Join Us for the Annual

Town Hall Meeting

Monday

March 20

6:00–8:30 p.m.

Location: Mounds View City Hall

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Mounds View, MN 55112
763-717-4000

**City Website**
www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us

**City Email**
moundsview@ci.mounds-view.mn.us

www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us
Dear neighbors and friends,

Even though this is the Spring edition of the Mounds View Matters, I would like to begin by wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. I would also like to congratulate Sherry Gunn and Gary Meehlhouse for their dedication and commitment to serve another four years on our City Council. Most of all, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your mayor. I plan to continue attending meetings and seminars to stay up to date and knowledgeable about opportunities and challenges facing the metro area and our community. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with ideas, questions, and concerns.

I have four progress reports to share with you.

I-35W Sound Wall:
After trees and branches are cleared out of the right of way between County Road H2 and County Road I, concrete support columns and the wooden sound wall structure will be installed in that area. The remainder of the sound wall north of County Road I and wrapping around Highway 10 are programmed to be completed with MnDOT’s I-35W North Project, scheduled to begin in 2018 or 2019, depending upon funding availability.

Public Works Building:
Mounds View will be opening bids for the new Public Works Building on February 21, 2017. Because of our excellent bond rating, the net interest cost for the project will be under 3%. Construction is expected to start in late summer.

City Website Improvements:
Business Development Coordinator Brian Beeman and community volunteers are working with a website developer to ensure the Mounds View website is user friendly and interactive with whatever type of electronic device one uses to access it. The improvements should be completed by early July.

Commissions & other volunteer opportunities:
I am pleased to report that all of the openings on the Charter Commission have now been filled. There does however remain an open seat on the Police Civil Service Commission at this time.

We are seeking volunteers for the Heartsafe Community Project, Festival in the Park, the Veteran’s Memorial Project, Neighborhood Watch Teams, and our branch of the Ramsey County Library, to name a few.

Police Chief Harder is seeking volunteers to be the department’s “go to” group for community relations projects, like Night to Unite, Shop With a Cop, and the Daddy/Daughter Dance.

In addition, Mounds View will celebrate its 60th Anniversary in 2018, and we are seeking volunteers now to plan our celebrations.

The creativity, knowledge, experience, and fellowship of our volunteers builds and strengthens community bonds and helps us achieve our goals. Whether it’s an hour a month or an hour a week, we need you—please volunteer!

In closing, I would like to congratulate Officer Nate Garland, recipient of the Northeast Youth & Family Services 2017 Service to Youth Award, which was presented on February 9, 2017. Please take a moment to congratulate him on his service the next time you see him.

With warm regards,
Carol

[Signature]
CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW
TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 20, 2017
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The City of Mounds View will be holding its 13th annual Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017, at Mounds View City Hall, located at 2401 Mounds View Boulevard. As in past years, there will be displays and city department exhibits. The City will also give a short presentation to discuss the vision and goals of the City for 2017. If you are not able to attend in person, the meeting will be broadcast live on Mounds View Television, web streamed online and replayed on the cable channel and available for on demand web replay.

There will be ample opportunities to ask questions of the Mounds View City Council and City Staff. For more information, please refer to the City’s website at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us, or contact Mounds View City Hall at 763-717-4000. Below is the agenda of events:

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. City Presentations
6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Award Presentations
6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Mayor’s City Address
6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Vision, Mission and Goals for 2017
Speaker: Jim Ericson, City Administrator
7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Final Thoughts and Questions

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. City Exhibits
- Community Development Department
- Finance Department
- Police Department
- Public Works Department
- SBM Fire Department
- Mounds View Event Center
- YMCA/Mounds View Community Center
- Recycling

8:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting Adjourns

Ask the City Administrator

Do you have a question or comment about City services, operations, procedures or policies? If so, we want to hear from you. Please call the City Administrator at 763-717-4001, or fill out this form and mail to:
City Administrator, Mounds View City Hall, 2401 Mounds View Boulevard, Mounds View, MN 55112.

Question/Comment ____________________________________________________________
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Name ___________________________________________ Phone ________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________________
I would like a response by telephone _____ mail _____ email _________________________ no response required _____

Mounds View Matters
NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The City held an election on November 8, 2016, for Mayor and City Council. Former Council member Carol Mueller ran for Mayor and won the seat. This caused a vacancy for a City Council member seat with a term expiration date of December 31, 2018. In accordance with §4.05, subd. 1 of the Mounds View City Charter, when a vacancy in an elected office of the City occurs with 365 days or more remaining in the term of the vacated office, there shall be a special election of the unexpired term of the office vacated. Therefore, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be conducted at the Mounds View Community Center (Event Center) in Mounds View on March 7, 2017. The hours of voting in all polling places will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The following offices will be on the ballot:

Mounds View City Council Member

Voting will take place at the following polling places.

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A public test of the voting system to be used at the special election will be conducted on February 24, 2017, at the Ramsey County Elections office, located at 90 West Plato Boulevard, in St. Paul.

