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Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

When people hear "Habitat for Humanity", many people probably envision a group of people who jump on an airplane and fly to some far off country to build a small house in a village, but there is much more to Habitat for Humanity than that.

Council Member Jennifer Peterson brought to my attention a program that Habitat for Humanity has that helps improve the quality of housing right here in our very own community. Staff has reviewed the program and it would appear the program has been previously used in Mound. I feel this program deserves a little more exposure.

The Habitat for Humanity program is called "A Brush with Kindness" and is a

program that eligible property owners can apply for. The program can provide financial assistance to make safety and accessibility modifications, minor carpentry repairs, mechanical system repairs, exterior painting and/or tree trimming. Most simply cosmetic projects, handyman fixes, quickly needed emergency work, or structural repairs, including additions, are not eligible under this program.

In order to be eligible, the property must be owner occupied for at least two years, have current homeowner's insurance, have a household income below 80% of the Twin Cities median area income, and have NOT received assistance from Habitat for Humanity in the previous two years.

Applications are only accepted during a short period of time and are for service in the next calendar year. Grants are awarded based on fund availability and project scope.

Habitat for Humanity is anticipating the next application period will open again in the late fall or early winter for 2018 projects.

The best way for homeowners to get started would be to apply for the services online at: tchabitat.org/services.

For consideration specifically on home repair and landscaping, go to: tchabitat.org/services/abwk.

There is also a link on The City of Mound's web site at: cityofmound.com.

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City Construction Updates

Whew!!!! By the time this is published, improvements to Tuxedo Blvd (end-to-end) should be nearing completion. This has been a 3-year effort and certainly a significant interruption to daily life for all those in the work corridor.

Thanks for your patience.

The Metropolitan Council and City work continues in the Wilshire Blvd corridor and will continue here and at the new pumping station at Bradford through the

fall. The bridge is anticipated to re-open in the fall as well. Work in the roadways will shift to the project areas south of Swenson Park and along Brighton Commons and continue at the pump station site through winter 2017/18. Before completion, this project will span 3 years; wrapping up with final boulevard and park restoration in mid-2018.

Progress has been good on the Met Council work along the Dakota trail and we anticipate only rail and site restoration

work to remain for Spring 2018.

The City Street and utility work on Tuxedo is almost complete (as mentioned above). Weather permitting, we anticipate having base-course asphalt complete in the Shirley Hills project areas before school starts. The street work on Wilshire associated with the Met Council sewer improvements from Bartlett to Maywood will be bundled with City paving with the same completion target.

The last of the City street improvements in our 15-year program is the 2018 project along Westedge. This work will be combined with major Met Council sewer improvements on Westedge and County Road 44 extending all the way to MN Hwy 7. This will be a 2-year project with work in the Mound project area completed in 2018 and the work south on 44 completed in 2019.

Stay tuned for more information.

2040 Mound Comprehensive Plan Update - Summary of Spring Community Engagement Process

Community engagement is a means for all people to bring their voices into the process and to share their ideas, backgrounds, and experiences to plan for a future that benefits everyone. The first phase of community engagement for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan provided an opportunity for interested parties to express what they liked; what they had concerns about; where improvements would be beneficial; where safety issues exist; and how well the current vision captures what the community should be in 2040. Input was gathered by Social Pinpoint, a map-based online engagement tool that allows community members to leave comments on specific areas of the city via a map. Commenters were able to interact with each other by upvoting or downvoting other comments or replying directly into a comment thread. In total, Social

Pinpoint was open for comment for one month in the spring of 2017. There were 277 comments and 55 survey responses during that time, with website visitors spending an average of 16 minutes reviewing and commenting. The Social Pinpoint website provided an opportunity for the gathering of detailed, site based information about the community. This information will be used throughout the process, particularly when specific initiatives are being identified. To assist with general plan directions, the detailed input has been summarized into the following set of key findings:

- Generally, the Vision seems to capture what Mound should be in 2040, though there is some interest in making it more unique or compelling in some manner. There is not a

clear consensus on whether the community should focus on being more of a destination for the region or a self-sustaining community geared towards its residents.

- Features highlighted as positives include lake access, "small town feel", affordability, schools, regional trail, library, and the dock and commons program.
- Overall appearance of community is a concern – this includes yards, homes, commercial areas, parks, and city infrastructure (e.g. water tower and welcome signs).
- Investment and redevelopment in the Downtown area, as well as along Shoreline and Commerce, should be a key focus of discussion in the Comprehensive Plan.

