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6:00PM - PARADE

Starts East on Hillview at Sunnyside, Right on Jackson, Right on Bronson, ends on Edgewood at City Hall Park

7:00PM - FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Party at the Splash Down with DJ, Penny Carnival^{\$}, Food Vendors^{\$} at Mounds View City Hall Park

\$Activities and games with \$ require a fee







As I write in this edition of the Mounds View Matters for the Mayor's Message, it is April 16th and spring is in the air. The grass is starting to turn green, and people are out walking around and enjoying our parks. I was even able to ride on a motorcycle over the weekend.

Things have been relatively quiet in the City over the last few months aside from activity at Ardan and Silver View parks, where pond restoration work is underway. As summer approaches, I anticipate there will be some things going on. The mermaid will be back and adorning our skyline once again. We will have another Festival in the Park. The Tribute Park construction should be underway.

The street project this year will include putting in a parking lot at the splash pad which will help keep people from parking in the undesignated area. We could also have a cannabis store up and running by the end of summer.

There's exciting news for Mounds View Square as well—rumor has it we're getting a Planet Fitness! I'm pretty excited about that.

This year went by so fast. I have been busy attending many different functions and representing Mounds View wherever I can. I have also been busy on the clemency front for the state continuing to work on building that program. I had the opportunity to go to my hometown and host a clemency town hall with the Attorney General and I hope to do one here soon.

All in all, it's been a great start to 2025 and I hope as we roll into summer that you all are able to get out and enjoy our weather when it is good and do some fun things. Like always, I am here if you need to chat. You can call me at 612-296-3597 and I am also at the Caribou most Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30am. I hope you all have a fantastic summer!

Mayor Zach Lindstrom



Fire Department Transitions to Duty Crew Staffing Model

As shared in past articles, SBM Fire, similar to nearly all other suburban fire departments in Minnesota, transitioned to a Full Time/Duty Crew staffing model this past quarter. The continued increase in calls – over 3,000 a year, in combination with volunteer shortages (family commitments, training demands, and working) have forced almost all Twin City departments to change their staffing model.

SBM remodeled Stations 1 and 3 to include sleeping quarters and on January 1 of this year, placed the first full time dedicated firefighters on shift augmenting them with Duty Crew (volunteers who can sign up for a specified time/shift).

Nearly 100% of the former volunteers – who responded on a pager alert, stayed with the organization as duty crew members.

The net result is a highly trained crew, familiar with each other, reducing response times by 2 to 3 minutes a call. The budget increase for the 2025 year was just under 6% to accomplish this and an anticipated 9% is proposed for 2026 as three more full time staff/officers are still needed.

Compared to other departments of similar size (population protected), SBM operates at nearly half of what those agencies (Coon Rapids, Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Apple Valley, Burnsville, Brooklyn Park) budgets, ranging from \$5.3 million to 7.5 million and SBM's at \$2.9 million – Mounds View share being \$475,000 of that (note data is from Office of State Auditor 2022 budgets).

The model continues to be highly efficient and cost effective, one we are fortunate to be a part of.



Recycling Starts at Home!

The Ramsey County Recycling Guide was sent to Mounds View residents in March. To view the electronic version, follow the link or use the QR Code: ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Recycling%20and%20Waste/2025-Recycling-Guide_Web.pdf. If you use the QR code, the Recycling Guide is available in both English and Spanish, under the RESOURCE tab at the top of the webpage on ramseyrecycles.com



Tribute Park – Remembering the 1965 Tornado Victims. Can You Help?

As we move forward with the construction and dedication of the Tribute Park, staff has been researching the 1965 Tornado, 1986 Pipeline Explosion, and 35W Bridge Collapse – all three will have granite monuments as part of the Tribute Park.

Few residents remain who were here and alive during the May 6, 1965 Tornado, which still ranks as the most devastating storm to hit the State of Minnesota with 13 deaths, 683 injured, and millions in damage. Five tornados swept across the 7- county metro area with four rated F4, one an F3, and one just outside the area, an F2.

Of the 13 deaths, 6 were in Mounds View, five residents and a non-resident traveling by car.

We will be remembering and honoring those five residents; Walter Achterkirch (age 68), Gregory Magsam (age 5), and LaVilla (age 32), Lori Ann (age 4) and Lisa Lynn Abraham (1 month). Charles Abraham was at work when the tornado hit; and along with his wife and two daughters, sons Michael (7), Brian (5) and Scott (3) were all at home. The boys all survived, the girls all perished. Mother LaVilla and daughters were buried together with baby Lisa Lynn in moms' arms.