Eligibility to Vote
You can vote in Ramsey County if on Election Day you:
- will be at least 18 years old
- are a citizen of the United States
- are a Minnesota resident for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- are a resident of Ramsey County and the precinct in which you wish to vote
- are not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court revokes your right to vote
- are not found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote because, if you have been convicted of a felony, your felony sentence has expired (been completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence

You can vote by absentee ballot via mail or in-person starting on January 24, 2017. Beginning on February 28, 2017, voters can vote in-person absentee at Mounds View City Hall during the following hours:
- February 28–March 3, 2017: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4, 2017: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 6, 2017: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sample ballots can be found on the City’s website at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us. For more information, contact Ramsey County Elections at elections@co.ramsey.mn.us or go to www.rcelections.org.

Utility Rate Changes
Utility rates for Storm Water Management will be unchanged. The Street Light rate will increase $0.25 per quarter or $1 per year. The Water Utility base charge will increase $2 per quarter for the Water Utility, with no increase in the variable water rate, this will cost $8 annually. The Sanitary Sewer Utility base charge will increase $1.86 and the variable charge will increase $.15 per thousand gallons used based on winter quarter usage. The City received a 2.19% increase in the cost of treatment from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. Sanitary Sewer rates will increase by $16 annually based on average use. Overall, the rate increases will add $25 annually or $6.25 per quarter or $2.08 per month for the average user.

Effective January 1, 2017
Is Your Driveway Crumbling and Cracking? Do You Need More Parking Space?

If you have a driveway in need of replacement or want to add more parking area, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, regarding the regulations, a driveway needs to be set back from side lot lines by at least five feet, shall be no more than 24 feet wide at the street, and the top of the driveway may be the width of the garage plus 12 feet or 35 feet wide, whichever is greater. Small (max of 300 square feet) gravel parking areas may be installed with a minimum of 4 inches of Class 2 rock or similar material compacted into place.

All driveway installations or additions require a zoning permit. If you hire a contractor to do the work, they must be licensed either with the City of Mounds View or hold a Contractors license with the State of Minnesota. While licensure may not guarantee quality workmanship, it does indicate that the contractor carries the appropriate levels of insurance coverage, among other things.

If your driveway is presently out of code compliance, yet is in need of replacement, the code requires that the driveway be made consistent with current City Codes. However there are processes by which a few exceptions can be made. Please contact Community Development staff if you feel this applies in your case.

Along with the zoning permit, a plot plan is required showing where your driveway is on the lot, the dimensions and distances from property lines. The zoning permit application and plot plan form can be found on the City website at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us, or you can contact Community Development staff at 763-717-4022 or permits@ci.mounds-view.mn.us. We are here to help you and to ensure all construction in the City is compliant with local and state rules and regulations. Good luck with your project!

Fences

A zoning permit is required prior to installing a fence ($30 permit fee, if 6’ tall or under). An application must be completed along with a sketch showing where the fence will be located in relation to all structures on the lot, and property lines. The City reviews the permit for fence height, material, location, and if there are known easements which the fence may interfere with. The finished side of the fence must face the neighbors' property. Your fence may be connected to your neighbor’s only if your neighbor signs a City form granting permission. A fence cannot be installed directly over the property line, but can be next to the property line. This is to ensure that the fence posts or footings do not disturb the property corner monuments. Property corners may be found by renting a metal detector, or by hiring a surveyor to stake the property. This is an added expense, but if your fence ends up on your neighbor’s property, confirming where the property corners are located first is cheaper than building the fence twice. The City cannot confirm the location of property corners, and is not liable for any fence constructed on a neighbor’s yard. Fence permit applications may be found on the City’s website www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us. For questions, please call the Community Development Department at 763-717-4022.

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*If on a corner lot, no fence may be within the sight triangle (30’ from property corner by street).
Permit Technician Sherri Eisenbraun

In January, Sherri Eisenbraun began as Permit Technician, replacing Barb Benesch who spent more than 38 years with the city. Sherri worked as an Office Support Specialist/Permit Technician for over 8 years for the City of Arden Hills. She holds several professional memberships including the International Code Council, Minnesota Building Permit Technicians Association, and 10,000 Lakes Chapter – ICC. In February of 2016, she passed her certification to become an ICC Certified Permit Technician.

Day to day, Sherri provides essential support to Community Development personnel with administrative detail to help ensure efficient and thorough operation of the Community Development Department. Sherri assists customers on matters specifically related to Community Development or other general inquires.

When she is not at work, Sherri, who currently lives with her husband in St. Francis, enjoys spending time with her three grown children, two dogs and a cat. She is also a big sports fan, Vikings and Wild being her favorites.

Updating the Comprehensive Plan

Every ten years, the City is required to update its Comprehensive Plan. This plan serves as a 20-year “guide” for how land will develop or redevelop. The plan will address a number of topics, such as housing, economic development, parks, and water, and will include goals, policies, and strategies of how these goals will be accomplished.

Comprehensive Plans generally have two purposes; (1) the plan is used to justify investments in public infrastructure, such as highways and sewer systems; and, (2) the plan is used to support the City Council’s decisions in approving development projects.

A nine-member Comprehensive Plan Taskforce will be created consisting of representatives of city commissions and two residents at-large. It is anticipated that the Taskforce will meet monthly, beginning spring/summer 2017, for about one year. The date and time of these meetings will be decided upon by the Taskforce members. The Comprehensive Plan will be significantly completed by mid-2018, and submitted to the Metropolitan Council for review by December 2018.

