

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

Dear Fellow Citizens of Mound,

Spring is upon us and with it comes good news. No matter how good or bad world and national fiscal policies are, the economy can only be restrained for so long before it forces itself to break loose of its shackles. We are living in anything but a robust economy. But we are seeing signs that it is slowly breaking free and starting to move anyway.



Mark Hanus

How is this visible in Mound? By the time this is published the new Walgreens will be open for business. I realize that there are some of you that are less than enthusiastic about this, but when a business in Mound grows larger and expands, I consider that good news. We expect that Dakota Junction, the small bistro between the new Walgreens and Dakota trail, will be built this spring/summer. I've seen an architect's rendering of what it will look like and it's lovely.

In addition to that, the unfinished Villa homes subdivision next to Caribou has been purchased, reconfigured, and will start building out beginning this year and finished in the next few years. We anticipate that this will help generate tax increment to help pay for the bonds that were used to clean up the old dump that was in that area.

And finally, we need to congratulate the Westonka Animal Hospital, which has moved into the formerly vacant building in Mound Marketplace. This is yet another business expansion in Mound!

We continue to plan and nurture the other projects that are intended for the Langdon district and the Harbor District. On another bright note (albeit less exciting) we are almost done rebuilding our city streets except for the MSA feeder streets. We are about half way through rebuilding our sewer lift stations; and, we are getting closer to the repairing and rebuilding of our entire underground sewer and water systems.

Typically, when property is newly developed, the developers pay for the infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) improvements. But in an older city like Mound, when those original systems are past their expected life span, they begin breaking down and repair or replacement is needed. When this occurs, the city is the one that has to do the repair/replacement. Even with these large costs, the city is maintaining its high Bond rating. Every year, the auditors state that this is due to the city's strong fiscal policies. This means we can access money for these projects at a lower interest rate.

Yes, even though the economy appears stagnant on the surface, the City of Mound is not sitting still. I look forward to another great year for Mound. I wish each of you a fun and safe summer.

Respectfully,

Mark Hanus

Message from the City Manager ...

One of the things I hear most from area residents is that they want more for Mound. In an article in the recent past, I drew attention to the Lanesboro, MN, success story, and our cities' commonalities—the trail, the water body and the natural beauty. Recognizing the ways in which Mound's natural resources can be the draw that infuses economic vitality into our community is my wakeup call to area residents.

A City is fulfilling its role when streets, sewer, water and other infrastructure, such as Mound's waterfront approach to the Greenway and Pier, are in place. Mound, having the last restaurant site available on Lake Minnetonka, is ripe for the patio and roof top dining that are likely accompaniments to a lakefront restaurant and bar. It is the role of the private sector to fulfill the market needs of a community and step up and do the projects that will serve those needs.

I see it as my role as City Manager to encourage you to imagine all that Mound has to offer and open your eyes to the undisputable fact that opportunity abounds!

Considering an astounding 400,000 people use the Dakota Trail each year, and the Mound Transit Center is in place as a trail head to support it, Mound is already the destination for day-trippers! It's only a matter of time for demand to build for over-nights in Mound!



Kandis Hanson

I invite you to imagine the ways to capitalize on Mound's assets. A perfect example is underway. Mound resident Stephanie Bolles is finalizing her plans for Dakota Junction. This trendy little bistro is designed as an upscale depot and will be located adjacent to the Dakota Trail, at Commerce Boulevard. (See the related article below.)

Out of one of my "Mound Magic" presentations last fall, grew a partnership between Ms. Bolles and Crow River Bank, and what was only imagined will become reality later this year! Where can your imagination take you??

A 'Home-Grown' Business Partnership in the Making.....

