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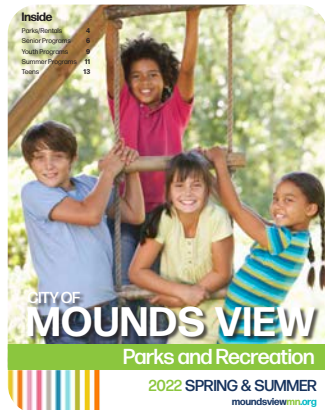
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Town Hall Meeting

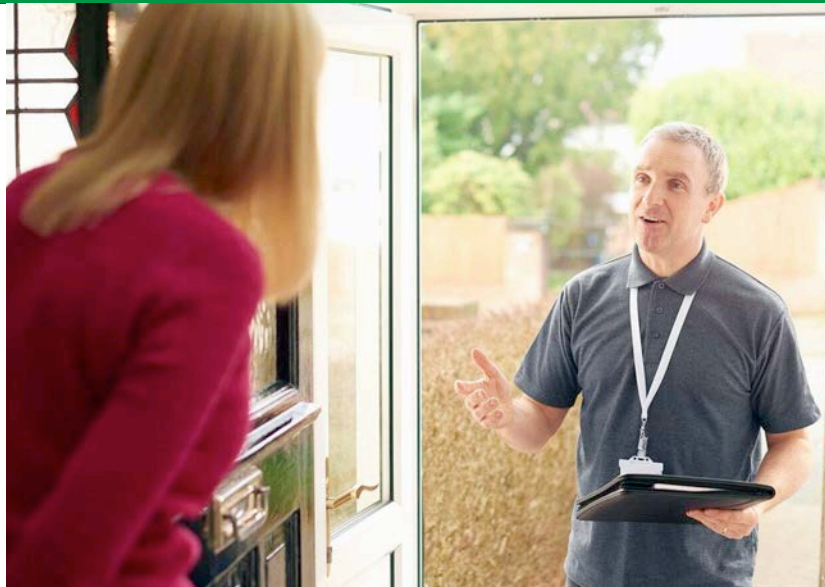
The 17th annual Town Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Mounds View Community Center, 5394 Edgewood Drive. Residents are invited to view and discuss displays with City staff and outside vendors before and after Council's presentation. Council will discuss the vision and goals for 2022 and present the 2021 Citizen of the Year and Coach of the Year awards (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.).

Parks and Recreation Registration Software Upgrade

We are upgrading our registration software! Parks and Recreation is moving to CivicRec. This new registration software is mobile-friendly and will provide residents with an easy-to-navigate and intuitive experience. Registering for programs and reserving parks and facilities will be easy to do online! You will be able to manage your account and complete your transactions in a few simple steps.



We began transitioning to the new software in February. Contact the front desk at the Mounds View Community Center if you have questions about the new software and setting up your new account.



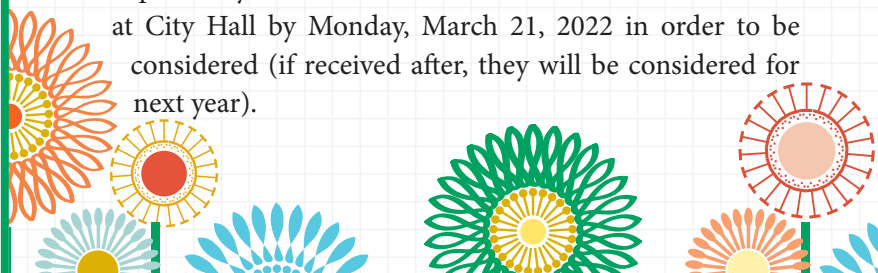
Door-to-Door Soliciting

If a person comes to your door selling merchandise or services including, but not limited to, magazines, roofing, siding, tree trimming, trash collection services, etc., or taking orders for future delivery of merchandise or services, they must have a City issued permit. When the City issues a permit, each person will get an ID badge. Please make sure you ask the person at your door to show you their City issued ID badge. If they do not present their ID badge, please contact the City with as much information as possible at 763-717-4018 or info@moundsviewmn.org. Take note of their vehicle, name of the company or name of the solicitor, keep their flyer, or any information that will assist in identifying the solicitor.

