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## We Need Your Help

The Deephaven Police and Wayzata Fire Departments work hard to ensure our safety. The Police and Fire Departments encourage residents to call 911 to report medical emergencies, suspicious behavior, fire, downed trees, and other reasons where an emergency response is needed. **Don't hesitate to call 911.**



The Wayzata 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.

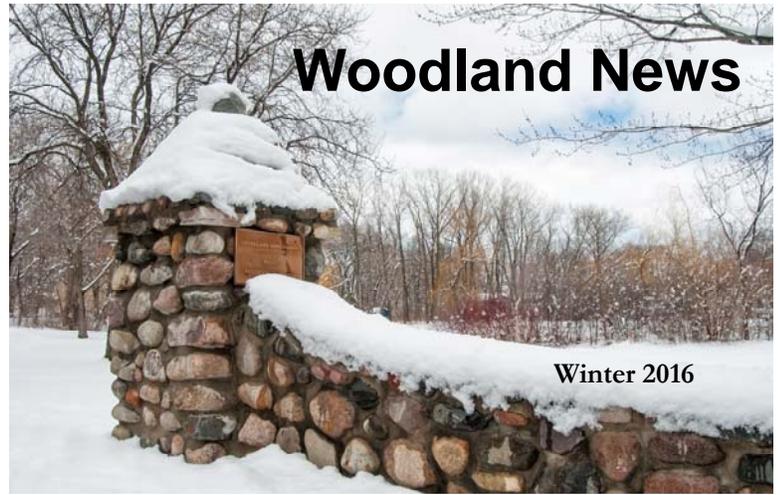
THERE WERE **19** FIRE CALLS BETWEEN JUNE, 2014 AND NOVEMBER, 2015 AND **14** OF THOSE CALLS WERE FOR **FALSE** FIRE ALARMS.

The City of Woodland is charged by the Wayzata Fire Department based on Woodland's share of the total number of departmental fire calls on an annual basis. This includes false and actual fire calls. The fees Woodland collects from its residents for a fire call do not completely cover the cost of each call. To avoid FALSE alarms, residents are strongly encouraged to ensure that fire alarm systems are maintained properly and family members are cognizant of the workings of your home alarm system.



**FALSE** residential burglar alarms cause the Police Officers to spend a lot of time at one location and sometimes up to 30 minutes for one call. There were **27 FALSE** burglar alarms in 2015, which means that there is a potential that up to 13.5 hours were spent on **FALSE** alarms!

Many times, the burglar alarms are triggered by contractors, lawn service, other people who visit your property, and even alarms set off by pets. The Police Department has requested that residents ensure that alarm companies know how to reach you in case your alarm goes off by a visitor while you are away. The Police Officers do not know if you have given these people permission to be on your property, so make sure that alarm companies have your contact information in case your alarm goes off and you are not home.



# Woodland News

Winter 2016

## Board of Review will Meet to Discuss Property Values Monday, April 11, 2016—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 2017.)*

*More Information on Property Tax Statements can be found on the Hennepin County website at: [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)*

### Board of Appeals

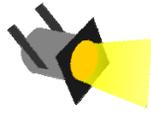
The Board of Appeals, which is composed of the City Council members, will meet on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to hear from Woodland residents who believe their property valuation should be adjusted. The Board's powers are limited to correcting a property's class and/or its market value.

### 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 11 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



## Spotlight: City Streets



### Spring Load Limits for City Streets—PLAN AHEAD!

Weight restrictions of 4 tons per axle are in place on City streets from March 1 to May 1. This measure is taken each year during the spring thaw to protect City streets from serious damage.

The City strictly enforces weight restrictions. Please *plan your move, remodel and construction work accordingly*. Residents are responsible for informing their service providers of the City's weight restrictions in the area. Call City Hall 952-474-4755 if you have questions.

### Watch Your Speed

*We all enjoy the informal feel of Woodland's streets, but the beauty of our roads carries a special responsibility on the part of motorists.*

*Please watch your speed and be vigilant for pedestrians.*

### Tree Trimming for Road 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.

### Depositing Snow on City Streets

To help us improve the streets in the winter months, please do not plow snow across the City streets. Improperly placing snow can create hazards and cause damage to vehicles.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### Parking on City Streets

Generally, there is no parking on Woodland streets. However, Woodland does have limited designated parking zones, which require a parking permit from the City before use. The permit may be obtained through the Clerk's Office at City Hall. The parking permit is \$5 per day.

Things you should know...

- No Parking on City streets, except the designated parking zones with a permit only.
- Be certain to check with the City for parking restrictions.
- The City does not plow out parking zones during the winter months. Some of the designated zones may not be available for parking depending on the snow accumulation.
- The Police Department will ticket vehicles that are improperly parked or parked without a permit.

