



City Contact



A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mound

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

Greetings; Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter we will be through the cold spells and anticipating all the fun and excitement of summer on Lake Minnetonka!

Water Quality Update. In March 2021, utility customers were notified of manganese levels in the City water supply that exceed EPA and MN Dept of Health advisory levels. Updated information is on the "City News" tab on our website and includes advice on how you can manage this concern at the household level (softening, filtering, bottled water, etc.) while we explore city-wide solutions.

In May of 2021, City Engineers presented a study detailing what investments would be required to remove the manganese from our City water supply at an estimated cost of \$25M, which would raise our current debt level by over 50%!

In the fall of 2021, the City presented our needs to both the Senate and House Capital Investment Committees and proposed language to fund our project is part of the 2022 bonding bill currently under consideration. While this is a significant step, the legislative process for this type and amount of funding is not guaranteed. We have gotten great support from our local representatives, but it never hurts for them to hear from you on the importance of the project, including to avoid the additional burden of higher utility bills and to correct a problem that the City did not create.

Island Park Village Hall Revitalization Update. A group of dedicated citizens is behind an effort to revitalize the Island Park Village Hall located at 4843 Manchester Road. The vision is to return it to its original purpose as a central gathering spot for community events, big and small. The Island Park Village Hall Preservation Society (IPVHPS) is a tax exempt non-profit seeking donations and grants to fund the restoration. On Saturday, May 21st, the IPVHPS is hosting an inaugural 'Family Fun Day' at the Village Hall and in Swenson Park. See www.islandparkvillagehall-mn.org for more info.

Spring/Summer Opportunities. May brings the return of the Farmers' Market and More in the Harbor District starting on May 21st. Mound/Minnetrista Spring Clean Up day is on May 14th, a great opportunity to reconsider the things we hang on to and the option to dispose of unwanted items conveniently and responsibly. Also consider other opportunities like car/boat donation or internet sales sites to eliminate unwanted items that accumulate and clutter our neighborhoods.

As always; information on City Council and advisory commission agendas is available at www.cityofmound.com by clicking on the "Government" tab. Also see the homepage "City News" section for the latest updates. The City Council encourages public engagement as we find ways to tackle the challenges and envision a better future for all of our residents!

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar

Mayor, City of Mound

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STAFFING UPDATE. Mound Fire Administration is proud to announce Jake D. Stuhr was hired as a probationary firefighter on March 7, 2022. Jake or 'J.D.' is a Mound resident and a graduate of Mound Westonka High School. Maintaining our active firefighting crew is critical to department success. The Mound Fire Staff of active firefighters is now at 41, which creates an outstanding response team for our community.

Interested in becoming a Firefighter? Or want more information? You can print an application form by visiting our website at www.moundfire.com or call (952) 472-3555.

NEW LIFE-SAVING TOOL. MFD recently purchased a LUCAS 3.1 Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) automated chest compression system. In 2021, the Fire Department responded to 442 medical-rescue calls, 99 with possible heart issues and 80 with unconscious individuals. Consistent CPR is difficult for even highly trained personnel to sustain over time. The LUCAS device can be applied on a patient quickly and will deliver consistent uninterrupted automatic chest compressions to patients in cardiac arrest. The \$18,500 purchase was made possible from funds raised at the Fire House Dance this past October, Auxiliary fundraisers, and private donations. A BIG thank you to the Mound Fire Department Relief Association, the Mound Fire Auxiliary and other private donors!



MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FISH FRY AND DANCE RETURNS!

After a 2-year hiatus due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, we're excited to host the 69th Mound Fish Fry and Dance on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Tickets for the event will include the fish dinner and evening dance with live music provided by **opening band The Selmer Effect, followed by headliner POP Rocks.** Tickets will be sold in advance by firefighters who will be walking neighborhoods, or call Vicki Weber at Mound Fire at 952-472-3555. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of event. This is a family event, with children's activities from 3:00-7:00pm. Please join us for a fun event and support this essential fundraiser for our department!

