North Metro Home and Garden Show

The 20th Annual North Metro Community Home and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the National Sports Center’s Sport Expo Center in Blaine. This annual FREE event, sponsored by the Cities of Blaine, Columbia Heights, Fridley, and Mounds View, is the place to be for all of your home improvement, remodeling, and landscaping needs! 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, the North Metro Community Home and Garden Show will feature:

- Keynote seminar by Kris Lindahl, owner of The Kris Lindahl Team of RE/MAX Results which is returning as the Show Sponsor for 2018
- Other seminars, including one presented by Master Gardener Kim Sullivan on “Lawn Care for the Water Wise,” of special interest with enactment and enforcement of watering restrictions
- Ugliest Room Contest, where a resident in one of our sponsoring cities can win $1,000 to use toward a home improvement project
- Sponsor treasure hunt with a chance to win a $100 VISA gift card
- Door prizes, including a football-themed Big Game Party Pack
- Kids Activity Center with fun crafts, a face painter, and a balloon twisting artist

Please visit www.northmetrohomeandgarden.com for more information.

Cookies with Santa

Come to the Mounds View Community Center, 5394 Edgewood Drive, on Saturday, December 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for cookies with Santa. This free event features cookie decorating, hot chocolate, music, and pictures with Santa.
Dear neighbors and friends,

Fall has flown by and another winter is here. City plows will be dispatched when we have snowfall of 2 inches or more. Please remember to remove the snow from the fire hydrants in your neighborhood as you clear your driveways.

A few things to look forward to in the New Year:

2018 is the 60th Anniversary of Mounds View as a city. Nancy Bulmer is the chair of our 60th Anniversary Committee. Nancy reports that we are seeking more volunteers to help with the planned events. All are welcome. We are also seeking stories and photos of Mounds View memories. Please contact City Hall at 763-717-4000 for more information.

The construction of our Public Works Building will be done in late spring. Pollinator friendly plants will be included in the landscape design. An open house celebration is planned upon completion.

Super Bowl LII will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. While we don’t know which teams will be competing at the publication time of this article, it has been announced that Justin Timberlake will perform at the halftime show. I have learned that a few events will be held here in Mounds View at the Mermaid Entertainment Center the week before the Super Bowl.

Plans are underway to replace the video and audio equipment in our city council chambers. Design and budgeting work is happening now, with installation to take place in 2018. The city website redesign to be compatible with all of your electronic or mobile devices is nearly complete. Once developers and staff have completed training and testing, please check it out at www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us. The city Facebook page is MoundsViewMN.

The Council joins me in extending to all of you our best wishes for a safe and blessed Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year.

With warmest regards,
Carol

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Interim City Administrator Report

What better time of year can there be than the fall! Warm autumn days followed by crisp ideal nights well suited for a restful slumber. The change in seasons reminds us that our lives are similarly changing; sometimes we simply fail to take note. After serving the Mounds View community for 21 years as our Fire Chief, I now find myself, once again, serving this wonderful community as your Interim City Administrator.

My suspicions have been confirmed—this is a great community to live and work in. While it has only been a short 7 weeks, I have found the staff here to be passionate about their community, dedicated to the residents, and proudful in their purpose. The prevailing attitude is always one of yes, we can do that!

In the interim, there have been some staffing challenges for which my past experience, which was heavily weighted to human resources, has prepared me well. We now have a Public Works Director, Don Peterson, who has served in the interim role. We have posted and will be filling the vacant Building Official position, reorganized Human Resource Technician position, and Police Administrative Support position, all by the time this newsletter will go to press and be mailed out.

This will leave the reorganized Public Works Superintendent position open along with two other positions in the department, due to a recent retirement and a departure.

As the interim administrator, the primary goal is to stay the course while the search process for a City Administrator is conducted. Nearly 50 candidates have applied with a decision scheduled by the end of the year. That is a remarkable number and speaks volumes to the community you call home.

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Comprehensive Plan Update

Mounds View, along with all counties, cities, and townships within the seven-county metropolitan area, is required to update its Comprehensive Land Use Plan every ten years (2018). The Comprehensive Plan includes nine categories: Land Use, Transportation, Wastewater, Surface Water, Water Supply, Parks & Trails, Housing, Environmental Resilience, and Economic Competitiveness.

