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A NOTE FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL REGARDING EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Woodland is unique in its open space and natural environment within a region of intense residential development. Over the years, Woodland residents have been highly attuned to the gift of our special environment and have worked collectively to preserve the benefit of the natural state of our City for themselves and their neighbors. The effort has been largely cooperative and not the product of regulation or zoning enforcement.

Exterior lighting is a feature of most homes in Woodland. It ranges from simple door, walk, and drive lighting to elaborately designed architectural and landscape lighting. Security and safety is the primary purpose of much of the lighting, but additional lighting often serves an ornamental purpose, reflecting the individual homeowner’s preference.

Please remember that lighting that radiates from your property can prove annoying to neighbors and in extreme cases is a violation of the City’s Zoning Code. Please check to be certain your exterior lighting is in compliance with City Code (www.woodlandmn.org - Code of Ordinances tab). Lighting intensity and shielding the light source are important. Consider turning off your lighting, when it not needed. Studies also suggest that extensive illumination can prove harmful to the ecology of the affected area. Learn more about light pollution by visiting: International Dark Sky Association website www.darksky.org and the NASA website www.nasa.gov.

In short, we ask that your lighting scheme reflect consideration for your neighbors and our longstanding, collective stewardship of our City’s environment.

RECYCLE!

The amount our City recycles per year has DECREASED in the past few years.

We need your help
TO GET OUR RECYCLING NUMBERS BACK



Recycling is picked up EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

A recycling calendar is included on page 3 in this newsletter.

Please check the City’s website for additional recycling information at www.woodlandmn.org.

Thank you for your help with this!

Let’s make it a great year for recycling!

Well Water Testing



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When to Test Well Water - Your drinking water should be tested at least every two years or any time your well system is serviced, or whenever you notice a change in taste, color, or odor.

Order Form-page 6 of this newsletter.

An order form for the testing is included in this newsletter on page 6. You may also order online on the City’s website at www.woodlandmn.org—just follow the instructions.

Please contact Kathy if you have any questions at 952-358-9936.

**Reminder
Board of Appeal
and Equalization
Monday,
April 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

The Board will meet on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to hear from Woodland residents who believe their property valuation should be adjusted.

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

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.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District had a big milestone last year! It completed the *Watershed Management Plan*, which is a road map for the next decade to work on clean water in the watershed. The plan builds upon the previous plan's extensive technical understanding of the watershed's resources and emphasizes collaboration with communities to align water resource goals with local land use goals. Community input was collected throughout its development, and the District has already realized enormous value from this inclusive process.

Visit the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District website at www.minnehahacreek.org to view the new management plan.

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.

Lake Minnetonka Public Swimming Beaches

Each summer, Hennepin County Public Health samples and analyzes the water at 31 public swimming beaches to help ensure it is safe for swimming. Some of these beaches are located on Lake Minnetonka. The county has the authority to close beaches that are determined to be contaminated and work with the cities regarding public notification. A map that shows the various beaches and status is provided on the Hennepin County website at www.hennepin.us/beaches. If a beach is closed, questions may be directed to the listed city.

Source: Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

2018 City of Woodland Mayor and City Council Members

Your Mayor

Jim Doak.....952-473-1308

Your Council Members

Shannon Evenstad952-249-1229

John Massie.....612-889-1333

Tom Newberry651-642-4242

Vince Suerth952-473-8213



2018 Recycling

Let's work together to get our recycling numbers



2018 Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018

Service will be delayed by one day all week.

Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Wednesday - Friday service will be delayed by one day.

Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2018

Service will be delayed by one day all week.

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22, 2018

Thursday & Friday service will be delayed by one day.

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Tuesday - Friday service will be delayed by one day.

