



City Contact



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

We have started another new year with great expectations for 2019. As we enter this new year we also look back with happy memories and give thanks for their service to outgoing Mayor Mark Wegscheid and City Council members Kelli Gillispie and Jennifer Peterson. We wish them success in their future endeavors. Welcome to our new City Council members Sherrie Pugh, Phil Velsor, and Paula Larson, all of whom I look forward to working with.

Thank you to Westonka Community and Commerce for their contribution to the festive appearance in our city this Christmas season and for future years through the donation of the live Christmas tree located near the parking deck in Veteran Plaza; additionally, for their tremendous effort to plan the Annual Tree Lighting Event which will be brighter each year as the tree grows!

The new year brings some exciting major developments. **Harrison Bay Senior Living** is now providing senior independent living, assisted living and memory care in a beautiful 72-unit lake home setting along the shores of Dutch Lake, north of Grandview Middle School on CR110. Stop in and see the lovely design and great services available from this new housing option in our community. Westonka schools completed their **Westonka Activity Center and Performing Arts Center**. Look for new arts, sports, school and community activities and events, and take advantage of these new state of the art facilities.

We have new businesses to welcome as well. These emerging businesses present an air of renewal and excitement. Please welcome and support our new business members to our community by shopping locally at: **Goonga Baloonga**, a charming gift boutique, located in the former bank building, 2339 Commerce Boulevard; **Wheels to Waves** custom audio, video and electronics installation for home, auto and marine, 5293 Shoreline Drive; **Painter Creek Winery & Cider** located at the Minnetonka Orchards in Minnetrista, offering locally crafted red wines, sweet wines, crisp apple ciders and desert wines; and, soon to open, **Twin Cities Closets** design studio, 2321 Commerce Boulevard.

We are excited to provide a fresh look this spring to **Harbor Wine and Spirits** (remaining open through the work) with new flooring throughout the store and redecorating and reorganizing in the sales area. The **Depot** building at Surfside Park will close through the spring for an interior refresh just in time for the busy summer season.

We may see ground breaking at the **Serenity** project on the Mound and Minnetrista boundary on Halstead Bay, in addition to many single-family residential remodels and rebuilds which continue at an amazing pace making Mound better than ever before.

Also in the new year, some changes are being considered particularly with the Dock Program and allocation of Boat Storage Units. Residents are encouraged to participate in the public process by monitoring agendas and coming to meetings with topics of concern or interest to them. Agendas and related information are available on the www.cityofmound.com website by scrolling to the "Mayor and Council" link for Council/HRA and "Advisory Commissions" link for Planning, Parks, and Docks Commissions.

As your Mayor, I will continue to focus on our great community and our successes. I am honored to represent Mound as your Mayor and will do my best in that role.

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar

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Winter Parking Reminder

Every year the City's winter parking restrictions go into effect on November 15th and run through April 15th. Parking vehicles on city streets is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Vehicles left on the street create a problem for snow removal crews and emergency vehicles, and will be tagged and/or towed. These restrictions will be enforced regardless of whether there is snow on the roadway or **whether snow is expected or not.**

Here are other things to consider during the snow removal season:

- * Do not attempt to stop a snowplow or obstruct its path. Plows must maintain speed for maximum efficiency.
- * When approaching a plow from the rear, travel a safe distance behind the plow, allowing for scattering of salt and abrupt movements.
- * Use EXTREME caution when passing snow removal equipment. Before you pass, please honk your horn and flash your lights to alert the operator you intend to pass. Equipment operators often work long hours under trying conditions. PLEASE be courteous and friendly as you drive around them. Help them Help YOU.
- * Be patient. Be assured that during a snow storm, every reasonable effort will be made to keep roadways open. All available personnel will be on the road during major snow storms.
- * REMEMBER it is unlawful to push or throw snow onto or across roadways. Your snow must be deposited on your own property. It is unlawful to put snow on any public or private property or public right-of-way.
- * Ask permission if you wish to place snow on a neighbor's property. Upset property owners usually say, "If only they would have asked, I would have said yes".
- * Trash carts should be placed in the driveway, 5 feet behind the front of the snow berm to minimize the possibility of being knocked over. Trash carts knocked over are the resident's responsibility.
- * It is the resident's responsibility to remove the snow berm left at the end of their driveway from street plowing.



