

# CITY CONTACT



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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.*

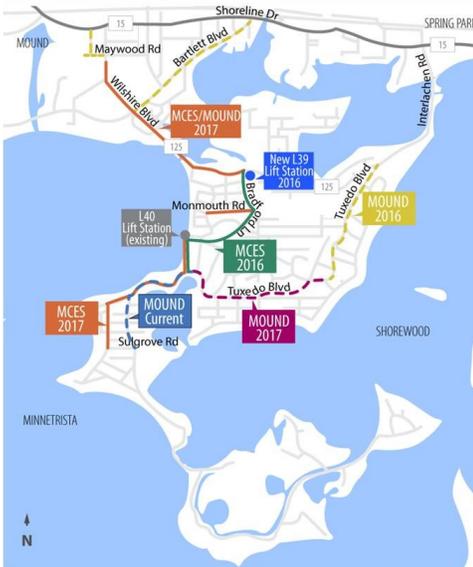
## Mayor's Message .....

The late freeze last fall led to the second earliest ice-out on record and that can only mean one thing - it's time for road construction! But just like this winter was unique, we can expect the next couple of years of road work in Mound to be unique as well...uniquely challenging.

Unlike other years where the work was in side-street neighborhoods with less impact to the broader community, for the next few years, in addition to our City work, we will be seeing work by The Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County. This work will be in our more broadly traveled collector streets.



Mayor Wegscheid



Many of our residents south of Shoreline Drive and east of Commerce Boulevard were recently invited to an Open House to discuss the variety of projects that will improve our streets, sewers, water distribution, and storm drains leading to and in the Island Park area of our community. The main project in this area is a Met Council effort to renew its intercept and pump station infrastructure servicing the Island. At the same time, the City will enhance the water service to the area with a new, larger water main along Wilshire Boulevard. This project will be completed over the next two years. In the same two years, the City will continue its work to rebuild Tuxedo Boulevard on the Island as well as other work on Bartlett and Wilshire Boulevards, continuing progress in the city-wide street improvement program. Residents who commute to and from Island Park will be directly impacted in 2017 when the in-street work along Wilshire Boulevard closes the bridge at Emerald Lake. This will leave the Black Lake Bridge on Interlachen Road the only access to the Island. Also affected will be those traveling from Tuxedo Boulevard to the south end of the Island. In 2016, the County will resurface CSAH 110

from Halstead to Shoreline as well. And, just to give fair warning, stay tuned for Met Council and County work on CSAH 44 from Bartlett to MN 7 in 2017/2018, impacting travel to the south-metro beltway.

Communication will be the key to getting everyone through the next two (or more) years of work. Our Council, L40, and City teams have already begun to put together several great communication tools to ensure we not only get the word out on project status and impact, but that each of you can provide feedback when things go wrong or don't look right. Unless there is an emergency, direct residential impact for service interruptions to water, driveway access, etc., will always be pre-announced with a knock on your door, or door-hanger. Major road closures and re-routes will be posted with mailers and on line with notifications from GovDelivery services. (Sign up for GovDelivery on the City of Mound website.) The Council and City will have project web sites with schedule and status updates posted as needed. There will be project hotlines and email addresses to collect your feedback as well.

I ask for your participation and patience as we coordinate this significant investment in our community. The information below will help you get connected and stay informed. Thanks!

Web Site	Project Hot Line	Project Email
<a href="http://www.cityofmound.com">www.cityofmound.com</a>	612-756-3382	<a href="mailto:moundprojects@bolton-menk.com">moundprojects@bolton-menk.com</a>
<a href="http://www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/mound">www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/mound</a>	952-222-3912	<a href="mailto:MCESMound@zanassoc.com">MCESMound@zanassoc.com</a>



## The 2016 Election Season is Fast Approaching!

The Primary Election will be held on August 9, and the General Election is on November 8. Absentee Voting for the August 9 Primary begins on June 24.

Residents interested in Absentee Voting are encouraged to contact Hennepin County Elections directly at (612)348-5151 to request an application or visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting) to fill out an absentee ballot application on-line.

In addition to federal and state offices, the municipal offices for Mayor and two City Council Member seats will be on the ballot in November. The Mayor's office is a two-year term and Council Member is a four-year term.

If you are interested in running for a municipal office, the candidate filing period begins on August 2, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on August 16. The cost to file is \$2.00 and application materials are available at City Hall.

If you are new to Mound or if you haven't voted in the past four years, you may need to re-register to vote. Registering to vote *prior* to Election Day makes voting a quicker and easier process. You can register online at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us> or you can pick up a voter registration application at Mound City Hall. You can also use this web address to locate your voting location. It can be confusing in Mound since precincts change for off-year elections held by the school district.

