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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

Efforts to rekindle development interest in the Harbor District are well under way! The City/HRA issued a Request for Interest and Qualification in a Townhome Development to regional developers to determine interest and start the selection process for a potential development. The City/HRA received responses from four highly-qualified developers and after consideration of the proposals and interviews, selected Homestead Partners and their building affiliate, JMS Custom Homes, to negotiate the terms of a purchase and development agreement, which is now in process.

Market conditions have changed significantly since the Mound Harbor District was created with the realignment of County Road 15 and the creation of Auditor's Road. The Mound Marketplace development on the old high school site added significant commercial capacity and that, along with the evolution of the internet and on-line shopping, required the City/HRA to rethink how much more commercial development our market could support. At the same time, the recession stalled developer interest and the Harbor District remained an open green space, which the community has come to enjoy as a central gathering space for the downtown. The City/HRA concluded that separating the residential from the commercial, both on a reduced scale, achieves the desire to balance public enjoyment, respect for our existing commercial development, and the need to generate additional property tax revenues.

Homestead Partner's concept plan is shown below and includes a 21 unit townhome development with an estimated taxable market value of between \$11.5M and \$14.7M. Twenty of the Lost Lake slips will be reserved for these units in order to increase the market value, similar to the Villas on Lost Lake. The City/HRA concluded that the plan conveyed an appropriate "downtown feel" and was better balanced with our community's desire to retain an open, public, pedestrian feel in the area while preserving the social connections between our downtown business district and the lake.



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Mayor
Mark Wegscheid

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Much work remains to finalize the purchase and development agreements and the land use approvals. Each of these actions provides the City opportunity to reinforce its interest in the desired outcomes. Preliminarily, these will be discussed and acted upon by the City/HRA as part of their regular public meetings and processes throughout the next six months. The administrative phase of the project can feel slow and arduous - but these are most important in preserving and protecting our public interest with the optimistic goal of building to begin in spring 2019!

Pet (and People) Reminders



With the spring season and warmer weather soon to be upon us, the city would like to remind you that your four-legged friend **MUST BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED** at all times. City Code states in Section 14-4 that: The animal must be on a leash **no more than six feet in length**, be at heel beside a competent person, be under control in a vehicle being driven or parked on the street, or on the property of another with the consent of the property owner.

Domestic animals must be restrained at all times when on public property, including sidewalks, streets, and parks. **Playing fetch with an animal in a public park or on a public beach is not allowed.** In addition, any person having the custody or control of a domestic animal shall be responsible for cleaning up and disposing of all animal waste, and must have appropriate equipment to pick up, remove, and dispose of all waste in a sanitary manner when the animal is in a public place.



Thank you for your part in making our community safe and inviting to all!



ORONO POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Orono Police Department has, once again, seen a rise in phone scams over the past couple of months. These phone calls can vary in what they are calling for but all have the same agenda; to obtain money by swindling it out of you. These calls are not to any particular group but are most often successful with our elderly population.

Keep in mind these things:



- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will never call by phone asking for payment.
- Law enforcement will never call by phone asking for bail or bond money.
- Never allow anyone to access your computer remotely if asked to do so over the phone.
- If you receive a call from a number you don't recognize then don't answer and let it go to voice mail. You can also try and block certain numbers; however, it may not be always be effective.
- Trust your instincts. If something seems unusual then it probably is. Call other family members, friends, or police to ask questions before ever giving money to anyone that is soliciting over the phone.
- Never give out personal information over the phone or by text.

If you or someone you know has been affected by a scam you can contact us to make a report through Hennepin County Dispatch (952-258-5321). These cases are difficult to solve and money lost may be hard to recover, but we will help in any way possible.

Civilian Use of Force Class

The Orono Police Department invites the public to participate in a "Civilian Use of Force Class". This hands on course allows participants to play the role of police officers having to make real life decisions. SWAT members will be available with equipment and ready to answer questions.

The class is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 1pm – 5pm at the Orono Police Department, 2730 Kelley Parkway, Orono. **Class is free but reservations are required.** Call 952-249-4700 for more information.

