



# MOUND COMPASS

A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mound

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## A Message from the Mayor

Dear Mound Residents,

I hope this message finds you well and I hope you are enjoying the beautiful summer season in our beautiful lakeside community.

Thank you for coming out to support the 2025 Fish Fry & Dance! This was the 72nd annual event and had a great turnout. Your support to this event helps Mound Firefighters supplement the Fire Department budget.

What an amazing weekend we had at the Spirit of the Lakes Festival! This annual tradition continues to be a shining example of what makes Mound so special—our vibrant community spirit, our love for the lake, and our commitment to coming together in celebration. From the live music and fireworks to the food trucks and vendors, the energy was electric.

This year, the City Council hosted a tent at the festival, and it was a fantastic opportunity to connect directly with residents. We appreciated the conversations, the feedback, and the chance to hear from you. Your voices help shape our priorities, and we are grateful for your engagement.

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## City Calendar

### Meeting Schedule

#### **City Council**

Second & Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Planning Commission**

First Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

#### **HRA\***

Meets before City Council meetings

#### **Parks & Open Space Commission\***

Second Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Docks & Commons Commission\***

Third Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

\* = Meets on an as-needed basis

Stay tuned online at [cityofmound.com](http://cityofmound.com) for the most accurate dates and for agenda packet information.



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## A Message from the Mayor

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I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Jessica Hill (President of the Spirit of the Lakes board) and the entire Spirit of the Lakes Board for their tireless work in organizing such a successful event. I also want to thank Mound Public works, Mound Fire, and Orono Police for all their work and support.

We know that water quality and infrastructure are top of mind for many residents. The City continues to make progress on improvements to our water system, including upgrades to aging infrastructure. After receiving an appropriation for \$10.3 million in 2023, the City is making strides to spend the allotted funds. The City continues to submit and lobby for additional funds from various sources, and will soon reach the point where a decision can be made on constructing a water treatment plant.

The City Council, at its July 22nd meeting, received a progress update on the water treatment plant project from Brian Simmons – Senior City Engineer and discussed how to continue to the next steps. After a lengthy discussion (video available in the “Water Treatment Plant Updates” tab on the City’s website) the City Council directed Staff to procure a proposal to perform a utility rates study to provide residents with the most accurate impact building a water treatment plant will have. Because this is such an important decision, the City Council is prioritizing having the most accurate information for the residents of Mound. We currently estimate having a utility rates study delivered later this fall.

Thank you for your continued support as we ensure that Mound remains a safe and attractive place to live, work, retire, and raise a family.

*Jason R. Holt*

Mayor, City of Mound

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### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE THAT SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL IS NOW!



### 2025 Mound Citizen of the Year

- Do you know a Mound resident who has made a positive impact within our community?
- Someone who dedicates time and talent to making the City of Mound a better place to live?
- Someone who helps others?
- Someone who makes a positive difference in the lives of our fellow citizens?
- Someone who exhibits honesty and integrity?

Forms available at City Hall and on the City of Mound website.

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

## MOUND FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025



Mound Fire will host our Annual Fire Prevention Open House at our fire station on Wednesday, October 1st from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. This family fun event will include hands-on activities, fire safety displays, fire truck rides and more. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Each year the National Fire Protection Association develops a fire prevention campaign. In 2025, the campaign slogan is "Charge into Fire Safety!" The focus is on lithium-ion batteries in your home. This message is to educate people about using these batteries safely. Most of the electronics

we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, headphones, and toys, to name just a few are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that is rechargeable uses this type of battery. If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home as it is important to know which devices are powered by them. Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they are just about everywhere. The Fire Prevention campaign is intended to help people better understand the importance of using these batteries correctly, to prevent fires in the home, and to follow the **Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely** approach.

