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Stolen Mail—Leading Cause of Identity Theft

The Deephaven Police Department has experienced several mail thefts over the past several months. This is not a new crime; it has been an ongoing issue for the last 10 years. The thieves are not looking through garbage anymore; they are going through your mailbox. These thieves are not looking for Birthday cards with money; they are looking to steal your identity. Thieves are looking for credit cards, account numbers and anything with personal information. Mail theft can be preventable. We are asking residents to consider locking mailboxes. We have had great success with residents purchasing locking mailboxes. Think of a locking mailbox as an Insurance policy on your identity.

PROTECTING YOUR MAIL

Here's what you can do to protect your mail from thieves:

- Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier. Do not use your personal mailbox to mail outgoing mail. The red flag up is a sign for thieves.
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight or ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Report all suspected mail theft to the Deephaven Police Department and the Postal Inspector.
- Consider talking to your neighbors. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.

If you believe your mail was stolen, call the Deephaven Police immediately, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 (press 3).

Reminder

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.

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. If you would like a copy of your review report, please call Kathy at 952-358-9936 or e-mail at kathy@woodlandmn.org.

Noise in the City—Reminder

Building construction is permitted in Woodland Monday through from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.

All construction noise, commercial yard maintenance, tree removal, commercial deliveries of construction or landscape materials are **not** permitted on Sunday or before or after the hours listed above, unless there is an emergency. Woodland Code: 900.24, Subd, 1.

Auditing Home Lawn Irrigation Systems

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- ◆ Have you ever wonder how much water your lawn is really getting with your irrigation system?
- ◆ Are all lawn areas getting equal amounts of water?
- ◆ Were your irrigation system settings accidentally changed or the sprinklers changed direction and the system is now watering the street?

Conducting an inspection of your home watering system is an important practice for maximizing water use. Audits ensure that water is applied evenly to all areas of the lawn and determine how long a system should run. A basic irrigation audit should be performed every spring as systems are charged up for the growing season. Below is a step-by-step guide to auditing your home lawn irrigation system.

Step 1: System Inspection

Run each irrigation zone and look for broken sprinklers, low water pressure and water spray that is distributing water where it is not needed (e.g. on streets). Replace any broken sprinklers, correct water pressure accordingly, and make adjustments so your system is supplying water only where you want it.

Step 2: Performance Testing

To begin the performance test, place catch cans on the lawn in an evenly spaced grid pattern throughout an individual irrigation zone.

Cans should be placed 5 to 8 feet apart for small area spray-sprinklers and 10 to 20 feet apart for large area rotor-type sprinklers.

After the catch cans are placed throughout an irrigation zone, run the zone for 30-60 minutes. A longer run-time will provide more accurate results.

Next, measure and record the depth in inches of water in each can.

Repeat this procedure for each individual zone of your irrigation system.

Step 3: Uniformity Calculations and Scheduling Zones

Calculating the uniformity and precipitation rates of your watering system will tell you how long to set your watering time and if your lawn is being watered evenly.

Once you have calculated the precipitation rate for each zone, you can set the run times. For example, if your goal is to apply 0.5 inches in one irrigation cycle and the precipitation rate is 1.5 inches per hour, you would set the zone for 20 minutes.

To calculate the precipitation rate, average the depth of water in the catch cans after one hour of run time.

For example, if the average depth of our 20 cans was 0.75 inches and we ran the zone for 30 minutes, our precipitation rate would be 1.5 inches per hour.

Calculating uniformity will tell you if your watering system is over-watering or under-watering in certain areas.

U of M Extension Lawn Care:
www.extension.umn.edu/turfgrass

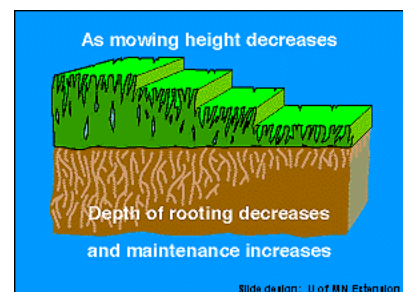
Lawn Mowing Tip—Conserve Water

Mowing Heights

Height of cut plays a very important role in determining the maintenance needs of a lawn. Generally, the higher the height of cut the less the maintenance required. This is primarily due to the fact that higher heights of cut promote deeper root growth into the soil.

