43rd Annual Festival in the Park—New Location!
Friday, August 16 & Saturday, August 17

Festival in the Park returns for two days of family fun! The parade kicks things off with a new time: Friday, August 16, starting at 7:00 p.m. Find your viewing spot as it heads from the Community Center east on Bronson Drive, south on Quincy Street, west on County Road H2, and north on Jackson Drive.

After the parade come to City Hall Park from 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. for a free street dance with The Elements, a classic rock band featuring music from the 1960s–today.

On Saturday, August 17, all of the action shifts to Silver View Park, 2700 County Road I. The YMCA Festival in the Park 5K starts at 8:30 a.m. with sign in starting at 7:30 a.m. Register now at active.com.

The 13th annual Car Show will be held 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on the soccer fields. All years, make, models of cars and trucks are welcome. Pre-registration is recommended, $10/vehicle, dash plaques to the first 100 registered. The Mounds View Lions food booth will be open early for breakfast, and enjoy music and trivia throughout the day with TUNES to GO! Trophy presentations start at 2:00 p.m.

All of your favorite activities will be at Silver View Park—craft and information show, Mounds View Police Foundation bingo, SBM Fire Department displays, children’s games, food vendors, and more. Most of the activities start at 10:00 a.m.

The Ramsey County Library-Mounds View will be hosting two storytimes and a pop-up library. Don’t have a library card? Bring ID and get your library card right at the Festival.

The Jimtones play a fantastic variety of rock, soul and funk music and take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Fireworks cap off the Festival at 9:40 p.m. Festival in the Park is now on Facebook at mvfestivalinthepark. Follow them to stay tuned for event details or visit www.mvfestivalinthepark.com.

City Hall Hours Changing
City Hall hours are changing for the summer. City Hall will be open to the public Monday–Thursday, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. starting June 3rd.

The Police Administration Staff will be open Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The Public Works department can be reached 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Monday–Friday.

Thank you Volunteers
Can you or your business help make Mounds View better? Check out I Want To... > Apply For > Volunteering on the Mounds View web site. Thank you CG Hill & Sons for volunteering time and providing a team of helpers to assist with clean up after the 2018 Festival in the Park!

Coast the Year
The 2018 Coach of the Year was awarded to Aaron Bahn. Mr. Bahn gave unselfishly of his time and coached both baseball and flag football teams for the youth in our community. Because of his coaching efforts, participants on his sporting teams made dramatic improvements over the season and grew within their athletic abilities.

Citizen of the Year
The 2018 Mounds View Citizen of the Year was awarded to Edgewood Middle School Principal Penny Howard. Ms. Howard has been supporting the youth in our community since 1990. In her capacity as Principal, Ms. Howard has been instrumental over the years with changes to the curriculum, community partnerships, school safety, restorative justice programs, school growth, and development.
Dear neighbors and friends,  
Hooray—summer is finally here! And yes, so is road construction...

The biggest project currently impacting our region is the three (3) year 35W North MnPASS Lane Project, which started this spring with the long-promised sound wall extension at the northern end of the City. The project runs from County Road C in Roseville all the way up to Sunset Boulevard in Lino Lakes. Sections of 35W will be restricted to two (2) lanes for most of the project. Daily updates will be posted on the MnDOT website at mndot.gov/metro/projects/35wnorthmnpass. For more information on the project call 651-800-4965 or email info@35WNorthMNPASS.com.

Within our City, the 2019 Street Project is pavement rehabilitation of Woodale Drive from Mounds View Boulevard to Edgewood Drive and includes new sidewalk on the south side of Woodale Drive.

I’m very excited to announce the major renovation of City Hall Park, with the Picnic Area, Playground, restrooms and Splash Pad should be completed by June/July. Contact our Community Center at 763-717-4040 if you would like to reserve City Hall Park for a birthday party, special family celebration, or group event.

