Please join us for the
North Metro Community Home & Garden Show
Saturday, February 4, 2017
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
NSC Sport Expo Center, Blaine

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Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

It is with a humble heart that I write my final Mayor’s message. By the time you receive this we will have elected a new Mayor to represent you and I. It is has been a great honor. I have been blessed to be your Mayor the past 8 years and as a council member the 4 years previous. We have come a long way as a community the past 12 years.

I have mentioned before that 12 years ago the city was known as the place of the Mermaid, Roberts and BelRae ball room. Today we are known as Medtronic, Allina HealthCare and BioLife. Plus many other outstanding companies that make their home here in Mounds View. We are a leader in Manufacturing, Engineering and Research. We have new roads throughout the community, our Community Center has grown and we now offer the best children and adult programs available. The trail system has doubled and we are truly a walkable city. Our entire infrastructure from water to sewer to how we communicate with the people has been upgraded or is new. We have seen our park system upgraded and enhanced. Our Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department are second to none. Our school system is recognized nationally with STEAM and early college classes available.

This is not the same Mounds View that I remember when I was first elected in 2004. We are better and we are ready for tomorrow. These are all things and events that are easily recognizable, that you can touch and feel and see. These are all events that people expect and demand of the people they elect. These are all events that make a city what it is and make people outside our city stand up and take notice. I am proud of what we have accomplished, but we are not done. All of these things will have to happen again and again. I hope in another 12 years the city of Mounds View will not look like the city of 2016. This is my hope. I have done my best and have no regrets. I hope I was good enough for you, the people that call Mounds View home.

My greatest pleasure the past 12 years has been meeting and working and talking with some of the best people I have ever met. People of character, people of passion, people of compassion. People I have served with on the council—Rob, Barb, Roger, Sherry, Carol, Al and Gary. Your City Council works tirelessly and hard for you. The people that serve on committees and boards, too numerous to count. These are people that give of their time and talents for the betterment of the city. They are truly the leaders of the community. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the best and talented people a city could hope to hire. People with passion and commitment to the people of this city. Jim, Des and Mark have been with me the whole time, their leadership and commitment to this city is unbelievable. There are so many people that work for you that work tirelessly and without bias. They deserve our Thanks.

Finally, I want to thank the people of Mounds View. You entrusted to me the honor of being your Mayor. The city of Mounds View has an abundance of intelligent, caring and dedicated citizens. You, the citizens, have said to me “Joe Flaherty, walk with us side by side to make Mounds View a city of vision, a city of passion, a city we all are proud to call home.” I hope I did not disappoint you.

I will now end this by saying that my service to the city has been extraordinary and beyond my expectations. It has been fulfilling and satisfying and humbling. It brings out every emotion possible and has made me a better person for it. I will always have a debt of gratitude to the people of this city. I plan on being around a long time and hope to see you around town. I think I hear my grandkids calling me.

Thank you and God bless.

Your neighbor,

Joe Flaherty,
Mayor, City of Mounds View 2009-2016
Join the Fire Department November 28th–December 1st 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/special-events/santa-tour for additional information and live GPS tracking during the parades.

The Mounds View Parade Route starts at 6:30 p.m. at Ardan Avenue and Spring Lake Road.

Monday Nov. 28th
West Blaine

Tuesday Nov. 29th
East Blaine

Wednesday Nov. 30th
Blaine TPC/Lakes

Thursday Dec. 1st
Mounds View & SLP

www.sbmfire.com
Do you have the Ugliest Room in the North Metro?

It could be worth $1000!

Submit a photo of your ugly room, along with a 100 word description of why you should win.

Photos and descriptions will be displayed at the North Metro Home & Garden Show on Saturday, February 4, at the Sport Expo Center in Blaine.

Attendees at the Show will vote on who should win the contest.