Testimony by Stephanie Bolles—Mound Resident: *Dakota Junction will be a small destination restaurant for people looking for fresh, homemade, unique and locally grown food. It is a true farm to table restaurant, while also providing trail users with a much needed place to stop, take a break, grab a bite, get a drink and enjoy all Mound has to offer. We have arranged with Gale Woods Farm, as well as other local farms to supply vegetables, produce and meats, all of which will be the focus of the daily changing menu. The Mound branch of Crow River Bank has agreed to finance the venture and we couldn't be more thrilled. Located across the street from Dakota Junction, the Bank's excitement about the project and their willingness to go above and beyond in helping us through this process made this project a reality. In addition, the city staff, manager and City Council were creative and helped solve issues in a timely manner making the often difficult planning process straightforward and trouble-free. As a long time Mound resident and trail user, my family and I are excited to be a part of Mound's growth. We look forward to breaking ground in May and opening our door to Mound area residents in August.*

Testimony by Hugh Hadlund--Crow River Bank: *Crow River Bank is dedicated to helping new business come to the community via various financing options (including various SBA Loan Programs) combined with an openness and sensitivity to the needs of start up businesses and their owners. Such is the case with Stephanie Bolles and her new restaurant, Dakota Junction, which will be located immediately adjacent to the Dakota Trail on Commerce Boulevard. Stephanie brings a great deal of experience and fresh ideas to her restaurant. This, combined with a strong business plan, made the Bank's teaming with Stephanie a perfect fit.*

Music in the Park

- June 13 The Tuxedo Band - Rock 'n Roll
- June 20 Redpath - Contemporary Acoustic Country
- June 27 Tricia and the Toonies - Children's music
- July 11 Pickin' Up Steam - Bluegrass
- July 18 Spirit of the Lakes - band TBD
- July 25 Cyril Paul - Reggae & Caribbean

Join your friends and neighbors at Mound Bay Park this summer to enjoy musical entertainment in the 20th annual "Music in the Park" series. All events are free and open to the public. Concerts are held on Thursdays starting at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, call 952-491-8055 for information.

Funding for this program is made possible from community business and organization donations. To help support this program, please contact Sarah Heyer at Westonka Community Education at 952-491-8045.



QUARTERLY UTILITY BILL TO GET NEW LOOK.....

As a part of our continuous effort to provide services as cost effectively and efficiently as possible, the City of Mound has contracted with OPUS21 to perform the City's utility billing function. The new bill format and customer service will begin with the May quarterly billing cycle.

The City believes there are many benefits, including:

- The call center is open 8am – 10pm Monday – Friday, increasing customer service hours.
- The bill will resemble other utility bills, which will stand out better than our current post cards, provide the return envelope, and allow for better communication from the City.
- 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.
- Future enhancements include the option to receive your bill via email, on-line account access, and, ultimately, on-line bill pay.

Customers are strongly encouraged to **sign-up for the Auto Pay Plan**, where amounts can be deducted from your checking or savings account. The Utility Billing Automatic Payment enrollment form is available on our website at www.cityofmound.com or by calling the new number for the City of Mound Utility Billing Customer Service at 651-255-0972, effective May 18, 2013.

*And ...
Look Who's
Retiring*



*Joyce Nelson
Utility Billing
Clerk Extraordinaire*

Joyce Nelson started working at the City of Mound on May 31, 1977. (YES, 1977!) After a short time in the Police Department she moved to the Public Works Department where she learned about water meters, watermain and force mains, snowplowing, road restrictions, power outages, downed trees, how to read utility asbuilts as well as mastering 4 different utility billing programs.

She is a wife of 42 years to Marvin, mother to James, Jennifer and Stacy and grandmother to Nick, Tyler, Grace, Chad, Gavin, Dylan, Mason and Kaeley.

Her future plans include hanging with the kids at the trailer, fishing, boating, bowling and traveling.

She is most happy to have contributed (for 21 years) to the Spring and Fall Clean-up Days, the city recycling program, mandatory sprinkler meters for new homes and the drop box for water bills.

"It has been a great pleasure to work and live here. Mound will always have a spot in my heart."

We're REALLY going to miss her! Stop in and say goodbye before May 31st.

