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City Calendar

Important Dates

May 24th

First Day of the Farmer's Market

May 26th

Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

June 7th

Fire Department Fish Fry

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Music in the Park

June 19th

Juneteenth - City Offices Closed

July 4th

Independence Day - City Offices Closed

July 10th

Music in the Park

July 17th-19th

Spirit of the Lakes Festival

August 2nd

Tour De Tonka

August 5th

National Night Out

August 7th

Music in the Park

Meeting Schedule

City Council

Second & Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

First Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

HRA*

Meets before City Council meetings

Parks & Open Space Commission*

Second Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Docks & Commons Commission*

Third Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

* = Meets on an as-needed basis

Stay tuned online at *cityofmound.com* for the most accurate dates and for agenda packet information.

A Message from the Mayor

Dear Mound Residents,

Spring is here and summer is around the corner. With the warmer weather comes construction season. You may have noticed some projects popping up around town already.

The Mound City Council's top priority remains addressing the City's Manganese levels in the water. This requires the construction of a water treatment facility. In 2023, the City of Mound secured \$11.26 million in state and federal funding towards this project. With the total estimated remaining project cost of \$30 million, there is still more work to be done to secure funding to cover the remainder of the project. On May 4th, I testified in front of the Capital Investment Committee asking for additional state funding to support the construction. Beyond this funding, the City continues to seek additional funding opportunities at both the state and federal level.

In 2024, the City was approved to start spending the \$11.26 million in allocated funds on projects that would support the eventual construction of the water treatment facility. Before the water treatment facility is able to be constructed, several watermains need to be reconstructed, as well as the construction of a new well. One of the two major watermain reconstruction projects is already underway. By completing these projects, the City is being proactive in getting the necessary infrastructure in place for when the City can construct the water treatment facility.

The City Council will be attending community events throughout the summer, including having a booth at the Spirit of the Lakes Festival.

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Please stop by and connect with us. We plan to have more information about the water treatment facility project and other projects. Another upcoming opportunity for the community to learn more about how the City Council is working to solve the Manganese water issue, will be at the City Council meeting on July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The goal of that meeting is to invite the community to receive an update on what the City has accomplished to date and what still needs to be done.

Additional City construction projects will take place this summer. Included are a City street reconstruction project and a street mill and overlay project. Hennepin County is also planning for a mill and overlay project on Shoreline Drive/CSAH 15 through the City of Mound and City of Spring Park. The good thing about this project is that once complete, Hennepin County will not allow any significant construction to take place in this corridor for the next five years.

You will also see activity again downtown at Lost Lake Commons Park. Phase two (of three phases) will be moving forward this year. This phase will include the installation of park lighting features, seating areas, landscaping, a fire pit, an art walk, and more. The City Council is excited about this amazing new park space coming together and being a central community space downtown.

Thank you for your continued support as we ensure that Mound remains a safe and attractive place to live, work, retire, and raise a family.

Upcoming Community Events in Mound

Jason R. Holt Mayor, City of Mound

Farmers Market

The Mound Farmers' Market will be starting in May! The market is open every Saturday throughout the summer starting May 24th and ending on October 11th. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and it is located at 5515 Shoreline Drive in Mound. The market includes vendors who sell locally grown produce, pork, chicken, local art, coffee, soaps, lotions and more! For more information, visit their Facebook Page: The New Mound Farmers' Market & More.

Spirit of the Lakes Festival

The Spirit of the Lakes Festival is July 17th – 19th! It will be a weekend full of food, fun, music, fireworks and more! The event takes place at the City of Mound's Surfside Beach and Park.

For more information about the event, visit spiritofthelakes.com.

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Reminder: The City of Mound Does Not Allow Vacation Rentals by Owners

Short-term rentals like VRBO, AIRBNB, and the like are not allowed in the City of Mound. Single-family residential properties are to be used as a residence of an owner or tenant. Mound City Code Sec. 129-330 prohibits short-term rentals, and it is unlawful to offer a dwelling unit, or any other portion of a property, for rent as a short-term rental if it is in a residential zoning district or residential planned unit development. City Code defines a short-term rental as any temporary occupancy of a dwelling unit that is offered for rent for fewer than 30 consecutive days.

Connect with the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District



Maintaining a positive and safe Lake Minnetonka experience is important to our community. Mound is represented on the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD), a regional governmental agency that brings together 14 different cities, two counties, and many state and local agencies to protect, preserve and enhance Lake Minnetonka's economy and vitality. Sign up for the LMCD newsletter on *Imcd.org* to receive ongoing important lake and safety updates. The upcoming LMCD spring newsletter will provide information on law and ordinance updates, in addition to the community-led boater education

classes to prepare for the license exam. LMCD also shares seasonal reminders on updated rules and safety as well as watercraft operating regulations and permit information.

