

CITY CONTACT



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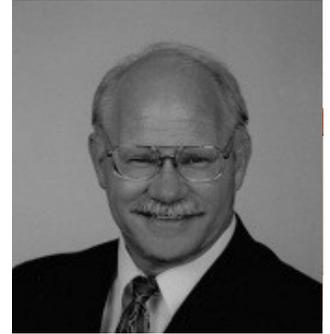
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The City of Mound, through teamwork and cooperation, provides, at a reasonable cost, quality services that respond to the needs of all citizens, fostering a safe, attractive and flourishing community.

Message from the Mayor

Dear Fellow Citizens,

We are all well aware of the stresses perpetuated by the current economic conditions across the country. Household budgets are stretched and strained as are governmental finances. Costs continue to rise across the board while incomes and revenues do not. Still, people tend to want city services to continue but without increased cost.



Mark Hanus

The City of Mound has always considered itself to be leaner than most. And I believe it was. We use great care to balance budget targets such as fund balances and debt levels to be leaner than most comparable cities. At the same time, we've tried to maintain our fiscal measures at a level that is just enough to achieve consistently healthy audits year after year. The Mound Council tries to walk a fine line between these two opposing forces. If this balance is lost, it increases the cost of government due to lowered bond ratings. Our audit is back for last year and, once again, the city is fiscally healthy as we ended the year better than we budgeted.

If there is a silver lining in this malaise called a recession, it's that it has forced the hand of government to get leaner. Even in Mound, where we have been leaner than other comparable communities, we have broken new ground and redesigned government. Those efforts continue and are perpetual.

With the help, cooperation, and hard work of city staff, our budget liaison David Osmek, and the City Council, the last two years have seen zero tax levy increases to the general fund. Recently, the general directive by the council to the city staff has been to hold it flat again for 2012. There are no promises yet, but that is our intent. The council is well aware that this is no time to be raising taxes.

In late August, the preliminary budget will be announced for 2012. The City Manager and all departments are currently prospecting for more savings and more efficient ways to do business. Staff has done a commendable job at this over the last few years. But every year it gets tougher as we become leaner every year. The city is clearly doing more with less, and it is getting better at it every year.

Most respectfully,

Mark Hanus

Mark Hanus
Mayor of Mound

Mediacom Franchise Agreement Renewal

The 15 year franchise agreement between Mediacom and the City of Mound is scheduled to expire on August 30, 2013. Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, establishes formal cable franchise renewal procedures to be invoked 30 – 36 months prior to expiration. The Act also allows for reaching a mutually beneficial agreement for franchise renewal through informal negotiation.

The City is seeking input from citizens on their level of satisfaction with Mediacom and any information will be shared with them during informal negotiations. The agreement is nonexclusive and revocable, so it is assumed the franchise will be renewed. The City will welcome competition if another provider expresses an interest in providing cable television services in the area. The City has been told that, with the large capital influx required to maintain and construct a cable television system, this would be cost prohibitive for most providers, although the LMCC Tonka Connect initiative is exploring alternatives at this time.

If you have any feedback on the level of satisfaction with Mediacom, please contact Catherine Pausche, Finance Director, at 952-472-0633 or via email at catherinepausche@cityofmound.com.



County to Host Medicine Collection Events

Hennepin County is providing residents the opportunity to properly and safely dispose of their unwanted, unused and expired medicines, free of charge, at upcoming medicine collection events.

The events will be held:

- **Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Louis Park**
Parking lot in southwest quadrant of Hwy. 7 and Louisiana Ave.
(7250 MN State Highway 7, St. Louis Park)
- **Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Orono**
Hennepin County Public Works – Orono Facility
3880 Shoreline Drive, Orono

Medicine from households will be accepted, including:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Supplements
- Pet medications

All forms of medicine will be accepted, including ampoules, blister packs, capsules, creams, cylinders, gels, inhalers, IV bags, liquids, patches, pills, powders, sprays, vials, etc.

Event guidelines

- Keep medications in the original packaging so they can be identified.
- Put all of your bottles/packages of medications in a larger, clear plastic bag.
- The event is a drive-through service. Follow the signs, stay in your car and stay in line.