A Task Force will be appointed by the City Council, consisting of members of advisory commissions and residents, to discuss and review the Comprehensive Plan update during the winter and spring of 2018. For more information, please contact Jon Sevald, City Planner, at 763-717-4022 or jon.sevald@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.
The Boulevard

MWF Properties is proposing to construct a 60-unit apartment building at the northwest corner of Mounds View Boulevard and Groveland Road, across from Steve’s Appliance. The current land use includes one single-family home and three vacant properties.

The three story building will include one, two, and three-bedroom units with underground and surface parking. Residents must qualify for Section 42 housing, meaning incomes limited to 60% of the Area Median Income. For example, $36,060 for a one-person household, and $51,480 for a four-person household. Planned rents will range from $784 to $1,115 per month. These rents are the equivalent to 75% of the average rent in Mounds View.

Thus far, the City Council has approved to rezone the properties to R-4 High Density Residential, and approved a Conditional Use Permit for a Multiple Family Dwelling (May 8, 2017). These approvals are contingent upon approval of a Preliminary Plat to combine four properties into one property, and a Development Review of the appearance of the project.

During City Council meetings, many residents expressed opposition to the project because it includes affordable housing, and because the project proposed a driveway onto Groveland Road. The City Council tabled the applications in August, pending conversations with Ramsey County to reconsider allowing the driveway to be on Mounds View Boulevard, which it has agreed to if the City requires any future redevelopment of this area to share the same driveway.

If the City Council approves the project, this will be the first apartment building built in Mounds View since 1999, excluding senior independent and assisted living facilities.

Crossroad Pointe

INH Properties is proposing to construct a 120+ unit apartment building, indoor shooting range, and other retail at the southeast corner of Mounds View Boulevard and County Road H2 (across from Moe’s).

The properties are currently vacant, formerly occupied by Robert’s and Taiko restaurants, and Premium Stop gas station. The City acquired these properties in 2006 and 2013, and has marketed the properties for redevelopment for a number of years. In July, the City Council considered proposals from three developers. These proposals included: (1) 200+ units of senior apartments, 100% affordable housing; (2) 200+ units of apartments, 20% affordable housing; and (3) the INH proposal, 0% affordable housing. The Council chose the INH proposal, in part because INH is not requesting any TIF assistance from the City. According to the developer, the indoor shooting range is necessary to offset the costs otherwise provided by TIF and/or affordable housing tax credits.

PROJECT STATUS: The developers held a Neighborhood meeting in September to answer questions about the apartments and indoor shooting range. The developers are currently developing plans, and are expected to submit planning applications in early 2018 for consideration by the City Council. If approved, construction is expected to begin in spring 2018, and completed in 2019/2020. For more information, contact Jon Sevald, City Planner, at 763-717-4022 or jon.sevald@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.
Year 2018 Draft Budget Summary

The City Council approved a preliminary property tax levy for 2018 on August 28, 2017. 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 4, 2017, 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 Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. if needed. Final adoption of the levy and budget will probably occur at the City Council meeting on December 11, 2017, 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 General Fund levy increase of 4.3% ($196,465) for 2018. The City eliminated the $300,000 Street Improvement Levy, a decrease of (6.57%). The City adopted a debt service levy of $415,034 or 9.08% increase for the 2017 GO CIP Bonds (public works facility). The EDA adopted a preliminary EDA levy with no increase over 2017. The Voters approved the referendum question to add an additional police officer which will add $85,200 (1.86%) to the levy. The combined effect of the above levies is an 8.68% levy increase ($396,799). The City has had no levy increase in 6 out of the last 12 years. (Street Improvement Fund 7.9%– 2010, General Fund 2%– 2011, 2%– 2014, 2%– 2015, 1%– 2016, General Fund 1.71%, EDA 2.28%– 2017)

Effect on the Average Home

The median home value for 2018 increased by 6.76% to $197,300. This is up from $184,800 in 2017. 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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| Median Taxable Value | $ 162,750 | $ 177,800 |

Information presented in this article is for the City’s General Fund, GO CIP Bonds Debt Service Fund, and EDA 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 on the Finance department page, www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us/finance.