Paper



Cartons



Plastic



Glass



Cans



2018 RECYCLING CALENDAR

January

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April

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REMINDER: 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

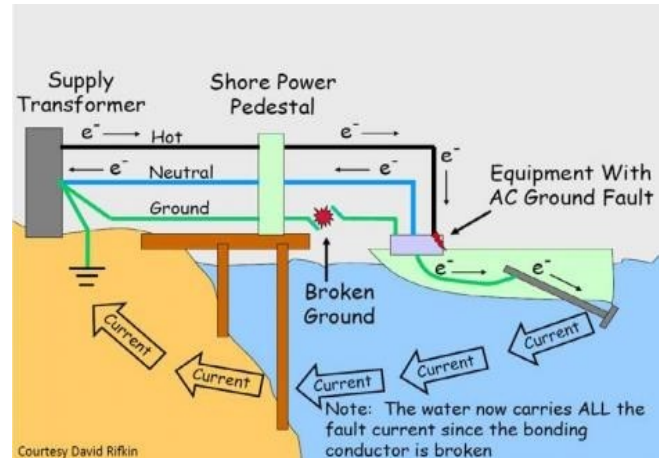
ESD can be prevented. The following safety precautions are recommended:

- 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.

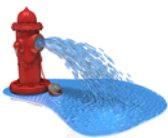
A special thank you to Ed Lethert, Electric Shock Drowning Safety Specialist with the Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association, for his input on this very important topic.

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.



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.



Street Sweeping

Weather Permitting, the street sweeping will begin in **early April**.

Drive with caution when passing these slow moving vehicles.

NOTE—Annual Septic Review

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.

CITY WATER/SEWER SYSTEM USERS

A Note About Inflow and Infiltration

Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) is a flow of clear water from sump pumps, downspouts, etc., that is channeled directly into the sanitary sewer system. Although the City has not experienced issues relating to excess flow of water into the sanitary sewer system, it has been an issue for many cities in the area. Roof drains and leaders direct storm water from roof gutters to the ground through pipes and downspouts. Roof drains should not be connected to the sanitary sewer but should discharge to the ground outside of a building. If your roof drains are connected to the sanitary sewer, disconnect them, plug any open connections to the sanitary sewer using a non-shrink permanent material, and redirect the roof drains onto the ground outside the building.

Foundation drains are underground pipes that collect storm water from around the base of a building and into a sump basket, where it is then pumped outside of the building. Foundation drains should not be connected to the sanitary sewer. If your foundation drain system is connected to the sanitary sewer, correcting the problem could be costly. The process could involve excavation to disconnect the foundation drain from the sanitary sewer and installation of a sump pump system. The new sump system must pump directly to the ground outside of the building or be connected to the City's storm sewer system.

Sump pumps are designed to capture surface or ground water that enters basements or crawl spaces and pump it away from the house. The basic sump system includes drain tile, a sump pit, a sump pump, a float or switch, and a drain line. The sump pit extends below the slab and collects surface water that enters the basement/crawl space or groundwater that rises to the slab. Sump pumps should not be connected to the sanitary sewer. Sump pumps should drain directly onto the ground (preferably 20 feet from the house and not into a neighbor's yard).

Wastewater from Woodland travels through the City's sanitary sewer system to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is operated by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Division (MCES). MCES treats wastewater for communities in the seven county metropolitan area.

Source: Metropolitan Council

WELL WATER TESTING OFFERED AGAIN THIS SPRING!

New this year: Place your order online, through the mail, or at City Hall

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER FORM

Please follow these instructions:


1. Mail or drop off the completed order form (below) and payment.


INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE ONLINE FORM

If you decide to use the online form:

1. Go to www.woodlandmn.org and click on the **2018 Well Water Online Order Form** tab located on the top left of the front page.
2. Complete the online form—additional instructions are on the website.
3. Mail your check to City Hall—20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331 Attn: Kathy

DEADLINES:

 **Between MAY 1 and 14** → Pick up water containers for testing at:
Deephaven City Hall
20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331.

 **On MAY 21st** → Water samples **MUST BE DRAWN ON** Monday, May 21st and brought to City Hall by 2:00 p.m. on May 21st. Residents must draw their own water sample. ***Water samples must be tested within 24 hours after drawing the sample.***

Return this portion of the form with your payment.

(Make checks payable to the City of Woodland)

	Description	Fee
	Lead Test	\$35.00
	Coliform Bacteria and Nitrates Test	\$35.00
	Arsenic	\$35.00
	Total Due	

You will need to mail or drop off a check for the amount due at:
City of Woodland City Hall
20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

Payment must be received by the time you pick up your containers at City Hall. Contact Kathy at 952-358-9936 if you have any questions.