For more information visit www.hennepin.us/medicine or call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777.



Be Predictable

Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing position on the trail.



Don't Block the Trail

When in a group, avoid using more than half the trail.



Dog Walkers

Keep dogs under control and on a 6' non-retractable leash.



Keep Right

Stay to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.



Pass on the Left

Pass others, going in your direction, on their left. Faster traffic must yield to slower and oncoming traffic.



Give Audible Signal

When passing a frequently used warning is... "PASSING ON YOUR LEFT." A clear warning signal may be given by voice, bell or horn.



Helmets

Bicyclists, skaters and skateboarders should always wear a properly fitted helmet.



Stop Means Stop

Trails all the rage - Increased trail popularity leads to greater safety focus

It's hard to imagine a peaceful ride along the Dakota trail turning into conflict, or worse, an accident. But it can happen. That is exactly the reason Three Rivers Parks trail managers are focusing attention on safety, intersection enforcement and trail etiquette.



"People don't think of regional trails this way, but the truth is they're a lot like our road system in that you have a great variety of users all counting on each other for their safety," says Tom McDowell, Associate Superintendent at Three Rivers Park District. "It's really basic stuff like defensive driving for bikers and walkers being aware of others using the trail and not walking 2 or 3 abreast. It's sharing the trail, staying to the right, being courteous, wearing a helmet and stopping at stop signs. Part of our challenge is that many trail users just want to tune out the world and relax and enjoy a walk or a ride in nature. We want people to be able to do that, just not at the expense of others safety or experience on the trail." McDowell adds that young trail riders should be given some extra room, and dogs must always be on a 6 foot leash and not block the trail.

According to Metro Council statistics, Three Rivers Parks had more than eight million visitors last year. Roughly a third of those park visits were on regional trails. Three Rivers Parks manages and maintains nearly 100 miles of regional trails across suburban Hennepin County and linking into the Minneapolis trail system. One of the most popular trails is the Dakota Rail trail which traverses Mound and numerous other Lake Minnetonka communities. (Thanks to David Verhasselt, Director of Communications, Three Rivers Park District)



Surveys 101 (Or, Some of What You Might Want to Know About Surveys)



- The City of Mound maintains property files in the Building and Planning Department. Often historical and updated surveys are included in the property files which are available and will be provided upon request.
- The City of Mound requires an updated survey for land use applications and most "new" construction projects. Additionally, a foundation and "as-built" survey are also required for all new residential homes.
- The City of Mound does not locate survey irons. Staff will, however, try to answer questions which may arise regarding surveys and will also be a resource for property owners, interested buyers, realtors, builders, etc.
- The City of Mound requires that property markers are exposed and visible in the field for most construction projects. A metal detector is a useful tool for locating property irons and can often be rented at local hardware stores or rental centers.
- It is sometimes difficult to identify and/or locate a survey marker or iron. The Web site www.mnsurveyor.com includes helpful information regarding survey monumentation and the survey process.
- Disagreements that arise between neighbors regarding the location of survey markers are private property owner issues.
- State law prohibits the deliberate removal or destruction of property irons.

Message from Manager Kandis Hanson



Historic Well House Transformed into Public Restrooms

The new public restrooms serving the Mound Transit Center and the Dakota Rail Trail are a new addition to the community and part of a bigger vision. This City of Mound well house, circa 1934, was a working well house up until the day that it was relocated in 2009 to the Mound Transit Center. A component of the Mound Visions Redevelopment Project, which began in earnest in about 1999, the fully operating historic well house was considered the only building of significant architectural value and worthy of saving.

Over the last two years, this project was undertaken as adaptive re-use project to salvage and revitalize a piece of Mound history and it consisted of three phases. Generous partners in its restoration included Hennepin County through a Transit Oriented Development grant of \$125,000 for its relocation and exterior restoration and Three Rivers Park District through a matching grant of \$40,000 for the interior build-out.

In its new life it acts as a trail head for the Dakota Rail Trail, providing restrooms, vending machines and drinking water for trail users, commuters and community events held at the Transit Center. The restrooms are open from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, May through October.



Mound's appreciation goes to Hennepin County and Three Rivers Park District for their generosity and willing community participation.

