



# City Contact



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

As we welcome in another new year we pause momentarily to look back and give our sincere thanks to the following individuals that worked hard to serve our city and are now stepping down:

**Jeff Bergquist:** 4-years City Council, 2-years as Acting Mayor, Parks, Fire & Police Commission Council Rep, Budget and Finance and Personnel Committee. Former Planning Commissioner.

**Jim Funk:** Served since the 1990's as Docks and Commons Commissioner, many years as Chair.

**Sue Pilling:** 1-year as Planning Commissioner.

**David Pelka:** 4-years as Planning Commissioner, 1-year as Chair.

**Jody Smith:** 3-years as Parks and Open Spaces Commissioner.

We welcome **Jason Holt** to our City Council and look forward to working with him.

In 2020, due to the restrictions of Covid-19 and shelter in place orders, as I often say: "We learn, adapt, and overcome". We learned that we are able to rely on each other and the importance of patronizing our local businesses, including our always-helpful True Value Hardware store, Jubilee Foods, and Walgreens, to name a few. We bought "carry-out meals" from our favorite local restaurants and donated to our many charities. We rediscovered that our small town businesses have the majority of what we want and need, reducing our need to travel and instead staying local.

Many citizens want more businesses in Mound. In order to accomplish that we must demonstrate that we will buy from them. This will show potential new businesses that we will help them grow and create a stronger economy in our town. And, every \$100 spent recirculates \$45 back into local re-spending and charitable giving. We should all make a strong commitment to buy INTO Mound by buying IN Mound...this is each of our investment in us. Remember: "To whom you give your money, you give your power" (W.E.B Dubois).

**Mound Business Update:** Merrick Morlan and Dr. Kristi Hughes owners of 3Soteric and Docere Vita have joined their businesses and will be expanding their space at Stonegate Plaza. 3Soteric offers a complete gym, combatives/MMA, and web-based coaching and training; also catering to the skaters in our community. Docere Vita, Italian for "Teach Life" is run by Dr. Hughes, a wellness teaching doctor offering personalized nutrition and nutrigenomics. These two businesses make a perfect fit and are a great asset to Mound. We wish them the greatest of success!

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Mayor  
Ray Salazar

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We decided to join with the communities to our east and plow the Dakota Trail from Westedge Boulevard to the Seton Bridge. Plowing will occur after completing all city streets and sidewalks, including clean-up. Earlier in 2020, the Council approved an Engineering Study of the Dakota Trail crossing at Shoreline Drive (County Rd 15) to identify possible safety improvements. The Council decided to "do the right thing" and lead this effort for Hennepin County and Three Rivers Park District to expedite addressing an issue that has been a long time safety concern of our citizens and trail users.

I recently noticed that our welcome sign on Shoreline Drive (County 15) at the east City entrance was showing age and suggested we consider an upgrade. The Council has established a sub-committee to work with our engineering team to develop design ideas for Council consideration.

The Council's request to Hennepin County to review traffic control safety at the County Road 44 and 110 intersection was answered and they have recently implemented a 4-way stop.

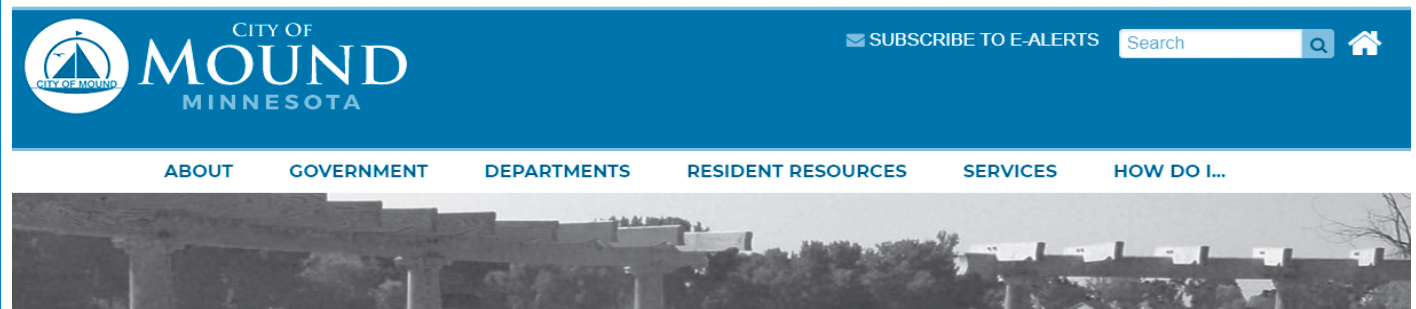
Providing safe, reliable, and affordable water is an essential task for the City. Look for a more in-depth discussion on what the City is doing to assure the reliability and quality of this service at a Council meeting in February. Participation is encouraged!