- Interest in park investment to replace aging infrastructure and to add new amenities like a dog park, skating/hockey rink, pickleball, splash pad, and community garden.

- While most safety concerns are in the Downtown and at Dakota Rail Trail crossings, there are safety concerns at major intersection in neighborhoods throughout the community.

The City of Mound would like to express our thanks to all who provided input on the Comprehensive Plan as part of the community engagement project. City Staff and the consulting team are using this input specifically to identify ideas for future land use and parks. Input regarding these ideas will be solicited later this fall!



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- **Order** the print version of the Choose to Reuse coupon book.
- **Pick one up** at participating retail locations, Hennepin

County Service Centers, Hennepin County libraries and all Three Rivers Park District locations.

For more information about getting Choose to Reuse coupons, visit hennepin.us/choosetoreuse or call 612-348-3777.

You could make a difference!

Hennepin County Recycling Progress Report (April, 2016 excerpt)

Hennepin County's goal is to reduce waste by 6 percent by 2030.

Waste reduction and reuse programs focus on preventing the creation of waste in the first place and encouraging reuse.

Reuse actions include renting, borrowing, repairing, buying used, donating usable goods, consigning, exchanging, trading, or giving an item away. Waste reduction and reuse have many benefits, including preventing pollution, saving energy, promoting sustainable living, avoiding disposal, and using materials to their fullest extent. About 1.35 million tons of solid waste was generated in Hennepin

County in 2015, which is nearly 34,000 tons less than 2014, or 2.4 percent. The amount of waste generated per capita decreased in 2015 compared to 2014 and is significantly below the 2007 amount of waste generated per capita. Waste generation per capita in Hennepin County has decreased by 20 percent since 2007, which is a much greater decrease than the national reduction of about 4 percent since 2007. Minnesota is the best in the country at recycling!

How can we do even better? Recent news reports are trying to raise awareness about what is actually

recyclable in curb-side recycling programs. Many contaminants find their way into the single sort stream which makes the material unusable. One of the worst offenders is **plastic bags!** The bags get caught in sorting machinery and gravely impair processing. Residents are strongly encouraged to recycle plastic bags at grocery stores like our own Jubilee Foods. Also, residents are asked to only put **clean** materials in the recycling, not to bag anything (to facilitate the sorting process), to rip apart plastic and paper from packaging, and don't put in "mixed" materials that can't be separated

example: wax coated juice cartons, gift wrap or ice cream cartons.

Common household items that are not recyclable based on equipment limitations and/or no after market use: batteries (drop-offs at public libraries), cell phones, toys, dishware, garden hoses, diapers, pizza boxes or used paper plates, paper towels/napkins, egg cartons, Aluminum foil, Styrofoam or Aerosol cans.

Look for more info at cityofmound.com/departments/public-works/recycling or at hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/residential-recycling.



GOODBYE TO THE TIE!



Consulting City Engineer Dan Faulkner from Bolton & Menk retired on July 14, 2017. Dan has served the City of Mound since 2006 and can be credited as a pragmatic member of the team that drove Mound's street and utility improvement projects. The City thanks Dan for his contributions and wishes him well in retirement!





MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS



Mound Fire Department Donates Fire Gear to Caucasasia, Columbia

Earlier this year, the Mound Fire Department was approached by former Mound Police Chief Dean Mooney to inquire if MFD had any used firefighting gear to donate to the Caucasasia Fire Department in Columbia. The Caucasasia Department did not have any fire personal protection equipment, and were using substandard modified gear. They were literally using

construction and BMX helmets. Mound Fire was able to donate eight sets of turnout gear, along with some helmets and boots that no longer met the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) standards. Turnout gear protects firefighters from the extreme heat when fighting fires.

Over the past few years, the Mound Fire Department has

purchased new turnout gear for each of our firefighters that is compliant with NFPA Standards. Each new set of gear costs approximately \$2,500. The gear donated to Columbia, although outdated by U.S. Standards, was still functional.

Dean Mooney has been involved in missionary work in Columbia, and he and others from his group were able to

bring the donated gear to Columbia this spring. Per Dean Mooney, the Caucasasia Fire Department was extremely thankful for the donated gear.



