

# 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 the Mayor .....**

**What is the general fiscal and tax philosophy in city hall?  
Playing it safe vs. letting you keep more of your money.**

Dear Fellow Citizens of Mound,

Unlike a business, cities get most of their revenue two times per year when property tax revenues come in. Yet the cost of operations continues at a fairly steady pace from month to month. Because of this, cities have to maintain a fund balance to draw from between the times when revenues become available. The State Auditor establishes guidelines for cities in this regard. It's wise to try to maintain these standards since they can have negative affects on everything from annual audit results to bond ratings which help to determine the interest rate the city will pay when borrowing money for capital projects like roads and water system upgrades.



**Mark Hanus**

It is not my intention to speak for any individual council members, but generally the City Council and I are pretty unified in our philosophy of how to manage these financial accounts which are made up of money that belongs to you, Mound citizens and taxpayers. The council and I are very cognizant that this money belongs to you, the citizens and taxpayers of Mound, and we respect that at all times.

The role of the Mayor and City Council is not to make our jobs easier. It's to serve the city to the best of our collective abilities and to do what we believe is what people want us to do. I have always believed that anytime there is a pot of money sitting in government accounts somewhere. There is temptation to spend it since there are always needs and wants. It's simply too easy to rely on this money as needs arise rather than using it for its intended purpose. This issue lurks at all levels of government and has always existed. Therefore, our philosophy is the less money sitting around the better.

We try to be diligent in maintaining a balance between keeping the smallest fund balance possible for operational purposes, yet keeping the independent city auditor, bond houses, and State Auditor standards satisfied. Some cities have money stashed away and others don't. Generally, we believe that we should keep the least amount possible in order to function safely. Not having extra funds for a rainy day makes it more difficult to manage the unexpected issues that arise, and we need to be more diligent than some cities by being ready to react more quickly. This makes our jobs more difficult, but it's the way we believe you want it.

By taking in as little revenue as possible for the provision of the basic services expected by most people, we hope that we are doing what most of you want of us. This sincere desire to do what is right, just, and to follow what you, the citizens, want of us is foremost in our minds.

Respectfully,

***Mayor Mark Hanus***

## Message from the City Manager ...

### *Mound is on the Move*



Kandis Hanson

The ground was broken for Mound's new home-grown restaurant, Dakota Junction, on June 9th, which will complete construction in early fall. As the lazy days of summer come to an end, we will be able to enjoy this farm to table restaurant by Mound resident, Stephanie Bolles, who will serve fresh, homemade, unique and locally grown foods right beside the Dakota Trail! Much of her food will come from Gale Woods Farm and other local farms. Along with casual indoor dining, she will be featuring healthy meals to-go for busy families. See you then, at Dakota Junction!

Westonka Animal Hospital (WAH) cut the ribbon at their Grand Opening on July 27th. Mound Mayor Mark Hanus and City Councilmembers attended in support of the official opening of the newly completed animal hospital in the Mound MarketPlace, where they held a 4k Dog Walk and provided fun and refreshments for everyone. The WAH, which offers the full range of veterinary services, is a long-standing local business that has reinvested in downtown Mound. It is among Mound small businesses, with 11 outstanding employees. Commit to doing business in Mound!

Mound Magic! is gearing up for another round of fun and exciting presentations at Al & Alma's Supper Club. Hosted by City Manager Kandis Hanson and Community Development Director Sarah Smith, this social setting is the backdrop for a City of Mound community update. You will hear what's happening and what's on the horizon for

Mound as you relax and enjoy the cash bar and snacks. Attend and get the up-to-date scoop and be an ambassador for getting the word out—that Mound is on the move! Register for Mound Magic III by contacting Jill Norlander at [jillnorlander@cityofmound.com](mailto:jillnorlander@cityofmound.com) or at 952-472-0607. Once this meeting fills up, registrations will be taken for a second date, which is in October.

