



City Contact



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors;

As we approach the beautiful autumn season on our lovely Lake Minnetonka, we realize it is the twilight (saying END is too final) of our most cherished albeit short season in Minnesota, SUMMER! Just saying: SUMMER makes us smile with the anticipation of FUN in our lives. So let us look back on the Summer of 2019 in Mound and give thanks to all of the volunteers that made it happen.

Westonka Food Shelf: celebrated 50 years of service to Mound and our community with their open house on May 22, 2019.

WeCan: celebrated 30 years of service to Mound and our community with their open house on May 16, and their breakfast on May 30, 2019.

Our **Mound Fire Department Relief Association and Auxiliary** held their annual Fish Fry on June 1, 2019.

Spirit of the Lakes Festival: 3 Days of FUN held on July 18, 19, and 20, 2019.

Westonka Community Theatre and all of its volunteer, cast, set, direction and production crews completed its production run of "The Music Man" with its debut performance in the Westonka Performing Arts Center, with shows through July, 2019. Take a look at their Facebook page to keep in touch. Also see the PAC links on the Westonka Public School's website at www.westonka.k12.mn.us for a schedule of future events.

Tour de Tonka: Held on August 3, 2019. This regional event has many "route stops" including Bethel Methodist Church in Mound hosted by United Methodist Church volunteers.

Mound Farmers Market and More: Celebrating its 10th year in Mound! A great community event with 400+ visitors a week, all enjoying *local* produce and crafts. Saturday mornings through October 6th (Facebook: The New Mound Farmers Market & More).

Running of the Bays Half Marathon: September 7, 2019 physically challenging yet a FUN and wonderful tour of some of the most beautiful bays on Lake Minnetonka!

Dog Days: Hosted by the Westonka Community & Commerce is taking a "PAWS" this year to reorganize and will resume this fun event in 2020.

We say "Thank You" to the hundreds of volunteers that create summer youth sports activities through the various clubs and Westonka Community Education for family fun events like Music in the Park. Please see their website for year-round opportunities for FUN and learning. Our special "Thank You" to the anonymous gentleman who walked every park in Mound and picked up trash. Our hardworking volunteers are everything here in Mound and to them we say "Thank You!"

As always, information on agendas and upcoming meetings is available on the city website www.cityofmound.com by scrolling to the "Mayor and Council" line for Council/HRA and "Advisory Commissions" for Planning, Parks, and Docks; both under the "Government" tab.

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar

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Harbor
Wine & Spirits

A little known fact is that our community liquor store--Harbor Wine & Spirits--is a municipally owned liquor store.

After the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, the Federal government enabled each individual state to control and/or regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages within its individual borders. In Minnesota, municipal liquor stores exist at the discretion of the municipality. Municipal liquor stores exist in order to control the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, as well as generate revenue for the local community. There are currently over 230 cities in Minnesota with municipal liquor operations.

The City of Mound owns and operates Harbor Wine & Spirits. Operating at its current location since 2003, this approach enables the City to use the profits generated to reduce the property tax levy. Property tax levies fund essential city services and public projects, such as street maintenance and repairs, park improvements, etc. Harbor Wine & Spirits is expected to contribute \$175,000 to the General Fund in 2019!

Now Hiring!

We are currently hiring Part-Time Liquor Store Sales Clerks for shifts including evenings and weekends. Ideal candidates will be available to work two to four shifts averaging 20 - 24 hours per week. The position requires the ability to provide efficient, positive customer service and the ability to lift up to 50 lbs. Previous experience in retail and sales, customer service, cash register & money handling desired. Valid MN Drivers License, High School diploma or equivalent, 21 years or older required. Starting Wage: \$14.00/hr

Apply in person at Harbor Wine & Spirits or see www.cityofmound.com or www.harborwinespirits.com for application.

Also check out www.harborwinespirits.com to see the beer, wine and spirits specials of the month or follow us on Twitter @Harbor_Wine to learn about the next in-store tasting or other

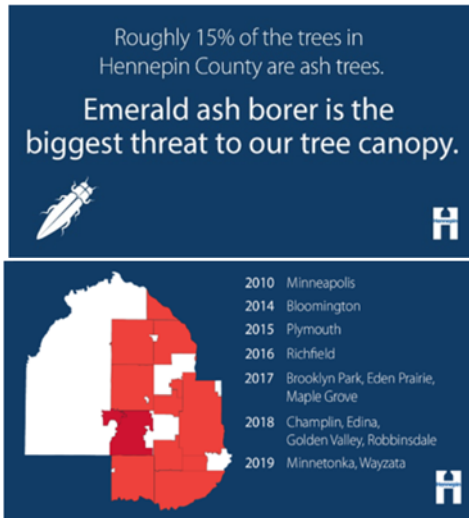


CodeRED Community Notification

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!