MFD Fire Prevention Open House - Wednesday, October 4, 2017

In advance of Fire Prevention Week, mark your calendars for the Mound Fire Department Open House on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Mound Fire Station. We'll have hands-on activities, including fire displays, fire truck rides and



more. This will be a family fun event for all ages!

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through

Saturday period in which October 9th falls. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that began on the evening

of October 8, 1871 and killed more than 250 people and destroyed more than 17,400 structures on October 8th and 9th. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) continues to be the international sponsor of the week.

Mound Fire Department Staff News

Congratulations to two new lieutenants, as firefighter Nick Farley and Chris Heitz were both promoted to officer positions with the Mound Fire Department effective July 1, 2017. Lt. Nick Farley and Lt. Chris Heitz have been with the Mound Fire Department since March 2013. In

preparation for their new roles, both have attended basic officer training and advanced incident command training, along with training side by side with our current officers. We are excited to see them advance into leadership roles within our fire department. Congratulations to Lt.

Nick Farley and Lt. Chris Heitz!

Firefighter Matt Linder has completed his one year probationary period and has completed all of the training and attendance requirements necessary to become State Certified as Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat and Emergency Medical

Responder (EMR). The completion of the State Certification is a requirement of all firefighters employed by the Mound Fire Department. Matt is proficiently trained and a welcome addition to our permanent fire department staff. Congratulations to firefighter Matt Linder for all his hard work!

MFD & Emergency Management Awarded CenterPoint Energy Community Partnership Grant

The City of Mound has recently been the recipient of a CenterPoint Energy Community Partnership Grant for 2017. This grant awards matching funds to

eligible agencies to cover the cost of public safety related equipment or projects. The grant money will be used to purchase two new automatic external

defibrillators (AED's), replacement AED pads and traffic control equipment. The Mound Fire Department Crews and Field Officer will use this equipment when

responding to medical, fire, and natural gas emergencies. The total cost for the equipment is \$5,263, of which \$2,500 is covered by the grant.

RECREATIONAL



FIRES

The following general requirements shall apply to all recreational fires:

- ✓ The fire shall be attended by a competent, unimpaired adult at all times that smoke is produced from the fire.
- ✓ Equipment to control and extinguish the fire shall be immediately available to the attendant at the site of the fire at all times during burning. This may include hand tools, hose lines, and water buckets.
- ✓ A means for summoning the Fire Department shall be available for immediate use by the attendant.
- ✓ Only wood and starter fuels as defined in this section may be burned in a recreational fire.
- ✓ The fire may not be started or continued in situations where prevailing winds or other factors create an unsafe condition or direct smoke toward other nearby residences.
- ✓ The fire shall be located 25 feet from any structure or combustible material unless the fire is in an approved container and is not less than 15 feet from a structure.
- ✓ Recreational fires may be conducted between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.



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

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

City of Mound Now Using CodeRED Community Notification System

The City of Mound recently began using the CodeRED Community Notification System to send emergency and non-emergency notifications to residences and

businesses, via telephone, E-mail, text messages, and through the CodeRED Mobile Alert App, available for Apple and Android smart phones and tablets. We encourage you to

actively participate in emergency preparedness by staying informed. Registering for CodeRED is quick, easy, and FREE! Your CodeRED subscription is protected data and will

not be sold. Sign-up today by visiting our website and clicking the CodeRED icon or by contacting Field Officer Stewart Simon at fieldops@cityofmound.com or 952-472-0605.

Use Your Time Wisely - Donate!



WeCAB (Community Area Busing) drivers provide rides to medical appointments, shopping, and religious services. Volunteer drivers and dispatchers are needed. Call 1-844-743-3932 or visit wecab.org.

Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with a mission to develop, coordinate and provide services that help meet the needs of older adults and support their caregivers. Call 952-746-4046 or visit seniorcommunity.org.

WeCAN (Western Communities Action Network) provides support programs such as emergency assistance, Meals-on-Wheels, and Mobile Market food shelf. Call 952-472-0742 or visit wecanmn.org.

Westonka Historical Society gathers artifacts, preserves and interprets, and provides educational opportunities for adults and children. Interested in learning more? Email info@Westonkahistoricalociety.org or call 952-472-9800.

Wetlands are Important Too!