Mound is on the move in more ways than one--Mound City Hall is moving! **On October 23, Mound City Hall offices will be closed** for its move to the former police office space. Service will resume in limited capacities October 24-25, and be fully operational starting October 28. Small alterations are taking place to convert the former police space to function as a City Hall. The biggest change is the addition of parking to the front of the building to support the additional activity. A secondary City Hall entrance will serve those who park on the side street, Maywood Road. A public tour of the spaces, both City Hall and Fire Department, will be set in coming months. A precinct of the Orono Police Department resides in the lowest level of the building and an officer is available by placing a call on the phone located on the front exterior of the building.

## UTILITY BILLING UPDATE

OPUS21 is now performing the City's utility billing function. If you have questions about your bill or need Public Works to perform a service, please call the Customer Service Center at 651-255-0972. Also note the following:

- The call center is open 8am – 10pm, Monday – Friday.
- Customers can pay over the phone by providing their checking account information.
- Residents will continue to have the option to make monthly payments (in advance of the quarterly billing due date to avoid any late penalties) in order to help them better manage their personal finances.
- Customers are strongly encouraged to sign-up for the Auto Pay Plan, where amounts can be deducted from your checking or savings account on a monthly or quarterly basis. The Utility Billing Automatic Payment enrollment form is available on the City website at [www.cityofmound.com](http://www.cityofmound.com) or by calling the number above.
- Go Green! E-bill is available to those customers who use Auto Pay or On-Line Bill pay. E-bill enrollment forms are available on the City website or by calling the number above.

## Spirit of the Lakes Festival

Nine years in the making, the Spirit of the Lakes has evolved into a summer Festival that serves all residents of the West lake region. There are openings for Board members, including Secretary/Treasurer. There are also openings on Committees in the following areas: Accounting, Permits, Insurance, Graphics, Marketing, Fund Raising, Web Site, Social Media, and Information Booth.

What can a Board or Committee position do for you?? As a member of the Spirit of the Lakes Festival Board or one of its Committees, you will meet people and make friends. A business owner will gain exposure and, potentially, attract business. If you are affiliated with a civic organization or church, you can potentially attract members through your involvement. These are just a few of the ways in which you can benefit as a leader serving the Spirit of the Lakes.

Disclaimer: The Spirit of the Lakes is not a function of the City of Mound. The City of Mound contributes in-kind by way of staff support from all the departments. **Applications are being taken from all the neighbor cities.** If you have questions or wish to receive an application, contact Bob Koegler at 952-472-1710.

## HELP US HELP YOU.....

On occasion the City of Mound is contacted by anonymous correspondents or callers. They are usually passionate about their topic and raise very good questions that deserve answers or detailed explanation. However, unless we know who you are, we cannot be of help in answering your concerns. Please sign your letters and identify yourself when you call to assure prompt and professional service. We can't help you if we don't know who you are.

*Look Who's  
New at  
City Hall*



Amy Stark joined the Mound Public Works and Finance Departments on April 8, 2013. She has her AAS degree with an emphasis in Accounting. She previously worked for the State of Minnesota as a highway maintenance person and was most recently an accountant in the auto industry. She lives in a neighboring community with her husband and two daughters. She enjoys golfing, baking, reading, NASCAR, riding her Harley and watching her daughter play volleyball.

Welcome, Amy!

## Dogs....Everyone's Best Friend.....



Our four-legged friends require their daily walk and along with that walk comes pet-owner responsibilities. Please be certain to have your pet leashed and clean up pet waste, both of which are required by Mound City Code. This friendly reminder is for the health and safety of all and contributes to the image of a well-maintained community. Please do your part. Thank you!

## Opening on Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission.....

A three year renewable term. Meetings are on an as-needed basis, the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission considers all matters pertaining to parks and open spaces, including plats and trails. Call Carlton 952-472-0636 for more information. Email [AmyStark@cityofmound.com](mailto:AmyStark@cityofmound.com) for an application. Submittal deadline is 4:30 PM, Friday, Nov 1. Interviews are Thursday, Nov 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM, and candidates must be available for the interview to be considered.

## Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)



### Description:

**Appearance:** Biennial herbaceous plant with weak single stems 12 - 36" high in its second and flowering year. Only plant of this height blooming white in wooded environments in May.

**Leaves:** Round, scallop-edged, dark green; first year, rosettes of 3 or 4 leaves; second year plants have alternate stem leaves. Leaves and stems smell like onion or garlic when crushed.

