WOODLAND ELECTION

November 8, 2016
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CITY OF WOODLAND POLLING PLACE
2860 East Road, Woodland, MN 55391
(Groveland Homeowners Association)

POllING PLACE PARKING
There is a small parking area on East Road, just across the street from the polling place. If the parking area is full, please park along the east side of East Road.

GENERAL ELECTION

ABSENTEE VOTING

VOTE BY MAIL
In Minnesota, you can vote early with an absentee ballot starting 46 days before election day. Mailing of ballots will begin on September 23rd. Visit the City’s website at www.woodlandmn.org and click on the 2016 General Election tab on the top of the page.

VOTE AT CITY HALL 20225 COTTAGEWOOD ROAD, DEEPHAVEN
Friday, September 23, 2016 through 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 7, 2016.

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Woodland will have a City Election as part of the General Election on November 8 to elect a Mayor and two Council members to office. Council Members begin their terms in January.

The candidates for Mayor and City Council who are on the ballot are:

Candidate for Mayor:
James S. Doak

Candidates for City Council (two seats)
Tom Newberry
Vincent P. Suerth

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Public safety is a key priority for the City of Woodland. For many years Woodland’s partnership with the Wayzata Fire Department has ensured the City’s residents a timely and high quality fire and emergency response. In an emergency, response time is of great importance. Fires start small and grow rapidly. Smoke inhalation can kill long before the fire itself. The importance of response speed in health emergencies cannot be overemphasized. Calls of this nature receive an immediate response, without exception. Woodland has a responsibility in our partnership with Wayzata and we need your help to respect our emergency responders and control Woodland’s expenses.

THE PROBLEM

Recently, Woodland has experienced an increased number of fire/emergency calls that were the result of an alarm system malfunction or inadvertent alarm triggering by building and repair contractors. This unnecessarily subjects emergency responders to the risks of responding to a call and substantially increases the cost of the City’s fire coverage by the Wayzata Fire Department. Woodland shares the cost of Wayzata’s Fire Department and our share of the operating cost is based on our portion of total emergency calls.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Please keep your alarm system in good condition. Fire alarm systems should receive regular maintenance and testing. If you are performing building maintenance or renovation, help your contractors understand your alarm system.

The Wayzata Fire Department’s annual fee is based on the percentage of all calls made to Woodland for the preceding three-year period. The number of calls has increased significantly in recent years which results in a higher annual fire service fee.
2017 BUDGET AND LEVY

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 Council approved the City’s Preliminary Budget at its September 12 meeting. The proposed preliminary levy increase is 0.15% and the proposed budget expenditure increase is 0.84%

The City Council will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing, as part of the regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and comment on the 2017 budget and levy. The City anticipates adopting the final 2017 Budget and Levy at this meeting. The detailed Preliminary Budget is available for review on the City website at www.woodlandmn.org

Property taxes represent approximately 91% of the General Fund revenues. The remainder is from various permits, zoning fees, and court fines.

Police and fire protection remains our top priority. Demand for these services continue to increase. Approximately 33.63% of the budget is allocated to the public safety services provided by Deephaven Police and Wayzata Fire Department.

Public works is another high priority and 31.2% of the budget pays for road maintenance, snow and ice removal, tree trimming, street sweeping, and rehabilitating City streets.

General government accounts for 27.42% of the budget and consists of assessing services, legal and auditing services, engineering, city planning and zoning administration, elections, building maintenance, recycling, and insurance.

Other includes day to day business items.
WOOLSEY POND

Woolsey Pond derives its name from George and Alvira Woolsey, who owned land there as early as 1868. They raised a variety of fruits on the hillsides there. There was an earlier name for the pond, “Pete’s Pond”, given because Peter C. Peterson, a Danish immigrants, had a farm on its western shore.

Pete also had an ice house to store ice cut from the pond for delivery to summer residents months later. He delivered the giant cubes of ice in his horse-drawn wagon, dripping water from the melting ice, and used big tongs to carry the ice to the houses. The ice house was later rebuilt on the opposite side of the pond and across Breezy Point Road.

In 1915, having acquired the property on the eastern shore of the pond and channel route, Dr. Angus Morrison arranged for the dredging of the channel and Woolsey Pond. The lagoon near Wayzata Bay was also dredged. This was all part of a plan to enhance the value of the property by giving it lake access.

THE MAPLEWOOD INN

Samuel Gale, who was described in the previous newsletter, had acquired title to most of Maplewoods by 1880. In 1869, he built a summer cottage on a knoll south of Breezy Point. This was presumed to be the first summer cottage on Lake Minnetonka, a forerunner of what later came to be the dominant type of development around the Lake.