Interested in being an Election Judge? The City is looking for Election Judges to serve at one of the four precincts in the City for the primary and/or general election this year. Please contact Kevin at 952-472-0613 or at [asc@cityofmound.com](mailto:asc@cityofmound.com).

## Spirit of the Lakes Festival

Be a part of the ***Spirit of the Lakes Festival!*** Sign up to be a volunteer by calling the Festival Coordinator at 952-334-6551 or by visiting [SpiritoftheLakes.com](http://SpiritoftheLakes.com)!! Work as little as two hours in any area or invite a friend to join you and be committee co-chairs.



This year's festival will be held on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th. Committees in need of help include: sponsorship, marketing, grand parade, and bar/tastings and events. Donations and sponsorships are also appreciated. The Spirit of the Lakes Festival is an independent 501(c)3 and donations may be tax deductible.



*Mayor's Award for  
Excellence in Civic Engagement  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016*



In the last edition of the newsletter, the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement was announced. There are several purposes to the award. One is recognition, and although I know the people that will be highlighted in these awards are humble and not seeking recognition, I believe they deserve it. Another is simply to share good news. So often in our daily existence we hear only the negative. This is a small effort to remind people that the world can be good and is filled with many wonderful and great people doing good every day, right here in our community.

That brings me to our next recipient of the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement, Shelly Sir. Shelly has been volunteering at the Westonka Food Shelf for 12 years! Two and a half years ago, Shelly was asked to be the volunteer director and she accepted the challenge. Shelly is the first to say she doesn't and couldn't do this alone. She is part of a great group of people who join together to make the food shelf work.

When asked, Shelly will tell you she is both humbled and lifted up by the whole experience. She understands it can be difficult for people in need to come and ask for assistance and continues to say that all the volunteers at the food shelf work hard to treat everyone with dignity. They also understand that someday it could be them needing assistance.

Although this award goes out to Shelly, it's difficult to get her to talk about herself as she continually points out specifics of what everyone else is doing and stresses that the food shelf is not about her, it's about the community helping the community. It's about the neighbors who are temporarily able to provide assistance, assisting those who temporarily need it.

For over a decade, Shelly has put in countless volunteer hours at the Westonka Food Shelf standing shoulder to shoulder with others from around the area. She tells me that last year alone there were over 80,000 volunteer hours logged at the food shelf. Unfortunately, I have nowhere near enough room in the newsletter to give Shelly and the other volunteers the recognition they deserve. But fortunately, you can learn more about the volunteering of Shelly and others at the Westonka Food Shelf by reading the upcoming May 7th edition of the Laker. Thanks, Shelly!

To volunteer with Shelly, you can contact the Westonka Food Shelf at 952-472-5599.



Looking for a another way to volunteer?  
Donate your time to **WeCAB** or **WeCAN**!



**WeCAB** (Community Area Busing) drivers provide rides for persons needing a ride to medical appointments, shopping, and church. Volunteer dispatchers are also needed. **WeCAN** (Western Communities Action Network) provides support programs such as emergency assistance, Meals-on-Wheels, and a Mobile Market food shelf.

Call **WeCAB** at 1-844-743-3932 or **WeCAN** at 952-472-0742 for more information.



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# **MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS**

## ***MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRES TWO NEW FIREFIGHTERS***

The Mound Fire Department recently hired two new probationary firefighters. Firefighter Jameson Grady spent seven years with the Chanhassen Fire Department and started with Mound Fire on February 22, 2016. Firefighter Matthew Linder started his career as a new trainee on April 4, 2016. Residents of the cities served are always encouraged to apply. Applications can be found at [www.moundfire.com](http://www.moundfire.com) or call 952-472-3555 with questions.

## ***HEART SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE***

Creating a Heart Safe Community is a public health initiative to help more people survive after an out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). The Heart Safe Community concept is based on building Public Access Defibrillation programs that support the *Chain of Survival*, which is the most effective approach of treating sudden cardiac arrest. The end goal is to have widespread CPR instruction, public access to defibrillators, and aggressive resuscitation protocols for first responders, including our lake area citizens. All lakes area citizens are encouraged to participate in a community Heart Safe Training, which includes training in Bystander CPR and how to use an AED. Trainings are scheduled in Orono on April 13<sup>th</sup> and in Mound at the Gillespie Center on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Vicki Weber at the Mound Fire Department administrative offices for information on training opportunities at 952-472-3555, or by email at [moundfire@moundfire.com](mailto:moundfire@moundfire.com).

