



City Calendar

Important Dates

November 8

General Election

November 11

Veteran's Day - City Offices Closed

November 19

Liquor Memorabilia Auction
The Depot @ 1:00 PM

Tree Lighting at Veteran's Memorial
Plaza/Harbor District @ 7:00 PM

November 24 - 25

Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

December 23 & 26

Christmas - City Offices Closed

December 30 & January 2

New Year's Holiday Observed
-City Offices Closed

January 17

MLK Day - City Offices Closed

Meeting Schedule

City Council

Meets the second & fourth Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Meets the first Tuesday of each
month at 7:00 p.m.

HRA*

Meets before regular
City Council meetings

Parks & Open Space Commission*

Meets the second Thursday of each
month at 7:00 p.m.

Docks & Commons Commission*

Meets the third Thursday of each
month at 7:00 p.m.

* = Meets on an as-needed basis

Stay tuned online at cityofmound.com
for the most accurate dates.

A Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the new format for the quarterly newsletter! I hope you enjoy it in 'living color' and find it as informative as always! As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons there is much to be thankful for. A look back at 2022 reveals significant progress across our community, so please join me in celebrating the many accomplishments listed below.

Development

The Villages of Island Park, an 18-unit "Cityhome" development at County Rd 125 and Tuxedo Blvd is close to completion and will add much-needed, 2-bed, 2-car, rental units with modern amenities and aesthetics to our housing inventory.

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2023 Preliminary Budget & Levy Approved

At the September 27, 2022 regular meeting, the Council approved a total levy increase of 5%. Mound's total tax capacity will increase 30% for 2023 based on the values established by the Hennepin County Assessors, so depending how much individual property values changed relative to the whole, some properties will see a decrease in City property taxes because the tax rate is going from approximately 40.9% in 2022 to a projected 32.4% in 2023, and some properties will see an increase.

The Hennepin County Assessors office mails estimated tax statements to all properties each November and this year they will include a budget summary for the County, School District, and Municipality in which the property resides.

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A Message from the Mayor

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The Raimi Property Group (RPG), new owners of Commerce Place, have been busy reinvesting and attracting new tenants. Anytime Fitness will move into the former Walgreens space and the north end will return to business offices. A new restaurant/bar, nutrition/health and tattoo studio are also in the works in addition to the Westonka Hockey Association off ice training facility.

Lifestyle Communities will break ground on “Mound Artessa”, a 62 and better, active-living cooperative project this fall. This 52-unit, amenity rich development, boasts single-level, maintenance free living with ample common spaces. The Harbor District park improvements will occur in conjunction with this development and will develop the 2.5 acres between the Dakota Regional Trail and the Lost Lake Harbor into an intentional space to accommodate the seasonal farmers market and provide a community event lawn and plaza. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by summer of 2024.

City Projects

A multi-year project to replace deteriorated downtown sidewalks has begun and winter maintenance of the Dakota Regional Trail that began in 2020 will continue from Seton to Westedge, ensuring year-round enjoyment of this amazing regional amenity. Another phase of Surfside Park improvements began in October and will include parking lot and sidewalk replacement, the installation of a 20x20 sunshade funded by the Jaycees, new BBQ grills, drainage improvements and curbing of the sand volleyball court to improve aesthetics.

Hennepin County and Three Rivers Park District have agreed to partner on improvements to the Dakota Regional Trail crossing on County Rd 15. A study funded by the City calls for reducing crossing distance, expanding the safe-haven at mid-crossing, and adding Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to alert drivers of pedestrians crossing. Improvements will begin in 2023.

Water Treatment Update

I'm as frustrated as everyone that the legislature closed the session without passing a bonding bill. It is imperative that state or federal funding is part of the solution in order to avoid additional financial hardship for so many of our households. We are back in the running and on the Public Facilities Authority project list for 2023, so stay tuned for how and when you can weigh in on the legislative process to get this done!

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year!