### Charge into Fire Safety: the 3 Steps

**Buy only listed products.** When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

**Charge devices safely.** Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or a charger that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

**Recycle batteries responsibly.** Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near you.

**Stay Healthy and Be Safe!** We hope to see you at our Fire Prevention Open House on October 1st!

### What can be recycled?



**Plastic Bottles & Jugs**  
Water, soda and juice bottles, dish soap bottles, shampoo bottles, soap and lotion bottles, and detergent jugs (empty and clean/rinsed, and dry; caps on)



**Plastic Cups & Containers**  
Yogurt cups, pudding and fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws), margarine/whipped cream tubs, cottage cheese and similar containers, clear produce, deli and take-out containers (empty and rinsed; lids on)



**Boxes (flattened)**  
Cardboard, cereal, cracker, pasta and tissue boxes, shoe, gift and electronics boxes, toothpaste and other toiletry boxes



**Cartons**  
Milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes and soup and broth cartons (empty and clean/rinsed, and dry; caps on)



**Paper**  
Mail, office and school papers, magazines and catalogs, newspapers and inserts, phone books (clean; staples OK)



**Metal**  
Food and beverage cans (empty and rinsed; labels OK)



**Glass**  
Brown, green and clear bottles, jars (empty and rinsed; no lids)



**Boat in Movie** Spirit of the Lakes hosts a Boat in Movie on Thursday each year. Attendees are invited to pull their boat up to Cook's Bay to view the big screen from the water. This year's Boat in Movie was Happy Gilmore.



### Promoting Spirit of the Lakes

Spirit of the Lakes Board President Jessica Hill recruited Mayor Holt to help promote the annual festival by joining in the filming of a video for their social media pages.



### Spirit of the Lakes Booth

The City Council hosted a booth at Spirit of the Lakes throughout the day on Saturday. The City Council use this as an opportunity each year to connect with residents and hear what's on their mind.



### Council and Onyx

The Mound City Council was introduced to Orono Police Department's newest K-9 officer Onyx. Onyx was sworn in in front of the Orono City Council on Monday, July 14th. Chief Farniok presented Onyx with his badge at the ceremony.



### Crosswalk Opening

The City Council cut the ribbon on the pedestrian crossing over Shoreline Drive on May 27th after years of lobbying for a safer way to cross Shoreline Drive. Pedestrians can now utilize the marked, flashing crosswalk while they navigate the trails through Mound.



### The New Mound Farmers' Market & More

The Mound Farmers' Market is open every Saturday throughout the summer starting May 24th and ending on October 11th. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and it is located at 5515 Shoreline Drive in Mound. The market includes vendors who sell locally grown produce, pork, chicken, local art, coffee, soaps, lotions and more! For more information, visit their Facebook Page: The New Mound Farmers' Market & More.



### 2025 46th Incredible Festival

The Incredible Festival is a yearly festival. Come for the great food, silent auction, carnival rides and games, beer tent, bingo and more! Daily wristbands are \$30 (\$25 presale). One wristband per person -- per day. Tickets are \$2.00. Food and game booths require tickets and amount will vary by booth.

When: Friday Sept 12, Saturday Sept 13, Sunday Sept 14



### Mound Firefighters Retires

Dan Patterson retired in June with over 12 years of service as a Mound firefighter. Thank you to Firefighter Patterson for his dedicated service to the fire department and community.

We wish Dan and his family the best in his retirement...



Brian Burriss



Jack Stuhr



Connor Soule

### Mound Fire Hires 3 Probationary Firefighters

Mound Fire is pleased to announce the recent hiring of three probationary firefighters. Brian Burriss and Jack Stuhr were hired in March, and Connor Soule was hired in May.

New firefighters without previous fire experience have a full year of training to become certified as an Emergency Medical Responder and certified as Firefighter I and II, and Haz Mat Operations.

Training and maintaining our active firefighting crew is critical to our fire department's success.

### Interested in becoming a Firefighter? We are hiring now!

Visit our website @ [www.moundfire.com](http://www.moundfire.com), to print an application form and apply for a position. Stop by our administrative office or call for more information **952-472-3555**.