A Deduct Meter Can Save You Money! The City strongly urges contractors/ homeowners to purchase an extra meter from the City of Mound which would be used for metering water used outside. The City ordinance states that "the sewer rates shall be based on the actual water used. Water used, but not placed into the sanitary sewer, may be deducted provided it is metered." Meters are available through the City (\$170.00) and customers are responsible for the cost and installation. Call 952-472-0603 for more information.

What Causes Sanitary Sewer Backups? Most sanitary sewer back-ups are caused by foreign materials being flushed into the system via toilets, laundry drains, floor drains, etc. When **diapers, shop rags, paper towels, oil, grease, dirt and mud, cleaning pads and wipes (i.e., Swiffer, Pledge, Clorox pads/wipes)** are flushed into the system, back-ups may occur.

The City is once again asking residents to watch what they are flushing into the sanitary sewer system, via the toilet, laundry tubs, floor drains, etc. Items like these can cause the pumps at the sanitary lift stations to clog, which can cause a sewer back-up into private properties. **Item of note:** If a sewer back-up occurs due to circumstances beyond the City's control, the homeowner is responsible for damages caused, not the city.



“Remember When..... A Historic Event”

Saturday, March 23, was a great success as the first annual fund-raiser for Westonka's community history museum. Over 140

people enjoyed history, food, music, and videos, and participated in silent auction and raffle drawings. The history stations included a small selection of the museum's collection on seven different topics, with a history guide at each station.

Jerry Babb was the “guide” at the **Tonka Toy** station, and he brought many classmates from his MCHS class of 1959 to the event. Herman Renner skated tentatively once around the room, as he had for years at **Surfside**. Vern Brandenburg and Carol Senn highlighted histories of local **businesses**, and a display of the **hotels** of the Glory Years of the late 1800s was hosted by Jeff Magnuson. Tom Rockvam was the **Andrews Sisters** guide. A **family history** station included a video station created by Brad Sohns, where guests could view the dozen or so videos highlighting the museum's collection. A history timeline video played throughout the evening, sometimes

accompanied by Greg Slatten's voice and guitar. The ice sculpture of the Tonka dump truck was a highlight of the displays. Chef Kevin Bame provided tempting food at three stations.

“WHS filled the room with Mound area history enthusiasts! Impressive!” “It was really fun. Everyone we talked to thought so, too.” “It was impressive and well attended.” “What a class act event that was!!!!”

Many thanks go to those businesses and individuals who donated items for the silent auction. From the offer to create a painting of your home to a three-story doll house, all items were enjoyed and appreciated.

This annual fund-raiser is one part of the historical society's fund-raising plan to assure income for support of the Westonka Historical Society museum, as it moves to its permanent home early this spring. For information on membership and WHS Museum, and to check out the history videos, find our website at www.westonkahistoricalociety.org. To donate, contact WHS President Pam Myers at pmyers@TIES2.net.

Trails All the Rage - Increased Trail Popularity Leads to Greater Safety Focus

It's hard to imagine a peaceful ride along the Dakota Trail turning into conflict, or worse, an accident. But it can happen. That is exactly the reason Three Rivers Parks trail managers are focusing attention on safety, intersection enforcement, and trail etiquette.

“People don't think of regional trails this way, but the truth is they're a lot like our road system in that you have a great variety of users all counting on each other for their safety,” says Tom McDowell, Associate Superintendent at Three Rivers Park District. “It's really basic stuff like defensive driving for bikers and walkers being aware of others using the trail and not walking 2 or 3 abreast. It's sharing the trail, staying to the right, being courteous, wearing a helmet and stopping at stop signs. Part of our challenge is that many trail users just want to tune out the world and relax and enjoy a walk or a ride in nature. We want people to be able to do

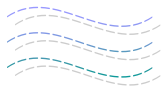
that, just not at the expense of others safety or experience on the trail.” McDowell adds that young trail riders should be given some extra room, and dogs must always be on a 6 foot leash and not block the trail.



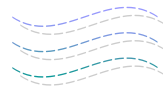
According to Metro Council statistics, Three Rivers Parks had more than eight million visitors last year. Roughly a third of those park visits were on regional trails. Three Rivers Parks manages and maintains nearly 100 miles of regional trails across suburban Hennepin County and linking into the Minneapolis trail system. One of the most popular trails is the Dakota Rail trail which traverses Mound and

numerous other Lake Minnetonka communities.

