

# CITY CONTACT



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**MAY JUNE JULY  
2015**

*The City of Mound, through teamwork and cooperation, provides, at a reasonable cost, quality services that respond to the needs of all citizens, fostering a safe, attractive, and flourishing community.*

## Mayor's Message .....

Hello Neighbors!

As the summer season unfolds and swings into high gear, so does the City of Mound. We are fortunate to live in a place where there is no shortage of outdoor activities.

Living in Mound during the summer means not having to pack up your car and drive for hours to a cabin. Here, one can live their weekends all week long. Wake up early and enjoy the peaceful side of Lake Minnetonka, the time of day when you look out over the water and see a lone fishing boat in search of the perfect catch.

A visit to the Dakota Trail at any time of day provides for a refreshing walk, run or bike ride. You can take time with friends for a coffee by the bay, a fresh meal and glass of wine, or ice cream right off the trail. If your bike needs to be tweaked, you can get that done too!

Mound has over 30 parks that provide great locations for neighborhood or family barbeques. Some even provide beach access, recreational rentals, and grills to fill the air with smells of summer.

Don't worry about running short of supplies! Foods of all kind and summer supplies from local shops, restaurants, eateries, and the farmers' market are within walking distance from the beach and the pier in the Mound Harbor. You can tie up and get those last minute items.

Everyone has the day-to-day grind and it is easy to get caught up in "life". Now is the time, the time to take advantage of what Mound has to offer. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors over. Get out and appreciate the season with them because we are part of a unique community that fosters long lasting summer memories.

Respectfully,

*Mark Wegscheid*



**Mayor Wegscheid**

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## Reminder!

**New Community Notification System On-line NOW!  
Sign up at [www.cityofmound.com](http://www.cityofmound.com).**

Receive emails and/or text messages about important community events such as:

- Road closures
- Utility emergencies
- Seasonal parking reminders
- Severe weather notifications
- Special event news
- General City information

## Message from the City Manager .....



### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP 2014 Results

**Clean-up success story.** The City of Mound recently wrapped up its 14th season of Operation Clean Sweep. Clean Sweep is a neighborhood clean-up program aimed at community image-building. As of November 30th, Operation Clean Sweep reported the clean-up of 142 properties in 2014--an 81% success rate!

The positive response to the Operation Clean Sweep has been enormous over the years. I would like to express my appreciation to the property owners, businesses, community groups, and residents for their part in this city-wide clean-up effort to make Mound shine!

Carried out by Field Officer Stewart Simon, the program educates residents regarding City requirements, directs the clean-up of affected property, and reduces nuisance violations and outdoor storage abuse. You may obtain a Resource List to help YOU repurpose and recycle.

**It's the law.** The specific requirements of Operation Clean Sweep come directly from Mound City Ordinances. In addition to a general intent to preserve the "health, safety, and welfare and appearance of the community", specific ordinances address exterior storage, junk vehicles and boats, refuse, noxious weeds, pet excrement, and any other nuisances. City ordinances are the legal rules and requirements of a city. Violating exterior storage ordinances is the same as violating a speeding law. Both can result in a citation. In the case of nuisance abatement, the City is entitled to abate the issue and assess the cost to the taxpayer.

**We need your help.** The success of Operation Clean Sweep relies on neighborhood involvement. Residents are invited to submit property addresses for attention by the City. Callers' identities remain confidential under State Statute. Property owners are encouraged not to wait for a cleanup reminder from the City, but are invited to become part of the solution and clean up!

You may obtain an Operation Clean Sweep Resource List from the Resident Resources section of the city website or report a neighborhood hazard or nuisance to the Field Officer at [fieldops@cityofmound.com](mailto:fieldops@cityofmound.com) or 952-472-0605.



### Volunteers Needed to Help Seniors This Spring

The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program is looking for volunteers to help local seniors with leaf raking and yard cleanup this spring.

This is a great opportunity to get your family, friends, and coworkers together to support the seniors living in your community. Don't miss this one-time, fun, and flexible activity that can be done for 2-4 hours, weekdays, or weekends. Interested? Please contact the HOME program Volunteer Coordinator at [scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org) or call 952-767-7894 for more information.

Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with five programs serving seniors and caregivers in Mound. For more information on these supportive services please visit [www.seniorcommunity.org](http://www.seniorcommunity.org) or call 952-541-1019.



## **2015 Public Improvements..... Find your neighborhood within these projects!**

The construction season is upon us and the City's 2015 Public Improvement Program will be the largest to-date. The following projects have either begun or will soon commence:

- Bartlett Boulevard Watermain Improvement Project, Commerce Boulevard to the Lost Lake outlet bridge, began in early April and is scheduled for completion in late May.
- The west portion of Three Points Boulevard is currently under construction consisting of improvements to watermain, storm sewer, and some sanitary sewer. This underground project will be followed closely by the Street Improvement Project, which begins in late July, and will complete in the fall, except for the final layer of asphalt.
- The 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project includes Grandview Boulevard from Commerce Boulevard to Lynwood Boulevard and Tuxedo Boulevard from Sulgrove Road to Brighton Boulevard. Both sections include improvements to watermain, storm sewer, and some sanitary sewer and forcemain.
- The Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project includes the removal and replacement of the C-2 lift station located off of Three Points Boulevard at the intersection of Sumach Lane and Sparrow Road. This will be a late summer project with a fall completion.
- The 2014/2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project consists of lining existing mains in various areas throughout the City. This project, as well as the lift station project, is a significant step toward the reduction of rainwater infiltrating into the City's sewer system.

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### **Cost Share Grants for Landscaping Projects**

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is offering grants for landscaping projects that provide and protect clean water and educate the community about the importance of preventing stormwater runoff.



**MINNEHAHA CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
QUALITY OF WATER, QUALITY OF LIFE

The MCWD Cost Share Program can contribute up to 75 percent of the cost to installing water friendly landscaping, such as raingardens and permeable pavement driveways. These features prevent runoff by capturing rain where it falls, improving the health of nearby lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. When done right, they require minimal upkeep and enhance a property's appearance.

To qualify for funding, the projects must increase the awareness of stormwater management through signage, events, or other outreach methods. Cost Share grants are available to any public or private property owner located within the MCWD. The deadline for most residential projects is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more about the options or to apply for a grant, visit [www.minnehahacreek.org/CostShare](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/CostShare) or contact MCWD Cost Share Grant Administrator Brett Eidem at 952-641-4523 or [beidem@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:beidem@minnehahacreek.org).

# Trail Etiquette



## Be Predictable

Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing position on the trail.



## Don't Block the Trail

When in a group, avoid using more than half the trail.



## Dog Walkers

Keep dogs under control and on a 6' non-retractable leash.



## Keep Right

Stay to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.



## Pass on the Left

Pass others, going in your direction, on their left. Faster traffic must yield to slower and oncoming traffic.



## Give Audible Signal

When passing a frequently used warning is..."PASSING ON YOUR LEFT." A clear warning signal may be given by voice, bell or horn.



## Helmets

Bicyclists, skaters and skateboarders should always wear a properly fitted helmet.



## Stop Means Stop



# Ponderings for Perfect Pets

The City requires pet owners' full cooperation in properly managing their pets.

The City Code requires all dogs and cats three months of age or older be licensed by the City and that the metal tag be securely affixed to the collar of the dog/cat and worn at all times. Every license, regardless of the date of issuance, expires on April 30 of each even-numbered year. Pet owners may apply for a license during an odd-numbered year for half the regular fee. Apply for a license at City Hall and bring a valid certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the pet has been vaccinated for rabies, the type of vaccine used, and the length of time the vaccination is effective. An updated certificate should be submitted mid-year if the vaccination is not effective for the full term of the license. The fee is \$25 in the even year for a 2-year tag.

The City Code deems that dogs and cats may not be allowed to be at-large within the limits of the city. A dog or cat is at-large when it is off the premises owned or rented by its owner and not under restraint. The retractable leashes that extend beyond six (6) feet are deemed beyond the control of the pet owner and are not compliant with City Code.

Last but definitely not least - **picking up pet waste is NOT optional.** Failure of owners to pick up after dogs is a frequent complaint received at City Hall. For the health and safety of all please do your part! Carry plastic bags with you on every walk and use them. It's part of being a good neighbor and responsible pet owner. Thank you!

