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Ice Out Declared



Pictured: Sliv Carlson, former Woodland City Council Member, Rick Batesman, President Freshwater Society; an exchange student from Taiwan; and an officer from Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol;

Woodland's own Sliv Carlson, along with the Hennepin County Sheriff Water Patrol and the Fresh Water Society participated in the annual "ice out" declaration on Monday, March 27th.

The official call for the ice-out was made at 5:06 p.m. An ice-out can be declared when a boat can be piloted through all of the lake's channels and bays without being obstructed by ice.

The earliest ice-out recorded on Lake Minnetonka was on March 11 back in 1878.

Board of Appeal and Equalization Monday, April 10, 2017—7:00 p.m.

Property owners should receive their proposed new property valuations in the mail in March. The Board of Appeals, which is composed of the City Council members, will meet on Monday, April 10, 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.

If you have any questions about your proposed valuation, please contact the City Assessor, Dan Distel, at 952-361-0566 or City Hall at 952-474-4755.



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.

Please call Kathy at City Hall if you have any questions at 952-358-9936.

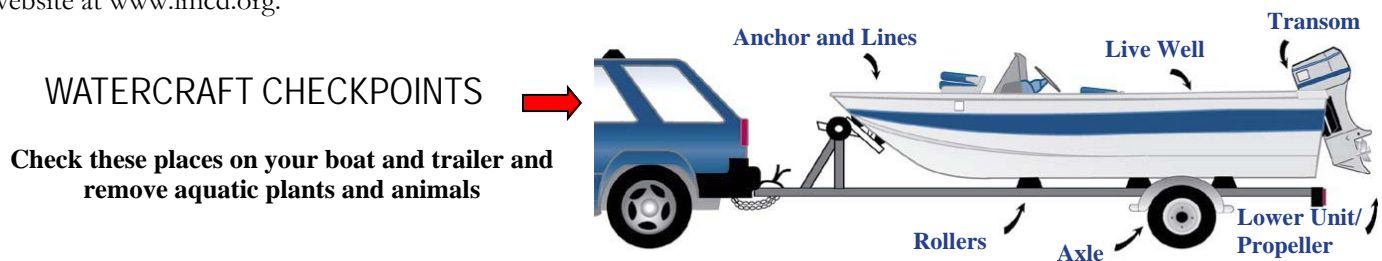
Clean Water, Boats, Docks, and Safety

By taking a few simple steps you can help protect Minnesota's lakes 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.



Landscaping and Tree Removal in Woodland

Are you are 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.

POTLIGHT: ELECTRICAL SAFETY AROUND WATER

What is Electric Shock Drowning?

ESD is a unique form of drowning caused by the presence of AC electrical currents in freshwater lakes, rivers, pools, ponds...

The current can flow through a person's body in the electrically charged water and can cause paralysis and possibly death.

Electric Shock Drowning is not the same as death by electrocution, which usually results from direct contact with energized metal objects or surfaces.

A victim in electrically charged water ...

- May become partially or totally disabled
- May or may not call for help
- May or may not remain conscious
- May or may not remain on the surface
- May make situation worse while seeking a "safe haven" by moving toward the source of the current, rather than away, from it

ESD is a growing problem because:

- There is an increase in the use of electrically operated equipment in and around recreational and non-recreational waters
- There is an increase in Do-It-Yourself electrical work by unqualified and untrained individuals
- There is an increase in use of non-approved materials, wiring methods and equipment on docks and boats

