



# City Contact



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors;

First, let me begin with a few updates. Harbor District Townhome Development: As many may be aware – the City Council declined an offer to renegotiate the terms of the purchase agreement so the developer opted to terminate it. The city will continue to evaluate options for the best and highest-value uses of this land for our community.

Commerce Place: The owners held a neighborhood meeting in spring of 2018 to present a concept of a market-rate, multi-family residential development with no commercial space. Based on the feedback and concerns expressed, they held a second neighborhood meeting in the fall of 2018 and presented a mixed commercial and market-rate, multi-family concept that was much more favorably received by the neighbors in attendance. They presented the revised concept sketch plan to the City's Planning Commission and Council in March to obtain feedback before proceeding with the official application process. You can see their concept submittal on the city web page.

It is nice to see the snow disappear and we express appreciation to our City Public Works employees for their hard work to keep our streets clear. May 11 is Spring Clean Up and Disposal Day for Mound and Minnetrista. Look for details deeper in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity for you to get rid of those things that won't fit in your trash bin. Don't forget... ask your neighbors if they have anything they might want to throw on the load; a helping hand may be all it takes to make a bigger difference in your neighborhood. The Mulch store is open and Mound residents can deliver grass clippings and leaves free of charge. ***Our appearance IS our image and we do this together as a community.***

We thank the Westonka Community and Commerce for hosting "A Night with Community Leaders" and the opportunity to share information about events and happenings in Mound. The video of this event is available on the city web page or the LMCC U-Tube channel.

Remodeling work at the Surfside Depot started in April and should be wrapped up by the beginning of May. Look for new flooring, bathroom fixtures, service area upgrades, and a fresh coat of paint. We have also made several merchandizing and layout changes at Harbor Wine and Spirits. Similar improvements will continue throughout the summer and the flooring will be replaced after the first of the year. This will give us a bit more time to finalize store layout options prior to this larger investment.

We look forward to the wonderful activities that we all anticipate throughout the summer. The Fish Fry, Farmer's Market, Music in the Park, Spirit of the Lakes, Dog Days, Tour-d-Tonka, Running of the Bays, Incredible Festival, church picnics, and others. There are so many ways we celebrate our community and before they even get started I'd like to thank the countless volunteers who really do make them happen for all of us. I look forward to seeing you out enjoying everything Mound has to offer.

As always, information on agendas and upcoming meetings are available on the city web page [www.cityofmound.com](http://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*

MAY JUNE JULY  
2019



Mayor  
Ray Salazar

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## Let the Boating Season Begin!

Boating season on Lake Minnetonka is here and Harbor Wine & Spirits has all of the “on trend” drinks ready for pick-up to add to your cooler! The latest trends include hard ciders, seltzers and Ready to Drink (RTD) cocktails. Top picks include apple and pear hard ciders which come in flavors including black cherry, maple, rose and more. We have these in stock and if you are heading straight to the dock check out the chilled selection. Ice is also available!

If you are entertaining guests from out of town, consider a local brew. We feature several different local brewery offerings including Enki, Schramm, Excelsior and Waconia to name a few. Craft beers also up the game any day and we have hundreds of craft brews in stock from all over to choose from.

Relaxing on the patio with friends after a long day on the lake? Try some of our amazing drink mixes to get that full Tiki bar feel. Bitters are hot right now and our selection includes orange flower, elderflower, ginger and other flavors to make a signature cocktail perfect for guests.



Be sure to follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook to find out about our new arrivals and what the next in-store tastings will be. Vendors are usually offering tastings after 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Also check out our website at [www.harborwinespirits.com](http://www.harborwinespirits.com) for the latest beer, spirit and wine of the month and other special events!

Summer fun is all about getting together with friends and we hope to see you this July at the Spirit of the Lakes Festival's Meet Your Maker event. This event allows guests to meet the makers of approximately 25 different local beers, wines and spirits and hear their stories in an engaging tasting event. Tickets will be on sale at Harbor Wine & Spirits in advance of the event.

*We hope you enjoy your summer of entertaining on the lake!*



**Harbor**  
Wine & Spirits



### 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](mailto:fieldops@cityofmound.com) or 952-472-0605.



## ***Planning and Development Update***

## ***Coming Soon: Electronic Building Permit Process***

City of Mound staff and MnSpect, the city's contracted building inspection company, are working together to transition from the current paper-based building permit process to an on-line electronic building permit processing system.

From a process standpoint, the general maintenance permits are expected to be the first permit available electronically. Once the new system is fully functional, building permits will be able to be completed and submitted using the city website, email or a portal. Plans under discussion also include the placement of a kiosk in the City Hall main lobby to allow applicants to complete their applications electronically at City Hall.

Presently, MnSpect has the ability to accept electronic plans and encourages this method, when possible. Any questions regarding the building permit process can be directed to the Planning and Inspections Department at Mound City Hall by calling 952-472-0604.



Look for a new link on the City Web Page under the "Resident Resources" tab where you can assume a larger role in helping to preserve the quality of water in our area lakes. Through our affiliation with the Metro Watershed Part-

ners, we are able to launch an Adopt-a-Drain program in Mound. It is as easy as hitting the link and signing up to take care of a drain(s) near you. The site has great informational resources to help you take on this task, and share why it is so important in directly reducing pollution in our lakes and rivers; and indirectly by bringing you closer to those resources on a personal level.



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](http://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!

## SPRING IS HERE!!

The City of Mound **public restrooms** located on the Dakota Rail Trail by the Mound Transit Center reopened May 1st!

**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.

This is a free service if you show your drivers license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours: M-F 8am to 5pm & Sat 9am to 1pm. Call 952-446-1056 for more info.