Non-profit organizations such as Scouts, organized youth sports, etc., do not need a permit, but must register with the City and carry their own identification. Door-to-door soliciting may occur between 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily. If you observe suspicious activity or feel you are in danger, call 911.

Citizen of the Year

If you would like to nominate someone for Citizen of the Year, please click on the following link and complete the nomination form <https://bit.ly/3EPI44S>. Nomination forms must be received at City Hall by Monday, March 21, 2022 in order to be considered (if received after, they will be considered for next year).



Mayor's Message



Dear neighbors & friends,

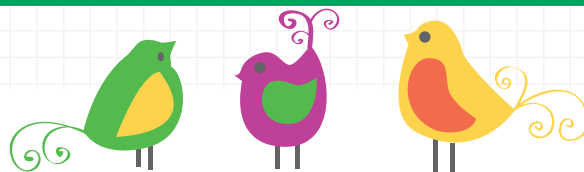
Our dedicated City Council and staff are diligently overcoming numerous challenges facing our city from the Corona virus and variants. We will continue to follow COVID protocols recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Council and staff are busy wrapping up our work on our Strategic Plan, which helps ensure essential services and prioritizes our budgeting decisions for the next three to five years.

We are approximately halfway through an extensive update to our drinking water treatment plants. COVID created shortages of contractor labor and supplies; as well as transportation issues. The completion date has been pushed back to late spring of 2023.

Our Community Center is hiring more staff and has planned great indoor and outdoor events for spring, summer and fall. Watch for the seasonal mailings or see our website to take advantage of the programs offered.

We have reached out to our state legislators for possible grant dollars for the planned upgrades to City Hall Park. In addition, we hired a consultant to do a feasibility study for a proposed



income producing expansion of our Community Center. The consultant has interviewed the City Council, Department Heads, and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission. The consultant will also measure community, trade area, and regional demand to determine if the project is fiscally sound. I hope we will see the report by the end of May.

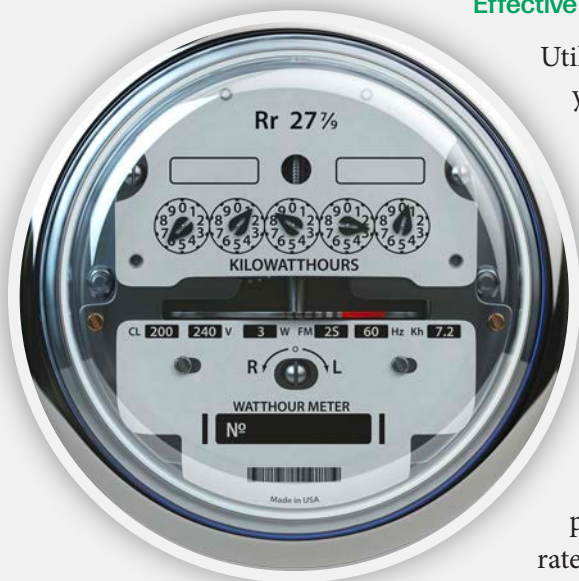
SBM Fire Chief Charlie Smith has announced he will be retiring in May. Our former Mayor Joe Flaherty serves on the SBM Fire Board, who will lead the search for the Chief's replacement. Thank you for your service, Chief Smith.

The other day, I was telling a friend how happy I am to live in our close knit, faith based community. While we have many wonderful faith based organizations in Mounds View, I was referring more to the common faith we all share. We know the sun always comes up in the morning, even if it's too foggy, cloudy, or rainy to see. If we call 911, our first responders come to the rescue. If it snows, the city plows will be out to clear the roads and sidewalks. If our car gets stuck in the snow, neighbors will help push us out. No matter what new challenges surface from the Corona virus and its variants, I have faith we will get through this together.