Shorter heights of cut promote shallower root systems. Deep root systems have naturally greater access to soil water and nutrient reserves thereby increasing their ability to tolerate environmental stresses. Shallower root systems require greater attention to supplementing soil water and nutrient needs to keep the plants healthy and minimize negative effects of adverse environmental stress.

In addition to larger and deeper root systems, higher heights of cut restrict the amount of light reaching the soil surface. Since many lawn *weed* seeds require light for germination, the increased shading from a higher height of cut will actually suppress weed germination and growth thereby cutting down the need for *herbicide* use or other weed control measures. This can be particularly helpful in controlling warm season annual grasses such as crabgrass. In turn, this can reduce the dependence on preemergent herbicides for their control. For most lawn areas, mowing at a height of 2.5 – 3.0 inches will provide a good quality turf.



This article is the final in a series of the history of Woodland. The history of Woodland is both charming and interesting. It is largely a story of two old and important areas of the City; the area known as Maplewoods and the Groveland Assembly Grounds. This article contains historical information from the Groveland Assembly Grounds.

The Beginning

In 1902, twelve men, as a group, incorporated in the name of Methodist Young People's Lakeside Assembly, and purchased thirteen acres of farm land located on the south shore of Wayzata Bay for a mere \$4,200. The seller of the property was a farmer whose name was Samuel Bartow who owned quite a bit a land in the area. Mr. Bartow wanted to sell an entire 40 acre plot of land to the men, but the cost was just too much. Instead, the men chose to purchase the prime land—the middle part of the land—which was adjacent to Lake Minnetonka. This land included 460 feet facing Wayzata Bay and a beautiful gravel beach. The grounds were platted into lots for tents and cottages.

The plan of the purchase of improvement of the property was through a incorporation of a stock company. The stock was offered for sale to Methodists for a \$10 share which was payable in five annual installments of \$2 each.

Improvements Came

As lots were leased and cottages were built, a water system to carry lake water to the leased lots was installed and consisted of a network of pipes on top of the ground. The water was supplied by a pump in a pump house that was located at the lakefront.

The 1919 Fire

The fire started in one of the cottages and destroyed twenty-two cottages and the church. It was a major disaster but within a year or two, many of the buildings were reconstructed. A new church was built of the same foundation as the original. This building now houses church, gatherings, and serves as boat storage in the winter months.

Methodist Lakeside Assembly Grounds Plat—1908



Fun Summer Happenings

Independence Day Fireworks—4th of July—Dusk
City of Excelsior—Excelsior Commons

Hopkins Raspberry Festival
August 8 to August 16
Parade at 1:00 p.m. on August 16
For more information, visit: www.raspberrycapital.com

Carver County Fair
August 9 to August 13
Carver County Fairgrounds—Waconia
For more information, visit: www.carvercountyfair.com

Minnesota State Fair
August 24 to September 4
Minnesota State Fair Grounds—St. Paul
For more information, visit: mnstatefair.org

James J. Hill Days
September 8 to September 10
Lake Street—Downtown Wayzata
For more information, visit: www.jamesjhilldays.com

Recycling—Drop Off Facilities

Hennepin County has two year-round drop-off facilities where residents can get rid of recycling, electronics, appliances, and household hazardous waste.

The facilities are located at:

Brooklyn Park
Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station
8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Bloomington
South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center
1400 West 96th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431

Hours of operation for both facilities are:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday—10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday—10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday—Closed

Holidays—The facilities are closed on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

There may be charges for some items. Please call 612-348-3777 for additional information.

Planning a Vacation this Summer?

Sign up for Police House Checks!

The police department will provide house checks for you. Please call them at 952-474-7555 to make arrangements. For your convenience, a form has been placed on the City’s website for you to complete and return to the police department. Just go to www.woodlandmn.org and click on Frequently Asked Questions. Click on “Police House Check” and complete the form. Please note that the police will not begin the house checks until a signed form is received. The form only has to be completed and submitted one time. After that, all you need to do is call the department and let them know the dates you will be out of town.

Parking on City Streets

Planning a summer party? Woodland has limited designated parking zones, which require a permit from the City before use.

The permit may be obtained through the Clerk’s Department at City Hall. The parking permit is \$5 per day. The Police Department will ticket vehicles that are improperly parked or parked without a permit.

Please check with the City for parking restrictions. Don’t forget to remind your lawn service providers or construction/service trucks of the parking restrictions.

Reserving designated parking locations is done on a first-come basis.

Please call Kathy at 952-358-9936 or stop by City Hall at 20225 Cottagewood Road to pick up a permit for your next event.

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