If you are a resident of Mounds View and have an interest in serving on this Taskforce, or have questions about it, please contact Jon Sevald at 763-717-4022 or jon.sevald@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.
Community Development

Business Development and Business Retention

The City continues to partner with our business community as we look for ways to meet the needs of our existing businesses and attract new businesses that help to enhance the quality of life that Mounds View enjoys. City staff visits multiple businesses each year to ask “How can we help?” Business Development Coordinator Brian Beeman takes note of any and all issues then works with the business to address or resolve those issues. A city that exists solely on the backs of the homeowner is hard to sustain—our businesses are a vital part of what Mounds View is all about.

Business Development efforts are a function of the City’s Community Development Department. Other departmental duties include planning and zoning, permits and inspections, and code enforcement activities. The department is spearheading efforts to market & develop the 4.25 acre “Crossroad Pointe” site on Mounds View Boulevard and County Road H2. The City had previously entered into a preliminary development agreement with a company to develop the land, however the developer couldn’t make the numbers work for the type of project they were proposing. As a result, City staff and the City Council are re-visiting what it would like to see on this prominent redevelopment site. Look for more discussions about this site in the months to come.

New Website Vendor Selected

On September 5, the City Council authorized setting up a Website Task Force. The first Task Force meeting was held September 28, 2016. A dozen or more website companies were initially contacted and the Task Force interviewed six qualified companies. On December 5, the Task Force ultimately and unanimously recommended Revize to the City Council. The Council approved the contract at their December 12 regular Council meeting. The initial kick-off meeting and design phase could start as early as February 2017 and would take approximately 5-6 months for the design phase and about around 15-17 weeks in the best case scenario to launch the new website. Please stay tuned for future updates in the upcoming Mounds View Matters.

License Required for Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

Each year, the City of Mounds View receives numerous requests for peddler/solicitor/transient merchant permits. The City regulates this activity and requires them to have a permit. The only way the City can control door-to-door sales is to require a permit while they do business in Mounds View. Before you open your door, ask to see the permit. If the peddler/solicitor/transient merchant does not produce a permit, then please contact Mounds View City Hall at 763-717-4000. If the peddler is selling door-to-door in your neighborhood after City Hall business hours, then please contact Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-484-9155, and a Mounds View Police Officer will be dispatched to your neighborhood.

Airport Noise Complaint Line

612-726-9411

The Metropolitan Airports Commission maintains a noise complaint line 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Concerned citizens may call this number or visit the MAC-noise website to file a noise complaint about a specific operation for MSP, the Anoka County/Blaine airport, or any MAC Reliever Airport at any time of the day or night.

www.macnoise.com
The Spring Lake Park Fire Department is now seeking applicants for several positions including Volunteer Firefighter, Public Fire & Life Safety Educator, and Fire Corps Volunteer. If you are a committed, professional adult looking to give back to your community—we have the opportunity for you! No previous experience is necessary and all training will be provided. Some positions include hourly pay and retirement pensions. If you are over 18 years of age and feel this is an opportunity for you, please contact Maddison Zikmund at mzikmund@sbmfire.com or 763-767-4003. More information, including application materials, can be found on our website by visiting www.sbmfire.com/operations/current-openings. There will be an information session on March 28 and March 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Station #3, 11920 Ulysses Street, Blaine.

2017 Annual Senior Safety and Wellness Fair

When: Thursday, May 4, 2017
Time: 8:30 a.m.: Check-in and Vendor Display
9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Safety and Wellness Fair
Where: Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department Station #3
11920 Ulysses Street, Blaine, MN 55434

Pre-registration is required. Deadline for pre-registration is April 14 or when full. For more information, please call 763-767-4003. Details and registration information are at www.sbmfire.com/community-programs/senior-safety-fair.

More SBM Fire Department Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 22: Fire 5K and Fun Run. 6:30 p.m. start.
Sunday, June 4: Home Alone Class
Events held at SBM Fire Station #3.

Bike Helmet Events

April 4

- Helmets on sale for $10
- Sizes from youth-adult

May 16

- No appointment necessary!
- Bring the whole family for fittings.

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive
Blaine, MN
4 to 7 pm
Underage Drinking

The Mounds View Police Department responds to several underage drinking parties each year. What these events have in common is the adult(s) are on vacation, no one is watching the house, and a teenager is left home alone.

When the police respond, the homeowner is contacted and the parents are requested to pick up any juveniles. Alcohol is confiscated and citations for underage consumption are issued. Medical assistance is provided if needed.

According to past Minnesota Student Surveys, teens say that adults are their primary source of alcohol. While alcohol can be easily accessed within the home, adult friends or siblings can also supply alcohol.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports “parents’ ability to influence whether their children drink is well documented and is consistent across racial/ethnic groups. Setting clear rules against drinking, consistently enforcing those rules, and monitoring the child’s behavior all help to reduce the likelihood of underage drinking.”

The MVPD works with area businesses to encourage the checking of IDs during alcohol sales. Those that are found to have violated this law are prosecuted. Alcohol is prohibited in city parks.