There is a lot of information out there about protecting lakes and streams, but did you know that wetlands need protecting too? Wetlands are characterized by wet soils and support vegetation that adapt to the damp conditions. They function as natural sponges that trap and slowly release surface water, rain, snowmelt,

groundwater, and floodwater. As they trap and release water they filter out pollutants (especially phosphorus), control erosion, and provide habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife.

If you live near a wetland, you can take steps to ensure you are helping protect this important resource.

Establish and maintain a natural buffer area around the wetland. A wetland buffer is an unmowed, naturally vegetated area next to the wetland that protects the wetland from the effects of nearby development by providing initial filtering of stormwater runoff. The larger the buffer, the more effective it will be.

Consider planting native plants in your wetland buffer. Native plants are well-adapted to local environmental conditions, help maintain or improve soil fertility, reduce erosion, and are more effective in removing pollutants because of their deep roots.

Decrease runoff from your property. By mowing your lawn higher, decreasing the amount of fertilizer and pesticides used, picking up pet waste, and sweeping up excess sidewalk salt, you can help minimize your impact on the wetland all year long. To learn more about wetlands and wetland restorations, visit minnehahacreek.org/education.

Wetland Buffers:

- **Filter pollutants**
- **Control erosion**
- **Provide habitat**



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Tidbits



Welcome!



Robbie Larson joined the Public Works Utility Department on May 30, 2017. Prior to coming

to Mound, he worked for the Metropolitan Council performing waste water collection.

Robbie lives in Jordan and enjoys fishing, camping, and hunting.

Welcome, Robbie!

Mike Miller has been hired as the Mound City Dock Inspector for the 2017 boating season. Mike has many years of experience in Long Term Care

Administration and is an avid Lake Minnetonka enthusiast in all four seasons! Mike is conducting dock inspections this year to ensure compliance with

the dock program requirements contained in Chapter 78 of the Mound City Code.

Welcome, Mike!

Attention Multiple Slip Holders

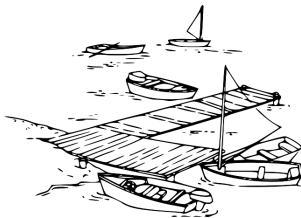
All watercraft must be removed by October 15, 2017

In order to manage the removal of multiple slip

docking structures, the City requires all boats to be removed by October 15th of each year. Failure to do so

can lead to fines and possible impounding of watercraft.

Thank you for your cooperation!



National Night Out

National Night Out is Tuesday August 1st.

We invite you and your community to join millions of neighbors across the nation in the

celebration of National Night Out. Please contact Officer Mike Fournier with Orono Police Department at 952-249-4700 if you

would like more information on hosting a gathering or if you would like to have an officer or public official stop by your event.



Don't Ignore Door Tags!

Public Works

occasionally puts a NEON door tag on homes to notify the resident they must schedule a water meter

inspection. Most often this is needed because Public Works could not get a valid remote read or there is unusually high usage. In that

case, Public Works will help the resident check for leaks that may be the cause of the high usage. It could be to your advantage!



Plant a Tree



Tree Sale! Residents of Mound will be able to purchase trees for \$30 each, sponsored by the City of Mound, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Tree Trust, and Cargill.

- ▶ Tree sale starts July 10 - orders taken until September 10
- ▶ Tree pickup is September 16 at the Mound Public Works Facility on Lynwood Boulevard
- ▶ Multiple Species- see ordering site for specimens and characteristics
- ▶ Trees are 6-8 ft tall, 1½ inch caliper, in 5 gallon pots
- ▶ Limited to two trees per property
- ▶ Visit cityofmound.com or trees.treetrust.org/mound for more information and to place your order.



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Utility Billing	651-255-0972

City Hall Hours

May through October 27th

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 11:30 am

October 30th through April

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Mound Meeting Calendar

- **City Council** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 pm
- **HRA** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month usually beginning at 6:55 pm on an as-needed basis
- **Planning Commission** meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 pm
- **Parks and Open Space Commission** meets the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm on an as-needed basis
- **Docks and Commons Commission** meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm on an as-needed basis

Dates To Remember

Aug 5 Tour de Tonka
Aug 12 Dog Days Westonka
Sept 4 Labor Day—City Offices Closed
Sept 9 Running of the Bays
Sept 11 Patriot Day
Oct 9 Columbus Day
Oct 30 City Hall Resumes Regular Hours
Oct 31 Halloween

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.