(Thanks to David Verhasselt, Director of Communications, Three Rivers Park District)



Ideas for Water-Friendly *Landscaping*



Want to help protect clean water as you plan to beautify your yard this spring? The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) can help. The MCWD offers grants for projects that protect water resources in a variety of ways, regardless of whether you live near a lake or stream. The deadline for residential projects is May 31, 2013.

Polluted stormwater runoff is the biggest water quality problem we face today. In developed areas, rainwater flows off roads, parking lots and rooftops, carrying dirt, fertilizer, pesticides and other harmful material into lakes, streams and wetlands. Eroded shorelines and streambanks also contribute sediment and excess nutrients to waterways. The poor water quality that results affects recreation, fish and wildlife, and reduces property values.

The MCWD encourages using stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) that catch polluted stormwater before it reaches nearby water bodies. The District can help you plan what's best for you and **pay for up to half of the cost** of your project.

Projects eligible for MCWD Cost Share grant funding include:

- Raingardens - planted depressions that filter stormwater
- Pervious pavers - hard surfaces which allow water to pass through
- Native plantings along streambanks and shorelines that prevent erosion, filter and absorb pollutants
- Any other innovative BMP that captures and filters stormwater

Grants are available for improvements on any public and private property located within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, including residential homes, apartments, businesses, schools, corporations, or cities.

For more information, visit <http://minnehahacreek.org/CostShare> or contact Joe Barten, MCWD Cost Share Specialist, at (952) 641-4523 or jbarten@minnehahacreek.org.



Adopt-A-Green Space



The City of Mound would like to thank the following individuals, groups and businesses who enthusiastically volunteered their time and talents in the City's Adopt-A-Green Space program in 2012. These dedicated volunteers adopted a planter box, park or beach. The plantings in the planter boxes were donated by the volunteer and cared for by them throughout the growing season. Volunteers that adopted a park or beach may have helped with spring and/or fall clean-up, weekly, monthly clean-up and or/litter pick-up. The generous donation of their time, energy and plantings is greatly appreciated. Below is a list of our volunteers. Thank you for your service to the City.

Tim Blair & Press Perfect
Jim Byers & Westonka Jaycees
Sharon Collings
Marion Finegan
David Greenslit & Green T Accounting
Debi Heitz
Michelle Herrick & Westedge neighbors
Karen Hibbs
Donald Hules

John's Variety & Pets
Carol Laurie & Curves
Teresa Lee
Mound True Value
David & Cyndi Olson
David Osmek
Vickie Pederson
Germaine Persing
Betty Jane Weiland

If you would like to "Adopt-A-Green Space" for 2013 please call Jill at 952-472-0607 or email jillnorlander@cityofmound.com.

MOUND AND MINNETRISTA
SPECIAL RECYCLING DAY
Saturday, May 11, 2013 – 8 am to 3 pm
City of Minnetrista
7701 County Road 110 West, Minnetrista, MN 55364

