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# MOUNDS VIEW MATTERS

Join Us for the Annual

## Town Hall Meeting

Monday

March 21

6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Location: Mounds View City Hall

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## Mayor's Message



### 2016 State of the City Address

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

In a nut shell, the “State of the City” is just fine. This little City in the east central part of the State of Minnesota with 12,155 people and only 4 square miles in size that does not have a Walmart or a Target or a Cub Foods is just fine, and I believe most people when asked “How are you doin’?” would say “We’re good.” Everyone has their own personal issues, but when it comes to our city most people are “just fine.” Notice I said most people; of course some people will disagree but that is OK, as a citizen of the City of Mounds View they deserve a place at the table. We have the ability to change or to be changed.

We completed the second to last street project and will be finishing up the project in 2016. We saw development and re-development in the city, and added another section to our trail system. We continued to invest in our Community Center with improvements and additional offerings. We started investing in energy efficiency

by using higher efficient HVAC equipment on our building along with solar power on the Community Center and City Hall. We also replaced the old high pressure sodium lights on the trail system with LED lights. We will continue to look for opportunities to be energy efficient as we move forward. This allows us as a city and members of the global community to help keep our planet clean and at the same time save the tax payers of Mounds View money. The city of Mounds View has become a model of success in the state by being leaders in education, growth and quality of life for our citizens. We have invested in our youth by continued growth of programs offered by our Community Center and support of our school system. We have invested in community safety by promoting interaction of the citizens with our police department, from National Night Out to Festival in the Park to Punt, Pass and Kick competition. The people of Mounds View are getting to know personally the men and women that work so hard to protect them. A community that has a Police and citizen partnership is a community that thrives and a community that we all can be proud of.

The city continues to partner with our business community as we look for ways to meet the needs of our existing community businesses and attract businesses that help to enhance the quality of life that Mounds View enjoys. Your community development department visits multiple businesses a month to ask “How can we help?” A city that exists solely on the backs of the home owner is hard to sustain. Our businesses are a vital part of what Mounds View is all about.

Once again I would like to say Thank you on the behalf of the people of the City of Mounds View to our city staff. Led by City Administrator Jim Ericson, these people work extremely hard for the people of Mounds View. Our expectations are high, I am glad to report to the people of Mounds View that the professionalism and commitment of the people that work for you is unsurpassed.

#### Highlights for 2015 and what to expect in 2016

##### **City Administration/Cable TV**

In 2015 Administration, as always, was busy. They participated in the 17th annual Home and Garden show in Blaine in February and we will participate in the 2016 show. Two community clean up events were held, one in the spring and another in the fall. They coordinated 2015 Festival in the Park which was held August 22 and are busy preparing for 2016 Festival in the Park to be held August 20. Street and utility project area “H” was done and they are now working on the final project area “I” to be done here in 2016. Administration finalized the Energy Savings Partnership program which was essential in getting the energy saving programs I described earlier executed.

City Administration issued 13 new home permits in 2015 and 412 permits total. They also are tasked with over seeing our code enforcement program. Code enforcement is a program that citizens consistently tell me is important to them. City Administration planned and executed our Town Hall meeting, held on March 30, where we recognized Theresa Cermak as our Citizen of the Year and Michael Kedrowski as our Coach of the Year for 2014. The 2016 Town Hall meeting will be held on March 21 at City Hall. The meeting is your opportunity to meet the people that work for you and keep our city running smoothly. City Administration is busy, they are the people that greet you with a happy face and a smile when you visit city hall. They are there to help you.

## Mayor's Message

### **Community Development**

Community Development is responsible for working with our existing businesses and marketing for the city. It is also the critical first point of contact for our businesses. Over 60 business visits were made in 2015. Building relationships with all of our businesses is vital to our success as a community. We saw the completion of the BioLife and Bel Rae senior housing projects. We also processed several subdivision applications in the city creating 13 new single family homes. Community Development also is spearheading our efforts to develop the Crossroad Pointe project. The city has entered into a preliminary development agreement with the Beard Group to develop the land. We anticipate a proposal in 2016. The city also welcomed the following businesses to the City in 2015:

State Farm Insurance Agency  
Bel Rae Senior Living  
Auto Tech

Snap Market  
HB Systems  
Outsource Receivables Inc.

