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CITY OF WOODLAND POLLING PLACE

2860 East Road, Woodland, MN 55391

PRIMARY ELECTION

August 14, 2018

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Primary Election Absentee Voting at City Hall

Business Hours Friday, June 29, 2018 through
5:00 p.m. Monday, August 13, 2018

NOTE:

City Hall closes at noon on Fridays until September 3 so absentee voting is not available on Friday afternoons. This applies for only the Primary Election.

GENERAL ELECTION

November 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

General Election Absentee Voting at City Hall

Business Hours Friday, September 21, 2018 through
5:00 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2018

**CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
COMING IN NOVEMBER**

Council Member—4-year term (two seats open)

Woodland will have a City Election as part of the General Election on November 6 to elect two Council members to office. The Council Members will begin their terms on January 14, 2019.

City Office Filing period is July 31—August 14

To run for Council, you will need to:

- ◆ File an Affidavit of Candidacy at City Hall
- ◆ Pay a \$2 filing fee at the City Hall or submit a petition in place of filing fee

Reminder—July 9—13—Annual Septic Review

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.

FIRE ALARM FEES

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. Calls of this nature receive an immediate response, without exception. Woodland has a responsibility in our partnership with Wayzata and we need your help to respect our emergency responders and control Woodland’s expenses.

Woodland experienced an increased number of fire/emergency calls that were the result of an alarm system malfunction or inadvertent alarm triggering by building and repair contractors. This unnecessarily subjects emergency responders to the risks of responding to a call and substantially increases the cost of the City’s fire 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.

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.

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).

Noxious Weeds ~Garlic Mustard~

We've all seen it—Garlic Mustard. Garlic mustard is a noxious, biennial weed that reproduces from seed created in the second year of the plant. Plants can reach a height of 3-4 feet and quickly reproduce and takeover roadsides and woodlands.

The best way to control garlic mustard is by hand pulling the weed before it produces seed pods. If there is too much to hand pull, cutting the weed to the ground prior to seeding can also be effective, although you will have to do this a few years in a row to keep the plant from re-growing the following year. Some plants will also send up an additional flower shoot so you will have to monitor the site regularly.

Once pulled or cut, the garlic mustard plant must be left to dry out or put in a commercial compost container. Pulled plants that are piled and remain moist can continue to mature and create seeds, wasting all of your hard work. Garlic mustard should not be placed in home compost. A small compost pile does not create enough heat to kill the seeds.



For information on how to identify or eliminate weeds from your property, go to the DNR web site, www.dnr.mn.us, and type the name of the weed in the search engine.

Tree Contractors and City 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—www.woodlandmn.org under the Permits, Applications, Forms and License tab.



WATCH VS WARNING

Severe Thunderstorm **WATCH:**

Be Prepared!

Severe thunderstorms are possible in and near the watch area. Stay informed. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

Severe Thunderstorm **WARNING:**

Take Action!

A severe thunderstorm is indicated by hail one inch or larger in diameter and/or winds exceeding 58 mph. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning.



Tornado Watch—A tornado or severe thunderstorm watch means that conditions are favorable for the development of either tornadoes or severe thunderstorms. Many tornadoes originate inside severe thunderstorm cells.

Tornado Warning—A tornado or severe thunderstorm warning means that a tornado or thunderstorm has been reported or is indicated by weather radar. Warnings are issued for counties and/or communities and include the tornado's location, direction and speed. If the warning is for your area, you must take shelter immediately.

One type of lightning – called POSITIVE LIGHTNING – can strike at a distance of as much as 6-10 miles away, either in front of or behind the rain core of the storm! If you can hear thunder, you are within ten miles of the storm and can be struck. And if you are on or in the water, which is a marvelous conductor of electricity, you are playing a dangerous game with the odds stacked against you.

Lightning—Things to know

Lightning kills an average of 100 people in the United States each year. It injures many more. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Lightning can strike the ground 10 to 12 miles from the parent storm.