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- PAPER SHREDDING:** 11:00 am –1:00 pm (Only) - \$1.50 per brown paper grocery bag
- Appliances:** **\$10 each:** Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Dryers, Freezers, Furnaces, Garage Door Openers, Garbage Disposals, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters, Water Softeners. **\$75 each: gas refrigerator under 4'**
- Batteries:** **No charge for household batteries or car batteries**
- Carpet:** **\$1.25/per square yard** (Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)
- Concrete:** **\$1.00/per construction size block**
- Electronics:** **\$5.00** - laptop computers, stereo, CD players, VCR/DVD players, small printers, computer box
\$10.00 - 13" CRT TV, small laser printers, **\$15.00 – 19"** CRT TV, CRT computer Monitors,
\$20.00 - 25" CRT TV, large laser printers
- **Hennepin County Drop-off centers accept Electronics year round ~ FREE~ Ask for more info****
- Fluorescent Bulbs:** **4 ft: \$.25 each 8 ft: \$.50 each**
- Furniture:** Chairs and Recliners: **\$5 each**, Loveseat Couch: **\$8 each**, Sofa: **\$15 each**, Hide-a-bed: **\$25**
- Mattresses & Box Springs:** **\$15.00 each** (all sizes)
- Misc Items:** Household Plastic, Plastic Toys, Styrofoam, Foam Rubber, Vacuum Cleaners will be charged at \$15/cubic yd.
- Phone Books:** **No charge: Container will be provided**
- Scrap Metal:** **No charge for:** Lawn Mowers, Swing Sets, Lawn Furniture, Grills, Auto Parts, Springs, Pipe, Metal Window Frames (no glass), Auto Batteries, etc. **\$ 1 charge:** Bicycles w/tires
- Tires:** Car and Pickup: **\$2.00 each**, Semi Truck: **\$6.00 each**, Tractor: **\$25.00 each**
- Household items such as:** Clothing, Small working appliances, Games, Domestic Items (pots, pans, dishes, etc), Tools, Lamps, etc will be accepted at **No charge**

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

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

SPRING & SUMMER RESIDENT FAQs

How do I Report a Nuisance Concern or Complaint?

The City of Mound has a complaint-based code enforcement policy. If you wish to report a condition you feel may be a violation of Mound's City Code, contact the Community Service Officer 952-472-0603. State statute requires such matters to be handled confidentially. While Staff does their due diligence to resolve nuisance issues in a timely manner, there are matters and/or circumstances that take some time to achieve compliance. Feel free to call for a status update.

Do I Need a Permit for a Banner or Temporary Sign?

In 2012, the City Council approved amendments to the sign regulations that allow temporary banners and portable signs for up to 30-days. Previously, banners were allowed up to 15 days and portable signs were allowed for 10 days. To expedite approval, portable sign placement on public property may be approved by the City Manager. A temporary sign permit is required for both banners and portable signs.

When is Construction Noise Allowed?

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.

SPRINKLER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Just a reminder that, per Mound City Code 610.50, Subd 12, sprinkling restrictions are in effect May 15 to September 1 each year. Properties with even numbered addresses may sprinkle only on days with even numbered dates. Properties with odd numbered addresses may sprinkle only on days with odd numbered dates. A one (1) month exception from the odd/even sprinkling restriction may be granted for newly planted sod, grass or landscaping upon registering for exemption and approval by the Public Works Superintendent. Other exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Questions? Call Amy at 952-472-0603.

FREE GRASS/LEAF DUMPING

The City of Mound offers residents a location to dump leaves, weeds, garden waste, milfoil, and grass/lawn clippings free of charge at The Mulch Store. The Mulch Store is located on Highway 7, three miles west of County Road 44 at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista. Their phone number is 952-446-1056. The Mulch Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from April 1 thru November 30. Mound residents must show picture identification to use this service for free. This location will also accept brush, limbs, logs and stumps for a fee. Questions? Call Amy at 952-472-0603.

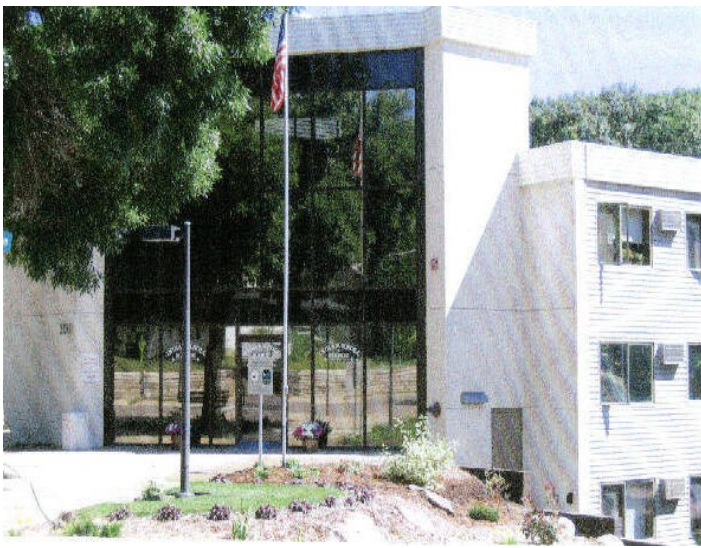
DOCKS & COMMONS PROGRAM UPDATE.....

