losses resulting from this crime.

Woodland residents be aware; thieves roam our streets during the day and particularly at night. The following suggestions are “no brainers” but they were compiled from incident reports of the police department over the past several years. Yes, crimes of opportunity do happen in quiet, reserved Woodland!

Mailboxes Locked mailboxes with heavy metal walls are a deterrent – the prowling thief moves on to the first unlocked box, night or day, in search of personal financial and/or credit information. If your mailbox is not locked, be sure you or a designated person empty the box and collect all newspapers in the tubes each day. An accumulation of mail and papers signals to the thief that no one is home; not only the mail but the house becomes tasty targets for theft.

Security Systems The system, with appropriate decals on the windows and doors along with signage placed about the landscaping areas is a meaningful deterrent. Often these “warning signs” will send the professional crook down the road to “easier pickings”. If you have a system in place, maintain it in reliable working order and USE IT. The police are obligated to respond to all alarm calls; they are tolerant of false alarms. However, calls generated from a malfunctioning system are an unnecessary burden to both the homeowner and the police.

Doors, Windows, and Locks All are designed to keep rain, cold air, and thieves from entrance into your residence – IF closed and locked! Consider the service door from the garage into the house as an outside door. Entry into the house is often achieved through the garage via an open garage door, a pet door, service door or window into the garage from the outside. Once the garage is invaded, entrance into the home through an unlocked service door is easy! A new wrinkle in the thief’s kit of operation – ring the door bell during the daylight hours or early evening (looking legitimate so far); if there is no response, this criminal opportunist then proceeds to the back of the house or the walk-out area (the site of choice for many experienced thieves) in search of unlocked or open doors or windows!! Do not make it easy for the thief!!

Garage Doors - The Royal Entrance for Intruders

An open garage door, regardless of the presence or absence of people, signal to the crook that intrusion, under the cover of the garage enclosure, is possible. They consider the garage to furnish cover and thus facilitate further intrusion into your home, by force if required. Closed garage doors are a deterrent to home intrusion and theft.

Trash and Recyclables Trash barrels/bins and recycle bins offer the enterprising thief the opportunity to rummage through your information – discarded address labels, credit card summaries, out-of-date financial reports – at their leisure with near impunity. The reward can be handsome for them and costly for the homeowner. These losses/costs include identity theft, credit card assumption, appropriate of financial accounts, and redirection of mail service. Be mindful to destroy this information e.g. shred or burn, before discarding it into the trash, which is of no interest to anyone except a thief!

Automobiles Vehicles, containing no desirable or valuable items, locked and parked in the driveway signal to the thief that someone is home – a deterrent. An unlocked vehicles is an invitation/opportunity for theft of that vehicle. An auto containing visible computers, purses, wallets, keys, and other valuable items are a tremendous temptation to the drive-by thief. If the vehicle is locked, “smash (the window) and run” works; for unlocked vehicles, merely opening the door and

“Never feel like you are bothering the police...call us immediately (not the next day). Residents are not wasting our time, we want to investigate any suspicious activity...it is our job to protect you.”
Chief Cory Johnson

taking appealing items works even more easily. The police records show multiple episodes of theft, each year, from unlocked vehicles – here in Woodland!

Illumination Thieves are not comfortable when they can be seen. Lighting on doors, the rear of buildings, and especial the walk-out doors and windows are a deterrent. Lights on timers or activated motion detectors are even more effective.

You – The Resident We residents are the best informed eyes and ears for the police. Report ANY questionable or erratic behavior, unknown individuals or vehicles or suspicious activity to the police immediately (with a description of the individual or vehicles and/or plate number, if possible). The police expect many calls to reveal, after examination, no criminal activity; but a “catch rate” of 1 out of every 20-30 is a bonanza for them – and eventually beneficial to residents.

Absence from Residence Inform the police if your home is to be unattended for more than a day and especially over night. They put extra effort so to look for open windows and doors and to investigate inappropriate behavior or incidents.

The Policeman and You when a patrol car is passing, do not hesitate to wave and say “Hello”. The City Council and Chief Johnson encourage patrol personnel to engage with the residents in conversation, if possible and appropriate. They want to attach a face and name to a residence. Remember: The next encounter may be in the wee hours of the morning, you in your pajamas or night gown, while the officer is responding to a medical call or intrusion alarm. This unexpected encounter is much easier if both have previously met!

Direct any questions you may have to:

City of Woodland
Cory Johnson, Chief of Police—952-474-7555
Kathy McCullum, City Clerk—952-358-9936

EMERGENCY—911

About the Deephaven/Woodland Police Department

The Department serves the people of Deephaven and Woodland on a 24 hour/365 day basis. The Police Department is capable of handling a wide range of law enforcement and community safety duties. Many of our staff members have developed an expertise in specialty areas



which greatly expands our abilities to investigate serious crime and major incidents when the needs arise.

A Police Department is most effective when it works in partnership with the community. The sharing of information on criminal activity and community safety is a key element to maintaining this partnership. The Deephaven/Woodland Police Department is dedicated to maintaining a positive and productive relationship with all segments of the community with the goal of ensuring that the Cities of Deephaven and Woodland remain a safe and pleasant community for residents and visitors alike.

Police Department Roster

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Cory Johnson

Sergeant

Chris Whiteside

Officers

Matt Case

Mark Westgard

Eric Finnvik

David Kliszcz

Josh Heasley