When: Saturday June 4, 2022
Dinner: 3:00 – 8:00pm
Dance: 7:00pm – Midnight

Where: Mound Fire Station
2415 Wilshire Boulevard



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
www.cityofmound.com

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www.cityofmound.com

Planning & Building 952-472-0603

Police Department 952-249-4700
After Hours Dispatch 952-258-5321
911 Emergency

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED. Check out the 2021 Annual Report for the Orono Police Department available on either Mound or Orono's website to better understand the broad range of programs and services the OPD provides to our communities and see the latest trends in calls for service and offenses. Be sure to let our officers know how much their efforts are appreciated whenever you get the opportunity!

Police Chief's Corner



RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES PERSIST. News media has been highlighting the challenge for police departments to recruit more officers and while Orono PD is no exception. The department is actively working on solutions to ensure our communities stay safe! As requirements for training and what is asked of law enforcement increase, more resources have to be dedicated to recruit, train and retain officers. A career in law enforcement offers the opportunity to serve your community with integrity, compassion and pride while earning exceptional pay and benefits. Youth and people considering a career change are encouraged to explore the possibility of a rewarding career in law enforcement.

NEW GTO CADETS SWORN IN. Allie Bunker and Lucas Bacon were sworn in as the newest Growth Through Opportunity (GTO) Cadets, a partnership with a non-profit called Empower Inclusion (empowerinclusion.org). GTO is a collaborative project that provides individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities an opportunity to learn, grow and develop in a law enforcement agency while giving our officers experience working with people with disabilities. Allie and Lucas will also spend time as WeCAN volunteers in order to gain a variety of experience. Welcome, Allie & Lucas!



RECREATIONAL FIRES SHOULD NOT BE ANNOYING TO NEIGHBORS! Mound has an ordinance that allows recreational fires. The ordinance is in place for the enjoyment and safety of all parties.

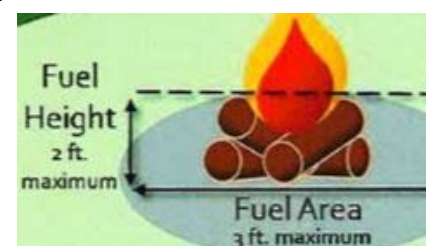
The following general requirements shall apply to all recreational fires:

- The fire shall be attended by a competent, unimpaired adult who is able to call 911 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 (hand tools, hose lines, and water buckets).
- 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.
- Permanent in-ground fire pits 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
- Pollution or nuisance conditions develop
- The fire is smoldering with no flame visible and is unattended.

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



MINNETRISTA / MOUND
SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAY - ACCEPTED ITEMS LIST

Saturday, May 14, 2022 – 8 am to 3 pm

City of Minnetrista
7701 County Road 110 West
Minnetrista, MN 55364

Appliances: \$10 each: Dishwashers, Dryers, Furnaces, Garbage Disposals, Microwaves, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters, Water Softeners, etc.

 \$15 each: ****REFRIDGERATED**** Freezers, Dehumidifiers, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners

Carpet: \$4.00 / per square yard (same for Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)

Concrete: \$2.00 each construction size block

Electronics: \$10.00 (Min. Fee) – Laptop Computers, stereo, CD players, VCR/DVD players
 \$20.00 – Computer Towers, Computer Monitors & 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: \$15.00 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.

Tires: \$5.00 Car and Pickup \$15.00 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

HOUSEHOLD ORGANICS RECYCLING DROP OFF SITE LAUNCHED!



Mound residents can now take advantage of a free residential organics drop-off site located in the parking lot in front of the main entrance to the Centennial Building at 5341 Maywood Road.

Organics recycling has the potential of reducing an estimated 30% of trash that goes into landfills and incinerators. Keeping organic material out of landfills reduces greenhouse gas emissions and converts 'useless' food waste into valuable, nutrient-rich soil.