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 and are included in the General Fund.

GO CIP Bonds of 2017 Debt Service Fund—The Debt Service Fund accounts for all debt service payments related to the public works facility construction bonds.

EDA Special Revenue—The EDA Fund accounts for the activity of Economic Development Authority.
### Proposed 2018 Budget Combined General, GO CIP Bonds, and EDA Funds Revenues

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| **GO CIP Bonds Debt Service** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| Property Taxes | $-          | $-          | -                | $415,034      | 76.7%           | -               |
| Transfers from other funds | -          | -          | -                | 126,284       | 23.3%           | -               |
| **Total GO CIP Bonds** | **$-**      | **$-**      | **-**            | **$541,318**  | **100.0%**      | **-**           |

| **EDA Special Revenue** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| Property Taxes | $-          | 100,000    | 44.4%            | 100,000       | 44.4%           | 0.0%            |
| Other revenue | 438         | -          | 0.0%             | -             | 0.0%            | -               |
| Transfers from other funds | 125,331    | 125,331    | 55.6%            | 125,331       | 55.6%           | 0.0%            |
| **Total EDA** | **$125,769** | **$225,331** | **100.0%**       | **$225,331**  | **100.0%**      | **0.0%**        |

| **Combined Budget** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| Property taxes | 4,115,199   | 4,268,947   | 65.1%            | 4,843,436     | 66.7%           | 13.5%           |
| Other taxes & special assessment | 367,290     | 374,000     | 5.7%             | 374,000       | 5.2%            | 0.0%            |
| Intergovernmental | 1,090,100   | 976,636     | 14.9%            | 976,636       | 13.5%           | 0.0%            |
| Other revenue | 698,591     | 646,673     | 9.9%             | 646,673       | 8.9%            | 0.0%            |
| Transfers from other funds | 90,525      | 168,008     | 2.7%             | 168,008       | 2.6%            | 0.0%            |
| **Combined Revenues** | **$6,487,474** | **$6,559,595** | **100.0%**       | **$7,260,368** | **100.0%**      | **10.7%**       |

### Combined General, GO CIP Bonds of 2017, and EDA Funds Expenditures

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| **General Fund Capital** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| General Government | $28,113     | -           | 0.0%             | -             | -               | -               |
| Public Safety | 55,059      | 40,655      | 0.6%             | 65,036        | 0.9%            | 60.0%           |
| Parks & Recreation | -          | 6,000       | 0.1%             | -             | 0.0%            | -100.0%         |
| Public Works | -          | -           | -0.0%            | -             | -0.0%           | -               |
| **Total General Fund Capital Outlay** | **$83,172** | **$46,655** | **0.7%**         | **$65,036**   | **0.9%**        | **39.4%**       |
| Transfers to other funds | 745,000     | 475,000     | 7.2%             | 515,000       | 7.5%            | 8.4%            |
| **Total General Fund Expenditures** | **$6,530,652** | **$6,584,264** | **100.0%**       | **$6,868,810** | **100.0%**      | **4.3%**        |

| **Debt Service Fund** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| Debt Service - GO CIP Bonds | $-          | $-          | 0.0%             | $212,894      | 100.0%          | -               |
| Total Capital Project | $-          | $-          | 0.0%             | $212,894      | 100.0%          | -               |

| **EDA Special Revenue** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| Economic Development | $92,705     | $225,331    | 100.0%           | $225,331      | 100.0%          | 0.0%            |

| **Combined Expenditures** |             |             |                  |               |                 |                 |
| General Government | $1,411,976  | $1,412,422  | 20.7%            | $1,418,960    | 19.4%           | 0.5%            |
| Public Safety | 3,164,473   | 3,192,559   | 46.9%            | 3,481,247     | 47.6%           | 9.0%            |
| Parks & Recreation | 460,917     | 522,397     | 7.7%             | 499,477       | 6.8%            | -4.4%           |
| Public Works | 577,014     | 831,512     | 12.2%            | 835,176       | 11.4%           | 0.4%            |
| Transfers to other funds | 745,000     | 475,000     | 7.0%             | 515,000       | 7.0%            | 8.4%            |
| Economic Development | 92,705      | 225,331     | 3.3%             | 225,331       | 3.1%            | 0.0%            |
| Debt Service | 171,272     | 150,374     | 2.2%             | 331,844       | 4.5%            | 120.7%          |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$6,623,357** | **$6,809,595** | **100.0%**       | **$7,307,035** | **100.0%**      | **7.3%**        |
Speed Limits
According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, speed limits are set to keep traffic flowing smoothly and with the safest operation. There are set standard limits across the state, for example a 30 mph on streets in urban districts or 65 mph on highways.