MINNETRISTA / MOUND CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 12, 2018 – 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** (also Jute, Rubber, and Foam Padding)

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

Electronics **\$5.00 (Minimum)** Laptop Computers, Stereo, CD/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 County Drop-off centers accept Electronics year round - for a fee
See www.hennepin.us/residents#recycling-hazardous-waste or 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 **\$25.00** each (twin-king) **\$20.00** Crib mattress

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

Scrap Metal **No charge** 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 NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR *****

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



Mound Fire Department 67th Annual Fish Fry and Dance



The Mound firefighters are busy preparing for the 67th Annual Fish Fry and Dance. The fish fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018. Tickets for the event will include the fish dinner and an evening dance with live music provided by **The Chad Edwards Band**. Tickets are sold in advance by firefighters canvassing neighborhoods for \$10 each, or call Vicki at the Mound Fire office at 952-472-3555. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of event for \$12. Join us for a fun day!

When: Saturday June 2, 2018
Dinner: 3pm – 8pm
Dance: 9pm – Midnight

Where: Mound Fire Station
2415 Wilshire Boulevard



Mound Fire Department Received \$72,134.05 in Grants from 2015-2017

The Mound Fire Department applies for grants on an on-going basis. Over the past three years we have been awarded \$72,134.95. The grants awarded have provided funding for essential training and fire and rescue equipment. Below is a summary of grant dollars received in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Our goal is to pursue grant money to improve our operations and save tax dollars.

Grant Total	Grant Source	Purchased Items
\$43,403.85	MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education	Each year the State sets aside a designated amount per firefighter for qualified reimbursements. This includes training materials, outside classes, and conferences. Funds received off-set the cost of on-going firefighter training.
\$ 6,890.00	Save the Lake – Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)	Funds from grants issued by the LMCD Save the Lake Grant have purchased materials used to absorb hazardous materials such as gasoline and oil spills, life jackets, an ice rescue sled, LED spotlights, cold water rescue suits, and water rescue training.
\$ 3,998.00	Community Partnership Grant – CenterPoint Energy	Monies received were put towards the purchase of 2 AED's, traffic control signs, and monitors to detect hazardous gases.
\$ 3,623.10	Hennepin County Emergency Management	Funds were used to purchase lights for fire/rescue scenes, and emergency preparedness training for fire staff.
\$14,220.00	Fire House Subs	This grant paid for our AutoPulse System, a mechanical device designed to deliver consistent CPR on patients in sudden cardiac arrests.

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 **7am and 2am**.



2040 Mound Comprehensive Plan

Distributed for Adjacent Jurisdiction Review



Planning and Development Update

On March 13th, the City Council approved Mound's 2040 Comp Plan for distribution to adjacent and affected jurisdictions for a six-month review and comment period. These include adjacent cities, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, Westonka School District, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and state agencies.

Comments will be taken through September and any needed changes will be identified. A revised 2040 Comprehensive Plan will then be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council in October and November of 2018. The link to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan can be found on the City's website at cityofmound.com. Questions or comments can be directed to Community Development Director Sarah Smith at sarahsmith@cityofmound.com.

Stormwater Initiatives to Protect Natural Resources



Perhaps the greatest asset in the City of Mound is Lake Minnetonka. It is widely reported by several local and state agencies, including the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, that lakes in Minnesota are being affected by the calcium chloride ice melt, better known as "road salt," used in winter road maintenance operations. Safe and passable roads are clearly an important priority for the city, however, the City of Mound has taken a proactive approach to reducing the amount of road salt used during winter road maintenance operations. With the understanding that this problem does not have an exact solution, and few proven alternatives to road salt products are available, the City of Mound has committed to using best management practices when it comes to the use of road salt. This commitment includes ongoing operator education to ensure the correct equipment calibration/settings based on the road temperature and weather patterns.

Since 2012, the City of Mound has been updating its fleet of plow trucks to newer technology with digitally-controlled distribution systems that allow the operator to precisely control how much road salt is being put down. Staff has been trained on calibration and maintenance of these systems and closely monitors salt usage after each event by pulling reports from each truck. The city has also switched plow cutting edges from steel to a newer carbide cutting edge. The general improvement to road conditions allows us to ride these directly on the pavement and get a "closer shave". Improved mechanical removal of snow prevents ice buildup and can significantly reduce the amount of chloride material required after a storm.

