



ESSENTIAL DATES

Recycling Pickup Dates

March 10, 24

April 7, 21

May 5, 19

March 14, 7 p.m.

Council Meeting

Lot Line Public Hearing

April 11, 7 p.m.

Council Meeting

Local Board of Appeal

Stormwater Public Hearing

SSTS Ordinance Hearing

April 15

City Hall closed

May 9, 7 p.m.

Council Meeting

May 30

City Hall closed

Check the website for public hearings or, better yet, sign up for automatic notifications!

Harbingers of spring, crocuses in the snow.

Woodland News

March - May | Spring 2022

Tree Preservation

The City Council has added a preservation aspect to its tree removal ordinances. Planning Director Pat Smith researched how multiple Lake Minnetonka area communities approach tree

preservation and in January presented an ordinance amendment to the Council that encourages saving larger landmark trees. Landmark trees are defined as any tree (except boxelder, buckthorn, willow, cottonwood, green ash, Siberian elm, and prickly ash) with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 30 inches or more.

The approved ordinance amendment added a replacement ratio of 2:1 for landmark trees and increased the replacement tree size requirements to:

Deciduous – diameter no less than 4 caliper inches

Coniferous – height no less than 10 feet

The replacement ratio (1:1) for significant trees, which are defined as any tree (same species exceptions) with a DBH of 6 inches or more, stayed the same.

The updated ordinance adds an economic incentive for preserving existing trees, creates a replanting strategy for the future when trees are removed, and is consistent with the City's 20-year Comprehensive Plan.

The complete ordinance can be found at woodlandmn.org > Government > Ordinances > Chapter 9 Zoning (page 33). And the 2040 Comprehensive Plan can be found under Government > Comprehensive Plan.

Remember, a **Vegetation Alteration Permit *must be obtained before cutting any tree with a DBH of 6 inches or more in Woodland.*** Allow at least 3 business days between submitting the permit application and scheduling tree removal.

Hire only tree service companies that are licensed with the City. A list of currently licensed companies can be found at woodlandmn.org under Residents > Protecting Lakes and Trees. If you don't see the contractor you'd like to hire, send them to City Hall to get licensed *before* any work begins. Police will stop any work without a permit or license.

Interested in becoming a Woodland Tree Steward? The U of MN is offering training on tree identification, care, and pruning. Training is 3-9 hours (depending on chosen curriculum), paid for by the City. Tree Stewards must be 18 years or older and provide 10 volunteer hours/year at City-hosted events. Email sara@woodlandmn.org if interested.

Locking Mailboxes

134

Unlocked Mailboxes

61

**Goal: 100% locking mailboxes (195)
and zero (0) unlocked mailboxes.**

CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall (*Deephaven & Woodland*)
20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

City Hall Hours

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Labor Day to Memorial Day
Summer hours begin June 1

www.woodlandmn.org

City Clerk

Sara Skalle
952-358-9936
sara@woodlandmn.org
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., M-Th

Mayor

Vince Suerth (2024)

Council Members

Dave Daniels (2022)
John Massie (2022)
Tom Newberry (2024)
Juan Vazquez (2024)

City Council Meetings

2nd Mondays, 7 p.m.

Residents always welcome!
Agendas & minutes on website

Deephaven Police Department

952-474-7555 Non-emergency
763-525-6210 After Hours

Wayzata Fire Department

952-404-5337 Non-emergency

Republic Recycling Services

woodlandcs@republicservices.com

Planning Director

Pat Smith
952-358-9938

Building Permits

Teresa Pendleton
952-358-9935

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)

Denny Newell, Board Member

Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC)

Mike Jilek, Representative

Living with Wildlife: Moths



Rosy Maple Moth, 1.3-2"



Io Moth, 2.4-3.4"

Spring garden clean-up, if done too early, can be devastating for some of Minnesota's most spectacular moths. To increase chances of welcoming these beauties to your landscape, wait until nights as well as days are consistently above 50 degrees for a week or more.



Cecropia Silk Moth, 6"



Woolly Bear Caterpillar Moth, 1.5-2"

These fuzzy pollinators come in diverse colors, shapes, and sizes – from weird to wonderful. There are more than 11,000 species of moths in the U.S. – that's more than all bird and mammal species combined. Comprising a good share of the bottom of the food chain, caterpillars and moths are important food sources for birds and, in some parts of the world, people.



Plume Moth, .2-2"

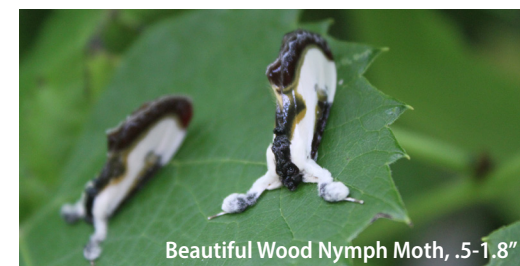


Variety of Sphinx Moth, up to 3"

Many moths are nocturnal and attracted to light, which is causing their numbers to decline as they become visible to predators. Light pollution is creating swaths of habitat now void of many species.



