



City Contact



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

There are many things I enjoy about the privilege of serving as your Mayor. The office of Mayor has provided me the opportunity to meet and converse with so many of you on many different levels. It has given me the chance to better understand how our system of local government works and to appreciate those on the city staff that do the heavy lifting every day.

As some of you may or may not be aware, those who hold the office of Mayor, more often than not also hold full time employment elsewhere. In my case, I am a business owner who has been fortunate enough to experience significant growth over the past couple years which brings me to a crossroads.

The elected position of City Council and Mayor deserves the respect of being able to commit considerable time to make responsible and informed decisions. As I forecast my professional schedule, I see it becoming more and more difficult to allocate the time required to serve the community of Mound as its Mayor. Due to this revelation and my strong respect for the position, I will not be seeking re-election.

I thank everyone for the opportunity to work with them and will forever carry this experience with me.

Sincerely,

Mark Wegscheid



CodeRED Community Notification System Update

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

The system automatically populated publicly listed phone numbers but we ask that residents provide at least one cell phone number to receive text messages OR one email address. We are limited in the amount of phone calls we can make based on our license, so we often just send an email or text message, but then our saturation or "reach" is much less, since only approximately 400 of our 3,500 households in Mound have signed up to receive an email or text.

Registering for CodeRED is quick, easy, and FREE! Your CodeRED subscription is protected data and will not be sold. Sign-up today by visiting the city website and clicking the CodeRED icon or by contacting Field Officer Andy Drilling at fieldops@cityofmound.com or 952-472-0605.

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Mayor
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Mound Parks, Streets, and Utility Improvement Updates



Although everyone got a bit of a late start this spring with the late ice-out and road restrictions, we've made good progress on finishing up major work started last year as well as our new 2018 work.

Stepping away from the monotony of Minnesota road construction, we completed replacement of the play structure at Sorbo Park in June, just in time to catch all the kiddos cut loose by the summer school break. This included a new playground set and 4-position swing and replacement of the rail-tie timber retaining walls. We started this at the end of the long winter by sharing several playground options with that neighborhood and about 50 of the just-over-100 residences responded with an overwhelming favorite. We've also tried something new with the "Expressions" swings for companioned toddler and adult use... let us know what you think! We may move these around to other parks through the summer to add variety elsewhere in town.

Two other parks have gotten some specific enhancements this summer as well. We added a two-position swing set to Three Points Park; and we think we are getting close to restoring play-ability at the Three Points tennis courts. Look for some finishing touches on the crack/gap repair work to the pavement and then we'll do a full skim-coat resurfacing and relining to finish it off.

We will also get Swenson Park back! The Met Council is beginning to wrap up their sewer main replacement work on Island Park and their contractor has begun that final restoration. We discovered a number of drainage issues and failed storm drains on the south side of Swenson Park that were fixed during the Met Council project. They recently rebuilt the basketball court and seeded the newly-graded and expanded play-fields at Swenson and we anticipate addressing the tennis court issues yet this fall with the goal to have the park fully functional by next spring.

We also received great response from the community during our information-gathering survey for Surfside Park with over 1,200 responses. We will be formulating a couple of concepts to show during the next phase of info-gathering so please look for the next chance to shape that planning effort in early August. We'll be wrapping up that plan this fall and looking forward to the roadmap of improvements it will lay out to follow in the years to come.

We wrapped up our street and utility improvement work on Wilshire, Maywood, Hiddenvale, Fairview, and Lynwood in the early summer. We will be watching the restoration work carefully to make sure we get good germination on those lawn repairs. We will complete the necessary assessment hearings in September and October. The Met Council finished up their work under the Dakota Trail in June and the trail is reopened. The last piece of that project is repairing the parking area behind the businesses on Commerce that they used as access and staging. They are also wrapping up their pump station replacement at Bradford and will finish removal of the two pump stations taken out of service in late summer and fall of this year. The County will resurface County Road 125 from County 110 by Surfside Park all the way into Spring Park and the County 15 Intersection. Lastly, the Westedge and County 44 project is progressing well. Look for weekly updates from the Met Council on the City website.

The 2018 Election Season is Here!



The Primary Election will be held on August 14 with the General Election on November 6. The Primary Election on August 14th has the following offices on the ballot: U.S. Senator (2), U.S. Representative District 3, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, State Attorney General, and the Hennepin County Sheriff.