The most likely places for people to be killed by lightning are ball fields, golf courses, boats, and tractors without cabs. Don't use metal objects such as fishing rods or golf clubs when lightning is threatening. If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter at least 100 yards from shore.

The steel frame of an enclosed hardtop car provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. If you are caught outside, don't sit down or lie on the ground. You make a larger target. Crouch low to the ground, with your hands on your knees and your head between them. If you are in a group, stay at least 15 feet apart. Avoid seeking shelter under a lone tree.

A person struck by lightning carries no electrical charge and can be handled safely. A person injured by lightning has received an electric shock and may be burned, both where they were struck and where the electricity left their body. If breathing has stopped, begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped, give CPR. Get someone to call 9-1-1 immediately.

If you are inside, avoid talking on a corded telephone or touching electric appliances that are plugged into the wall. Avoid taking a bath or shower, or running water for any purpose. Lightning that strikes wiring or plumbing can travel on to you.

Spotlight: Mentioning the Unmentionable—It's not a pleasant subject, but we have to talk about it.

“It” is your septic system
(and it needs to be pumped every three years)

Operation and Maintenance Guidelines

It is essential that we protect our lakes, wetlands, and groundwater to promote the health, safety, and welfare of our community. Part of that is ensuring that our septic systems are appropriately maintained. The City provides a maintenance review (not an official compliance review) of half of the City's septic systems each year with no direct charge to you, but there are some important things for you to know about septic systems regarding plumbing, septic tanks and pumping, and the soil treatment area.

The following items are used with permission from the University of Minnesota Extension and can also be found on the City of Woodland website at www.woodlandmn.org

How Does a Septic System Work? In typical on-site treatment systems, all wastewater is co-mingled, treated, and dispersed by one system. There are a few separation systems in which toilet wastes are treated separately from other wastewater. Common septic systems all have three basic components: plumbing, septic tank, and a soil treatment area. Individual systems may have variations of each of these.

Household Plumbing

- Conserve water, repair leaks and use low-flow fixtures.
- Minimize use of harsh cleaners, bleach, antibacterial soaps and detergents.
- Do not dispose of paints, medications or chemicals through your septic system.
- Keep grease, lint, food, feminine hygiene products and plastics out.

Septic Tank

- Do not remove solids through inspection pipes.
- Install and insulate risers to maintenance hole for improved management access.
- Have baffles inspected when tank is pumped.
- Install an effluent screen and service as necessary.
- Do not use tank additives or cleaners.

Friendly Reminder

Septic Tanks MUST be pumped every three years.

(State Law and City Ordinance)



Please make sure your pumper submits proof to the City that your system was pumped.

Soil Treatment Area

- Maintain grass, native grasses or flowers over the treatment area. Mow, but do not fertilize, water or burn.
- Do not plant trees, shrubs or deep-rooted plants on or near the area.
- Do not grow vegetables or locate playgrounds above the area.
- Keep heavy vehicles off area (cars, tractors, snowmobiles, boats, etc.).

NOT NECESSARY TO USE ADDITIVES

THEY COULD HARM YOUR SYSTEM

It is not necessary to use additives to enhance the performance of a properly operating system. If the level of bacterial activity is low, it is because disinfectants and other products are killing them. Reduce or eliminate the use or disposal of these products in the system to allow the bacteria to re-establish. Some additives cause solids to become suspended in the liquids. These solids will end up in the drain field, causing significant damage.