Great Tiger Moth, 1.9-2.7"



Beautiful Wood Nymph Moth, .5-1.8"

With spring on its way, watch for the arrival of pollinators. In the meantime, you can be amazed by photographs of nearly 400 varieties of Minnesota moths at butterflyidentification.com.



Luna Moth, 2.9-4"



Banded Tiger Moth, 1.2-1.6"

As with most wildlife, leave them alone and they will leave you alone. If you do have an issue, contact the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization

7 p.m. on April 11, 2022

If you have a question or complaint about your property tax statement from Hennepin County, the first step is to contact the City Assessor Dan Distel at 612-237-8094 or dan.distel@hennepin.us. He will either resolve the issue or bring it forward to the public meeting of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.

SWPPP Public Hearing

7 p.m. or soon thereafter on April 11, 2022

As required by State statutes, the City of Woodland will hold a public hearing on the adequacy and effectiveness of its Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). All residents are welcome to attend and provide their comments and input.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Regarding Non-Conforming Structures, Lots, and Uses

At the January Council meeting, the Woodland zoning code was amended regarding non-conforming structures, those that don't conform to required setbacks. The amended code now aligns with State statutes and allows rebuilding within the height and footprint of a razed non-conforming structure without a variance. However, it cannot be enlarged or expanded beyond the original footprint without a variance.

The amended zoning ordinances may be found on the City website at woodlandmn.org under Government > Ordinances > Chapter 9 Zoning, starting on page 11, Non-Conforming Uses. Any questions may be directed to Planning Director Pat Smith.

Organics Recycling Drop-off Program

Hennepin County has a goal of sending *zero* waste to landfills by 2030.

This month the City of Woodland is establishing a **free** organics recycling drop-off for residents. Since organic waste makes up about 30 percent of household trash, an organics recycling program is a good step forward. The program is paid for by the City and free to all residents.

Organic materials that can be recycled include:

All food

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, fish, and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Pasta, beans, and rice
- Bread and cereal
- Nuts and shells

Certified compostable products

- Look for the term "compostable" or the BPI logo
- Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils, and containers

Food-soiled paper

- Pizza delivery boxes
- Napkins and paper towels
- Paper egg cartons



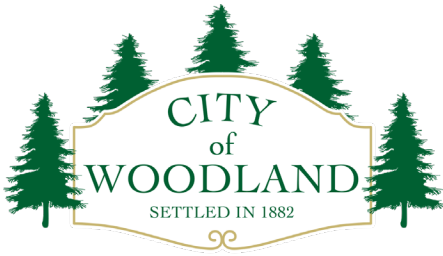
An organics recycling drop-off bin is being installed near City Hall.

Other compostable household items

- Coffee grounds and paper filters
- Facial tissues
- Hair and nail clippings
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplants and flowers
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks, and toothpicks

These items can be composted at home (Hennepin County sells compost bins for \$60), or may be dropped off at the Woodland and Deephaven organics receptacle near City Hall.

If you want to participating, email the Clerk at sara@woodlandmn.org to receive more information and a keycode to access the drop-off bin.



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20225 Cottagewood Road
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Spring Safety

With road construction behind us, it's time to start enjoying our beautiful new roads! Woodland is a wonderful place to walk and bike, *IF* drivers take care!

- **Pay attention** – set distractions aside.
- **Watch for bikers & pedestrians**
- **Stay at or under 25 m.p.h.** – especially those with kids, strollers & pets!



Road Restrictions

Vehicle weight is restricted to 4 tons/axel on all roads in Woodland from March 1 through May 1. Make sure your contractors abide by these limits and dates.

Garden Clean-up

Waiting to do spring yardwork until night temperatures are consistently above 50 degrees for a week gives important pollinators time to emerge from hibernation. Many native Minnesota bees hide in plant stems or just under the soil surface and cocoons of spectacular luna and cecropia moths are indistinguishable from dead leaves. Your garden will thank you for keeping them safe and you'll enjoy watching pollinators all summer.

Pedestrian Safety

With warmer weather, walkers will take to the streets. Mind the 25 m.p.h. speed limit! Take care, be alert and considerate, and don't send pedestrians into the snowbanks or mud.

Importance of Locking Mailboxes

A locking mailbox deters mail theft and costly identity fraud. If thieves drive into Woodland and see nothing but locked mailboxes, they will move on! Our belief is that this will also minimize the threat of other opportunistic thefts within our City. If you do not yet have a locking mailbox, visit Deakyne's Hardware or call the City Clerk.