The General Election on November 6th will have the Municipal offices for Mayor and two City Council seats in addition to Federal, State and County offices. The Mayor's office is a two-year term and City Council is a four-year term. **If you are interested in running for a municipal office, the candidate filing period begins on July 31st, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on August 14th. The cost to file is \$2.00, with application materials available at City Hall.**

Absentee Voting for the General Election begins on September 21st. Residents who wish to vote absentee are encouraged to do so via mail by contacting Hennepin County Elections directly at 612-348-5151 for an application or you can fill out your absentee ballot application on line at www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting. In person absentee voting is also available at City Hall.

If you are new to Mound or if you haven't voted in over four years, you may need to re-register to vote. Registering to vote prior to Election Day makes voting a quicker and easier process. You can register online at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote or you can pick up a voter registration application at Mound City Hall.

Interested in being an Election Judge? The City is looking for Election Judges to serve at one of the four precincts in the City for both the Primary and General Election this year. For further information, contact Kevin at 952-472-0613 or at asc@cityofmound.com.

Empty. Clean. Dry. The new way to recycle.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Anyone growing up in the 1970s, '80s or '90s learned the three Rs of recycling in school. We were taught to recycle everything we could. We added recycling containers to our homes, our offices and classrooms and recycling became a part of our culture.

In the 40 years since recycling was introduced, Americans recycle nearly 87 million tons per year. That means that each of us recycles approximately 1.5 pounds per day! However, the recycling model we all grew up with is changing, and we have to change with it.

Trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable material increases sorting time and slows down the recycling process, damages the facility's equipment and causes contaminants in the bales of clean recyclables that decreases the value of the items. When this occurs, we have to put the ENTIRE load of recyclables into our landfills due to the contamination.



Empty.



Clean.



Dry.

EMPTY means making sure there is no food or product residue. Make sure all of that goes into the trash or down the drain as part of the EMPTY process.

CLEAN means that empty recyclable containers should be rinsed. So, no mustard in the mustard containers or left over ketchup in the ketchup bottles. If you cannot get a container completely clean, it is best to put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.

DRY means letting containers dry before placing in your **All-in-One Recycling™** blue container so that the paper and cardboard does not get wet. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

By practicing Empty. Clean. Dry. with our families, we can ensure the recycling materials leaving our homes are in fact recyclable. Together, we are caretakers of this blue planet - our home, and largely covered with blue waters that flow beneath blue skies. It is worthy of every effort we can make to protect it for our children's children.

Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry before you toss them in the recycling container.

Recyclable Items



Paper

Office paper
Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines
Catalogs



Cardboard

File folders
Poster board
Shipping boxes (folded flat)
Frozen food boxes
Cardboard boxes
Milk cartons



Plastic

Water bottles
Take-out containers
Soda bottles
Detergent/containers



Metal

Aluminum beverage cans
Food cans
Steel food containers



Glass

Bottles (clear, green and brown)
Jars

Non-Recyclable Items

Plastic bags or plastic wrap

Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil
Batteries
Food waste

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Mirrors or ceramics
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MOUND FIRE RECEIVES CASH DONATIONS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT



The Mound Fire Department recently received nearly \$19,000.00 in donations from the following organizations.

Northwest Tonka Lions donated \$10,000.00 to the Mound Fire Department for the purchase of five AED's (Automated Electronic Defibrillators). Three of the AED units will be placed in public locations in our community as part of the Heart Safe Community initiative. Two other AED units will be placed in our fire trucks. An AED is an important tool to use in the event of a person having a sudden cardiac arrest. Effective CPR with chest compressions and an available AED can save a life! Have you learned how to do CPR?

Mound Fire Relief Association and the Mound Fire Auxiliary recently donated over \$8,000, which was generated from revenue earned at the annual fish fry. A large portion of the \$8,000 was allocated to purchase (2) new Thermal Imaging Cameras (A.K.A. TIC). The new cameras will be used by firefighters to help identify images through heavy smoke and darkness, and even see inside walls. The TIC technology distinguishes surface temperature variations which in turn show hidden images and/or hot spots. The TIC is essential to helping firefighters find and rescue victims in a smoke filled room or environment. A TIC can also help detect overheated electrical wiring, hidden attic fires, and other hot spots inside walls. This TIC tool can also be critical during fire suppression, when locating a hidden fire, or during final extinguishment and fire overhaul. The TIC is used on almost every fire scene for a variety of reasons and or conditions. This is great technology used to save a life, save time, and to save money by reducing fire damage.

A BIG THANK YOU to the NW Tonka Lions Club, the Mound Fire Department Auxiliary and Mound Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association for their generous donations!

MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

In advance of Fire Prevention Week, mark your calendars for the Mound Fire Department Open House on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 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. The 2018 Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13th. Each year the National Fire Protection Association develops a fire prevention campaign. The 2018 campaign is "*Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.*" This year's purpose is to educate about three basic steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire and how to escape in the event a fire occurs.