BioLife Plasma Services  
Sankheda Wedding Services, Inc.  
CAPC Tech Consulting, LLC

2016 will be a busy time in Community Development with Business visits and working with Administration on our goals for the Crossroad Pointe Project.

### **City Finances**

Financially the city is in good position with all of our funds showing a positive cash flow. In 2015 our Finance Department received once again the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have received this award. Our bond rating continues to be Aa3. This bond rating demonstrates the city's financial health and management of our budget. In 2015, finance rolled out a new online payment option to residents, the city also accepts credit and debit cards as payment for water bills and permits. The city also decertified TIF district #2 in December 2015 which provided a modest boost to the city's tax base. In 2015 most city departments came in under budget. Finance also led the way in forming the 2016 budget which saw only a 1% increase in our levy for 2016. Once again they will be busy with overseeing our budgets, investments and paying the bills. Finance is one of the departments that works silently in the background but is so vital in the performance of the city.

### **Public Safety: Police and Fire**

As always our Police Department continues to do an excellent job of enforcing the law and helping provide a safe community for all of us. In 2015 the city welcomed officer Riley Solz, please say hello to Officer Solz and welcome him to the community.

In 2015 the Police Department transitioned to a new Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems. These two systems are directly tied into Ramsey County and will help to share data and streamline the police processing system allowing our officers additional time to be out in the community. K-9 Officer Erickson and his partner Officer Niko were recognized by a Blaine Girl Scout troop for inspiring them to raise funds for the K-9 unit in Blaine.

Our police department has always been engaged in the community and has done a good job; in 2015 the department made a commitment to increase community engagement with the following actions:

- Cyberbullying with youth groups
- KinderCare "Super Hero" day and Creative Kids "Trike-a-Thon"
- Gun safety classes for young hunters
- National Night Out and school supplies drive
- NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Edgewood Middle School
- Food drive at Aldi's (over 700 lbs of food collected!)
- Shop with a Cop over the holiday season

These are just a few of the ways your police department reaches out into the community. All of our officers are engaged, but I would like to specifically recognize Officer Nate Garland for his leadership. We have expanded the Police Department Facebook page which not only will include crime alert notices, but departmental news, community events and other campaigns. We all want to thank Police Chief Kinney and all of our police department personnel for their professionalism and commitment to the people of Mounds View. Take the time to say hello to them when you see them. These are good people and this should never be a thankless job.

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## Mayor's Message

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Our SBM (Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View) Fire Department continued to be one of the best values for fire protection in the metro area. The SBM Fire Department offers free fire protection evaluations to home owners. They will come in and do an audit of your smoke detectors, CO detectors and help assist in an escape plan in the event of a fire. The city fire inspectors and code enforcement personnel continue to do a great job. This is in addition to the yearly fire inspections of businesses and coordinating of our yearly Safety Camp. In 2016 we will see the retirement of long time Fire Chief Nyle Zikmund. Nyle has been our Chief since 1995 and has done a great job in leading our Fire Department. We all want to wish Nyle good luck and Godspeed as he enters retirement. The Fire Department is always looking for additional quality fire personnel, and has a host of classes from CPR training to child safety seat classes to choose from. Please visit [www.sbmfire.com](http://www.sbmfire.com) for more information or visit one of the five fire stations.

### **Public Works**

2015 was again a busy year for public works. The Area "H" portion of our street program is 90% complete; we ran out of good weather. The design work for Area "I" was completed. Area "I" is the last area of the program to be completed. The Mustang Drive street reconstruction was also completed in 2015. Public Works took the lead in getting the Booster Station, Well No 2. re-roofed, Rehabilitation on Well No. 6, along with Seal coating of Areas "A, B and C" of the street program. We also completed a "needs assessment" for a new public works facility that we hope will start in 2017. In 2016 we will construct trail segments 6 and 11. Trail segment 6 runs along the west side of County Road 10 from Woodale Drive to County Rd H2. Trail segment 11 runs on the east side of County Road 10 from Red Oak Drive to Groveland. Groveland Park also is going through a make over with new playground equipment, grading of the ball field and resurfacing the tennis court. These are just a few of the projects your Public Works Department completed in 2015 in addition to all of the normal daily work of street sweeping, snow plowing, lawn mowing, park maintenance, and all of the other activities that need to be done daily to keep our city running smoothly.