While parents are away, the MVPD recommends:
- Having a teenager stay with friends or family
- Secure alcohol
- Request a neighbor or friend check on the house
- Notify the police department of a vacation

When hosting parties:
- Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events during prom and graduation season
- Be at home when your teenager has a party
- Make sure your teenagers friends do not bring alcohol into your home
- Do not reserve hotel rooms for teens to stay at after a prom or event

MN DNR Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Course in April

The Mounds View Police Department is sponsoring a Minnesota Firearms Safety/Hunter Education certification course. Students must be at least 11 years old. Classes will be held at Mounds View City Hall, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 11–April 27. 100% attendance is required by DNR standards. The course consists of 17 hours of classroom and field experience in the safe handling of firearms, first aid, and hunter safety. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a certificate that will allow him or her to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota. For more information and to register, please contact Investigator Pete Berling, 763-717-4087.

Upcoming Car Seat Clinics

FEBRUARY 22
MARCH 15
FIRE STATION #3
11920 Ulysses Street NE
Blaine, MN
4 to 7 pm

By Appointment Only
Call 763-767-4003
Community Service Officer Ismail Omar

In January, Ismail Omar started with the Mounds View Police Department as the new Community Service Officer. This position is similar to the previous Public Service Officer position that has been vacant for several months. Ismail previously has worked as a Minneapolis Police Reserve officer, and has a security background. Ismail has also served as the youth coordinator for the “Building Blocks” youth outreach program. He graduated from St. Cloud State University with a bachelor degree in criminal justice.

Ismail’s day to day duties include: animal control, assisting with traffic control, speed trailer, speed signs, assistance with outreach efforts, and transportation of squad cars for maintenance, transport of evidence, non custodial transports, and many other duties as necessary.

Ismail grew up in Somalia and Pakistan and his family immigrated to the US when he was twelve and lived in several states before settling in Minnesota. He brings much needed language skills to the department to include: Somali, Hindi, and Urdu. In his spare time Ismail plays soccer, rides a motorcycle, and enjoys traveling.

Officer Nate Garland Receives NYFS Service to Youth Award

The Mounds View Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Nate Garland has been chosen as a recipient of the Service to Youth Award from Northeast Youth and Family Services. This annual event honors people who provide outstanding services or activities for the benefit of youth in their primary service area. Northeast Youth & Family Services is a community-based non-profit agency which prepares youth and families for healthy lives. Mounds View is one of their municipal partners.

Officer Nate Garland has almost single handedly organized all of the community outreach efforts of the Mounds View Police Department. His community engagement programs over the last several years include Bowling with a Cop, Tubman Diaper and Supplies Drive, Mounds View Police Department Adopt a Highway, National Night Out, Back to School supply drive, NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition, Thanksgiving food drive, and Shop with a Cop. He organized neighborhood watch groups and Veterans Day recognition programs at multiple retirement homes. Officer Garland also acts as co-administrator for the Police Department’s social media.

Officer Garland was honored on February 9 at the NYFS Discovery and Event Center in Shoreview.
Public Safety

Tax-Related Scams

Common tax season scams reported to the Mounds View Police Department include:

- **Identity theft**: Taxpayer information is stolen and used to file a fraudulent tax return. People aren’t aware they have been the victim until the IRS rejects their return due to a previously filed fraudulent return.
- **“Phishing”**: Phony websites or emails from a scam artist impersonating the IRS are used as bait to obtain personal information to file a fraudulent tax return.
- **Intimidation scams**: Scam artists impersonate IRS or MN Department of Revenue to intimidate people (usually by threat of arrest or warrant) to demand a payment for supposedly owed taxes.

Tips for avoiding scams:

- Never provide personal or financial information to unknown individuals over the phone, through email, or text message.
- Check your credit report at least once a year and report inaccuracies.
- Request credential of tax preparers.
- Use security software with firewall and anti-virus protection.
- Do not click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious emails.
- If mail is sent to your residence, pick it up promptly or make arrangements with a trusted neighbor.
- Consider having mail sent to a secure P.O. Box location.

What to do if you are victimized:

- File a complaint with the FTC at [identitytheft.gov](http://identitytheft.gov).
- Contact a major credit bureau to place a “fraud alert” on your credit records.
- Contact your financial institutions, close accounts opened without your permission or tampered with by identity thieves.
- Contact the IRS immediately at 1-800-908-4490.
- Contact the Police Department only if a loss is incurred or at the request of the IRS or financial institution. The IRS and most financial institutions have their own investigative agencies.


Safe Motorcycle Riding Tips

With the good weather just around the corner, are you ready to break out the motorcycle from storage???

Follow these safe riding tips from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

**For motorcyclists:**

- Assume you are invisible to other drivers.
- Look where you want to go.
- Countersteer, not body lean, to lean the motorcycle.
- Use both brakes.
- Never stop riding the bike. Maintain control, laying it down is not a strategy.
- While riding in a group: arrive prepared, hold a riders’ meeting, keep the group to a manageable size (5–7 riders), ride in formation, periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror.
- While encountering an animal use both brakes to stop.