Due to a recent reorganization, the Docks & Commons Program is now managed by the Finance and Administrative Services Department. Contact information is as follows:

Catherine Pausche, Director of Finance and Admin Services
Ron Stanchfield, Dock Inspector
Email: dockprogram@cityofmound.com
Phone: 952-472-0633



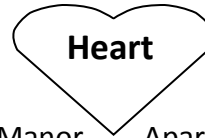
Check out the website at www.cityofmound.com website to meet the Docks & Commons Commissioners and to learn more about the Mound Docks and Commons Program. Residents in the program are reminded to comply with all requirements as listed in the Dock Ordinance Section 78 of the City Code (see website). Fines and/or potential revocation of the dock license may apply for non-compliance. The most common violations include: failure to declare watercraft, not having a valid DNR registration on file, or leaving debris on the commons or dock site.



Indian Knoll Manor

Affordable Housing

In the



of Mound...

Indian Knoll Manor Apartments, located at 2020 Commerce Boulevard, are subsidized by HUD and rents are based on income for qualified applicants. There are one bedroom and studio apartments and rent includes heat, water, electric and trash. Call the Property Manager at 952-472-5078 for an application or to take a tour.

The Spirit of the Lakes Festival will take place July 18-20. This fun-filled three-day weekend is kicked off with the Boots & Badges Safety Fair and the Kiddie Parade and culminates with a grandiose display of fireworks choreographed to music, reinforcing Mound's reputation as having the best fireworks on Lake Minnetonka!



The annual "Spirit" celebration is not actually a function of the City of Mound. It is a community based festival, by the community, for the community, and a function of the civic groups and residents of Mound and the surrounding area. The City of Mound supports the event by providing parks, public works, public safety and administrative assistance.

Many more volunteers are needed to sustain the momentum and make this year's Festival a success. The Spirit of the Lakes Festival Board invites you or your organization to volunteer your time during this community event. Your commitment to a short two-hour shift will help spread the work among many. Volunteers are needed in these areas. Thanks!



----- **Clip and Return as Soon as Possible** -----



Name: _____ Address: _____

Best phone: _____ Email: _____

I am (or my organization is) willing to help with the 2013 Spirit of the Lakes Festival in some capacity: (Please check at least one and provide any comments, details or suggestions. Thanks!)

- ☐ Visitor Booth _____
- ☐ The Beach Bar and Tiki Bar _____
- ☐ Grand Parade _____
- ☐ Marketing, advertising or social media _____
- ☐ Buttons, fliers and t-shirts _____
- ☐ Set-up and/or tear-down _____
- ☐ Other _____

Return to Mound City Hall, 5341 Maywood Road or drop in drop box or fax to 952-472-0620.

Mound Fire Department Hires Six Probationary Firefighters

There is a problematic trend across America within the volunteer fire service of fewer and fewer people volunteering for firefighting duties. There has been a decline in the number of active volunteer firefighters in the United States by approximately 130,000, from 1984 to 2010.

Over its long history, the Mound Fire Department has been very successful in maintaining a full complement of volunteer firefighters. In an effort to maintain a high quality fire and rescue staff, Mound Fire recently hired six firefighters who started on March 4, 2013 as probationary firefighters. The six new firefighters are Nick Farley,

Danny Grady, Chris Heitz, Jed Kobernusz, Aaron Morrison and Dan Patterson.

The hiring was in response to retirements over the past couple of years, combined with planning for future staff retirements. Hiring firefighters now ensures a fully trained staff and excellent fire and rescue response now and in the future.

Interested in becoming a firefighter with the Mound Fire Department? We are always accepting applications. You can print an application form by visiting our website at www.Moundfire.com, or stop by our office. Call 952-472-3555 with questions.

