



City Calendar

Important Dates

November 14

MFD Auxiliary Fall Bingo
Mound Fire Station

November 18

Annual Tree Lighting
Veteran's Circle Plaza | 7:00 p.m.

November 23-24

City Offices Closed
Thanksgiving Holiday Observed

December 2

Harbor Wine & Spirits Repeal of
Prohibition Day Sale

December 22 & 25

City Offices Closed
Christmas Holiday Observed

December 26

The City Council Meeting is Canceled.

December 29 & January 1

City Offices Closed
News Year's Holiday Observed

January 15

City Offices Closed
MLK Day Observed

Meeting Schedule

City Council

Meets the second & fourth Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Meets the first Tuesday of each
month at 7:00 p.m.

HRA*

Meets before regular
City Council meetings

Parks & Open Space Commission*

Meets the second Thursday of each
month at 7:00 p.m.

Docks & Commons Commission*

Meets the third Thursday of each
month at 7:00 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

I am delighted to bring you the latest city updates and highlights in our quarterly newsletter. The construction of the Artessa 52-unit co-op is well underway. Framing is intended to take four months and expected completion is estimated at the end of January. The building is still on track for an August 2024 completion date.

We recently hired a new Deputy City Manager. Maggie Reisdorf comes highly qualified with extensive experience working for other cities. She started in August and is already well acclimated. One of her many tasks will be helping the city enhance communications with residents. We are in the process of performing a comprehensive review of current and potential communication tools, including the city website and newsletter, and expanding to include social media, email/text notifications, and more.

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2024 Preliminary Budget and Levy Approved

The City Council has been discussing the 2024 preliminary budget and levy. Staff, the finance subcommittee, and the City Council met in several work groups, workshops, and regular meetings for preliminary budget discussions that led into the September 26, 2023 regular meeting budget discussion. At this meeting, the City Council approved a total dollar levy increase of 15%. The dollar increase is due to operational and capital items being impacted by inflation and other rising costs; and a renewed commitment by the City Council for reserve funding to support future capital infrastructure investments.

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I would like to again express our gratitude to our City Manager, Eric Hoversten, as he prepares for his retirement. We are in the process of searching for Eric's replacement, and hope to extend an offer at the end of November to our new City Manager.

I want to extend recognition to our public works employees who continue to shine, especially during the winter season. They are the unsung heroes who ensure our streets are cleared and safe throughout the winter season. Their dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. It is not an easy task to clear all the roads in Mound during a snowfall. I want to thank them for everything they do.



I want to personally encourage you to shop local and support our small businesses throughout our city. Local businesses are often owned by those who live here, work here, and are invested in the community. Please stop by City Hall for a "Shop Local" window cling that can be placed within a business's window, on a vehicle, and/or other places that help promote this wonderful campaign.

As we start to get into the holiday spirit, remember to mark your calendars for the Westonka Community & Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 18, 2023. This event occurs at the Veterans Circle Plaza in downtown Mound. This is where the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place. It is a wonderful time to come together as a community and usher in the holiday season. Let us make it a memorable event for all.

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

Respectfully,
Jason R. Holt
Mayor, City of Mound

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10 Ways Keeping-It-Local Benefits Mound

1. Community small businesses are generous in their support of local events, sports teams and charities. Pay it forward by spending local.
2. Local businesses recirculate \$63 out of every \$100 back into our local economy compared to \$14 by Big-Box Retailers.
3. Spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong – In our community!
4. Local businesses create local jobs and are cornerstones of our quaint town of Mound.
5. Local businesses are owned by people who live here, work here, and are invested in the community much more than just their dollars.
6. Spending local encourages prosperity and is an investment in our neighborhoods and community.
7. Shopping local is one of the best ways to show pride in your hometown and help protect the businesses that make Mound unique.
8. Local business entrepreneurs have deep community roots and are vested in Mound's success and future.
9. When you shop local, you get to know the business owners and business owners get to know their customers, which fosters community.
10. Local businesses aren't just "in" our community – They ARE our community. Support them often and generously

Thank You For Supporting Mound Business.

Did You Know that Harbor Wine & Spirit's Profits Reduce Your Property Taxes?