## E-Bike Etiquette & Rules of the Road



A Quick Guide for a Safe and Fun Summer Ride in Our Community

As warm weather settles in, more residents are hitting the streets and trails on electric-assisted bicycles (e-bikes). These rides are a great way to enjoy the outdoors—but it's important to know how to stay safe and legal on the road.

What is an E-Bike?

According to Minnesota law, an electric-assisted bicycle (or e-bike) is a bicycle with pedals, a saddle, and a motor of 750 watts or less that assists the rider—either while pedaling or, in some cases, without pedaling.

E-bikes fall into three classes:

- Class 1: Motor assists only while pedaling and cuts off at 20 mph.
- Class 2: Motor can propel the bike without pedaling but also cuts off at 20 mph.
- Class 3: Motor assists only while pedaling and cuts off at 28 mph.

Anything more powerful or faster is not legally an e-bike and may fall into other categories like motorized bicycles or off-highway motorcycles, which have different rules and licensing requirements.

Where Can I Ride?

E-bikes are generally allowed anywhere traditional bikes are permitted, unless a local ordinance says otherwise. This includes roadways, shoulders, bike lanes, and most multi-use trails. Always follow posted signs and ride respectfully around pedestrians and other users.

Do I Need a License?

No license is required to operate a legal e-bike in Minnesota. However, motorized bicycles (those that go up to 30 mph or use a gas motor) do require a driver's license or operator's permit, especially for riders under 18.

Youth Riders—Know the Rules!

Children under 15 may not operate e-bikes, motorized bicycles, or off-highway vehicles on public roads or trails. Parents or guardians may be held responsible if unsafe or unlawful use occurs.

E-Bike Safety Tips

- Wear a helmet, especially for younger riders.
- Be visible: use lights and wear bright clothing.
- Obey all traffic laws: e-bikes follow the same rules as regular bicycles.
- Ride predictably and communicate turns with hand signals.
- Slow down and yield to pedestrians.
- Cyclists should use an audible signal (like a bell) when passing pedestrians

*Let's all do our part to make our streets and trails safer for everyone!*

## Join the Orono Police Reserves

The Orono Police Department is looking for qualified volunteers who want to contribute to the community by serving as Orono Police Reserve Officers. As an Orono Police Reserve officer, you serve the Lake Minnetonka communities of Orono, Mound, Minnetonka Beach and Spring Park. Orono Police Reserve Officers are provided with professional training for work involving public relations, crime prevention, traffic control, vehicle searches and other law enforcement related activities. Visit [oronomn.gov](http://oronomn.gov) to learn more and apply.





### State of the Water Treatment Plant Project

In 2023, the City of Mound secured \$10.3 million in state funding for water treatment improvements. The City Council and state have authorized the use of these funds to engineer the design of a water treatment facility, plans to reconstruct several existing water mains (mostly under county roads 110 and 15), and for the installation of a new well. The construction of the water mains and well will occur in 2025 and 2026.

Phase one of these projects was completed in the spring by Widmer Construction. This phase will upgrade the water main on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 (from Cypress Lane to Chateau Lane) and up Chateau Lane to the water tower.

Phase two of the project is out for bid. This phase includes upgrading the water mains from the water tower on Evergreen Road, snaking out to Beachwood Road and traveling north on CSAH 110 up to Harbor Place. Some work may occur later this year, but expect the majority of construction to happen in 2026. Stay tuned for additional details.

Note: The city has also secured approximately \$1 million in federal funding for additional and similar improvements.

Additional funding requests are in place at the state and federal levels with more news to come on if the City of Mound receives additional funding to support the construction of the Water Treatment Facility.

### Lift Stations - Highlights

Work continues on the replacement of the lift station at Sunset Road. Some additional replacement parts are required to be installed so that the new station can become operational. The existing lift station that it is replacing is now scheduled to be decommissioned and removed this fall.

The replacement of the lift station located on Dove Lane and Woodland Road was recently bid and awarded to Widmer Construction. The new lift station will be relocated to the south on Dove Lane. Construction is expected to occur beginning in September.

