



MOUND COMPASS

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A Message from the Mayor

Dear Mound Residents,

As we embrace the beauty of another Minnesota winter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the momentum our City has built over the past few months and share some exciting updates for the season ahead.

I had the honor to give remarks at the groundbreaking for the new Westonka Library. It was a beautiful day to kickoff the construction of the new building. It is scheduled to be opened in late in 2026 or early 2027.

The City Council has passed a resolution approving the installation of our new well behind Sorbo Park which will be installed next year. We will have the final designs of the water treatment plant to be completed in the spring. The Council and I are still actively pursuing funds while waiting on these milestones in the project. As always, please reach out to our elected leaders to show support for this important project.

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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 for the most accurate dates and for agenda packet information.



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Thank you to Gillespie Center for inviting me to speak last month. I gave an update on the water treatment plant, City updates, and took questions from residents.

As we head into the holiday season, I invite you to join us for the 42nd Annual Tree Lighting on November 20th at 6pm at Veterans Memorial Plaza and Lost Lake Commons. There will be a tree lighting, photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause, cookies, bonfires, etc. It is a cherished tradition that brings warmth and joy to our lakeside City.

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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42nd Annual **TREE LIGHTING**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH - 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA AND LOST LAKE COMMONS



- TREE LIGHTING AT 6:10PM
- SANTA AND MRS. CLAUSE ARRIVE BY POLICE AND FIRE ESCORT
- PHOTOS WITH SANTA
- COOKIES, HOT COCOA , AND CANDY CANES
- LOCAL CHOIR AND HOLIDAY MUSIC
- KIDS CRAFTS: 6:30PM TO 7:30PM
- LIVE NATIVITY
- FIRE TROUGHS

PRESENTED BY WESTONKA COMMUNITY & COMMERCE



Did you know?

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, skateboards and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

DO NOT BRING MOBILITY DEVICES INTO ELEVATORS!



LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY!

- Purchase devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge device under your pillow, your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device after it is fully charged
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible.
- Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire
- <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/used-lithium-ion-batteries>



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Did you know?

Smoke alarms should be tested monthly.

Smoke alarm batteries should be changed at least once a year.

All smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Working smoke alarms cut in half your risk of dying in a residential fire.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: SMOKE ALARMS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect your home's smoke alarms. This way, when one sounds, they all sound.
- Teach children the sound of the smoke alarm and to exit the home/building when it sounds.
- Place alarms on the ceiling. If alarms are placed on the wall they must be no more than 12 inches below the ceiling.



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Did you know?

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas.

Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting and disorientation.

Cooking and heating units that burn fuel and are not properly ventilated or malfunction can be a source of CO in the home.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: CO ALARMS

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.
- Test CO alarms monthly.
- If a CO alarm sounds and you feel ill, call 911 immediately. If you feel fine, open windows and doors and your utility company.
- Clear snow and debris from furnace, dryer, fireplace or oven vents around your home to prevent a CO buildup.



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Westonka Library Project

Hennepin County hosted the official groundbreaking for the new Westonka Library on October 24th. Mayor Holt and Councilmember Pugh joined Hennepin County Commissioners Edelson and Anderson in digging the ceremonial first patch of soil. The new Westonka Library is expected to open in late 2026/early 2027.



WeCan Open House

WeCan hosted its annual open house on October 2nd. The public was invited to come and learn about the programs that serve eight western Hennepin County communities. Senator Ann Johnson Stewart (pictured with Mayor Holt, Councilmember McEnaney, and WeCan Executive Director Christopher Anderson) and Representative Andrew Myers were in attendance to show support.



Representative Myers Legislative Update

Representative Andrew Myers presented at the October 14th Mound City Council meeting. Myers noted several bills from the 2025 legislative session including an amendment to the open meeting law, water and sewer line infrastructure, and the \$700 million bonding bill. Myers informed the City Council that the 2026 legislative session will focus on a local infrastructure bonding bill.



Mayor Holt Gillespie Center Presentation

Mayor Holt presented in front of a packed Gillespie Center on October 1st. He gave updates on the City over the last year including the infrastructure projects and phase two of Lost Lake Commons. The highlight of the presentation was an update on the City Council's ongoing effort to complete the water treatment plant.



Minnetonka Flats Ribbon Cutting

On Monday, October 13th, members of the Mound City Council, Planning Commission, and Staff attended a ribbon cutting for the Minnetonka Flats. The Mound City Council approved the development in late 2024, with three buildings planned for a total of 12 units overlooking Lost Lake.

Harbor Wine & Spirits Repeal Day Sale

Join us in celebrating the 92nd Anniversary of the Repeal of Prohibition!

Saturday, December 6

10am - 8pm

15% off all Beer, Wine, Cider, and Spirits!

Prizes! Samples! Savings!

10 cent Coors Banquet bottles, one per customer, while supplies last.

The first 120 customers will receive a special gift.



Commissions Updates

Orono PD Snow Parking Reminders

Orono Police remind residents to follow all parking signs during snow events. There is no overnight parking allowed between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM between November 15th and APRIL 15th. In addition, no vehicle can be parked in any one place for a continuous 24-hour period as to allow for thorough and efficient snow plowing.

