Join Us for the
North Metro Community
Home & Garden Show
Saturday, February 6, 2016
9 am–3 pm
Location: NSC Sport Expo Center, Blaine

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Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Well, another year is coming to an end and we anxiously await 2016. When I say anxious I mean the “Good” anxious as in eager, anticipation, excitement, not the “Bad” anxious as in stressful and uneasiness. I am “Good” anxious because 2016 will be the final year of our 9 year road reconstruction program. I have been on your council since the beginning of the program and it has been sometimes “Good” anxious as in everything went as scheduled, under budget and everyone was happy. It has also been “Bad” anxious as in bad weather, costs we did not anticipate and not everyone was happy. When the final project area is complete then we go into a maintenance mode for these streets. The new streets should last us 25 to 30 years, but not if we do not have a maintenance plan in place. Fortunately we do and the program is already in place and being implemented on some of the earlier project areas. I am also “Good” anxious for 2016 because we have a good shot at developing our Crossroad Pointe land. This is the land on the corner of County Road 10 and County Road H2 (formally Roberts). We are considering entering into a contract with a developer to explore the possibilities of this land. Retail, Commercial, Residential, it is all on the table for consideration. The nice thing about this is that the City has complete control over what goes in there. I am also “Bad” anxious because 2016 is a Presidential election year and we will be bombarded with political advertising. Depending on what side is talking we will hear that America is going to H/*+ in a hand basket or it is in the best shape ever. I think most people believe that we are probably some where in between. Either way, I am not looking forward to all of the negative statements that will be made on both sides. Hopefully we all choose to be positive, rational and informed.

Well are you ready to do this winter thing again? I do not mind winter, but when it lasts 5-6 months I get pretty depressed. I have said this before and I will repeat myself. Get the snow blower ready, break out the winter coats and start your Christmas shopping. Polish up on your winter driving skills, slow down and keep an eye out for kids or adults around snow banks. Some times you do not see them until the last moment. Keep an eye out for your neighbors, help with snow shoveling or clearing the sidewalk. It is little acts of kindness that mean so much and it says a lot about you personally. The fun part of winter of course is the holidays and making snow men/women, sliding, skiing and many other activities you can enjoy outside. If being outdoors is not your cup of tea, stay inside and have a hot cup of tea. Invite friends or family over for cards or just enjoy the company. Winter will be exactly what you make it, your choice.

Your Community Center has all kinds of activities going on this winter. Please check them out in this issue of Mounds View Matters.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Thank you and God Bless.
Your neighbor,
Joe Flaherty
Mayor

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**No Parking 2 am–6 am Year Round**

There is an overnight parking ban that prohibits parking on all streets from 2:00 am to 6:00 am. This ordinance is in effect all year and covers all streets and highways in Mounds View.

Contact the Police Department between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at 763-717-4070 with any questions.

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**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 MACnoise website to file a noise complaint about a specific operation for the Anoka County/Blaine airport or any MAC Reliever Airport at any time of the day or night.

www.macnoise.com
Santa Parade & Food Shelf Collection
Spring Lake Park – Blaine – Mounds View
Fire Department
December 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm

The Spring Lake Park, Blaine, Mounds View Fire Department is proud to present the annual Santa Parade for the communities of Spring Lake Park, Blaine, and Mounds View. Join the Fire Department November 30th — December 3rd on a neighborhood street near you to see over 20 fire apparatus and Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Non-perishable food items will be collected at the curb for local food shelves. Non-perishable food items can also be brought to Station One located in Spring Lake Park during that week.

Visit www.sbmfire.com for additional information and live GPS tracking during the parades.

Thursday, December 3rd - Mounds View and Spring Lake Park Parades
Mounds View Parade Route—starts at 6:30 pm at Ardan Avenue and Spring Lake Road

Heading East on Ardan Avenue, to South on Long Lake Road, to East on Hillview Road, to South on Jackson Drive, to West on Bronson Drive, to South on St. Stephen Street, to West on County Road H2, to South on Edgewood Drive, to West on County Road H, to North on Knollwood Drive, to West on Bronson Drive, to North on Spring Lake Road, to East on Osborne Road NE, to North on Spring Lake Park Road, to West on Hillview Road, to North on McKinley Street NE, to West on 81st Avenue NE, to South on Garfield Street NE, which turns into 80th Avenue NE, which turns into Hayes Street NE, ending at the intersection of 81st Avenue NE and Hayes Street NE.

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, email to jime@ci.mounds-view.mn.us or fill out this form and mail to:
City Administrator, Mounds View City Hall, 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112.

Question/Comment ________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Name _______________________________ Phone ______________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

Email address: ________________________________

I would like a response by Telephone _______ Mail _______ Email _______ No response required _______
Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual Community North Metro Home & Garden Show

Saturday, February 6, 2016 at NSC’s Sport Expo Center
9:00 am until 3:00 pm ♦ 1740 105th Avenue Northeast, Blaine, Minnesota

Sponsored by the Cities of:

BLAINE
FRIDLEY
MOUNDS VIEW
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

All Free!

Our Show is Bigger and Better Than Ever!

► Great venue - everything in one room, on one level
► Longer hours - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
► Educational and Informative Seminars
  (See our website for times and complete descriptions.)

Our Community-sponsored Show Features:

► Local specialists providing everything you need, including inspiration and financing, for remodeling or improving your home and yard
► Great Door Prizes and Plenty of Free Parking

Bring the Whole Family - There’s Something for Everyone!

Kids Activity Center
with lots of fun crafts, and a Face Painter from 9:00-3:00

Concession Stand
Grab a quick lunch!

Sponsor Treasure Hunt
Visit all of our Co-Sponsors and enter a special drawing for a $100 Visa gift card!