Staff has endeavored to locate relatives of the three families, with no success in finding any for Gregory Magsam. He had no siblings and both his parents have now passed. The Achterkirch family—once represented by three brothers residing in the City, are still in the area and they plan on attending the dedication ceremony on September 13th at 1:00 pm.

Similar to the Magsam family, staff has been unable to locate Michael, Brian or Scott Abraham who would be 67, 65 and 63 this year. Their father remarried, and he and his second wife have both passed and are buried at Morning Side Memorial Gardens in Coon Rapids.

If you have any information regarding the Magsam or Abraham families, please reach out to City Administrator Zikmund at 612-860-7442.



You are Invited September 13, 2025

1:00 p.m

Witness the first dedication for the Tribute
Park in Mounds View. The Tribute Park will
be dedicated to Emergency First Responders
and Community Residents of Local Disasters,
as well as Veterans. Three local disasters and
the Public Safety portion of the Tribute Park
will be dedicated this day.

The Veterans' portion will be dedicated around **Veterans Day 2025** and more information will follow.

You can still order a paver in honor or memory of someone for \$250, and you can still make donations to the Tribute Park.

Contact Don Peterson: 763-717-4051 or Carol Mueller: 763-458-2719 with questions or to make a donation..

Town Hall Meeting - Save the Date!

The City Council has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting at the Mounds View Community Center on Monday, October 20th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Council will be present with Mayor Lindstrom giving the State of the City address.



The City of Mounds View 2025 **Budget Calendar for Preparation of** the 2026 Budget

May 9, 2025 Operating budget requests due from

departments.

Summary of operating budget May 2025

requests due to City Administrator.

Administrator reviews operating May - June 2025

budget requests and capital projects.

Summary of operating budget June 2025

requests due to City Council.

June – August 2025 City Council reviews Draft General

Fund budget at work session(s).

City Council adopts preliminary August 25, 2025

> 2026 property tax levy or defers to September 8th meeting and sets

date for the Truth in Taxation

Public Hearing.

September -City Council reviews other funds November 2025

and utility rate study at work session(s) and additional General

Fund review if needed.

City Council considers utility rates November 2025

for 2026.

December 1, 2025 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.

December 8, 2025 Continuation hearing and adoption

of 2026 Budget and tax levy.



Grow With Us!

Join the Mounds View Community Garden Team

We're building something new—and we want you to be part of it!

The brand-new Mounds View Community Garden, located at Edgewood Middle School, is getting started this spring, and we're looking for volunteers who want to learn, grow, and give back. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just curious, there's a place for you in the garden!

Volunteer Commitment:

- Minimum of two weeks of garden chores during the season
- Participation in two key sessions:
 - Spring Planting (May 17)
 - Fall Cleanup (October 4)

Harvest Plan:

All mature produce will be shared among volunteers, with extra harvests donated to the local food pantry.

New! Visit our Free Seed Library at the Mounds View-Ramsey County Library to start your own garden at home!

Want to Get Involved? Email: info@cultivatemv.com

Let's grow community, connection, and fresh food—together.



Saturday, May 17, 2025

Garden bed building and soil prep happening in early May!

Municipal Cannabis

The City of Mounds View has submitted a license application to operate a retail Cannabis store. The City is "partnering" with MNRoots, an established organization in this product/business. The agreement details they will be wholly responsible for the entire operation of the facility, operating under our license, and revenue sharing net profit at an agreed up 60/40% with the City receiving the 40%. The City has incurred legal costs related to the agreement and \$2,500 for the license.

Net revenue shares, based on their other operations, are estimated at \$150,000 to \$300,000 a year for the city. That equates to a 2% to 6% levy increase. They are currently working with a property owner located on the south side of Mounds View Boulevard regarding a potential location.



SCAN CODE FOR DETAILS & SCHEDULE

ACTIVITIES

- Food Vendors^{\$}
- 19th Annual Car Show & Trophy Presentation
- Craft Fair and Vendors
- Live Music & Dancing
- Fireworks
- Beer Garden^{\$}
- Medallion Hunt
- K9 Demo with Mounds View Police
- SBM FIRE Demo
- Touch a Truck Event Allina EMS, SBM Fire, MV Public Works, Ramsey Cty. Sheriff, SWAT
- Raffle^{\$}
- Senior Activities

Activities and games with \$ require a fee. Activities & games are subject to change. Visit our website for current schedule & info to register to be a part of our Festival!



