



MOUND COMPASS

A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mound

A Message from the Mayor



As we move into another Minnesota summer, this season will bring a full slate of activities, important updates, and ways to stay informed with the City and community.

I want to thank the brave participants of the 2026 Polar Plunge for helping raise money for the Special Olympics of Minnesota and the incredible students who helped “Stuff the Bus” with more than 13,000 donated food items. These efforts make a real difference for our neighbors who rely on the Westonka Community Food Shelf, and I am proud of everyone who contributed.

We continue to make progress on our critical water infrastructure. Our annual State of the Water update highlighted the significant strides toward constructing Mound’s Water Treatment Plant. With more than \$12 million in State and Federal funding secured so far, we remain committed to improving water quality for residents. You can follow project updates and view the presentation materials on the City’s website.

At City Hall, we welcomed several new team members who are already making an impact—from finance and permitting to public works. Please join me in welcoming Lindsey Erdmann, Kate Vogt, and Rich Markun as they begin serving our city.

Summer always brings a full calendar of events and traditions that make Mound such a great place to live. The Farmers Market & More returns to Lost Lake Commons, Music in the Park at Surfside, and the many cyclists who will roll through our city during Tour de Tonka. And of course, mark your calendars for Night to Unite in August, which is always a highlight of summer.

This spring and summer, please be patient with the ongoing construction. This construction is crucial for our water infrastructure. Our website and social media pages are the best ways to stay informed about detours and project timelines.

Finally, I want to recognize the leadership transition within our Fire Department. After 51 years of dedicated service, Chief Gregory Pederson is retiring. I am grateful for his long-term commitment to Mound and our neighboring communities. I wish Chief Pederson a well-deserved retirement! Congratulations to recently appointed Chief Andy Drilling, who steps into the role with deep experience and a long history of service to Mound.

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.

- Mayor Jason Holt



City Hall Hours

October - April

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May - September

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday

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

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25

Juneteenth - Friday, June 19

Independence Day - Friday, July 3 (*observed*)

City Council Calendar

Second & Fourth Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Planning Commission

First Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Parks and Open Space Commission

Second Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Docks and Commons Commission

Third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

At the start of City Council Meetings

All City of Mound public meetings are held at the Centennial Office Building, located at 5341 Maywood Road, Mound MN.

Visit www.cityofmound.com to learn more about City meetings and to view Agendas and Minutes.

City Council and Planning Commission Meetings are available to watch the following day on YouTube.

2026 Elections

The City of Mound, like most municipalities, has even-year elections. This year the following City Council seats are up for election:

- Mayor (2-year term)
- Council Member (2 seats, 4-year term)

Residents interested in running for office or viewing campaign finance reports can learn more at www.cityofmound.com/elections

Minnesota also has a primary and general election in 2026. Note important dates below.

June 26: Vote by mail or in-person at City Hall for the Primary Election

August 11: Primary Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 18: Vote by mail or in-person at City Hall for the General Election

November 3: Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Learn who is on your ballot, how to register to vote and more about elections at mnvotes.gov

City Day on the Hill

Mayor Holt and Council Member Pugh attended the League of Minnesota Cities 'City Day on the Hill' this past March. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet with legislators to advocate for issues impacting Mound, including the City's request to the State to support funding the Water Treatment Plant.



Mayor Holt, Council Member Pugh, and staff joined Mayors and Representatives from the Minnetonka area.

2026 Polar Plunge

Surfside Park was home to the annual Polar Plunge on January 30th, where residents took a chilly jump into Lake Minnetonka to raise funds for the Minnesota Special Olympics.

This event takes shape with support from our Mound Fire Department and Orono Police Department. Many thanks to both departments for their hard work hosting this event!



Stuff the Bus for Westonka Community Food Shelf



This spring, students from Westonka Public Schools and Our Lady of the Lake competed against one another to raise food and funds for Westonka Community Food Shelf. Using school buses, Orono and Minnetrista Police Departments stopped by schools to pick up donations, ultimately needing two buses to fit all the items.

Students donated 6,904 pounds of food alongside \$2,567.78 in cash donations. During this season of high food shelf demand, these donations mean more than ever to Westonka Community Food Shelf.

State of the Water

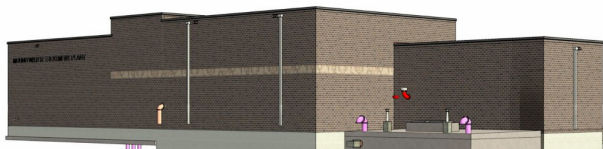
On March 10, the City's engineering consultants, Bolton and Menk, provided an update on the State of the Water in Mound. This annual presentation reviews ongoing work to address manganese and other contaminants in Mound's water through the construction of a Water Treatment Plant.

Addressing these contaminants will help protect public and private infrastructure as well as provide health benefits.