Questions? Contact Marsha Wagner, 612-338-2122, email info@northmetrohomeandgarden.com, or call one of the following Planning Committee Members:

Matt Prebil
City of Blaine
763-765-6187

Elizabeth Holmbeck
City of Columbia Heights
763-706-3670

Paul Bolin
City of Fridley
763-572-3591

Craig Swaichick
City of Mounds View
763-717-4023

www.northmetrohomeandgarden.com
Christmas Tree Disposal

Most garbage haulers will pick up live Christmas trees after the holidays.

You must contact your garbage hauler to find out if they pick up live Christmas trees, the dates they will pick up, and if there is a fee. All decorations must be removed from the tree prior to disposal.

Waste Oil & Oil Filter Disposal

Mounds View property owners can dispose of used motor oil and oil filters at the Ramsey County Disposal site – located in the 1500 block of Ben Franklin Road, north of Hwy. 96 and west of Hamline Avenue.

Hours of Operation are 24/7
All day - All night - Any day - Any time

Ramsey County Yard Waste Site

651-633-EASY (3279) Ramsey County Hotline

Winter Season (December 2015 – March 2016) — Only the Midway, Frank & Sims, and White Bear Township sites are open during the winter.

Open the Second Weekend of each month
Saturday, 9 am−5 pm
Sunday, 11 am−5 pm
Ramsey County residents only.
Please be prepared to show a photo ID.

Free Fix-It Clinics

Have broken stuff lying around? Don’t trash it—fix it! Bring things like small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more. Volunteer fixers will help you to disassemble, troubleshoot and repair your item. Fix-It Clinics are family-friendly events. First come, first served. Items must be carry-in—no oversize items. Please bring any tools that might be helpful to fix your item.

Saturday, November 21
Noon—3 pm
White Bear Lake Library
2150 2nd Street, White Bear Lake

Saturday, January 30
1 pm—4 pm
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street, Lauderdale

Saturday, December 19
10 am—1 pm
Mounds View Library
2576 County Road 10, Mounds View

Saturday, February 27
10 am—1 pm
Shoreview Library
4570 Victoria Street N., Shoreview

Visit www.ramseyrecycles.com for more information.
Year 2016 Budget Summary

The City Council approved a preliminary property tax levy for 2016 on September 14, 2015. The preliminary levy was used by Ramsey County to produce the individual proposed property tax notices that were mailed to property owners in mid-November. A Truth in Taxation public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, 6:00 pm, at the Mounds View City Council Chambers to take public input regarding the budget and property tax levy. A continuation hearing will be held on December 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm if needed. Final adoption of the levy and budget will probably occur at the City Council meeting on December 14, 2015, subject to public input at these meetings. The actual levy can be less than the preliminary property tax levy, but not greater.

City Property Tax Levy
The City Council adopted a preliminary levy increase of 1% ($43,503) for 2016. The City has had no levy increase in 6 out of the last 10 years. (Street Improvement Fund 7.9% - 2010, General Fund 2% - 2011, 2% - 2014, 2% - 2015)

Effect on the Average Home
The median taxable home value for 2016 increased by 3.5% to $150,017 which includes the Market Value Homestead Exemption, this is up from $144,944 in 2015. Market values are determined by Ramsey County. The City of Mounds View’s tax levy accounts for approximately 27% of a homeowner’s property tax. The majority, 73%, is from other taxing authorities such as Ramsey County, Independent School District 621 and other smaller taxing authorities. The table below attempts to estimate the tax effect on a sample home in Mounds View but does not include possible changes from other taxing authorities. The impact will vary from property to property based on the change in value of the property. The table below reflects a decrease in property taxes for residential properties, individual properties can show different results depending on the change in property value for the specific property. The County provided the complete impact for all taxing authorities in the Truth in Taxation notice that was mailed in mid-November. The City tax decrease is primarily from additional tax capacity coming on-line from TIF District 2, new construction, and a greater percentage increase in apartment market values.

Sample Estimated Home Tax Impact

City of Mounds View Only

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<th>2015 Taxable Value</th>
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Median Taxable Value $144,944 $150,017

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Information presented in this article is for the City’s General Fund and Street Improvement Capital Project Fund. The City’s budget includes many other funds, but only these funds have a general property tax levy, which is the focus of the Truth in Taxation process. A more detailed City budget can be found on the City’s website http://www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us/finance under the Finance department page.

**General Fund** - The General Fund accounts for all activity not accounted for in another fund. Activities such as police, fire, street maintenance, snow plowing, parks, recreation, and administration are most commonly associated with cities are included in the General Fund.

**Capital Projects** - The Street Improvement Capital Projects Fund accounts for all activity related to street and trail-way improvements.

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**Automatic Bill Pay**

If you want to help keep utility costs low and eliminate your worry about timely payment of your utility bill, consider signing up for Automatic Bill Pay. This greatly reduces the City’s processing time, which saves money. Your payment is made on the due date. You can download a form at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us/finance or contact Utility Billing at 763-717-4014.

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**Pay City Bills Online**

**Paying Your Bill**

You can pay for your building permit, contractor license, business license, administrative offense fine, utility bill, Right-of-Way permit or other City charges using:

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express *(convenience fee will apply, see below)*

**By visiting “Online Payments” on the right side of the City’s homepage, you will be redirected to a payment page.**

**Credit Card Payments Made Online**

Now you can pay your City payments from the comfort of your home or office by using our online payment service. Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Visa. A per transaction convenience fee of 2.00% or a $2.00 minimum for utility payments, and 2.3% or a $2.75 minimum for all other payments will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.
The following table presents summaries for the General and Street Improvement Capital Projects funds:

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New Construction On County Road 10

2015 saw construction of two new commercial facilities in Mounds View on County Road 10. These developments will add over $14 million in property value to the city.

BioLife Plasma Services

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held October 13th for the new BioLife Plasma Services building. This is a $6 million dollar project and provides about 85 jobs. Plasma is used in the making of a variety of pharmaceuticals. BioLife has been located in Mounds View for the last 10 years, but had outgrown their space, which was just south of their new building in the business park. The City was happy to be able to keep this business here. The Mounds View site is their second busiest location in the country.