One $1000 Gift Card will be awarded to the photo submission with the most votes.

northmetrohomeandgarden.com/features/ugliest-room-contest

Sponsored by the 2017 North Metro Home & Garden Show

Complete details can be found online. Must own and live in a home in one of the sponsoring communities: Blaine, Fridley, Columbia Heights or Mounds View.
Mark your calendars for the 19th Annual Community

North Metro Home & Garden Show
Saturday, February 4, 2017 • 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
National Sports Center’s Sport Expo Center, Blaine, MN

Sponsored by the Cities of
Blaine ♦ Columbia Heights ♦ Fridley ♦ Mounds View
Exhibitors! ♦ Free Seminars! ♦ Door Prizes! ♦ Free Admission & Parking!
Ugliest Room Contest! ♦ Kids Activity Center & Face Painter – bring the whole family!
For further information: www.northmetrohomeandgarden.com Find us on Facebook!

North Metro Community Home & Garden Show—February 4, 2017

The 19th Annual North Metro Community Home and Garden Show will be on Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It’s the place to be for all your home improvement, remodeling and landscaping needs! This is an annual event sponsored by the Cities of Blaine, Columbia Heights, Fridley, and Mounds View. All of the sponsoring cities will have staff on hand to answer your questions about housing, development and city planning. In addition to the great exhibitors, there will be seminars, door prizes and a sponsor treasure hunt, and a kids activity center with face painter – and it’s all FREE! Please visit www.northmetrohomeandgarden.com for more information.

Local History

In 1976, in commemoration of the bicentennial, a committee of devoted Mounds View residents compiled a book entitled, “Mounds View — A History” which is available for purchase at City Hall for $10.00.

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.

This is a paid advertisement.
Year 2017 Draft Budget Summary

The City Council approved a preliminary property tax levy for 2017 on September 12, 2016. 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 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m., 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 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. if needed. Final adoption of the levy and budget will probably occur at the City Council meeting on December 12, 2016, 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 3.4% ($149,390) for 2017. The City has also adopted a preliminary HRA levy of $100,000 or 2.28% increase. The City has had no levy increase in 6 out of the last 11 years. (Street Improvement Fund 7.9% - 2010, General Fund 2% - 2011, 2% - 2014, 2% - 2015, 1% - 2016)

Effect on the Average Home
The median home value for 2017 increased by 5.6% to $184,350; this is up from $174,600 in 2016. Market values are determined by Ramsey County. The City of Mounds View’s tax levy accounts for approximately 26% of a homeowner’s property tax. The majority, 74%, 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 an increase 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.

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<th>2016 Market Value</th>
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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.

EDA Special Revenue - The EDA Fund accounts for the activity of Economic Development Authority.

Finance

Sign Up for Automatic Utility Bill Payment
The City is taking applications for automatic bill payment. The City will debit your checking account on the due date. Never worry about forgetting to pay your utility bill; it will be done automatically on the due date. Also, you are helping the City keep utility costs down by signing up. For an application or questions contact the Finance Department at 763-717-4014 or go to the City’s website to download an application at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us under City Departments/Finance.
## Proposed 2017 Budget Combined General, Street Improvement, and EDA Funds Revenues

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## Combined General, Street Improvement, and EDA Funds Expenditures

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## Mounds View Matters
Community Development

Business Retention & Expansion Award

The City of Mounds View received a “Leaders in Local Government Award” from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for the second year in a row in the category of Business Retention and Expansion. Each city in Ramsey County competes for the awards which are sponsored by Lockridge Grindal Nauen. The award is a symbol recognizing the City’s efforts in helping local business in Ramsey County.

The City of Mounds View leads a very aggressive Business Retention and Expansion program. The City has around 140 businesses and nearly all of them have been visited in the past couple of years. Brian Beeman, the Business Development Coordinator who leads the program, tries as often as possible to have the Mayor and at least one City Council member or Economic Development Commissioner at each of the business visits. The message City staff hears repeatedly is that Mounds View is a business friendly community which tries to get ahead of any issues by meeting with business owners often and encouraging open lines of communication.

Businesses appreciate having a Business Development liaison from the City who is going door-to-door, meeting, and talking about issues the business owners believe are important. Even those businesses that have had to make the difficult decision to close their doors have thanked Beeman and the City for all of their efforts in assisting them and getting them answers when they most needed them.