Phase 1 and 2 of infrastructure to prepare for a Water Treatment Plant are underway, and over \$12 million has been received by the City from State and Federal funding to help pay for these improvements.

The City continues to work to secure outside funding from State and Federal sources, as well as apply for State grant programs.

Residents can view the slide deck from the March 10 presentation and learn more about the project online at www.cityofmound.com/watertreatmentplant



Renderings of the proposed Water Treatment Plant

New Employee Spotlight



Lindsey Erdmann joined the City as its new Finance Director in February after serving as the Assistant Director of Finance for the Office of Public Safety at the City of Minneapolis. Lindsey oversees the City's budget, audit, and day-to-day financial operations.



Kate Vogt joined the City in March as the Administrative Assistant / Permit Technician. Kate can assist residents with permitting, code enforcement, and supports internal operations.



Rich Markun joined the Streets division of Public Works in March. You'll see Rich around town driving the street sweeper, snowplow, or patching potholes!

Free Yard Waste Drop Site

Mound residents are able to drop off yard waste and compost for free at The Mulch Store, located at 4275 Creekview Circle, Minnetrista, MN 55375. Residents must show a valid driver's license with their address on it to be able to use the site for free. For more information visit The Mulch Store's website at setmn.com.

The Mulch Store is open Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is closed on Sundays.



Recycling Tips and Tricks

Follow these tips to make sure you are recycling as much as you can and that the items you place in your recycling cart successfully get recycled:

- Make recycling easy - put a recycling container next to all of your garbage cans and label your bins so everyone knows what goes where.
- Recycle in every room - remember to collect recyclables from the bathroom, laundry room, and office.
- Items should be clean and empty - give them a quick rinse before recycling.
- Don't bag your recyclables - place them loose in your recycling cart.
- Remove everything from boxes and collapse them.
- Don't crush cans, plastic bottles, or cartons.
- Leave plastic caps on plastic bottles and jugs. Remove plastic caps from metal and glass containers.

Finally, be sure to look for products that contain recycled content when you're shopping. The recycling loop can only be completed when we buy products made from recycled materials.

Learn more about recycling and get additional tips at www.hennepin.us/recycling.



Upcoming Summer Events

Farmers Market and More



The Mound Farmers Market and More returns in May. Held at the newly renovated Lost Lake Commons Park, the market runs on Saturdays from **May 23 through October 10** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Music in the Park



Westonka
COMMUNITY ED

Join Westonka Community Education for Music in the Park at Surfside Park on **Thursday, July 9** and **Thursday, August 6**. These family-friendly events will feature food trucks and live music. Learn more about these events and community education at [facebook.com/westonkacommunityed](https://www.facebook.com/westonkacommunityed)

Tour De Tonka



Be one of over 3,000 riders to participate in the annual 'Tour de Tonka' on **August 1**. Registrations help raise funds for ICA Food Shelf.

Routes from 16-58 miles are available, and riders enjoy scenic views of Lake Minnetonka. Visit the Minnetonka Community Education website at minnetonkaschools.org and search Tour de Tonka for more information!

Night to Unite



Save the date for this year's Night to Unite on **August 4**. Keep an eye on the City's social media for more information about how you can host your neighborhood party!

Stay in the know about City events!
Scan this QR code to follow the City's social media accounts or by signing up for updates on the City's website.



Stay Aware of Summer Construction

Construction in Mound and across the metro might affect your commute this summer and fall. Don't let road closures, water shutoffs, or unexpected delays stop you from having your fun in the sun this year.

Here's what you need to know:

- City of Mound construction information can be found online at cityofmound.com/construction
- If your property will be affected by construction you will receive information via U.S. mail.
- The best way to track weekly updates to closures is on the City of Mound's social media channels.
- Headed out of town? Be sure to watch for upcoming construction on US Highway 12 and I-394. Learn more about MnDOT construction at dot.state.mn.us/construction

Water Tower Coating

At the April 14 City Council meeting, a bid was accepted to repaint the water tower near Sorbo Park. The final cost to clean and repaint the tower was \$435,250, approximately \$200,000 lower than the initial estimate to do the work.



Digital rendering of the new water tower design.

Until work is complete this tower will be offline, and Sorbo Park access will be limited by construction. Water tower coating will occur alongside other infrastructure work happening in this neighborhood over the summer and fall related to the proposed water treatment plant.

You can learn more about water in Mound at cityofmound.com/watertreatment.

Street Sweeping Begins

Spring marks the start of street sweeping in Mound, but crews will be out all summer ensuring streets stay clear of debris.

After storms, crews will come out to ensure streets are clear. If something is missed, crews will return to make sure all streets are swept.

Why sweep? Street sweeping improves vehicle and pedestrian safety and improves water quality!