**Flowers:** White, small and numerous, with four separate petals. Each plant has one or two flowering stems on second year plants.

**Seeds:** Slender capsules 1-2 1/2" long, containing a single row of oblong black seeds. Seeds are viable in the soil for 5 years.

**Roots:** White, slender taproot, "S"-shaped at the top.

### Ecological Threat:

- Garlic mustard spreads into high quality woodlands upland and floodplain forests, not just into disturbed areas.
- Invaded sites undergo a decline on native herbaceous cover within 10 years.
- Garlic mustard alters habitat suitability for native insects and thereby birds and mammals.
- This European exotic occurs now in 27 midwestern and northeastern states and in Canada.
- Garlic mustard is a MDA **Prohibited noxious weed (Controlled List)** in Minnesota.

### Control Methods:

#### Mechanical

Pulling in areas of light infestations

Flowering stem cutting at ground level

Prescribed burning if there is enough fuel to carry the flames

#### Chemical

Spot application of 2% glyphosate in early spring or late fall when native plants are dormant

See the DNR website for more information: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/garlicmustard.html>

## SUMMER FUN FOR PETS & THEIR PEOPLE

Another fun pet centered day is planned for the third annual Dog Days Westonka – a great day for a great cause!

Once again the day will feature a **Pet Expo** with a wide array of pet products & services, pet adoptions, nail trimming, tag engraving, dog wash, kissing booth, photo t-shirts & more.



9:00 to 2:00 – **Pet Expo**  
9:15 – **Pet Parade**  
10:00 – **Blessing of the Animals**  
10:30 – **Dog Demonstration**  
11:30 – **Cutest Puppy Contest**  
12:30 – **How to Read a Nutrition Label**  
1:30 – **Pet Trick Contest**

The event is FREE but we request you bring a pet food donation. All pets must be leashed. Owners accept all liability for their pets.

Contact us for more information or questions at [dogdays@westonkacc.com](mailto:dogdays@westonkacc.com).

## ***Planning and Community Development Corner***

### ***Urban Agriculture***

At present, regulations in the City Code do not allow for the keeping of chickens or other farm animals, with certain exceptions. However, in recent years, urban agricultural activities have become more common and the Planning Commission has included review of the City's current regulations regarding chickens and bee keeping on its 2013 work project list. We are interested in hearing from residents regarding your thoughts on chickens and bee keeping and request that you contact Community Development Director Sarah Smith at 952-472-0604 or by email at [Sarahsmith@cityofmound.com](mailto:Sarahsmith@cityofmound.com).

### ***Helpful Hints about Banners and Temporary Signs***

In 2012, the City Council approved amendments to the sign regulations that allow temporary banners and portable signs to be up for 30 days. Previously, banners were allowed up to 15 days and portable signs were allowed for 10 days.

Subject to the provisions in Sec. 119-4 of the City Code, portable sign placement on public property can be approved by the City Manager in most cases. A temporary sign permit is required for both banners and portable signs.

### ***Courtesy Reminder about Residential Construction Hours***

For construction activity on any residentially zoned property, no person shall engage in, permit, or allow construction activities involving the use of manual tools, movement of equipment or power equipment, including, but not limited to, any kind of electric, diesel, or gas-powered machine, at any time other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on public holidays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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## ***Commonly Asked Questions of Public Works.....***

**Q. What is the holdup with projects around town?** How long must we be subjected to this construction?

**A.** Mound is in year 10 of a 15 year street replacement program. Streets in Mound are now in excess of 30 years old, as are the water and sewer lines under the streets, so the majority need replacing. The condition of each street was evaluated in the early 2000's and the prioritization for replacement was based on the degree of decay. That priority was also determined by the frequency of water main breaks and the condition of sewer lines, which are studied each year.

Street projects are completed in stages by corresponding subcontractors that do their piece of the project, which must be done in total before the next sub-contractor comes in. Much of the work done to repair or replace a road is weather-dependent, which has held up progress this year due to excess rain early in the summer. Final stages of a project may not be completed until soils meet engineering standards for moisture content. Hard surfaces cannot be applied while moisture is high in the roadways, or otherwise in a project area. Please be patient knowing there is no control over the weather.