Bel Rae Senior Living

The new Bel Rae Senior Living facility held their Grand Opening June 20th. This $8 million dollar project has 98 units of independent and assisted senior living units and a level of secure memory care units. The facility offers a fitness center, movie theater, salon, library, planned activities, along with dining options and underground parking. This is the first senior housing option in Mounds View that offers assisted living and memory care services.

City Permit Required for Peddlers/Solicitors/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/solicitor/transient merchant 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.
City Council Considers Multi-Family Housing for Crossroad Pointe Redevelopment Area

As you may know, the City has assembled a 4.25 acre tract of land for redevelopment purposes at the southwest corner of County Road 10 and County Road H2, identified as “Crossroad Pointe”. Last year the City commissioned a study to review the redevelopment potential of the site and to ascertain demographic and market trends that would guide future usage. As part of that study, a public open house was held to gather input and feedback from area residents and interested stakeholders. While opinions varied, there seemed to be support expressed for residential and restaurant uses. Earlier this year, the City Council along with members of city commissions toured newer market-rate multi-family residential developments in the metro area to get a better sense of whether such a use might be desirable in Mounds View. Most of the tour attendees agreed that a higher-end multi-family development would be a great addition to the City’s housing stock, providing a housing choice not otherwise available in the community. The City then solicited proposals from area developers and redevelopment specialists, many of whom had previously expressed interest in the site.

On October 5, 2015, the City Council reviewed a draft proposal for market-rate rentals from the Beard Group, who recently finished a similar project in Osseo. The proposal calls for development in two phases, Phase 1 being a three-story, 119 unit rental building with high-end finishes, including underground parking. Phase 2 would be developed after Phase 1 is complete, and could support a variety of potential uses, such as restaurant, office or medical.

It is possible that the City Council will consider a pre-development agreement with the developer in November 2015 (or later) which would provide the chosen developer with a negotiated time-frame to prepare formal development plans for the site to be considered by the Council in 2016.

If you have any thoughts about this redevelopment project, please contact Brian Beeman, Business Development Specialist, at 763-717-4029.
Community Corner

Honeybees Now Welcome in the City!

It seems silly to suggest that honeybees are now “legal” in the City, but that’s just the case. The City Council approved an amendment to the City Code in September that removes honeybees from a prohibited domesticated animals list. The list was originally designed to prohibit farm animals and the like, but urban farming trends have forced many cities to revisit such prohibitions. Thus, beginning October 25, 2015, residents in single-family districts (properties zoned R-1) may apply for a beekeeping license.

The license will provide for up to four hives in backyards, with openings facing in to the subject property. There are conditions, of course, to ensure appropriate care is taken to prevent nuisances and problems, such as proof of beekeeping certification or training and that hives shall be set back at least ten feet from property lines. Application approval requires a public hearing before the City Council with notices sent to properties surrounding the subject property.

While honeybees can sting if threatened or bothered, they’re generally docile with little inclination for aggression. That said, honeybees will defend their colony and their queen if provoked, so be mindful of your actions near a hive. If you do get stung and you’re not near someone’s hive, it’s more likely the case that the buzzing culprit was a yellow jacket, hornet or wasp. If you have questions about keeping bees in Mounds View, contact Desaree Crane at 763-717-4016.

Winter Property Preparation

As fall cleanup winds down, please be aware of the location of objects and vehicles within the right-of-way (ROW) area next to the roads. This is the area approximately 15 feet wide along each side of the street (includes the end of driveways). City staff has seen an increase in landscaping, blocks, and vehicles that are stored or permanently placed within the right-of-way. It is particularly important to keep objects and vehicles out of this area during the winter since the plows push snow as far up into the shoulder of the road as possible. The plows do this to maintain clear roads during the winter, especially when there is a lot of snow. Anything parked or left in the right-of-way could potentially be damaged.

The Mounds View City Code does not allow snow to be deposited on public ways or to be plowed across the road. Code Enforcement will be addressing complaints for plowing across the street and onto public ways.

Contact the Housing and Code Enforcement Inspector with any questions or concerns at: 763-717-4023.
Organized Collection Telephone Survey

The City Council has commissioned a telephone survey, scheduled to occur in December, to solicit resident opinion and feedback regarding the collection of residential solid waste in Mounds View. (For purposes of the survey, residential would be defined as buildings with one to three dwelling units.) The objective of the survey is to determine whether the residents would support transitioning to a system of “organized collection” from the existing “open” system.

In an “open” system, any qualifying hauler may obtain a business license to collect solid waste and offer said services to the community. Presently, there are four licensed haulers providing residential service in Mounds View. In an “organized” system, the City negotiates with all licensed residential haulers to create a consortium approach whereby each hauler covers a certain segment of the community in direct proportion to their pre-existing market share. The intended outcome is that one garbage truck would collect on a street rather than four. If an agreement with all haulers cannot be reached, the City can request proposals from each hauler to be the sole provider of such service to the residents.

Next year, we will be nearing the completion of a multi-year, multi-million dollar street and utility improvement program in which 26 miles of city streets and underground utilities will have been replaced and renovated. The cost for this work is approaching $25,000,000 and the City would like to preserve and protect this investment in our roadway infrastructure to the greatest extent possible. One way to help achieve this goal is to reduce the number of garbage trucks that drive down our residential streets.

While preserving the City’s street infrastructure is a key reason why the City is exploring this possibility, other reasons for examining organized collection of residential solid waste include safety, environmental, aesthetic, cost, control of licensing requirements, improved recycling participation and enhanced, standardized services. The City Council acknowledges however that the selection of a garbage hauler, for some, is a personal decision and that some residents may have developed a strong loyalty to their existing hauler. Some residents may feel strongly about maintaining the right to choose and to negotiate on their own for the best rate.