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.

How to manage ash trees from the threat of emerald ash borer



Emerald ash borer, an invasive tree pest that attacks and kills ash trees, is the biggest current threat to our tree canopy. There are over 1 million ash trees in Hennepin County, and 100 per-cent of them are threatened by the emerald ash borer.

Most residents live within 15 miles of an infested ash tree, which means you should be taking steps now to determine if you have ash trees on your property and how you are going to manage them.

Take the following steps to decide how to manage ash trees on your property from the threat of emerald ash borer:

Identify and inventory ash trees: figure out if you have ash trees, how many you have, and where they are located

Determine if your ash trees are worth saving: they should be healthy, at least 30 inches in circumference or 10 inches in diameter at chest height, show no or few signs of emerald ash borer infestation, in a good location, and valuable to the property owner

Work with a certified arborist to treat trees that are worth saving: use a trunk injection of emamectin benzoate (commercial name Tree-age) every two to three years in late spring; cost is typically \$100 to \$200 depending on the size of the tree.

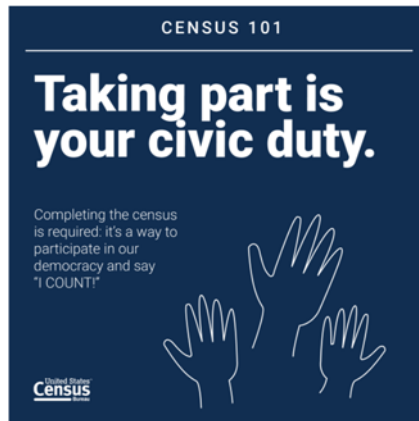
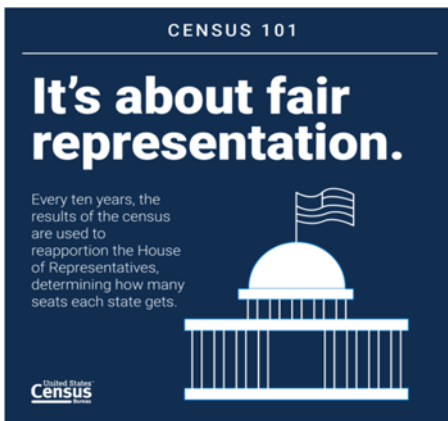
Monitor and make a plan for removal of trees that aren't being treated: monitor your trees for signs of emerald ash borer, work with a certified arborist to remove your trees when necessary between October 1 and April 30 to avoid the season when emerald ash borer is active, and consider planting a tree or two to replace any you remove



Learn more about emerald ash borer, how to identify ash trees, signs of emerald ash borer infestation, and tips for hiring a certified arborist at hennepin.us/ashtrees.



What's new at the Westonka History Museum? We have lots of fun events and programs coming up. Be sure to check out our events schedule on the museum website westonkahistoricalsociety.com. Looking for something to do on a rainy day? Stop in at the museum any Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and chat with one of our knowledgeable docents or dive into the archives in our research room. We have videos on all sorts of local history subjects. Browse the gift shop or play with some Tonka Toys. There's always something fun and interesting at the museum!



The 2020 Census is right around the corner!

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States, creating national awareness of the importance of the census and its valuable statistics. The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution. It counts our population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs — impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.



Community Action
Partnership of Hennepin County

The **Water Assistance Program** allows payment to be made towards outstanding water bill for Hennepin County residents whose income does not exceed 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. Water and sewer utility bills, which are not payable through the Energy Assistance Program - are paid when the amount owed threatens housing stability. Housing stability is deemed threatened either by disconnection of those utilities, which could lead to eviction, or through attachment of a lien on the homeowners property, which could result in foreclosure.

See www.caphennepin.org/services for this and other available services. Per their website, Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. They care about the entire community, and they are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. CAP-HC is part of a national network of over 1,000 authorized community action agencies across the nation. Community Action agencies have been operating in the United States since 1964, when they were created through Economic Opportunity legislation, to fight the war on poverty.