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.



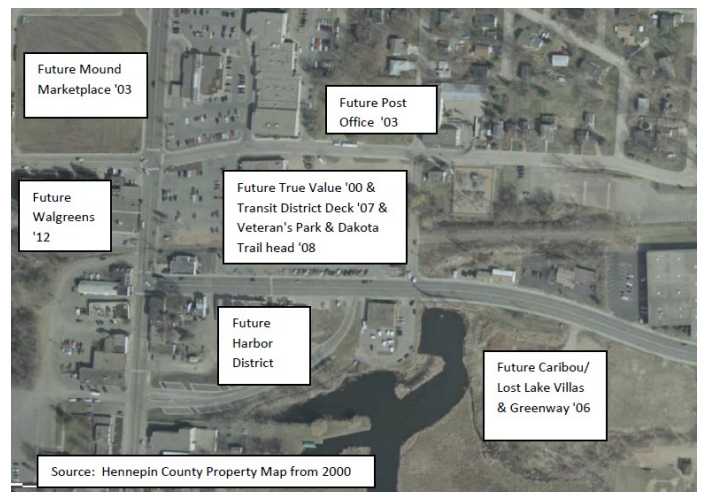
What Mound Looked Like in the Year 2000

Do you remember when apples were something that grew on a tree and Amazon was a river in South America? You wrote letters and mailed them at the post office to communicate with friends and family who lived far away, or you called them on your landline. You bought a record, CD or cassette tape at the record store to play on your stereo, Walkman or Boom Box. You physically went to the bank to make a deposit or withdrawal and you used paper maps since there was no GIS.

Our world has changed dramatically since 2000 and so has Mound. Mound had an expanding tax base in 2000, was the recipient of many federal and state grants to help fund redevelopment as well as strong interest from developers and local businesses like True Value, Jubilee and Scotty B's who saw potential in upgrading their commercial properties and being a key stakeholder in Mound's future. The full impact of the internet could not be fully realized in 2000, nor could the impact of the housing recession that began in 2007.

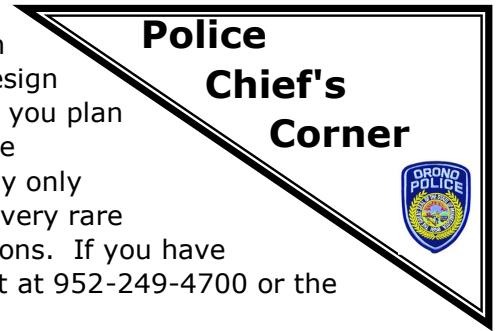
Mound made significant investments in the late '90's and early 2000's, including dredging Lost Lake, realigning County Road 15, creating Auditor's Road and the pier/greenway/dock amenities, building a parking deck and trailhead, and relocating a U.S. post office. The City also bought multiple properties in what is now the Harbor District in order to assemble the land for redevelopment. Land assembly is one of the most challenging barriers to redevelopment, and as the recession progressed, the City began to think of alternatives to the original concept plan. The City received feedback from many existing businesses that said they preferred their existing buildings because of the increased expense of building new or renting new. Mound also commissioned a market study in 2013 to analyze how conditions have changed and to determine what kind of commercial and residential development Mound could support. That full study remains on the City's website and has informed many of the changes to the comprehensive plan and the City's outlook on redevelopment.

The Lost Lake Villas/Caribou and the Harbor District exist in a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district that was established to fund many of the improvements to ready the land for redevelopment. This area met the blight standards with a city dump full of contaminated soils and many buildings that were well past their useful life. The concept of TIF is for the taxing jurisdictions (City, School District and County) to forgo collecting any new taxes in the district and instead allow the "tax increment" to fund the debt service. Because redevelopment stalled and TIF did not materialize, Mound has had to implement an additional special levy to support the bonds that were used to pay for those improvements. Mound has an obligation to create additional tax value in this district but wants to do so in a way that complements existing businesses and leaves open, connected spaces for circulation and enjoyment by the public. That translated into creating a 21 unit townhome development with an estimated market value of \$11.5M - \$14.7M that complements the Villas of Lost Lake development while leaving space for public gathering and events and a space for a future restaurant or brewery. Additional rooftops help support our existing businesses and increase demand for new ones.



The City is currently in negotiation with Homestead Partners on a purchase and development agreement for the 21 townhomes, with anticipated construction beginning in the spring of 2019. Development in the Harbor District will allow us to beautify the remaining public spaces and create a more cohesive, 'planned' feeling compared to what currently exists. The tax capacity created will provide relief to the levy and create a more sustainable future for Mound.