If you have questions or need assistance please call 952-472-0603.



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.



Planning and Development

Update

New Regulations that Prohibit Short-Term Home Rentals

As of August 5, 2018, short-term home rentals are prohibited in Mound. The prohibition means that it is unlawful to offer rental of a dwelling unit, or any other portion of a property, for short-term rental if it is in a residential zoning district. The new City Code Section 129-330 defines short-term rental as any temporary occupancy of a dwelling unit that is offered for rent for fewer than 30 consecutive days.

For those who may be affected by this new regulation, it should be noted that City Code Section 129-35(b) provides the ability for a property owner to lawfully use a property for a use

prohibited by the code if that use was lawfully in existence prior to the effective date of an ordinance prohibiting the use. Such a lawful pre-existing use, called a nonconforming use, may continue at the size and manner existing prior to the prohibition, but it may not be expanded, enlarged, or intensified.

In response to requests from owners for information on whether they may continue to offer their homes for short-term rentals, the City has established a process for determining the extent of the nonconforming short-term rental use of a property. This process involves the property owner providing information and documentation about the short-term rental use of their property. The City will then review the information provided, check it against any other information available on the past use of the property, and then issue a letter identifying the permissible extent to which the property may be used for short-term rentals in the future.

Questions regarding short-term home rental use and determination and evaluation of lawful, nonconforming use that previously existed prior to the enactment of the new regulations that prohibit short-term home rental use may be directed to Community Development Director Sarah Smith by telephone at 952-472-0604 or by email at Sarahsmith@cityofmound.com.

Are your neighborhood fire hydrants accessible?

In winter, the deep snow often makes it very difficult for firefighters to find the buried fire hydrants. Snow may be on the way!

In an emergency we must have clearly marked and accessible fire hydrants. It normally takes a firefighter less than a minute to connect a large fire hose to a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried under a pile of snow, the time involved will likely double or even triple.

The Mound Fire Chief asks that you please take time to clear fire hydrants of snow in your neighborhood. Please help us keep them accessible throughout the winter so we can be much more efficient and timely 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 952-472-3555 and we will arrange to clear the snow from the hydrant. Thank you for your assistance!



What's new at the Westonka History Museum? Come in and see our new interpretive display about the Native American earthworks that are so important to the history of the Westonka area. And we're not just talking about Mound! We have lots of fun events and programs coming up this winter. 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 Westonka History Museum!



Tanner Palm, Mound Firefighter of the Year 2018

Since 1980, the Mound Fire Department has recognized one firefighter as the department Firefighter of the Year. The tradition continued in 2018, with the Firefighter of the Year award going to Firefighter Tanner Palm.

The recipient of the firefighter of the year award is determined by and based upon a nomination and evaluation process. The process involves all of the Mound firefighters.

The award is based upon predetermined performance criteria including level of participation, involvement, and contribution to department, number of responses to emergency fire & rescue calls, attendance and leadership at training sessions, time dedicated to public relations activities, and teamwork and positive attitude.

All of these important firefighter attributes typically add up to an individual that is very dedicated to serve the fire department and improve public safety response.

Firefighter Palm has been a volunteer with the Mound Fire Department since joining the ranks in July of 2014. Tanner Palm comes from a dedicated family of firefighters that have been a foundation for the fire department for decades. He continues the family tradition of public service and excellence.

Congratulations to Tanner Palm on his many accomplishments and this award, and for being selected as the 2018 Mound Firefighter of the Year!



Mound Fire Receives a Substantial Health and Safety Grant

Firefighters are often exposed to contaminants that have connections to a variety of cancers, putting them at a much higher risk of getting cancer. Dirty and decontaminated turn-out-gear is now known to be a major firefighter health and safety issue. Our fire department is focused on and dedicated to the safety, health, and wellness of our staff of firefighters.