Profits from the municipal liquor store helps to reduce property taxes and fund essential city services and public projects, such as street maintenance and repairs. ***Harbor Wine & Spirits is expected to contribute \$250,000 to the General Fund in 2024!***

Celebrate the Holidays with Harbor Wine & Spirits

The knowledgeable staff at Harbor Wine & Spirits will help you choose the perfect wine or cocktail pairings for your holiday gatherings. Stop by and explore the ever increasing selection of non-alcoholic beer, wine cocktails, and THC beverages, as well as store specials, gift packages, gift cards, and featured wine, beers and spirits of the month. The store has excellent local, national and import offerings in all categories. We appreciate your continued patronage and look forward to helping you with all of your upcoming holiday needs!

In-Store Discounts

Take advantage of our 10% Friday Senior Discount (62+), and our everyday 15% off wine and spirits mix-and-match case prices.

Upcoming Closures & Special Hours

Harbor Wine & Spirits will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Thanksgiving Eve Day: Wednesday, November 22: 10 am – 8 pm

Christmas Eve Day: Sunday, December 24: 11 am – 4pm

New Year's Eve: December 31, 2023: 11 am – 6 pm

General Updates

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The preliminary levy establishes the maximum levy the city can set for 2024, however this amount can still be lowered. Staff will continue to refine budget projections for 2024 with final budget and levy approval on the docket at the December 12, 2023 City Council meeting. This is the last City Council meeting of the year as the December 26, 2023 City Council meeting will be canceled due to the observation of the Christmas Holiday. The Hennepin County Assessor's Office will be mailing preliminary tax statements to all properties in November and will include preliminary tax information from the County, School District, and Municipality in which the property resides. Within these statements there will be listed the scheduled public hearing dates for the County, School District, and Municipality. The public hearings are an opportunity for residents and property owners to attend a meeting on the proposed budgets before the final budget adoption in December.

The preliminary budget packet is available on the city website at cityofmound.com.

Questions?

Contact Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf by email at maggiereisdorf@cityofmound.com or 952-472-0633.

Dock Program Application Period: January 1 - February 28

The City of Mound dock program is the largest municipally owned dock program in the State of Minnesota, permitting up to 637 boats annually on Lake Minnetonka. Interest in the program has grown significantly over the years and currently has a wait list of 248.

Key highlights for the 2024 season include:

- Renewal applications will be mailed to current program licensees by January 1, 2024 and are due back to the City by February 29, 2024.
- Waitlist applications: Applications will be available on the City website at cityofmound.com and are due back to the City by February 29, 2024 to renew your spot or to be added for the first time.

Canoe/kayak storage rack spots are available at Twin Park, Carlson Park, Avalon Park and Centerview Park.

Questions? Contact City Clerk Kevin Kelly by email at asc@cityofmound.com or 952-472-0613

Water Conservation Awareness and Tools



Much of Minnesota has been experiencing a moderate to severe drought. This has resulted in many communities putting water use restrictions in place. Drought is a naturally occurring feature of Minnesota's climate. Some level of moderate and severe drought typically occurs in the state almost every year for at least a few weeks. Most severe drought in Minnesota is short-lived, although some droughts last longer. As such, it is always important to keep in mind and be aware of ways to conserve and protect our water as the valuable resource it is. We can all help by taking steps to change indoor and outdoor habits and conserve water by using it wisely.

Tips for Fall Yard Care

As you manage your yard this fall season, a reminder that leaves and other yard waste such as grass clippings can contribute to additional and unwanted nutrients in local surface waters. This can result in increased algae blooms and lower oxygen levels for fish and other aquatic life during the spring season. Here are some helpful tips that can help manage a healthy lawn, while keeping neighboring lakes and streams healthy:

- Mulch and reuse leaves around trees, landscaping, and garden beds.
- Compost.
- Use a yard waste pick up service and or drop off option.
- Mulch your grass clippings and leave them on your lawn. Grass clippings break down quickly, and release water and nutrients back into the soil.
- Only apply the nutrients and amount of fertilizer your lawn needs.
- Remember to dispose of pet waste properly and separate from yard waste.



Yard Waste Pick Up and Drop Off Options

Republic Services offers curb-side yard-waste pick-up during certain times of the year for existing customers. Another option for City of Mound residents is bringing grass clippings, milfoil, and leaves to the compost site called “The Mulch Store” located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista. Drop off is available between the months of April and November. This is a free service if you show your driver’s license. Additional services are available for a fee.

For more information, call The Mulch Store at 952-446-1056.

Organics Recycling Program Drop-Off Site Available – Register Today!

Did you know that about 30 percent of what we throw away is organic waste? This includes food scraps and food-soiled paper products.