Mound Fire Department Encourages Residents to Keep their Homes Safe

Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2011

With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, your best defense is a good offense. That's why Mound Fire Department and Chief Greg Pederson are supporting the 2011 fire prevention campaign which focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires.

Mound Fire offers the following fire safety tips for protecting your home and family:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, smoke outside and use deep wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement). Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.
- If possible, interconnect all smoke alarms in the home so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week activities in Mound, contact the Mound Fire Department at 952-472-3555. To learn more about fire prevention and to protect your family, visit the NFPA Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Door-to-Door Solicitors

Please be aware that the City requires a license for any person going door-to-door soliciting orders or directly selling goods. Door-to-door sales include two categories; peddler and solicitor. The significant difference is that a solicitor is taking orders for future delivery and a peddler is offering for sale and delivering immediately upon the sale of goods, wares, products, merchandise or other personal property that the person is carrying or transporting.

Any licensed peddler or solicitor in the City of Mound will have an identification badge that they are instructed to wear so that it is visible to the public. This badge will have the City's logo, a picture of the person, the person's name, business name, along with the signature of the City Clerk. Hours are restricted to 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. **For your protection, ask to see their I.D. badge.**

Exemptions from the requirement to obtain a license for door-to-door sales include:

1. The sale of papers or newspaper subscriptions.
2. Calling upon residents in connection with a regular route for the sale and delivery of perishable daily necessities of life such as food bakery products and dairy products. Also exempt are persons making initial contacts with people for the purpose of establishing or trying to establish a regular delivery route for the sale and delivery of perishable items.
3. Calling upon residents at the request of said resident.
4. Non-profit organizations and free expression – an organization, society, association, or corporation with a nonprofit status approved by the state to solicit donations of money or property (canvassers).
5. Farm produce grown, produced or cultivated and/or sold by any person.

Exempt persons do not need a license, but are required to register with the City, and the Mound Police Department is notified of all authorized door-to-door sales persons.

Even if a person has a City-issued license they cannot enter onto your property if such property is conspicuously posted by the owner or person in control, with a sign stating "No Trespassing", "No Solicitors or Peddlers", or similar language. Entry by any person subject to the licensing or registration requirements of this article without the permission of the owner shall be a public nuisance punishable as a misdemeanor.

The Police Department suggests using caution when an unknown person approaches your door. If they do not have a City-issued license or are not cordial and courteous, call 9-1-1 and report the incident.

Thanks!

Mound Fire Department
2011 Fish Fry and Dance



On Saturday, June 4th the Mound Fire Relief Association hosted the 60th annual Fish Fry and Dance. The Mound firefighters would like to say thank you to all of our friends, neighbors, and Mound area residents that attended our annual Fish Fry and Dance.

The firefighters and spouses were able to serve 3,093 dinners to a large, friendly crowd. We would also like to thank the many local businesses that helped contribute to our ticket sales and donated prizes to our raffle. All of your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for supporting the Mound Firefighters!

Kevin Flaig
Fish Fry Chairman

Greg Pederson
Mound Fire Chief

Indian Knoll Manor Public Housing

Indian Knoll Manor Apartments, located at 2020 Commerce Boulevard, are reserved for low income seniors, age 62 or older, handicapped and/or disabled persons that are able to live independently or with the help of a privately contracted service. Income limits are \$44,950 for one person household and \$51,400 for a two person household. There are one bedroom and studio apartments. Please call the Housing Coordinator at (952) 472-5078 for an application or to take a tour.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, residents throughout Mound are invited to join the City of Mound, and the great State of Minnesota, for our annual NIGHT to UNITE celebration (formerly National Night Out). NIGHT to UNITE is sponsored in part by the Mound Police & Fire Departments and includes participation from communities across the entire state.



NIGHT to UNITE is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 5pm to 10pm on August 2nd, communities throughout Mound, and across the state, are asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and local public safety. Many neighborhoods throughout Mound will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, food-drives, visits from police & firefighters, flashlight walks, contests and youth activities.