As always, information on agendas and upcoming meetings is available at [www.cityofmound.com](http://www.cityofmound.com) by clicking on the "Government" button and selecting the "Mayor and Council" line for Council/HRA and "Advisory Commissions" for Planning, Parks, and Docks and Commons. Also check out the city's new website and let us know any feedback on how we can improve communications!

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar, Mound Mayor

Check out the new website at [www.cityofmound.com](http://www.cityofmound.com)!



### City Hall Hours

**Note: Currently closed to the public, please call (952)472-0603 for assistance.**

#### 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

## City adds third Canoe/Kayak Rack rental in 2021

The City offers canoe/kayak rack rentals at Carlson Park, Centerview Beach and now Avalon Park. Avalon Park is located on the Island at the intersection of Island View Drive and Manchester Road. Each 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 fee is \$50.00 per season for residents. Applications must be submitted by the end of February and are available at City Hall and on the [www.cityofmound.com](http://www.cityofmound.com) website in the Dock Program section and the Application Information tab.

Please contact Kevin at 952-472-0613 with any questions.

**REMINDER:** All dock license renewals and wait list application renewals/sign-ups are due on February 28, 2021. A drop box is located outside City Hall at 2415 Wilshire Boulevard. Don't delay and risk losing your spot!!



### RECOVERY HUB

**Minnesota Department of Health** (<https://mn.gov/covid19/>) offers free no-barrier testing and is now signing up Minnesotans age 65 and older to receive the vaccine—visit online at [mn.gov/vaccine](http://mn.gov/vaccine) or call (612)426-7230 or (833)431-2053. Education, school and child care workers will receive information about signing up for an appointment from their employer.

**Hennepin County Community Action Partnership (CAP)** is the primary social services provider for individual relief and assistance and can be reached at (952)933-9639. **WeCAN** is also here to assist Mound residents in navigating the various resources and advocating for you (952)472-0742.

The local **Small Business Administration (SBA) District Office**, online at [sba.gov/offices/district/mn/minneapolis](https://sba.gov/offices/district/mn/minneapolis) or (612)370-2324, is the primary resource for businesses, nonprofits and faith-based organizations to find out what assistance is currently available to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

**Hennepin County Small Business Relief** is the source for small business and non-profit COVID-19 relief programs. Round 5 closed January 14, 2021, but stay tuned to see if additional funds are made available URL: [hennepin.us/economic-development/programs/Emergency-relief](http://hennepin.us/economic-development/programs/Emergency-relief)

### Community Notification System

This system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails (based on subscriber preferences) and posts to social media channels to inform residents of road closures, watermain breaks, hydrant flushing, policies under consideration by the City Council, seasonal parking reminders and more!

Registering for **RAVE** is quick, easy, and FREE! Your Rave subscription is protected data and will not be sold. Please sign-up by visiting the city website and clicking the **RAVE** icon or by contacting Field Officer Andy Drilling at 952-472-0605.



## CITY OF MOUND 2021 SUMMARY BUDGET

The purpose of this Report is to provide summary 2021 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](http://cityofmound.com) or at Mound City Hall, 2415 Wilshire Boulevard, Mound, MN. The City Council approved this budget on December 8, 2020.