In October 2018, our Mound Fire staff applied for a grant in an effort to support our 2018-2019 Health and Wellness Initiative. The grant request was to purchase a high tech extractor washing machine and gear dryer. The extractor washing machine and dryer that Mound Fire needs is designed specifically for cleaning firefighter turn out gear with a total project cost of \$18,372. The new design technology for the extractor washing machine removes the contaminants from the firefighter gear.

We recently received notice of the grant award from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Office in the amount of \$13,779 to purchase the new cleaning equipment. The fire department must provide a 25% matching share or \$4,593. This grant is a great advancement in support of our health and safety goals!

Mound Fire Department Hires Probationary Firefighter

The Mound Fire Department recently hired Trevor Woytcke as a probationary firefighter. Trevor Woytcke was hired on November 5, 2018, and has already begun his intensive training schedule. Trevor is a second generation firefighter with the Mound Fire Department. His father, Denny Woytcke, retired in 2014, after 22 years of service with the Mound Fire Department.

We are delighted to have Trevor on staff at the Mound Fire Department! The Mound Fire staff of firefighters is now at 39, which are all ready to respond and serve our community.

Would you like to become a Firefighter? Or do you want more information? We are currently accepting applications for our winter hiring period. You can print an application form by visiting our website at www.moundfire.com or stop by our administrative office.

Please call our administrative office at 952-472-3555 with questions.



Accepted Materials

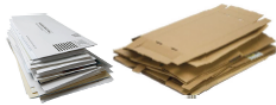
Ensure items are Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Asegúrese de que los artículos estén vacíos, limpios y secos



REPUBLIC
SERVICES

We'll handle it from here™



Paper & Cardboard

Cardboard (flattened), office paper, file folders, magazines, catalogs, newspaper and inserts, junk mail, telephone books, etc.

Cajas de cartón (desarmadas), papel de oficina, carpetas de archivos, revistas, catálogos, periódicos y folletos, directorios telefónicos, etc.



Aluminum/Metal

Aluminum, tin or steel cans, pie tins

Latas de aluminio, hojalata o acero, papel de aluminio, bandejas de papel de aluminio



Plastic

Plastic bottles, containers

Botellas y envases de plástico



Glass

Glass jars, bottles

Botellas y envases de vidrio

DO NOT put your recyclables inside plastic bags



NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING CONTAINER

NO ACEPTADOS EN CONTENEDORES DE RECICLAJE

No plastic grocery bags

Bolsas de compras de plástico

No food waste

Restos de alimentos

No yard waste

Desechos de jardín

No light bulbs, window

glass or mirrors
Bombillas de luz, vidrio de ventanas o espejos

No batteries

Baterías

No ceramics or dishes

Cerámica o vajilla

No cellphones, computers or electronics

Celulares, computadoras o productos electrónicos

No clothing

Ropa

No polystyrene foam (*Styrofoam®)

Poliestireno

No hazardous waste containers

Recipientes de desechos peligrosos

No garden hoses

Mangueras de jardín

No construction waste

Desechos de construcción

No oil containers of any kind

Recipientes de aceite de cualquier tipo

*Styrofoam® is a registered trademark of the Dow Chemicals Co., Inc.

RepublicServices.com

Recycling contamination is a concern in our community.

Placing the below items in your recycling container contaminates other recyclables, causing the entire load to end up in the landfill.

Help us keep our recycling stream clean!



#1

No food, liquid or diapers in the container.

All containers are to be **Empty. Clean. Dry.™** before recycling.



#2

No plastic bags of any kind in the recycling container.

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES!



#3

No hangers in the recycling container.
NO HOSES, WIRES, CHAINS or ELECTRONICS.



#4

No clothes (or linens) in the recycling container. Use donation programs to get rid of clothing or linens.

Visit RecyclingSimplified.com today to become a better recycler!



