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WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW

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. The importance of response speed in health emergencies cannot be overemphasized. Calls of this nature receive an immediate response, without exception. Woodland is committed to be a responsible partner with Wayzata. We need your help to respect emergency responders and control Woodland expenses.

THE PROBLEM

As you can see by the table below, Woodland has experienced an increased number of emergency calls, some fire calls were the result of an alarm system malfunction or inadvertent alarm triggering by building and repair contractors. These false alarms unnecessarily subjects emergency responders to the risks of responding to a call and substantially increases the cost of the City’s emergency 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.

\$10,000 Increase for 2017		
Year	Woodland’s Portion of Total Emergency Calls	Woodland Annual Expense
2016	6.48%	\$27,526
2015	4.73%	\$17,316
2014	5.27%	\$22,239
2013	5.26%	\$20,429
2012	5.25%	\$20,388
2011	6%	\$23,166
2010	6%	\$23,508
2009	6%	\$25,653
2008	6%	\$20,987



**YOU’RE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE
 TO HONOR SLIV CARLSON’S YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE
 WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL
 MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
 6:00 P.M. TO 6:45 P.M.
 DEEPHAVEN CITY HALL
 20225 COTTAGEWOOD ROAD**

Join us for an open house to honor Council Member Sliv Carlson for her years of dedicated service to the City of Woodland. Sliv served as a City Council Member from January, 2009 to December, 2016, with particular focus on Enterprise Finance and Operations, Intergovernmental Relations, and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. Sliv devoted considerable time attending meetings of governmental entities and conferences relating to government policy and natural resources.

We hope you can join us on January 9!

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to **Vince Suerth** who was elected to the City Council and congratulations to **Jim Doak**, who was reelected to another Mayoral term and **Tom Newberry** who was reelected to another City Council term.

Many thanks to the Election Judges

Who served during the General Election

- Mary Adriaens
- Liz Caye
- Sliv Carlson
- Debra Harper
- Jo Henriksen
- Kristen Kohls
- Sara Skalle (Head Judge)

Thank you

Rick and Debbie Moehring

for the use of your home as our polling location.

Board of Review

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.

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals, which is composed of the City Council members, will meet on Monday, April 11, 2017 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.

Board of Review will Meet to Discuss Property Values Monday April 11, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Steps to Appeal Your Property Value

What should you do if you believe your property's estimated market value is different 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.

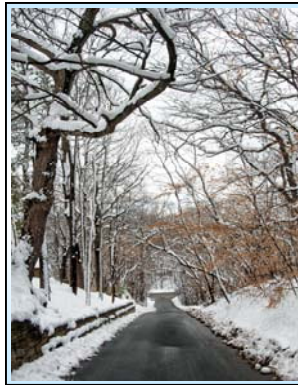
Property owners should receive their proposed new property valuations in the mail in March.

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.

City Streets

Depositing Snow on City Streets

To help us improve the streets in the winter months, please do not plow snow from your driveway or walks onto the City streets and City right-of-way. Improperly placing snow can create hazards and cause damage to vehicles.



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.

Snowplow Safety

Snowplows travel slower than the posted speeds and the driver's field of vision is severely restricted to the rear from the cab of the truck. The driver must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and to the side.

Drivers should remember to use the 8 second rule when following a snowplow. This means when the plow passes a fixed object on the side of the road, your vehicle should not pass the same object for a least 8 seconds.

Keep in mind that the average snowplow weighs 17 times more than your car.

In 2005-2006 there were 34 crashes in the metro involving plows and motor vehicles.

Turn *off* your cruise control and turn *on* your headlights

Source: MnDOT

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 City 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Renting of Guesthouses is Prohibited in Woodland

Woodland’s Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the single family character of our community. Our zoning code implements the vision of the Comprehensive Plan. Section 900.04, Subd. 2(b)(2) of the Woodland Code of Ordinance states that “No accessory structure may be rented or leased for any purpose.” Guesthouses, that have been built on a number of the City’s larger properties, are accessory structures. Although guest houses offer opportunities for friends, family, or employees to stay on premises for extended periods of time, renting or leasing of guesthouses is prohibited.

Property owners are entitled to rent their principal homes, but may not rent out a guesthouse separately.

Christmas Tree Disposal Reminder

The City does **not** have a city-wide pick-up of Christmas trees. Please arrange with your trash hauler for the proper disposal of your Christmas tree.

Don’t Let Your Pipes Freeze!

We are coming up on the coldest months and with the potential of extreme cold temperatures, it’s important to be sure the water pipes located inside your home don’t freeze, which could lead to burst pipes and water in your home. It is important to check the location of your indoor pipes. If they are in an unfinished basement area, or uninsulated or unheated portion of your home, follow these tips to prevent problems.

If pipes are in unheated areas, you could install pipe insulation or you might also open doors between the heated and unheated areas and use a box fan to circulate warm air in the unheated area.

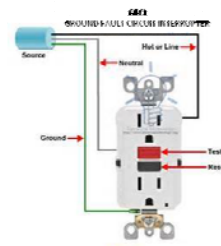
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors and utility closet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- When the weather turns very cold outside, let cold water drip from the faucets that are served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe, even at a drip or trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Temporarily suspend cooler nighttime temperatures in your home and keep the thermostat set to the same temperature day and night. You may incur a higher heating bill, but you’ll prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you’ll be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.