For additional information, or to register a block party contact
Community Service Officer Phill Spanjers at pspanjers@ci.mound.mn.us

Natural Gas Safety

Centerpoint Energy has seen more gas leak calls as a result of copper theft over the last several years. It is important for the public to notify the Mound Police of any suspicious activity near or around vacant property. Additionally, if you smell, hear or see a natural gas leak, you should follow these emergency procedures:

If you smell natural gas **INSIDE** your home or building:

- Leave immediately! Do not use electric switches, telephones (including cell phones) or anything that could cause a spark.
- Go to a safe location and then call the CenterPoint Energy natural gas leak hotline. Do not use e-mail or the Internet to contact the company about a leak, and never assume someone else has reported the leak. Call 1-800-296-9815 and/or 911.
- Alert your neighbors. CenterPoint Energy checks suspected natural gas leaks at no cost to you.

If you smell natural gas **OUTSIDE** your home or building: IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE AREA ON FOOT – DO NOT START A VEHICLE

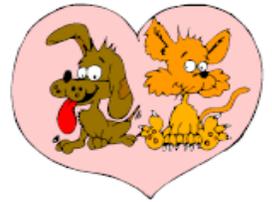
- Leave immediately on foot in a crosswind direction away from the leak or vapor cloud and maintain a safe distance.
- Once safely away from the area, call CenterPoint at 1-800-296-9815 and/or 911 to report the location and description of the leak.
- Warn others to stay away from the leak. Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area.

For more information on natural gas safety, visit www.centerpointenergy.com.



Keeping Mound "Pet Friendly"

Our dogs and cats are an important part of our family and need rules and standards of behavior for everyone's benefit. Following is a list of requirements to maintain good pet citizenship.



-  Mound City Code requires all domestic cats and dogs to have a current animal license. A two-year animal license is \$25 for a spayed/neutered pet or \$35 for an unspayed/unneutered pet. An animal license for your pet can be purchased anytime during business hours at the Mound Police office. Rabies vaccination verification is required.
-  Mound City Code does not allow domestic animals to run at large. All outside dogs and cats must be in a fenced in area or effectively restrained from moving onto any abutting property or street. A citation may be given to owners of a dog or cat if your animal is found running at-large, or is turned in by a third party. It will be impounded at the Mound Police Department kennels and kept on-site for six business days. After that time, it may be transported to the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley if the owner cannot be identified or if the city was unable to adopt out the animal.
-  When you are on a walk, or at a social event or gathering, you must pick up after your dog. Property maintenance regulations also require that your yard be maintained in a "clean and sanitary condition".
-  Any animal that is on the street or in a public area is to be restrained by a chain or leash, not exceeding six feet in length. The retractable leashes that extend beyond six feet do not meet the regulation.
-  When a domestic animal is outside, a collar with current ID and rabies information must be worn.
-  Owners of dogs and cats are in violation of city nuisance ordinances if they allow their animal to habitually and repeatedly bark, howl, or cry, frequent schools, parks, and beaches, or chase vehicles. Owners could be subject to citation. Witnesses may contact the Mound Police Department in such instances.
-  Don't allow others to approach and pet or interact with your dog without you supervising and giving permission.

Celebrate Greater Mound! launches the inaugural "Dog Days Westonka" event and invites all animal-lovers and their pets to attend on Saturday, August 13, 2011. Activities will take place from 8 am to 2 pm along Auditor's Road in Mound.

The "Dog Days Westonka" proceeds will benefit pets whose owners seek assistance through local charities such as WeCAN and the Westonka Food Shelf. The first 200 pet owners will receive a "goodie bag" filled by event sponsors with complimentary pet items and information.

The event starts at 8 am and includes contests, entertainment and a Pet Expo with demonstrations and seminars given by pet professionals. There will be an "Ask the Vet" questions and answer booth, pet adoptions, meet the authors booth, pet services, games and more.

The Dog Days Committee expects to exceed their fundraising goals and hopes to donate a much-

needed pet waste pick-up station along the Dakota Rail Trail as it passes through Mound. The event is also a reminder to residents to clean-up behind their pet when walking their dog.