Respectfully,

Ray Salazar

Mayor, City of Mound

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Common Crimes in the Community & How to Avoid Them



Property Crime

Property crime is an ongoing issue in our community. It is important for residents and businesses to remain vigilant. Remember to secure your homes, cars, garages, outbuildings and boats. Don't leave items of value or alcohol visible. Simple things like lighting your property, keeping sight lines open, and having someone pick up packages or ship them to a place you will be at during the day will help combat property crime.

For more information or to have a custom crime prevention analysis of your home or business, please contact Investigator Jay McCoy at 952 249 4700.



Digital Scams

Scams via phone, email or other digital media are becoming more common. If it seems too good to be true, it is! Very often, scammers will try to engage in a business transaction of some sort. A common one to watch for right now includes the suspect sending a check to the victim who then cashes the check. The money is immediately transferred multiple times before anything can be done. The local "victim" won't be out anything, but the check has been stolen or somehow forged, and someone else has been victimized. If someone is willing to pay more than fair value for goods or services, it's a scam.

For more information on scams please contact Investigator Kyle Kirschner at 952 249 4700.

New Program for High School Students

The police department is creating a new cadet program for high school aged kids who are interested in a career in law enforcement. This is a tool to combat the problem of a lack of police officer candidates and will be used to recruit the next generation of police officers. We anticipate volunteer and paid opportunities as the cadet transitions from high school to college and beyond. We also hope to offer some scholarships to help students pay for post-secondary education. **For more information contact Sgt. Tim Sonnek at 952 249 4700.**

Winter Parking Restrictions & Emergency Alerts

No overnight parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. November 15 - April 15 and no vehicle can be parked in any one place for a continuous 24-hour period to allow for thorough and efficient snow plowing and spring sweeping. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense. **Questions? Call the Orono Police Department at 952 249 4700.**

Sign up for Rave Mobile Safety Community Notification System! The system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails (based on user preferences) 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 RAVE is quick, easy, and FREE! Your RAVE subscription is protected data and will not be sold. **See cityofmound.com for details or call Field Officer Andy Drilling at 952 472 0605 to register.**

Do you have an overdue water bill?

The State of Minnesota's Water Assistance Program pays the water/wastewater bill for eligible households. Apply for energy and/or water assistance with Mound's local energy assistance partner Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County. **Call 952 930 3541 to apply.**

What to Know for the 2023 City Dock Program

- Renewal applications will be mailed to current program licensees by January 1 and are due back by February 28.
- Print a waitlist application from cityofmound.com and return it with the \$20 fee by February 28 to renew your spot or to be added for the first time.

Type	Fee
Multiple Slip Fee	\$500
Regular Dock Site First Boat	\$350
Regular Dock Site Second Boat	\$150
Temporary Visiting Docking Permit (10 Days) <i>Limit of one per season per site</i>	\$150

Canoe/kayak storage rack spots are now available at Twin Park, Carlson Park, Avalon Park and Centerview Park. Fees for these storage spots are \$65 for residents and \$90 per season for non-residents.

Questions? Call Kevin Kelly at 952 472 0613 or email asc@cityofmound.com.

Online Building Permits are Now Available!

The City of Mound and our partners at MNSPECT have launched online permitting to expedite the plan review and building permit process! Moving to a digital format reduces paper, improves efficiency and leaves less room for error. The link to Community Core is available through the City's website and will be used for all permits, including zoning and land use permits, and public works utility and grading permits. The City thanks you for your patience during this transition. Any feedback on how to make it even better is encouraged and welcome.

Any questions should be directed to MNSPECT at 952 442 7520.

Upcoming Election Season Important Dates & Locations

The General Election will be on November 8

The following offices will be on the ballot: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Attorney General, Hennepin County Sheriff, Hennepin County Attorney, Three Rivers Park Commissioner, Mayor, two City Council seats and several Judgeships.

Election Day Voting & Your Polling Place

Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day. New polling place locations have been established and post cards were mailed in June to all registered voters indicating their polling place.

Precinct 1 - The Gillispie Center at 2590 Commerce Boulevard

Precinct 2 - Bethel United Methodist Church at 2116 Commerce Boulevard

Precinct 3 - The Mound Centennial Building/Council Chambers at 5341 Maywood Rd

Precinct 4 - St. John's Lutheran Church at 2415 Fairview Lane

Visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us to find your polling place.