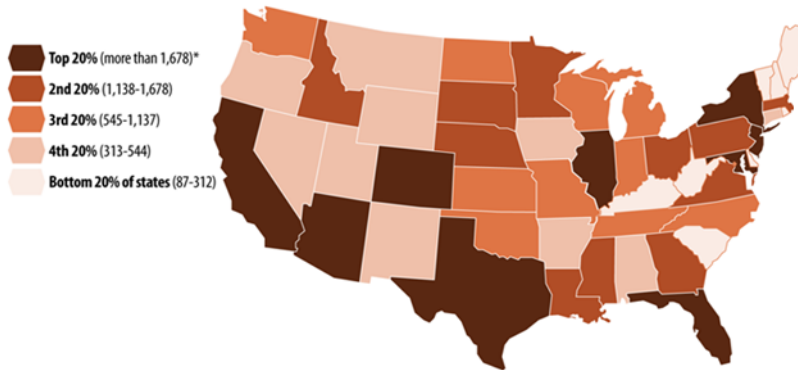
“Recognize that this is a problem that’s worthy of your time and attention”

Dorothy Leland, Director of Communications, Lymedisease.org

Mosquito and Tick Illnesses are on the Rise Almost everyone has been bitten by a mosquito or tick, and those little creatures can be responsible for spreading germs that cause serious diseases. Between 2004 and 2016, more than 640,000 cases of these diseases were reported, and nine new germs spread by bites from infected mosquitoes and ticks were discovered or introduced in the United States. Below are some facts and things you can do to protect yourself and your family from infection. The information is from the Centers for Disease Control.

Mosquitos – Minnesota had 1,458 mosquito related disease cases and is in the 2nd top 20% in reported disease cases.

 **DISEASE CASES FROM MOSQUITOES (2004-2016, REPORTED)**
Disease counts include both locally transmitted and travel-associated cases.

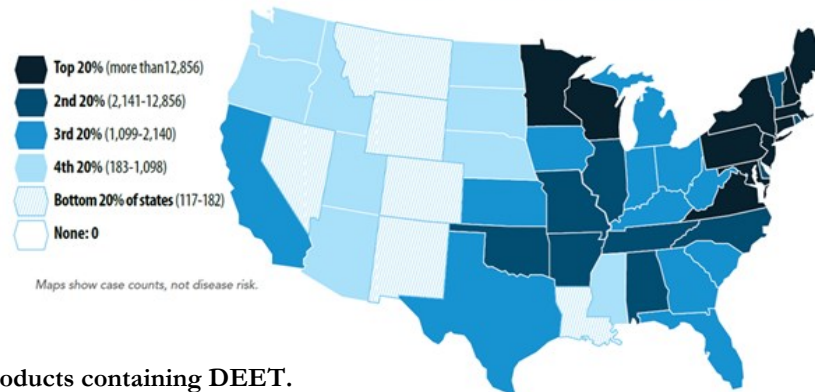


Disease cases from mosquito, tick, and flea bites *tripled* in the United States from 2004 to 2016.

Ticks – Minnesota had 26,886 and is in the top 20% in disease cases

 **DISEASE CASES FROM TICKS (2004-2016, REPORTED)**

Nine new germs spread by mosquitoes and ticks have been discovered or introduced since 2004.



How to protect yourself: One option is to use products containing DEET.

What is DEET?

DEET is an insect repellent that is used in products to prevent bites from insects such as mosquitoes, biting flies, fleas and small flying insects. DEET is a colorless liquid that has a faint odor and does not dissolve easily in water. DEET was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 for protection of soldiers in insect-infested areas. Insect repellents containing DEET have been used by the general public in the United States since 1957.

How does DEET work?

Scientists do not know exactly how DEET works on all insects. Some insects sense people by detecting the chemicals from our bodies and in the air that we breathe out. It has been shown that insects exposed to DEET are not able to locate a person or animal because they cannot detect them.

Other Options

There are other options for protection and a list of them can be found at cdc.gov and epa.gov

Fun Summer Happenings

Independence Day Fireworks—4th of July—Dusk

City of Excelsior—Excelsior Commons

Hopkins Raspberry Festival

July 7—16

Parade at 1:00 p.m. on July 16

For more information, visit: www.raspberrycapital.com

Minnesota State Fair

August 23 to September 3

Minnesota State Fair Grounds—St. Paul

For more information, visit: mnstatefair.org

James J. Hill Days

September 7 to September 9

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.

Noise in the City—Reminder

Building construction is permitted in Woodland Monday through Friday 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.

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