Public works is the department that keeps our city's infrastructure running smoothly, making sure you have clean water, nice looking parks, storm sewers clear, and trees trimmed. We also welcomed new Public Works Director Brian Erickson to the city on June 1 of 2015. We want to thank Public Works Supervisor Don Peterson for leading the department until Brian came on board.

### **Community Center**

2015 saw our Community Center once again prove what a valuable asset it is to our community. The Event Center had 405 events in 2015, serving over 35,000 people for weddings, anniversary parties, meetings, and much more. They hosted Movie and Music in the Park. We had over 100 gym rentals and 200 park rentals. We had our first Youth in Government program with 110 youth participating. The Community Center along with Allina/Bel Rae Senior Living offered health living classes for 60+ people. We received a grant from the YMCA to offer free early learning readiness program for caregivers. Also, we started a partnership with RISE by hosting an Adult day program that helps people with intellectual disabilities and higher medical needs. Finally, we expanded the kitchen and meeting rooms to better serve the residents. Over all your Community Center had a very successful year. We continue to look for additional offerings and expanding the programs available. If there are any programs you'd like to see, please contact our Community Center. Also look in the current Mounds View Matters for all the program offerings. If you have not been to the Mounds View Community Center lately come on in and check it out.

### **City Council**

Your council consists of Joe Flaherty, Sherry Gunn, Al Hull, Carol Mueller, and Gary Meehlhouse. This council is committed to our residents. Please feel free to contact any of us. Let us know if we are doing the work you require. We need to hear the good and the bad.

We are working hard to make sure the City of Mounds View continues to be relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The days of Mounds View being known only as the home of the Mermaid, Bel Rae ball room and Roberts are gone. That is history; today we are known as the home of Medtronic, BioLife and Sysco. Institutions that are global in scope and yet local in values. So remember the past with a smile, live in today, and be excited about the future. The city of Mounds View is a home to past, present and future generations.

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

# SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 30, 2016

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Public Works Garage - 2466 Bronson Drive  
(see map below)



Mounds View has contracted with *Nitti Sanitation Services* to conduct this event. Contact Nitti Sanitation Services 651-457-7497 with questions.

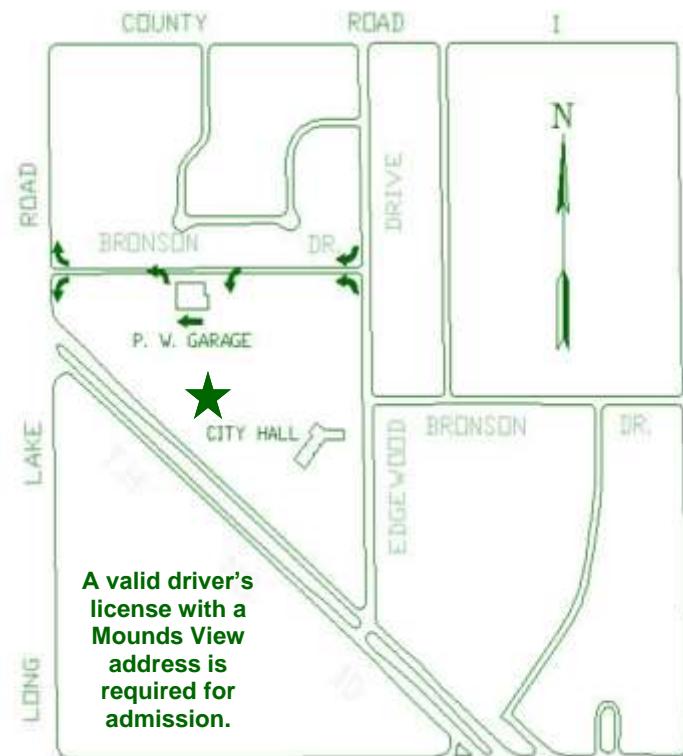
## General Loads of Junk

Minimum Charge .....	\$25.00
Pickup Load (level) .....	\$40.00
Larger Trailer .....	\$45.00
Brush (per yard).....	\$10.00