**For motorists:**

- When turning left: Most crashes between vehicles and motorcycles involve turning left at an intersection. If crossing traffic or turning left, look twice for motorcycles before turning.
- **Blind spots**: Motorcycles are easily hidden in traffic. Always take a second look over your shoulder—don’t rely solely on your mirrors.
- **Weather**: Rain and sun glare can make a motorcycle “invisible”. Take an extra moment to make sure the way is clear.
- **Signals**: Use turn signals. This allows the rider to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- **Larger vehicles**: Cars and trucks can conceal a motorcycle traveling behind it. Take an extra moment after a larger vehicle passes before beginning a turn.
- **Eye contact**: Motorcyclists make eye contact often to feel confident that other drivers see them. Give a nod back to acknowledge them.
- **Distance**: Motorcyclists prefer to use a large space cushion, allowing them more time to react. Do not cut in front of a motorcycle and eliminate the safe following distance.
- **Signals**: Most motorcycle turn signals do not cancel automatically. If a cycle is coming, and the signal is flashing, wait a moment for the cycle to pass.

Source: Office of Traffic Safety, A Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, [dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots](http://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots)
Public Safety

Home or Business Safety Survey
Schedule a free home or business safety survey with the Mounds View Police Department. Get a personalized evaluation of your property and learn ways to prevent property crime!

S.A.V.E Program
Check out the Safe Adult Validation and Education (S.A.V.E.) Program if you or a loved one are over the age of 65, live independently, and want the peace of mind of being checked on regularly. Our agency offers this program to provide early interventions and resources on issues that affect senior citizens.

HEARTSafe CPR Training
HEARTSafe CPR training is currently being offered to anyone interested in learning CPR and AED use. The training is free. Learn how you can be the help!

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Officer Kirsten Heineman at 763-717-4064 or kirsten.heineman@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.

Parking Regulations
The Mounds View Police Department would like to remind all citizens of the overnight parking ban that prohibits parking on all streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. This ordinance is in effect all year and covers all streets and highways in the City of Mounds View.

It specifically reads: Generally, 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.: No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle or trailer on any street or highway in the City between the hours of two o’clock (2:00) a.m. and six o’clock (6:00) a.m., except as otherwise authorized by this chapter or unless directed by a police officer or traffic control device. (City Ordinance 802.08 Subd. 1)

Please contact the Mounds View Police Department between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 763-717-4070 with any questions.

Recycling 101:
Keep the Caps On
Please rinse bottles and jars and put the caps back on before placing into your recycling cart. Loose caps will fall through the gears at the recycling facility and end up as trash.

Who Do I Call?
Mounds View Public Works: 763-717-4050
(Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.)
Email: publicworks@ci.mounds-view.mn.us

Street Project Hotline: 763-717-4055
(for street construction related issues)

Ramsey County Dispatch: 651-484-9155
(for City urgencies outside normal business hours)

Ramsey County Public Works: 651-266-7100
(for all concerns with the following roadways)
- Mounds View Boulevard (County Road 10)
- County Road H
- Silver Lake Road
- County Road I (Silver Lake Road to I-35W)
- Long Lake Road
- Old Highway 8

Xcel Energy:
1-800-960-6235 (to report a street light outage)
1-800-895-1999 (to report a power outage)
1-800-895-2999 (to report a gas leak)
www.xcelenergy.com

Water/Sewer Utility Billing:
763-717-4014
National Public Works Week:  
May 21–27, 2017

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. NPWW seeks to enhance the prestige of the often—unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public every day with quiet dedication. This year’s theme is “Public Works Connects Us”, celebrating the vital role that Public Works plays in connecting us all together.

What Does Public Works Do?

The Mounds View Public Works Department is responsible for the reliable and long-term operation, maintenance, repair, improvement, construction, and management of all municipal infrastructure. This includes drinking water supply and wastewater collection systems; streets, sidewalks, and trails; stormwater conveyance, ponds, and treatment systems; parks, recreational facilities, and forestry; buildings and grounds; and city motor vehicle fleet.

Mounds View Public Works is divided in three divisions: Administration, Engineering, and Maintenance. Maintenance is responsible for the daily operation, maintenance, and repair of the infrastructure and its equipment. Engineering is responsible for the planning, design, and construction/reconstruction of the infrastructure, mapping, permitting, engineering standards, and infrastructure asset management. Public Works Administration provides administrative support and leadership to the activities and operations of Public Works. All divisions work closely together to ensure the infrastructure is reliable, efficient, and provides the lowest life cycle cost.

Water Main Flushing

Public Works performs water main flushing after the snow has melted and the ground thaws. This year flushing is scheduled for April 24–28, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Flushing is done by opening the fire hydrants and letting water flow at a high rate. This removes any sediment that may have settled in the lines since flushing last year. During flushing you may experience low water pressure and discolored water. If you notice discolored water, turn on a bathroom or kitchen faucet on the lowest level of your home and run the cold water until it clears. This should take no more than 15 minutes. If you need to wash clothes during the flushing please remember to check the washer at EVERY FILL CYCLE, including mid-wash rinse cycle(s), to ensure that you have clear water.