Stay safe, be well
Carol A. Mueller

Utility Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2022



Utility rates for Storm Water Management increased by \$1 per quarter or \$4 per year. The Street Light rate is unchanged for 2022. The Water Utility base charge increased \$1 per quarter to \$20 and the variable water rates changed as follows: \$.10 increase per thousand gallons for the first 12,000 gallons to \$2.60 per thousand, \$.11 increase per thousand gallons for the next 12,000 gallons to \$2.86 per thousand and a \$.13 increase per thousand gallons to \$3.29 per thousand gallons for amounts over 24,000 gallons per quarter, this will cost approximately \$11.44 annually based on average use. The Sanitary Sewer base charge increased \$1.58 to \$41.06 and the variable charge increased \$.13 per thousand gallons used based on winter quarter usage to \$3.27 per thousand gallons. Sanitary Sewer rates increased by \$15.68 annually based on average use. Overall, the rate increases will add \$31.12 annually or \$7.78 per quarter or \$2.59 per month for the average user. (18,000 gallons) Complete rates are located on the City's website www.moundsviewmn.org under "I Want To..." and, "Fee Schedule".

Looking Ahead to 2022

What will this year bring, certain heartbreak on the gridiron if history is to be any indicator! Maybe some joy for the State of Hockey between the Wild, Whitecaps and the plethora of Division 1 (men's and women's) hockey teams with championship potential!

Despite the lingering pandemic, future endemic; 2022 promises to be a year full of wonderful opportunities and improvements for the City of Mounds View.

Despite the pandemic, labor shortages, increase in crime, and climate challenges facing us; we are poised for progress this coming year. It begins with the fact our work force, sans some seasonal staff; is very stable. Despite challenges with wage competition from larger cities, we have reduced our turnover to retirements. Since most of what a city does is provide services; having a stable work force provides the foundation for being able to do those things that need to be done.

Having this foundation allows Council to engage in strategic planning and subsequently, have staff carry out those tasks necessary. It's all but certain the affordable senior building on the former Skyline will break ground yet this spring along with more redevelopment on the Boulevard – Simons Liquor Store site being the most likely. For the first time in decades, it's more than possible that we will see a small number (12 to 20) of single family home lots become available for those desiring to have a custom home built in Mounds View, but few options existed until now.

We will continue our march towards 100% rebuild of all infrastructure with the Water Treatment Plants (all three)



rehabilitation scheduled for completion this year, the last of our major street reconstruction projects starting (Spring Lake Road and Pleasantview north of the BLVD in 2022), a substantial number of feet (twice the normal) of our City owned sanitary sewer lines being slip-lined, and the first ever forensic assessment of our many storm water ponds. That assessment is much needed, a bit overdue, and will result in a 10-year capital plan detailing specific needs to assure water quality and optimum functionality of these ponds which most of us don't think about. However, these ponds play a substantial and integral role with dual functions, prevention of flooding during big rain events, and filtering of contaminants to reduce contamination of our ground water supplies.

Crime will be our greatest challenge as the problems and issues are many, complex, and challenging in that we are only a small piece of the system with the courts, legislature, and corrections all embroiled in different approaches.

While Canine Officer Niko has retired, his replacement is here (canines come from Europe) and Officer Aase has been selected as the handler. Their training will start this spring. Our canine officers have proven their immeasurable value in de-escalation, tracking – apprehension, and officer safety. They are an invaluable tool in our efforts to keep our citizens, and officers safe.

Development Updates

Caribou Cabin, 2404 Mounds View Boulevard, will open this spring. **Belden River View**, County Road I and Pleasant View Drive, is a four lot subdivision (one existing home). Construction will begin this spring with single-family homes starting at \$500,000. **The Villas of Mounds View**, 4889 Old Highway 8 (former Skyline Motel), is a planned 120-unit apartment building, age (55+) and income restricted. The project will include one, two, and three bedroom units, underground parking, and multiple activity rooms. Construction will begin this spring, and conclude fall of 2023.





Mounds View Designated “SolSmart Bronze” for Advancing Solar Energy Growth

Mounds View received the Bronze designation from the national SolSmart program for making it faster, easier, and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar.

This designation recognizes Mounds View for taking bold steps to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to solar development. SolSmart uses objective criteria to award communities points based on the actions they take to reduce barriers to solar energy development. For companies looking to expand, a SolSmart Bronze designation is a signal that Mounds View is “open for solar business.”