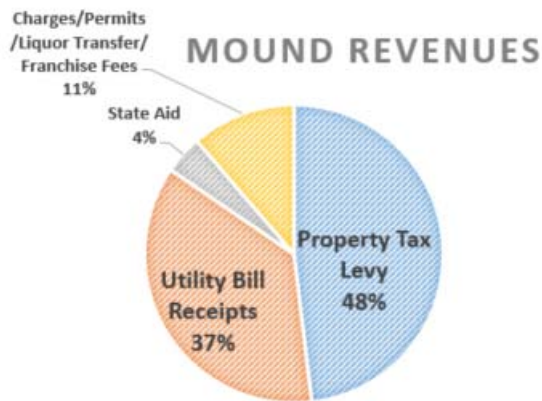
Practice Solicitor Safety! During the warm weather months, the number of solicitors, canvassers and door-to-door sales representatives increases throughout the city. Solicitation is allowed in Mound, but every resident and business has the right to prohibit solicitors on their property. All solicitors - whether for-profit or non-profit - have to be backgrounded by the city and receive an ID issued by the city (exceptions include politicians and religious organizations). Ask for the ID before making any purchase or donation and always ask for receipts and a cancellation policy. The City does not endorse any of the products or services being offered, we just make sure the person passes a background check. They must adhere to any "NO SOLICITING" signs posted on a property. If a solicitor can't produce a city issued ID, please call City Hall to report the activity.



The Mulch Store - City of Mound residents can bring grass clippings, milfoil and leaves to the compost site located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista. This is a free service if you show your drivers license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours: M-F 8 am to 5 pm & Sat 9 am to 1 pm. Call 952-446-1056 for more info.

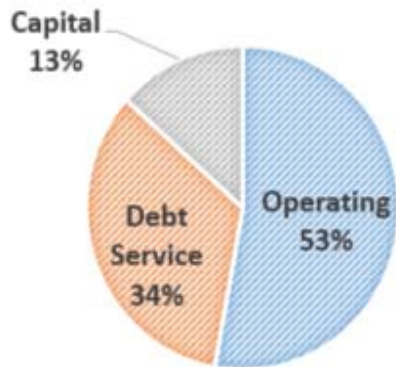


City of Mound 2018 Audited Financial Results

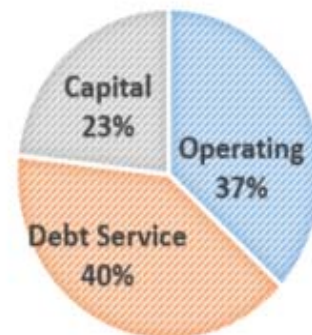


The majority of Mound's revenue comes from the property tax levy. The City Council approved a long term financial plan for 2018—2028 that calls for the property tax levy to grow gradually and any reduction in debt service be redirected to capital reserve funds to fund the next generation of streets without the need for special assessments.

MOUND GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES 2018



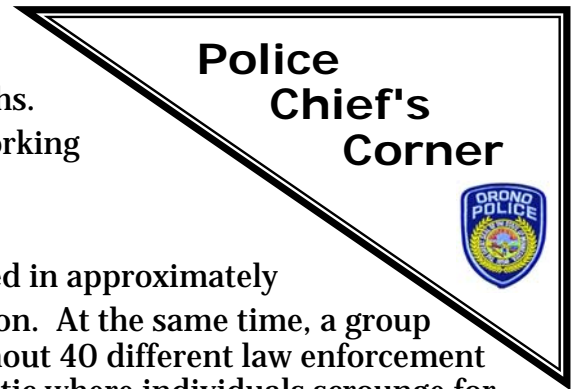
MOUND UTILITY FUND EXPENDITURES 2018



Significant investments have been made in the city's infrastructure which has resulted in higher levels of taxes and debt service per capita compared to our peer cities and other cities in Hennepin County. In order to provide utility rate relief, the Council approved a 14% overall reduction to the base utility fees in 2018, which will cause the water, sewer and storm water unrestricted reserve funds to be negative. Because Mound is 95%+ residential, and because 82% of the residential utility billing customers use between 1,000 and 20,000 gallons per quarter, the city has limited options for distributing the cost of providing municipal utilities to users, compared to cities with large commercial and industrial consumers.