Follow Us on Social Media

All 2025 City Council and Planning Commission meetings are on YouTube! The City of Mound YouTube page is City of Mound, Minnesota or @CityofMoundMinnesota. The City is also on Instagram and Facebook! Follow our page, City of Mound, for updates, news, events and more.







YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE THAT SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL IS NOW!



- Do you know a Mound resident who has made a positive impact within our community?
- Someone who dedicates time and talent to making the City of Mound a better place to live?
- Someone who helps others?
- Someone who makes a positive difference in the lives of our fellow citizens?
- Someone who exhibits honesty and integrity?

Forms available at City Hall and on the City of Mound website.

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025



Day on the Hill Event at the Minnesota State Capitol

On March 6th, Mayor Jason Holt, Councilmember Sherrie Pugh, City Manager Jesse Dickson, and Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf attended the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) City Day on the Hill event. The annual event is put on by the LMC to help increase the visibility of Minnesota cities as key partners in policymaking. The event brought together city elected leaders and staff from all over the State of Minnesota to receive updates on key priorities, to hear from state policymakers, and to provide an opportunity to advocate for their city's specific needs. Also that day, Mayor Jason Holt, Councilmember Sherrie Pugh and staff held meetings with State Representative Andrew Myers and

State Senator Ann Johnson Stewart. The goal of these meetings was to strengthen these already great working relationships and to advocate for specific city needs that require state support. One of those items includes securing additional state funding for the construction of a Water Treatment Facility. Thank you State Representative Andrew Myers and State Senator Ann Johnson Stewart for your time and continued efforts on the City of Mound's behalf.







Mayor Holt Testifies at the State Capitol

Back in 2023, Mayor Jason Holt testified at the State Capitol in front of the Capital Investment Committee for funds to build a Water Treatment Facility in Mound. That year, the City of Mound was allocated \$10.3 Million in state funds toward the project. Again, on March 4th, 2025, Mayor Jason Holt and City Manager Jesse Dickson testified in front of the Capital Investment Committee in support of a bill that would appropriate additional state funding for the City of Mound to build a Water Treatment Facility.

Coffee with a Cop

On April 16th, Mayor Jason Holt and the Orono Police Department hosted a "Coffee with a Cop" event at Caribou Coffee in Mound! A special thank you to all that could make it to the event. Keep an eye out for our next "Coffee with a Cop" event in the future!

Orono Police: Meet Onyx!

In March, the Orono Police Department welcomed its newest member, their K9 Onyx! They are thrilled to have Onyx join their team. Onyx's skills and dedication will undoubtedly enhance their ability to serve and protect the community. Officer Brayden Sherman and Onyx have been attending a 12 week training where Onyx is practicing obedience, tracking, evidence collection, and detecting narcotics. Onyx is scheduled to hit the road in June.







Music in the Park @ Surfside Park 2670 Commerce Blvd, Mound, MN

Thursday, June 12 Featuring: Pandora's Box

Food Trucks: Mi Pueblo and Adventure Bowls

Thursday, July 10 Featuring: Panhandlers Steel Drums

Food Trucks: Hibachi Daruma and Adventure Bowls

Thursday, August 7 Featuring: Chris Kelly

Food Trucks: Mi Pueblo and Nautical Bowls

Tour De Tonka

The 20th Annual Tour de Tonka will take place on August 2nd! The event hosts five routes spanning distances from 16 to 100 miles throughout the west metro of Minneapolis. The Tour de Tonka benefits local communities by partnering with the ICA Food Shelf with a portion of each rider's registration fee being donated. Since 2006, the Tour de Tonka has raised over \$100,000 to support the ICA! Visit the Minnetonka Community Education Website at *minnetonkaschools.org* and search Tour de Tonka for more information!

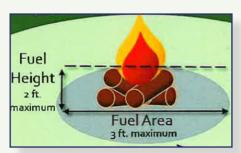
Night to Unite

Night to Unite is an annual national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. This event encourages residents to get out in the neighborhood, meet neighbors and partner with police. This event takes place annually on the first Tuesday in August. This year it will be on August 5th. The Orono Police Department (OPD) encourages participation in this great celebration of community, crime prevention and strong police/community partnerships! From 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., residents are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening with their neighbors. Many neighborhoods host special events such as block parties and cookouts, and register for visits from the police and fire departments.