SolSmart is led by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. Mounds View is one of only 400 cities, counties, and small towns to have achieved SolSmart designation since the program launched in 2016.

As a SolSmart designee, Mounds View is helping solar companies greatly reduce the cost of installations and pass those savings on to consumers. This allows even more local homes and businesses to obtain affordable, clean, and reliable electricity through solar. The actions taken will help encourage solar companies to do business in the area, driving economic development and creating local jobs.

Visit the Mounds View website www.MoundsViewMN.org to learn more on Mounds View’s Solar Resources webpage. You can find the link on the Building Inspection & Permits webpage. The webpage also offers many other helpful links including CEE home improvement loans and energy audits.

Protect pollinators with bee-friendly insecticides

Pollinators are essential to the health of our plants that provide food and habitat for us and other animals. They move pollen from the male part of the plant to the female part of another plant, allowing these plants to make seeds and reproduce. But pesticides can be fatal to bees and other pollinators.

As you maintain your gardens and landscaping this year, think about protecting pollinators like bees, flies, wasps, moths, butterflies, birds and bats.

Neonicotinoids are a type of insecticide that is fatal to bees and other pollinators. If you have a problem with insects, try to remove them without using chemicals. Refer to the University of Minnesota Extension website for options or call the Master Gardener line at 612-301-7590 (English only) for free advice.

If you must use chemicals, use those without neonicotinoids that are safe for pollinators. Check the label for this information. Be sure to follow all instructions on the label while using the product.



Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, poisonous gas. Your senses cannot detect its presence. CO is produced by anything in your home that burns fuel inefficiently. Sources include, but are not limited to: gas dryers, furnace, stove/burner or water heater, fireplace, automobile fumes, and portable heaters.

It is important to have a CO alarm for early warning and detection. In Minnesota, you must install CO alarms within 10 feet of bedrooms. If people sleep on multiple levels, there must be a CO alarm on every level. Check CO alarms regularly to be sure they function properly. CO alarms last between five (5) and 10 years per the manufacturer’s date, which is located on the back of the device.

If you’re interested in participating in a CO data study and receiving a free CO alarm, or you want to schedule a confidential home safety survey, call 763-767-4003. For a short survey regarding home safety, visit <https://bit.ly/2VO1hNX>.



Public Safety

Polar Plunge

Members of the Mounds View Police Department braved the cold weather January 29, 2022 and participated in the Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics Minnesota in White Bear Lake.

MVPD raised \$6,478, more than doubling last year's total! Donations help offer athletes the opportunities to participate in the Athletic Leadership and Healthy Athletes Programs, work at the Special Olympics Minnesota state office, and best of all, train and compete in a variety of sports all year.

Follow the Mounds View Police Department on



Instagram @moundsview_pd



Nextdoor.com



Twitter @MoundsView_PD



Mounds View Police Department Steps up Speed Enforcement

As the weather continues to warm up, the Mounds View Police Department is going to be stepping up traffic enforcement with an emphasis on speeding. According to the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the below statistics represent traffic fatalities between January-November 2021:

- 427 traffic crashes in 2021, compared with 340 in 2020
- 465 people killed in traffic crashes in 2021, compared with 365 in 2020

Of the 465 fatalities:

- 21 people died in distracted driving-related crashes
- 150 people died in speed-related crashes
- 114 people died in alcohol-related crashes
- 103 people died who were unbelted

Speeding continues to be one of the major causes for traffic crashes and fatalities which is why officers are going to be stepping up enforcement. The Mounds View Police Department also has a radar trailer and a portable speed sign that can be placed throughout the City to remind motorists to slow down.

Speeding is not only unsafe but it is also illegal. If motorists are stopped for speeding, they can be issued a citation resulting in a fine.

Speed fines in Minnesota can be found at:

[2021-Traffic-Criminal-Payables-List.pdf \(mncourts.gov\)](#)

If there are areas where extra speed enforcement is needed, please contact the police department at 763-717-4070.

**“Obey
the Sign
or Pay
the Fine”**





Water Restrictions – NEW INFORMATION!

Watering Restrictions in effect May 1st to September 30th.