**Q. Some cities are hauling away debris for the home-owners following summer storms.** Why isn't the City of Mound providing that service?

**A.** The long-standing policy regarding tree or debris removal at the City of Mound is based on State Statute. What falls on private property is the responsibility of the home owner and what falls on public property is the responsibility of the City.

A small city such as Mound is unable to commit its few people resources to removing others' trees or debris. In the case of recent storms, roads in Mound were closed due to downed trees and City Public Works employees were dedicated to clearing the roads and otherwise cleaning up public grounds.

Brush and branches that are placed at the curb or otherwise discarded in parks and along roadsides will not be collected by the City under the current policy. The City has made provision for residents to dispose of their trees and brush at The Mulch Store, east of St Bonifacius on Highway 7. If the policy and approach were to change, the service to the 4,000 residents could not be provided free of cost. The cost of residential cleanup would be reflected either through taxation or a fee on the utility bill.

# Get to Know Your City Code

by City Clerk Catherine Pausche

## **Featured Topic: CHAPTER 38 LICENSES, PERMITS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III. TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, HAWKERS, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS**

The days of door-to-door solicitors seemed to be a thing of the past – but the City has observed an uptick in interest by companies and individuals seeking to sell door-to-door, which can require a transient merchant, hawker, peddler or solicitors license. Plausible explanations include the fact that the “Do Not Call Lists” are growing and many households are choosing to eliminate the home phone line.

The Mound City Code and Minnesota State Statutes permit some forms of door-to-door solicitation as long as certain guidelines or requirements are met. The main requirements are the possession of a license/photo ID, criminal history background check, proof of insurance, payment of applicable fees, adhering to the correct hours for sales (9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon – Sat only), and presenting the license/photo ID when requested.

Exemptions include philanthropic/non-profit organizations, which are required to file a registration with the City Clerk. In addition, some businesses are also exempt under this article, including those with a regular route in the area (newspapers, dairy, perishable foods), and garage sales.

The decision whether to open your door to strangers and to support door-to-door solicitors is ultimately a personal one. If you post a sign conspicuously on your property with “No Trespassing” or “No Solicitors” or similar language, their solicitation is deemed to be a public nuisance punishable as a misdemeanor. Please note, you can write exceptions on your sign for local school groups or volunteer fire fighters.

If the solicitor fails to show a license from the City of Mound or does not honor your “No Solicitors” signage, residents are encouraged to call City Hall during office hours at 952-472-0603 or Hennepin County Dispatch after hours/weekends/holidays at 763-525-6210. In the end, the police cannot be everywhere so the alert and informed citizen can be the “eyes and ears” that keep neighborhoods safe and solicitors honest.



Mound Farmers' Market & More is in its 4<sup>th</sup> season. It has grown to 20+ vendors offering fresh produce, flowers, unique products created by local artisans, food and 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. The FUN is FREE!

MFM&M is open Saturdays 8:30AM-12:30PM, May 18th to October 12th, and is located by the Mound Transit Center, 5515 Shoreline Drive, on the Dakota Rail Trail in downtown Mound, MN.

Promote your non-profit group or activity for FREE in their Community Booth! Volunteers are needed for Market Days! Call Peggy Heilman for volunteer or Community Booth information at 952-472-6079.

Vendor space is still available throughout the season. Request an application from our Facebook page, or email us at MFMM578@Gmail.com.

# Power Line Safety Tips

By Mound Fire Chief Greg Pederson

Mound and its surrounding communities have an abundance of trees and an abundance of above ground power lines—not a good combination. During summer storms, wind and lightning can cause downed lines, power outages and small fires. While this problem is more apparent in the summer, the problem exists year around with winter storms and freezing rain.

In the event you have a power line down or a power pole fire, please take the necessary precautions for your life safety. Remember these important safety tips:

**If you see a power line** hanging in a tree or lying on the ground, call 911 and report the low hanging or unsafe wire condition. Generally, Police and Fire crews will respond to check the wire to determine if it is live and hazardous.