To request a visit from the OPD and Mound Fire Department register your event! Registration begins on June 1st and closes on July 29th. Register at *oronomn.gov*.

Recreational Fire Rules & Guidelines: A Reminder to Be Safe with Recreational Fires

The City of Mound has an ordinance that allows residents to have a recreational fire, as long as the basic rules are followed.



Throughout the recreational fire season, the Orono Police and Mound Fire Crews receive many calls about oversized, unattended, smoky, and non-compliant recreational fires. Note! If the smoke from a recreational fire is drifting next door and is annoying to your neighbors, it is considered non-compliant. We ask that you be a good neighbor and consider where the smoke is going. Overall, be respectful to your neighbors when creating a recreational fire.

The following requirements shall apply to all recreational fires:

- The fire shall be attended by a competent, unimpaired adult whenever smoke is produced from the fire.
- Equipment to control and extinguish the fire shall always be available at the site of the fire during burning. This includes hand tools, hose lines, and water buckets.
- A means for summoning the fire department must be available for immediate use by the attendant.
- Only wood and starter fuels may be burned in a recreational fire. Do Not Burn Trash!
- A fire may not be started or continued in situations where prevailing winds or other factors create unsafe conditions or direct smoke toward nearby residences.
- A fire area may not be more than 3 ft. in diameter and the flame must be a maximum of 2 ft. high.
- A permanent fire pit shall be located at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- A portable fire container shall be located at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible material.
- Recreational fires may be active between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Recreational fires shall not be allowed if any of the following conditions exist:

- Fire hazards such as high winds exist or develop during the burn.
- Pollution, smoky conditions impacting others, or nuisance conditions develop.
- The attendant is impaired which can create unsafe conditions.
- The fire is left unattended and allowed to smolder even if no flame is visible.
- Any of the conditions listed are violated during the burn.

Call Mound Fire Administration if you have questions about the Recreational Fire Ordinance at 952-472-3555.



Join the Orono Police Reserves

The Orono Police Department is looking for qualified volunteers who want to contribute to the community by serving as Orono Police Reserve Officers. As an Orono Police Reserve officer, you serve the Lake Minnetonka communities of Orono, Mound, Minnetonka Beach and Spring Park. Orono Police Reserve Officers are provided with professional training for work involving public relations, crime prevention, traffic control, vehicle searches and other law enforcement related activities. Visit *oronomn,gov* to learn more and apply.

Severe Weather Awareness: Things to Know

Siren Activation:

Hennepin County Emergency Management makes the decision when and where to activate severe weather sirens. Sirens typically don't stay activated during the entire weather event, and there is no such thing as an all-clear siren.

Severe Weather Watch:

A watch means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur. When a watch is in effect, you should be on-alert for possible dangerous weather and have access to the latest information.

Severe Weather Warning:

A severe weather warning means a severe thunderstorm, tornado or flash flooding is imminent or occurring somewhere in the defined warning area,

and you need to take shelter as soon as possible. People indoors should listen to TV or weather radio warnings to find out the latest information.



Tornadoes:

Tornado warnings typically encompass a geographic area that has potential to be impacted by the tornado. In the event of a tornado warning, move to an interior room on the lowest level and avoid windows. If you are outside or in a vehicle, move to a closed substantial shelter and protect yourself. Do not attempt to outrun a tornado with a vehicle.

Severe Thunderstorms:

- Can produce straight-line winds of more than 100 MPH
- Hail can be life threatening, and causes nearly \$1 billion in damage every year. Most hail is pea-sized, with some storms producing baseball or grapefruit sized hail. Large hail falls at a rate of more than 100 mph and has been known to kill people.
- Every thunderstorm produces some lightning strikes. Being outside in an open space can be dangerous when thunderstorms are near. When you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike. Be smart and stay in a shelter 10-15 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

2025 Fish Fry & Dance

The Mound Fire Department will be hosting the 72nd annual Fish Fry and Dance on Saturday, June 7th at the Mound Fire Station. Food will be served from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with live music from 8:30 p.m. to Midnight. Admission will include a fish dinner and evening dance with live music provided by the band POP ROCKS. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$15.00 by

 $fire fighters\ can vassing\ neighborhoods.$

You can also call Mound Fire at 952-472-3555 for advance ticket purchase. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.00 the day of the event.

With a significant amount of work done by the Mound firefighters, the 2024 Fish Fry and Dance raised \$49,867! The funds supplement the fire department budget. Our firefighters greatly appreciate the support of our freinds, neighbors and community through their attendance.





