



City Contact



A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mound

Message from the Mayor

Dear neighbors,

This month we honor the many volunteers who make Mound a better place to live, work, and play. Volunteers are the backbone of our community. Schools, churches, civic groups, social services agencies, and countless other organizations rely on the dedicated volunteers who selflessly share their time and talents.

At Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN), volunteers staff the front desk and greet visitors. They also pack and deliver food for the Mobile Market. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals, offering a well check and friendly visit on the side. Programs like Adopt-a-Family, the Coat Drive, and the Ready-to-Learn School Supply Program couldn't happen

without a full roster of amazing volunteers. In 2016, volunteers gave over 11,000 hours of service to WeCAN.

As we celebrated National Volunteer Week, April 23 - 29, I would like to thank you for giving your time, energy, and skills to local organizations like WeCAN who couldn't do their work without you.

If you are already a community volunteer – thank you! If not, please consider. There are many great reasons to volunteer. In addition to providing a valuable community resource, volunteers experience physical and mental rewards, like a strengthened immune system, less tension, and a feeling of optimism – in short, it makes you feel good! Working with your neighbors toward a common goal builds camaraderie and teamwork, and

encourages civic responsibility.

But perhaps the biggest reason to volunteer is that you will make a difference – every person counts!

Non-profits such as WeCAN rely on the help of dedicated volunteers to deliver services that benefit and strengthen our community. This issue of the newsletter highlights many volunteer opportunities and events that I hope you will consider supporting.

Service Unites, the theme for National Volunteer Week, captures the power of change makers to come together to build stronger, more vibrant communities through service. Whether you can volunteer on a regular basis or just occasionally, organizations like WeCAN appreciate your help. And, you'll feel better for it, too. *MW*

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Mayor
Mark Wegscheid

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Spring Has Sprung!!!
Come See Us First For All Your Special
Spring Wine & Spirit Needs!!
Free Samplings Every Weekend!!
Still Stumped? We Sell Gift Certificates!!

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City Construction Updates

As we go to publishing for this quarter's newsletter, we moved quickly from winter into the construction season. We had several projects work through the winter that impacted areas along the Bradford Wetland, Avon Park, and the Dakota Trail. As we move into full spring work, these jobs will expand into our streets, most notably, the closure of the Wilshire Bridge at Emerald Lake and the detour of the Dakota Trail bicycle traffic onto C.R. 15 west of the Auditors crossing to

Westedge. Final paving will occur for the 2015/16 Street and Utility improvement Projects on Tuxedo, Bartlett, and Cypress. The 2017 Street and Utility improvements will begin in early summer and impact Lynwood Boulevard (behind the Balboa Building), Wilshire Boulevard, and Hiddenvale Lane. The City and County will replace sidewalks and retaining walls along C.R. 110 north of Mound Marketplace and the City will replace the Lift

Station across the street from Huber Funeral Home.

The County has several local routes projected for re-surfacing including C.R. 110 north of Sunnybrook to C.R. 6 and several key commuter routes east of Mound. Developers will begin work at both the former Anthony's Floral site north on C.R. 110, and the former mobile home site on C.R. 110 west of Mound.

The best way to stay informed on all of these

projects and their impact on your neighborhood and/or commute is to sign up for updates on the City website - cityofmound.com. These updates will provide direct links to the project status updates, maps, and detour diagrams that can also be found in the "City Construction Projects" tab of the website. Look for updates to this resource as we attempt to make it more user-friendly.



2040 Mound Comprehensive Plan Update

Thank you to all who provided input for the Comprehensive Plan update project. A summary of the input received from the Social Pinpoint website is posted on the Comprehensive Plan page of the City website

(cityofmound.com). The consulting team and City staff will be using all of the input as they begin drafting concepts for the various parts of the Comprehensive Plan. Additional opportunities for input will occur later this year.

To receive updates on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan project and notifications about upcoming events, sign up for our Comprehensive Plan email list on the City of Mound website and click on the 2040 Mound

Comprehensive Plan Update link.

For questions, please contact Community Development Director Sarah Smith at 952-472-0604 or sarahsmith@cityofmound.com.



Tidbits



Mound/Minnetrista Recycle Day

The City of Mound and City of Minnetrista have scheduled the Annual Spring Clean Up/ Recycling Day for May 13, 2017, from 8 am to 3 pm. See **Page 4** for more information.

Republic Services

The 2017 recycling schedules are available at City Hall or on the website under

Department/ Public Works/Recycling.