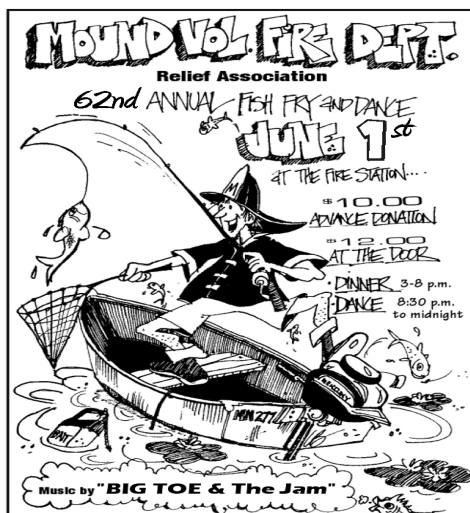
Fire Safety Tips

Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and in every bedroom.

- Smoke alarms can be battery-operated or electrically hardwired in your home and are available at a variety of price points.
 - If you have hearing problems, use alarms with flashing strobe lights and vibration.
 - Test smoke alarms every month. Replace batteries once a year, even if alarms are hardwired.
 - Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings since smoke rises. Ceiling-mounted alarms should be installed at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall. Wall-mounted alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling.
 - Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.
 - Consider installing both ionization alarms, which are better at sensing flaming fires, and photoelectric alarms, which are better at sensing slow, smoky fires, or dual sensor alarms.
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Mound Fire Department 2013 Fish Fry and Dance

Mound firefighters are gearing up for the 62nd Annual Fish Fry and Dance. The fish fry is scheduled for Saturday June 1, 2013. The event ticket includes dinner featuring the traditional fish meal and an evening dance with live music featuring **Big Toe and the Jam**. Tickets will be sold in advance by firefighters canvassing neighborhoods for \$10.00 each and available at the door for \$12.00. Tickets also available by calling Vicki Weber at the Mound Fire Station administrative office at 952-472-3555. Join us for a fun day!



What: MFD Fish Fry and Dance
Fish Dinner and Refreshments
Music by: **Big Toe and the Jam**

When: Saturday June 1, 2013
Dinner: 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Dance: 9:00 p.m. – Midnight

Where: Mound Public Safety Facility
2415 Wilshire Boulevard

**All proceeds to benefit the
Mound Fire Relief Association**

VERTICAL CLEARANCES UNDER LAKE BRIDGES

There are 16 county-maintained channels on Lake Minnetonka that pass under a bridge. Basic safe boating involves an understanding of your boat height on the water, the current water level and bridge clearances prior to entering a channel.

The following list gives the vertical clearance under bridges (the lowest bridge is used if there is more than one over the channel) to the normal lake elevation 929.4 feet. Temporary cables, wires, ropes, and changes in lake elevation may reduce vertical clearance to something less than that listed. For current lake elevations please call the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District at 952-471-0590.

Channel	Clearance	Channel	Clearance
Arcola	14' 9"	Hendrickson	14' 11"
Black Lake	9' 9"	Libbs Lake	8' 10"
Boy Scout	6' 11"	Lost Lake	11' 1"
Carson's Bay	5' 8"	Narrows	18' 3"
Coffee	13' 6"	Noerenberg	12' 8"
Emerald Lake	12' 4"	St. Alban's Bay	12' 5"
Forest Lake	11' 8"	Seton Lake	12' 8"
Grays Bay	14' 4"	Tanager Lake	10' 2"
Halsted Bay	14' 11"	Zimmermans Pass	11' 6"

A commonly asked question of the City of Mound is: What is the City going to do to replace the bridge at Bartlett Boulevard, to make possible navigation to Lost Lake and the Mound Pier, the destination being the future water front restaurant and bar? **The answer is:** The project would be a County project, should it be undertaken; however, the Bartlett bridge is higher than the Black Lake bridge. If your boat has clearance at Black Lake, you will also have clearance at Lost Lake and you can get to downtown Mound!