State of the Water Treatment Plant Project

In 2023, the City of Mound secured \$10.3 million in state funding for water treatment improvements. The City Council and state have authorized the use of these funds to engineer the design of a water treatment facility, reconstruct several existing watermains (mostly under county roads 110 and 15), and for the construction of a new well. The construction of the watermains and well will occur in 2025 and 2026.

Phase one of the watermain projects was recently bid and awarded to Widmer Construction. Construction is already underway. This phase will include upgrading the watermain on Highway 15 (from Cypress Lane to Chateau Lane) and up Chateau Lane to the water tower. Much of this work will be completed through a trench-less construction process as a way to reduce street closures, however occasional short-term closures and detours will occur.

Please follow the detours and utilize the access to local businesses when necessary. This work is expected to be done by the middle of June. The Hennepin County mill and overlay project is then scheduled for late summer. Phase two of the watermain project is still being designed. This phase will include upgrading the watermains from the water tower on Evergreen Road, snaking out to Beachwood Road and traveling north on CSAH 110 up to Harbor Place. This project is scheduled for later this year and into 2026. Stay tuned for additional details.



Lift Stations - Highlights

Work continues on the replacement of the lift station at Sunset Road. Final parts will be arriving soon and installed so that the new station can become operational. The existing lift station will be decommissioned and removed this spring. The replacement of another lift station located on Dove Lane and Woodland Road was recently bid and awarded to Widmer Construction. This lift station will be relocated to the south on Dove Lane. Expect construction to occur later this summer.



The City of Mound, due to its unique city limits, location to the lake, and terrain, maintains 30 lift stations! A lift station is a pump system that moves wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation. They are often used when gravity flow isn't possible.

The City of Mound has been gradually replacing/updating all of the lift stations since 2007. The Dove Lane station will be the 27th out of 30 stations the City has upgraded and replaced.



2025 City Street Projects

Final design is nearing completion for the planned 2025 street projects. Improvements will include both a street reconstruction project and a mill and overlay project. The street reconstruction project area will occur in the neighborhood on the east side of the Three Points peninsula. The mill and overlay project will occur in the Sugar Mill neighborhood. Both projects are anticipated to start in the late-summer and/or fall.

Lost Lake Commons Park

Phase one of the Lost Lake Commons Park project is substantially complete. Grass seed was placed over winter and should germinate this spring. We ask that people please stay off of the grass until it is thick and growing well. Phase two of the project is in the design phase for late summer construction. This portion will include some additional landscaping around the perimeter, art features, hammocks, seating areas and a fire pit. Phase three will include the installation of a shelter and improvements to the lake area and is expected to occur in a few years.



Hennepin County is preparing street maintenance plans that will include the mill and overlay of CSAH 15 through the City of Mound and into Spring Park. It will also include CSAH 110, from Our Lady of the Lake Church and School on the south end, north to Sunnybrook Circle in Minnetrista. The mill and overlay process consists of removing several inches off of the existing pavement and the placement of new asphalt on top. The process restores a smooth ride and adds life to the roadway section so the need for a complete road reconstruction is less frequent. There will be some lane configuration changes to the CSAH 110/15 intersection with the project, where 110 will be reduced to one lane in each direction with dedicated left turn lanes. Additionally, the Dakota Trail Crossing at CSAH 110 will be modified to include a median island and additional safety controls for trail users. This work is planned for June and will require a several-week closure of CSAH 110. The detour will route onto County Road 125, Wilshire Boulevard and CSAH 15.



Sidewalk Repairs & Maintenance Project

Final plans are complete and the project is out for bid to replace cracked, broken, and settled sidewalks along CSAH 15 between Belmont Lane and Seton Channel. This project will occur early this summer and will also include upgrading the remaining pedestrian crossings so they meet current accessibility standards. This is a joint project between the City and Hennepin County.

City Canoe/Kayak Storage Racks

There are several locations around the lake that have spots available for rent (\$65/season for Mound residents, \$90 for non-residents). Call Kevin Kelly at 952-472-0613 for more information.

Managing Pet Waste: Important Reminder

Picking up pet waste (from public and private property) keeps our city clean and beautiful. It also prevents harmful nutrients from entering nearby waterways, and keeps pets and people healthy. Please dispose of pet waste in a designated pet container or trash receptacle. A reminder to never dispose of pet waste in storm drains, waterways, and/or the compost drop-off site, as this results in environmental contamination and damage. Let's work together to keep our city clean.



The Mulch Store is Open!

