



MOUND COMPASS

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City Calendar

Important Dates

May 25th

First day of the
Farmer's Market

May 27th

City Offices Closed
Memorial Day

June 1st

Fire Department Fish Fry

June 13 & July 11

Music in the Park
at Surfside Park

June 19

City Offices Closed
Juneteenth

July 4

City Offices Closed
Independence Day

July 18 - 20

Spirit of the Lakes Festival

Meeting Schedule

City Council

Meets the second & fourth Tuesday
of each month at 6:00 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 thrilled to announce that we have secured \$959,752 in additional funding for our water treatment plant. This comes from the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds (Federal) for fiscal year 2024! The City submitted for this funding back in the spring of 2023 and it was just passed this March. The City has also been allocated \$10.3 million (in 2023) in state funding for the project. With these additional CDS funds, the City has been allocated approximately \$11.3 million (of \$36 million) needed for the project. We have submitted again for next year's CDS. I will not let up on advocating for Mound and the availability of clean drinking water. As always, please check the "Water" tab on the City of Mound Website for updated news.

The Artessa Project in Downtown Mound is on track for an August completion. With that project nearing completion, we are trying to coordinate Phase 1 of the new park, adjacent to Artessa, with this phase hopefully being completed by the end of this fall.

A reminder that our community thrives when we support our local businesses. I encourage everyone to shop local whenever possible. By doing so, we not only bolster our local economy but also foster a stronger sense of community. Remember, every purchase you make in Mound contributes to our local economy. You can still pick up a "Shop Local" window cling at City Hall.

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The City Council and I want to recognize outstanding individuals who make a significant impact in Mound. Starting this year we proudly present the Mound Citizen of the Year Award. Residents of Mound will be able to nominate their fellow neighbors for this prestigious award. Please see below, our Facebook page, and/or City Website for more details on how to nominate.

I also wanted to note that starting the second meeting in May, May 28, City Council Meetings will now begin at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Respectfully,

Jason R. Holt

Mayor, City of Mound

Follow Us on Social Media

The City of Mound YouTube page is City of Mound, Minnesota or @CityofMoundMinnesota. The City is also now on Facebook! Follow our page, City of Mound, for updates, news, events and more.



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Now Accepting Citizen of the Year Nominations

This is the first annual Mound Citizen of the Year Award!

Please nominate someone you know that you think embodies these qualities;

- A person that dedicates time and talent to making Mound a better place
- A person who helps others
- A person making a positive difference in the lives of fellow citizens
- A person with honesty and integrity

Citizen of the Year recipient must be a Mound resident.

How to Nominate

- Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall at 2415 Wilshire Blvd.
- Download the form at cityofmound.com.
- Nomination forms must be filled out in order for the nomination to be complete.

For more information email maggiereisdorf@cityofmound.com.





Parks & Beaches: Spotlight on Centerview Beach

Adopted by: Dodge-Prouty family

Surfside Beach might be the most popular beach in Mound, but Centerview Beach has so much to offer as well. From Lynwood, turn onto Centerview Lane and follow the long road to ample parking in a lot off of Harrison Bay. There you will find a swimming beach with strips of both sand and grass to lay your beach blanket.

There is a port-a-potty available on site just in case. Kayak/canoe racks are available to rent and store your equipment for the boating season. Additionally, there is a popular fishing pier that has been newly repaired. The park is very close to the center of town, so if you are craving ice cream or a snack, you can go from the beach to the store in mere minutes.

Other beaches:

- Surfside: Spirit of the Lakes is July 18-20, 2024
- Sherven: Easy water access for launching a kayak or canoe
- Canary: Perfect for toddlers
- Chester: Wade in the water while surrounded by big boats
- Wychwood: Amazing summer sunsets



Boys and Girls Club of the Twin Cities - Voyageur Club

Voyageur is a year-round environmental education center that is owned and operated by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, located nearby! The Voyageur Environmental Center serves as a residential camp for Boys & Girls Club youth during the summer.

NEW! Voyageur is NOW offering Monday-Friday after school and grades 5-12 programs. For more information on these wonderful programs and more, visit [boysandgirls.org](https://www.boysandgirls.org).