If you are called to take the survey, we hope you will spend a few minutes answering the questions; your input will help determine the course of action chosen by the City Council. If you are not contacted by phone to take the survey but would like to respond anyway, there will be surveys available in City Hall and online.

In the meantime, if you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jim Ericson, City Administrator, by phone at 763-717-4001, or by email at solidwaste@ci.mounds-view.mn.us. You are also welcome to attend a City Council meeting to express your sentiments directly to the Council, which meets the first, second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm, at Mounds View City Hall.

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Protect Minnesota Lakes and Your Family This Winter

Minnesotans love to talk about and plan for the weather, and winter is no exception. My neighborhood was abuzz with activity the day before the first snow of the year. Neighbors completed last minute preparations for Christmas by hanging lights and gassed up their snow blowers to get ready for the pending storm. Many also purchased salt and sand to keep their families from falling on icy sidewalks and driveways. These annual rituals are often passed down through generations.

In December, the beginning of spring feels like an eternity, but soon enough the snow will begin melting and replenishing our lakes and streams. As water washes from city streets and sidewalks, it carries all of the remaining salt and sand with it to our favorite swimming holes and fishing spots – where it remains. Chloride, found in road salt, causes problems for fish and other aquatic life, and the only way to reduce the amount found in lakes and streams is to use less over time.

Salt is a necessary part of winter road and sidewalk maintenance. Follow these six steps to protect Minnesota lakes and your family this winter.

- Shovel to remove snow and ice. Less salt will be needed to keep driveways/sidewalks safe.
- Only use salt when the air temperature is above 15 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Use less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug.
- Sweep up to remove salt or sand on dry pavement before it washes into lakes and streams.
- Slow down and drive for the conditions; give plow drivers plenty of space to work.

(Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)

For more information, please visit Rice Creek Watershed District’s website at www.ricecreek.org.

Rice Creek Watershed District Launches Master Stewards Program in 2016

Are you concerned about keeping nearby streams and lakes clean? The Rice Creek Watershed District is seeking volunteers committed to water resource protection and driven to make a difference using their time and talents to support community outreach initiatives and clean water projects. Master Water Stewards was created by the Freshwater Society and successfully piloted in the Twin Cities from 2013-2015. Stewards have spearheaded innovative education campaigns and projects to clean up local lakes and streams. The program is modeled after Master Gardeners with Stewards receiving significant training and support from District staff and local experts to complete a capstone project in the first year. In year two, 50 volunteer hours are required, decreasing to 25 hours annually in subsequent years.

Classes will be held every other Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm between January 19 and July 12, 2016, and the cost is $200 (scholarships available). Please contact Jessica Bromelkamp with questions at jbromelkamp@ricecreek.org or 763-398-3073. Or visit the RCWD website at www.ricecreek.org.
Winter Automobile Safety

When Dialing 911 on a Cellular Telephone, Make Sure Responders Can Find You

FACTS:
• A cell phone is a valuable tool for drivers who witness, or are involved in, emergency situations. Call 911 ONLY to report emergencies. Cell phone users on the road need to provide dispatchers with specific information about the emergency.

• All cellular 911 calls are routed to public safety answering points operated by state or local public safety agencies. Although more newer cell phones now provide approximate location and callback number when 911 is dialed, an exact location may have to be provided by the caller.

The Minnesota State Patrol urges cell phone users to be prepared to provide the dispatcher with their location, the exact location of the emergency and the number of the cell phone they are using. The following details can help in remembering your location in case of an emergency:

- Mile markers and highway exit numbers
- The county or state highway number or road on which you’re driving
- The county or city in which you’re driving
- The direction of travel
- Distinctive landmarks

When making a 911 call from your cell phone, follow these steps:

- Tell the 911 dispatcher that you are calling from a cell phone and provide the cell phone number.
- Report the nature of the problem (traffic accident, medical emergency, stalled vehicle, etc.).
- Give location information.
- Give information on number of persons and types of injuries, if any.
- Remain calm and stay on the line until help arrives or the dispatcher tells you to hang up.
- Don’t put yourself in danger. Stay near the emergency scene only if it is safe to do so.
Winter Driving Tips

While summer months are the deadliest on Minnesota roads, wintertime leads to the most crashes and poses safety risks and hazards. For weather-related road condition information, call 5-1-1 or visit www.511mn.org.

Stay safe while on the road in the winter:

- Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are too poor.
- Buckle up, and make sure child restraints are secured tightly. It is recommended to use bulky clothes and blankets on top of the child restraint harness, not beneath, to ensure harness restraints fit properly.
- Drive at safe speeds according to road conditions, and provide for plenty of travel time.
- Increase safe stopping distance between vehicles.
- Use extra precautions when driving around snowplows by keeping at least five car-lengths behind plows.
- If skidding, remain calm, ease foot off the gas, and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.
- If vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply a steady firm pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump ABS brakes.
- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals.
- Headlights must be turned on when it is snowing or sleeting.
- Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads.
- Equip vehicles with a scraper/brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction. Blankets, heavy boots, warm clothing and flashlights are also important, as are storing high-energy foods such as chocolate or energy bars.
- Be sure cell phones are charged for long trips, carry phone car-chargers and inform family of destination plans and schedule.
- Parents of teen drivers should make sure new motorists experience snow and ice driving in a safe environment, such as an empty parking lot.
- If stranded, stay in the vehicle.

Information courtesy of the Office of Traffic Safety at the Department of Public Safety

Police Activity League—Judo

Interested in learning the practice of Judo? Join the Police Activity League at Allegiance Fitness, 2240 Woodale Drive in Mounds View (you do not need a gym membership to participate in PAL). Classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm. The next session begins January 18, 2016.

For more information, visit www.judomn.org.
How to Hold a Conversation About Drugs With Your Teenager

By Joseph Grenny, author of the NY Times bestseller “Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High”

KEEP YOUR BEST MOTIVES IN MIND
When we feel upset, we become angry or fearful, and as a result our motives change. Without realizing it, we begin to focus on punishing, being right, or keeping the peace rather than healthy problem solving. Before talking to your teenager about drugs, pause for a moment and ask the focusing question: “What do I really want?” This pause can help you get your motives in check and move from simply “keeping the peace” through silence to being a powerful influence on your teen.