KIDS ACTIVITIES

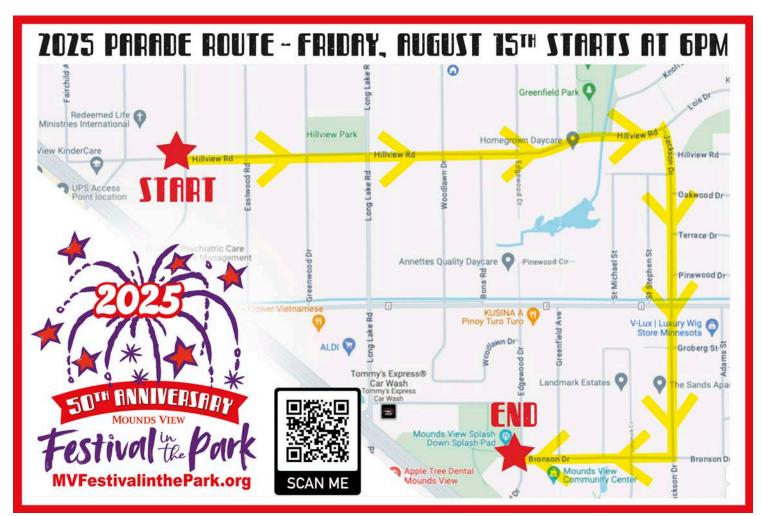
- Safari Bob & Sustainable Safari
- Hasse Family Petting Zoo
- Foam Party for Kids
- FREE Kids Games

GAMES

- Horseshoes
- Bags Tournament\$
- Dunk Tank^{\$}
- Bingo\$

COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE BETWEEN MOUNDS VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER & FESTIVAL AT SILVER VIEW PARK FROM 10AM - 10PM ON SATURDAY ONLY

MVFestivalinthePark.org





Join the Rice Creek Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee

Are you passionate about protecting and improving water resources (lakes, streams, wetlands, etc.) in our community? The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) is seeking new members for its Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). As a committee member, you'll have the opportunity to make a direct impact on water quality and stormwater management efforts in our area. What is the CAC? The CAC is a group of volunteers who meet once a month to review grant applications, discuss local issues, learn about how to improve water quality in the watershed, and more. Committee members play a role in helping shape water management in the watershed and ensuring that RCWD's programs are effective and beneficial to the public.

Why Get Involved?

- Influence decisions on water quality, stormwater management, and grant projects.
- Learn more about local water resource issues and how to address them.
- Meet like-minded community members and engage with RCWD staff.

How to Apply: Apply at www.ricecreek.org/about/citizen-advisory-committee or contact Kendra Sommerfeld at ksommerfeld@ricecreek.org for more information.

Lead and Copper Testing – 50 Sites Needed

The City is looking for residential properties built between 1983 and 1985 to participate in Lead and Copper (L&C) testing.

Houses built between 1983 and 1985 are considered highrisk for lead contamination due to the potential presence of copper plumbing with lead solder. (Lead solder can leach lead into the water when corrosion occurs.)

Federal and State mandates have been implemented that require municipalities to test residential sites for L&C in October of 2025 and every 3 years after.

If you would like to participate L&C testing, the following criteria must be in place:

- House built between 1983-1985
- Cold water faucet in the kitchen must not be softened or filtered

Please contact Public Works at 763-717-4050 or email **publicworks@moundsviewmn.org** to be placed on the sampling list. In September of 2025, you will receive communication with the instructions and when the sampling bottle will be delivered to your property. (Test results will be mailed to you once received.)

Annual Public Information Meeting for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

Public Works will hold its annual storm water public information meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mounds View City Hall (2401 Mounds View Boulevard). The meeting will be conducted as part of the regular City Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.



What are Rain Gardens and Infiltration Basins?

Rain gardens are specially designed areas that capture and filter rainwater runoff from hard surfaces like driveways and rooftops. They are typically planted with native plants that thrive in wet conditions.

Infiltration basins are similar but larger, designed to hold and absorb water from a bigger area. Both systems help manage stormwater, reducing the risk of flooding and preventing contaminants from entering local waterways.

Refer to the City's website www.moundsviewmn.org/government/city_departments/public_works/rain_gardens/rain_gardens_.php to explore the benefits of maintaining your raingarden or infiltration basin, how to identify one on your property, the importance of native plants, and best practices for keeping your rain garden healthy and vibrant.



Tips for Hiring a State Licensed Contractor

Benefits of hiring a licensed contractor: A license ensures the company has met requirements that include having a principal of the company pass an exam and having liability and property damage insurance. A licensed contractor must complete continuing education classes each year. Hiring a licensed contractor provides another very important benefit: access to the Contractor Recovery Fund.