The Mounds View 20 year Comprehensive Plan is done! A requirement of the Metropolitan Council, it must fit into the regional framework outlined in Thrive MSP 2040. Thank you to the residents who responded to the City survey and to the community volunteers who served on the Comprehensive Plan Taskforce through the last 18 months: John Kroeger, Bill Urbanski, Dennis Farmer, Angelica Klebsch, Marcie Weinandt, Theresa Muckala, Gary Rundle, and Justin Klander. A big kudos to Jon Sevald, our Community Development Director, who led the Comprehensive Plan Taskforce through many meetings and discussions which defined the vision of Mounds View 20 years into our future. Mr. Sevald wrote the final document which was submitted to pertinent governing authorities prior to submission to the Metropolitan Council.

Work is rapidly progressing on The Boulevard, the MWF Properties workforce housing project on the corner of Mounds View Boulevard and Groveland Road. When the construction is done, MWF will continue to own and manage the 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units which feature amenities such as underground parking and laundry facilities. Occupancy is anticipated for November-December 2019.

Congratulations to our Finance Team for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 16th year in a row!

The 2019 Festival in the Park festivities begin Friday night, August 16th, with the parade at 7:00 p.m., followed by a street dance in the City Hall Parking Lot. The band is The Elements, a local group performing classic rock and popular hits. Food and drink will be available at the event.

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Be safe, have a great summer, and remember to drive like our kids live here!

Citizen of the Year 2019

Would you like to nominate someone as the 2019 Citizen of the Year to be recognized during the 2020 Town Hall meeting? The candidate should exemplify courage and determination; demonstrate drive and initiative in their approach to overcoming challenges; volunteer a significant amount of time and energy to the betterment of our City and the residents; generate positive results for our community; and, not expect anything in return for their actions.

If you know someone who fits the Citizen of the Year criteria, please complete the fillable application which can be found on the City’s website at www.moundsviewmn.org or call 763-717-4000. Forms should be submitted by the first week of March, 2020 for the April 20, 2020, Town Hall Meeting.
Progress Report on Our Goals for 2019

The spring 2019 Mounds View Matters listed a number of goals which I want to follow up on in this issue:

- Completion of City Code update, codification, and making entire City website accessible
  - Chapters 800, 900, and 1000 are done.
    - Currently working on Chapter 1100, zoning and development.
- Redevelopment of Skyline Motel property.
  - Purchase agreement signed, closing in May.
  - We are in negotiations with a hotel developer.
- Completion of the Comprehensive Plan.
  - Draft now complete.
    - Taskforce, Council and all Commissions met April 23 for review; distributed to adjacent communities, Metropolitan Airports Commission and School District 621 which have 6 months to send comments back.
    - On track to submit final document to Metropolitan Council by end-of-year deadline.
- Implementation of the Strategic Plan.
    - Every council action item includes reference to what part of the Strategic Plan the action item is addressing.
- Continuation of development/redevelopment activity.
  - Boulevard, Crossroad Pointe, Mermaid, Long Lake Woods, and the Skyline are all in some stage of development/redevelopment and our Assistant City Administrator is overwhelmed with developer requests to meet on other opportunities in Mounds View.
- Phase 1 of Municipal Water System upgrade (first of three years).
  - Council approved initial engineering studies and contracts.
    - We are on schedule with this major upgrade.
  - Further completion of street reconstruction.
    - Woodale Drive from Long Lake Road to Edgewood Drive.
      - Bids opened with highly favorable prices and low bid was accepted with construction beginning soon.
- Finish upgrade to City Hall Park – including Splash Pad.
  - Contractors are back on site and we have a goal of opening June/July.
- Launch Police Reserve Unit.
  - Five (5) individuals have completed backgrounds for the Reserve Unit and are in training for the operational side.
  - One (1) individual who will focus solely on crime prevention.
- Increase production of information videos (3-7 minutes) and post on web and social media.
  - Major renovation and upgrade to AV and Broadcast equipment in the Council Chambers now complete which allows our Cable Television Coordinator to start migrating towards working on production goal.