Barb Benesch Retires

The City is sad to announce the retirement of longtime employee Barb Benesch. Naturally we’re very happy for Barb as she moves on to this new chapter in her life, but we will miss her bright smile, immense talents and years of experience working in the Community Development Department as the administrative assistant and permit technician. Barb started working for Mounds View in 1978 and is the longest tenured employee in the City’s history at 38 years of service. We thank Barb for her dedication and accomplishments and for her relentless efforts to improve and enhance the efficiency of our permitting process and other City procedures. We all wish Barb the very best in whatever she chooses to do moving forward.

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 MSP, the Anoka County/Blaine airport, or any MAC Reliever Airport at any time of the day or night.

www.macnoise.com
Crossroad Pointe: The Beard Group backs out

About one year ago, the City of Mounds View entered into a pre-development agreement with The Beard Group, a multifamily residential developer who proposed to build a 119 unit market rate apartment building on the 4.25 acre vacant lot across from Moe’s restaurant. The EDA acquired all three parcels and packaged the deal receiving a proposal from The Beard Group who had recently constructed a similar project in Osseo. Before the proposal, the City Council, Economic Development Commission, and Planning Commission had toured sites and talked to developers about their product in order to gain a better understanding of the current market trends and quality of the construction.

One thing that was clear after talking to the developers was that a multi-use or mixed-use concept was struggling throughout the metro and it was thought that a mixed-use development wouldn’t work with existing market trends. After a joint meeting and extensive discussions, the City Council ultimately decided to enter into a pre-development agreement with The Beard Group which allowed for a one year due diligence period to conduct market studies, do soil testing, surveys, appraisals, negotiations, site plan, concept maps, etc. About two-thirds of the way through the predevelopment agreement the market study came back with better than anticipated results for housing demands. As a result, The Beard Group redesigned the project and nearly doubled the capacity from the original 119 units to 205 units or 251 bedrooms.

However, after nearly a year of due diligence The Beard Group has formally backed out of the development. The developer was going after gap financing in the form of Housing Tax Credits. However those funds have been popular and many of the funds have dried up. The program is competitive and the application intense. The program also requires that 20% of the units be offered at an affordable rate. This requirement increased the costs of the project and the developers concluded that there was no viable financial solution and therefore had to make the difficult decision to move on from the project.

While the multifamily residential development is off the table, the good news is that the City has been receiving a number of inquiries on the property. The original idea for the Crossroad Pointe area was for a destination mixed-use development. A downtown concept was discussed; however, many believe there isn’t enough space for that type of development. The City has had a medical developer look at the site that had a requirement that 60% of the building be pre-leased before construction could begin. After several phone calls and little interest in medical users, the developer backed out.

Another idea is to construct a restaurant building with a smaller retail use. The City has had a restaurant interested in the site who has indicated that they may revisit the opportunity in 2017. In the meantime, the City is continuing to field questions about the site and there has been a healthy stream of phone calls coming in asking about more senior living, restaurants, etc. The good thing about having a Preliminary Development Agreement in place is that many issues are cleared up before a formal development agreement is orchestrated and neither party is obligated until the formal development agreement is consummated. Anyone with questions about the Crossroad Pointe site is encouraged to call Business Development Coordinator Brian Beeman at 763-717-4029 or email at brian.beeman@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.

Ask the City Administrator

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

Question/Comment _______________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________
Name _______________________________________________ Phone ____________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________________________________
I would like a response by telephone _____ mail _____ email _________________________no response required _____
Charity Scams

Charitable giving helps create happy and magical memories for many families. At the police department, we encourage you to consider the following tips when choosing where to make your donations.

In Mounds View, door-to-door solicitors are required to obtain a license through the City before contacting residents. They are given a license which they should show to a resident upon request. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you believe a solicitor is working without approval.

Request written information on the charity that includes the name of the organization, its mission, plans for achieving its objectives, and how much of every dollar collected is used for charitable purposes. Check with the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office Charity Division at 1-800-657-3787 to determine if the organization is registered. There are reputable online websites that rate charities, such as CharityNavigator.org and charitywatch.org.

Contribute by check or credit card. Cash donations are impossible to trace and difficult for the charity to protect. Consider also meeting a specific need, such as a toy or clothing drive.

Never provide your credit card number unless you know the charity and you call the charity yourself. Giving out a credit card number, account number, or other personal information in response to unsolicited phone call is equivalent of giving this information to a complete stranger, and can lead to identity theft.