The complete Comprehensive Audited Financial Report for 2018 is available on the city's website (www.cityofmound.com) or in person at City Hall or the Westonka Public Library in the reference area. Questions can be directed to Finance Director Catherine Pausche at (952)472-0633 or catherinepausche@cityofmound.com.

As you may or may not be aware, burglaries have been plaguing the West Metro area for the past couple of months. The Orono Police Department Investigators have been working diligently to identify those that have been involved.



The investigators have identified a lone individual involved in approximately 7-10 burglaries in the Orono Police Department jurisdiction. At the same time, a group of 80+ have been committing over 150 burglaries throughout 40 different law enforcement jurisdictions. These burglaries are completely opportunistic where individuals scrounge for open doors on garages or look within open cars and check for garage door openers. Once inside the garage, they may enter the house and take smaller items or take car keys and steal the vehicle.

The following are things a homeowner or resident should do consistently to prevent a burglary from occurring:

- Set alarm when away from home.
- Get motion detector lights.
- Take valuables out of your car, close all windows and **lock it**.
- Lock your garage and house doors by practicing a “#9PMRoutine” where you get in a habit of checking all your doors at a certain time.
- Utilize a motion activated camera such as, but not limited to Nest, Arlo or Ring.
- Set your car keys next to your bed while sleeping and if you are awakened by something alarming, push the panic button.
- Secure any valuables in a safe and secure the safe to the floor or wall.
- Don’t let mail/newspapers pile up while on vacation.
- Utilize a timer on interior and exterior lights and change the times throughout the year to accommodate the different sunset times.
- Don’t post anything on social media that you are away from your home.



Please consider being an election judge in 2020! Election judges are temporary, paid employees trained to handle all aspects of voting at the polling place. Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections and is a great service to the community. Call Kevin at (952)472-0613 for details!

City Hall Hours

May through October

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 11:30 am

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General Information 952-472-0600
www.cityofmound.com

Planning & Building 952-472-0603

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

911 Emergency

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MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

In advance of Fire Prevention Week, mark your calendars for the Mound Fire Department Open House on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Mound Fire Station. There will be hands-on activities, including fire displays, fire truck rides and more. This is a family fun event for all ages!

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed during the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls. The 2019 Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12th. Each year the National Fire Protection Association develops a fire prevention campaign. The 2019 campaign is “***Not every hero wears a cape. PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE***”.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have. Seconds count in escaping a fire – be prepared!

We hope to see you at our Fire Prevention Open House on October 2nd!



MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to the following fire department staff who were promoted in 2019!

Assistant Chiefs: Mike McCarville and Brian Berent were both promoted from Captain to Assistant Chief positions effective January 1, 2019.

Assistant Chief McCarville's primary responsibilities are focused on day-to-day operations including: apparatus and equipment functionality, updates and maintenance.

Assistant Chief Berent's role is focused on department Health, Wellness, and Safety initiatives

Captains: Ben Gottschalk and Bryan Gorman were both promoted from Lieutenant to Captain effective January 1st. Captain Gottschalk will lead our Ladder Company and Captain Gorman will lead our Rescue Company.

Lieutenants: Paul Jolicoeur was promoted to Ladder Company Lieutenant on January 1st and Tanner Palm to Rescue Company Lieutenant on June 17th. These are their first leadership roles with our department.

We are excited to advance our staff into their new leadership roles. All have completed various leadership classes and have shown they have what it takes to become leaders in our organization. Congratulations to all of these leaders!

Other staff news: Assistant Chief Jason Maas retired on May 5, 2019 after 25 years of dedicated service to the Mound Fire Department. During his career, Jason Maas held the positions of leadership including Lieutenant, Captain, and most recently Assistant Chief.

A BIG thank you to Jason for serving and we wish him all the best in his retirement!



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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 3 Tour de Tonka
- Aug 6 National Night Out
- Aug 15 Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game
- Sep 2 Labor Day—City Offices Closed
- Oct 15 Deadline to remove boats from City owned multiple slips
- Oct 31 Halloween



Harbor
Wine & Spirits

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952-472-0648



Store Hours

Monday thru Thursday 10am - 8pm
Friday 10am - 10pm
Saturday 9am - 10pm
Sunday 11am - 6pm

See harborwinespirits.com for
monthly specials

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.