



Dock Program Updates

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New for 2021 – Avalon Park Canoe/Kayak Rack

All 16 canoe/kayak rack spots were rented in 2020. The City Council approved funds for the installation of a third rack for 2021. The new rack will be located at Avalon Park and will hold eight watercraft. If you are interested in renting a spot, Dock Program participants will be given 1st priority, followed by waitlist applicants, Mound residents not in the program and lastly, non-residents. The fee will be \$50 per season for Mound residents and \$75 per season for non-Mound residents. Applications are at City Hall and on the website.



Multiple Slip Updates

The City-owned Idlewood site is being readied for use as a multiple slip location. Idlewood currently hosts a lift station and previously held two dock sites that are being replaced with four new multiple slips. The site is 100 feet wide and is located just off of the intersection of Idlewood Road and Highland Blvd. The steps leading from the lift station to shoreline have been improved, thereby making the site accessible once again. Jennings Cove multiples will have the dock sections replaced over the winter by our Public Works team.

Jim Funk Recognition

Long-time DCC Member Jim Funk retired from the Commission. Jim initially served the City in 1996 as a member of the Commons Task Force which was created to tackle issues facing the Dock Program at the time. Jim served as a Docks Commission Member from 1997 to 2020, including as chair for many years. Thanks for all the sage advice and long hours over the years, Jim! Best wishes for a happy, healthy retirement!

Docks & Commons Commission (DCC) Members

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DCC Calendar 2021

Standard meetings have been held on third Thursday of the month typically in January, March, September and November at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building located at 5341 Maywood Road. Until further notice, these meetings will be held remotely through Zoom videoconferencing. Agendas and ZOOM log-in directions will be emailed to Dock Program Participants prior to the meeting if one is being held.

Current and previous agenda packets are available on the www.cityofmound.com website.

City Website Redesign

Look for the new city website to be launched in early 2021!

Dock Program Fees

No changes for 2021!

Key Dates:

February 28, 2021 – Dock, slip, canoe/kayak & waitlist applications due

April 15, 2021 – Deadline for Mound utility bills to be paid in full to maintain license.

June 15, 2021 – Deadline for non-abutting docks to be installed & watercraft to be moored (including at slip sites)

October 15, 2021 – Deadline for watercraft to be removed from multiple slip sites excluding Carlson Park and Jennings Cove

Wait List

- 201 residents on list
- New applicants added at March DCC meeting

DOCK PROGRAM NEWS

Frequently asked questions

Q. Who is responsible for maintaining the commons area at my dock site?

A. The City has attempted to keep the dock program affordable so the City requires dock holders to maintain the commons and abutting property owners the right-of way areas. This includes but it is not limited to mowing the grass and removing weeds, both on land and in the water. City funds are mainly used on larger projects such as rip rap and tree care.

Q. Who does repairs and up keep of docks?

A. Docks maintenance is the responsibility of the dock holder and docks must be kept in good working condition. City Code states “all docks should be built of sound, aesthetically pleasing materials and be constructed of a standard” which promotes “the public’s health, safety and welfare as determined by the City. Docks and other appurtenances shall not be unsightly or create a public nuisance.”

Q. Where can I store my dock during the winter?

A. City Code states that you are able to store your dock on the Commons as long as the dock materials, including one boat lift for non-abutters, are stored in an orderly manner within your Dock Use Area and doesn’t impact access to the Commons. Dock materials must be removed by June 15th if not reinstalled.

Q. How much space am I responsible for around my dock space?

A. Dock Use Areas are generally spaced 30 feet apart and the dock complex should be centered on the dock use area. Commons depth varies at each Commons location.

Q. What dimensions can my dock be?

A. Dock width cannot be less than 24” and not wider than 48”. The length depends on water depth, with a maximum of 24 feet except where necessary to reach a water depth of 48”, in which case the maximum length is 100 feet (using Lake Minnetonka elevation levels of 929.40 feet above sea level). The layout of the dock must be approved by the City and any changes requested in writing. See website for ADMIN Policy 008 Dock Structures & Dimensions.

Q. Who is responsible for dredging low water areas?

A. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is the permitting authority for dredges on Lake Minnetonka. The city must sign off on the MCWD dredging application and is most likely support any *privately* funded dredge especially if the MCWD has permitted a dredge of the area in the past. The city is developing a policy on when it would financially participate in a dredge.

Q. Can I make any changes to the Commons area?

A. If you are contemplating making any improvements on the commons or right-of way a Public Lands Permit is required. Storage of dock materials is permitted on the commons during winter months as long as the storage is done in a manner which is orderly and doesn’t damage the Commons in any way.

Q. What activities are allowed in the Commons area?

A. In order to preserve the quiet enjoyment of residents living near the commons, the city asks that participants only use the commons to access their watercraft in order to take it out on the water and not for hanging out for an extended period of time. In no instance may a person commit or engage in any activity that constitutes a public nuisance—including excess noise, inappropriate behavior, indecent exposure, etc.

Q. Who is in charge of enforcement on the water?

A. The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (lmcd.org) and MN Department of Natural Resources (mndnr.gov) set the rules pertaining to boating and lake activity, with the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Water Patrol enforcing those rules. The LMCD is located in the Mound Centennial Building and publishes an informational brochure on rules and resources each year.