If something doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t. Call the Mounds View Police Department with questions at 763-717-4070.

Shop with a Cop

The Mounds View Police Department will be participating the 2016 Shop with a Cop. Along with the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Department, the MVPD escorted kids to Target in a parade of lights for a Christmas shopping experience. We had a great time last year and are very much looking forward to being Santa’s helpers again this year. For more information on this program please contact Officer Nate Garland at 763-717-4092.
Holiday Safety for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

If You’re Traveling...
- Set an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask your neighbor to watch your home, shovel the walks, pick up newspapers, collect mail, and park in the driveway from time to time to make the house look lived in.
- Be sure to keep any gifts that may be left in the house out of sight while you’re gone.

If You’re Out for the Evening...
- Turn on lights and a radio or television so that it appears that someone is home.
- Lock all doors and windows while you’re out, even if just a few minutes.
- Do not place packages or gifts near windows or in other high-visibility sites.

If You’re Shopping...
- Don’t let your guard down just because you are rushing.
- Stay alert and be aware of everything around you at all times. Report suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1. The police need your eyes and ears to assist them.
- Park in well-lit spaces and as close to the store as possible, lock your car doors, and hide packages in the trunk or under the seat. Be certain to hide items each time you return to the car.
- Don’t carry large amounts of cash, pay with a check or credit card if possible. Tell the clerk to check your I.D. if they do not ask for it. Don’t discard your receipts until you get home. Thieves like to collect receipts and use them to return items that were stolen from store.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Don’t leave your purse in cart and walk away. **Fanny packs are great for shopping!!
- If you take your children shopping, teach them to go to a police officer or a store security guard if they get separated or lost.

If You’re at Home...
- Turn on outside lights to deter burglars.
- Report any suspicious behavior to the police or local community watch groups.
- Make sure your homeowners (or renters) insurance is up-to-date and everything is inventoried properly. Operation I.D. is a great way to inventory your home.
- Get to know your neighbors...join or start your own neighborhood watch today. For more information contact your local law enforcement agency.

If a Stranger comes to the Door...
- Stay alert to suspicious-looking couriers delivering packages to you or your neighbors.
- Many con artists take advantage of holiday generosity by going door-to-door. Ask for identification and get specifics to how and where the donations will be spent/used.
- If you feel uncomfortable, just say "no thank you" and shut the door.

Minnesota Crime Prevention Association's Tips of the Month

Where to Recycle String Lights

Do you have holiday lights that don’t light up anymore? They’re recyclable! Bring them to Ramsey County’s year-round household hazardous waste site during hours of operation. The site is located at 5 Empire Drive in Saint Paul. All types of cords are accepted. Do not include lights with attached battery packs, electronics or appliances.

For hours and a list of other items accepted, go to RamseyRecycles.com/householdhazardouswaste or call 651-633-EASY (3279).
Public Safety

Preventing Mail Theft

Will you be mailing out special gifts this year or doing some online shopping where you’ll be receiving packages? Please check out these tips from the United States Postal Inspection Service for keeping your mail as safe as possible from a Grinch.

- Deposit outgoing mail in a blue collection box, at a Post Office, or by handing it directly to your letter carrier.
- Never leave mail in your mailbox overnight.
- If you see suspicious activity call police immediately and Postal Inspectors.
- Never send cash or coins in the mail.
- Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery. Or ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail if you’re expecting high value items.
- Have your Post Office hold your mail while you’re absent from your home for a period of time.
- If you don’t receive valuable mail you’re expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you believe your mail was stolen, report it immediately by submitting an online complaint at postalinspectors.usps.gov or by calling 877-876-2455.

Improving Home Security

A burglary of a home can be a scary experience leaving residents feeling violated and unsafe even if they most likely weren’t home when the crime occurred. There are steps that can be taken to keep a residence secure and off the radar of burglars. Criminals are less likely to target areas where they feel their actions will be seen, recognized, and reported. Here are a few suggestions:

- Improve lighting by adding motion activated lights, direct lights down to prevent glare
- Prune/remove landscaping
- Replace/install a more secure strike plate
- Secure garage windows
- Lock service doors
- Notify the police department of extended vacations and property vacancy
- Check with shipping companies and sign up for delivery notification programs
- Use timers for TVs and lights
- Turn lights on during inclement weather
- Home security system with cameras

Request a free home premises survey by the Police Department for a personalized evaluation of your property. Call 763-717-4070.