Street Sweeping

Public Works crews sweep every mile of the City’s more than 43 miles of streets to help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable and to protect our waterways. Leaves, sediment and other debris on the streets can clog storm drains and pollute our lakes and rivers. Street sweeping normally takes five weeks to complete. Sweeping begins once the curblines are free of snow and ice. The crews continue to sweep until roughly the first snowfall.
Roadways Spring Load Limits

In regions of the United States where pavements are constructed in freeze-thaw environments, spring load limits (SLL) are typically used as a pavement preservation strategy. During the spring, pavement layers are generally in a saturated, weakened state due to partial thaw conditions and trapped water. The critical time for SLL is when the pavement first thaws, so proper measurement and prediction of freeze-thaw events are crucial to a successful load restriction strategy.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) determines when SLL are placed and removed by using actual and forecasted average daily temperatures, and Mounds View follows Mn/DOT SLL times. Current law specifies that all county, township, and municipal roads will begin and end SLL in common with the trunk highway system, unless these roads are posted otherwise. The City of Mounds View will post signs on streets with load restrictions when state load limits begin and leave these signs in place until the restrictions end. Load limits typically begin sometime in March or late April and last for 7 to 9 weeks.

Permits Required
Any trucks with loads over the posted limits must obtain a permit from Public Works. Permits will be issued to haulers who demonstrate that their load is unable to be lightened or adjusted. A permit fee is required at the time of issuance. These permit fees assist in deferring the cost of the damages caused by overweight vehicles to the roads during this important spring thaw period when road restrictions are posted and enforced. Please inform your contractor or supplier to contact Public Works BEFORE hauling if you are having any construction work done during SLL. Recycling trucks are exempt from SLL in accordance with state law.

Mn/DOT’s Office of Material and Road Research, is responsible for setting the load limits on the trunk highway system. Load limit information is available via:
Hotline: 651-366-5400 or 1-800-723-6543
Webpage: dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal_load_limits/sllindex.asp.

Lawn Watering Restrictions in Effect Beginning May 1 to September 30
City Code 906.12 restricts water sprinkling and irrigation activities each year beginning May 1 and ending September 30. The main goal of these restrictions is to reduce the potential for not meeting the water demands of the City for domestic use and fire protection.

Mounds View has three levels of restrictions, or “tiers”, for water conservation. Tier #1 (odd/even) will begin on May 1 and be in effect through September. If conditions warrant more strict levels of conservation (e.g., low aquifer levels), the City will notify the public by posting signs on entrances to the city, on the City webpage, and on the electronic sign located outside City Hall. These additional restrictions are established by order of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer after notification of the City Administrator and the Mayor.

- **Tier #1 Restrictions: Odd/Even (automatically begins May 1)**
  - All properties with addresses ending with an odd number (7501, 5207, etc.) may water on odd numbered calendar days (June 11, September 3, etc.) and all properties with ending with an even number (2642, 7258, etc.) may water on even numbered calendar days (June 12, September 4, etc.).
- **Tier #2 Restrictions: Odd/Even Plus No Watering Between 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Tier #3 Restrictions: Citywide Ban on All Lawn Sprinkling**

**Exception:** If you seed or sod during the watering ban period, please contact Public Works for a 30-day watering permit (no permit cost or fee). Properties located within the current street project are also exempt from the watering restrictions and do not need a permit. However, this exemption only applies to new sod or seed placed as part of the street project construction.
Are You Prepared For A Sewer Backup?

Sewer backups can happen. If you’ve ever experienced one, you know there’s a lot of time and money spent to correct the damage caused by the backup. Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease, and improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Grease can solidify in the sewer lines and restrict other waste from flowing through. The lines can be blocked by disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, washing machine lint, or similar items that might get flushed down the drain or toilet.

As a resident, you play an important role in keeping the City’s main sewer line and your own private sewer line clean and clear of blockages. The following items should be disposed of in your trash can, NOT in the sanitary sewer system:

- Diapers and ‘flushable’ wipes
- Sanitary napkins
- Rags or shop towels
- Garage waste products such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze
- Household waste such as ashes, corrosives, glass, metals, paint, poisons, or solvents
- Yard waste such as sand, soil or mud

If a sewer backup occurs on your property, the City encourages you to take the following steps:

1. Call the City immediately at 763-717-4050 during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) or 651-484-9155 outside normal business hours (Ramsey County Dispatch) to report the sewer backup. The City will work with you to identify the location of the blockage.
2. Make arrangements for the blockage to be cleared if it is determined to be in the individual sewer line to your property. Remember, you are responsible for scheduling and paying for service to clear such a blockage.
3. If you have homeowners or another type of property insurance coverage, notify your insurance agent of the sewer backup to see if such a claim is covered.
4. Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe and professional manner. It’s a good idea to use the services of a reputable company experienced in cleaning up after sewer backups.
5. Document the actions you take (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.

A Note Regarding ‘Flushable’ Wipes

Recently, there have been a number of news reports regarding the use of ‘flushable’ wipes and their impact on sewer collection and treatment systems. The City of Mounds View asks that residents NOT flush these wipes down their toilets. These wipes are ‘flushable’ in the sense that they will go down the toilet; however, they do not break down in water and as a result can snag on roots or pipe deformations. This blockage can eventually clog the sewer and cause a backup much further down the line.

Waste Oil & Oil Filter Disposal

Mounds View property owners can dispose of used motor oil and oil filters at the Ramsey County collection shed located at 1352 Ben Franklin Drive, Arden Hills, 55112, north of Highway 96 and west of Hamline Avenue.