Utility Billing

Customers are strongly encouraged to sign-up for the **Auto Pay Plan**, where amounts can be deducted from your checking or savings account. **E-bill** is also available. Find forms on the website at cityofmound.com or by calling Customer Service at 651-255-0972.

Public Restrooms

The City of Mound public restrooms located on the Dakota Rail Trail by the Mound Transit Center are open May 1st through October 31st.

The Dakota Rail Trail

The trail is closed between Westedge and Commerce Boulevards for the Metropolitan Council sewer project. This section of the trail will remain closed during

construction until spring/ summer 2018.

Leaf Dumping

City of Mound residents can dump grass clippings, milfoil, and leaves at The Mulch Store located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista. This is a free service if you show your driver's license. See their website at mulchstoremn.com or call 952-446-1056 for more information.



MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS



Mound Fire Department Receives Substantial Donations

The Mound Fire Department Auxiliary recently donated \$3,000 to purchase radio and communications equipment for the Mound Aerial Ladder Truck. The donation was used to purchase a wireless radio transmitter and intercom system along

with wireless headsets. This donation was made possible from the community support and money raised by the MFD Auxiliary events such as Easter Bingo and the raffle and silent auction held at the annual fish fry.

The Mound Fire Department Relief

Association donated \$4,025.93 to purchase large diameter hose (LDH) for our new E-ONE HP78 Aerial Ladder Truck. With the delivery of the new truck, a decision was made to upgrade to 5" LDH. The 5" hose is beneficial in fighting fires, as you can flow a much greater volume of

water. Again, these donations were made possible from proceeds made at the annual fish fry.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mound Fire Department Auxiliary and Mound Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association for a total of \$7,025.93 in donations!

MFD Hires Two New Probationary Firefighters

On March 25, 2017, the Mound Fire Department hired probationary firefighters Alex Erickson and Brent Knutson. Both Alex and Brent have family ties to firefighting. Alex's father, Steve Erickson, was a previous Fire Chief at the Mound Fire

Department, and Brent is the son-in-law of Dan Grady who was a Mound Firefighter, and brother-in-law to Danny Grady, a current firefighter. We are excited to have Alex and Brent on our staff.

The hiring was in response to recent

firefighter retirements and relocations. Six veteran firefighters retired in 2016, and one firefighter moved out of our area. Hiring the two new firefighters will allow the staffing level necessary to continue to provide excellent service now and in the future.

Are you interested in becoming a firefighter with the Mound Fire Department? We are currently accepting applications. You can print an application form by visiting the website at moundfire.com or stopping by the administrative office. Call 952-472-3555 with questions.



66th Annual Fish Fry and Dance

The Mound firefighters are busy preparing for the 66th Annual Fish Fry and Dance to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Tickets for the event will include the fish dinner and an evening dance with live music provided by *The Chad Edwards Band*. Firefighters will be canvassing neighborhoods selling advance tickets for \$10.00 each, or call Vicki Weber at 952-472-3555. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$12.00 the day of event. Join us for a fun day!

What: MFD Fish Fry and Dance
Music by: *The Chad Edwards Band*

When: Saturday June 3, 2017
Dinner: 3:00 – 8:00pm
Dance: 9:00pm – Midnight

Where: Mound Fire Station
2415 Wilshire Boulevard



MINNETRISTA / MOUND

SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 8 am to 3 pm

City of Minnetrista

7701 County Road 110 West

Minnetrista, MN 55364

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

Appliances: **\$10 each:** Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Dryers, Freezers, Furnaces, Garage Door Openers, Garbage Disposals, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters, Water Softeners & Air Conditioners...

Batteries: No charge for household batteries. No charge for car batteries.

Carpet: **\$ 1.25 / per square yard** (same for Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)

Concrete: **\$ 1.00** each construction size block

Electronics: **\$5.00 (Min. Fee)** – Laptop Computers, stereo, CD players, VCR/DVD players, Adding Machines
\$10.00 – Computer Towers & Small Printers **\$15.00** – Computer Monitors
\$20.00 – Large Printers

<u>Televisions:</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Tube</u>	<u>Flat Screen</u>
	0 – 19"	\$15.00	\$15.00
	20"-32"	\$30.00	\$20.00
	32"-50"	\$40.00	\$25.00
	50" +	\$45.00	\$30.00

****Hennepin Co Drop-off centers accept Electronics year round - for a fee ~ Ask for more info****

Fluorescent Bulbs: No charge ~ **RESIDENTS ONLY !** ~ Business/Commercial **NOT** accepted

Furniture: **\$5.00** Chairs and Recliners **\$8.00** Loveseat **\$15.00** Sofa **\$25.00** - Hide-a-bed