**Keep everyone away** from all downed power lines! A power line that touches the ground can shock or kill, even if you do not touch it. The electrical current can travel through the ground and into your body.

**Never assume** that an overhead power line is electrically insulated and safe. Always assume that contact with any line can be lethal.

**Be aware** that you can be electrocuted by touching a power line directly or by touching a conductive material (such as a metal ladder, antenna, pipe, or kite) at the same time you touch the ground or any grounded item (such as metal siding or a downspout).

**Never try to move** or remove a power line by yourself. If the power line is in your way, leave it alone until the professionals solve the problem.



## *“Adopt-A-Month”* by Pam Myers, President

The Westonka Historical Society (WHS) board has struggled for years over this dilemma: do we attempt to raise \$\$ and then find a building? Or do we find a building and then raise the \$\$ to support it? Now we’ve found a building!

The Westonka History Museum is settling in to its new location at the Centennial Building (Mound City Hall until October). While 200 people attended the open house, purchased some items from our retail shop and made donations, all totaling \$400, we estimate our expenses at \$2000/month.

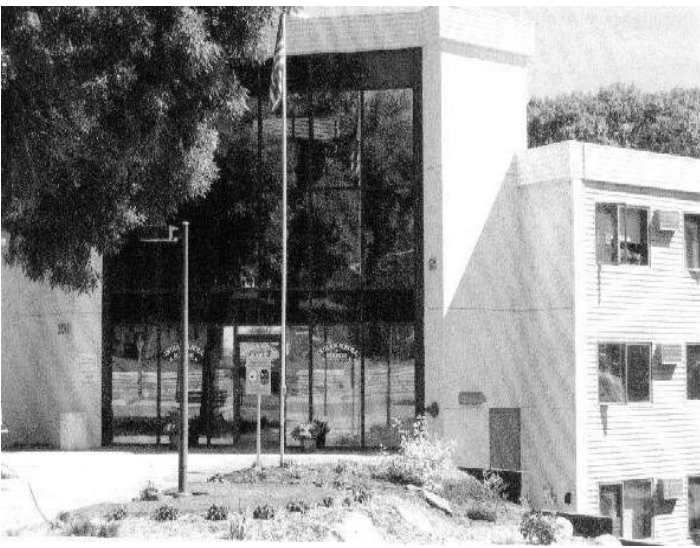
Westonka Historical Society’s plan for meeting the operating cost from the City of Mound, plus

telephone and wireless, is five-fold: (1) donor contributions, (2) city financial support, (3) estate planning, (4) endowment interest, and (5) membership and retail.

The first of those is donor contributions because we know you are supporters of WHS and of the new museum. Would you consider “adopting a month” to keep the doors open at the museum? I’d choose my birthday month, which would be March. What month would you choose? Please consider this request.

WHS encourages you to include it in your estate planning, knowing that WHS will have an endowment program in place soon. For now, which month will you adopt?

To donate, contact WHS President Pam Myers at [pmyers@TIES2.net](mailto:pmyers@TIES2.net).



## **Indian Knoll Manor**

### **Affordable Housing**

**In the**



**of Mound...**

Indian Knoll Manor Apartments, located at 2020 Commerce Boulevard, has one bedroom and studio apartments with income-based rent for qualified applicants. Rent includes heat, electric, water and garbage. Please call 952-472-5078 for an application or for a tour.

## **Recreational Fires: What are the rules in Mound?**

Based upon the current fire code ordinance for the City of Mound, a recreational fire is legal as long as the rules of the ordinance are followed. Residents who want to have a recreational fire on their property should be aware of and must follow the rules of the *Recreational Fire Ordinance* to insure compliance.

### **What is the ordinance definition of a "Recreational Fire?"**

A recreational fire is defined as a fire set for cooking or warming or for other recreational purposes. A recreational fire is not to be more than 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet in flame height at any time. An approved fire pit must be used and the fire pit must have a noncombustible separation between the fire area and any adjoining combustible material (i.e., dry grass or leaves).

**What are the some of the main problems with recreational fires?** During cool spring and summer weather some of our residents want to enjoy the fresh air with their house

windows open, and frequently sleep with their windows open. Smoke from neighborhood recreational fires often drifts, which creates problems for people with health issues or that simply do not want to smell the lingering smoke.