As you can see, all but one of the goals (last one) has substantive work occurring or accomplished. Within all of these remains the commitment to extraordinary customer service. Finally, we continue to seek and encourage residents to get involved in our numerous opportunities to strengthen the community from Festival in the Park to our various commissions to the Police Foundation and the list goes on and on. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to discuss further if you are interested.

City Administrator
Nyle Zikmund

Dog Waste

Spring is here, with the annual spring melt wrapping up weeks ago. Anyone out walking their dogs surely recognizes the familiar sight of dog feces which emerged from underneath the melted snow. Here are some examples of why it is important to pick up dog feces, besides it being the right thing to do:

- Dog feces isn’t good for grass or plants as a fertilizer like other animal waste, because it’s too acidic and actually damages grass.
- Dog feces can contain dangerous bacteria and parasites like Salmonella, Coccidia, Roundworms, Tapeworms, Parvo, Giardia, and E. coli, which can make people and other dogs very sick.
- The EPA classifies dog feces as a pollutant in the same category as oil spills.
- Dog waste can take as long as a year to naturally break down. Especially since we live in a climate with a colder winter season. The other downside is that, as previously mentioned, the bacteria still lingers in the soil. If you leave the dog waste on the ground and it does eventually break down, all of the bacteria and parasites will be left to linger there for several more years.

In summary, it’s important to do your part! Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your dog.
Night to Unite Pre-Party
You’re invited to the Night to Unite pre-party hosted by the Mounds View Police Department on August 3rd at City Hall Park. Times are yet to be determined. Residents can visit with Mounds View Police Officers, SBM Firefighters, Mounds View Police Foundation, and many more!

This is a great family-friendly afternoon where the Police K9s demonstrate their skills and kids can play a scavenger hunt through the activities.

Event details will be updated on nextdoor.com or the Mounds View Police Twitter page (@MoundsView_PD).

Bike Safety at Ramsey County Library
The Mounds View Police Department and SBM Fire Department will be at the Ramsey County Library-Mounds View on June 17th from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. for a bike safety event as part of their summer youth reading program.

Helmets will be available for $10. Fitting for any helmet will be FREE! (Anyone who cannot purchase a helmet is encouraged to speak with a firefighter or police officer at the time to ensure everyone leaves with a helmet.)

Pending weather conditions, the Police Rockwall will be up. Kids can play games, win prizes, and have a nice afternoon at the library.

Frisby Award
Mounds View Police Officer Brian Schultes and Minnesota State Trooper Brandon Engen received the Trooper Rob Frisby Award. The award is given every two (2) years to a Mounds View Police Officer and West Metro District Trooper who exemplify Trooper Frisby's core values of Teamwork, espirit de corps, knowledge, respect, integrity, courage, and honor.

Trooper Frisby's family was on hand this year to present the award to these outstanding law enforcement officers.

Night to Unite
This year residents across the City will host block parties in honor of Night to Unite on August 6th. In past years, residents have participated with National Night Out. The celebration continues with the gathering of neighbors, encouraging of information sharing and spending time with community members. The only difference for residents is the name of the event.

Anyone interested in hosting a gathering, please contact Officer Kirsten Heineman for resources and information at 763-717-4064 or kirsten.heineman@moundsviewmn.org.
Are We at the Mercy of Fires in Our Homes?

We are finally getting back into spring time and are ready to go outside. But, have you seen a neighbor or heard about someone having a fire in their home that may have lost everything this winter? Should we adopt the philosophy of “if it happens, it happens?”

In the last two years, there have been an unprecedented amount of house fires; 129 in the service area of the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department (SBM). Fire doesn’t “just happen.” Most house fires in the U.S. can be prevented by us and our behaviors.