### 2025 City Street Projects - Mill and Overlay, Reconstruction and Seal Coat

The 2025 street improvement project is underway. Improvements include both a street reconstruction project and a mill and overlay project.

The mill and overlay project includes the Sugar Mill neighborhood and should be mostly complete by the end of August. The street reconstruction project area includes the neighborhood on the east side of the Three Points peninsula and is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

The 2025 Seal Coat project will be happening soon as well in the southwest portion of the Island Park neighborhood; south of Wilshire Boulevard and west of and including Bradford Lane and Devon Lane. This process rejuvenates the surface of the roadway by adding a new asphalt seal, and then small rock chips are placed on top to lock everything in place. Excess rock will be swept off after several weeks.



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No parking signs will be placed prior to the work occurring and abiding by this allows the contractor to complete the work quickly and avoid coordinating any vehicle towing!

### **Lost Lake Commons Park**

Phase one of the Lost Lake Commons Park project is substantially complete. The lawn area is thickening up and will continue to improve as it fully establishes. Please only go on the lawn by foot. Bicycles and wheeled items should stay on the walkways as they will still cause ruts and divots in the lawn.

Phase two of the project is out for bid for fall construction. This portion will include some additional landscaping around the perimeter, sign upgrades and interpretive elements, along with adding concrete to the plaza spaces.

The City is coordinating what the art walk area will look like as an intermediate project.

Phase three will include the installation of a shelter and final concrete plaza installation. This phase is expected to occur in a few years.

### **Hennepin County - Mill & Overlays & Trail Crossing**

Hennepin County is commencing street maintenance project that will mill and overlay CSAH 15 through the City of Mound and into Spring Park. It also includes CSAH 110, from Our Lady of the Lake Church and School on the south end, north to Sunnybrook Circle in Minnetrista. The mill and overlay process consists of removing several inches off of the existing pavement and the placement of new asphalt on top. The process restores a smooth ride and adds life to the roadway section so the need for a complete road reconstruction is less frequent. There will be some lane configuration changes to the CSAH 110/15 intersection with the project, where 110 will be reduced to one lane in each direction with dedicated left turn lanes. A short-term detour of CSAH 15 is planned to speed up some of the mill and overlay work. Businesses and residents within the project area should reach out to Hennepin County on any specific concerns for access.

Additionally, the Dakota Trail Crossing at CSAH 110 will be modified to include a median island and additional safety control to enhance the crossing for trail users. This work is likely to take place this fall and will require a several-week closure of CSAH 110. The detour will route onto County Road 125, Wilshire Boulevard and CSAH 15.

### **Sidewalk Repairs & Maintenance Project**

The sidewalk project is substantially complete. The contractor will need to return to make some minor corrections over the summer. Please reach out to the project team if you have any remaining concerns.

### Mound Fire 72nd Fish Fry & Dance - A Huge Success!

On Saturday, June 7th, the Mound Firefighters hosted the 72nd Mound Fire Fish Fry and Dance. The weather included a downpour; however, the community came together and supported the event as they do each year. Thank You!

#### Facts about the Fish Fry and Dance... Did you know?

- The Mound Fire Department (MFD) has hosted a fundraising event for over 72 years!
- In the early years, the Mound firefighters caught all of the fish for the fish fry! It is now purchased and totals approximately 2,000 lbs. of Certified Alaskan Pollack!
- On average, Mound firefighters serve over 2,800 meals each year...WOW!
- The (MFD) Kitchen Crew can fry about 700 lbs. of fish per hour.
- The entire event is staffed by Mound firefighters and family members equaling about 1,660 total hours worked.
- Over a 10-year span 2015-2024, over \$139,300.00 has been raised to purchase equipment.