Mounds View has three levels of restrictions, or “tiers” for water conservation. **Tier #2** (odd/even PLUS no watering between 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) will begin on May 1st and be in effect through September 30th.

Tier #1 Restrictions: Odd/Even (automatically begins May 1st)

All properties with addresses ending with an odd number (7501, 5207, etc.) may water on odd numbered calendar days (June 11th, September 3rd, etc.) and all properties ending with an even number (2642, 7258, etc.) may water on even numbered calendar days (June 12th, September 4th, etc.).

Tier # 2 Restrictions: Odd/Even Plus No Watering Between 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tier #3 Restrictions: Citywide Ban on All Lawn Sprinkling

These additional restrictions are established by order of the Director of Public Works/Parks and Recreation after notification of the City Administrator and the Mayor.

Public Works



City of Mounds View Partners with Minnesota DNR on Community Forestry Project

If you spent time at Silver View Park this winter, you may have noticed some interesting new signage adorning many of the parks ash trees. The City recently partnered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) on a community forestry project aimed at reducing the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on urban forests and replanting those spaces with a diverse array of tree species.

EAB was first identified within the City in 2017, and since then, the Forestry department has been committed to diligently removing hazard ash trees from public spaces. While some ash trees will be treated with a preventative insecticide and remain indefinitely, the majority of ash trees in maintained public areas have been removed as part of an ash tree hazard mitigation program that will end in 2022.

This last push, paid for largely by a MNDNR 2021 Shade Tree Program Bonding Grant, will seek to remove many of the City’s few remaining ash trees in maintained public areas and replant them with at least 70 new trees representing 14 different Midwest native tree species. This increased diversity will ensure that Mounds View’s urban forests are diverse and resilient for years to come.



Water Main Flushing

Public Works performs water main flushing after the snow has melted and ground becomes thawed; this year it is scheduled for the week of April 25, 2022. Flushing the water mains is done by opening the fire hydrants and letting the water flow at a high rate, which removes sand and sediment that has settled in the water main pipes since last flushing. During and shortly after water main flushing, you may experience low water pressure or discoloration of the water. Please note that this is only for a short period and your normal water service will be restored. If you choose to wash clothes during this period of flushing, remember to check your washer at EVERY FILL CYCLE for “brown colored” water and discontinue the cycle until the water runs clear again.



Sewer Backup

The Mounds View Public Works Department suggests any resident experiencing a sewer backup call the Public Works Department immediately so the sewer main can be checked for blockages. Public Works can be reached at 763-717-4050, Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., after hours assistance can be obtained by calling Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-484-9155.



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 all 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

Reporting Potholes, Frozen Storm Drains, and Snow Plow Damage

Contact Mounds View Public Works to report any potholes, frozen storm drains, or boulevard/mailbox damage by snow plowing operations this past winter.



2022-2023 Street Project



2401 Mounds View Boulevard
Mounds View, MN 55112

**Dated Material Postmaster:
Time Sensitive Mail**

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

5394 Edgewood Drive

Main Line: 763-717-4040

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday 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 2021

Council Member: Bill Bergeron

City Hall: 763-717-4003

Home: 763-780-2937

Council Member: Theresa Cermak

City Hall: 763-717-4005

Mobile: 763-786-7051

Council Member: Al Hull

City Hall: 763-717-4004

Home: 763-600-1102

Council Member: Gary Meehlhause

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Recycling: Size matters

Did you know it's important to pay attention to size when it comes to recycling certain items?

Here's a quick guide.

Large plastic containers, like laundry baskets, storage bins and five-gallon buckets, are not accepted in recycling. They jam the sorting machines at recycling facilities. Put plastic containers larger than three gallons in the trash instead.

Small pieces of paper, like shredded paper, sticky notes and small receipts, are not accepted. The small pieces are difficult to sort at the recycling facilities and therefore don't get recycled. The general guideline is to recycle paper larger than the size of an index card. Contact your hauler for specific guidelines.

Big pieces of cardboard can be cut or torn into smaller pieces to fit better and don't get stuck in your recycling cart. Some haulers also allow cardboard to be stacked and tied together next to your cart.