What will you do to protect your home and loved ones? Here are some general ideas to move you in a more positive direction:

- When you cook, stay in the kitchen. Most home fires around the world are from unattended cooking.
- If your kids cook, teach them what to do if a fire happens (most times, it will be to exit and call 9-1-1).
- If there is a grease fire - turn off the stove, cover it with a lid (never use water) and leave it. If it does not go out, use a fire extinguisher (adults only).
- Fire in the microwave: keep the door shut, hit the “off” or “cancel” button.
- Fire in the oven: keep the door closed, turn the heat off, an adult can choose to use a fire extinguisher.
- Around the stove, attempt to store nothing within three (3) feet to prevent your heating source from catching it on fire.
- If you smoke, ALWAYS extinguish the butts and ashes in water.
- If you use candles, consider using flameless ones. We have seen MANY fires from candle use.
- When using the dryer, make sure you empty the lint trap every load. Consider having the other three (3) places that collect lint cleaned by a professional. These are high causes of fire!
- Have your furnace checked once a year by a professional. Change your filters once a month. Don’t store family clothes and objects around the dryer or furnace. Places of heat need to breath.
- Consider using only surge protectors instead of extension cords. Unplug your cell phone cords at the WALL not at the adapter.
- Have working smoke alarms in each bedroom, in the halls outside the bedrooms and on each level of the home. Have a working carbon monoxide alarm within 10 feet of your bedrooms; consider having at least one (1) that is digital. Never install these near combustion or fresh air. Change both these device’s batteries every six (6) months unless they are 10-year lithium sealed alarms. Check the expiration dates on both devices! Commonly 10 years for all smoke alarms and five (5) years for carbon monoxide alarms.
- Have your home tested for radon. Two (2) out of five (5) homes in Minnesota are at high enough levels to be over the EPA action level. Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in a non-smoker.
- Know your safe escape plan! Sleep with the doors CLOSED in all bedrooms. Have two (2) ways out of every room in case there is a fire. KNOW where your family’s meeting place is out IN FRONT of your home, on the same side of the street as your home. After escaping call 911. Don’t re-enter the home. Homes burn fast. Plan your escape now.

What is predictable is preventable. Don’t let fire decide your safety! The SBM Fire Department offers free home safety surveys. They are confidential and not associated with Code. Call 763-767-4003 to sign up for one to be done at your convenience.

You also can spend a few minutes and do an online survey: virtualcrr.com/survey/sbm-fire/.

Falling Behind on Home Improvements?
It’s Time to Spring Forward

It is finally perfect weather to get started on home improvement projects. If you have been putting off repairs because of the costs, the City has partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment to offer several low interest loan programs for manufactured homes, single-family homes, rental properties, non-profits, commercial properties, and more.

The Home Energy Squad can complete energy audits on your home to determine how energy efficient your home is and any recommendation to make your home more economical.

Please visit mncee.org/moundsview or call 651-335-5884 to learn if this program is right for you.
Mounds View Ped-Bike System

It's Bicycle Season
Enjoy the Mounds View and regional trails this summer.
Grass Clippings 101: Leave on Lawn or Compost—Keep out of Water Bodies and off the Street!

With all of this rain, our lawns need to be cut every time we turn around. When mowing, please make sure you sweep up the grass clippings that get on the street. Otherwise these clippings will be washed into the storm sewers and deposited into our lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands adding excess stored nutrients to our waters causing algal blooms which, in turn, decreases oxygen available to aquatic life.

Please bring grass clippings to your county compost site. Do NOT throw leaves and grass clippings into lakes, streams, wetlands, ponds or storm water ponds. Besides causing water pollution, added leaves and grass clippings decrease water storage capacity. Storm water ponds will fill up more quickly and need to be dug out more frequently at the expense of taxpayer dollars.

Grass clippings are a valuable source of nutrients for your lawn. If clippings are left on the lawn, University of Minnesota soil test recommendations call for less nitrogen fertilizer. Also, the addition of organic matter in the form of clippings may help to improve the status of your soil if it is sandy or low in organic matter.