Because we live and work near Lake Minnetonka, we face certain challenges with regard to parking. The Lake makes our community design not conducive to residential parking. The Police Department asks that you plan ahead for your special events hosted at residential locations. Please be respectful of your neighbors and other motorists as parking is generally only allowed on one side of the street in most residential areas. There are very rare circumstances that allow for deviation from the posted parking limitations. If you have questions about parking regulations you can call the police department at 952-249-4700 or the non-emergency dispatch at 952-258-5321 or check the city website.



A reminder about some local pet ordinances. Please keep your dog on leash or in control while off of your property. Clean up after your dog while away from your home and also on your property. Dogs in city parks are never allowed off-leash and no dogs are allowed at Surfside Park and Beach. We receive a few calls every summer about dogs in the park. Exceptions will not be given for dogs at Surfside. Lastly, be mindful about the noise your dog can make. Nobody likes to live next to a barking dog.



National Night Out is Tuesday August 7th. We invite you and your community to join millions of neighbors across the nation in the celebration of National Night Out. 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.



Hello, my name is Rebecca Kress and I became the Administrative Assistant for the Mound Public Works and Finance Departments on January 22, 2018. I previously worked for a bankcard processor for the past 10 years. I have lived in Wright County for the last 20 years and currently reside in Hanover with my husband Brent, two daughters Samantha and Madelyn, and 2 dogs, Stimpy and Harlee Rose. I am an avid Vikings and Wild fan. In my spare time I enjoy running my own photography business and camping with my family on the weekends.

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Hello, I am Andy Drilling. I am the new Field Officer/ Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Mound. I moved to Mound in 2005 and joined the Mound Fire Department in 2006. Previously, I worked for Target in a variety of roles from human resources to building maintenance. I really enjoy all that the lake area has to offer and I think Mound is a great place to live, work and play.



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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Planning & Building	952-472-0607
Police Department	952-249-4700
After Hours Dispatch	952-258-5321
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Utility Billing	651-255-0972

Tidbits

Mound Community Notification System

The CodeRED system serves as the backbone of the city's emergency planning and communications outreach to both citizens and staff. The system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails and posts to social media channels to inform residents of road closures, watermain breaks, policies under consideration by the City Council, seasonal parking reminders and more!

Information is kept private and all residents are encouraged to create an account and update their info by clicking on the CodeRED icon at cityofmound.com. Thank you!



Attention Multiple Slip Holders

All watercraft must be removed by October 15, 2018. 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!



Don't Ignore Door Tags!

Don't ignore door tags! Public Works occasionally puts a YELLOW door tag on homes to notify the resident they must schedule a 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.



Practice Solicitor Safety!

During the warm weather months, the number of solicitors, canvassers and door-to-door sales representatives increases throughout the city. Solicitation is allowed in Mound, but every resident and business has the right to prohibit solicitors from their property. All solicitors whether for-profit or non-profit have to be back grounded by the city and receive an ID issued by the city. Ask for ID before making any purchase or donation and always ask for receipts and a cancellation policy.



Grass Clippings, Milfoil,

City of Mound residents can resume bringing grass clippings, milfoil and leaves to the compost site located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista, beginning April 1, 2018. This is a free service if you show your drivers license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours are Monday – Friday 8 am–5 pm & Saturday 9 am–1 pm. Call 952-446-1056 for more information.



Utility Billing Options

Residents are strongly encouraged to sign-up for the **Auto Pay Plan**, where amounts can be deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date or on the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday. **E-bill** forms are available as well. Please help the City be more efficient by signing up for these services! Find forms on our website at cityofmound.com or by calling Customer Service at 651-255-0972.



Dakota Trail Restrooms

The City of Mound **Public Restrooms** located on the Dakota Rail Trail by the Mound Transit Center will be open May 1st through October 31st.





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**Summer Fun For Dogs
& Dog Lovers
Saturday, August 11, 2018
9 am to 2 pm
Mound Harbor District**

Westonka Community & Commerce announces the 8th Annual "Dog Days Westonka" event and invites all animal-lovers and their pets to attend. A great day for a great cause! **Donations appreciated to support pet programs and projects serving our community.**

**Parade & Blessing of the Animals
K-9 Demonstrations
Cutest Puppy Contest
"Splash for Cash" Longest Jump
Shop our Fabulous Pet Expo!**

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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



Aug 4	Tour de Tonka
Aug 7	National Night Out
Aug 11	Dog Days Westonka
Aug 14	Primary Election - VOTE!
Sep 3	Labor Day - City offices closed
Oct 8	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 6	General Election - VOTE!

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.