REPUBLIC
SERVICES

We are close to making it through another long winter and with spring comes seasonal road restrictions. As the frost is coming out of the ground, the base layer under the paved roadway becomes very soft and susceptible to significant damage if heavy vehicles travel over it. Seasonal road restrictions usually begin around the last week of March and continue until early to mid-May. You will see road signs educating drivers as they come into the City of Mound.

Police Chief's Corner



Municipal streets are reduced to 4-ton per vehicle axle. Passenger vehicles are well under the restricted weight. Larger delivery trucks, dump trucks, water, pop, and beer trucks are generally going to be examples of vehicles that are overweight on a 4-ton road. Even larger furniture delivery trucks can be overweight on a 4-ton road.

If you are having construction done at your home or business, we ask that you work with the contractor to avoid deliveries during this time. If you are unsure or have general questions about this issue, feel free to contact City Hall or the Orono Police Department. If you see a suspected violator, please call the Orono Police Department at 952-258-5321 to report the violation. Give the dispatcher a description of the vehicle, location of occurrence and direction of travel. The Orono Police Department has two sets of portable scales and aggressively enforces seasonal road restrictions for the preservation of the new city streets.

City Adds Canoe/Kayak Rack Rentals in 2019

The City Council has approved the installation of one canoe/kayak rack at Carlson Park beginning in 2019. Carlson Park is located on Bartlett Boulevard between Avon Drive and Fernside Lane. Carlson Park has been designed to allow for easy launching of canoes and kayaks from the shoreline. The canoe/kayak rack holds eight watercraft and has built-in tie downs to secure watercraft.



Dock Program participants will be given the first priority to rent a space, followed by wait list applicants, Mound residents not on the wait list, and finally non-Mound residents. The cost will be \$50.00 per season for residents. Applications must be submitted by the end of February and are available at City Hall and on the City website in the Dock Program section and the Application Information tab.

Contact Kevin at 952-472-0613 with any questions.

New Mayor and Council Members Take Office

The 2018 Municipal General Election was held Tuesday, November 6, with the mayor and two city council seats up for election. Council Member Ray Salazar replaces Mayor Mark Wegscheid, who did not seek re-election. Phil Velsor and Sherrie Pugh replace Council Members Kelli Gillispie and Jennifer Peterson, neither of whom sought re-election. The City Council appointed Paula Larson at the January 22nd regular council meeting to fill the remainder of Ray Salazar's City Council term ending December 31, 2020. **Congratulations to our newly elected officials!**

City Hall Hours

November 5th through April

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

May through October

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 11:30 am

City Contacts

General Information 952-472-0600
www.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

Tidbits

2019 Recycling Calendar

Republic Services sent the 2019 Single Sort Recycling Schedule to all residents in December. Additional copies are available at City Hall or on the city website under Department/Public Works/Recycling. Recycling is every other week starting the week of January 7th.



Blue Bag Organics Recycling

Randy's Environmental Services offers Blue Bag Organics Recycling to their garbage service customers. Organics composting is a major focus of Hennepin County's updated solid waste management plan. Call 763-972-3335 or visit RandysEnvironmentalServices.com for more information.



Spring Clean Up/Recycling Day

The City of Mound and City of Minnetrista have scheduled the **Annual Spring Clean Up/Recycling Day** for May 11, 2019, from 8 am to 3 pm. Look for more information in the May newsletter or on the city website.



Snow Shoveling

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 your own equipment and transportation. Contact Bethany Snapp at 952-767-7886 for more info.



Grass Clippings, Milfoil, ...

The Mulch Store - 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, 2019. This is a free service if you show your drivers license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours are Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm & Saturday 9am to 1pm. Call 952-446-1056 for more information.



Utility Billing Options

Customers 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 reopen May 1st for the season through October 31st.





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Mound, MN 55364

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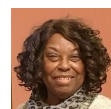
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ECRWSS

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



Harbor
Wine & Spirits

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



New Store Hours

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

See harborwinespirits.com for
monthly specials



Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 18	Presidents' Day - City Offices Closed
Mar 17	St Patrick's Day
Apr 15	Tax Day
Apr 21	Easter
Apr 24	Administrative Professionals Day

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.