

CITY CONTACT



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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.

Message from City Manager Kandis Hanson

In this edition I am presenting you with some volunteer opportunities that are available with the City and in the community and am encouraging you to get involved. Like spring, Mound is coming alive, budding with opportunity. I am inviting you, and those you know, to participate in the cultivation of our community. Volunteer and take pride having shared in our community's growth! Opportunities include:



Kandis Hanson

Planning Commission: Two openings; terms expire December 2012. The Commission acts as a recommending body to the City Council, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, and considers all matters pertaining to planning and zoning, including Mound redevelopment land-use considerations. Call Sarah at 952-472-0604 for more info or email jillnorlander@cityofmound.com for an application. Submittal deadline is Friday, May 27, at 11 am. Interviews are Tuesday, June 7, at 7 pm, and you must be available for the interview to be considered. Appointments will be made by the City Council at a subsequent meeting. Prior candidates and participants are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be a resident of Mound.

Administrative Assistance at the City of Mound: The City is inviting those with Administrative Assistance experience to apply for volunteer positions with City Hall and the Police Department. Duties and responsibilities could vary and will be administrative and organizational in nature. Candidates will be subject to an application process and criminal and driving background checks. Volunteer hours and placement will be determined according to qualifications and work needed by the two departments. You may call me at 952-472-0609. Send your resume to City Manager Kandis Hanson at kandishanson@cityofmound.com.

Spirit of the Lakes : Spirit of the Lakes Festival has openings on the Board and opportunities to assist committees for the 2011 Festival, which is scheduled for July 16-18. Helpers needed are:

- Buttons, t-shirts & fliers (keep them stocked at area businesses, collections, final tallies)
- Working in the information booth (2-4 hr shifts; answer questions, sell t-shirts/water, etc)
- Fund raising/sponsorship (ask area businesses to participate through financial support)
- Business Showcase (work with an established committee to plan and carry out)
- Accounting (set up tills and collect from vendors at the end of the day)
- Parking attendants (direct event-goers as to where to go/where to park)
- Transportation planning (buses, parking lots, postings, etc)

You may be a committee chair or simply volunteer for shifts during the event for 2-4 hours. Involvement is welcome from Navarre, Spring Park, Mound, Minnetrista and St Bonifacius. Invite your friends to join you! Contact John Beise for more information at 612-889-0340.

Volunteer opportunities abound! If you don't see what suits you here, give me a call (952-472-0609) and I'll give you other ideas!

The Mound Street and Utility Reconstruction Program

In 2000, the City initiated discussions about the condition of its streets, retaining walls and utilities to determine if conditions warranted reconstruction. In 2001 the city's consulting engineer completed an inventory and rated all city streets in accordance with the American Asphalt Institute's street rating manual. Due to the very poor condition of many of the streets, the city adopted a ten year reconstruction program in 2003.

Each year different neighborhoods are scheduled for reconstruction along with any needed retaining walls and utility improvements (water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer). By the end of 2009, approximately 70% of the local streets were completed. There was no street reconstruction project in 2010 due to budget cut-backs. Areas remaining are on Phelps Island and construction is scheduled as follows: the southwest area in 2011, the northern half in 2012 and the southeast area in 2013, subject to City Council approval.

Under the program, 1/3 of the cost of the street improvements are paid by the City and 2/3 of the improvements are paid by the benefiting property owner. Assessments for streets may be paid over a 15-year period or may be paid in full at any time during that time. The typical construction period is from the middle of May to the middle of October with the final lift of asphalt being placed the following summer.

Local collector streets such as Ridgewood Road, Idlewood Road and Highland Boulevard (scheduled for 2011), Three Points Boulevard, portions of Bartlett Boulevard, and several others, are Municipal State Aid (MSA) streets and will be completed as State funding becomes available. MSA is an allocation of state gas tax dollars that the City receives to help fund improvements to the MSA designated routes. Because State Aid Streets are collector streets, the funds are used to offset the cost of up-sizing their capacity. The cost to property owners will be similar to years past.

To learn more about the program and when your street is scheduled for improvement, call Joyce at 952-472-0603.



Burglaries and thefts | this is your time to plan.

With the warm weather comes increases in burglaries, thefts, and theft from autos. Here are a few tips to help keep your property safe and secure!

- When not in use, close and lock all exterior doors (including the garage) and lower level windows.
- Lock the door leading from the garage into the house when leaving home or retiring for the evening.
- Remove all garage door openers from vehicles parked in the driveway/street.
- Keep vehicles locked and remove all valuables, including those vehicles parked in the garage.
- Make sure all exterior doors are equipped with good quality locks (especially deck and patio doors, which are a common point of entry in a burglary).
- Record serial numbers and take pictures of other valuables, such as jewelry.
- Call 911 to report acts that seem suspicious.