Leaving clippings on the lawn does not normally contribute to increased thatch formation. Thatch is a layer of undecomposed organic matter that builds up between the soil surface and the actively growing green vegetation. The major factors contributing to thatch development are:

- excessive nitrogen fertilization
- infrequent mowing
- low soil oxygen levels
- soil compaction
- over mulching

While leaving clippings on the lawn is recommended, certain instances make the practice inadvisable. Following are some exceptions to the rule:

- If the lawn is heavily infested with certain leaf diseases, removing clippings may help reduce disease severity.
- If the lawn must be mowed when wet, or if the grass has become too tall, clippings can mat together and smother the grass.
- If your mower is unsafe to operate without a bagging attachment, the bag should be left in place.

For more information about lawn care, visit the U of M Extension Service website at [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu).

2018 Water Quality Report

Once again, the City is proud to report that your drinking water meets all state and federal standards! Beginning July 1, 2019, you can view the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report online at the following weblink: [bit.ly/MV_18_CCR](http://bit.ly/MV_18_CCR). Please contact the Public Works Department if you would like a copy of the report mailed to you.

Annual Public Information Meeting for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

Public Works will hold its annual stormwater public information meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Mounds View City Hall, 2401 Mounds View Boulevard. The meeting will be conducted as part of the regular City Council meeting.

Edgewood Middle School

Thanks to voters approving a Bond Referendum in 2017, the School District will be remodeling and adding onto its school buildings. Construction at Edgewood Middle School will begin spring 2019 with a new swimming pool, additional gymnasiums, classrooms, renovations of other parts of the school, and moving bus parking to behind the school. Construction will be completed in 2021.

Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year plan of how the City will manage its land use, including housing, streets, parks, water and sewer. The Plan is updated every 10 years. The Plan is written with three (3) audiences in mind; (1) the Metropolitan Council, which oversees regional sewer, mass-transit, and allocation of affordable housing; and, which requires the Plan address specific topics; (2) the City Council, Planning Commission, and City Staff, who must consider the Goals and Policies listed in the Plan when approving development projects; and (3) the general public who may not have any interest in the small details, but want to know the big picture of why things are what they are. For the public, the Plan includes short stories and explanations of the cause and effect of development in Mounds View. The City Council appointed a nine (9) member taskforce which has been working on the Plan for a couple of years. The Plan is to be provided to neighboring cities and agencies for a six (6) month review period, after which the City Council will forward the Draft Plan to the Metropolitan Council for review in late 2019. The Comprehensive Plan may be found at [www.moundsviewmn.org](http://www.moundsviewmn.org). Any comments or questions may be directed to the Community Development Director jon.sevald@moundsviewmn.org or 763-717-4022.
May is Building Safety Month

America, along with many other countries, will celebrate Building Safety Month during May 2019 for the 39th year. Building Safety Month raises awareness of critical safety issues from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency. As a member of the International Code Council, the Mounds View Community Development Department (CDD) is a Building Safety Month supporter and participant.

Building codes save lives by incorporating the latest technologies and helping ensure the safest, most resilient structures where we live, work and play. The International Codes, developed by the Code Council and adopted by our State and community, are the most widely used and adopted set of building safety codes in the U.S. and around the world.

Mounds View’s CDD is comprised of the City Planner, Building Official, and Housing/Code/Fire Inspector. These City Code officials provide the first line of defense for the community against building disasters, unsafe structures, fire safety, as well as maintaining the health and quality of life for its citizens.

Please visit the Mounds View website for Educational materials, kid’s safety activity book, and many safety handout tip sheets and brochures. Everyone is encouraged to participate and learn about the essential safety work of the Mounds View Community Development Department.

Projects

The Public Works Department is involved with many projects such as street reconstruction, slip lining, splash pad installation, seal coating of streets, lift station rehab, etc. Please reference City Projects under Residents/Community on the website, www.moundsviewmn.org/residents/city_projects.php.