All Governmental Funds	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Expenditures	<u>2021 Budget</u>
Revenues		Current Expenditures	
Property Taxes	\$ 6,457,770	General Government	\$ 1,375,094
Tax Increments	927,653	Public Safety	3,420,478
All Other Taxes	417,000	Streets and Highways	829,612
Special Assessments	584,709	Culture and Recreation	<u>609,124</u>
Licenses and Permits	305,450	Total Current Expenditures	\$ 6,234,308
State General Purpose Aid	6,060	Debt Service – Principal	\$ 2,601,633
State Categorical Aid	463,146	Interest and Fiscal Charges	466,356
Charges for Services	959,814	Capital Outlay	1,171,695
Fines and Forfeits	28,000	Transfers to Other Funds	<u>978,910</u>
Interest on Investments	21,000	Total Expenditures and	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>50,000</u>	Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 11,452,902</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 10,220,602		
Transfers from Other Funds	<u>1,103,660</u>	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (128,640)</u>
Total Revenues and		Net Unrealized Gain from	
Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 11,324,262</u>	Investments for 2020	<u>\$ 0</u>

### 2021 Recycling Calendar

**Republic Services** sent the 2021 Single Sort Recycling Schedule to all residents in January, a bit delayed. Recycling is every other week starting the week of January 4th.



### 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](http://RandysEnvironmentalServices.com) for more information.



### Utility Billing Options

Customers are strongly encouraged to sign-up for the **Auto Pay Plan**, where amounts due can be deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date or on the next business day if the 15<sup>th</sup> 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! Call Customer Service at 651-255-0972 for more info. Thank you!







## ~ Mound Fire Department Staffing News ~

**Welcome to probationary firefighters Saul Calderon and Michael Jabs of Mound!** Maintaining our active firefighting crew, currently 41 members strong, is critical to department success. Mound Fire continues to have a well-trained staff ready to provide excellent service to our community.

**Good Luck** to Assistant Chief Brian Berent who retired from the Mound Fire Department in October after 20+ years of service. Brian and his family relocated to Pillager Minnesota, where Brian will continue firefighting with the Pillager Fire Department. A big thank you to Brian and his family for their dedicated service to our department! We wish you all the best!

**Volunteer Fire Fighters still needed** ~ Would you like to become a Firefighter? Or do you want more information? You can obtain an application form by visiting our website at [www.moundfire.com](http://www.moundfire.com), calling (952)472-3555 or stopping by our administrative office.

**Individuals can help save lives, too!** Here's calling on individuals, families and neighbors to come together during the Pandemic and help save lives by:

- ◇ Replace old (or add new) **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** in your home and/or test and replace the batteries in these devices.
- ◇ Practice a **family fire drill** with your children. Be sure to make it fun!
- ◇ Clear snow from neighborhood **fire hydrants** to help our first responders respond faster in the event of an emergency.
- ◇ Buy **ice melt** and use as needed ~ help an elderly neighbor with snow and ice removal to prevent slips and falls.
- ◇ Clean inside and outside of **clothes dryer vent pipe** (CPE Home Service Plus program also offers this service)
- ◇ Check wood stove, **furnace or fireplace vent pipes** for leaks and clean/clear snow and ice, chimney sweep, etc.
- ◇ **Consider becoming a volunteer firefighter!!**



**COVID19 Response** ~ In person services are being limited for non-essential items. Every call for service will be answered, but some will be over the phone when appropriate. Requests for reports and permits to acquire firearms can be done on-line at <https://www.ci.orono.mn.us/156/Police> or by calling (952)249-4700 (always dial 911 in the event of an emergency!) Thank you for understanding the need to keep both our staff and community safe!

### Police Chief's Corner



Join us on **Saturday, March 6th** at **Surfside Park & Beach** for the **2021 Polar Plunge** to benefit **Special Olympics Minnesota!** If you can't do the jump, consider sponsoring our team at [plungemn.org](http://plungemn.org)! Thank you!!

# WINTER ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

**Overnight parking restrictions.** 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.**

**Plow safety.** Please use extreme caution around snow plow trucks. Do not attempt to stop a snowplow or obstruct its path. Plows must maintain speed for maximum efficiency. Also, travel a safe distance behind the plow, to allow for scattering of salt and abrupt movements. It is unlawful to push or throw snow onto roadways — your snow must be deposited on your own property and it is also the resident's responsibility to remove the snow berm left at the end of their driveway from street plowing.