Inflatable Jumpy House for Mound Residents

"Ultimate Cop Hop" and the "Ultimate Cop Hop II"

The Mound Crime Prevention Association has two inflatable Jumpy Houses for Mound residents to use for special events such as birthday parties, graduations, and open houses for a small donation of \$50. To schedule the Ultimate Cop Hops you can call the Mound Police Department at 952-472-0621. It should be noted it takes two people to transport and set up the Ultimate Cop Hops.



MOUND AND MINNETRISTA
SPECIAL RECYCLING DAY
Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 8 am to 3 pm

City of Minnetrista
7701 County Road 110 West
Minnetrista, MN 55364

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Paper shredding:** 11 am –1:00 pm – (Only)- **\$1.50** per brown paper grocery bag
- Appliances:** **\$15 each:** Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Dryers, Freezers, Furnaces, Garage Door Openers, Garbage Disposals, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters
\$25 each: Air Conditioners, Water Softeners and Small Copiers
- Batteries:** **No charge for household batteries**
- Carpet:** **\$1.25/per square yard** (Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)
- Concrete:** **\$1.00/per construction size block**
- Electronics:** **No charge:** Telephones, Radios, Camcorders, Tape Players, Rechargeable and Cordless Electronics, ink jet and toner cartridges, DVD/CD, VHS tapes and audio cassettes
\$6 each: Televisions, Stereos, VCR'S, Computer Monitors, Personal Computers, Printers, fax machines, scanners, paper shredders
- Fluorescent Bulbs:** **general fluorescent bulbs \$.25 each 8 ft: \$.50 each**
- Furniture:** Chairs and Recliners: **\$ 5 each;** Loveseat Couch: **\$8 each;** Sofa: **\$15 each;** Hide-a-bed: **\$25**
- Mattresses/Box Springs:** **\$15.00 each**
- Misc Items:** Household Plastic, Plastic Toys, Styrofoam, Foam Rubber, Vacuum Cleaners will be charged at **\$15/ cubic yd.**
- Phone Books:** **No charge**
- Scrap Metal:** **No charge for:** Lawn Mowers, Swing Sets, Lawn Furniture, Grills, Auto Parts, Springs, Pipe, Metal Window Frames (no glass), Auto Batteries, etc. **\$1 charge:** Bicycles w/tires
- Tires:** Car and Pickup: **\$2.00 each;** Semi Truck: **\$6.00 each;** Tractor: **\$30.00 each**
- Household items such as:** Clothing, Small working appliances, Games, Domestic Items (pots, pans, dishes, etc), Tools, Lamps, etc will be accepted at **No charge**

ANY QUESTIONS: CALL City of Mound at 952-472-0603 or City of Minnetrista at 952-446-1660

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

Cans, Cardboard, Newspaper, Construction Waste, Garbage, Glass, Hazardous Waste (Paint, Oil Thinners, etc.) Insulation, Leaves, Brush, Lumber, Wood, Treated Lumber, Gas Refrigerators

Parks Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 7th 9:00 am, volunteers are invited to join in a city wide park clean-up effort. Be part of Mound's 1st Annual Parks Spring Clean-Up Day and make a positive difference. By volunteering our time and talents we can help reduce the City's park budget, create awareness and pride in our community, and make our parks a friendlier and safer place for our children to play! Please bring your non-motorized yard tools and gloves and spend a few hours with your neighbors. If you are interested in leading your park clean-up efforts, please call or email Jill Norlander at 952-472-0607, jillnorlander@cityofmound.com or Sharon Holden at 952-237-6771, Sharon@ladiesJWHFretreats.com. In case of bad weather, clean-up day will be rescheduled to Saturday, May 14th.

No Grass Clippings or Leaves Allowed to be Blown onto City Streets

With the return of nice weather, residents are busy with yard work again. Because of this, the City needs to remind you that ***no grass clippings or leaves are allowed to be blown onto the streets*** per City Code 42-4 which prohibits "Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter, or ditch with trash or other materials". These materials travel to our storm drains, which ultimately drain into our lakes. The leaves and clippings not only clog the storm drains, but the organic material can degrade the water quality which can affect fish and other aquatic organisms' survival.

Weeds and Tall Grass

For the City of Mound to efficiently monitor and regulate weeds and grass, residents of Mound will receive one notice to abate when weeds or grass exceed eight inches. The notice sent will be effective for the entire growing season, meaning that if at any time after the issuance of the notice of abatement grass or weeds again exceed eight inches, the City or its agent will mow the weeds or grass without further notice to the property owner. No other notice for abatement is required under the Code. All costs will be charged to the property owner.