# Thanks to Our Volunteers

The City of Mound would like to thank the following individuals, groups, and businesses who enthusiastically volunteered their time and talents in the City's Adopt-A-Green Space program in 2014. These dedicated volunteers adopted a planter box, park or beach. Volunteers that adopted a park, or beach may have helped with spring and/or fall clean-up, weekly, monthly clean-up and/or litter pick-up. The generous donation of time, energy, and plants is greatly appreciated. Below is a list of our volunteers. Thank you for your service to the City.

- Tim Blair & Press Perfect
- Westonka Jaycee's
- David Greenslit & Green T Accounting
- Debby Heitz
- Vicki Pederson
- Michelle Herrick & Westedge friends
- Karen & Brad Hibbs
- Donald Hules
- Teresa Lee
- New Morning Church
- David & Cyndi Olson
- Germaine Persing
- MaryLou Vanderhoef
- Betty Jane Weiland
- Johnny's Garden Center
- Mound True Value
- Westonka Garden Guild



To "Adopt-A-Green Space" for 2015 please contact Mary at 952-472-0603 or [admin@cityofmound.com](mailto:admin@cityofmound.com).

# Mound Fire Department

## 2015 Fish Fry and Dance

The Mound firefighters are busy preparing for the 64th Annual Fish Fry and Dance. This event is a long-standing custom for the Fire Department and is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. Admission includes dinner, featuring the traditional fish meal, and an evening dance with live music provided by a local band called **The Chris Hawkey Band**.

The event time and information is as follows:

- What: MFD Fish Fry and Dance**  
Fish Dinner and Refreshments  
Music: **The Chris Hawkey Band**
- When: Saturday June 6, 2015**  
Dinner: 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Dance: 9:00 p.m. – Midnight
- Where: Mound Fire Station**  
2415 Wilshire Boulevard



Tickets will be sold in advance for \$10 each by firefighters canvassing neighborhoods. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12.00. You may also call Vicki Weber at the Mound Fire Station administrative office at 952-472-3555.

**Bring the family for a fun time at the Mound Fire Station!**

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2015 Events Calendar

- Farmers' Market & More – Saturdays, May 16 thru October 10
- Wheels for Meals (WeCAN) – May 30
- Mound Fire Department Fish Fry and Dance – June 6
- Spirit of the Lakes Festival– July 16-18
- Westonka Dog Days – August 22
- Tour de Tonka Bike Ride – August 1
- Incredible Festival – Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church - September 11-13
- Running of the Bays 5K & Half Marathon - September 12
- Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 19

**Put these fantastic festivities on your calendar!!**

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## Driving for You!



Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? **WeCAB** (Community Area Busing) drivers provide rides for the elderly (or those who are otherwise unable to drive) to medical appointments, the grocery store, the beauty shop, and church. Volunteer dispatchers are also needed. Please consider this heart warming community contribution.

Call **WeCAB** at 844-743-1643 for more information.

For a volunteer application, please check the website - **[www.wecab.org](http://www.wecab.org)**.



**Dakota Trail** Public Restrooms located by the Mound Transit Center will reopen May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Indian Knoll Manor Apartments**, located at 2020 Commerce Boulevard, are subsidized by HUD and rents are based on income for qualified applicants. There are one-bedroom and studio apartments and rent includes heat, water, electric, and trash. Please call the Property Manager at (952) 472-5078 for an application or to take a tour.

**The Compost Site** opened again on April 1st for the 2015 season. City of Mound residents can bring grass clippings, milfoil and leaves to the compost site located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista. This is a free service if you show your driver's license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call (952)446-1056 for more information.

**Spring Clean-Up/Recycling Day** has been scheduled for May 9, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Look for detailed information in this newsletter or on the city website.

**Buy A Brick** You can be a part of the next phase of Mound history by buying an engraved brick which will become an addition to the Lost Lake Greenway promenade located along Auditors Road. This beautiful public pier is connected to a decorative paved plaza and walkway in downtown Mound.

Order deadline for this **Phase** will be August 31, 2015 for Fall 2015 installation. Prices range from \$75 to \$225. See the city website for an order form or call Collette Roberts at 952-472-0606.

**Utility Billing** Automatic Payment Plan or E-Bill information can be found on the city website. Visit [www.cityofmound.com](http://www.cityofmound.com) for application information.

