



City Contact



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to 2020 and the launch of a new decade! It has me thinking about the accomplishments and challenges the City of Mound has faced in this past decade and what lies ahead.

Mound, like everybody else, spent the last decade recovering from the recession that included a loss of 40% of our tax capacity. The City has implemented many organizational changes designed to increase efficiency and/or reduce cost that will continue to provide benefits even as our tax base recovers. The total tax levy, which is the City's portion of property taxes, increased an average of 1.36% per year from 2010 to 2020. During that same period, the City continued to reconstruct its streets and upgrade its critical infrastructure.

As we look to the future, we will continue to collaborate with our community partners, foster development, and seek new ways to increase the quality of life of our residents and attract visitors to Mound. While the primary responsibility of any municipality is to provide for public safety, including good streets and safe drinking water, Mound is also rich with many natural resources, including parks, trails and lakes. Finding creative ways to improve and maintain these amenities will continue to be a focus and as our debt burden diminishes, we will build reserves to put us in an even stronger position for the future.

One of the great amenities we have in Mound is our sense of Community, propelled by our love of gathering at events like the Holiday Tree Lighting and Polar Plunge events recently hosted by Westonka Community and Commerce. We owe a huge "Thank You!" for all the work they invest throughout our community. Traditional summer gatherings include the annual Mound Fire Department Fish Fry in June, the weekly Farmers' Market each Saturday, and the Spirit of the Lakes Festival that anchors our summer in July. Community Ed works hard every year to assemble amazing youth programs as well as the Music in the Park series so many enjoy. In any given week you can find one of our many houses of faith and service organizations hosting us as friends and neighbors at various events, gatherings, and fund raisers that bring us all together in meaningful ways.

As a different form of investment; none of this can happen without key contributions from many behind the scenes. City Staff and Public Works will be working closely with many of these amazing groups to ensure that the emerging changes anticipated in our downtown area do not derail these key community events. Our greatest "thanks" to all of those key contributors comes in the form of our patronage. Come on out, get to know your neighbors, and pitch in to help when you can. Grow the roots of our community!

As always, information on agendas, the 2020 budget and upcoming meetings is available at www.cityofmound.com by clicking on the "Government" tab and scrolling to the "Mayor and Council" line for Council/HRA and "Advisory Commissions" for Planning, Parks, and Docks and Commons. Council meetings can also be streamed on the LMCC-TV.org website.

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar
Mound Mayor

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CITY OF MOUND 2020 SUMMARY BUDGET

The purpose of this Report is to provide summary 2020 budget information concerning the City of Mound to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. 471.6965. This budget is a summary document only; the complete budget may be examined on the city website cityofmound.com or at Mound City Hall, 2415 Wilshire Boulevard, Mound, MN. The City Council approved this budget on December 10, 2019.

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		2020	Expenditures	
		Adopted	Current Expenditures	
Revenues			General Government	1,298,579
Property Taxes	\$	5,262,990	Public Safety	3,207,496
Tax Increments		684,872	Streets and Highways	788,859
All Other Taxes		409,000	Culture and Recreation	585,616
Special Assessments		753,135	Total Current Expenditures	5,880,550
Licenses and Permits		305,950		
State General Purpose Aid		6,060	Debt Service - Principal	2,953,022
State Categorical Aid		520,021	Interest and Fiscal Charges	748,563
Charges for Services		927,605	Capital Outlay	131,800
Fines and Forfeits		42,000	Transfers to Other Funds	885,686
Interest on Investments		10,000	Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	10,599,621
Miscellaneous Revenue		59,000		
Total Revenues		8,980,633	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(588,836)
Transfers from Other Funds		1,030,152	Net Unrealized Gain from Investments for 2019	\$
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources		10,010,785		

2020 ELECTION – KEY INFO/DATES



February 25 – Precinct Caucuses (won't include presidential preference poll)
March 3 – Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Election
August 11 – State Primary Election
November 3 – General Election

The State Legislature approved implementing a Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) on a bi-partisan basis after seeing long lines, parking issues and the narrow window at the 2016 Precinct Party Caucuses. The last PNP in Minnesota was in 1992. Precinct Caucuses will still be held by the parties on February 25th to discuss the party platform and general business, but it won't include the presidential preference poll. Instead, the PNP will be handled like a regular primary election. Please note that in order to participate in the PNP, voters will be required to declare their party preference because ballots will be by party (either Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party or Republican Party of Minnesota as the other major political parties don't have a primary contest).