Event Schedule

- 9:00 – 9:30 Sled Dog Seminar with Greg Rutter, sled dog musher
- 9:45 – 10:30 Helping Paws Service Dogs Demo
- 10:45 – 11:15 Cutest Puppy Contest (enter contest on site)
- 11:30 – 12:00 Animal Emergency Seminar with Dr. Jackie Piepkorn of Westonka Animal Hospital
- 12:15 – 12:45 Police Dog Demo featuring Reagan, Mound's own "Canine Cop"
- 1:00 – 1:30 Dog & Owner Lookalike Contest (enter contest on site)
- 1:45 – 2:00 Animal Blessing (nondenominational)

The event is free but participants are asked to bring a pet food donation.

GARLIC MUSTARD

(Alliaria petiolata)

IMPACTS ON FORESTS

- ⊗ *Out-competes many tree seedlings and other native vegetation.*
- ⊗ *Adversely affects native insects and other wildlife.*



4-petaled flowers

FIRST-YEAR PLANTS

Garlic mustard is a biennial; it has a two-year life cycle. Seeds germinate in April. Seedlings are shown below. Note oak leaves for size comparison.



Leaves: Clusters of 3-8 rounded to kidney-shaped leaves develop at ground level during the first growing season.

They have scalloped edges, a wrinkled appearance, and remain green all winter.

SECOND-YEAR PLANTS

Flowers: Small (1/4 inch), white, 4 petals, on the end of the main stem and side branches, blooms April May through June. (see top of page) in MN

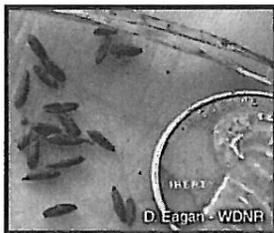
Leaves: Heart-shaped to triangular, 1-3 inches wide, coarsely toothed on edges, alternate on the stem, give off a garlic odor when crushed.

Height: Flowering stalks grow 1-4 feet tall.

Roots: Taproot is slender, white, and often has an S-shaped bend near the top.

Seeds: Capsules appear soon after flowering and quickly lengthen.

Seeds are small, produced in a row inside the capsule, and black when ripe. More than 100 seeds per plant.



SIMILAR SPECIES

- ✓ *VIOLET leaves resemble first-year plants, but flowers bloom low and have 5 petals, leaf surfaces are less crinkly. No taproot.*
- ✓ *GROUND IVY (creeping Charlie) spreads along the ground as a vine and has purple flowers.*



Infested forest S. Janke - USFS



First-year plant in autumn D. Eagan - WDNR



Leaf surfaces appear crinkled E. Padley - WDNR



Second-year flower stalk with seed capsules E. Padley - WDNR



Second-year flower stalk E. Padley - WDNR



Plants die and seeds are dispersed in July or August. Dry stalks often remain standing through winter E. Padley - WDNR

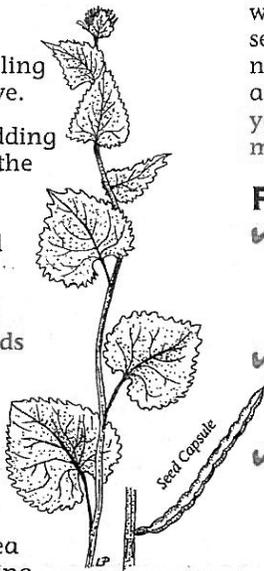
CONTROL METHODS FOR GARLIC MUSTARD

Control strategies must be applied for eight or more years until the garlic mustard seed bank is depleted. Methods may vary over time, depending on the extent of the invasion. Vulnerable areas, especially woodlands, should be monitored each spring to promptly detect new invasions and prevent re-occurrence. Mark areas where plants were found to aid in future monitoring.

HAND PULLING

For smaller infestations or where large groups of people are involved, hand pulling or digging garlic mustard can be effective.

- ✓ If plants are pulled or dug before budding begins, they may be scattered about the area to dry out, preferably off the ground. Do not put pulled plants in piles where roots may stay moist and development can continue.
- ✓ Once flowering has begun, all plants must be bagged. Garlic mustard seeds can still ripen after plants are uprooted! (using energy stored in stems and leaves.) Pulled plants may be put in plastic bags or large paper bags.
- ✓ Bagged plants should be disposed of by burning, burying deeply in an area that will not be disturbed, or landfilling. (Please, do not burn plastic bags.) Let garlic mustard collected in paper bags dry thoroughly before burning.
- ✓ Do not compost garlic mustard. Few compost piles produce enough heat to destroy all garlic mustard seeds.
- ✓ To send bagged plants to the landfill, label the bags as 'Invasive Plants – approved by DNR for landfilling'.