Organics recycling programs provide an alternative option for discarding organic waste with many benefits. The program involves collecting the remnants of fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, bread, eggshells, paper towels, tissues and other similar items to recycle into compost.

Compost is a nutrient-rich soil additive used in landscaping and road construction projects. Organics recycling is an easy way to reduce waste and create a valuable resource that improves soil, reduces soil erosion, and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers.

Mound residents have the option to use a free residential organics drop-off site located in the parking lot of the Centennial Building at 5341 Maywood Road. Residents simply register ahead of time for program at City Hall. The registration process includes receiving a key to the organics dumpster lock, starter materials, and an option to purchase a countertop pail at a reduced price of \$5 (limit one per household).



Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery!

Daylight Savings was on November 5, 2023. You changed your clocks! A reminder to change your batteries as well! A reminder from the Mound Fire Department to please change the batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms. Devices that require batteries to operate should have the batteries replaced at least once each year. It is also essential to check the manufacture date of your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarm devices and replace any that are 10+ years old. The Mound Fire Department has free 9-volt batteries available for residents, compliments of Energizer. Stop by City Hall to pick up yours today! NOTE: Some newer smoke alarms have 10-year lithium batteries that do not need to be changed.

**Change your clocks.
Check your batteries.**



Heating Equipment is One of the Leading Causes of Home Fire Deaths

Here are a few simple safety tips and precautions that you can take to help prevent heating fires from happening:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment. This includes furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, and/or portable space heater.
- Create a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.
- Ashes should be cooled before putting them in a metal container.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Please Clear Snow from Fire Hydrants

Please help our amazing Fire Department this winter season by keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. In case of an emergency, hydrants clear of snow allow our firefighters to quickly and efficiently hook up to the water supply when time is of the essence. Cleared hydrants allow for increased accessibility and response times.

If you are unable to clear the snow from a neighborhood fire hydrant, please call Mound Fire Department at 952-472-3555 for assistance.



Lake Ice is Never 100% Safe

Ice conditions constantly vary due to factors related to freeze/thaw cycles, snow accumulation, the movement of fish underneath, and wind/sun/temperature conditions. Ice that seemed safe one day may not be the next! Visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's website for additional information, educational tools and tips at dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice.

Snow Management & Emergency Notifications

Did you know that all of our public works personnel are cross-trained in snow and ice management and practice salt management and other best practices established by several regional agencies? In a snow event, plowing operations are generally initiated after two or more inches of snowfall. Snow is plowed in a manner that provides access as soon as possible and in a manner to minimize traffic obstructions. The city prioritizes the opening of main arteries, followed by local streets and cul-de-sacs. In most cases, plowing operations begin between 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Snow storage management includes, but is not limited to, snow removal from the front face of retaining walls, cul-d-sacs, and other locations. The gathered snow is then moved to various locations throughout the city. During this process, plowing may push snow across driveway aprons. Ultimately, the snow is the responsibility of the property owner to remove.

Stay up to date on snow emergencies by registering for the RAVE notification system!

Go to cityofmound.com for more details and to register or call Field Officer Andy Drilling at 952-472-0605.

Thank you for your patience during snow events!

Winter Parking Restriction Reminders

There is no overnight parking allowed between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between November 15 and April 15. In addition, no vehicle can be parked in any one place for a continuous 24-hour period as to allow for thorough and efficient snow plowing. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense. If you have any questions, please contact the Orono Police Department at 952-249-4700.

Did you know that using deicers like salt can negatively impact the environment?

Once applied, deicers move with melted water to neighboring surface and groundwater. This includes the lakes, streams, and wetlands. Deicers can impair the waters, harm fish and aquatic organisms, degrade infrastructure, damage vegetation, and even harm pets.

Ideas to Help Avoid Deicers:

- Shoveling early and often in the storm will help reduce the need for deicers.
- Fifteen degrees and below is too cold for salt. Sand, used sparingly, may be a good alternative to create traction.
- Slow down and drive for the conditions. Remember to give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work.
- Using 1-4 pounds of salt per 1,000 feet is sufficient for melting ice after you shovel. One 12-ounce coffee mug holds about one pound of salt. Salt crystals should be scattered 2-3 inches apart, not in piles.

For more information, visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website at stormwater.pca.state.mn.us.



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

City Hall Hours

November - April

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

May - October

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



Store Hours

Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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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.