Park Spotlight: Crescent Park

By Joanna Kahn, Chair of the Parks and Open Space Commission

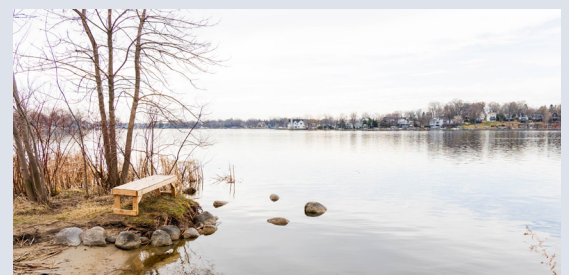
Crescent Park is a hidden gem in Mound. Located on Three Points, it's just around the corner from the larger Three Points Park. Crescent Park is located on Sparrow Road, between Heron and Sumach Lanes. There are actually two entry points to the park, located at those two intersections, and both can be accessed after parking along the street.

Near the Sumach intersection you will notice signage about the native plantings in this park, and if you're a gardener or otherwise interested in native plantings you might enjoy the variety of greenery in the general vicinity. Although there is not a clearly defined trail, you can head east and walk in the grass far behind the two houses on Sparrow until you reach the dirt path, which will lead you to the rest of Crescent Park. Alternatively, this path can be accessed directly by entering near the Heron and Sparrow intersection.

The path, popular among dog walkers and adults seeking some quiet solitude, leads you through a more natural landscape, including mature trees, water views on both sides, and some interesting bird-watching. At the pinnacle of the park you'll find a very private bench where you can relax and enjoy a stunning vista of Harrison Bay.

Other parks with a focus on nature:

- **Carlson Park:** native plantings are showcased in a fenced-in area
- **Edgewater Park:** newly redeveloped with a county grant and focused on native trees, shrubs, and flowers
- **Belmont Park:** along with a playground, it has a well-developed pollinator garden and a unique self-serve Puzzle Library (drop one off or take one!)



Seating area and lake access at Crescent Park

Firefighter Oaths of Office



At the March 11 City Council meeting, five Mound Fire Department firefighters were administered their Oath of Office to serve Mound and its neighboring communities.

A big congratulations to Firefighter Rohlighed, Wright, Crandell, Palmer and Witte.

These officers have officially completed their probationary periods and spent many hours training, responding to calls, and supporting MFD operations.



Notes from the Orono Police Department

Summer Weather Driving Reminders

As temperatures rise, so does activity on our roads. With more pedestrians, cyclists, and families out enjoying the season, the Orono Police Department reminds drivers to slow down and stay alert. Speed limits are in place to protect everyone, especially in residential areas and near parks.

Please take a few extra seconds to reach your destination safely and help keep our community safe this spring and summer.

Water Safety this Summer

With lake season just around the corner, the Orono Police Department encourages everyone to make water safety a priority. Always wear a life jacket, keep a close eye on children, and never operate a boat under the influence.

Be mindful of changing weather conditions and water temperatures, especially early in the season. A safe day on the water starts with preparation and awareness, helping ensure a fun and safe summer for all.

Mound Names New Fire Chief



Fire Chief Andrew Drilling

Following an extensive external search process, Assistant Chief Andy Drilling has been promoted to the position of Fire Chief, as of April 1, 2026. Chief Drilling will succeed Fire Chief Gregory Pederson, who will retire after 51 years of service.

Chief Drilling began his career with Mound Fire in 2006, and comes from a tradition of fire service, as his grandfather and father served as firefighters in San Diego, CA.

Over the past 20 years has held many roles in the Fire Department, and most recently worked full-time as the Field Officer for the City. He also served as President of the Mound Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association and has chaired the Annual Fish Fry.

Chief Pederson will work alongside Chief Drilling until June. Residents looking to celebrate the legacy of Chief Pederson should watch for more information on the City's social media channels.



Fire Chief Gregory Pederson

2026 Fish Fry and Dance

The Mound Fire Department will host its 73rd Annual Fish Fry and Dance on **Saturday, June 6, 2026** at the Mound Fire Station (2415 Wilshire Blvd).

Admission includes a fish dinner and live music from The Selmer Effect and The Chris Kroeze band. Chris Kroeze was the runner-up on season 15 of NBC's *The Voice*.

Dinner is served from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., with music and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased directly from firefighters or by calling the Fire Department at 952-472-3555.

Last year, just over \$57,000 was raised to support the Mound Fire Department!



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• MOUND, MINNESOTA

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BOAT IN MOVIE

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

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SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

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- Exercise & Fitness Programs
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- Activities & Groups: Art, Photo, Choir, Ukulele, Card Clubs, Game Clubs Coffee, Men's Shed & more!
- Free Seminars
- Excursions
- Social Gatherings
- Special Events & Rental Space
- Community Events
- And More!



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12:00 P.M.

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Ticket includes lunch
Cruise from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
COST \$25

JOIN US FOR SPRIT OF THE LAKES

SATURDAY, JULY 18

FAMILY FUN DAY
CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

OUR MISSION: We are dedicated to providing a supportive environment, culture, and space to enrich the lives of our community members of all ages.



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