CONFRONT WITH FACTS, NOT JUDGEMENTS
When you present the facts, you obligate your teen to respond to the information. When you use judgements or accusatory language, it appears you intend simply to humiliate or punish, and your teen feels no obligation to engage in the conversation. Replace, “You're a liar, and I won’t stand for this,” with “Over the past week I’ve noticed alcohol missing from the garage refrigerator. Your dad and I haven’t moved it or drunk it. I just looked a few days ago, so it must have disappeared recently. As far as I know, you are the only one who has been at home.”

MAKE IT SAFE
Teens may become defensive during your crucial conversations less because of what you’re saying than because of why they think you’re saying it. Here are three steps to help them feel safe in the conversation:

1. State what you don’t intend and what you do intend: “I want to reassure you that I have no desire to make your decisions for you, or to cut you off from having a happy life. I want to be supportive of you, and I want to influence choices you might make that I believe might hurt you.”

2. Be flexible about when you talk, but not about whether you talk. Control is a huge issue for teens. Sometimes parents provoke an unnecessary confrontation by demanding that conversations be on their terms and their time-frame. It’s best to try to engage your child in dialogue by respecting their preferences about when to talk. “I’d like to talk openly with you about your concerns and mine. I’m interested in hearing your views even if we disagree. Is now a good time to do that or would it be better later? And if later, when would be good for you?”

Respecting your teen’s timetable for talking does not mean you are no longer the parent. If they don’t want to talk now, show respect by being flexible—within reason. If you teen just doesn’t want to talk at all—help him or her understand why talking is required. “I understand that you don’t want to talk right now. I also know that you intend to go to a party tonight where I have reason to believe there might be bad influences. If we can’t talk before then, I’ll need to decide how to deal with the party tonight on my own. If we can talk before then, it will give me a chance to hear your point of view. What would you prefer we do?”

3. Create a “safety reserve” by creating safety even when there are no problems. Communicating respect, praising small positive signs, “catching” them when they’re being good, and showing an interest in your teen’s life will help him or her feel much safer talking to you when problems emerge.

DISCUSS, AGREE ON, AND STICK WITH YOUR BOUNDARIES
If you talk about rules around curfews, choice of friends, and your expectations of knowing where your teen is before he or she is tempted to make bad choices, it is much easier to enforce them later. Then when boundaries are violated, hold your teen accountable consistently. If it’s a boundary, it should always be a boundary.

EVALUATE THE DIALOGUE
You’re aiming for a two-way, face-to-face conversation that gives your teen room to disagree with you and communicate a different point-of-view. After the conversation, ask yourself who did most of the talking. If your teen didn’t do at least 25% of it, you didn’t ask enough questions—or didn’t create enough safety to allow your teen to participate fully.
TEENAGE DRUG ABUSE

**Signs in the Home**
- Lost of interest in family activities
- Disrespect for family rules
- Withdraw from responsibilities
- Verbally or physically abusive
- Sudden increase or decrease in appetite
- Disappearance of valuable items or money
- Not coming home on time
- Not telling you where they are going
- Constant excuses for behavior
- Spending a lot of time in their room
- Lies about activities
- Finding the following: cigarette rolling papers, pipes, roach clips, small glass vials, plastic baggies, remnants of drugs (seeds, etc.)

**Signs at School**
- Sudden drop in grades
- Truancy
- Loss of interest in learning
- Sleeping in class
- Poor work performance
- Not doing homework
- Defiant of authority
- Poor attitude towards sports or other extracurricular activities
- Reduced memory and attention span
- Not informing you of teacher meetings, open houses, etc.

**Physical and Emotional Signs**
- Changes friends
- Smell of alcohols or marijuana on breath or body
- Unexplainable mood swings and behavior
- Negative, argumentative, paranoid or confused, destructive, anxious
- Over-reacts to criticism, acts rebellious
- Sharing few if any of their personal problems
- Doesn’t seem as happy as they used to be
- Overly tired or hyperactive
- Drastic weight loss or gain
- Unhappy and depressed
- Cheats, steals
- Always needs money, or has excessive amounts of money
- Sloppiness in appearance

Source: CDC
Workplace Violence

What About Violence in the Workplace?

There are many forms of violence in the workplace, from raised voices, profanity, or sexual harassment to robbery or homicide. Although one hears about homicide most often, that kind of violence is the most extreme and not very common. To assess your workplace’s vulnerability to violence ask yourself these questions:

- If you work in an office, is it secure?
- Do you have easy-to-use phone systems with emergency buttons, sign-in policies for visitors, panic buttons, safe rooms, security guards, good lighting, and safety training?
- Are all employees trained on security procedures?
- Are employees encouraged to report unusual or suspicious behavior?
- Is there a clear written policy that spells out procedures in cases of violence and sanctions for violators? Make sure you know whom to report unusual behaviors.
- Are there procedures in place to report sexual harassment? Is it clear that violators will be punished and victims will not?

Trouble Spots – those areas seen as being a concern to the interior and exterior of a business:

- Stairwells and out-of-the-way corridors—don’t take the stairs alone. Talk to your supervisor or building manager about improving poorly lighted corridors and stairways.
- Elevators—don’t get into elevators with people who look out of place or behave in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable. If you find yourself in an elevator with someone who makes you nervous, press the next floor button and get off as soon as possible. Also, stand near the emergency phone or button in the elevator.
- Restrooms—attackers can hide in stalls and corners. Make sure restrooms are locked and only employees have keys. Be extra cautious when using restrooms that are isolated or poorly lighted.
- After hours—don’t work late alone. Create a buddy system for walking to parking lots or public transportation or ask security to escort you.
- Parking lots or garages—choose a well lit, well-guarded parking garage. Always lock your car and roll windows up all the way. If you notice strangers hanging around the parking lot, notify security or the police. When you approach your car, have the key ready. Check the floor and front and back seats before getting in. Lock your car as soon as you get in—before you buckle your seat belt.