CUTTING

Cutting plants a few inches above the soil surface just after the flower stalks have elongated but before the flowers have opened can be effective in preventing seed production and may kill garlic mustard plants. However, some plants may send out new flower stalks that require additional cutting. Monitor site regularly.

HERBICIDES

- ✓ Extensive infestations – if too large for manual methods – can be controlled by using a 1% or 2% solution of glyphosate (there are many brands). Apply to the foliage of individual plants and dense patches in fall and/or very early spring. At these times most native plants are dormant, but garlic mustard is green and vulnerable. Glyphosate is a nonselective herbicide that will kill or injure all green non-target plants. Use caution during application, and spray so that herbicide neither drips from the garlic mustard leaves or drifts onto adjacent desired vegetation.

- ✓ Use herbicides only when necessary. *ALWAYS* read the entire herbicide label carefully, following all mixing and application instructions. Wear recommended protective gear and clothing.

WEED TORCH (FOR WET CONDITIONS)

Another method for spot-killing patches of newly germinated seedlings in spring is to "flame" them with a propane weed torch. Flames quickly kill tender seedlings, usually without permanently damaging nearby perennial plants. Use the weed torch cautiously, and only when conditions are wet. *ALWAYS* contact your local fire control agency prior to using this method. Burning permits may be required.

PREVENTING FURTHER SPREAD

- ✓ Clean shoes, pockets, pants cuffs and equipment thoroughly after walking or working in infested areas. Garlic mustard seeds are tiny and are often carried off in clothing, shoes and mud.
- ✓ Survey your area for green garlic mustard plants. Plants can be spotted any time they are not covered by fallen leaves or snow.
- ✓ When you find an infestation, remove plants that are producing seed first, working from the least infested to the most infested area. Then remove other plants, again starting with the least infested areas.
- ✓ Monitor non-infested woodlands carefully and frequently. Removing one or two plants before they go to seed is much easier than removing hundreds or thousands later on.

WEBSITES

[HTTP://TNCWEEDS.UCDAVIS.EDU/ESADOCs/ALLIPETI.HTML](http://TNCWEEDS.UCDAVIS.EDU/ESADOCs/ALLIPETI.HTML)

An extensive summary of information about garlic mustard. The Nature Conservancy also has information on many other invasive plants.

[HTTP://DNR.WI.GOV/INVASIVES/FACT/GARLIC.HTM](http://DNR.WI.GOV/INVASIVES/FACT/GARLIC.HTM)

A summary of garlic mustard information from the Wisconsin DNR, with links to other sites.

[HTTP://WWW.BOTANY.WISC.EDU/WISFLORA](http://WWW.BOTANY.WISC.EDU/WISFLORA)

Photos and information on all Wisconsin plants.

CREDITS

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MOUND AND MINNETRISTA
SPECIAL RECYCLING DAY
Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 8 am to 12 pm

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Paper shredding:** 10 am – noon (Only) - **\$1.50** per brown paper grocery bag
- Appliances:** **\$15 each:** Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Dryers, Freezers, Furnaces, Garage Door Openers, Garbage Disposals, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters
\$25 each: Air Conditioners, Water Softeners and Small Copiers
- Batteries:** **No charge for household batteries**
- Carpet:** **\$1.25/per square yard** (Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)
- Concrete:** **\$1.00/per construction size block**
- Electronics:** **No charge:** Telephones, Radios, Camcorders, Tape Players, Rechargeable and Cordless Electronics, ink jet and toner cartridges, DVD/CD, VHS tapes and audio cassettes
\$6 each: Televisions, Stereos, VCR'S, Computer Monitors, Personal Computers, Printers, fax machines, scanners, paper shredders
- Fluorescent Bulbs:** **general fluorescent bulbs \$.25 each 8 ft: \$.50 each**
- Furniture:** Chairs and Recliners: **\$ 5 each**, Loveseat Couch: **\$8 each**, Sofa: **\$15 each**, Hide-a-bed: **\$25 each**
- Mattresses/Box Springs:** **\$15.00 each**
- Misc Items:** Household Plastic, Plastic Toys, Styrofoam, Foam Rubber, Vacuum Cleaners will be charged at **\$15/ cubic yd.**
- Phone Books:** **No charge**
- 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 with tires
- Tires:** Car and Pickup: **\$2.00 each** Semi Truck: **\$6.00 each** Tractor: **\$30.00 each**
- Household items such as:** Clothing, Small working appliances, Games, Domestic Items (pots, pans, dishes, etc), Tools, Lamp, etc will be accepted at **No charge**