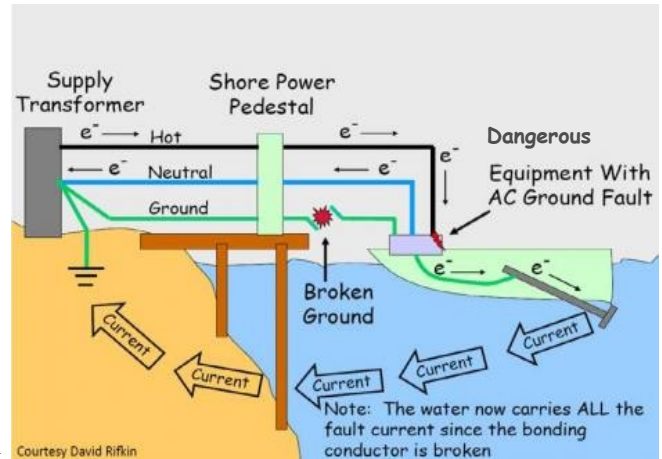
ESD can be prevented. The following safety precautions are recommended:

- Inform your family, your neighbors, and your guests about electrical safety in and around the water, and of the potential hazards.
- Don't swim around docks and boats that use electricity—consider the entire dock potentially dangerous.
- Find a swimming location at least 50 yards from any electricity-powered docks.
- Follow current codes and standards—install a ground fault interrupter device on all electrical systems used by docks and boats.
- Inspect all dock and boat electrical systems annually and after periods of violent weather.
- Only allow electrical work and inspection by licensed or otherwise qualified person.
- It is possible that electrical wiring or equipment at neighboring docks or shoreline could impact conditions at your dock and shoreline, generally if within 150 feet of your dock and shoreline.
- At the electrical panel, clearly identify all circuit breakers associated with dock and shoreline circuits.

In conclusion, in-the-water shock hazards can exist—or occur suddenly without notice or warning— wherever shore-powered AC electrical equipment is located in, on, over, or near the water!

DO NOT enter the water in the vicinity of shore powered watercraft or equipment, for any reason — **EVER!** Stay at least 150 feet away from all electrical equipment and wiring !

For additional information regarding ESD, visit:
www.electricshockdrowning.org



A WORD ABOUT DIRECT CURRENT
DIRECT CURRENT (DC) IS GENERALLY NOT A CONCERN, ALTHOUGH IT CAN BE A FIRE OR BURN HAZARD UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THE PRIMARY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS ABOARD BOATS ARE TYPICALLY 12 OR 24 VOLTS DC. IT TAKES FROM 2 TO 5 TIMES AS MUCH DC TO CAUSE THE SAME BODILY EFFECT AS THE EQUIVALENT AC. THE HEART IS FAR MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISRUPTION OR INJURY BY AC THAN BY DC.

A special thank you to Ed Lethert, Electric Shock Drowning Safety Specialist with the Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association, for his input on this very important topic.

Recycling

Paper

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Shredded paper in closed paper bags

Boxes:

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe boxes, gift boxes and electronics boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes



Cartons

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons



Plastic

Bottles & jugs:

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles

Cups and containers:

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese, and other containers
- Produce, deli and take out containers



Glass

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



Metal

- Food and beverage cans



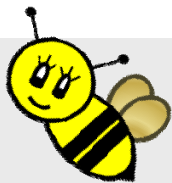
If you have any questions about recycling, please contact Kathy at City Hall at 952-358-9936.

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.



Remember the Honey Bees!

It's time to think about what you will be planting this Spring! Remember the honey bees!

Good plantings for bees are herbs such as basil, lavender, oregano, rosemary, and mint. Also perennials such as Echinacea, Russian sage, coneflower, and Monarda (bee balm) all attract bees.

Tree Contractors/License Requirements

The City requires tree contractors to be licensed, insured, and in possession of a City issued permit prior to doing any work in Woodland. Tree contractors may, at any time throughout the year, obtain a tree contractors license from the City by completing a license application and providing a certificate of insurance.

These requirements are intended for your protection. Accidents can and do happen during tree removal or trimming. Trees can fall on your house, your neighbor's property or in the street while people or cars are passing by. Suddenly, a simple tree-trimming project can become your legal headache if your contractor is not licensed and insured.

Prior to hiring a contractor to perform work on your property, please check to find out if the contractor you have selected is properly licensed to perform work in the City of Woodland—contact Kathy at 952-358-9936.

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