**Recreational vehicles on city streets.** The state of Minnesota requires four-wheelers, both Class 1 and Class 2 units, to have a permit to operate on municipal streets and the permit issued must be affirmatively administered by the local authority. The local authority on Mound streets DOES NOT allow said permits, making it unlawful to ride on municipal streets. Snowmobiles ridden by adults are generally allowed on municipal streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am. There are some restrictions on snowmobiles, contact City Hall or the police department for more information.

**Spring load restrictions.** Each spring, usually mid-March to early May, the City of Mound restricts vehicle load on all municipal streets to four tons per axle. Heavy vehicles on municipal streets causes extensive damage to our streets each spring as frost leaves the ground, softening it and causing the road to buckle under the weight of heavy vehicles. Please note the police and public works departments aggressively enforce spring load restrictions. Unless the road is marked otherwise, each city street is restricted to four tons per axle.

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## 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.

# Harbor

## Wine & Spirits

The City of Mound owns and operates Harbor Wine & Spirits municipal liquor store. The store underwent a major renovation in 2020 to improve your shopping experience. Operating a 'muni' 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 both 2019 & 2020!

Did you notice our monthly coupons for exclusive featured discounts in the **2021 Excelsior Westonka Town Planner**? Please don't miss out on these exciting opportunities by clipping and saving or see updated area events and printable coupons at [townplanner.com/excelsior/mn](http://townplanner.com/excelsior/mn).

**Friday, February 19th ~ Harbor Wine & Spirits Anniversary & Rare Whiskey Sale!** Customers can enter a drawing to earn a chance to buy one of the rare whiskeys (winners of the drawing must be present to be eligible to purchase the whiskey) .

Follow us on Instagram, Twitter, & Facebook, or see our website [harborwinespirits.com](http://harborwinespirits.com) for the latest details on the anniversary sale events and to see day-to-day updates on hard to find beer, wine & whiskey releases and our monthly specials!

A **Sampling Shanty** has been constructed outside the store to ensure our customers can continue to taste the latest beer, wine & spirit offerings in a safe and fun environment.

**On a budget?** Check out the tasty treats in the **'Deals & Steals' area** in the back of the store!

**Remember...We have your party & day-to-day needs covered with everything from Ale to Zinfandel!**

If you love history, there's a place in our community to put that interest to use! **Westonka Historical Society (WHS)** preserves and shares the fascinating history of Minnetonka Beach, Navarre, Spring Park, Mound and Minnetrista. The museum is closed during the Stay at Home Order but plenty of on-line resources are available. See the WHS website at [www.westonkahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.westonkahistoricalsociety.org) or follow them on Facebook.

**'Westonka Memories'** video series on YouTube ~ **a must watch!!** The WHS, in partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC), chronicles memories with people who have long been connected to the lake area (see [lmcc-tv.org](http://lmcc-tv.org)).



**Exploratory Grant Project Begins** ~ The six major Lake Minnetonka Historical Societies received a Heritage Grant from the MN Historical Society to fund a study by Arts Consulting Group (ACG) to evaluate a range of alliance opportunities—from collaboration to shared services to consolidation.

WHS greatly **needs and welcomes citizen input** in upcoming surveys, questionnaires and related activities to help determine the future of preserving, interpreting and sharing Lake Minnetonka history. If you are not a WHS member and would like to be included in this exploration, email [info@westonkahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@westonkahistoricalsociety.org) or call 952.472.9800. *Thank you!*



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Mound Meeting Calendar (See city website for location info)

- **City Council** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 pm
- **HRA** meets before regular Council meetings 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



Feb 15 - President's Day City Offices Closed  
Mar 14 - Daylight Savings Time  
Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day  
Apr 4 - Easter  
Apr 22 - Earth Day  
Apr 26 - Assessor's Open Book Meeting 3 - 7



2135 Commerce Blvd.  
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#### Store Hours

**Monday thru Saturday 10am - 8pm**  
**Sundays 11am - 6:00 pm**

**Curbside Pick-up Now Available!**

**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.*