## Minnesota Precinct Caucuses Tuesday, March 1, 2016

- Democratic-Farmer-labor Party
- Independence Party
- Republican Party

For information on the *location* of the caucuses, please visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) or call 651-215-1440.

### CAUCUSES VERSUS PRIMARIES

#### CAUCUSES

- Select delegates for national convention
- The convention shall be held not less than 70 days before the state primary
- Voters discuss and debate candidates
- Voting done by raising hands or breaking into groups

Precinct Caucuses will be held on  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016

#### PRIMARIES

- Statewide voting process
- Private casting of ballots
- Minnesota election law permits you to vote for the candidates of only one political party in a state partisan primary election

State Primary will be held on  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016



### What happens at the caucus?

1. Elect precinct officers who work to organize political activities in the precinct. This could include maintaining contact lists, convening political meetings, and helping with campaign efforts.
2. Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support. People may bring ideas, called resolutions, to be voted on. People usually bring a typed or handwritten copy of their resolution.
3. Vote for the person you want the party to support for governor or president. This is called the straw poll, which is an informal poll to learn how much support each candidate has. Candidates are officially chosen at future meetings, called conventions.
4. Elect delegates to represent your precinct at upcoming political conventions that are held during an election year. The first are the political party's county or district conventions. At these conventions, delegates endorse candidates to represent the county or district, and then choose a smaller number of delegates for the party's congressional and state conventions. These delegates will endorse candidates to represent the congressional district or statewide offices such as governor or U.S. Senator.

## 2016 Primary and General Elections

Primary Election—August 9, 2016  
General Election—November 8, 2016

Election updates will be posted on the  
City's website at [www.woodlandmn.org](http://www.woodlandmn.org)

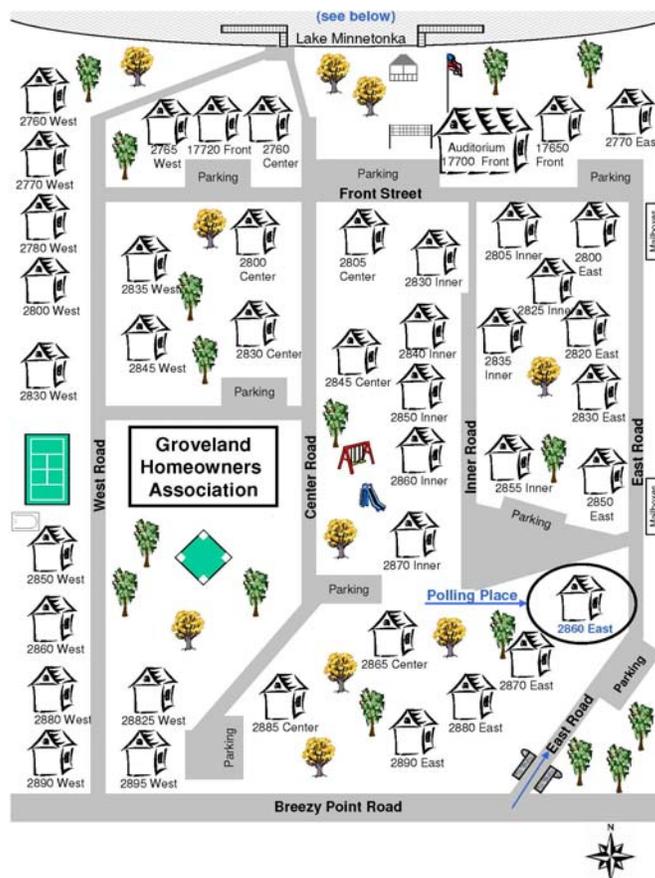
### Be an Election Judge in 2016

Election judges ensure that the voting process goes smoothly and honestly. Serving as an election judge is a great way to meet your neighbors and protect one of our most cherished freedoms—the right to vote. Judges are needed for state primary and general elections. This is a paid opportunity and training is provided.

If you are interested in serving, please complete the application *on the last page of this newsletter* and return it to City Hall—20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. Please call Kathy at 952-358-9936 if you have any questions.

### Where do Woodland Residents Vote?

Woodland residents vote at 2860 East Road.



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP TO PROTECT OUR WATERS

### What can you do to help protect surface and ground waters?

*You can start at home.* Begin by taking a close look at practices around your house that might be contributing to polluted runoff. You might find that you need to make some changes.

#### ***Tips and Such***

The following are some specific tips to act on—dos and don'ts, organized by categories, to help you become part of the solution rather than part of the problem of nonpoint source pollution.

#### ***In Your House***

##### **Household Chemicals**

Be aware that many chemicals commonly used around the home are toxic. Select less-toxic alternatives. Use non-toxic substitutes wherever possible.

Buy chemicals only in the amount you expect to use, and apply them only as directed. More is not better.

Take unwanted household chemicals to hazardous-waste collection centers; do not pour them down the drain. Pouring chemicals down the drain could disrupt your septic system or contaminate treatment plant sludge.