Violators will be towed at the owner's expense. If you have any questions, please contact the Orono Police Department at 952-249-4700. Following these rules helps the City clear streets safely and efficiently for everyone. Thank you for keeping our roads safe this winter!



Celebrating 40 Years of Service: Lt. CJ Gonsior

Lieutenant Gonsior joined the Police Reserve Unit in 1985 and has since contributed more than 2,800 volunteer hours. Over the course of his service, he has received numerous commendations, including a Life Saver Award, and has played a key role in training generations of reserve officers who now serve in agencies across Minnesota. Throughout his four decades of service, Lieutenant Gonsior has been a steady and dedicated presence within the department and the communities it serves. His commitment to public safety and mentorship has left a lasting impact on both the department and the residents of Orono and Mound.

The Cities of Orono and Mound, along with the Orono Police Department, extend their sincere appreciation and congratulations to Lieutenant CJ Gonsior on this outstanding milestone of service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOUND ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

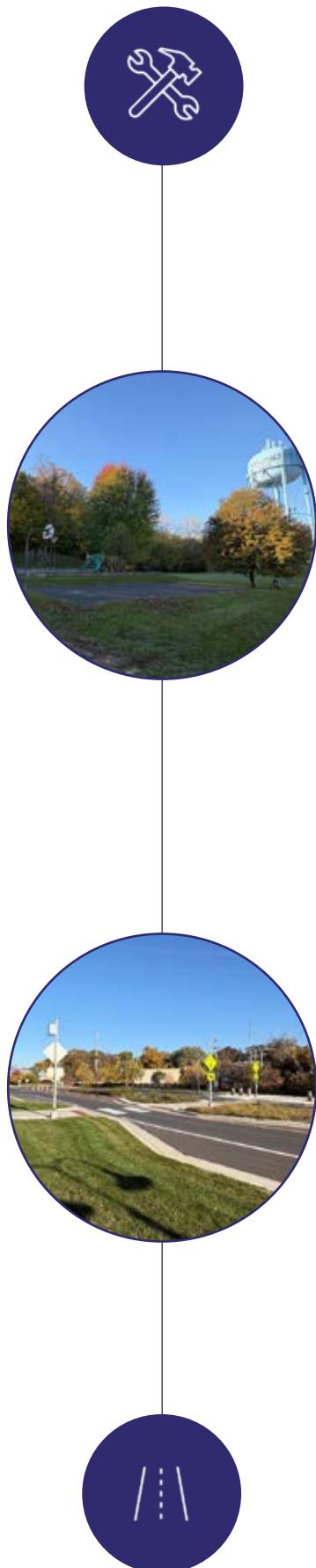
The City of Mound is seeking volunteers to serve on its three advisory commissions including the Planning Commission, the Parks and Open Spaces Commission and the Docks and Commons Commission and is currently seeking applicants. These advisory commissions are comprised of residents who are appointed by the City Council and meet on projects and applications within their purview and make recommendations to the City Council based on their findings. Interested residents are encouraged to apply.

Planning Commission – Terms are for 3 years. Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Considers all matters pertaining to planning and zoning and land redevelopment. Contact Community Development Director Sarah Smith by telephone at 952-472-0604 or by email for more information or to request an application. Submittal deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025. Interviews will be held by Mound City Council on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

Parks and Open Space Commission – Terms are for 3 years. Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Parks and Open Space Commission considers all matters pertaining to parks and open spaces. Contact City Manager Jesse Dickson by telephone at 952-472-0609 or by email at Jessedickson@cityomound.com for more information or to request an application. Submittal deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025. Interviews will be held by Mound City Council on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

Docks and Commons Commissions – Terms are for three years. Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. about 4 to 5 times a year. Considers all matters pertaining to planning and zoning and land redevelopment. Contact City Clerk/Docks Administrator Kevin Kelly by telephone at 952-472-0613 or by email at Kevinkelly@cityofmound.com for more information or to request an application. Submittal deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025. Interviews will be held by Mound City Council on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

There is one incumbent on the Planning Commission seeking reappointment, one open seat (1-year partial term) on the Parks and Open Space Commission and two incumbents on the Docks and Commons Commission seeking reappointment.



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.

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

The treatment plant site is within the city-owned lot of woods behind Sorbo Park shown in the picture. The design of the plant is well underway and will be completed next spring. Once the plant design is complete and approved by the Health Department, the City will assess next steps for going out for bids. Actual construction of the plant will take about two years once started. The council and staff are diligently pursuing grant funds from state and federal options to help fund the construction.

A new well will be installed next summer through a contract with American Liberty awarded in October.

Phase one of the watermain upgrade projects was completed in the spring by Widmer Construction. This phase increased the size of the watermain 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 watermain work will be completed by Minger Construction and includes upgrading the mains from the water tower on Evergreen Road, snaking out to Beachwood Road and traveling north on CSAH 110 up to Harbor Place. Minor tree removal work may occur this winter, but the majority of construction will take place beginning in the spring of 2026. The work on CSAH 110 will require one-way traffic to accommodate the construction, but still allow access to residents and businesses. Stay tuned for additional details.