Ramsey County Disposal Site
Hours of Operation are 24/7
All day—All night—Any day—Any time

www.ramseycounty.us/householdhazardouswaste
Public Works Facility

This summer the City will construct a new Public Works Facility at 2466 Bronson Drive. This new facility will provide additional space for equipment storage, mechanic and shop space, administrative offices, and cold storage. In addition, a new salt storage ‘shed’ and new fuel island for city vehicles will be built. Currently the project is out for bids. The bid opening is scheduled for February 21, 2017, after which it will be brought to City Council for award. Construction is anticipated to take 16 months and it should be complete sometime in late 2018.

Street and Utility Improvement Project

In 2017, the City will complete the Street and Utilities Improvement Program which involved reconstructing 26 miles of City-owned streets and associated underground utilities. The Program included design standards, a financing plan, a prioritization/implementation (staging) plan, and a communication plan for implementing reconstruction over nine individual street areas (A through I) with an estimated program cost of $28 million.

2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project – Area I

Area I consists of 3.55 miles of streets for reconstruction. This project began in the spring of 2016 and phases 1 through 3 were completed. Phases 4 and 5 will completed this summer. In addition there will one additional 2” ‘lift’ of asphalt placed on Quincy Street between Hillview Road and County Road I.
Public Works

Metropolitan Council
Sewer Interceptor
Maintenance

Proposed Action
In the summer of 2015 the Metropolitan Council began rehabilitation of several sections of sanitary sewer interceptors, with completion initially planned for late fall/early winter in 2016, that pass through the City of Mounds View. However, due to the heavy rainfall in September the section of interceptor in Greenfield Park will not be completed until sometime in late spring or early summer 2017.

Background
Interceptor improvements are required to improve the integrity of deteriorated pipe in the north area of the Metro Plant service area in the cities of Mounds View, New Brighton, Fridley, Coon Rapids, Shoreview, Champlin and Brooklyn Park. This interceptor exhibits severe corrosion damage of the pipe and structures. Approximately 3.6 miles of interceptor pipe will be lined or replaced. Maintenance structure rehabilitation and/or replacement are included in the improvements. The NE section is near Quincy Street and Hillview Road. To see specific information visit the Metropolitan Council’s website at: www.metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Sewer-Planning-Construction-Updates/Projects/Moundsvie.aspx where you can also sign up for regular notices. For further information, please contact Ron Grajczyk, Project Manager, 651-602-8921.

National Safe Digging Month
Each year, Minnesota’s underground facilities are jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 and have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in undesired consequences including service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death.

This April marks the ninth annual National Safe Digging Month, reminding Minnesota residents to always contact Gopher State One Call at least 48 hours (not including weekends or holidays) prior to any digging project. National Safe Digging Month is formally recognized by Minnesota Governor, Mark Dayton, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and the 1,700 nationwide members of the Common Ground Alliance, including Gopher State One Call.

Remember, if you are doing digging of any kind, call Gopher State One Call for utility locations at 651-454-0002 or toll free in Minnesota at 1-800-252-1166. This is not an option—It’s the law! www.gopherstateonecall.org

Emerald Ash Borer
Due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine, Ramsey County residents cannot transport ash trees, including ash limbs, branches, logs and untreated ash lumber with the bark attached, outside of Ramsey and Hennepin counties. This quarantine also applies to firewood of any hardwood species. To remain in compliance with the quarantine, some trash haulers no longer offer tree waste collection as part of their service to residents. However, residents have other options such as hiring a commercial tree or yard cleanup service to collect their tree waste. Ramsey County residents can also bring tree waste to a Ramsey County yard waste site. Visit www.ramseycounty.us/yardwaste.

Ramsey County residents who live in zip codes 55103, 55104, 55108, 55113, and 55117 are strongly encouraged to take ash limbs, branches, and logs to the Ramsey County Midway Yard Waste Site (located at 1943 Pierce Butler Route, St. Paul, MN 55114) to prevent spread of EAB to other parts of the County.

Recycling Quiz:
Household Hazardous Waste

Which items should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection?

A. Car batteries
B. Paint
C. Propane tanks
D. Used oil
E. All of the above

Answer: E. All of the above
Live Meeting Schedule

The following dates and times for City meetings are authorized by the City Council and cable cast live on Mounds View Television, Comcast Channel 16/CenturyLink Channel 8022. All meetings are held in the Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2401 Mounds View Boulevard. Due to lack of quorum or other circumstances, these meeting dates and times are subject to change and/or cancelation:

City Council 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. starting approximately March 27)
City Council Work Session 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. starting approximately April 3)
Charter Commission 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in March, May, July
Economic Development Authority 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Economic Development Commission 3rd Friday at 7:30 a.m.
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions about the playback schedule or meeting replays, please contact Vanessa Van Alstine, Cable Television Coordinator, at 763-717-4045 or vanessa.van.alstine@ci.mounds-view.mn.us. The current Mounds View Television schedule can be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us/mvtv.

Replay Meeting Schedule

Replay times are subject to change.