Never pour unwanted chemicals on the ground. Soil cannot purify most chemicals, and they could eventually contaminate runoff.

Use low-phosphate or phosphate-free detergents.

Use water-based products whenever possible.

Leftover household pesticide? Do not indiscriminately spray pesticides, either indoors or outdoors, where a pest problem has not been identified. Dispose of excess pesticides at hazardous-waste collection centers.

#### ***In the Winter Months***

##### **Choosing a Deicer**

All deicers impact the environment. Below are some tips to minimize the impact.

A deicer is a product that melts snow and ice and is used to break the bond between snow and ice and the pavement. The best time to apply a deicer is right after a storm and after shoveling. Let the deicer work to break the bond between the snow and pavement and then shovel again.

Don't mix deicer and sand together. Sand only provides traction when it is on top of snow and ice. Deicers will melt the sand into the snow and ice making them ineffective.

##### **Use the Right Deicer**

Check the ingredients. Rock salt is another name for sodium chloride. It is a common deicer that is inexpensive, but it does not melt ice effectively in low temperatures.

Magnesium and calcium chloride work better in colder temperatures. Blends typically consist mostly of sodium chloride because it is inexpensive. Urea may be listed as pet or plant friendly, but is a poor melter.

Salt is potentially the most damaging melter to the environment. Sweep up the extra. Salt on dry pavement is not doing any work and will be washed into the lake and creeks, so sweep up the extra and reuse it.



Melting temperatures are generally as follows:

Sodium Chloride	15 degrees F
Magnesium Chloride	5 degrees F
Calcium Chloride	-20 degrees F

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#### **City of Woodland Mayor and Council**

##### **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

## Personal Health and Safety of Woodland Residents

### *Dr. Bruce Shilling, City of Woodland Medical Officer*

All residents and their homes are vulnerable to the dangers of fire. The State of Minnesota places mandates on new home construction and remodeling but in general, no regulations exist for older homes. The City of Woodland has no specific requirements or mandates, but there are some recommendations that we would like to share with you.

#### **Fires in the Home**

First, if there is a fire in your home, get yourself and all other occupants out of the house immediately and THEN CALL 911. Many times, fires begin as a relatively small event which you can contain—if your house is properly prepared with the appropriate number and placement of fire extinguishers.

Kevin Klapprich, Woodland's Fire Chief, stated that fires can often be limited if functioning detectors and extinguishers are placed in your home and are in working order. The fire department received 19 fire calls; 14 were either false alarms or contained and controlled by using an extinguisher or by smothering a grease fire at a stove with a cover or a thick towel placed over the burning pot or skillet. *Never use water to put out a grease fire.*

The doubling time of a house fire (size and intensity) is ONE MINUTE. With adequately placed and sized fire extinguishers and smoke detectors/alarms, containment of a fire could be increased by 20-30%.

*Kitchen fires constitute 40% of fires, followed by fires in the garage and furnace room. Electrical fires (from frayed wires, or overloaded circuits, extensions cords) constitute 20% of home fires.*

#### **Fire Extinguisher – Recommendations**

Fire Chief Klapprich recommends a minimum of one adequate (the bigger, the better) fire extinguisher (ABC Type) centrally located on each floor of the house (including the basement) with one in the kitchen area within easy reach of the cooking space, but not behind the stove.



#### **Smoke Detectors**

- Smoke detectors become ineffective after 10 years. If your smoke detectors are 10 years old or older, it is time to have them replaced.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half.
- Although nearly 92% of American homes have smoke alarms, nearly 1/3 don't work because of worn or missing batteries. The Wayzata Fire Department recommends that you replace batteries in battery operated smoke alarms two times per year. A good way to remember this is during daylight savings time. When you change your clock remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector
- Smoke alarms are a family's best defense against fire. Many families become frustrated from false alarms. Many of these false alarms can be eliminated by proper placement. Proper placement is on the ceiling, however, if a wall must be used, install the detector(s) at a minimum distance of 4 inch and a maximum distance of 12 inches from the ceiling. Keep smoke detectors away from cooking vapors to prevent false or nuisance alarms.
- When you clean your home remember that your smoke detector gathers dust and cobwebs. These can make the smoke detector falsely activate or not activate at all. While vacuuming your home, take the time to use your extension to vacuum around the opening of your smoke detector.

If residents have further questions, Chief Klapprich can be reached by email at [kklapprich@wayzata.org](mailto:kklapprich@wayzata.org) or by calling the fire station at 952-404-5337, to leave a message for him so to return your call. The Woodland Council endorses the Chief's recommendations and encourages compliance with State mandates for newer construction.



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 Fax: 952-474-1274

# ELECTION JUDGE - 2016

**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

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 First Middle Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State Zip

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 9, 2016

### GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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** \_\_\_\_\_