Hennepin County Projects – Mill and Overlays and Trail Crossing

Hennepin County completed mill and overlay rehabilitation of CSAH 15 through the City of Mound and into Spring Park and CSAH 110, from CSAH 15, north to Sunnybrook Circle in Minnetrista. Hopefully everyone is used to the new lane configurations now and appreciating the improvements to traffic flow, and most importantly, safety.

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 now planned for 2026 and will require a several-week closure of CSAH 110. The detour will route onto County Road 125, Wilshire Boulevard and CSAH 15. It will provide similar safety improvements to the CSAH 15 trail crossing completed last year and pictured to the left.

The city also completed sidewalk repairs along CSAH 15 earlier this summer and the entire stretch is now much more user friendly.



Lost Lake Commons Park Update

Phase two of the park improvements is now underway. The contractor, Pember Companies, is working hard to complete the concrete paths and gathering spaces this fall and get cleaned up for the winter. Lights and final landscaping will arrive in the spring. Please stay on the paths until next summer. The lawn will require a few months next season to establish and is looking like a great place for area residents to gather!



Lift Stations - 2025 Project and Highlights

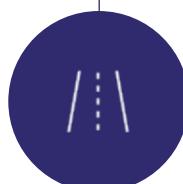
The new lift station at Sunset Road is now operational. The existing lift station that it is replacing is now scheduled to be decommissioned and removed this fall. The replacement of the lift station located on Dove Lane and Woodland Road has begun with the work being completed by Widmer Construction. The new lift station will be relocated to the south on Dove Lane. The picture to the left is the excavation of the 20-foot-deep hole to install the new wet well structure.



2025 Street Projects

The 2025 street improvement projects are now substantially complete. Improvements included a street reconstruction in the Three Points neighborhood, a mill and overlay project in the Sugar Mill neighborhood and seal coating in the Island Park area of town.

The biggest change was the installation of the new stormwater treatment basin at the corner of Enchanted Road. This will help remove contaminants from the water running off the street before it drains into the lake.





Parks for Sledding and Other Winter Fun:



Spotlight on: Swenson Park

Seeking applicants for park adoption:

Article written by: Joanna Kahn, Chair of Parks Commission

Swenson Park is a popular spot on the island for good reason: it's got something for everyone! Swenson boasts a playground, baseball field, basketball half court, and tennis/pickleball courts, as well as a large, open grassy (or snowy!) area.

Additionally, next to the park is the city-owned, volunteer-run Island Park Village Hall. A dedicated team of residents has been working to restore the structure for public use; check out their work and join their effort on their Facebook page (which is simply named Island Park Village Hall).

To access all of these amenities, start at City Hall and take Wilshire Boulevard onto the island; after passing Wychwood Beach, make a right onto Brighton Boulevard.

Take advantage of the small parking lot next to Swenson's tennis courts. Before the snow flies, enjoy the amenities listed above.

But once winter has truly arrived, thrill seekers will gravitate towards Mound's premier sledding hill: Killer Hill.

Cumberland Road is the access point for Killer Hill, which is long, steep, and ends in the middle of Swenson Park. As always, you are responsible for your own safety; use appropriate caution when sledding or doing any activity on snow or ice.

Sidenote: Mound's Parks and Open Spaces Commission is considering adding a few disc golf baskets to Swenson. If you have feedback on that idea or ideas to contribute, we want to hear from you! Send comments to City Manager Jesse Dickson at jessedickson@cityofmound.com

Where Does My Tax Dollar Go?



School District \$0.27

City/HRA \$0.32

County \$0.35

Met Council \$0.02

Other \$0.04



Gillespie Center Upcoming Events

2590 Commerce Blvd

952-472-6501

November 19 **Lunch & Country Jam!** 12:00 PM. Tickets **\$10.**

November 20 **Aging Matters "Abuse and Exploitation.** **FREE**

December 1 - 6 **Holiday Boutique.** M-F 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Sat 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

December 10 **Lunch with Scotty B.** 12:00 PM. Scotty will be serving his famous Sauerkraut Soup, with half sandwich & dessert. **\$12**

December 13 **Christmas Brunch.** Raffle and Sing-Along! 6:00 PM. **\$20**

December 20 **Pancake Breakfast with Santa!** Music by Donnie Gilmore, Pictures with Santa, & Raffle. **\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 Kids 5-12 Yrs, Kids under 5 Yrs FREE.**

Ongoing Monthly Services

2nd Wednesday FREE eye glass services, including cleanings, adjustments and small repairs.

2nd Thursday FREE Medicare Counseling. To make an in-person appointment go to <https://trellisconnects.org>.

2nd Wednesday Sparkling Feet. Call 952-204-9406 to make an appointment for a foot assessment and pedicure. **Cost is \$55.**

Every Wednesday Lunch, served at 12:00 PM. **\$10**

Every Thursday Breakfast, served from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. **\$10**

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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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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.

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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.