Before long, this cottage was converted into a boarding house and later a small hotel known as the Maplewood Inn. The structure was enlarged to about twenty rooms and several outbuildings were added. There was a lookout on the edge of the bluff just south of the inn with a room below, and a laundry shed and barn back from the lake. The Gale family came from their new cottage nearby for meals. Their food was provided as part of the rent for the property for many years.

The Maplewood Inn, later to be renamed the “Phipps House” by its new owners, was never one of the famous hostelries of Minnetonka. It was tiny in comparison with the St. Louis or Lafayette hotels, but its relative informality attracted a steady stream of visitors. Several of those who had boarded at the inn later built their own cottages nearby, so they and their families could continue to enjoy the surroundings.

BREEZY POINT RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Since the Breezy Point Club (mentioned in the previous newsletter) and its members maintained a small fleet of boats, some of which had keels and were very heavy, the Club members constructed tracks leading into the water. They could then winch the heavy boats, cradled in their dollies, out of the water for winter storage. The small fleet and short tracks were christened the “Breezy Point Railway and Navigation Company.” An attorney member had it incorporated. Another printed some complementary passes similar to those exchanged by major railway company officials. These were sent to the presidents of a number of major railroads such as Union Pacific and Santa Fe. Several responded by sending complimentary passes entitling members to free travel and on their trains. A few years later when one of the major railroad officials showed up and asked for a ride on the Breezy Point Railway and Navigation Company’s line, the jig was up and the railway company was no more.

Next articles in the series:
The Samuel Gale Family Cat, Steamboats, Streetcars, and Charlie’s Bog
**Recycling**  
It’s easy...if you know what to throw

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS**

√ **YES** Bottles and Jugs  
Water, soda and juice bottles,  
Milk and juice jugs  
Ketchup and salad dressing bottles  
Dishwashing soap bottles and detergent jugs  
Shampoo, soap, and lotion bottles  
Tubs and Containers  
Yogurt, pudding, and fruit cups  
Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese, and other tubs  
Clear berry and produce containers

X **NO** Plastic bags and wrap  
Syrup  
Microwavable food trays  
Motor oil bottles and other containers that held hazardous products  
Toys, kiddie pools, plastic utensils, and garden hoses

**GLASS CONTAINERS**

√ **YES** Food and beverage bottles and jars

X **NO** Drinking glasses, ceramic dishes and vases, window glass and mirrors, light bulbs

**CARTONS**

√ **YES** Milk and juice cartons, soup, broth, and wine cartons

**METAL CANS**

√ **YES** Food and beverage cans

X **NO** Cans that held hazardous products such as paint thinner

**BOXES AND PAPER**

√ **YES** Mail, office and school papers  
Magazines, catalogs, newspapers and inserts  
Phone books  
Shredded paper in closed paper bags  
Boxes  
Paperboard (cereal, tissue boxes)

X **NO** Paper soiled with food  
Paper plates and cups  
Paper napkins or towels  
Pizza delivery boxes  
Gift wrap

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**Your Well**

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WELL?**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) receives numerous questions concerning wells, and building, remodeling, or demolition projects. The state has enacted a law, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 1031. and a rule, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4725, (Minnesota Well Code), which contain several requirements that can apply to building, remodeling, or demolition. These requirements are designed to assure adequate and safe access to service or seal the well, prevent accidents or injury, and prevent contamination of the well or groundwater.

If you have any questions about wells or well water quality contact The Minnesota Department of Health and ask to speak with a well specialist or contact the Well Management Office at health.wells@state.mn.us or by telephone at 651-201-4600 or 800-383-9808. Deaf and hard-of-hearing: TTY 651-201-5797.

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**Police House Checks**

**GOING ON VACATION OR GONE FOR THE WINTER?**

The Woodland Police Department will provide house checks while you and your family are away on a holiday or during the winter months. You will need to complete a House Check Form located on the City’s website or call the City Hall and we will mail or email you the form. The City’s website address is: www.woodlandmn.org and the direct phone number for Kathy is 952-358-9936.

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**Disposing of Fall Yard Waste**

Yard and tree waste includes brush, garden debris, grass clippings, leaves, plants (indoor and outdoor), compost, mulch and wood chips. It is illegal to put yard and tree waste in your household garbage.

**Disposal Options**

Some yard waste materials can be picked up at the curb by your private waste hauler. Contact your private hauler to learn if this option is available to you.

Local Waste Haulers:

- Waste Management—952-860-1100
- Allied Waste—952-941-8394
- Randy’s Sanitation—763-972-3335
- Vintage Waste—952-472-0401