ANY QUESTIONS CALL: City of Mound at 952-472-0603 or City of Minnetrista at 952-446-1660

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

Cans, Cardboard, Newspaper, Construction Waste, Garbage, Glass, Hazardous Waste (Paint, Oil Thinners, etc.), Insulation, Leaves, Brush, Lumber, Wood, Treated Lumber, Gas Refrigerators

Hydrant Flushing FAQ

What is hydrant flushing?

The Water Department is beginning its comprehensive unidirectional flushing (UDF) program. The goal of this program is to ensure water quality is maintained at its optimal level and to properly maintain the City's water distribution lines. Flushing is a process by which water is moved through a water pipe at high velocity so that a scouring action is created. Water is then discharged through a hydrant, which in turn removes any material buildup from the pipe. The material removed from this process is harmless and requires no special treatment. Use of this flushing technique is critical to the maintenance of water quality and your water system.

Will flushing be done in my neighborhood?

Dates and location of flushing are published in The Laker and posted by the Pond Arena. Note that these dates are approximate. Water service should not be interrupted. If the water appears discolored, we recommend that you give it a few hours to clear up and then run your cold water faucet for a few minutes to make sure that water is cleared. This type of program has been widely used by other utilities and has resulted in very few complaints. Complaints about water quality are monitored, so please notify us of any concern. Further updates will be made to the flushing schedule on a bi-weekly basis.

Why are we flushing?

Water mains are sized to allow adequate and safe flows for fire protection. Water typically is moving through the underground pipes at less than two miles per hour. This slow movement allows mineral deposits to build up and accumulate in pipes over time. The buildup can restrict water flow in the pipes and contributes to corrosion and water color problems. Periodic flushing of water pipes removes the mineral deposits which helps maintain our City's infrastructure and assures consistent high quality water.

How will I be affected?

You probably will not even be aware that flushing is taking place in your neighborhood. Flushing is generally conducted between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Select hydrants will be opened for water pipe flushing. While the hydrants are open, the customers on that block may experience discolored water or a small drop in water pressure; however, your water service should not be interrupted. If you have no water pressure, please notify the Water Department at 952-472-0603 as soon as possible.

What do I do if I am experiencing discolored water?

Should a reddish, yellow or brown tint appear in the water, do not be alarmed. It is recommended you do not use the water or do laundry for about two hours. After you have waited, run your faucets for a few minutes to make sure the water is clear, at which time you may resume normal water use. (Drinking the tinted water is not harmful.) The City encourages residents to invest in water softeners that help to mitigate the effects of hard water.



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Mound Calendar

- City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- HRA meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Open Space Commission meets the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis
- Docks and Commons Commission meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis.

Dates To Remember

- Aug 2 Night to Unite
- Aug 6 Tour de Tonka passes through Mound
- Aug 13 Dog Days Westonka on Auditor's Road
- Sept 5 Labor Day – City Hall Closed
- Sept 6 First Day of School
- Oct 8 Recycling Day – 8 to noon Minnetrista City Hall
- Oct 10 Columbus Day - City Hall Open
- Oct 29 City Hall Seasonal Hours End
- Oct 31 Halloween



City Hall Seasonal Hours

City Hall Seasonal Hours will run from May 2 through October 28, 2011. Offering longer business hours during the months with the longest days makes City Hall available to contractors, business owners and residents during their peak seasons so they can make the most of daylight hours into the Fall, when projects are wrapping up. City Hall hours will be as follows:

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays - 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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