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### ***MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FISH FRY AND DANCE***

The Mound firefighters are busy preparing for the 68th Annual Fish Fry and Dance. The fish fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2019. Tickets for the event will include the fish dinner and an evening dance with live music provided by *The Pop Rocks Band*. Tickets will be sold in advance by firefighters canvassing neighborhoods for \$10.00 each. If firefighters miss you at your place of residence, please call Vicki Weber at Mound Fire at 952-472-3555 for advance ticket purchase. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of event. for \$12.00. Come out to support your local fire department and join us for a day of fun !

What: MFD Fish Fry and Dance  
Fish Dinner and Refreshments  
Music by: *The Pop Rocks Band*

When: Saturday June 1, 2019  
Dinner: 3:00 – 8:00pm  
Dance: 9:00pm – Midnight



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### **Mound Fire Department: Activity Level is High... Just How We Like It!**

**A fact that might surprise you:** over the past 20 years, the Mound Fire Department callouts (or activity level) ranks in the top 8-9% of all of the fire departments in Minnesota. There are approximately 780 fire departments located in the State of Minnesota, and in a typical year over 700 of the Minnesota fire departments have less fire and EMS callouts than Mound Fire Department.

In 2018, the Mound Fire Department responded to 602 calls for service, up slightly from the 5-year average of 570 calls. It was a busy year for our staff to get out and help the residents in our community!



# MINNETRISTA / MOUND

## SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 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:** \$2.00 / per square yard (same for Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)

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

**Electronics:** \$5.00 (Min. Fee) – Laptop Computers, stereo, CD players, 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

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** No charge ~ RESIDENTS ONLY! ~ Business/Commercial NOT accepted

**Furniture:** \$5.00 Chairs and Recliners \$10.00 Loveseat \$15.00 Sofa \$30.00 - Hide-a-bed

**Mattresses/Box Springs:** \$25.00 each (twin-king), \$20.00 Crib mattress

**Misc Items:** \$20.00/cubic yard - Household Plastic, Plastic Toys, Styrofoam, Foam Rubber, Vacuum Cleaners

**Scrap Metal:** No charge for: 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:** \$5.00 Car and Pickup \$10.00 Semi Truck \$30.00 Tractor

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*Medical Equipment:** No Charge – wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, etc.

ANY 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



## RECREATIONAL FIRES: SHOULD BE FUN, BUT NOT ANNOYING TO NEIGHBORS!

### Police Chief's Corner



Throughout the spring, summer, and fall the Orono Police and Mound fire crews get numerous callouts for reports of non-compliant recreational fires. In many cases, the reporting party calls 911 to complain about an oversized, unattended, very smoky, non-complaint recreational fire. If the smoke from a recreational fire is drifting next door and is annoying to your neighbors, it is non-compliant. Please, please be a GOOD neighbor and consider where the smoke is going!

### **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.
  - A means for summoning the Fire Department shall be available for immediate use by the attendant.
  - Only wood and starter fuels as defined in the City Code may be burned.
  - 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 area may not be more than 3 ft. in length and the flame more than 2 ft. high.
  - 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 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

### **Mound thanks all of the dedicated volunteers serving on our commissions:**

**Planning Commission**—Cindy Penner, Chair, David Goode, Vice Chair, Jason Baker, Jame-son Smieja, Drew Heal, Kevin Castellano, David Pelka, Jake Savstrom, Sherrie Pugh (liaison)

**Docks and Commons Commission**—Derrick Hentz, Chair, Susan Gardner, Vice Chair, Heidi Peterson, Jim Funk, Linda Muller, Paula Larson (liaison)

**Parks and Open Spaces Commission**—Travis Mills, Chair, Mark Stehlik, Vice Chair, Linda Cordie, Jody Smith, Jeff Bergquist (liaison)

#### **City Hall Hours**

##### **May through October**

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 11:30 am

##### **November through April**

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

#### **City Contacts**

General Information 952-472-0600  
[www.cityofmound.com](http://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

## 2018 Consumer Confidence Report for Mound Water Supply

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

The 2018 MN Dept of Health Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Mound water system has been posted to the city web page at [www.cityofmound.com/waterreport](http://www.cityofmound.com/waterreport). You may also review or collect a copy from City Hall.



### Summer Irrigation Maintenance

Spring and summer maintenance of your irrigation system is important. Set your system to "Manual" and run the sprinkler to look for the following issues:

**Pipe leaks** can be caused by freeze-up in the winter or physical damage from winter maintenance. Not all leaks will produce the obvious geyser or big puddles; look for softer ground or unexplained wet soils.

**Broken heads** typically present that obvious geyser or fountain in the yard. Obstructed sprinkler heads can be just as big a problem; make sure you know where all your sprinkler heads are. Consider making a map of the system.

**Wasted water** - take a few minutes to make sure you are not watering more hard surface than practical.

**Control box timer settings and function** - If you have a rain over-ride sensor make sure it does not need its battery replaced. It won't over-ride if it is not powered up. The installer should have calibrated the timing for each zone to deliver about one-half inch of rain each week (3 cycles). You may even want to consider leaving your system in the "off" position and only activate it when gaps between rain showers exceed a week.



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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



May 11 Special Clean Up Day  
May 27 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed  
June 1 Fish Fry  
June 16 Father's Day  
July 4 Independence Day-City Offices Closed  
July 19-20 Spirit of the Lakes Festival



**Harbor**  
Wine & Spirits

2135 Commerce Blvd.  
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952-472-0648



### New Store Hours

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

See [harborwinespirits.com](http://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.*