## ***MOUND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS AND GRANTS***

The Mound Fire Department Auxiliary and Relief Association wishes to thank the community for their support of fundraising events, including bingo and the annual fish fry. Due to great community participation, the auxiliary donated \$1,615 to purchase firefighting equipment for the Mound fire boat and the Relief Association donated \$12,892 to purchase equipment for the new aerial ladder truck, which will be placed in service this fall. Again, these donations were made possible because of the community's support of fundraising events and the annual fish fry. Thank you!

The Mound Fire Department was also the recipient of the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District 2016 "Save the Lake" Grant Award. A grant of \$2,240 will be used for the purchase of four cold water ice rescue suits, and advanced water and ice rescue training for our firefighters. This award enables the Mound Fire Department to continue its tradition of excellence in service on Lake Minnetonka. Thanks to the LMCD for supporting these efforts!

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## **Mound Fire Department**

***65<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry and Dance***

***Saturday, June 4, 2016***

***Dinner 3-8 p.m. Dance 8-12 p.m.***

***Dance to The Riverside Hitmen Band!***

***Tickets: \$10 in advance \$12 at the door***



***Mound Fire Station  
2415 Wilshire Blvd***



***Join us for this wonderful community event and show your support for our first responders!***

**MINNETRISTA / MOUND**  
**SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAY**  
**Saturday, May 14, 2016 – 8 am to 3 pm**

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

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:**

**Paper Shredding:** NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

**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 (no gas refrigerators)

**Batteries:** No charge for household batteries. No charge for car batteries.

**Carpet:** **\$1.25 / per square yard** (same for Jute, Rubber, Foam Padding)

**Concrete:** **\$1** each construction size block

**Electronics:** **\$5** laptop computers, stereo, CD players, VCR/DVD players, small printers, computer box  
**\$10** 13" CRT TV, small laser printers  
**\$15** 19" CRT TV, CRT computer monitors,  
**\$20** 25" CRT TV, large laser printers

**Hennepin Co Drop-off centers and other local recyclers accept electronics year round for a fee.**  
**Ask for more info.**

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

**Furniture:** **\$5** Chairs and Recliners **\$8** Loveseat **\$15** Sofa **\$25** Hide-a-bed

**Mattresses/Box Springs:** **\$15** each (all sizes)

**Misc Items:** **\$15/cubic yard** - Household Plastic, Plastic Toys, Styrofoam, Foam Rubber, Vacuum Cleaners

**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 w/tires

**Tires:** **\$2** Car and Pickup **\$6** Semi Truck **\$25** Tractor

**Household items:** NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR – Donate **usable items** to your local thrift store

**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



**Indian Knoll Manor Apartments**, located at 2020 Commerce Boulevard, will be adding additional two and three bedroom units in 2017. A waitlist of qualified households that meet the income thresholds is being developed. Please call the Property Manager at 952-472-5078 for an application.

**The City of Mound Public Restrooms**, located on the Dakota Rail Trail by the Mound Transit Center, will be open May 1 through October 31.

**The 2016 Single Sort Recycling Schedule** was sent to all residents by Republic Services in December. Additional copies are available at City Hall or on our website.

**Grass clippings, milfoil, and leaves** may be taken to the compost site located at 4275 Creekview Circle in Minnetrista now through November. This is free for residents if you show your driver's license. Additional services are available for a fee. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 952-446-1056 for more information.

**The Annual Spring Clean Up/Recycling Day** for Mound and Minnetrista will be held May 14, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for more information on page 5.

**Utility Billing** customers are encouraged to visit the city website for an application to sign up for the Utility Billing Automatic Payment plan, E-bill, and other valuable information!

**Dock Program** participants are reminded to comply with all requirements as listed in the Dock Ordinance section of the City Code (see website). The most common violations include: failure to declare watercraft, not having a valid DNR registration on file, or leaving debris on the commons or dock site. Also, dock program participants must have tax and municipal utility bills paid in full as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Mound City Council meetings** may be viewed on cable television or on your computer. Mound meetings have recently moved to Channel 20. You can find the schedule at [www.lmcc-tv.org](http://www.lmcc-tv.org), as well as links to the meetings that are "on demand."

## ORONO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Crime Prevention

### Property Security Assessment

Orono Police Department has the privilege of providing free security assessments for a wide range of facilities. An Orono Police Officer certified in property assessment will meet with you onsite to provide an assessment of your property or facility and make recommendations to make your property more secure. We will assess your property from three different types of risk which include: liability, personal, and property. Once the comprehensive assessment is completed, we will provide a full disclosure of recommendations based on our findings.