2023 Preliminary Budget & Levy Approved

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The City submitted the following summary to be included with the estimated property tax statements. The differences from 2022 to 2023 are summarized below.

General Fund, Fire, Dock, Harbor District	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed	Increase/Decrease	Note
Property taxes	\$4,232,398	\$4,755,628	\$523,230	2
Special Assessments	\$15,000	\$12,000	(\$3,000)	
State general purpose aid	\$313,146	\$168,842	(\$144,304)	1
State categorical aid	\$150,000	\$162,521	\$12,521	
All other revenues	\$2,698,046	\$2,919,234	\$221,188	2
Total Revenues	\$7,408,590	\$8,018,225	\$609,635	
General government	\$1,230,726	\$1,264,808	\$34,082	
Public safety	\$3,524,224	\$4,504,884	\$980,660	3
Streets and highways	\$868,567	\$965,478	\$96,911	4
Culture and recreation	\$628,786	\$756,022	\$127,236	4
Economic development and housing	\$49,126	\$48,018	(\$1,108)	
All other current expenditures	\$1,217,686	\$1,171,021	(\$46,665)	
Total Expenditures	\$7,519,115	\$8,710,231	\$1,191,116	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$110,525)	(\$692,006)	(\$581,481)	5

1. Mound's Local Government Aid (LGA) allocation is \$169K in '23, down from \$313K. Reduction primarily due to the 30% increase in Mound's taxable market value being higher than other cities eligible for LGA.
2. The debt on the Public Safety Building matured in 2022 so accounting for the City's share of Mound Fire's budget caused a change in these two categories. In addition, more of the property tax levy has been allocated to the General Fund to make up for the loss in LGA.
3. Mound previously bonded for a new Fire pumper truck in 2020 but due to supply chain issues, it won't be delivered/expensed until 2023.
4. Inflationary pressures are most evident in fuel for streets and parks equipment, the decision to refurbish older equipment until the supply chain issues settle, and the need to be more proactive in forestry management.
5. \$675K of the \$581K net deficit/use of reserves is due to the new pumper truck purchase that was previously financed. Other funds not presented include: debt service funds, capital reserve funds and enterprise funds (liquor, water, sewer, storm water and recycling).

The preliminary budget packet is available on the cityofmound.com website and questions may be directed to Administrative Services Director Catherine Pausche at catherinepausche@cityofmound.com or 952 472 0633.

Urban Forestry Management Plan Grant Received

The City of Mound received \$75,000 of no-match DNR funding to complete a forestry management plan, tree survey, EAB response plan, and fund removal and replacement of impacted trees in managed public lands.

At its August 23 meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Davey Resource Group to conduct the Tree Inventory, Forestry Management, and EAB Response Plans, the first step in developing an action plan to preserve our tree canopy and the benefits that provides.



Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery!

When Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 6, and you change your clocks back one hour, please change the batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms. Studies show 71% of smoke alarms which failed to operate had missing or dead batteries. It is also essential to check the manufacture date of your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarm devices and replace any that are 10+ years old. The Mound Fire Department has free 9-volt batteries available for residents, complements of Energizer. Stop by our offices to pick up yours today! Note that some newer smoke alarms have 10-year lithium batteries that do not need to be changed.

Please Clear Snow from Fire Hydrants

Do your part to help our amazing firefighters efficiently hook up to the water supply by clearing snow and ice around fire hydrants that can create accessibility issues and delay response times which can make all the difference in the event of an emergency. If you are unable to clear the snow from a fire hydrant in your neighborhood, please contact the **Mound Fire Department at 952 472 3555** to ensure it is cleared.

Celebrate the Holidays with Harbor Wine & Spirits



Our knowledgeable staff at Harbor Wine & Spirits will help you choose the perfect wine or cocktail pairings for your holiday gatherings! Stop by to see new specials, gift packages, gift cards, featured wine, beer and spirit of the month. Take advantage of our Friday senior discount for 62+, and our everyday 15% off wine and spirits mix-and-match case prices.