Put Your Phone Down While Driving

A message from the Orono Police Department: The law allows for the placing or receiving of phone calls only with hands-free equipment that is installed in a vehicle. A single touch of a screen is allowed. Other exceptions include mapping applications that don't require typing and music systems that don't require scrolling or typing. However, in both cases, current law adds "provided that the person does not hold the device with one or both hands." There will be extra enforcement, so please put down your phone.



City Staff and Elected Officials Attend Day on the Hill Event

On March 7, 2024, 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 event is an annual event put on by LMC to help increase the visibility of Minnesota cities as key partners in policy making. 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.

In addition to attending the LMC's learning events throughout the day, Mayor Jason Holt, Councilmember Sherrie Pugh and staff held meetings with State Representative Andrew Myers and State Senator Kelly Morrison. 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 Plant.

Thank you State Representative Andrew Myers and State Senator Kelly Morrison for your time and continued efforts on the city's behalf.

Photo #1 Left to Right: City Manager Jesse Dickson, Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf, Councilmember Sherrie Pugh, State Representative Andrew Myers, and Mayor Jason Holt.

Photo #2 Left to Right: Mayor Jason Holt, Councilmember Sherrie Pugh, State Senator Kelly Morrison, Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf and City Manager Jesse Dickson.

Follow Us on Social Media

All 2024 City Council and Planning Commission meetings are now on YouTube! The City of Mound YouTube page is City of Mound, Minnesota or @CityofMoundMinnesota. The City is also now on Facebook! Follow our page, City of Mound, for updates, news, events and more.



City Engineering Updates



Downtown Pavers Project

The City Engineer, Bolton and Menk, is working on final bid documents and a cooperative agreement between the City of Mound and Hennepin County that finalizes project cost sharing and other responsibilities. Construction is expected in late summer.



Dakota Trail Crossing

Hennepin County is coordinating final design and bid documents for the Dakota Trail Crossing project. There is a cooperative agreement between Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, and the City of Mound for funding the project. Construction is expected to occur after the Metropolitan Council sanitary sewer work is wrapped up in late summer/early fall 2024,



State of the Water

For fiscal year 2024, the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations accepted requests for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) items. It is, according to their webpage, an important way in which Senators can advocate for programs critical to the nation, their constituents, and their states.

These items are those that meet specific criteria and are often those that promote economic development, education, health care initiatives, and other worthy investments in communities across the country.

The City of Mound submitted a request for funding to help fund the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant and was notified that the City would be allocated \$959,752 in CDS funds! The City is grateful for its strong relationships with its state and federal representatives and the ongoing partnership approach as the pursuit continues to secure all funds necessary to complete this project. A special thank you to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator Tina Smith, and U.S. Representative Dean Phillips for advocating on behalf of the City of Mound to secure this important funding.

To date, the City of Mound has secured \$10.3 million (in 2023) in state funding for the project. With the additional CDS funds, the City has been allocated roughly \$11.3 million (of \$36 million) for the project.



MN Department of Health (MDH) 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

This annual report is available on the city website at cityofmound.com/water-quality-reports. You may also review or obtain a copy of the report at City Hall. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water to ensure tap water is safe to drink.



Harbor Park/Transit Center Pavers

The City Engineer, Bolton and Menk, is currently working on the final designs for the Harbor Park Phase 1 Plans and the Stormwater Management Plan related to the Transit Center Paver Replacement Project. Construction for the Harbor Park Phase 1 is expected to start in fall 2024. The Transit Center Paver Replacement Project is expected to start in Spring 2025.

Mound Firefighters Working Hard to Protect and Serve

The year 2023 marked another successful year of dedicated service by the Mound Fire Department. The list below provides highlights from 2023 and shows the ongoing commitment and dedication of our Mound firefighters to the four communities that they protect and serve

- Fire Department staff put in a total of 16,140 hours in 2023.
- Firefighters responded to 677 emergency calls, logging a total of 9,787 hours for those events.
- Of the 677 calls, 254 were fire related, and 423 were medical related.
- Every Saturday morning, firefighters perform truck checks, and necessary maintenance on equipment and the fire station. These Saturday tasks accounted for a total of 1,349 hours.
- Every Monday, firefighters attended training and meetings for a total of about 2,500 hours. Firefighters also attended other outside training totaling another 594 hours.
- Firefighters volunteered their time at 60 public events and fire prevention events which equaled a total of 777 hours.
- The annual Fish Fry and Dance required 1,113 hours of staff time. This did not include the hours for other miscellaneous public safety events.