Mattresses/Box Springs: **\$20.00** each (twin-king), **\$15.00** Crib mattress

Misc Items: **\$17.00/cubic yard** - Household Plastic, Plastic Toys, Styrofoam, Foam Rubber, Vacuum Cleaners

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: **\$3.00** Car and Pickup **\$6.00** Semi Truck **\$25.00** Tractor

******Household items:** Sorry, NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR ****

ANY QUESTIONS: CALL City of Minnetrista at 952.446.1660 or City of Mound at 952.472-0603

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

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



Mayor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement

Cathy Bailey



In the past, I have written a bio on the individual receiving the Mayor's Award of Civic Engagement. But in this case, I will defer to the letters I have received on behalf of the next recipient, Cathy Bailey.
Mayor Mark Wegscheid

Cathy Bailey is a one-of-a-kind volunteer. At WeCAN, Cathy has a regular shift each week covering our front desk. She greets our clients with a cheerful hello and a friendly smile. She immediately makes each client's concerns her own – and does her best to provide solutions for them. Cathy treats her volunteer shift as a job and rarely misses a day. In fact, she is often the first to volunteer to cover another shift if someone needs a day off.



Not only is Cathy's volunteerism unparalleled, she refused to accept any recognition or gratitude for her hard work. A verbal thank you is usually met with a laugh and a comment, "You don't need to thank me – I'm happy to help!"

Cathy's enthusiasm, kind heart, and giving spirit make her a perfect match for WeCAN. She often provides gifts of her home-made jelly to staff members and other volunteers – an added bonus! *Christie Larson – WeCAN Executive Director*

Cathy Bailey has been with WeCAB since its beginning in 2011. She is one of our core drivers giving over 1,262 rides over the last 6 years. She also is a WeCAB dispatcher once a week monitoring our phone lines from 9 AM to 1 PM. Cathy is an invaluable committed volunteer that serves our program and her community with dedication and a smile. Cathy's 2,000 hours of volunteer work with WeCAB is only a piece of this extraordinary woman's commitment to others. *Susan Hoversten - WeCAB Board President*

Cathy Bailey is a truly remarkable and interesting woman. One of her greatest traits is her incredible positive attitude. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Cathy to Guatemala two years in a row for mission work, and I continue to be amazed with her willing attitude to serve others. This year, she spent the entire week doing loads of laundry and mountains of dishes.....with a smile on her face. She was in heaven! She also had a killer Bob Dylan story that you just have to hear! She is a lady with lots of great experiences. I honestly feel Cathy is a special angel right here on earth. Blessings, *Pastor Jeff Heiderscheit - St. John's Lutheran Church*

Cathy Bailey joined the volunteer program at Ridgeview Medical Center in May, 2008. In the eight years and nine months since she started, Cathy has contributed 1,813 hours as of February 16, 2017. She serves faithfully in the gift shop at the hospital on Thursday mornings, where she enjoys visiting with patients and



visitors, and assisting with their purchases; she provides outstanding customer service.

In 2010, Cathy took special training to become a volunteer facilitator in our advance care planning program. Since that time, she has worked with people in the community to complete their health care directive; to date, 61 people have finished the process with her assistance. It is a pleasure to have Cathy in our volunteer program. *Sue DeGulier, Director - Volunteer Services - Ridgeview Medical Center*

Please watch the Laker for an upcoming detailed story on Cathy Bailey. We can all be proud to claim her as part of our community! Cathy, thank you for all you do! *MW*



Donate your time!!



WeCAN Mobile Market delivers food to those in need who cannot get to the food shelf.

Are you working on your family history?



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.

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.

A Westonka Historical Society Story

Here's a success story: WHS recently received an inquiry via our website from a person seeking information about a relative who lived in our area, back in the days when addresses were rural routes and box numbers. He has Swedish cousins coming to visit, and he'd love to take them to visit the address.

In searching the telephone directories,

we found listings for the cousins from 1945 to 1960, with a street address in 1948. The 1948 telephone directory also includes maps of our area, so we could locate an approximate site. With the City of Mound's help, we learned that Bruce Road was re-named Drury Lane. The city's file included an early photo and a survey. Then it was simple to drive by, and take a photo of the

current house, to send to the searcher.

We have a number of local town directories from as far back as 1925. Do you have old telephone directories that you might donate? We'd love to enhance our collection!

We look forward to meeting those Swedish cousins in August, and welcoming them to our community where their relatives lived.

