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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

I want to take this opportunity to make sure that all residents and users of Mound drinking water have received a notification about the level of Manganese recently found at the source of Mound's water. Testing indicated elevated levels of manganese greater than the MDH recommended health advisory guideline levels. Manganese is a naturally occurring element found in rocks and soil and is usually present in Minnesota ground and surface water. Your body needs some manganese to stay healthy but too much can be harmful. Elevated levels of Manganese can pose a health risk to sensitive populations. You can learn more by visiting the MDH webpage for manganese at <http://bit.ly/MDHmanganese>.

The MDH recommended health guidelines include consideration of the following:

- If you have an infant who drinks tap water or drinks formula made with tap water, a safe level of manganese in your water is 100 ppb of manganese or less
- The safe level for consumption for anyone over the age of 12 months who drinks tap water is 300 ppb of manganese or less

Both city wells tested above the MDH health advisory guideline of 300 parts per billion (ppb) with ranges from 470 ppb to 750 ppb.

The city is currently working with our engineering consultants and MDH to determine possible short-term and long-term treatment options. The city has undertaken a formal water treatment engineering study to determine the treatment solutions that will be most cost effective to address the manganese level. There are several things residents can do to reduce manganese levels in the water, some of which you may already be doing:

- Ensure that the filter in your refrigerator water dispenser is replaced at the recommended intervals.
- Ensure that your ion exchange (uses salt) water softener is set and operating correctly; softeners can remove manganese – but have a finite service life and must be operated properly to assure performance.
- Purchase a water filter pitcher, a filtering unit to attach to your faucet, or under-sink filtering system. These systems require the filter media replaced according to the manufacturer's recommended intervals.
- Work with a residential water treatment company to install a point of use water treatment system.
- Purchase bottled water that is labeled "purified" for drinking, cooking, and mixing formula.

More information is available from the Minnesota Department of Health about Home Water Treatment <http://bit.ly/MDHhomewater>

Information on the 2020 Drinking Water Report for Mound drinking water is also included in this issue. The full report can be found on the City's website and shows the results of MN Department of Health standard regulatory testing completed in 2020; but does not include data pertaining to the emerging manganese concerns discussed above that were identified through separate testing.

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Mayor's message, continued.

City Staff and our Council Development Committee have invited the MN Department of Natural Resources to join in a conversation about what additional improvements can be made to Lost Lake in order to create and improve the water-friendly experiences of our downtown areas, ecology and recreation values, and clean water public engagement. The objective of these discussions is to formulate feasible project concepts to improve the performance of the Lost Lake waterbody that dominates the core of our community's downtown.

The process for creating a master plan for public improvements in the Harbor District continues. The initial survey activities have concluded and our consultants are analyzing that data and will use it to generate several concepts for deliberate improvements to come. "Thank you" to those who responded to the on-line survey. If you missed this opportunity; stay tuned to the city website for on-line and engagement events to comment on the concept proposals.

As always, information on agendas 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.

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar
Mound Mayor

Did you know??

The City of Mound Public Restrooms located on the Dakota Rail Trail by the Mound Transit Center are open now through November 1st!

Leaf Dumping - Mound residents can bring grass clippings, milfoil and leaves to the compost site called "The Mulch Store" located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista now through November 30th. This is a free service for Mound residents if you show your driver's license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm & Saturday 9am-1pm. Call 952-446-1056 for more information.

Energy Assistance Program - To apply for help, call Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin at 952-930-3541 or visit the web site at www.capsh.org. CAPSH offers services to individuals through outreach, energy assistance programs, food support, homeownership services and financial counseling.

Dock Program - non-abutters and multiple slip holders are required to moor a watercraft by June 15th.

We're hiring! Seasonal Public Works Maintenance & Part-time liquor store clerks—both start at \$14/hr. and applications are available on the www.cityofmound.com website.

Utility Billing 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.

New cityofmound.com website launched - Residents and businesses are encouraged to explore the new website and check back periodically for enhancements and the latest news from the City!

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.



2020 MN Dept of Health Consumer Confidence Report Published

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amount 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 2020 MN Dept of Health Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Mound water system is available at www.cityofmound.com/water-quality-reports. You may also review or request a copy from City Hall.