**Important note:** All of us need to be considerate of others and remember that in many cases, people have medical or health problems such as emphysema or asthma and they simply cannot tolerate the smoke.



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

- 1) A fire hazard exists or develops during the course of the burn.
- 2) Pollution or nuisance conditions develop during the course of the burn.
- 3) The fire is left unattended, or the attendant is impaired.
- 4) The fire is allowed to smolder with no flame visible and is unattended.

Residents may obtain a copy of the *Recreational Fire Ordinance* to insure compliance. A copy of the *Recreational Fire Ordinance* can be picked up at Mound City Hall, at the Mound Fire Station, or can be printed from the Mound Fire Department website at [www.moundfire.com](http://www.moundfire.com).

## NIGHT to UNITE

On **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, residents throughout Mound are invited to join your neighbors for the annual NIGHT to UNITE celebration.

### NIGHT to UNITE is designed to:

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

From **6pm to 9pm on August 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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 public safety officers. Many neighborhoods throughout Mound will be hosting a variety of special events such as parties, cookouts, games, and food drives.



### HOST A NIGHT TO UNITE PARTY

Register your block party and receive a visit from the Orono Police Department and the Mound Fire Department. Please call the Orono Police Department at 952-249-4700 as soon as possible to register.

## WeCAB Board Members Turn Over.....

In its second year of operation, Community Area Busing (WeCAB) is a grassroots network of volunteers dedicated to providing rides for residents in the community who lack transportation to medical appointments, shopping, religious services and other destinations. It depends upon volunteer dispatchers, drivers and board members. WeCAB services Mound, Spring Park, Navarre, Minnetrista, St. Bonifacius and Maple Plain.

Still in its infancy, the organization is seeking Board Members with skills in specific areas to help develop and sustain it. Board openings are available for those with Website, Graphics, Marketing, Fund Raising and Organizational Management. Replication of the organizational plan is on the horizon, and such an undertaking requires creative business minds. If you see yourself in one of these roles, please call LuAnn Fransen at 952-446-5264 with questions or to request an application. [www.WeCAB.org](http://www.WeCAB.org).



Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Do you work from home, have lots of flexibility and would like to give back? WeCAB can use your help!

**WeCAB** (Westonka Community Area Busing) has over 190 riders who have registered since the program began in October 2011. WeCAB now has barely enough drivers to meet the rider requests. Please consider becoming a volunteer driver. As a **WeCAB DRIVER**, you get to choose how often you drive as well as your destinations; errands

around town, to the hospital in Waconia, or to church on Sunday. You drive your own car, pick up riders at their home, take them to their destination, and then bring them home again.

Consider this volunteer opportunity as a way for you to give back to your community. Please call **WeCAB** at 952-472-3222, extension 2, for more information about being a **DRIVER** for **WeCAB**. For a volunteer application please check the website - [www.wecab.org](http://www.wecab.org).

## ***Surfside Lager New Release Exclusively at Harbor Wine & Spirits.....***

Harbor Wine & Spirits is taking the craft brew trend to the next level with the production of a custom beer created by local brewery, Lucid. Created for the Spirit of the Lakes Festival, this is the second year Harbor Wine & Spirits has collaborated with German style lager and is quantity produced.

Harbor Wine & Spirits was again Lucid brewery on the production Brewery is renowned in the established brews, Foto India

Customers interested in many other craft breweries can & Spirits' "Mix a Six" selection. pick from scores of craft brews to create their own original sampling pack. Craft brews are a unique and fun way to add interest to any barbeque and by bringing Surfside Lager to the table, you will have something special to share with your guests while enjoying a hot summer night!

Harbor Wine & Spirits is located in the Mound MarketPlace, 2135 Commerce Blvd. 952-472-0648.



pleased to collaborate with of Surfside Lager. Lucid craft brew community for their Pale Ale and Air Pale Ale.

sampling beers from Lucid and take advantage of Harbor Wine This is where customers can



**2135 COMMERCE BLVD.  
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# ***Featuring Surfside Lager***



## ***YOUR COMMUNITY WINE & SPIRITS STORE***



### **Mound Fire Department**

On Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> the Mound firefighters and their families hosted the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fish Fry and Dance. The weather did not cooperate as we hoped, however our area residents turned out in large numbers and supported the event as they always do. There were 2,923 fish dinners served making the event a huge success.