We're hiring! Harbor Wine & Spirits is always looking for new team members who are dedicated to providing the best customer service and selection around! See cityofmound.com for an application.

Did you know store profits help to reduce property taxes and fund essential city services and public projects such as street maintenance and repairs? Harbor Wine & Spirits is on track to contribute \$250K to the General Fund in 2022!

Liquor Memorabilia Auction on November 19

Stop by the Depot from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on November 19 to view rare finds accumulated over 20 years including vintage signs, liquor/beer/sports memorabilia and collector items sure to stand out in any Man Cave! The live auction will begin at 1:00 p.m.

This event is presented by Harbor Wine & Spirits and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Surfside Park & Beach Restoration Project. Location: Surfside Park Historical Depot at 5801 Bartlett Boulevard.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Brighton & Tuxedo Blvds.



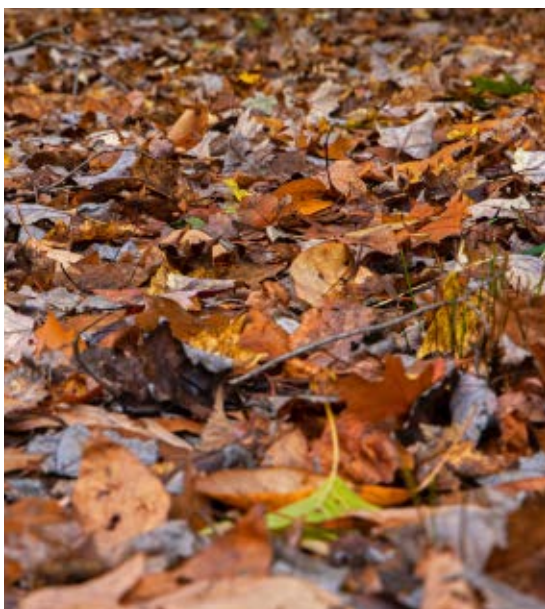
At its July 26 regular meeting, the Council directed changes to the traffic controls and addition of a permanent ALL WAY STOP and crosswalk at the intersection of Brighton and Tuxedo Blvds. Look for advance notice of this change and implementation later this fall when we are able to coordinate with our street painting vendor for the added crosswalk marking.

Snow Tips & Snowbirds

Digging out mail boxes is a private responsibility - City of Mound plow operators will plow as close to mailboxes as current and seasonal accumulation will allow. The City will only replace a mailbox directly hit by a plow, not ones broken by snow heave. Keep mailboxes behind the back of curb line and 42" above the shoulder. If you are a snowbird or part-time resident, please have a neighbor check your property regularly to ensure heat is at a sufficient level to keep pipes from freezing. Pipe bursts, running toilets and regenerating water softeners (because they ran out of salt) are common causes of excessive utility bills.

When does the Public Works team plow in the winter?

Plowing begins after 2 or more inches of snowfall. Public Works prioritizes opening up main arteries for AM/PM school bus and commuter routes with full cleanup after the snow stops. Unfortunately, plows push snow across driveway aprons which is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. Plows come from the left when looking toward the street, so avoid storing snow to the left of your driveway to minimize effort.



Organics & Yard Waste Recycling

Mound residents can now take advantage of a free residential organics drop-off site located in the parking lot of the Centennial Building at 5341 Maywood Road. Residents must register for the program in person at City Hall to receive a key to the dumpster lock, starter materials, and the option to purchase a counter top pail at a reduced price of \$5 (limit one per household).

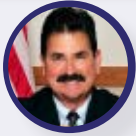
Republic Services offers curb-side yard-waste pick-up during certain times of the year for their existing customers. In addition, residents can bring grass clippings, milfoil and leaves to the compost site called "The Mulch Store" located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista April through November. This is a free service for Mound residents if you show your drivers license. Additional services are available for a fee. **Call 952 446 1056 for more information.**



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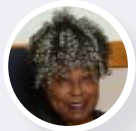
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City Hall Hours

November - April

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May - October

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Our Mission

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.