All four of the City polling places will be operating during normal election day hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all three elections. Absentee Voting starts 46 days before an election and can be done via the County by mail or in person at City Hall. If you are new to Mound or haven't voted in the past 4 years, you can register to vote online at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote> or you can pick up a voter registration application at Mound City Hall. Lastly, more key election dates are available at www.cityofmound.com, including the candidate filing period for local offices.

City Hall Hours

November 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

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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

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.
- * Do not overtake snow plows operating in the roadways. Use EXTREME caution when passing oncoming snow removal equipment. Equipment operators work long hours under trying conditions. PLEASE be courteous and friendly as you drive around them.
- * 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 roadways. Your snow must be deposited on your own property unless you have obtained specific permission from other property owners.
- * 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. Clearing a pocket next to your driveway will work best for you and the hauler.
- * 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

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION & INTEREST IN A DEVELOPMENT IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT



The City received multiple responses to the RFQ/I and the City Council will interview/consider prospective developers at the February City Council meetings.

The City has established goals for this project as well as the main criteria for the ultimate selection of a developer, including: (1) Ability to maximize future tax value, (2) Ability to pay a competitive price for the land, (3) Ability to preserve/improve performance of public uses of surrounding spaces, (4) Ability to complement stylistic features and amenities of downtown, (5) Ability to independently finance all improvements without public assistance,

(6) Concurrence with draft Purchase and Development Agreement, (7) Ability to minimize project duration, and (8) Experience building the proposed development.

The surrounding spaces (2+ acres) to the north and west will ultimately be improved as a public gathering space reserved for community events and enjoyment!

SCHAFER RICHARDSON SEEKS TO REDEVELOP COMMERCE PLACE SHOPPING CENTER

The owner of Commerce Place Shopping Center presented a concept plan to the Planning Commission on January 7th and the City Council on January 28th. The redevelopment proposal will allow for a long-vacant commercial property to be revitalized into a market rate apartment building with 101 units. Residents will be able to walk to the local businesses and utilize nearby transportation options that will take advantage of the city's investment in pedestrian-oriented infrastructure and support businesses in our community.



*Thank
You!*

The City wishes to thank outgoing Chair of the Planning Commission Cindy Penner for her 8 years of dedicated leadership and Jameson Smieja who was appointed in 2014. Both commissioners are known for their meticulous preparation and understanding of the zoning code as well as their contributions to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update that serves as a guide for Mound's future growth, redevelopment and improvements. The Council approved the appointments of Jon Ciatti and Sue Pilling to fill the vacancies beginning in 2020. Thanks and best wishes to all!



Joey Blackstone, Mound Firefighter of the Year 2019

Since 1980, the Mound Fire Department has recognized one firefighter as the department Firefighter of the Year. The tradition continued in 2019, with the Firefighter of the Year award going to Firefighter Joey Blackstone.

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 Blackstone has been a volunteer with the Mound Fire Department since joining the ranks in December of 2017. Firefighter Blackstone is a relatively new staff member; however he has quickly gained the respect of his fellow firefighters with his positive attitude, hard work, and dedication. Congratulations to Firefighter Joey Blackstone on his many accomplishments, including earning this prestigious award as the 2019 Mound Firefighter of the Year!