## 2015 Spirit of the Lakes Festival



**SAVE THE DATE:** The beach party by the Spirit of the Lakes is July 16-18 this year! The Spirit has evolved into a premier event on Lake Minnetonka and came in just behind James J Hill Days as the second best festival around! Don't miss it!

Planning is underway and the Board is seeking volunteers! There are many committees and opportunities available depending on what you love to do! Some ideas are: Information Booth and Parking and Traffic. These are short commitments of just a few hours the weekend of the event! We can help you find the perfect fit!

Volunteer as a group! Consider the organizations you are affiliated with and ask how all of you can help! Already-existing groups come with built-in camaraderie and are great at stepping up and easily taking on a piece of the Festival. This exposure can attract acclaim for civic organizations and church groups and help attract new members.

If YOU or YOUR GROUP would like to get involved in the Spirit of the Lakes, **applications are being taken from individuals living in Mound and all our neighbor cities.** If you have questions or wish to receive an application, contact me at 952-472-0609 or [kandishanson@cityofmound.com](mailto:kandishanson@cityofmound.com).

For Festival details, "like" us on Facebook or go to [www.SpiritoftheLakes.com](http://www.SpiritoftheLakes.com).

*Disclaimer: As City Manager for Mound, I hold a position on the Spirit Board; however, the Spirit of the Lakes Festival is not a function of the City of Mound. The involvement of the City Manager is to retain oversight of the City staff that are traditionally involved through in-kind support from the departments of the City.*





# Look Who's New!

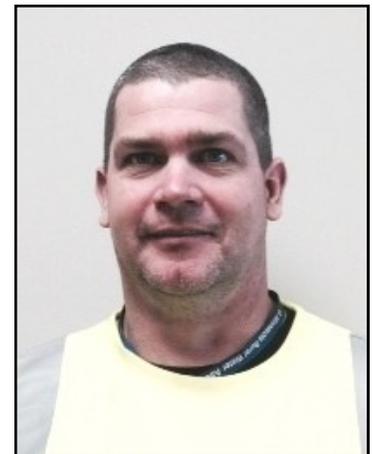
**Mary Mackres** was hired August 27, 2014, as Administrative Assistant supporting Public Works and Finance. Mary comes to the City from FOSS North America, a food and agricultural analytical instrument company in Eden Prairie, where she was the Sales and Marketing Specialist planning trade shows and corporate events. Prior to that, Mary worked at Target headquarters in Minneapolis for 16 years, serving in various administrative functions. Mary, originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, lives in Minnetrista and especially enjoys the summer months when she can walk, bike, golf, and root for her hometown baseball team, the Oakland A's!



**Stewart Simon** returned to the City as our Field Officer, effective September 2, 2014. Stewart is a familiar face in town; he was previously a part-time Community Service Officer for the Mound Police Department. Prior to working for the City, Stewart was a Certified Pharmacy Technician, most recently working for an independent retail pharmacy. He is in the process of completing his degree at Metropolitan State University, where he is majoring in law enforcement.



**Brent Kress** joined the City of Mound as a Public Works Maintenance Worker on January 29, coming to us from the City of Bloomington where he worked as a streets maintenance



worker. He brings to the City many years of experience with heavy equipment operation and snow plowing, and he serves as a volunteer firefighter with the City of Hanover, MN. Brent lives in Hanover with his wife and two children. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys watching NASCAR races, football, and baseball.

## Thank You

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**Mound, MN 55364**  
**952-472-0648**

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**\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*  
POSTAL CUSTOMER**

## City Hall Seasonal Hours

May through October  
Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Mound Meeting Calendar

- City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7pm
- HRA meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm
- Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7pm
- Parks and Open Space Commission meets the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7pm on an as-needed basis
- Docks and Commons Commission meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7pm on an as-needed basis



## Dates To Remember

May 4 Blood Drive - St. John's Church  
May 9 Mound/Minnetrissa Recycling Day  
May 10 Mother's Day  
May 16 Mound Farmers' Market & More Open  
May 25 Memorial Day  
May 30 Wheels for Meals - WeCAN  
June 6 Mound Fire Fish Fry & Dance  
June 14 Flag Day  
June 21 Father's Day  
July 3 City Offices Closed  
July 4 Independence Day  
July 16-18 Spirit of the Lakes Festival