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Woodland City Council

On November 4, 2014, **John Massie** was re-elected and **Elizabeth Weiner** was elected to serve on the City Council for four year terms. The newly elected members of the Woodland City Council took the Oath of Office at the Council meeting on January 12, 2015.

Your Mayor and City Council Members

Mayor

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

Council Members

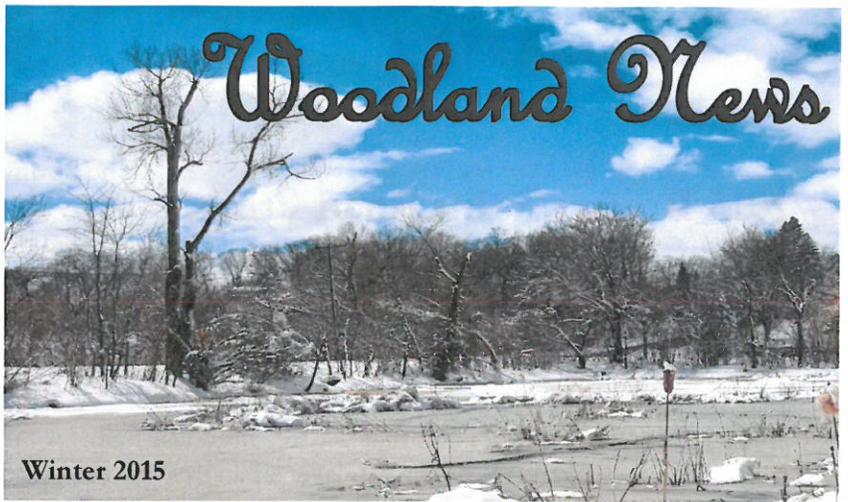
Sliv Carlson.....952-475-0586
 John Massie.....612-889-1333
 Tom Newberry.....651-642-4242
 Elizabeth Weiner.....952-449-0922

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Check out the Frequently Asked Questions on the City’s website! Here are just of few examples of the information you will find:

- Homestead Application
- Parking and Parking Zones
- Police House Check
- Fire Protection Services
- Refuse Pickup and Recycling
- Septic Pumping
- Construction Hours
- Property Tax Information
- Tree and Vegetation Removal
- Watercraft, Docks, and Access
- Snowmobile Regulations
- Noise from Lawn and Garden Equipment
- Christmas Tree/Brush Pickup
- Recreational Fires

You can also find City maps, newsletters, and fire and police department information!



Winter 2015

**Board of Review will Meet to Discuss Property Values
 Monday, April 13, 2015—7:00 p.m.**

Property owners should receive their proposed new property valuations in the mail in March.

City Assessor

The Assessor’s job is to estimate the market value of your property. Market value is the most probable price that a well-informed buyer would pay a seller for a particular property. The best indicator of market value is market activity based on the sale price of similar properties that have recently sold.

Annual Assessment

An annual assessment is performed by the City Assessor and is used to calculate your Proposed Property Tax for the following year. (Your 2015 assessment is used to determine the proposed property tax you will pay in 2016.)

More Information on Property Tax Statements can be found on the Hennepin County website at: www.hennepin.us

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals, which is composed of the City Council members, will meet on Monday April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to hear from Woodland residents who believe their property valuation should be adjusted. The Board’s powers are limited to correcting a property’s class and/or its market value.

Steps to Appeal Your Property Value

What should you do if you believe your property’s estimated market value is higher than what the property would likely sell for?

Step 1 You should first collect information about similar properties that have recently sold. If this information suggests that your value is incorrect, you should contact the City Assessor, Dan Distel, at City Hall 952-474-4755 to discuss this information.

Step 2 If, after discussing this information with the assessor, you still feel you have good comparable sales and other information to support an appeal, you should complete and return a Board of Review application to the City Hall and plan to attend the Board of Appeals meeting April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Tree Trimming for Safety

Good sight distance is critical to reducing the potential for collisions. Safe driving requires enough clear sight distance on a road for a driver to be able to see other traffic, pedestrians, or potential hazards. This is particularly important at the street intersections.

Sight distance problems frequently occur when trees and shrubs grow into the right of way and block a driver's view. Drivers need unobstructed views to be able to see oncoming traffic from any direction.

It is the City's policy to trim bushes and trees for safety reasons to ensure proper sight distance for drivers. The City does not trim all sides of bushes and trees which may result in a nonsymmetrical appearance. Trimming bushes and trees for aesthetic reasons within the right of way is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Xcel Energy's Power Restoration Process in the Event of a Widespread Power Outage

Xcel Energy's goal is to provide the most accurate information available while quickly and efficiently restoring power in a safe manner for both customers and utility workers.

Xcel Energy's restoration process gives top priority to situations that threaten public safety, such as live, downed wires. The remaining work is prioritized based on what will restore power to the largest number of customers most quickly.

For example, by repairing a single high-voltage transmission line, power can often be restored to tens of thousands of customers at once, or by restoring service at the feeder level, it may be possible to restore service to several hundred or a few thousand customers at once. After major lines have been re-energized, causes of outages can be more effectively tracked down along the lower-voltage distribution lines. If service restoration was started at the individual customer level first, it wouldn't be clear if the problem was fully solved until "upstream" power was restored (at the transmission level). This could be unsafe for customers and Xcel Energy crews.

During severe snow, ice and wind storms, electric service can be disrupted to hundreds or thousands of customers all at once. When storms disrupt power to more than 100,000 customers, it may take several days to fully restore power, depending on the extent of damage and how easily Xcel Energy crews can access the damaged areas.

To report a power outage, call 1.800.895.1999.

Frequently Called Numbers

Lake Agencies	
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	651-296-6157
Lake Minnetonka Conservation District	952-475-0789
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	952-471-0590
Services	
Ridgedale Service Center	612-348-8240
US Post Office	800-ASK-USPS
Center Point Energy - Gas	612-372-4727
Xcel - Electric—General	800-895-4999
Gopher One-Call - before you dig	651-454-0002
Recycling	
Waste Management missed pick-ups	952-890-1100
Hazardous Waste – Hennepin County	612-348-3777

Answers to Recycling Questions

What should I do with confidential paper?

Your confidential papers are no safer in the garbage than in the recycling, but proper preparation is important. It's a good idea to shred paper with financial information or other sensitive personal information to prevent identity theft. Place the shredded paper in a brown paper bag, staple it shut, and put it in your curbside recycling cart.

What should I do with caps and lids?

Leave plastic lids on to prevent them from falling through the gaps at the recycling sorting facility. This applies to plastic bottles, jugs, cups, containers, and cartons.

Remove caps and lids from glass bottles and jars. You can collect metal caps in a metal can (like a soup can). Squeeze the can shut before recycling to prevent the caps from falling through the gaps at the recycling facility.

M O R E O N R E C Y C L I N G

Fluorescent Bulbs

With the increased popularity of compact fluorescent bulbs comes the need to recycle old fluorescent bulbs.

Mercury in the fluorescent bulbs makes bulbs hazardous in a landfill or incinerator. Many hardware stores take old bulbs, and all types of bulbs may be recycled at Ikea in Bloomington or at the Hennepin County Recycling Centers in Brooklyn Park or Bloomington. More information is available from the Hennepin County Recycling Department at www.hennepin.us or 612-348-3777.