Studies have shown reducing the speed limit does not result in slower speeds nor does it reduce crash frequency. With this in mind, the Mounds View Police Department has continued to monitor speeds in areas where complaints are received with a data collection device. We use this information to target speed enforcement. Calls for service remain our top priority. However, we have deployed other tools to reduce speeding issues including using a radar trailer which reads speeds back to vehicles as they pass.

Our newest tools are temporary speed bumps. These are generally deployed by officers but a few have also been given to Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. We have sent letters to businesses with high traffic flow requesting their assistance in asking their employees adhere to set speed limits.

With some exceptions, officers are stopping the people who live in the neighborhood where speeding complaints are received while conducting targeted speed enforcement.

We cannot do this alone! We are calling on you, the driver and resident, to set the example and drive within the speed limit and safely for all conditions.

● Don’t trust that a child won’t run into the street
● Don’t trust someone else will stop at a stop sign
● Don’t trust that the pedestrian crossing the street sees you
● Don’t tailgate a driver going under the speed limit—remember it is a speed limit
● Don’t over estimate your own ability

Please, drive within the posted speed limit at all times because...it’s the right thing to do...and it’s the law. Please report speeding complaints directly to the Mounds View Police Department at 763-717-4070.

Nextdoor.com...the good, the bad, and the police message!

While Officers Schultes and Heineman are on this great information-sharing neighborhood site, we would like to explain exactly what our role is. We only monitor Crime & Safety postings, specifically posts sent directly to us. We also only are aware of postings while we are on shift and do our best to respond publicly or privately to these posts.

The good: It’s great to see the increase in communication between neighbors! The benefit of knowing your neighbors does not change. Our Neighborhood Watch program also offers the opportunity to gather, communicate, brainstorm, and be attentive to issues. Many of our groups are active on this site and it certainly helps keep neighbors apprised.

The bad: Not all information is shared currently or completely. The alerts for postings can come in as late as two days after the post is made. This would absolutely not be the avenue for an emergency complaint to police. Please always call 9-1-1 if a police response is needed. As with many social media postings, the context can be incomplete. We do not share information on anyone nor do we share our own conversations with people who have made a posting.

The police message: Report an incident which requires any type of police response to 9-1-1 or 651-484-9155 (Ramsey County Dispatch non-emergency). We respond to questions as time allows. We do not respond to complaints or crime reports as those should be immediately reported to the above numbers. Information complaints should be directed to the Mounds View Police Department at 763-717-4070.

Holiday Season Safety Tips
With the holiday season coming up there are several areas of safety to consider.

Travel
● Stay home in bad weather
● Adjust driving behavior to conditions
● Give yourself extra time to arrive at your destination safely

Money
● Plan ahead of time for charitable giving
● Research the groups you plan to give a donation
● Mail money through secure mailboxes or shipping retailers
● Contact the Minnesota Attorney General with questions on your rights and the rules for charities
Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department

Do you know your Fire Department? How it is organized? The value provided? Learn some facts and essential information about the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department (SBMFD) including their beginning in 1944.

Residents incorporated the Spring Lake Fire Department on January 17, 1944, as a non-profit corporation, starting with two pieces of apparatus and twenty volunteer firefighters. The Fire District was quite large at the time and consisted of the current communities of Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Mounds View, Fridley, Arden Hills, Shoreview, and Coon Rapids. Today, the SBMFD is a dynamic, high performing organization, which provides extraordinary all-hazard emergency response, innovative fire prevention services, and public fire education to the communities of Spring Lake Park, Blaine, and Mounds View. SBMFD currently serves a permanent population of over 82,000 residents who are dispersed throughout approximately 40 square miles. The coverage area includes the Anoka County Airport, critical state infrastructure, major regional employers, and numerous schools.