RECYCLING UPDATE The City is in the process of obtaining quotes for the city-wide residential biweekly curbside recycling contract. The recycling industry has changed dramatically in recent years due to China raising its standards for contamination and buying less recycled materials like paper, glass and plastic. It should be noted that aluminum cans have the highest aftermarket value and can be recycled almost indefinitely, so if you have the choice of plastic, bottle or can, choose the can! While the level of service will not change and households will be able to choose how many carts and what capacity, the cost of the service is expected to rise. Mound residents have a very high level of participation in this program and the City is both committed and required by law to provide this service. Any changes will go into effect in January 2022, so look for updates in subsequent newsletters.



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

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

MINNETRISTA / MOUND

SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 8, 2021 – 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...

Carpet: \$3.00 / per square yard (same for Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)

Concrete: \$2.00 each construction size block

Electronics: \$5.00 (Min. Fee) – Laptop Computers, stereo, CD players, VCR/DVD players, Adding Machines
\$15.00 – Computer Towers & Small Printers \$20.00 – Computer Monitors & Large Printers

<u>Televisions:</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Tube</u>	<u>Flat Screen</u>
	0 – 19"	\$20.00	\$15.00
	20"-32"	\$30.00	\$20.00
	32"-50"	\$40.00	\$30.00
	50" +	\$50.00	\$40.00

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

Furniture: \$10.00 Chairs and Recliners \$20.00 Sofa/Loveseat \$35.00 - Hide-a-bed

Mattresses/Box Springs: \$30.00 ea. (full-king) Mattress/Box Spring \$20.00 ea. Twin/Crib mattress

Misc Items: \$25.00/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

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

CASH & CHECK PAYMENT ONLY

PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS EASILY ACCESSIBLE (trunk, trailer, bed of truck, 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



Hennepin County operates two drop-off facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington that accept hazardous waste and problem materials like paint, stain, varnish, batteries and automotive fluids. They are currently not

accepting large appliances and mattresses, so it is important to take advantage of the spring clean up day!



Mound Fire Department: Activity Level is High!

A fact that might surprise you: over the past 20 years, the Mound Fire callouts rank in the top 8-9% of all fire departments in Minnesota. Of the 775 Minnesota fire departments, over 700 have less callouts than Mound Fire in a typical year.

The Mound Fire crews responded to 597 calls for service, including 574 in our primary service area and 23 mutual aid calls, amounting to 11,730 staff hours in 2020! It was a busy year for our staff to get out and help the residents in our community. This is up slightly from our 5-year average of 590 calls.

COVID-19 Impact on Fire Department Costs: the pandemic has had a financial impact on the Mound Fire Department. Since the beginning of the pandemic, numerous hours were spent researching, training and implementing new protocols. The increased costs were due to added training sessions, purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and changing response protocols on all types of fire and rescue calls.

Firefighter response hours increased 2,374 hours in 2020. We also lost a total of 210 personnel days due to firefighters contracting Covid-19, or required quarantining from a Covid-19 exposure. All of these factors added approximately \$75,400 of unexpected expenses in 2020.

Dan Berent, Mound Firefighter of the Year 2020

Since 1980, the Mound Fire Department (MFD) has recognized one of its own as the department Firefighter of the Year based upon a nomination and evaluation process. The tradition continued in 2020, with the Firefighter of the Year award going to Lieutenant Dan Berent who joined the department in 2015 after serving 12 years as a Montrose fire fighter.



The award is based upon level of participation, leadership, teamwork and a positive attitude -- all of which add up to an individual that is very dedicated to serve the fire department and improve public safety response. Congratulations to Lieutenant Dan Berent on his many accomplishments and this award!

Mound Fire Department Fish Fry and Dance June 5, 2021 Fish Fry Cancelled

The Mound Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association was looking forward to hosting the 69th Fish Fry and Dance on June 5, 2021. Unfortunately, the current social gathering restrictions do not allow for an event this large to be held. Our firefighters want everyone to be safe and feel safe and we are working on alternative fund-raising efforts to support the fire department equipment fund. It is our hope that with the increased number of people being vaccinated, the State of MN Covid-19 restrictions will lessen and we will all be able to safely gather soon. Please watch the Laker Newspaper, the City Newsletter, our Facebook page, Twitter feed and website (www.moundfire.com) for updates. Thanks, as always, for the community support!

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

The City of Mound has an ordinance that allows recreational fires. The ordinance is in place for the enjoyment and safety of all parties.