Who Do I Call?

Mounds View Public Works: 763-717-4050 (Monday—Friday, 7 am - 4:30 pm)
E-mail: publicworks@ci.mounds-view.mn.us
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)
  • County Road 10
  • County Road H
  • Silver Lake Road
  • County Road I (Silver Lake Rd. 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
Does Your Sewer Line Need a Preventative Check-up?

Property owners are responsible for the sewer service lateral between the dwelling and the sewer main in the street, while the City is responsible for the sewer main only. Nearly all sewer backups that Public Works respond to are due to a blocked sewer service lateral, not the sewer main. Most of these backups can be avoided with preventative maintenance and keeping certain items out of the sewer in the first place. Items like disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, rags or shop towels, motor oil, grease, paint, washing machine lint, and other similar items can easily clog the sewer pipes if flushed down the drain.

Cleaning your sewer service lateral is the most common preventative maintenance. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Hiring a reputable plumber or drain cleaning service will clear your service pipe of tree roots, grease, and other items that don’t belong in the sewer system, thereby lessening the possibility of a sewage backup into your dwelling. When you have your sewer line cleaned out, please notify the Public Works Department beforehand or as soon as possible afterward so we can make sure our sewer main is free from obstructions — simply provide your address and date of cleaning.

The Public Works Department also requests that any resident experiencing a sewer backup immediately call the Public Works Department at 763-717-4050, Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, so that the sewer main can be checked for blockages. Public Works maintenance personnel will identify the location of the blockage (sewer lateral or main). After hours assistance can be obtained by telephoning Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-484-9155.

REMEMBER - Call the Public Works Department FIRST before calling a plumbing service.

Ice Skating Rink Hours

Ice hockey and skating rinks typically open in mid to late December depending on weather and ice conditions. Mounds View has two parks with ice skating opportunities: Lambert and Hillview. Both parks have separate free (open) skating and hockey rinks and are open each day of the week (weather permitting).

Warming House Hours:
Weekdays (Monday – Friday): 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Weekends and School Breaks: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Locations:
Lambert Park - 5324 Jackson Drive (Jackson at Lambert Ave.)
Hillview Park - 7901 Greenwood Drive (Greenwood at Hillview Rd.)
Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions about Snow Plowing

With the winter season fast approaching, Public Works would like to provide some answers to the most commonly asked questions about snow plowing operations and snow removal responsibilities.

Q1. When does the City begin plowing snow?
The Public Works Supervisor decides when to begin snow plowing operations. This decision is based upon various factors including snow accumulation, drifting of snow and icy conditions affecting travel, time of snowfall in relationship to heavy traffic, air and pavement temperatures, and weather forecast. Snow plowing is expensive and Public Works has only a limited amount of equipment and personnel to perform this work.

Q2. When will my street get snow plowed?
Streets will be snow plowed in the most efficient manner possible. This means that streets in the same vicinity will typically be plowed one after the other. However, the City has designated some streets as Priority Snow Plow Routes that may be plowed first or more often than other streets during major winter storms. These priority streets usually have more traffic and connect major sections of the city to provide emergency access for fire, police, and medical services.

Q3. Why is the City plowing trails and sidewalks before my street is plowed?
Public Works uses different types of equipment for snow removal. The large orange snow plow trucks and yellow loader are used to clear streets, while pickup trucks are used on trails and parking lots. Skid steers, or Bobcats, are used to clear sidewalks. Therefore, snow plowing is really three separate operations occurring at the same time. This results in having a trail or sidewalk plowed before the street in some cases. The streets take a certain time to be snow plowed and this cannot be sped up, regardless if trails and sidewalks are being plowed at the same time as streets.

Q4. Why do the snowplows sometimes come by a second time and leave a windrow of snow on the end of my driveway after I already shoveled it?
Snow plows only have to make one pass by your driveway during normal winter storms. A second pass is sometimes required during bigger winter storms to clear the entire width of the street. This sometimes results in having a windrow of heavy snow placed at the end of your driveway. This windrow might even occur the day after a major winter storm since snow plow drivers might only be able to make one pass on the day of the storm.

Q5. Can I throw the snow from my driveway into the street if the street has not been plowed?
No – this is illegal. All snow removed from driveways must be placed next to the driveway on private property. It is unlawful to deposit snow from your driveway into the street, sidewalk, boulevard, or neighbor’s property – regardless if plowing has or has not occurred. If you have a contractor plow snow from your driveway, it is unlawful for them to push the snow across the street and the homeowner will be responsible for these actions.

Q6. What is the City’s parking restrictions during winter?
No parking is ever allowed on streets overnight between 2:00 am and 6:00 am unless signs are posted indicating that overnight parking is allowed. In addition, no vehicles are allowed to park on any street if three inches or more of snow has fallen within the preceding 48 hours. Only after the snow plow trucks have cleared the entire width of the street will vehicles be allowed to park in the street again. The Police Department will tow any vehicles in violation of these regulations.

Q7. My mailbox was damaged when the snowplow came by – will the City repair it?
It depends. Most instances of damaged mailboxes occur when the snow being plowed is pushed into the mailbox and breaks it – in which case the homeowner is responsible to fix the mailbox. The City is responsible for damaged mailboxes only if the snow plow makes a direct physical contact with the mailbox. In addition, the City will not be responsible for any irrigation systems, landscaping, trees, shrubs, or other private property installed in the City boulevard (the grass area ten to twenty feet from the street edge) damaged by snow plowing operations.

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**Q8. I got a note from the mail man saying more snow needs to be cleared around the mailbox or they won't deliver mail tomorrow – should I call the City?**

No. Property owners are responsible to clear snow around the mailbox to allow access by mail delivery trucks. Snowplows will attempt to clear snow as close as possible to the mailbox post, but this becomes more difficult as the snow piles in the boulevard get higher.