The Operations Division provides service through a unique combination-staffing model, staffing with full time personnel and volunteers, delivering an effective service at the lowest per capita cost in Minnesota. Current daytime response combines 11 full-time SBMFD personnel staffing Fire Stations 1 and 3 with 12 full-time City of Blaine employees staffing Fire Station 5. During the evening, service is provided by approximately 60 volunteer personnel who respond to their assigned fire stations from their homes. Many of the full-time personnel are also volunteer firefighters during the evening.

The Community Risk Reduction Division delivers innovative fire prevention and safety programs to our stakeholders in several focus areas. A very dedicated and competent cadre of career and volunteer personnel deliver the programs and are heavily involved in the community. These personnel belong to many groups, which include our Fire Corps, Educators, Fire Explorers, and Suppression. The service they deliver is critical to the safety and wellbeing of our communities. Some of these innovative and crucial programs are After the Fire Care, Bike Helmet Fittings, Car Seat Clinics, Citizens Academy, First Aid and CPR, Home Safety Surveys, Safety Camp, Senior Safety Fair, School Education, and Youth Fire Setter Intervention.

Spring Lake Park—Blaine—Mounds View Fire Department 2017 Santa Parade
December 11—West Blaine
December 12—East Blaine
December 13—The Lakes
December 14—Spring Lake Park/Mounds View
www.sbmfire.com
763-767-4003

Vacation
- Make arrangements ahead of time for mail delivery options
- Request a trusted neighbor retrieve mail as soon as possible
- Put a radio or TV on a timer
- Turn landline ringers down
- Lock automatic garage doors
- Have someone check on the house regularly
- Notify the police department of an extended vacancy so the property can be checked

Packages
- Have a shipping retailer hold packages to be picked up in person or make arrangements to leave the packages with a neighbor or concealed location
- Check out what shipping retailers offer for delivery options
- Do not leave valuables inside vehicles, always bring these packages inside

MOUNDS VIEW MATTERS PAGE 7
Don Peterson, Public Works Director
At the October 23, 2017, City Council Meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the promotion of Don Peterson from Public Works Supervisor to Public Works Director for the City of Mounds View. Don has worked with the City since 2010 in the formal capacity of Public Works Supervisor. He has previously served as the Interim Public Works Director until a replacement could be hired on two previous occasions during his seven years with the City. The Director vacancy in July of 2017 prompted the City Council to go forward with the recommendation to promote Don Peterson to Public Works Director.

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). For rink updates please refer to the Community Center’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/moundsviewcc/.

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 (at Lambert Avenue)
Hillview Park, 7901 Greenwood Drive (at Hillview Road)

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
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
- County Road I (Silver Lake Road to I-35W)
- Silver Lake Road
- 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

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

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.
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. For everyone’s safety, DO NOT pass the plow 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 away from the street and out of the boulevard. Children should also slide in a safe location away from the streets.

Remember, while traveling behind snow removal equipment, if you can’t see the side mirrors, the operator can’t see you!

Tree Pruning Tips
The late dormant season is best for most pruning. Pruning in late winter allows the fresh wounds to be exposed for only 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.

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.

Proper Pruning Principles

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.

Hardwoods

Conifers
What’s Happening at Mounds View Library

Stop in and check out our Job Corner! Up-to-date job postings, resume tips, career workshop information, and more.

Did you know? Mounds View Library has a 36-person room available for nonprofit meetings. Call 651-724-6004 to book the room up to 60 days in advance.

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.

Saturday Family Storytime
Saturdays, December 16th, January 27th, and February 24th, 10:30 a.m. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Read It Down
Saturdays, December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd 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. Kids and teens 17 and under.

Lego Club
Thursday, December 28th, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 27th, and February 24th, 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Build your own creation out of LEGO®s and show it off! LEGO®s available for in-library use. No registration required. Ages 7-12.

Decorate your own Tote Bag
Thursday, December 21st, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Discover how much fun it can be to decorate a tote bag with Sharpie® markers. Supplies provided. Space is limited to 25 participants, no registration required. Ages 7-12.