Revenue from fundraising events has allowed us to purchase much needed tools and equipment. Some items purchased include tools and equipment for our new 2023 Pierce Pumper truck, new extraction tools by Holmatro called Jaws of Life. Fundraising helped us purchase an automatic CPR Machine (Lucas Device) and Thermal Imaging Cameras that firefighters use to see through smoke for the purpose of search, rescue and fire extinguishment.

Firefighters served 2,760 dinners at this year's Fish Fry and Dance. Our firefighters greatly appreciate the support from our residents, community, and local businesses.

**We hope to see you at the 73rd annual event on June 6, 2026!**

#### Follow Us on Social Media

All 2025 City Council and Planning Commission meetings are on YouTube! The City of Mound YouTube page is City of Mound, Minnesota or @CityofMoundMinnesota. The City is also on Instagram and Facebook! Follow our page, City of Mound, for updates, news, events and more.



### Gillespie Center Upcoming Events

2590 Commerce Blvd. | Call 952-472-6501 to sign up for events.



**Every Wednesday at 12:00 - Lunch (\$10)** (visit [www.gillespiecenter.org](http://www.gillespiecenter.org) for menus)

**Every Thursday from 8 - 10 AM - Breakfast (\$10)**

(visit our website at [www.gillespiecenter.org](http://www.gillespiecenter.org) for menus)

**August 6 - Excursion St. Paul Saints Game.** Bus leaves at 12:00. Game time 1:07 PM.

**August 13, 11:00 - 1:00 PM. Eye Glass Repair - FREE**, All are welcome.

**August 13 at 1pm - Dental Implant Seminar.** FREE, All are welcome.

**August 14 at 10 AM- Video & Discussion "Aging Matters: The New Old Age"**

**August 15 from 7-11PM - Summer Concert "Rockin' with the Oldies", music by The Arcades.**

Tickets are (**\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door**). Includes appetizers. Cash bar available.

**August 21 -Excursion MN Twins Game.** Bus leaves at 11 AM, Game time 12:05 PM.

**August 26, 3-10 PM - Back Channel Brewery Fundraiser**

**August 27 at 12 - Scotty B Lunch & Silent Auction,** Asian Chicken Crunch Salad. Call 952-472-6501 to sign up.

**August 28 at 10 AM- Video & Discussion "Aging Matters: The Economics of Aging"**

**September 3 at 10:30 AM - Preplanning Seminar** (medical assistance, advance planning and legal planning), presented by Huber Funeral Homes. Advance Registration is REQUIRED. To RSVP, please call 952-472-1716 or email [jon@huberfunerals.com](mailto:jon@huberfunerals.com).

**September 18 from 1-2 PM -Dementia/Memory Screening, hosted by Ridgeview Medical.**

**September 19 from 12-2 PM - Luncheon & Fashion Show by TaylorMarie's. (\$15)**

**September 24 at 1 PM - Medicare: Preparing for Changes.** FREE, All are welcome

**September 28th at 3:00 PM - Family Bingo!** All are welcome!

**October 25 from 5:00 - 11:00 PM - \*\*Gillespie Center's 25 Anniversary Celebration!\*\* (\$25 in advance)**

All are invited! Pork Chop Dinner, Silent Auction, Wine Pull, Raffle, short Program honoring Bill Gillespie, Music by the Abiders. Cash bar available. Must purchase tickets in advance \$25.

**October 29 at 1 PM - Medicare Seminar "10 things you may not know about Medicare Funding".**

FREE, All are welcome at attend.

**November 12 - Seminar "Resources for Family Caregivers".** FREE, All are welcome to attend.



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Front Row (Left to Right): Councilmember's Sherrie Pugh & Michelle Herrick

Back Row (Left to Right) Councilmember's Kathy McEnaney & Kevin Castellano, Mayor Holt, City Attorney Scott Landsman, and City Manager Jesse Dickson.

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

## City Hall Hours

**October - April**

**Monday - Friday**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**May 12 - September 26**

**Monday - Thursday**  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Contact Us

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### Public Works

*After Hours Dispatch*

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### Social Media

## 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.*