Crossroad Pointe Apartments

INH Properties have proposed a 128-unit apartment building on the corner of Mounds View Boulevard and County Road H2. This is the former Roberts site, which was previously proposed for an indoor shooting range in 2017 and a Kwik Trip in 2018. Plans for the apartments have been submitted to the City, and are likely to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council in June.

Skyline Motel

The Skyline Motel is located on Old Highway 8. In 2018, a developer proposed a 63-unit apartment building for low-income housing, and homeless veterans. The project was dependent upon housing tax credits, which were not received, and thus the project went away. The City was then approached to purchase the property, which it is doing. The City’s Economic Development Authority reviewed Development Proposals on May 13th, and is working with a developer who is proposing a hotel on the Skyline property and an office/warehouse on an adjacent property.

Many people have wondered, if not asked, why so many apartments are being proposed in Mounds View. A 2018 market study of Mounds View and surrounding cities indicated a demand for up to 185 market-rate apartment units, in addition to the 892 market-rate units that have been built since 2010 in surrounding cities. “Market-rate”, meaning rents of about $1.60 per square foot ($1,300 a month for a 1-bedroom unit). Most of the apartment buildings in Mounds View were built in the 1960s and 1970s, and charge rents around $1 per square foot (about $850 a month for a 1-bedroom unit).

Single-family home values in Mounds View increased 10% between 2018 and 2019, the second highest increase in Ramsey County, after North St. Paul. Mounds View’s 2019 median home value is $237,500. Our location with easy access to freeways, along with the awesome reputation of the Mounds View School district, is driving the demand for new housing. As housing becomes less affordable, it creates more demand for apartments, both market-rate and affordable. Because Mounds View does not have open land other than along Mounds View Boulevard, there are limited opportunities for new single-family homes. Land along the Boulevard is cost-prohibitive to build single-family homes.

Mounds View Matters

Sewer Backups

If you have a sewer backup you should contact Public Works before calling a drain cleaning company. You may be able to avoid an unnecessary charge if the problem is in the City’s sewer line rather than in your property’s service line. A Public Works employee will check to see if the problem is in the City’s line. Property Owners are responsible for the sewer line from the dwelling to the City’s main sewer line in the street.

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North Suburban Hospital District Dissolves

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The Hospital District owned several parcels of property that Unity Hospital leased from the Hospital District. As part of the dissolution, those parcels were sold to Allina Health with one (1) parcel being retained by Spring Lake Park as their share of the dissolution proceeds. The remaining proceeds were allocated to the four (4) other cities. A three (3) part formula was used by the Hospital District board:

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November 12  
City Council adopts utility rates for 2020 (Tuesday).

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Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.

December 9  
Continuation hearing and adoption of 2020 Budget and tax levy.

HD Television Production System

After years of planning and months of installation and programming, the new high definition video, audio, and presentation system in the City Hall Council Chambers and Control Room is complete. Cable Television Coordinator Vanessa Van Alstine worked closely with integrator Z Systems throughout the project which entirely replaced the 20 year old analog SD installation.

The new system has six HD cameras, two 85” monitors, mutable microphones, zoned sound reinforcement in the Chambers and lobby, presentation support for VGA and HDMI sources with wireless HDMI, improved on-air signaling, speaker timers, and all of the behind-the-scenes support equipment. Video switching uses the innovative Ross Lightning control system which allows many of the City’s meetings to be televised by meeting participants without Control Room staff support. The approach will free up television staff to produce programming in the community.

The City is investigating options to upgrade from SD to HD playback on the cable channels now that the facility is originating HD meetings. For the best quality signal, watch the web stream available through the City’s web site, www.moundsviewmn.org. Thanks to the viewers who reached out with their concerns about video and audio quality on the channel. Coordinator Van Alstine is working with CTV North Suburbs and IT staff to increase the network connection quality from City Hall to master control in Roseville.