Investment in newer equipment and commitment to best management practices enabled by newer technology and operator education give all city staff confidence that we are being good stewards of the public's safety and the invaluable natural resources around Lake Minnetonka.

Give Back To Nature with Organics Recycling

What is organics recycling?

About 30 percent of what we throw away is organic waste, which includes food scraps and food-soiled paper products. Organics recycling programs involve collecting fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, bread, eggshells, paper towels, tissues and more for recycling into compost. Compost is a nutrient-rich soil additive used in landscaping and road construction projects. Organics recycling is an easy way to reduce waste and create a valuable resource that improves soil, reduces soil erosion and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers.



How can I recycle household organics?

Residents can do backyard composting on their property or bring organic material to the Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities in Brooklyn Park or South Hennepin (Bloomington). Hennepin County is considering requiring cities to offer organics recycling to all residents by 2022. While the City of Mound appreciates the state and county efforts to reduce waste in landfills, we have concerns about mandating the plan versus focusing on education and making sure options exist. Currently the only hauler that provides curb-side household organics recycling in our community is Randy's Environmental Services 763-972-3335. Learn more about organics recycling options at www.hennepin.us/organics.



CR 44/Westedge Boulevard Project Begins in May!

Construction in the first phase, from May through November 2018, will be focused along Westedge Boulevard/County Road (CR) 44 from approximately Setter Circle to just north of the bridge by Eagle Bluff Road. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will replace regional sanitary sewer and Westedge Boulevard will be reconstructed. During the work, Westedge Boulevard/CR 44 will be closed to regional traffic and detoured to CR 15, CR 110, CR 92 and Hwy 7 (the CR 110/CR 44 intersection will remain open).

While we will work to maintain local resident traffic, there may be times when you need to access your home from either the north or the south, depending on where crews are working. Closure updates will be posted on the project website (metro council.org/sewer construction/mound-CR44) and individual residents will be notified in advance when crews will be working in front of their home. Please be on the lookout for mailed meeting invitations as work gets closer to your area, and as always, feel free to contact them at any time with questions at MCESMound@zanassoc.com or via the hotline at 952-222-3912.

The 2018 Election Season is Approaching!

In addition to federal and state offices, the municipal offices for Mayor (two-year term) and two City Council seats (four-year terms) will be on the ballot in November. The municipal office candidate filing period is from July 31st to August 14th. 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 comfortable with using personal technology devices and are interested in serving, please call 952-472-0613 or email asc@cityofmound.com.

The 2018 election dates are August 14th for the State Primary Election and November 6th for the General Election. Early voting for the August 14th Primary begins on June 29th. See www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/ or the city website for more info.



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

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!



Dock Program Update

Over 200 residents are on the City of Mound Dock Program waiting list, which is a new record. In 2017, the Docks and Commons Commission recommended that the City Council require non-abutting dock license holders actively use their dock site during the boating season, just as multiple slip holders are required to do, in order to ensure the program is fully utilized. On April 10th, the City Council passed Ordinance 01-2018 that requires non-abutters to install their dock and moor a boat by June 15th each year or risk forfeiting their dock rights, effective immediately.



Spirit of the Lakes Festival Needs YOU!

Be a part of the **2018 Spirit of the Lakes Festival** on July 20-21 at Surfside Beach & Park on the shores of Lake Minnetonka! Did you know this nonprofit event is run by volunteers and donations from community members like you? Please consider supporting the festival by offering just a couple hours of your time or take advantage of our incredible sponsorship opportunities. For information, visit our website at spiritothelakes.com! Spirit of the Lakes Festival is an independent 501(c)3 and donations may be tax deductible.



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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April	26	WeCAN Community Breakfast
April	30	City Hall Seasonal Hours Begin
May	3	National Day of Prayer
May	5	Cinco de Mayo
May	12	Mound/Minnetrista Clean Up Day
May	13	Mother's Day
May	17	WeCAN Open House 4pm-6pm
May	19	Armed Forces Day
May	28	Memorial Day
June	2	Mound Fire Fish Fry
June	14	Flag Day
June	17	Father's Day
July	4	Independence Day
July	20-21	Spirit of the Lakes Festival (spiritoftהלakes.com)

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 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

City Contacts

General Information	952-472-0600
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

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.