



City Contact



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is a season that normally evokes great optimism: new growth, another season on the lake, and the bright colors and warmer temps of summer are just around the corner. On the heels of a great 2017, there is much similar excitement for the City of Mound in 2018.

We're excited to begin the **Westedge Boulevard** street and utility improvement project this summer, the last major project of the 15-year program! This will be done in conjunction with the Met Council's interceptor improvement project, which will also involve the County Road 44 corridor, creating major impacts, so stay tuned for updates!

While we're excited to be wrapping up the street and underlying utility improvements, we know there are still some critically-important projects left to complete; 10 lift stations, and several segments of old and fragile water main under county roads or against the shoreline. After looking closely at risk and financial capacity; we have extended the timeline of these improvements from a 5-year plan out to 10 years to ease pressure on utility

rates. We've also taken action to begin building responsible financial reserves to pay for the resurfacing of the newly re-built roads that we know will be needed when they start hitting the 25-30 year mark around 2030. The deep dive into capital improvement finances and utility rates in 2017 will continue in 2018 with an expanded analysis of the long term cost to sustain our City infrastructure, facilities, and equipment so that we 'forward' plan reserves, rates, and taxes to smooth and minimize the impacts of these needs on each of you.

In 2017, Aeon, the new owner of **Balsam Hill** (formerly Indian Knoll Manor), completed their addition of 10, 3-bedroom townhomes and 4 additional 2-bedroom apartment units. This remarkable project added much-needed affordable housing options in our community. And, the transfer of the property from the City to private ownership and management with deep experience and capacity in providing affordable homes across the metro secures its quality for the long term.

Trident Development began construction of **Harrison Bay Senior**

Living, their 72-unit assisted living and memory care facility just north of Grandview Middle School. This project has been in the works for over 6 years; finally coming to fruition with ground breaking last fall. The assistance and memory care services component of the facility will bring full and part time employment opportunities to the community. And, how wonderful for our residents to now have these types of independent-living services available at a managed property right in Mound. A portion of the units will be affordable for those meeting the income limits and the development will have a variety of appealing amenities including concierge services, bistro and pub, Chapel/community room, community dining, outdoor seating, wellness area, and beauty salon. We look forward to seeing the impact of this new housing product-line and its embedded services beautifully nestled upland from the east Dutch Lake shoreline and expect it to open to residents late in 2018.

We continue to see strong investment in single-family residential development. Most of

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this comes in the form of infill construction or demo/rebuild, and major addition projects. There were 25 new house starts, 18 additions, and another 70 alter/remodel permits issued in 2017 and this activity looks to continue in 2018.

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The **Serenity on Halstead Bay** project will build 10, high-end, condominium units in Mound and 60 in Minnetrista with a lakefront community beach house on the Halstead Bay shoreline. We continue to work with the developer to make measured progress on this very unique project. On a smaller scale, a new 5-lot subdivision along Shoreline Drive will build 4 new-construction homes along Norwood Lane.

Looking ahead: Council and Staff will finalize the updated **2040 Comprehensive Plan** in 2018 and have spent a great deal of effort in the process collecting public input to help make sure we have the right outlook for this wonderful community long into the future. One of the bigger components of that work was re-defining

our objective outcomes for the downtown development areas. We took a careful look at Community, Council, Commissions, and Staff reactions to previous development proposals that did not gain or maintain any momentum based on several informal values that have emerged for the area:

- *Existing retail, commercial, and professional spaces already exceed market need;*

- *Value in existing downtown commercial activity;*

- *Maintaining connections between the Lost Lake Harbor and existing downtown activities;*

- *Preserving community activities/events in this space preserves/creates community character;*

- *Mixed use for commercial residential, and restaurant are*

most likely to happen independently;

- *Desire to responsibly recover cost for previous investments to prepare the area for development*

- *Desire to maximize tax potential of the area consistent with previous stated values*

We formalized these values and used them to develop a concept sketch of the area to include in the Comprehensive Plan and in materials recently sent to the development community for their feedback, interest in participation, and qualification proposals. Responses are due back to the City in mid-February for our evaluation. We're optimistic that we will see progress in 2018 toward bringing a project to the Mound Harbor District consistent with what we've heard is important. We're

ready to engage the market similarly for the restaurant pad at the head of the harbor as well.