The Mound Fire Department is proud to protect and serve 24 hours a day 365 days per year.

Become a Mound Firefighter

The Mound Fire Department is actively recruiting committed and hard working adults to join our ranks as a new firefighter. We are a respected group of professionals that serve the communities of Mound, Minnetrista, Spring Park, and Shorewood. Becoming a paid-on-call firefighter is a great way to serve your community.

To become a firefighter, no previous firefighter training is required. New applicants are required to attend an orientation session that reviews the performance and training requirements and determines if firefighting is right for the candidate. All necessary firefighter training is paid for by the fire department. Once a candidate is hired, firefighters train to become State Certified in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Haz Mat Operations, and as an Emergency Medical Responder.

Requirements to be eligible to become a Mound Firefighter:

- Applicant must reside within our fire service protection district
- Be a minimum of 18 years of age, and have a valid MN driver's license
- Pass a background check and a written comprehensive test
- Complete a firefighter based physical examination - NFPA Based
- Successfully pass fire department Physical Ability Test
- Successfully complete personal interview with Interview Committee



To apply, visit moundfire.com, stop by the fire station during business hours or call 952-472-3555.

Join Us for the 71st Annual Fish Fry & Dance on June 1st at the Fire Station

The Mound Fire Department will be hosting our 71st Annual Fish Fry and Dance on Saturday, June 1st, 2024. Dinner will be served from 3:00 – 8:00 pm, children's activities will occur between 3:00 – 7:00 pm, and music will play from 7:30 p.m. - Midnight. Please join us for a fun day!



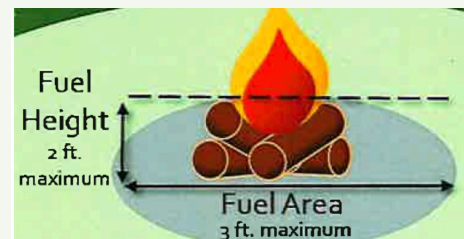
Tickets for the event will include the fish dinner and evening dance. Live music will be by the Selmer Effect, followed by headliner High & Mighty. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$15.00 by firefighters walking neighborhoods. If firefighters miss you at home, you can call Mound Fire at 952-472-3555 for advance ticket purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20.00.

Did you know? The Mound Fire Department received \$45,737.37 from proceeds from the 2023 Fish Fry, and the 2023 Annual Charity Golf Event (ran with the help of the Northwest Tonka Lions Club, Surfside Bar and Grill and the Mound Fire Auxiliary Fall Bingo). We sincerely appreciate your support by attending and participating in events that benefit the Mound Fire Department!

How to Make Sure Your Recreational Fire is Compliant

The City of Mound, like many lake area communities has a local ordinance that allows residents to have a recreational fire. In most cases, recreational fires create a fun environment for families and friends to enjoy. Often times, throughout the spring, summer, and fall the Orono Police Department and Mound Fire Crews will get numerous callouts for reports of non-compliant recreational fires. Many times, the calls to 911 are concerns related to oversized, unattended, smoky, and/or non-complaint recreational fires. When planning a recreational fire, keep your neighbors in mind. If the smoke from that fire is drifting next door and is annoying to your neighbors it is considered a non-compliant fire. The fire shall be attended by a competent, unimpaired adult at all times during which smoke is being produced from the fire.

- Equipment to extinguish the fire shall be immediately available by the fire at all times during burning. This may include hand tools, hose lines, and water buckets.
- A means for calling 911 shall be available for immediate use by the fire attendant.
- Only wood and starter fuels are to be burned in a recreational fire.
- 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 flame height maximum is 2 ft.
- 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 conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.



Reminder! Please be a considerate neighbor and know where the smoke is going. Overall, be courteous and respectful to your neighbors when having a recreational fire.

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



Farmers' Market

The Mound Farmers' Market will be starting in May! The market is open every Saturday throughout the summer between May 25th, 2024 and October 12th, 2024. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and it is located at 5515 Shoreline Drive, Mound, MN. The market includes vendors who sell locally grown produce, meats, jellies, jams, salsas, coffee, art, soaps, lotions, flowers, and more!

For more information, visit their Facebook Page: The New Mound Farmers' Market & More.



Spirit of the Lakes

The Spirit of the Lakes Festival is July 18th – 20th , 2024! It will be a weekend full of fun, music, activities and fireworks! The event takes place at the City of Mound's Surfside Beach and Park.