**Q9. I noticed my lawn was scalped by the snowplow – who will repair it?**

The City will repair any lawns that were damaged by snow plow blades. Public Works will restore the damaged lawn by leveling out the damaged area, if necessary, and spreading black dirt, fertilizer, and seed. Lawn damage is typically limited to streets without concrete curbs.

**Q10. Who do I contact with other snow plowing questions or to report damage?**

Call Public Works at 763-717-4050 or e-mail publicworks@ci.mounds-view.mn.us. A copy of the City’s Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy is also available on the Public Works webpage.

**Be Safe This Winter**

Stay at least 75 feet away when traveling behind snow removal equipment of any kind. In addition, please move away from the street as soon as you see the snow plow moving toward you. Snow plows are unable to stop quickly and must keep their momentum in order to keep the snow removal process going and not get stuck in heavy snow. Lastly, for everyone’s safety, DO NOT pass the unit unless instructed by the driver. Please respect the snow plow operators and the difficult work that they are performing on your behalf.

Also, please remind your children to keep snow forts and other structures in the yard away from the street and out of the boulevard. Children should also slide in safe location away from the streets.

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**Ramsey County Projects**

The county has several projects scheduled for 2016. Here’s a quick rundown so you know what’s happening.

**County Road H** - This will be the largest county project in Mounds View next summer as they plan to replace the bridge over I-35W and improve County Road H all the way to the west past the intersection with Old Highway 8. Look for a roundabout on the west side of the I-35W bridge, additional turn lanes and signal improvements in this area.

**County Road I Pavement Rehabilitation** - This project will make repairs along County Road I between County Road 10 and Quincy. They will also be repairing some areas of sidewalk and the pedestrian ramps at the corners. Finally, the signal at County Road I and Quincy Street will be converted to a permanent signal...yes the temporary signal has seemed permanent since it’s been there so long.

**County Road 10/Long Lake Road Intersection (2017)** - Long awaited safety improvements will be made to this intersection with the help of Federal Highway Safety Improvement Plan funding. The plan is to include dedicated left turn lanes on Long Lake Road and a protected left turn phase similar to other intersections.

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**Metropolitan Council Environmental Services**

North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation – Phase V (2015/2016). As the MCES continues to recapitalize their infrastructure some Mounds View residents will be affected. Two particular areas are part of the Phase V project. The northeast area (in the vicinity of Area I’s street project) and the southwest area will see different types of project work. In the northeast, the contractor will be installing a slip liner (pipe within a pipe), reconstructing a meter vault and installing a manhole. These will cause a significant amount of excavation near the Hillview/Quincy intersection and near the eastern entrance to Colonial Village. The southwest area will be impacted less since the larger part of the work will be a temporary sewer conveyance to allow the contractor to install a cast in place pipe liner. Finally along County Road H the contractor will be excavating to examine the condition of two force main pipes. This will cause a road closure at some point in the future.

The MCES has established (3) different methods of communication for questions and/or concerns regarding the project: www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/moundsview, Email: info@naiphase5.com or the Project Hotline 763-392-4648.
Street and Utility Improvement Program

Area H’s 2.4 miles of street and utility improvements is nearing completion after some significant challenges this year. Two sections of sanitary sewer which were initially lined had to be repaired. Those repairs required significant excavation efforts. The City would like to extend extra appreciation for the residents on the west end of Ardan Avenue for the tremendous amount of patience they had with that particular repair. Northwest Asphalt will be completing curb and gutter as well as bituminous in the next several weeks; however, some areas may have to wait until spring for the final 1-1/2 inches of asphalt to ensure that Mounds View gets the quality project for which they’ve paid.

Public Works is working with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for next year’s construction project in Area I. This area has 3.3 miles of street and utility improvement and includes:

- St. Michael Street between Oakwood Drive and County Road I
- St. Stephen Street between Oakwood Drive and County Road I
- Jackson Drive between Hillview Road and County Road I
- Quincy Street between Hillview Road and the northern dead end
- Interstate I-35W Service Road between Cornell Drive and Pinewood Drive
- Hillview Road between Jackson Drive and Interstate I-35W Service Road
- Oakwood Drive between its eastern dead end and Interstate I-35W Service Road
- Terrace Drive between Jackson Drive and Interstate I-35W Service Road
- Pinewood Drive between Jackson Drive and Interstate I-35W Service Road

Currently, the project is in the preliminary design phase with the designer looking at stormwater infiltration feature locations, street widths, and sidewalk installation. Please visit the project webpage (www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us/publicworks) for project updates and forms. Contact Public Works at 763-717-4050 for additional information.

The Street and Utility Improvement Program involves reconstructing 26 miles of City-owned streets and associated underground utilities. The Program includes design standards, a financing plan, a prioritization/implementation (staging) plan, and a communications plan for implementing reconstruction over nine individual areas (A through I) with an estimated program cost of $28 million.
Tree Pruning Tips (Clip and Save!)

The late dormant season is best for most pruning. Pruning in late winter allows the fresh wounds exposed only for a short length of time. Pruning decisions are easier to make when there are no leaves obscuring the plant branch structure and trimming at the proper time can avoid certain disease and physical problems.

OAK
To prevent the spread of oak wilt do not prune oak trees during the months of April, May or June. If you need to prune during these times, apply a wound dressing to mask the scent of fresh cut wood that attracts the disease carrying beetles.

ELM
Avoid trimming elm trees during early April to late July.

ASH
Avoid trimming ash trees from May 1 to August 31.

MAPLE
Maple trees can be cut anytime. Be sure to remember maple trees will "bleed" but this is not a harmful effect to the tree. They can bleed onto parked cars and be cosmetically unpleasant to look at. To avoid bleeding, trim during mid-summer or late fall.