Home Safety Reminders

Below are a few home safety tips.

- ✓ Check smoke alarms on a regular basis
- ✓ Do not leave pots unattended on the stove
- ✓ Never leave candles unattended
- ✓ Check carbon monoxide alarms and replace if more than seven years old
- ✓ Have chimney and furnace cleaned and inspected yearly
- ✓ Have multiple fire extinguishers in the home, particularly in the kitchen, but away from the stove
- ✓ Check your electrical cords and use circuit protected adapters for additional outlets
- ✓ Install ground fault circuit interrupters, or GFCIs, in potentially damp locations such as the kitchen, bathroom, garage, near utility tubs or sinks, and on the exterior of the house to protect against electrocution
- ✓ Set your water heater to no more than 120° to help prevent burns
- ✓ Do not use indoor extension cords outdoors
- ✓ Never attempt to charge non-rechargeable batteries. Attempting to recharge non-rechargeable batteries could cause the batteries to explode
- ✓ Never leave notes on your door for service people or visitors when you are not home—it’s a signal to burglars that the home is empty
- ✓ Never use extension cords with space heaters
- ✓ Keep all small electrical appliances away from sinks or tubs and never reach into water to retrieve an electrical appliance unless you know it’s unplugged
- ✓ Do not store flammable or combustible materials inside your home



STAY SAFE!

Source: CPSC.gov

Source: Minnesota PCA

spotlight on Woodland’s History

This article is the *third 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 portions of the paper, “Maplewoods: *Glimpses of Our Neighborhood’s History*” written by former resident and former Mayor, Nicolas E. Duff in 1976 and then updated by Mr. Duff in 1996 (*used with written permission from Mr. Duff’s family*).

Steamboats

Early railroad commuters would take the train to Wayzata, a trip that would take about 40 minutes, and then transfer to one of the commercial steamboats that would drop them off at their docks or a nearby convenience shop. Meeting the trains were fleets of steamboats of various sizes, ranging from the *Belle of Minnetonka*, which could carry as many as 2,500 passengers to small private launches. The large boats were retired as the glory years of the big Lake Minnetonka hotels passed, but small steamboats, such as the *Victor* continued to ply the lake for another decade or two, often picking up and dropping passengers at their own docks.

After 1905, the streetcar company operated boats on Lake Minnetonka—larger ones which mostly carried passengers to the Big Island amusement park and smaller express boats, better known as streetcar boats because they were equipped with the same kind of seats and windows as were found on the streetcars.

Streetcars

The Twin Cities Rapid Transit Company took over the railroad line after the railroad closed the branch lines. The tracks were converted for streetcar use, providing streetcar service to the area from 1906 to 1932.

Once the streetcar service began, it became the quickest way to reach Maplewoods from Minneapolis, though it circled south and then west to Hopkins before branching off through Minnetonka Mills and Groveland to the Breezy Point Station (later named Maplewoods Station).

The cost of erecting this station was shared by the streetcar company and the Maplewoods Improvement Association. The roof was supported by concrete central and end panels, sheltering the built-in benches, but there were no exterior walls. The station has since been remodeled into a small house on the east side of Maplewood Road, just inside the City border.

History of Woodland Mayors

- 1949 to 1953 – Sumner B. Young
- 1954 to 1967 – Warren Palm
- 1968 to 1969 – Maurice McCaffrey
- 1970 to 1979 – George McClintock
- 1980 to 1984 – Alan Naylor
- 1985 to 1987 – John Case
- 1987 to 1990 – Andrea Bassett
- 1991 to 1996 – Nick Duff
- 1997 to 2008 – Jean Stark
- 2009 to present – Jim Doak

Charlie’s Bog

On the south side of Maplewoods lies a round, spring-fed lake with no surface connection to Lake Minnetonka. Only one map, in *Woodman’s Minnetonka Directory of 1908*, labeled it Pardee’s Lake, honoring the owner of a house on its eastern shore. The name did not last.

Once he had acquired property on the lake, Samuel C. Gale named the lake for his youngest daughter, Marion. She felt honored and pleased, but her younger brother, Charlie, was envious of this distinction. To keep peace in the family, his father mollified him by naming the small pot-hole just north of Lake Marion as “Charlie’s Bog”. Tough the name may not appear on maps, the Gale descendants in the area accept the family story and still call it “Charlie’s Bog.”

The Samuel Gale Family Cat

In 1992, a new family purchased a property in Maplewoods. During the removal of the existing home, a small stone marker was found on the foundation of the old home. It was a memorial to the Samuel Gale family cat. The memorial was originally located in the Samuel Gale home on 4th Street in Minneapolis. In 1905, it had been placed in a pillar of a summer home on the Maplewoods property, and then moved again to the house of the next generation in the family. The memorial says:

THOMAS
(CAT)
Born May 1873
Died Dec. 1880
REQUIES-CAT

2017 City of Woodland Mayor and Council	
Mayor	
Jim Doak.....	952-473-1308
Council Members	
John Massie.....	612-889-1333
Tom Newberry.....	651-642-4242
Vince Suerth.....	952-473-8213
Elizabeth Weiner.....	952-449-0922