### *Types of Facilities*

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Residential Properties   | House of Worship     |
| Commercial Properties    | Construction Sites   |
| Schools                  | Government Buildings |
| Industrial/Manufacturing | Parking Facilities   |
| Public Utilities         | Campus Buildings     |



### *Contact us*

Orono Police Department  
2730 Kelley Parkway  
Orono, MN 55356  
952-249-4700

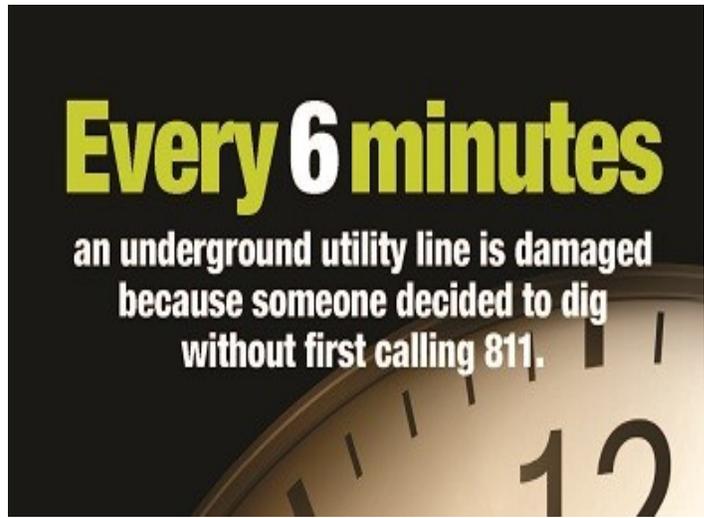


# Thanks, Volunteers!

The City of Mound would like to thank the following individuals, groups, and businesses who enthusiastically volunteered their time and talents in the City's Adopt-A-Green Space program in 2015.

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| 3's Company Hair   | Karen Hibbs      |
| Green-T Accounting | Debby Heitz      |
| Sharon Collings    | Donnie Hules     |
| Germaine Persing   | Dave Olson       |
| New Morning Church | Teresa Lee       |
| Marylou Vanderhoef | Betty Weiland    |
| Stephanie Swanson  | Gillespie Center |
| & Neighbors        | Westonka Jaycees |

These dedicated volunteers adopted a planter box, park, or beach. Volunteers that adopted a park or beach may have helped with spring and/or fall clean-up, weekly/monthly clean-up and/or litter pick-up. The generous donation of time, energy, and plants is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your service to the City.



## BEFORE YOU DIG...

Calling 811 is the most important step!

Call 811 at least a few days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

Ready to dig? We'll help you do it safely!

## Perfect Owners ..... Perfect Pets

With the spring season and warmer weather upon us, the City would like to remind you that you must clean up after your pet. Per City Code, any person having the custody or control of a domestic animal shall be responsible for cleaning up and disposing of all animal waste, and must have appropriate equipment to pick up, remove, and dispose of all waste in a sanitary manner when the animal is in a public place. Additionally, be certain your four-legged friend is properly leashed at all times, which is also required by City Code. Thank you for doing your part!



## Trail Etiquette

Trails for non-motorized use have become very popular. Regardless of whether you are bicycling, walking, jogging, or skating, follow these guidelines and your trip will be safer and more enjoyable.

### Be Courteous.

**ALL** trail users should be respectful of other users regardless of their mode, speed, or level of skill.

### Be Predictable.

Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing positions.

### Give Audible Warning BEFORE Passing.

Give a clear signal by using voice, bell, or horn before passing.

### Keep Right - Pass On The Left.

Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user. YIELD TO SLOWER AND ON-COMING TRAFFIC. REMEMBER: KIDS AND PETS CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE.

### Obey All Traffic Signs And Signals.

Use extra caution where trails cross streets.

### Be Respectful Of Private Property.

Trails are open to the public, but often the land on the side of the trail is private property. Please respect all property rights.

### Clean Up Litter.

Do not leave glass, paper, cans, plastic, or any other debris on or near a trail. If you drop something, please remove it immediately.

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- ★ Earn extra income

Election Dates  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

To apply: Contact Kevin at  
952-472-0613 or  
asc@cityofmound.com



## Mound Meeting Calendar

- City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.
- HRA meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:55 p.m.
- Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.
- Parks and Open Space Commission meets the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. on an as-needed basis
- Docks and Commons Commission meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7 p.m.

## Dates To Remember

May 14 City-Wide Recycling Day  
May 14 Fishing Opener  
May 30 Memorial Day  
June 4 Mound Fire Department Fish Fry  
June 14 Flag Day - FLY IT PROUDLY!  
July 4 Independence Day  
July 15-16 Spirit of the Lakes Festival

## City Hall Seasonal Hours

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