Heart Safe Mounds View

Are you interested in volunteering with this effort? Are you the survivor of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest and wish to tell your story in hopes of saving the lives of others? Are you interested in hosting training? Please contact Officer Kirsten Heineman to set up your free Heart Safe CPR/AED training!!! 763-7171-4064 or kirsten.heineman@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.

Parking Regulations

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

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

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

What is Judo?
Judo, which means "The Gentle Way", is a Japanese martial art based on the ancient techniques of Jujitsu. Dr. Jigoro Kano, its founder, incorporated the best of these techniques into the new art of Judo. Dr. Kano believed that the personal discipline Judo teaches helps its practitioners, called Judoka, become more productive members of society.

Judo has many different applications. It works for sport in the ring. It works on the street for self-defense. MMA fighters and police officers both use it. It’s a great social activity that can build confidence, calm the mind, and help you get in shape. And many Judoka do it simply because it’s fun!

Who are we?
Judo Minnesota was created to provide opportunities for youth, the local community, and the general public to interact with Law Enforcement in a positive manner. The purpose of the Police Activity League (PAL) is to provide a safe, positive, and energetic environment for youth and adults to enjoy training in the martial arts. Train with Mounds View Police Officer Kasey Keckeisen, an experienced Police Officer, SWAT team leader, and SWAT training coordinator.

What do we do?
Judo, Wrestling, and Close Quarter Combat pioneer Mel Bruno said, "Teach them Judo, but train them like wrestlers." and Judo Minnesota has adopted this philosophy because we believe wrestlers are the world’s best conditioned athletes.

The Police Activity League blends Wrestling, Judo, and Jujitsu with principles developed from years of practical field experience and application. What we teach has been tested and proven in personal protection, professional use-of-force settings, and mixed martial arts. If you have arms, legs, and a head, the principles of grappling never change, but the rules often do. PAL gives its students the skills to adapt to circumstances, whether that means following department use-of-force policy, defending yourself, or winning a match in the octagon.

The program also incorporates atemi waza, or striking, because one must be able to compete on equal grounds no matter what the rules. Confidence is built through competence. Competence is through modern sporting methods that prepare students for situations they will have to face in the most realistic manner safely possible.

The Judo Minnesota Police Activity League is suitable for beginners-to-advanced, youth, and adults. We welcome you to help us build a better and stronger society through positive training with people of all skill levels in a fun and encouraging environment.

Marinating the traditions of the past, utilizing the best training methods of today.

Police Activity League Programs
1 Semester (12 weeks)
Ages 14 and up.

Mounds View Community Center, 5394 Edgewood Drive
Monday and Wednesday 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

www.judomn.org/judo-minnesota.html

This is a paid advertisement.
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. These priority routes can be found at the end of the Mounds View Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy, bit.ly/SnowPolicy.

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 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless signs are posted indicating that this 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. If you have a sidewalk, the City boulevard extends...
behind (away from the street) for an additional distance (five to ten feet). Please do not place landscaping in this area as it may damage snow removal equipment or other property.

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 or you can use the shortcut bit.ly/SnowPolicy.

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. Snowplows 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.

REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN’T SEE THE SIDE MIRRORS ON THE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT, THE OPERATOR CAN’T SEE YOU!

Did you Know?

Read Mounds View Matters Online with Full Color and Active Web Links

Web site links can get long and are hard to type accurately. The online PDF version of Mounds View Matters has functional links for the web sites and email addresses in the articles. And it’s in full color, too! Find the current newsletter and archives at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us. Click on “Community News,” then “City Newsletter - Mounds View Matters.”
Keeping your Driveway Clear

The following diagram shows how property owners can clear their driveways to reduce the possibility of becoming snow-bound after plows complete their work. By shoveling or plowing snow in the same direction as traffic and making a snow collection pocket. The pocket will accumulate in the pocket and reduce the amount that ends up at the end of your driveway.