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



Tour De Tonka

The Tour de Tonka will be on August 3rd, 2024 this year! The annual bike ride has become a staple of the west metro community, growing from 819 riders in its inaugural year to nearly 3,500 riders annually! Bikers of all ages participate! All ages and all abilities – from families and recreational bicyclists to cycling teams and serious athletes can successfully ride and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

The Tour de Tonka benefits local communities by partnering with the ICA food Shelf. A portion of each rider's registration fee is donated to the ICA and since 2006, the Tour de Tonka has raised over \$103,321 to support the ICA! There are six available routes to choose from spanning distances from 16 to 100 miles! Visit the Minnetonka Community Education Website and search Tour de Tonka for more information! If you aren't riding, but want to cheer, some bike routes come through Mound!

Westonka Community Education's



Music in the Park

Tuesday, June 13th | Chris Kelly Live

Thursday, July 11th | The Panhandlers Steel Drum Band

Thursday, August 8th | Pandora's Other Box

National Night Out

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024! National Night Out is an annual nationwide community-building campaign event that encourages residents to get out in the neighborhood, meet neighbors and partner with police.

2024 Election Day Reminders

The following elections will take place on the following days:

- State Primary Election - August 13, 2024
- General Election - November 5, 2024

Polls will be open on Election Days from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Questions? For additional election information on, including but not limited to, absentee voting, polling place locations, election registration, and more, please visit the City's Website at cityofmound.com or call City Hall at 952-472-0600.





Protect the Waterways with These Yard Maintenance Practices

- Taking a soil test to know what fertilizers your lawn needs
- Setting your mower to a high setting (3-4" tall) to promote deep roots and aid water and nutrient retention
- Applying fertilizers and herbicides according to the label and when they will be most effective
- Sweeping up clippings and other materials from hard surfaces as a way to keep out of storm sewers.

Native grasses and flowers are preferable to some, while others prefer a manicured lawn and landscaping. Either way, healthy lawns - in any form - can promote healthy waterways if done mindfully.



The Mulch Store is Now Open

Mound residents are now 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. 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.

The site is available:

- April 1st, 2024 - November 30th, 2024
- Monday – 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 pricing on brush and other accepted items.

Managing Pet Waste: 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.



Street Sweeping: Spring and Fall

Ever wonder why the City of Mound sweeps the streets in the spring and fall? The main reasons are to protect surrounding natural resources and to prevent flooding during storm events. Protecting waterways is important.

Did you know that the storm water grates in the streets connect into a larger system that ultimately drain into local ponds, lakes, and streams? Streets carry a lot of traffic and require maintenance at times. These events tend to create pile ups of salts, sands, and other debris. In addition, falling leaves and freshly cut grasses over the summer/fall seasons can create obstructions as well. If these materials make it into the local waterways, they often harm aquatic plants and fish habitats.

As a result, the City of Mound (similar to other cities in Minnesota) actively works to prevent these materials from entering the waterways by sweeping the streets and clearing the debris. Another benefit is that it creates clear and open storm ways that prevent water build up and flooding during storm events.



Other Reminders:

Mound Dock Program

The official 2024 waitlist has been published on the website. A reminder that watercraft must be moored at City non-abutting dock and slip sites by June 15th.

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.

New Cemetery Plots Available

The City of Mound manages the Mound Union Cemetery located at 6410 Country Road 110 West. The City has opened a new section of the cemetery, titled Section D, which has been plotted into 260 burial plots. Residents interested in purchasing a plot should contact Kevin Kelly at 952-472-0613 or via email at kevinkelly@cityofmound.com.



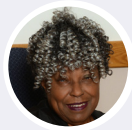
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Shop Local in Mound

By shopping local at Mound Businesses you are Keeping It Local. Show your support by picking up a free Shop Local vehicle decal at City Hall!

Benefits of shopping local include:

- Creation of local jobs
- Encourages prosperity and is an investment in the community
- Ensures sales taxes are reinvested in our community

Show your pride in Mound by shopping local!



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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.

Contact Us

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Planning & Building

☎ 952-472-0603

Police Department

After Hours Dispatch
Emergency

☎ 952-249-4700
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Public Works

After Hours Dispatch

☎ 952-472-0603
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Social Media



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.