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After years of planning and months of installation and programming, the new high definition video, audio, and presentation system in the City Hall Council Chambers and Control Room is complete. Cable Television Coordinator Vanessa Van Alstine worked closely with integrator Z Systems throughout the project which entirely replaced the 20 year old analog SD installation.

The new system has six HD cameras, two 85” monitors, mutable microphones, zoned sound reinforcement in the Chambers and lobby, presentation support for VGA and HDMI sources with wireless HDMI, improved on-air signaling, speaker timers, and all of the behind-the-scenes support equipment. Video switching uses the innovative Ross Lightning control system which allows many of the City’s meetings to be televised by meeting participants without Control Room staff support. The approach will free up television staff to produce programming in the community.

The City is investigating options to upgrade from SD to HD playback on the cable channels now that the facility is originating HD meetings. For the best quality signal, watch the web stream available through the City’s web site, www.moundsviewmn.org. Thanks to the viewers who reached out with their concerns about video and audio quality on the channel. Coordinator Van Alstine is working with CTV North Suburbs and IT staff to increase the network connection quality from City Hall to master control in Roseville.
Small Cell Towers

The era of 5G has finally arrived, and wireless carriers are eager to deploy the technology as fast as possible. 5G technologies differ significantly from earlier generations of LTE, and consequently, wireless carriers are now faced with a huge task of upgrading their wireless network infrastructure to accommodate 5G.

The biggest hurdle for service providers is network densification: Wireless providers need to deploy dense networks of small cells to support the shorter wavelengths used in 5G. To do this, they will need to install hundreds of small cell wireless facilities, i.e., small cell towers, across cities and states in order to deliver 5G services. These small cell towers will be located in the boulevards or affixed to existing poles.

To help bolster the roll-out of 5G networks across the U.S. and ensure the U.S. leads the world in 5G deployments, the FCC issued a new ruling in September 2018 that set federal standards for small cell regulation that aim to streamline the roll-out of 5G services across state and local governments.

These measures, which remove some of the authority of local governments in small cell deployment regulation, have not been received well by municipalities. Residents, businesses and local governments are concerned that these rules allowing wireless providers to access public rights-of-way while preventing city governments from collecting fees for installing equipment, or regulating the placement and aesthetics of the new cellular equipment. The FCC sided with corporate interests and ruled against community control.

Source: Broadbandnow.com, December 3, 2018
Members Needed for Two Community Task Force Committees

The City will be honoring the members of our community who have served or continue to serve the United States Military by constructing a Veterans Memorial at City Hall Park. These meetings will be held on a weekday evening at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program to help Cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon 29 best practices. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota Cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation. The City is asking residents and business owners to serve on the GreenStep Cities Task Force to assist Mounds View in completing more of the best practices at a faster pace. These meetings will be held on a weekday evening at approximately 6:00 p.m. For more information on GreenStep Cities visit greenstep.pca.state.mn.us.

If you are interested in becoming a member of either of these task forces, please contact Public Works Director Don Peterson at 763-717-4051 or don.peterson@moundsviewmn.org.

Cones with a Cop

When: Saturday, July 13th from 6 - 7pm
Where: McDonald's 2201 Mounds View Blvd

Join the Mounds View Police Department for a cone and climb the podium! (weather dependent)

No speeches, no agenda!

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Mounds View Community Theatre

36th Summer Season

Man of La Mancha
(A man who Dreams the Impossible Dream)

New location for 2019:
Chippewa Middle School, 5000 Hodgson Road, North Oaks

Evening Performances: July 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 31, & August 1, 2, 3
Curtain at 7:30 p.m.; Box Office opens at 6:30 p.m.

Matinees: July 21, 27, and August 4
Curtain at 2:00 p.m.; Box Office opens at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at www.mvct.org. $20.00 adults, $15.00 seniors 65 or older and all students, and $8.00 children 6 and younger.