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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Weekends and School Breaks: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Locations:**
- Lambert Park - 5324 Jackson Drive (Jackson at Lambert Avenue)
- Hillview Park - 7901 Hillview Drive (Greenwood at Hillview Road)
Are You Prepared For A Sewer Backup?

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

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

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

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

1. Call the City immediately at 763-717-4050 during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) or 651-484-9155 outside normal business hours (Ramsey County Dispatch) to report the sewer backup. The City will work with you to identify the location of the blockage. If the blockage is in one of the City’s main sewer lines, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.
2. Make arrangements for the blockage to be cleared if it is determined to be in the individual sewer line to your property. Remember, you are responsible for scheduling and paying for service to clear such a blockage.
3. If you have homeowners or another type of property insurance coverage, notify your insurance agent of the sewer backup to see if such a claim is covered. Not all homeowners’ insurance policies have this coverage and you should check with your agent before a sewer backup occurs to find out if you’re covered.
4. Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe and professional manner. It’s a good idea to use the services of a reputable company experienced in cleaning up after sewer backups.
5. Document the actions you take (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.

A Note Regarding Flushable Wipes

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

Waste Oil & Oil Filter Disposal

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

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

Garbage and Recycling Containers

Residents are reminded to keep their garbage and recycling container at the end of their driveway instead of on the street. This allows the plow to move the snow to the curb line and reduces the possibility that the container is knocked over because of snow.
Ramsey County Projects

The county has several projects scheduled for the summer of 2017 as well. Here’s a quick rundown so you can know what’s happening.

County Road H (2016). This is the largest county project in Mounds View and the Phase I work (primarily west of I-35W) is scheduled to be completed by late November. There will continue to be work on the Arden Hills side of I-35W in to 2017. Once completed, there will be roundabouts on both sides of I-35W and a new ramp from Trunk Highway 10 on to I-35W northbound. Additional information is available at: www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2016-road-projects/county-road-h-i-35w-interchange.

Mounds View Boulevard (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 along Mounds View Boulevard.
Public Works

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.

DEAD/DISEASED BRANCHES: 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.

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. This work will continue through most of the winter and likely into the spring. The southwest area in Mounds View is completed.

The MCES has established (3) different methods of communication for questions and/or concerns regarding the project: www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/moundsview, email to info@naiphase5.com or call their project hotline at 763-392-4648.

As always please be extra cautious with driving near or in a construction zone.

Who Do I Call?

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

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

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

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

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

Water/Sewer Utility Billing: 763-717-4014
Special Election Announcement

Carol Mueller will start her term as Mayor in January 2017. This has left a vacancy on her former City Council seat. Therefore, the City will be starting the process of organizing a Special Election in accordance with state law and the City Charter. City Staff and the City Council will inform residents when this Special Election will occur, how to file for the vacancy, and who will be campaigning for this seat. Please monitor the City’s website (www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us), City’s Facebook page, and your local newspaper for more information about this Special Election. The City anticipates this Special Election will occur in late February/early March.

License Required for Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

Each year, the City of Mounds View receives numerous requests for peddler/solicitor/transient merchant permits. The City regulates this activity and requires them to have a permit. The only way the City can control door-to-door sales is to require a permit while they do business in Mounds View. Before you open your door, ask to see the permit. If the peddler/solicitor/transient merchant does not produce a permit, then please contact Mounds View City Hall at 763-717-4000. If the peddler is selling door-to-door in your neighborhood after City Hall business hours, then please contact Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-494-9155, and a Mounds View Police Officer will be dispatched to your neighborhood.

Notary Public

The City of Mounds View offers Notary Public services for anyone. You will need to provide a valid photo ID and the fee is $5.00 per signature that is notarized.

This service is available when City Hall is open:
Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public, Educational and Government Access Channels on Comcast

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Comcast has activated a high-definition channel for CTV programming. CTV Showcase can be found at Comcast channel 859 and features HD shows from a variety of local producers including Mounds View Television.

Universal Service is a provision of the cable franchise with Comcast that makes channels 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 20 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.