## Subsidized (FREE) Items

- Appliances with or without Freon - 2 FREE/household (*window air conditioning units are not subsidized items*)
- Car tires - 8 FREE/household
- Car batteries - 2 FREE/household

Ramsey County will **not** be collecting Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at this event.



## Additional Cost Items\*

Box Spring (any size) .....	\$20.00
Mattress (any size) .....	\$20.00
Couch .....	\$15.00
Stuffed Chair .....	\$10.00
Appliance with Freon .....	\$10.00
Tires (above subsidized) .....	\$5.00
Air Conditioner.....	\$25.00
Console Television (larger than 27").....	\$50.00
Television (under 27").....	\$25.00
VCR .....	\$5.00

\*Those who dispose of additional cost items as part of a load will be charged for the item and for the load. The haulers reserve the right to charge appropriately for unusual and hard to dispose of items and for unlevel vehicle loads.

## Computers

CPU Hard Drive.....	\$25.00
Monitor .....	\$25.00
Printer.....	\$10.00

*Leaves & grass clippings are not accepted at this event!  
Please bring them to Ramsey County Compost Site.*

## Ramsey County Yard Waste Site

8307 Long Lake Road  
651-266-1155 24-Hour Recorded Information Line  
651-633-EASY (3279) Ramsey County Hotline



### Regular Season (April – November) Hours

Saturday, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11 a.m.—7 p.m.

This site accepts leaves, grass clippings & soft bodied plants only!  
Please be prepared to show a photo ID. Ramsey County residents only.

# CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, March 21, 2016  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

*Agenda Subject to Change*

The City of Mounds View will be holding its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016, at Mounds View City Hall, located at 2401 County Road 10. As in past years, there will be displays and city department exhibits. The City will also give a short presentation to discuss the vision and goals of the City for 2016. If you are not able to attend in person, the meeting will be broadcast live on Mounds View Television, web streamed online and replayed on the cable channel and available for on demand web replay.

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

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. City Presentations**

- 6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Award Presentations
- 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Mayor's City Address
- 6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. *Vision, Mission and Goals for 2016*  
Speaker: Jim Ericson, City Administrator
- 7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Final Thoughts and Questions

**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. City Exhibits**

- Event Center
- Community Development Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Public Works/Parks/Forestry
- Recycling
- YMCA/Mounds View Community Center

**8:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting Adjourns**

## Ask the City Administrator

Do you have a question or comment about City services, operations, procedures or policies?

If so, we want to hear from you. Please call the City Administrator at 763-717-4001, or fill out this form and mail to:  
City Administrator, Mounds View City Hall, 2401 Highway 10, Mounds View, MN 55112.

Question/Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a response by telephone \_\_\_\_\_ mail \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ no response required \_\_\_\_\_

## Utility Rate Changes

Utility rates for Storm Water Management will be unchanged. The Street Light rate will increase \$0.25 per quarter or \$1 per year. The City will implement a base charge of \$6 per quarter for the Water Utility, with no increase in the variable water rate, this will cost \$24 annually. The Sanitary Sewer utility received a 7.27% increase in the cost of treatment from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services this will cause the City to increase Sanitary Sewer rates by 8% or \$23 based on average use. Overall, the rate increases will add \$48 annually or \$12 per quarter or \$4 per month for the average user.

Effective January 1, 2016

## Automatic Utility Bill Payment

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

## Organized Collection Update

Organized collection is a process permitted through state law in which Cities negotiate with their existing garbage haulers to create a "consortium" whereby each hauler is assigned a section of the City geographically representative to their existing market share, or failing an approved consortium agreement, to negotiate with a single hauler via an RFP (request for proposals) bid process to provide collection services to the whole City. Reasons to pursue organized collection may vary from city to city, but commonly expressed objectives include reducing garbage truck traffic, reducing fuel consumption, reducing emissions and other negative environmental impacts, reducing wear and tear on roads, reducing noise, improving safety and enhancing value to residents through lower pricing on more consistent services.