Police Chief's Corner

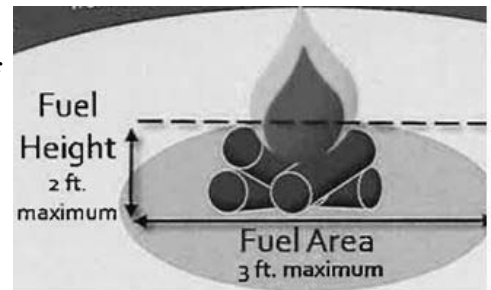


The following general requirements shall apply to all recreational fires:

- The fire shall be attended by a competent, unimpaired adult at all times
- A means to control and/or extinguish the fire shall be immediately available to the attendant at the site of the fire at all times during burning. This would include, hand tools, hose lines, and water buckets.
- A method for summoning the fire department shall be available for immediate use by the attendant.
- Only dry fire wood and starter fuels may be burned in a recreational fire.
- No trash, construction lumber or green treated wood is allowed in a recreational fire.
- 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. square and the flame maximum of 2 ft. high.
- A permanent in ground fire pit shall be located 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- A portable fire pit shall be located 15 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- Recreational fires may be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Recreational fires shall not be allowed, if any of the following conditions exist:

- The fire is left unattended, or the attendant is impaired.
- A fire hazard exists or develops during the course of the burn.
- Pollution or nuisance conditions develop during the course of the burn.
- The fire is smoldering with no flame visible and is unattended.
- Any of the conditions as described are violated during the course of the burn



Please be a GOOD neighbor and consider where the smoke is going!

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!



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Harbor Wine & Spirits is literally *YOUR* hometown liquor store. Profits generated by *YOUR* liquor store go back into the community.

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Follow us on Twitter & Instagram for random rare whiskey releases & new product announcements. Go to www.harborwinespirits.com for Liquor, Wine & Beer of the Month promotions. Seniors save 10% every Friday! Buying in bulk? Mix and match a case of wine or spirits for a 15% discount everyday!

In addition, we are now offering **curb-side pick-up**, as follows:

- Please call (952)472-0648
- Place order, provide electronic payment info, and set pick-up time
- Call when at curbside—Staff will verify ID and put items in the open rear of vehicle



Thank you for your continued patronage! It is our pleasure to serve you!

Public Works Updates

When you travel on a city street or take a stroll on the sidewalk, you are benefiting from services provided by the City of Mound's Public Works Department. This team manages our streets, parks, water, sewer and storm sewer infrastructure. Their mission is to provide safe, professional services while enhancing the quality of life for all who live, work and visit our community.



Annual Hydrant Flushing April 19th through May 21st

Hydrant flushing is an important preventative maintenance activity that verifies proper operation of the hydrant and ensures adequate water flow. It also removes sediment and deposits that naturally accumulate in water pipes. Please check water before doing laundry and do not try to run the tap to flush out any coloration—it just needs time to resettle.

RV Dump Station

The City of Mound has a free dump station for RV's at our Public Works Facility at 5468 Lynwood Blvd. The dump station is located on the west side of the building on Belmont Lane, directly across from the Post Office driveway. A tee handle key is needed to turn on the water. These can be purchased at any hardware store. The station is available to use 24 hours a day.



On March 5, the history museum opened after being closed for an entire year. With COVID guidelines in place, volunteers welcomed a dozen visitors before noon. They enjoyed the new displays, including highlighted items which were previously in storage due to lack of display space. Inventory of the collection continues, sponsored by Minnesota State Legacy funds. Wanted: Volunteers to welcome visitors from 10

am to 2 pm on Saturdays. Please call 952-472-9800 or see www.westonkahistoricalsociety.org or follow them on Facebook. All are welcome!



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Mound Meeting Calendar (Note: Conducted via ZOOM during Stay at Home Order)

- **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



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Wine & Spirits

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952-472-0648



Store Hours

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

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monthly specials & discounts!**



May 3rd—Seasonal hours begin (M-TH
7:30am—5:00pm, Friday 7:30am—11:30am)

May 8th—Annual Spring Clean Up Day

May 9th—Mother's Day

May 31st—Memorial Day (City Offices Closed)

June 20th—Father's Day

July 5th—Observation of Independence Day
(City Offices Closed)

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.