You can trim dead or diseased branches on all trees at any time of the year. This will not harm the tree but will help the tree give nutrients to its growing branches. It is not necessary to spray the cuts of the dead branches with wound dressing.

Trim just outside the “collar” of the tree as it will heal and close the wound faster.
Holiday Schedule Changes
During the busy holiday season the City Council, Commissions, and Committees may reschedule or cancel their normal meetings. The meeting calendar is on the home page of the City web site at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us.

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 Mayor Joe Flaherty, with Council Member Gary Meehlhause serving as alternate. The NSCC meets bimonthly on the first Thursday at the CTV North Suburbs studio in Roseville; the next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd. Web streams of the meetings can be found at webstreaming.ctv15.org/typeview.php?regionid=86&typeid=44.

CenturyLink Franchise Approval Process
CenturyLink has been upgrading its infrastructure in the region to be able to provide 1 Gigabit Internet service and offer their cable television service, Prism TV. The North Suburban Cable Commission has negotiated a cable television franchise application from CenturyLink to provide cable communications service in the City. At their October 7, 2015, meeting, the NSCC recommended approval of the franchise agreement. All nine member cities must hold a public hearing as well as adopt a franchise agreement as part of the process. The franchise documents are available at www.ctv15.org/nsacnscc/century-link-franchise/centurylink-franchise-documents.

Comcast Franchise Renewal Process
The Comcast franchise with the member cities of the North Suburban Cable Commission, including Mounds View, has been extended until December 31, 2016. Work is still ongoing to secure a franchise renewal beyond 2016. Comcast has restarted the formal franchise renewal process. As part of the process needs ascertainment reports and viewership surveys are being updated. More information is available at www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/nsacnscc/nscc/franchise-renewal.

Universal Service
Universal Service is a provision of the cable franchise with Comcast that makes Mounds View Television and five other public and education access channels available at no cost to Mounds View residents. You do not need to subscribe to a paid cable package with Comcast. You may request Universal Service even if you subscribe to satellite television. For assistance requesting free Universal Service, please contact CTV North Suburbs at 651-792-7515.

The Universal Service channels are:
14 CTV Sports – 24/7 Sporting events featuring teams & athletes from CTV Cities
15 CTV Community – Community produced programs by CTV Producers/residents
16 CTV Cities – Mounds View Television
18 CTV RASD 623 – Roseville Area School District programming
19 CTV Civic – Live and archived city, county, and school board meetings
20 CTV MVSD 621 – Mounds View School District programming

SBM Fire Department Home Safety Challenge Videos
The Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department offers all residents in their response area a FREE and confidential in-home safety and security evaluation by a trained fire education professional. This free service is the only one of its kind in Minnesota because the SBM Fire Department believes in prevention! Take the online quiz at www.homesafetychallenge.org to get a preliminary safety score for your home. You can also watch videos with safety and security recommendations for residents of single family homes, apartments, and manufactured homes online at www.homesafetychallenge.org/home_safety_videos.cfm and on Mounds View Television, Cable Channel 16.
Keep an eye out for the SBM Fire Department’s Santa Parade in early December, details at www.sbmfire.com.
City Meeting Schedule

Live Schedule

The following dates and times for City meetings are authorized by the City Council and cable cast live on Mounds View Television, Cable Channel 16. All meetings are held in the Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2401 County Road 10. 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 pm
City Council Work Session
1st Monday at 7:00 pm
Charter Commission
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm in November, January and March
Economic Development Authority
2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm
Economic Development Commission
3rd Friday at 7:30 am
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission
4th Thursday at 6:30 pm
Planning Commission
1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Streets & Utilities Committee
3rd Monday at 7:00 pm in November and March

If you have questions about the Cable Channel 16 schedule or meeting replays, please contact Vanessa Van Alstine, Cable Television Coordinator, at 763-717-4045. The current Mounds View Television schedule can be viewed on the City’s website at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us/mvtv.

Replay Schedule

Replay times are subject to change.

EDA & City Council Meetings
Tuesday 6:00 pm, Thursday 8:00 am, Friday 12:00 am, Saturday 6:00 pm
City Council Work Session
Sunday 3:00 pm, Monday 7:00 pm, Wednesday 8:00 am, Saturday 12:00 am
Charter Commission
Sunday 9:00 am, Tuesday 12:00 pm, Wednesday 12:00 am, Friday 8:00 pm
Economic Development Commission
Sunday 7:00 pm, Tuesday 2:00 pm, Thursday 12:00 am, Friday 7:30 am
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission
Sunday 11:00 am, Tuesday 12:00 am, Wednesday 12:30 pm, Thursday 6:30 pm
Planning Commission
Sunday 12:00 am, Monday 8:00 am, Wednesday 7:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
Streets & Utilities Committee
Sunday 9:00 pm, Monday 11:00 am, Wednesday 2:00 am, Saturday 3:00 pm

Recordings of City meetings can be viewed at the Mounds View Library located at 2576 County Road 10. DVDs are available 2 days after the meeting.
# City Council 2015

**Mayor Joe Flaherty**  
763-717-4003 City Hall  
763-784-1960 Home

**Council Member**  
Sherry Gunn  
763-717-4005 City Hall  
612-612-4333 Mobile

**Council Member**  
Al Hull  
763-717-4004 City Hall  
612-600-1102 Home

**Council Member**  
Gary Meehlhause  
763-717-4007 City Hall  
763-780-9695 Home

**Council Member**  
Carol Mueller  
763-717-4006 City Hall  
763-458-2719 Mobile

## Police Department

763-717-4070 Main Line  
Monday–Friday 8 am–4:30 pm

651-484-9155 Dispatch  
After Hours & Weekends

9-1-1 Emergencies

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**Cookies with Santa**  
**FREE EVENT**

**Saturday, December 5th**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Location: Community Center**  
5394 Edgewood Drive

Cookie decorating, hot chocolate, music and pictures with Santa !!!

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