Mound residents are able to drop off leaves, weeds, garden waste, milfoil, and grass/lawn clippings for free at the Mulch Store in Minnetrista. This site serves as a compost site option for residents and is located at 4275 Creekview Circle, Minnetrista, MN 55375. Please note that Mound residents must show a valid Driver's License with their address on it to be able to use the site for free. For more information visit the Mulch Store website at **setmn.com**. Call 952-446-1056 for pricing on brush and other items accepted for a fee. The Mulch Store is open Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is closed on Sundays.

What can be recycled?

Not recycling costs money. In 2021, a million tons of recyclable material was thrown away, but could have been recycled for an additional estimated value of \$142.1 million. Instead, it cost Minnesotans millions of dollars to put it in landfills. Recycling saves energy. It takes 90% less energy to make a can from recycled aluminum compared to virgin material. Recycled glass? About 50% less energy. Recycled paper? About 75% less energy, plus 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution. Lower energy use means reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Reminder! When you recycle, do not bag the items and please empty, rinse, leave lids on and flatten boxes. Never recycle batteries.



Plastic Bottles & Jugs

Water, soda and juice bottles, dish soap bottles, shampoo bottles, soap and lotion bottles, and detergent jugs (empty and clean/rinsed, and dry; caps on)



Cartons

Milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes and soup and broth cartons (empty and clean/rinsed, and dry; caps on)



Paper

Mail, office and school papers, magazines

and catalogs, newspapers and inserts,

phone books (clean; staples OK)





Plastic Cups & Containers

Yogurt cups, pudding and fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws), margarine/whipped cream tubs, cottage cheese and similar containers, clear produce, deli and take-out containers (empty and rinsed; lids on)



Metal

Food and beverage cans (empty and rinsed; labels OK)



Boxes (flattened)

Cardboard, cereal, cracker, pasta and tissue boxes, shoe, gift and electronics boxes, toothpaste and other toiletry boxes



Glass

Brown, green and clear bottles, jars (empty and rinsed; no lids)





Parks Spotlight: Scherven Park

Scherven Park is located on Island View Drive between Clyde Road and Aberdeen Road. Scherven consists of a playground, a small grassy area, and a beach that can be used for swimming, lounging, and/or for launching a kayak or canoe. The playground has multiple slides, monkey bars, swings (including an accessible swing and a baby bucket swing). It also has the beloved bouncy car on a spring that kids of all ages enjoy. The playground is geared towards older preschoolers and primary school-aged children. Many mature trees provide shade and make it a welcome spot for warm weather play. The beach can be reached by a set of stairs from the playground, or by a strip of pavement used by maintenance workers. It is easy to carry a small watercraft down to the beach. Set between Phelps Bay and Spring Park Bay, the beach has an expansive, shaded view for boat-watching. It is a great location for wading in the water with smaller kids and it's ideal for launching a kayak or canoe due to its wide stretch of flat sand and gentle lake entry.

Other parks ideal for canoe/kayak access include:

Avalon Park, Carlson Park, Centerview Park and Twin Park. These parks have kayak/canoe racks that can be seasonably rented through the City! Call the City at 952-472-0600 for availability!

Gillespie Center Upcoming Events

2590 Commerce Blvd. | Call 952-472-6501 to sign up for events.

May 7th - Lunch with Scotty B. @ 12:00 p.m. (\$10)

Scotty is serving his famous Chicken, Bacon, Ranch Wrap, with a side and dessert. Music by Donnie Gilmore.

May 14th - Lunch & Country Jam @ 12:00 p.m. (Free)

Have lunch and listen to local talent jam out!

May 17th - Gillespie Center Day in the Mound True Value Garden

10% of all sales will be donated to the Gillespie Center.

May 20th - Culver's Community Share Night

5% of all sales will be donated to the Gillespie Center.

May 21st - Excursion to the St. Paul Caves and Gangster Tours @ 12:30 p.m. (\$42)

June 4th - Excursion to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater to see "Grease" @ 10:45 a.m. (\$100)

July 9th - Doug Ohman "Escape to the Lake, Minnesota Cabins" @ 10:00 a.m. (\$5)

July 10th - Excursion to the MN Twins vs. Chicago Cubs @ 11:00 a.m. (\$46)

July 19th - Family Fun Day & Cornhole Tournament in conjunction with the Spirit of the Lakes Festival.





Meet the Council



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Front Row (Left to Right): Councilmember's Sherrie Pugh & Michelle Herrick

Back Row (Left to Right) Councilmember's Kathy McEnaney & Kevin Castellano, Mayor Holt, City Attorney Scott Landsman, and City Manager Jesse Dickson.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

City Hall Hours

October - April

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May 12 - September 26

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Contact Us

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Public Works

After Hours Dispatch

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Social Media



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Our Mission

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.