2017 proved to be a busy and productive year and 2018 looks to offer the same. This 'busy' brings the slow changes and improvements to our community in a deliberate and thoughtful manner. While we may not meet everyone's individual expectations, the Council, Commissions, and Staff strive to listen carefully and determine the best outcomes for the community as a whole that is rightly filled with differing priorities, ideas, and personal values. While this is not easy work, it is important... and our pleasure to do. Please don't hesitate to let us know your ideas, or how we're doing.

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ORONO POLICE DEPARTMENT



With spring comes an increase in criminal activity, including ID Theft, which is still a big problem in the U.S. The main source of ID Theft stems from theft of mail. Generally, what happens is that thieves look in mailboxes during the night. They take all the mail, throw the junk mail and keep anything with personal information on it. A few tips to avoid being victimized include only putting outgoing mail in the box during daylight hours, use the blue boxes, pickup mail each day, stop mail or have someone pick up your mail when you are out of town. You can also look into locked mailboxes.



Another increase in spring related crime is theft from motor vehicles and garages. Many of these issues stem from a lack of consistent diligence by our residents. If you leave anything of value in your vehicle, lock the doors. It is rare for a vehicle to be broken into when the vehicle is secure. Forced entry into garages is more common, but it is much less likely if the doors/windows are secure.

A reminder, seasonal weight restrictions go in effect in late March to early April and run for 6-10 weeks. Our agency aggressively enforces road restrictions as significant damage to roads occur as the frost is coming out of the ground. The fines are significant so please be aware. If you have questions about road weight restrictions, please contact our administrative offices at 952-249-4700.

The Orono PD wishes all residents a safe and happy 2018!

KEY DATES FOR 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS!

Westonka Community and Commerce is taking a year off of Moonlight Trail Night, but check out their website at www.westonkacc.com for other upcoming events.

Mound Fire Department Fish Fry is Saturday, June 2nd - www.moundfire.com

Spirit of the Lakes Festival is Friday and Saturday, July 20 & 21 - www.spiritofthelakes.com

DOCK PROGRAM UPDATES



The Dock Program began accepting wait list applications in January and will continue to accept applications through the end of February. The wait list is the first step to getting a boat on city controlled lakeshore. Generally, the wait to get on the lake is five to six years. Applications are available at City Hall or can be found on the www.cityofmound.com website. A \$20.00 fee must accompany the application.

The city also has slips available at the Villas on Lost Lake for Mound residents. These slips are located along Auditors Road in the Harbor District behind the Caribou Coffee and the Villas on Lost Lake Town Homes. The Lost Lake Slips include electric hookup and water service and cost \$1,968.75 a season. Applications for the Lost Lake Slips are available at City Hall or can be found on the www.cityofmound.com website and must be turned in by the last day of February. Priority of assignment will be given based on the date the application was received and not all applications may be assigned a slip, due to

limited availability. In that event, the application and payment will be returned immediately.

All returning dock and slip applications are also due on February 28th. Contact Administrative Services Coordinator Kevin Kelly with questions at 952-472-0613 or via email at asc@cityofmound.com.

THE 2018 ELECTION SEASON IS APPROACHING!

The official kick off of the 2018 election season starts with Precinct Caucuses which will be held on February 6th at 7:00 pm. See www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses/ or check with your local political party for locations. Election dates for 2018 are August 14th for the State Primary Election and November 6th for the General Election. Absentee Voting for the August 14th Primary begins on June 29th. Absentee Voting can be done via Hennepin County by mail or at City Hall. For more information see www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/prepare-vote.



In addition to federal and state offices, the municipal offices for Mayor and two City Council seats will be on the ballot in November. The Mayor's office is a two-year term and Council Member is for four years.

If you are interested in running for a municipal office, the candidate filing period begins on August 7th, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on August 21st. The cost to file is \$2.00, with application materials available at City Hall.

The city is always looking for Election Judges! If you are interested, please contact Kevin Kelly, Administrative Services Coordinator at 952-472-0613 or via email at asc@cityofmound.com.

If you are new to Mound or if you haven't voted in the past 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 <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration> or you can pick up a voter registration application at Mound City Hall.



NICK FARLEY - FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR 2017

Congratulations to Lieutenant Nick Farley on his many accomplishments and for being selected as the 2017 Mound Firefighter of the Year!