Zero Gravity Skate Park— In the summer of 2019 the City and Police Department had some issues with unruly behavior by unsupervised youth at the park. Poor behavior by a few has caused issues for other kids using the park. In 2020, the City will be making some security upgrades to the park to improve the safety for all. In a coordinated effort between residents, park users and City government, we hope to ensure a safe and desirable resource for years to come.

Local law enforcement is seeing an uptick in methamphetamine use. This is happening for several reasons. Those reasons include the much lower cost of methamphetamine, increased regulation of opioids and overall awareness of opioid risk. However, we are still seeing heroin related overdoses even though it appears heroin use is diminishing in our area at the cost of increased methamphetamine use. The Orono Police Department asks that if you see something, say something. The Orono Police Department is an active participant in the West Metro Drug Task Force, with one officer assigned to enforce drug crimes. Your tips are critical to enforcement success!

Police Chief's Corner



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!



Harbor

Wine & Spirits

The City of Mound owns and operates Harbor Wine & Spirits liquor store. HWS opened at its current location in 2003, and this approach enables the City to use the profits generated to reduce the property tax levy and help fund essential city services like our many park amenities and major equipment. Harbor Wine & Spirits contributed \$175,000 to tax relief in 2019 and will do so again in 2020!

Your patronage is greatly appreciated and it reduces property taxes!

A major store remodel will take place in mid-February to improve your shopping experience!



A pre-remodel Stock-up and Save Sale is planned for Friday and Saturday, February 7th & 8th with 10% off everything in the store & multiple samplings to help ease the stress of the temporary closure. Harbor Wine & Spirits will be open briefly from 11am-1pm on Sunday, February 9th – then will be closed during the remodel - and will reopen Thursday, February 13th at 3:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for the **HWS Grand Re-Opening Sale that will take place on Saturday, February 29th with 15% off all beer, wine, cider, & spirits.** There will also be prizes, samplings & a 6pm Bourbon Lottery. Follow us on Instagram, Twitter & Facebook for updates!

EVERY DAY LOW PRICES

The team at Harbor Wine & Spirits prides itself on providing the best value and customer service in the area! From everyday 15% off case discounts on wine & spirits (mix & match), to our 10% senior discount on Fridays, to our beer, wine and spirit specials of the month, you are sure to find a wide selection of old favorites and the latest trends. In addition, check out these everyday low prices on some of our favorites:



Prosecco 750ml

\$13.99



5x Distilled — Liters

\$11.99



1.5 Liters

\$10.99



1.75 Liters

\$29.99



MN Gold Lager & Light

16 OZ 12 Packs

\$11.99



If you love history, there's a place in our community to put that interest to use. Westonka Historical Society preserves and shares the fascinating history of Minnetonka Beach, Navarre, Spring Park, Mound and Minnetrista. Spend a cold winter day at the Westonka History Museum in Mound's Centennial Building! The museum is open Saturday's, 10 am—2 pm. You will be amazed at the vast collection of artifacts being maintained and you will learn the ways in which you may contribute. See the WHS website at www.westonkahistoricalsociety.org or call 952-472-9800.

Tidbits

2020 Recycling Calendar

Republic Services sent the 2020 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 6th.



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 9, 2020, from 8 am to 3 pm. Look for more information in the May newsletter or on the city website.



Canoe/Kayak Rentals expanded to Centerview Beach

The City Council has approved the installation of another canoe/kayak rack at Centerview Beach after a successful roll-out at Carlson Park. Both locations offer easy launching of canoes and kayaks from the shoreline. Call Kevin at (952)472-0614 or see www.cityofmound.com 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, 2020. 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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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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| Feb 2 | Groundhog Day |
| Feb 17 | Presidents' Day - City Offices Closed |
| Mar 3 | Presidential Nomination Primary |
| Mar 17 | St Patrick's Day |
| Apr 15 | Tax Day |
| Apr 12 | Easter |



Harbor
Wine & Spirits

2135 Commerce Blvd.
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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.