Before you hire a contractor: Ask for the contractor's license number and contact the Dept. of Labor & Industry online or at 651-284-5069 or 800-342-5354 to verify the license and to find out if they have a disciplinary history. Ask for references and how long they've been in business. Ask for a Minnesota business address other than a post office box. Ask for a local phone number. Check the contractor's litigation history on the state court system's website.

Avoid contractors that: Ask you to sign an estimate or authorization before you have decided to hire them. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING until you have carefully read the document and fully understand it (you may unknowingly be signing a contract). Arrive in an unmarked vehicle. Are willing to do the job at an unusually low price. Offer to pay your deductible (it is illegal). Offer discounts or other rewards for hiring them. Only provide a post office box for their business address. Require full or substantial payment before work begins. Refuse to provide a written estimate or contract. Refuse to give a license number issued by the state of Minnesota. Refuse to give references. Show up unsolicited and/or use high-pressure sales tactics.

Before you sign a contract, make sure it includes: Three day right-to-cancel language (contractors must provide a three-day right to cancel a contract in cases where the contractor makes the first contact with the homeowner. Also, with certain restrictions, homeowners are allowed to cancel a roofing contract if their insurance company denies the claim). A detailed summary of the work to be done. A description of materials. The total contract price or how the price is calculated. A payment schedule, making clear when payments are due. Specific timelines and exactly what will happen if the contractor fails to meet the deadlines in the contract. A provision requiring that every change to the contract be reduced to a written change order that you are required to sign.

2024 Water Quality Report

Once again, the City is proud to report that your drinking water meets all state and federal standards! Beginning July 1, 2025 you can view



the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report online by scanning the QR Code or www.moundsviewmn.org. Please contact the Public Works Department if you would like a copy of the report mailed to you.





Who Do I Call?

Mounds View Public Works: 763-717-4050

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. publicworks@moundsviewmn.org

Ramsey County Dispatch: 651-484-9155 For City emergencies outside normal business hours

Ramsey County Public Works: 651-266-7100

For concerns with the following roadways

- Mounds View Blvd
- County Road H
- Silver Lake Road
- County Road I (Silver Lake Rd. to I-35W)
- Long Lake Road
- Old Highway 8

Xcel Energy:

To report a street light outage: 1-800-960-6235

To report a power outage: 1-800-895-1999

To report a gas leak: 1-800-895-2999

xcelenergy.com

Water/Sewer Utility Billing: 763-717-4014

Sewer Backup

If you experience sewer backup contact Mounds View Public Works first before calling a plumber. 763-717-4050

Why? Should a blockage be in the City's sewer main, Public Works will clear it—saving you the cost of a plumber. Contact Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-484-9155 for after-hours emergencies.



Spring Lake Park – Blaine – Mounds View Fire Department, today and tomorrow.

Since January 2024, the Spring Lake Park – Blaine – Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department has undergone major and historic changes since our inception in 1944. In an effort for service, we are now staffing our response district 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year long with a highly trained Duty Crew. This has made a significant life-changing impact on our community residents, as well as our response times arriving to calls for service. SBM is proud to say that we have reduced response times by more than three minutes from our old volunteer response model. You may ask, does three minutes really make that much impact? We say, YES! A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds if left to grow. Three minutes of arrival at a cardiac arrest, heart attack, or medical call increases the chances of us making a medical difference to those in need. Those three minutes have already saved lives, property, and made a difference for our community as a whole.

Lastly, this new staffing model has helped us reduced wear and tear on our apparatus, increased the turnout of firefighters on scene for each call, and reduced the fire loss to the community. This change has also affected the budget in a positive way allowing us to reduce costs with the mantra of "leaner and meaner." As we look towards 2026 and beyond there will be continued advancements within the department as we continue to focus on operating more efficiently, responding quickly, and adapting to our changing communities, which we proudly serve.

Please contact SBM headquarters at 763-486-4336 with questions.

SBM Fire Car Seat Checks

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, more than half of all car seats in vehicles are not used or installed correctly.

The Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM)

Fire Department has car seat technicians ready to assist!



Car seat inspections and installations are free of charge, and you do not need to be a resident to utilize this service. Inspections and installations are done by appointment only-- by one of our certified technicians. Day, evening, and weekend appointments are available.

For questions or to schedule an appointment, call 763-767-4003.