HELP for Your Home



"Home" is defined as "a place where one lives," but it is so much more than that.

"Home" is defined as "a place where one lives," but it is so much more than that. Home is where the heart is. Here are some things you may not know about our HOME Chore program:

♥ "HOME" stands for Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly.

♥ One third of people over the age of 65 fall every year. The "HOME

Chore" program offers a FREE Home Health & Safety Assessment with a written report on how you can improve the safety of your home.

♥ We provide home cleaning services – vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, mopping, changing bed linens, and more.

♥ We have handymen available to provide assistance with changing light bulbs,

installing grab bars, fixing leaky faucets and toilets, installing faucets and lights, checking carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, changing furnace filters, and hanging wall decorations.

For more information or to schedule a FREE Home Health & Safety Assessment call 952-746-4046 or visit seniorcommunity.org.

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Volunteer Organizations and Events Around Town!

Gillespie Center

2590 Commerce Boulevard
952-472-6501
gillespiecenter.org

The Langdon Vintage Retail Shop

2529 Commerce Boulevard
952-472-GIVE
claudialacy1@gmail.com
thelangdon.org

Mound-Westonka Rotary Club

Meet Tuesdays at 11:45am at the Lafayette Club
952-472-0567
moundwestonkarotary.com
facebook.com/moundwestonkarotary

Northwest Tonka Lions

nwtonkalions.org

Orono Rotary

Oronorotary.com

Sponsoring a sew-a-thon to make and assemble feminine hygiene kits for the non-profit organization

Days for Girls International (daysforgirls.org).

No sewing experience needed! Includes sewing, turning fabric, ironing, tracing patterns, cutting fabric, and stringing bags. Food and drink provided. Stay as long as you like.

When: Sunday, May 21, 2016, 1-3:30 p.m.

Where: Orono Discovery Center, Room 102

Penny Wise Thrift Shop

2443 Commerce Boulevard
952-472-2079
ourladyofthelake.com/pennywise-thrift-shop

Ridgeview Medical Center

500 S. Maple Street, Waconia
952-442-2191
ridgeviewmedical.org/about-us/volunteer/

Spirit of the Lakes Festival

Centennial Building, 5341 Maywood Road
952-334-6551
spiritoftהלakes.com

Sign up for as little as two hours in any area or invite a friend to join you and be committee co-chairs. This year's festival will be held on Friday, July 21st and Saturday, July 22nd. Committees in need of help include: sponsorship, marketing, grand parade, and bar/tastings and events. Donations and sponsorships are also appreciated. (The Spirit of the Lakes Festival is an independent 501(c)3 organization and donations may be tax deductible.)

WeCAB (Community Area Busing)

Centennial Building, 5341 Maywood Road
844-743-3932
wecab.org

WeCAN (Community Action Network)

5213 Shoreline Drive, Mound
952-472-0742
wecanmn.org

Westonka Food Shelf

2443 Commerce Boulevard
952-472-5599
westonkafoodshelf.wixsite.com/westonkafoodshelf

Westonka Historical Society

Centennial Building, 5341 Maywood Road
952-472-9800
westonkahistoricalsociety.org

Westonka Garden Guild

952-472-4616
facebook.com/Westonka-Garden-Guild-117275231726966/

Westonka Jaycees

westonkajaycees@gmail.com
952-472-6087

Help Preserve the Lakes this Summer

With the return of the summer season, you are reminded that **no grass clippings, leaves, or other yard waste are permitted to be blown or**

discarded into the streets. When left in the street, these materials clog our storm water drains and end up in the lakes, degrading water quality

and negatively affecting fish and other aquatic species.

You can do your part by cleaning up any debris that enters the street.

Mound residents can dispose of grass clippings, leaves, milfoil and other yard waste at THE MULCH STORE **free of charge!** See "Tidbits" on Page 2 for more info.



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Cityofmound.com

Planning & Building 952-472-0607

Police Department 952-249-4700
After Hours Dispatch 952-258-5321
911 Emergency

Public Works 952-472-0603
After Hours Dispatch 952-258-5321

Utility Billing 651-255-0972

City Hall Hours

May through October
Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 5 pm
Friday 7:30 am - 11:30 am

*****ECRWSS*****

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
- **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

May 1 City Hall Seasonal Hours Begin
May 13 Mound-Minnetrista Recycle Day
May 14 Mothers' Day
May 29 Memorial Day
June 3 Mound Fire Fish Fry
June 18 Fathers' Day
July 4 Independence Day
July 21-22 Spirit of the Lakes Festival
July 21 Wounded Warriors Bike Ride

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.