Scratch Programming
Friday, December 29th, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Learn to use Scratch, a program that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, games and art. As you create Scratch projects, you’ll learn important mathematical ideas, while also learning to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively. No registration required. Ages 9-12.

Origami for Kids
Thursday, January 25th, 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.

Equipment Upgrade Planned for 2018

A complete replacement of the video and audio equipment in the City Hall Council Chambers and control room is being planned for 2018. The existing systems are about 20 years old; city meetings are still produced in standard definition (SD) format with a 4:3 aspect ratio.

The City Council discussed replacement of the systems at their September 5th Work Session meeting. At the October 9th City Council meeting, the Council approved a design services agreement with the North Suburban Access Corporation to develop the video, audio, and presentation design; equipment list; and preliminary budget for the project.

The design will be completed in November 2017, with the intention of budgeting the project for 2018. Funding will come from the Cable Special Revenue Fund which receives monies from franchise fees on the cable operators, Comcast and CenturyLink.

Besides replacing aging and failing equipment, the project will upgrade meeting coverage to HD, provide sound reinforcement in the Chambers, and improve functionality of the space for training and presentations.

MOUNDS VIEW MEETING CALENDAR

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**Book Bingo**

Friday, January 26th, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Join the Mounds View Library for an afternoon of good, old fashioned bingo! We’ll play several rounds and the winners will get to 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 7-12.
Free Drop-off for Household Hazardous Waste

If a container has the words CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, or POISON on the label and it still has product inside, it doesn’t belong in the trash. Bring it to Ramsey County’s year-round collection site located at 5 Empire Drive in Saint Paul. For hours and a list of items accepted, visit RamseyRecycles.com/hhw or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Please also bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job. Events are first come, first served.

**Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**
(Co-hosted with Dakota County)  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
401 Concord Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107

**Saturday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
Ramsey County Library–Roseville  
2180 North Hamline Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113

**Saturday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
North Haven Church  
2240 15th Avenue East, North Saint Paul, MN 55109

**Saturday, March 24, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
West Minnehaha Recreation Center  
685 West Minnehaha Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

**Don’t Trash It, Fix It!**

Do you have a lamp that won’t light, an iron that won’t steam, or jeans that ripped? Bring them all to a Ramsey County Fix-it Clinic. Work with a volunteer to repair them for free. To find a clinic near you, go to RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Recycle Your String Lights

Have your holiday lights burned out? You can recycle them! Bring your string lights to Ramsey County’s year-round collection site located at 5 Empire Drive in Saint Paul. For hours and a list of other items accepted, go to RamseyRecycles.com/hhw or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7. This program is free! No business waste.

Dispose of Your Unwanted Medicine Safely

Visit one of Ramsey County’s year-round drop boxes to safely dispose of your unwanted or expired medications for free. Safe disposal of unwanted medicine helps prevent crime, drug abuse and accidental poisoning. Protect the environment by not putting harmful medicines down the drain or in the trash. For locations and a list of items accepted, visit RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Options for Paint Recycling

Looking to get rid of some cans of paint or stains? Go to Paintcare.org to find a free drop-off location near you. Looking for paint or stains to use? Check out Ramsey County’s Reuse Center at 5 Empire Drive in Saint Paul. It’s free! For hours, go to RamseyRecycles.com/hhw or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

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Mounds View Police Foundation Presents

2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 24, 2018 | 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mounds View Community Center/YMCA Gym

Tickets available at
www.eventbrite.com/e/daddy-daughter-dance-tickets-39127756172

Can’t afford tickets?
The Mounds View Police Foundation
may be able to help. Contact
moundsviewpolicefoundation@gmail.com
or Pinewood Elementary at 763-784-4006

DJ | Dinner | Dancing | Photos

Mark your calendars for the 20th Annual Community
North Metro Home & Garden Show
Saturday, January 27, 2018 • 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 Seminar • Door Prizes • Ugliest Room Contest • Sponsor Treasure Hunt
Kids Activity Center with Face Painter and Balloon Artist • Free Admission & Parking

For further information: www.northmetrohomandgarden.com
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