Since 1980, this award has been given based upon a nomination and evaluation process. Current firefighters can make a nomination and all active firefighters are eligible to win the award, based upon the following criteria:

- A firefighter's level of participation, involvement, and contribution to the department
- The number of responses to emergency fire & rescue calls
- By attending and leading department training sessions
- The amount of time dedicated to public relations activities
- A positive attitude and support of the department's teamwork environment.

Lieutenant Farley has been a volunteer with the Mound Fire Department since joining the ranks in March of 2013. Lieutenant Farley was promoted to his Lieutenant role in July of 2017, which was quite an accomplishment for a firefighter with less than 5 years of service. The Department thanks Lieutenant Farley for his dedication to the department and to improving the public safety response!

MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRES FOUR FIREFIGHTERS

The Mound Fire Department recently hired three probationary firefighters, and one veteran fighter who returned to service after a short retirement. Probationary firefighters Brad Chinander and J.C. Morales were hired on November 6, 2017 and probationary firefighter Joey Blackstone was hired on December 4, 2017. Brad and J.C. are new to firefighting, and Joey Blackstone was a firefighter with the Long Lake Fire Department prior to joining Mound Fire.

Bob Crawford was a firefighter with Mound Fire for over 22 years and retired in December of 2016. Firefighter Crawford decided he wasn't done with firefighting quite yet, and returned to service on November 6, 2017. We are happy to have Brad, J.C., Joey, and Bob on staff! The Department now has 41 firefighters, who are all ready to respond and serve our community.

Would you like to become a Firefighter? We are currently accepting applications. You can print an application form by visiting our website at www.moundfire.com or stop by our administrative office. Call 952-472-3555 with questions.

ARE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE HYDRANTS ACCESSIBLE?

In winter, the deep snow often makes it difficult for firefighters to find the buried fire hydrants during an emergency. It normally takes a firefighter less than a minute to connect a large fire hose to a fire hydrant, but if it is buried under a pile of snow, the time involved can double or even triple.

The Mound Fire Chief asks neighborhood volunteers to help clear the snow from around fire hydrants to maintain the fire department's response time efficiency in the event of an emergency.

If you are unable to clear the snow from a fire hydrant in your neighborhood, please call Vicki Weber at the Mound Fire Department administrative office at 952-472-3555 and we will make arrangements to have it cleared.

Thank you for your assistance!



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Planning and Development Update

Serenity Hill on Halsted Bay

At its June 27, 2017 meeting, the Mound City Council approved the major subdivision-final plat for the "Serenity Hill on Halsted Bay" project proposed for the property at 6639 Bartlett Boulevard. The project, which includes construction of a 10-unit senior condominium building in Mound, is part of a larger development project in Minnetrista that includes 5 additional condominium buildings.

www.serenityresortliving.com.

Harrison Bay Senior Living

At its June 27, 2017, meeting, the City Council granted final subdivision approvals for the Harrison Bay Senior Living project on the property at 1861 Commerce Boulevard, formerly known as the Anthony's Floral. The project will include 72 assisted-living/memory care residential housing units.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held last fall and project completion is October 2018.

For info on leasing and availability contact Tealwood Senior Living at 612-430-8150.

www.tridentdevelopmentmn.com.

Balsam Hill Apartments and Townhomes

Aeon, a leading nonprofit developer, owner, and manager of high-quality affordable apartments and townhomes serving more than 4,500 people in the Twin Cities, recently completed the apartment renovation and new townhome construction project at 2020 Commerce Boulevard formerly known as Indian Knoll Manor. The remodel/expansion project added 4 new apartment units and also included the construction of 10 new townhomes. The official grand opening of Balsam Hill Apartments and Townhomes was held in December.

www.aeonmn.org.

2040 Draft Mound Comprehensive Plan Update

A draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Mound is being prepared and will be posted for community review and input on the city website at www.cityofmound.com as soon as it is available. A summary of the input received from the November Open House and the online survey will also be available on the website. This input was considered in the preparation of the draft Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission and City Council will be considering the Comprehensive Plan update at their meetings in February and March. Comments on the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan can be sent to Community Development Director Sarah Smith at sarahsmith@cityofmound.com.



CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE

On December 12, 2017, the City Council adopted an ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 14 of the City Code, as it relates to animals. Changes contained in the new animal code are mostly housekeeping in nature; avoiding redundant and confusing language. Additionally, the new animal code contains updated regulations related to potentially dangerous dogs and dangerous dogs, to reflect the existing regulations as specified by Minnesota State Statute. A full copy of the City Code can be found on the city website, www.cityofmound.com.



Aaron Dolby joined the Public Works Street Department on January 8, 2018. Aaron graduated in December with a degree in General Studies from the University of North Dakota before launching his career with the City of Mound. Aaron lives in Maple Grove and enjoys family, hunting, fishing, outdoors, and hockey. **Welcome, Aaron!**



Larry Pitsenberger joined the Public Works Street Department on January 8, 2018. Prior to coming to the City, he worked for City of Flandreau in South Dakota. Larry and his family recently moved to Mound and he enjoys family, fishing, hunting, and watching his son play hockey. **Welcome, Larry!**



Lake Minnetonka Shores Programs - Public Welcome!

February 10th - Archaeologist Dean Sather will present a talk about the Lake Minnetonka area prior to settlement in the 1800's.



March 10th - Jeff Forester, executive director for MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates, will discuss the history and management of Minnesota's North Woods.

April 14th - Joe Kimball, former reporter for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, will share his memories of being on the scene of the murder investigation in June 1977, and his subsequent research on Roger and Marjorie Caldwell.

Lake Minnetonka Shores is located at 4515 Shoreline Drive in Spring Park. The history museum is located in the Centennial Building at 5341 Maywood Road in Mound and is open every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. See www.westonkahistoricalsociety.org for more info and please consider becoming a member!



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**952-472-0648 harborwinespirits.com
2135 Commerce Blvd Mound, MN 55364**

Harbor Wine & Spirits Puts Profits Back into Community

The City of Mound relies on its municipal liquor store profits to help fund City projects in order to reduce property taxes. The business has been in existence for 80 years, having originally opened in 1937. The liquor store moved to its present location in February 2003 and began doing business as Harbor Wine and Spirits to match its new upscale image and expanded selection.

The city liquor operation is beneficial to Mound residents for several reasons. Under city control, the operation has a vested interest in helping limit underage access of alcoholic beverages to underage drinkers and can control the sale of alcohol in the community. In addition, profits are used to fund programs such as the city's annual street seal-coating program. Historically, the profits were also used to fund vehicles and equipment, including snowplows and playground equipment.

The staff of Harbor Wine and Spirits is knowledgeable about the store's product selection and eager to serve their customers. The store is open 7 days a week from 9 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 10 pm on Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 pm Saturday, and 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday. See www.harborwinespirits.com for beer and wine of the month specials or follow us on Twitter @HarborWine to find out about the next tasting event.

Tidbits

Mound Community Notification System

Sign up for Code RED on the City website or call 952-472-0603 to receive text messages and/or emails regarding important community events: road closures, utility emergencies, seasonal parking reminders, severe weather notifications, and special event news.



Annual Spring Clean Up/Recycling Day

The City of Mound and City of Minnetrista have scheduled the **Annual Spring Clean Up/Recycling Day** for May 12, 2018, from 8 am to 3 pm. Look for more information in the May 1st newsletter or on the city website.



Shoveling Volunteers Needed

Senior Community Services is looking to hire snow shovelers who can shovel within 24 hours of a 2+ inch snowfall. Pay is \$16 an hour and you must provide own equipment and transportation. Contact Bethany Snapp at (952)767-7886 for more info.



2018 Recycling

Republic Services sent the 2018 Single Sort Recycling Schedule to all residents in December. Please confirm the schedule you received was BLUE and not gray.

Additional copies are available at City Hall or on our website under Department/Public Works/Recycling. Recycling is every other week starting the week of January 7th.



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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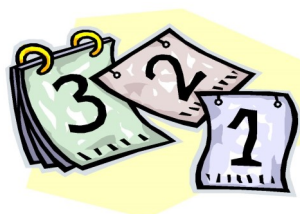
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Dates to Remember

Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	Presidents' Day (City Offices Closed)
Feb 22	George Washington's Birthday
Mar 2	Employee Appreciation Day
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Apr 1	Easter
Apr 8	Orthodox Easter
Apr 16	Tax Day
Apr 27	Arbor Day (Plant a tree!)

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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

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911 Emergency	
Public Works	952-472-0603
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Utility Billing	651-255-0972

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.