The Mound firefighters would like to say thank you to all of our friends, neighbors, and Lake Minnetonka area residents that attended our 62nd Annual Fish Fry and Dance.

### ***2013 Fish Fry and Dance***

They would also like to thank the many local businesses that contributed to the event with ticket purchases and prizes donated to the silent auction and raffle. Your continued support of the fire department is greatly appreciated!

The Mound Fire Department hopes those of you who attended the event had a good time and they look forward to seeing you again next year at our 63rd Annual Fish Fry and Dance! Again, thank you for supporting the Mound Fire Department and Relief Association!

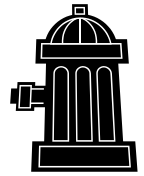
# Hydrant Flushing

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**Q. What is hydrant flushing?** **A.** The goal of the program is to ensure water quality is properly maintained in the City's water distribution lines. Flushing is a process by which water is moved through a water pipe at high velocity so that a scouring action is created. Water is then discharged through a hydrant which, in turn, removes any material buildup from the pipe. The material removed from this process is harmless and requires no special treatment. Use of this flushing technique is critical to the maintenance of water quality and your private water system.

**Q. Why is the City flushing?** **A.** Water mains are sized to allow adequate and safe flows for fire protection. Typically, water is moving through the underground pipes at less than two miles per hour. This slow movement allows mineral deposits to build up and accumulate in pipes. The buildup can restrict water flow and contributes to corrosion and rust tinted water. Flushing of pipes removes deposits which maintains the infrastructure and assures quality water. This type of program is widely used by other utilities and has resulted in few complaints. Complaints about water quality are monitored so please notify the City of your concerns.

**Q. Will flushing be done in my neighborhood?** **A.** Typically all neighborhoods are flushed during a two week period, two times each year. These dates are published in The Laker. Water service should not be interrupted during this time.

**Q. How will I be affected?** **A.** Flushing is conducted between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Select hydrants are opened for water pipe flushing and the residents on that block may experience discolored water or a drop in water pressure. If you have no water pressure, please notify the Water Division at 952-472-0603 as soon as possible.

**Q. What do I do if I am experiencing discolored water?** **A.** Should a yellow, brown, or reddish tint appear in the water, do not be alarmed. Do not do laundry for about two hours. After that time, run your **cold** water for a few minutes to make sure the water is clear. Try to refrain from using hot water until your cold water is clear. When the cold water runs clear you may resume normal water use. Tinted water use for drinking, bathing and watering plants is not harmful. The City encourages residents to invest in water filters that help to mitigate the effects of minerals in water.

**Q. What can I do if I washed clothes and they are now discolored?** **A.** To remove rust from clothing use a formula of 4 teaspoons cream of tartar to 1 pint of clear water and include in your wash water. There are also products available commercially to remove the discoloration from clothing.

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## SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Just a reminder that sprinkling restrictions are currently In effect. According to Mound City Code Section 74-48: from May 15th to September 1st of each year, an odd/even lawn sprinkling regulation shall be in effect for all lawn sprinkling systems supplied by water from the city. Properties with even numbered addresses may sprinkle lawns only on days with even numbered dates. Properties with odd numbered addresses may sprinkle only on days with odd numbered dates. A one month exception from the restriction may be granted for newly planted sod, grass, or landscaping by registering for exemption. Other exemptions may be granted upon evaluation and recommendation of the city. If you have any questions or need to register an exemption, please call Public Works at 952-472-0603.

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**Dates To Remember**

Aug 3rd	Tour de Tonka
Aug 6th	Night to Unite
Aug 17th	Dog Days
Sept 23rd	Mound Magic III
Oct 5th	Scarecrow Stomp
Oct 14th	Mound Magic IV
Oct 23th	City Hall Closed

**City Hall Hours**

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm  
  
Friday - 7:30 am to 11:30 am

**Mound Meeting Calendar**

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