Beat the summer heat and meet your local Officers! Join the Mounds View Police Department every **Thursday in July from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at the City Hall Park Splash Pad for Popsicles in the Park.

Bring the kids, enjoy a free popsicle, splash around, and spend time getting to know the friendly faces behind the badge. It's a perfect way to chill out and build community—one frozen treat at a time!

See you at the splash pad!



Supporting Those Who Serve: The Mounds View Police Foundation

The Mounds View Police Foundation was created to support the mission and work of the Mounds View Police Department. Since its inception, the Foundation has proudly sponsored and supported a variety of community outreach events helping strengthen the connection between law enforcement and the residents they serve. Learn more about how you can get involved, by contacting Secretary Miranda Severson at mmseverson@yahoo.com.



MVPD Mourns the Loss of Retired K9 Niko

The Mounds View Police Department is saddened to announce the passing of K9 Niko, the department's first police dog, who served from January 2012 until his retirement in December 2021.

Trained through the St. Paul Police K9 Academy, Niko played a vital role in public safety—assisting in searches for missing persons, locating evidence, and helping apprehend dangerous suspects. Beyond his police work, Niko was a beloved presence at community events and demonstrations, leaving a lasting impression on all who met him.

Niko passed away on April 4, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 15 years old—well beyond the typical service lifespan of a Police K9. He spent his final day surrounded by his handler, fellow officers, and favorite treats.

Niko's legacy of loyalty and service will never be forgotten.



The Mounds View Police Department has a Police Student Internship program for students currently enrolled and attending criminal justice or law enforcement programs. The paid internship will last for 12-16 weeks per student, has flexible hours, and gives the participant many opportunities to support our community. If interested, you need apply by May 28th at 9am for the 2025 position. Apply on the City's website.



Potting Soil Fire Safety

Potted plants are not ashtrays! When a cigarette is put out in the dirt of a potted plant, the soil can work to insulate the lit cigarette, heat the soil to an ignition temperature and begin to smolder. These types of fires can often smolder for several hours and when enough oxygen is available, the materials will break out into flames. If the planter is located near other combustible items like a deck, side of the house or fence, they may become involved, resulting in a serious fire. Smokers, please keep your "butt" out of the dirt and use a sturdy, metal ashtray to properly extinguish the smoking materials.











Splash Down opens Friday, May 23rd

Monday -Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. through Labor Day Weekend

Please park on the east side of the Mounds View Community Center, 5394 Edgewood Drive, and utilize the cross walk. There is limited parking on Edgewood Drive in front of the Splash Pad. (Handicap Parking is available at City Hall.)

Birthday party coming up?

Why not have it at the Splash Down! Picnic Pavilions are available for rent. Please note: One 4-Hour Block

Bronson Drive

Per Customer Per Day. \$40 each for a 4-Hour block. For Information: 763-717-4040.

CONSTRUCTION: The 2025 Street Project will include installing a parking lot on the City Hall campus near the splash pad.





Honoring Freedom, Progress & Unity

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5-8 pm Silver View Park

Come enjoy

- Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Cookies
- Great Music & Good Company
- Moments of Reflection & Celebration

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, your neighbors, and your spirit of unity. All are welcome as we recognize the past, celebrate progress, and look toward a more inclusive future.

Hosted by the Community Engagement Committee

WELCOME. HOME.





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City Hall

763-717-4000 Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. moundsview@moundsviewmn.org City Website: moundsviewmn.org

Police Department

Main Line: 763-717-4070

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

Dispatch: 651-484-9155, After Hours & Weekends 911 Emergencies

Parks and Recreation Summer Hours

5394 Edgewood Drive Main Line: 763-717-4040 Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. parksandrec@moundsviewmn.org

Public Works

2466 Bronson Drive Main Line: 763-717-4050 Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. publicworks@moundsviewmn.org



City Council 2025

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Fall Clean-Up - Save the Date!

Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Mounds View Public Works Facility, 2466 Bronson Drive. A flyer will be sent to all residents in mid-August. For details, refer to the City's website at www.moundsviewmn.org.



Night to Unite: Join Us August 5th

Mark your calendars! Night to Unite is happening on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 and you're invited to be part of this beloved community tradition. It's the perfect evening to step outside,

connect with your neighbors, and spend time with those who serve our City every day: Mounds View Police Officers, SBM Firefighters, and City Council Members.

Planning a block party? We'd love to know! Registration for your neighborhood event can be completed on the City website under the Police Department section. For questions or issues please reach out to Officer Sarah Le Voir at sarah.levoir@ moundsviewmn.org.

Let's make this year's Night to Unite the best one yet!