Free Leaf Dumping

The City of Mound offers residents of Mound free dumping of leaves, weeds, garden waste, milfoil and grass clippings, at the compost site located in Minnetrista. This site - THE MULCH STORE – is located on Highway 7, just 3 miles west of County Road 44 at 4275 Creekview Circle. The Mulch Store also accepts brush, limbs, logs and stumps for a fee. Call 952-446-1056 for prices. Mound residents MUST have picture identification or pay for the dumping of leaves.

The compost site is open April 4, 2011 Monday thru Friday from 8:00 – 5:00, and on Saturday from 9:00 – 1:00 thru November 30, 2011. If you have any questions please call the Mulch Store at 952-446-1056 or the City of Mound 952-472-0603.

Deduct Metering for Outside Watering

City ordinance states that "sewer charges shall be based on the actual water used. Water used, but not placed into the sanitary sewer, may be deducted provided it is metered." Deduct meters are available through the City and customers are responsible for the cost and the installation. For more information call Joyce at 952-472-0603.

Watering Restrictions

Each year from May 15th to September 1st odd/even watering restrictions are in effect. Properties with odd numbered addresses may sprinkle only on days with odd numbered dates and even numbered addresses may sprinkle only on even numbered dates. Exemptions may be granted for newly planted sod, grass or landscaping. To request an exemption, please call Joyce at 952-472-0603. For detailed lawn watering information see the University of Minnesota extension website at www.extension.umn.edu/Garden.

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The Mound Farmers' Market and More is back for the 2011 season offering fresh produce, flowers, unique products created by local artisans, food & beverages, and live music by local talents. Stop in weekly to see what's new as local crops come into season and new vendors join us. And the FUN is FREE!

Located by the Mound Transit Center, 5515 Shoreline Drive, on the Dakota Rail Trail in downtown Mound; open Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., May 14-Oct 15. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, and all levels of commitment!



- Info Booth/Market Day
- Market Day setup/break down (great for scout badge!)
- Craft Vendor coordinator
- Website design

Vendor space still available throughout the season!

Call Peggy Heilman at 952-472-6079 or email: moundfarmersmarketandmore@gmail.com

Public Restrooms soon to come.....

Determined to be of historical architectural significance, the City's historic well house was given a new life and moved to the Mound Transit Center as a component of Mound Downtown Redevelopment. The well house will now provide public restrooms, vending machines and drinking water to those who use the Dakota Rail Trail, as well as the general public. The restoration has taken place over the last two years, with plans to be open yearly from May 15th through October 16th. Mound extends thanks and appreciation to Hennepin County and Three Rivers Park District for their generous grant contributions toward this adaptive reuse project.



"Threshold to the Stars Talent Show"



Lake Minnetonka Regional Arts Council and Threshold Art Center of Mound will jointly sponsor "Threshold to the Stars Talent Show" on Saturday, June 25, 6:00 p.m., at Watertown-Mayer High School Theater, located at 1001 State Hwy 25 in Watertown.

Contestants are invited to audition on Thursday June 16th. For more information, those interested may go to the website: www.thresholdartscenter.org, or be in contact at info@thresholdartscenter.org or 952-941-4000.

Talent Divisions are: Kids 12 yrs. & under
Adults 19-61 years

Teens 13-18 years
Seniors 62 & up

There are cash prizes for all divisions and one grand prize will be awarded.

Mound Fire Department 2011 Fish Fry and Dance



The Mound firefighters are gearing up for the 60th Annual Fish Fry and Dance. The fish fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2011. Tickets for the event will include dinner featuring the traditional fish meal and an evening dance with live music provided by the **Deep Fried Tweeters**. Tickets will be sold in advance by firefighters canvassing neighborhoods for \$10.00 each and they will be sold at the door for \$12.00. You may also call Vicki



Weber at the Mound Fire Station administrative office at 952-472-3555 for advance tickets. Join us for a fun day!

What: MFD Fish Fry and Dance

Fish Dinner and Refreshments

Music by: the **Deep Fried Tweeters**

When: Saturday June 4, 2011

Dinner: 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dance: 9:00 p.m. – Midnight

Where: Mound Fire Station 2415 Wilshire Boulevard

On Tuesday, August 2nd, residents throughout Mound are invited to join the City of Mound, and the great State of Minnesota, for our annual NIGHT to UNITE celebration (formerly National Night Out). NIGHT to UNITE is sponsored in part by the Mound Police & Fire Departments and includes participation from communities across the entire state.



NIGHT to UNITE is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on August 2nd, communities throughout Mound, and across the state, are asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and local public safety. Many neighborhoods throughout Mound will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, food-drives, visits from police & firefighters, flashlight walks, contests and youth activities.