EDA & City Council Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m., Friday 12:00 a.m., Saturday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Sunday 3:00 p.m., Monday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday 8:00 a.m., Saturday 12:00 a.m.
Charter Commission Sunday 9:00 a.m., Tuesday 12:00 p.m., Wednesday 12:00 a.m., Friday 8:00 p.m.
Economic Development Commission Sunday 7:00 p.m., Tuesday 2:00 p.m., Thursday 12:00 a.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission Sunday 11:00 a.m., Tuesday 12:00 a.m., Wednesday 12:30 p.m., Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Sunday 12:00 a.m., Monday 8:00 a.m., Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Recordings of City meetings can be viewed at the Mounds View Library located at 2576 Mounds View Boulevard. DVDs are available 2 days after the meeting.

North Suburban Communications Commission

The North Suburban Communications Commission (NSCC) is a joint-powers venture that administers the cable franchise in nine cities: Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and St. Anthony. The Commissioner representing Mounds View is Council Member Sherry Gunn. The NSCC meets bimonthly on the first Thursday at the CTV North Suburbs studio in Roseville; the next meetings are scheduled for April 6 and June 1. NSCC meetings can be found at webstreaming.ctv15.org/typeview.php?regionid=86&typeid=44.

City Council Meeting Times to Change

The City Council passed an Ordinance allowing them to change start time of meetings. Work Session and Council Meetings will likely move to a 6:00 p.m. start time in late March or early April. Check the meeting calendars on the City website and the Mounds View Television bulletin board for updates.

Public, Educational and Government Access Channels on CenturyLink

The PEG channel assignments for CenturyLink have changed to be more consistent with Comcast channel numbering. The channels active on the system are:

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What’s Happening at the Mounds View Library!

**Music around the World**
Wednesday, March 29th, 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Learn more about world music and how to train your ear to pick out regional variations and common musical instruments. Relate music from many cultures to your own life and memories through a process known as Critical Response Protocol. Taught by local instructor Chris Granius, this class is relevant for beginners and music aficionados alike. For adults. No registration required.

**Read It Down**
First Saturdays: March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th
Got fines or fees? Read them away. Visit any Ramsey County Library on the first Saturday of every month to participate. Earn $1 for every 15 minutes you spend reading in the library. *For kids and teens 17 & under.*

**Family Storytime**
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Start your day with stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child’s early literacy skills! Storytime will take place every Wednesday through May 24th and begin again June 14th. Ages 2–5 with caregiver.

**Toddler Obstacle Course**
Saturday, March 14th, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Come join us in expending some pent up energy in this specially designed active obstacle course for little ones. Believe it or not, playing in an obstacle course-like structure can enhance bilateral skills, which directly correlate with early reading skills. Adults must remain with kids for the duration of playtime. Ages 6 months–5 years.

**Cookie Decorating**
Wednesday, March 22nd, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Come join in a session of cookie decorating! Supplies provided. Limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 7–12.

**Lego Club**
Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, April 7th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Build your own creation out of LEGO®s and show it off! LEGO®s available for in-library use. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

**Be Dazzled: Kaleidoscopes**
Friday, March 24th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Drop by for an afternoon of making kaleidoscopes. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

**NEW: Saturday Storytime**
Saturday, March 25th, 10:30 a.m. and
Saturday, April 29th, 10:30 a.m.
Start your day with stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child’s early literacy skills! Ages 2–5 with caregiver.

**Coloring Club**
Friday, April 14th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Come join in a session of detailed coloring for school age kids. We’ll color in a relaxed environment. Supplies provided. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

**Homework Help**
Did you know that Ramsey County Libraries offers Homework Rescue, an online live tutoring service? Tutors are available at no charge every day between 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and can help with anything from math problems to writing advice to foreign language practice. Visit www.rclreads.org and choose either the Teens or Kids page and look for the homework section to get started.

**Cloud Library E-books**
Ramsey County Library offers access to thousands of free e-books through the Cloud Library app. Books are available for Apple and Android devices, Kobo e-Readers, Chromebooks, Nook e-Readers, and Kindle Fire tablets. Stop in to learn more!

**One-to-One MNsure Help**
Need help applying for health insurance? Have questions about MNsure? Certified Navigators are available at Ramsey County libraries to provide free one-on-one assistance to enroll in health coverage. Call Health Access MN at 651-645-0215 to ask a question or make an appointment.

**Community Resource Advocates**
Need help with health care, housing, mental health, transportation, food shelves, finding child care, or other services? Community Resource Advocates are available to help at the Roseville Library every Thursday from 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Call 651-724-6062 for more information.

**Visit us in person or online!**
Mounds View Library
2576 Mounds View Boulevard
651-724-6004
www.rclreads.org

Monday 1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED
YMCA SUMMER RALLY DAYS

Saturday, March 4, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: Community Center, 5394 Edgewood Drive

Learn about summer youth programs:
- Summer Power (pages 32-33)
- Summer Youth Sports (pages 34-35)
- Summer Uproar (page 36)

Meet the staff, get your questions answered, find a fit, and have some fun!

Get a discount when you register during Rally Days.

Special Election, Tuesday, March 7

Vacant City Council member seat
Term expiring December 31, 2018

All four precincts vote at the Mounds View Community Center, 5394 Edgewood Drive.

Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
See page 4 for detailed information.