Working through Neighbor Disputes.....by Kandis Hanson

In days gone by it was typical for neighbors to talk to each other to resolve their conflicts. Today, they call the City and Police Department to resolve differences. A shocking amount of time and tax payer dollars are spent resolving problems between neighbors. I am encouraging each of you to commit to talking and working things out when a difference arises.

because I liked the informal look and the privacy it provided. Little did I know that it was an irritant to the neighbor. One day he came from behind the hedge to tell me that its unwieldiness made it difficult for him to mow his lawn. How was I to know??!! From then on I trimmed the hedge on one side and my neighbor and I had a friendly relationship.

I have a story to tell you related to this — Several years ago, while the City Administrator for another town, my home had a hedge that separated my back yard from my neighbor's property. I allowed it to grow big and untamed

As your City Manager, I encourage you to talk to your neighbors too! Approach them and be honest in a civil way about what you view as a problem. It may never have occurred to them as you see it. Strive to work things out.



**2135 COMMERCE BLVD
MOUND, MN 55364
952-472-0648**

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Orono Police Department Update.....

On January 1, 2013, the Orono Police Department (OPD) expanded its police service area. The Cities of Mound and Orono worked out a cooperative partnership to provide police services to the City of Mound. The Orono Police Department also provides police services to the cities of Spring Park and Minnetonka Beach.

This partnership brought 11 additional officers to OPD. Each new officer brought with them different skills and knowledge, making an even stronger organization. Great effort made everything as seamless as possible, resulting in a very positive outcome.

The current level of staffing is at 27 licensed full-time police officers, 3 part-time police officers, 3 office support personnel and a community service officer. The

most recent additions were the hiring of two part-time officers: Jason Barnes and Philip Spanjers and one administrative assistant, Heather Gehlen.

The Orono Police Department prides itself on making the communities feel safe through diligent traffic enforcement and by building strong lasting relationships with citizens and businesses. We encourage people who live, work and enjoy our communities to participate in the partnerships we are forming. We are currently working on an initiative to share additional crime reporting information. New crime maps and reports should be available on our website soon. We also invite you to receive our crime alerts by signing up for our new listserve through the police department. Send an email to jwerder@ci.orono.mn.us to be added to this service.

Police Explorer Program Openings for Youth

Law Enforcement Police Exploring is a youth career program facilitated by the Learning for Life Organization and sponsored by various police agencies. The Orono Police Department has continued the Police Explorer Program established by the Mound PD in 2008. Police Exploring is open to young adults age fourteen (and past the eighth grade) to age twenty. Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the objectives and mission of law enforcement.

The Exploring program is specifically designed to incorporate career opportunities, life skills, service learning, character education and leadership experience. Explorers are trained on various mock situations ranging from traffic stops to hostage negotiation. The Explorers also volunteer their time to assist the city with city

events. The Explorers may participate in the state conference which is held in Rochester each year. Explorers also have the opportunity to earn multiple scholarships toward college level courses.



In the past three years, our local Explorer Post has earned eight state awards, including five first place awards at the State Conference. The awards result in scholarship money to our post that the Explorers can use towards college courses. Explorers meet weekly during the school year and have opportunity to participate in ride-alongs with Orono Police Officers.

Candidates interested in joining our post can contact Officer Mike Sussman with the Orono Police Department by phone at 952-249-4714 or by email at msussman@ci.orono.mn.us.

WeCAB **NEEDS** **VOLUNTEERS**

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 Bussing) 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.

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City Hall Hours

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

Water bills can be dropped off 24/7
in the payment box located in the
City Hall parking lot near the flag!

Dates To Remember

April 29 Seasonal hours begin at City Hall
May 1 Hennepin County Open Book Meeting
May 11 Mound Recycle Day at Minnetrista City Hall
May 18 Mound Farmers' Market
WeCAN Wheels for Meals benefit
OLL The Blast
May 27 Memorial Day - City offices closed
June 1 Mound Fire Department Fish Fry
July 4-5 Independence Day - City offices closed

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