For additional information, or to register a block party contact

Community Service Officer Phill Spanjers at pspanjers@ci.mound.mn.us

In the Good 'Ol Summer Time... Music in the Park



Join your friends and neighbors at Mound Bay Park this summer to enjoy musical entertainment in the 19th annual "Music in the Park" series. Bring a picnic and listen to the music from the park grounds or from your boat. All events are free and open to the public. Concerts are held on Thursdays starting at 7:00 p.m. In the event of rain, concerts will be cancelled and rescheduled. Call 952-491-8055 for weather related information. Funding for this program is made possible from community business and organization donations. If you are interested in helping support this program, please contact Sarah Heyer at Westonka Community Education at 952-491-8045. Mark your calendars. Concert dates for 2011 are:

Thursday, June 16

Thursday, June 23

Thursday, June 30

Thursday, July 14

Thursday, July 21

Thursday, July 28

Traveled Ground

Cyril Paul & the Calypso Monarchs

J. Shawn Sweeney

Tuxedo Band

Kickoff to Spirit of the Lakes – Kiddie Parade at 7 p.m., registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Davina & the Vagabonds

Bend in the River Big Band

Folk, Blues

Reggae & Caribbean

Family & Children Entertainment

Rock 'n Roll

New Orleans Jazz

Traditional/Contemporary Big Band Swing



2011 Step To It Challenge May 9–June 5

Are you looking for a fun, free and easy way to get in shape this spring? Then find those walking shoes, or oil that bike chain and get ready for a four-week Step To It Challenge from May 9th through June 5th! Mound is one of twenty-two Hennepin County communities taking the challenge!

Get active with your community!

The Step To It Challenge is a walking program that motivates people of all ages to become more physically fit. This four-week physical activity program encourages family members, coworkers, schoolmates, neighbors, and friends to come together to participate in a friendly community challenge.

Cities in Hennepin County compete to see which one has the most active residents. The individual with the highest step total from each city will receive a pair of MN Twins tickets and will be recognized by Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins at a Twins home game during the 2011 season. Participants will also be entered into a random drawing for 4 pairs of Twins tickets to be awarded per city. This event is for everyone—the entire family can join in the fun! If you live or work in Mound you qualify!

How does it work?

As a Step To It participant, you will keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. Using an equivalent physical activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org, other activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi, or even mowing the lawn will count toward your overall steps. A web site will allow you to record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE! You may register online beginning April 1st at www.steptoit.org or pick up a registration/release form at Mound City Hall. A step log and designated route information is available at Mound City Hall and on the city website www.cityofmound.com.

Join the Kick Off !

Reserve Monday, May 9 for the kick-off event at the Mound Transit Center Parking Deck beginning at 5:30 pm. TC Bear, the official mascot of the Minnesota Twins will arrive around 6:30 to cheer everyone on. Challenge your city council members, city staff, friends and neighbors, and join them for a fun walk on the designated trail to jump start your Step To It Challenge!! Pedometers donated by the Minnesota Twins are FREE to the first 200 participants to register. Pick up your pedometer at Mound City hall or at the kick-off event.

Registration information and forms will be available, but no registration is necessary for this community Kick Off event. For additional program information, contact Stacy Lombardo, Hennepin County Public Health, at 612-543-1349 or Collette Roberts at the City of Mound 952-472-0606.

Indian Knoll Manor Affordable Housing

The Mound Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Mound HRA) has contracted with HUD to meet the need for affordable housing in our community and to provide a safe, secure place in which the elderly, disabled or handicapped citizens of Mound can reside comfortably. Indian Knoll Manor Apartments, located at 2020 Commerce Boulevard, has one bedroom and studio apartments. Please call 952-472-5078 for an application or to take a tour.

Mound Calendar

- City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- HRA meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Open Space Commission meets the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis
- Docks and Commons Commission meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis.

Dates To Remember

- May 2 City Hall Seasonal Hours Begin - see below
- May 4 Hennepin County Open Book 4-7pm at City Hall
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 14 Recycling Day - Minnetrista City Hall
- May 14 Farmers' Market & More Season Opener
- May 30 Memorial Day - City Hall closed
- June 4 Mound Fire Fish Fry and Dance
- June 6 D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament - Burl Oaks
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 19 Father's Day
- July 4 Independence Day - City Hall closed
- July 14-16 Spirit of the Lakes Festival - Mound Bay Park



City Hall Seasonal Hours

City Hall Seasonal Hours will run from May 2 through October 28, 2011. Offering longer business hours during the months with the longest days makes City Hall available to contractors, business owners and residents during their peak seasons so they can make the most of daylight hours into the Fall, when projects are wrapping up. City Hall hours will be as follows:

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays - 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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