Hennepin County recommends focusing on food scraps as that is the most common material in the trash and the most nutrient-rich material in the composting process. **Other tips:**

- **Countertop kitchen pails** with vented lids lined with a compostable bag is most ideal. Vented containers allow moisture to evaporate which will reduce odors and help compostable bags hold up longer.
- **Drain excess liquids** before placing food scraps in collection container. Keep 'wet' organics in the refrigerator or freezer, or place paper towels or newspaper at the bottom of the container. This all helps to slow the decomposition of food, reduce odors, prevent flies, and help the compostable bags last longer.
- **Study the Organics Recycling Guide** and know what is acceptable for organics recycling. Contamination is the #1 reason recycling fails. **Unacceptable materials** for organics recycling include plastic bags, yard waste, hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, etc.) plastics and plastic coated paper, diapers, baby wipes, bandages, dryer sheets, fast food wrappers, etc.

Organics recycling can help residents reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill/incinerator. Many participants in organics recycling find that when they pull organics out of the trash they are able to get a smaller trash cart and reduce garbage fees.

The organics drop-off is free of charge, but residents must register. Once registered, participants receive instructions and the lock combination/key for the organics recycling dumpster. In addition, participants will receive information on getting started and 5 complementary compostable bags. Additional bags are available for purchase at most hardware stores and on-line. Using compostable bags (never plastic!) is the key to a successful pilot program! Register at cityofmound.com or call (952)472-0603 for details.

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.

Public Works Update

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 25th through May 27th



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. 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.

Other Reminders

- Free dump station for RV's located at Public Works Facility at 5468 Lynwood Blvd. 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 and is available at hardware stores.
- Watercraft must be moored at City non-abutting dock and slip sites by June 15th
- City canoe/kayak racks located around the lake have spots available for rent (\$65/season for Mound residents)

MN Dept of Health Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Mound Water System now available



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water in order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink.

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

The 2021 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/water-quality-reports. You may also review or obtain a copy at City Hall.

DID YOU KNOW? Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land and this supplies 75% of Minnesota's drinking water. The other 25% comes from surface water found in lakes, rivers and streams. The City of Mound drinking water comes from two wells ranging from 304 to 317 feet deep, that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan and Quaternary Buried Unconfined aquifers.

Questions can be directed to City Manager and Public Works Director Eric Hoversten at (952) 472-0609 or via email at erichoversten@cityofmound.com.

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Starting at \$18.00 per hour!

16+ years old, valid drivers license, see cityofmound.com for details



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Consider serving as an election judge for the 2022 midterm elections!

Election judges administer voting procedures to ensure a fair and accessible election for all eligible voters. The City of Mound is always looking for qualified voters to act as election judges. Requirements include: must be eligible to vote in Minnesota, must be able to read, write, and speak English, cannot be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct, and cannot be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any candidate on the ballot in that precinct.

Election judges go through a two-hour training and are compensated for their service. The City is seeking judges able to help with early voting and all judges must be able to work on the Aug. 9 primary election day and November 8 general election day — full-day shifts are from 6 am to approx. 9 pm, with 1/2 day shifts available. Contact City Clerk Kevin Kelly at asc@cityofmound.com or via phone at (952)472-0613 for more information.



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. The Museum is currently seeking a volunteer to visit local retailers selling museum puzzles and books quarterly to see if more product is needed. The museum is open every Saturday from 10AM to 2PM and by appointment. See the WHS website at westonkahistoricalsociety.org or follow them on Facebook for the latest history program to be held at Lake Minnetonka Shores and Back Channel Brewery.



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Mound Meeting Calendar

- **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



- **Sat. May 14th**—Annual Clean Up Day
- **Mon. May 30th**—Memorial Day Holiday
- **Sat. June 4th**—Fish Fry Dance
- **Wed. June 15th**—Deadline to moor boats at non-abutting dock & slip sites
- **Mon. July 4th**—Independence Day Holiday
- **July 21—23** Spirit of the Lakes Festival



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Store Hours

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

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monthly specials & promotional events**

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.