Public, Educational and Government Access Channels on CenturyLink

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CenturyLink channel 15 is a mosaic through which all of the CTV channels can be accessed. You can also tune directly to the individual channels.
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 (Comcast) or CTV Mounds View 8019 (CenturyLink). All meetings are held in the Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2401 Mounds View Boulevard. Due to lack of quorum or other circumstances, these meeting dates and times are subject to change and/or cancelation:

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

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

Replay Schedule

Replay times are subject to change.

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

Recordings of City meetings can be viewed at the Mounds View Library located at 2576 Mounds View Boulevard (formerly County Road 10). DVDs are available 2 days after the meeting.

Holiday Schedule Changes

During the busy holiday season the City Council and Commissions 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.

Comcast Franchise Renewal Negotiations Continue

The Comcast cable franchise with the nine member cities of the North Suburban Cable Commission (NSCC), including Mounds View, expires December 31, 2016. As of the October NSCC meeting, it was not anticipated that the informal franchise renewal negotiations would conclude by the end of the year deadline. The parties are working on an agreement for franchise extension. More information is available at www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/franchise-renewal/franchise-renewal.

Health, Safety, and Emergency Readiness

ECHO Minnesota (Emergency & Community Health Outreach) is a leader in multi-language health, safety, civic engagement, and emergency readiness communications. Their programs help ensure that the public is fully informed and empowered with tools to be healthy, safe and ready.

Several ECHO Minnesota programs play on Mounds View Television in English. The same information is available in Spanish, Somali, Khmer, Vietnamese, Lao, and Hmong at www.echominnesota.org along with additional resources about health and safety topics.
What’s Happening at the Mounds View Library!

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

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

Family Storytime
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Start your day with stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child’s early literacy skills! Ages 2–5 with caregiver.

NEW: Saturday Storytime
Saturday, January 28th, 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, February 25th, 10:30 a.m.
Start your day with stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child’s early literacy skills! Ages 2–5 with caregiver.

Read It Down
First Saturdays: December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th
Got fines or fees? Read them away. Visit any Ramsey County Library on the first Saturday of every month to participate. Earn $1 for every 15 minutes you spend reading in the library.
For kids and teens 17 & under.

Cookie Decorating
Friday, December 16th, 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Come join in a session of cookie decorating. Supplies provided. Limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

Lego Builders Club
Thursday, December 22nd, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 28th, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 25th, 11:00 a.m.–4 p.m.
Build your own creation out of LEGOs and show it off! LEGOs available for in-library use. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

Origami for Kids
Friday, December 23rd, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of origami and leave with creations of your own. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

Coloring Club
Wednesday, December 28th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 14th, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (drop in)
Saturday, February 11th, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (drop in)
Come join in a session of detailed coloring for school age kids. We’ll color in a relaxed environment. Supplies provided. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

Shrinky Dinks
Thursday, December 29th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Drop by for an afternoon craft with Shrinky Dinks. Supplies provided. No registration required. Ages 7–12.

Board Games for Kids
Friday, December 30th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Play your favorite tabletop games at the library! No registration required. Ages 7 and up.

Book Bingo
Thursday, January 26th, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of good, old fashioned bingo! We’ll play several rounds and the winners will take home brand new books from the librarian’s secret stash. Play one round or stay the whole time. Space is limited to 25 participants per game. Ages 7 & up.

Scratch
Friday, January 27th, 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Join us and learn to create a short animation with this fun, easy-to-learn computer program. Registration required. Ages 10 & up.

Valentine Cards
Thursday, February 9th, 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Come join in a creative session of card making for kids. Supplies provided. No registration required. Ages 7–12.
City Council 2016

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

Council Member
Sherry Gunn
763-717-4005 City Hall
612-619-4333 Mobile

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

—— Beginning January 2017 ——

Mayor Carol Mueller
763-717-4006 City Hall
763-458-2719 Mobile

Police Department

763-717-4070 Main Line
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
651-484-9155 Dispatch
After Hours & Weekends
9-1-1 Emergencies

City Council 2016 Election Results

Congratulations to Carol Mueller for being elected Mayor and to Council Members Sherry Gunn and Gary Meehlhause for being re-elected to the City Council. Results are unofficial until canvassed by the Mounds View City Council on November 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

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