The City authorized a telephone survey which was completed in December, the results of which indicated a majority of residents were opposed to the City transitioning to organized collection. Some negative responses were qualified, however, which gave the Council reason to continue looking into the potential for organizing garbage collection. Some negative responses included statements such as, "If the cost savings were substantial, perhaps I would be supportive", or, "If the savings to the streets could be quantified, maybe I would be supportive." Other responses expressed concern that a sweetheart deal might be offered the first year in an organized collection system but once the contract was signed there would be no control over future pricing and no incentive to provide superior customer service. Pricing and customer service standards would be explicitly spelled out in a contract, and upon expiration of the initial contract, which would be required for three to seven years, new rates would be renegotiated. Knowing this, the haulers would always strive to provide the same level of customer service they had before organizing, and pricing would remain competitive or a different hauler would be sought.

For these reasons, on January 11, the City Council voted to initiate an exclusive negotiation process with the haulers, to better understand what a consortium would look like for the City and to what extent the residents would benefit. One month later, however, in response to overwhelmingly negative feedback and continued resident opposition, the Council took action on February 8 to terminate its negotiations with the haulers, voting to maintain the open system that presently exists. The ability to choose your own hauler has been preserved. The City would like to thank everyone who voiced their opinion throughout this process!

## Festival in the Park of Mounds View Flower Sale Fund Raiser



Watch for flyers coming soon to order your bedding plants for your summer gardens and hanging baskets on time for spring planting and Mother's Day gifts.



Festival in the Park will be Saturday, August 20, 2016 at City Hall Park. The day's activities will be posted on: [www.mvfestivalinthepark.com](http://www.mvfestivalinthepark.com).

## License Required for Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

Every year, the City responds to numerous calls regarding door-to-door solicitors. All solicitors including non-profit organizations are required to register with the city. There are many legitimate organizations that solicit door-to-door, either to sell products or services or to promote a religious, political, or charitable cause. However, there are also a growing number of individuals who illegally solicit with the purpose of committing fraud.

If a solicitor knocks at your door, that person must display a city-issued ID card that contains their photo, name, company, ID number and expiration date before they even start their "pitch". Be aware that the average con-artist will have many reasons why he/she does not have a solicitor ID to show you. Remember that there is no "legal" reason not to have it. The only exemption for not having a solicitor ID is a city resident canvassing his or her neighborhood from house to house for contributions or support for any charitable, religious, civic, educational, philanthropic, social service, or welfare organization. You should also be aware that the City does not solicit door-to-door for funds.

A person may be a fraudulent solicitor if he/she:

- Is out of compliance with the municipal code (lacks a city-issued ID).
- Behaves aggressively, acts threatening, or tries to make you feel guilty for not wanting to buy what he/she is selling.
- Pressures you for an immediate decision and demands cash only.
- Pressures you into signing a contract on the spot.
- If you are signing a contract, **READ THE CONTRACT THOROUGHLY**.
- Refuses to supply paperwork to substantiate what he/she claims to be selling.
- Refuses to give a contact phone number and address for whom they claim to work.
- Asks for bank account or social security numbers.
- Attempts to make entry into your home (jiggles your door handle if no one answers).
- Tries to peer into your home through an open window or door to look at your valuables.

**Remember: IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!**

*\*\*\*While the city does require solicitors, peddlers or transient merchants to carry a city-issued ID card, the city does not endorse any of these companies or the products they sell. It is up to you the buyer to beware of the product you support or purchase from any of these companies.*

**If you suspect that a solicitor is not legitimate, or the solicitor is acting in an aggressive manner, please contact the Mounds View Police Department by dialing 9-1-1.**

To verify whether or not a peddler has a license, please call Assistant City Administrator Desaree Crane at 763-717-4016 or by email at [desaree.crane@ci.mounds-view.mn.us](mailto:desaree.crane@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.

### 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](http://www.macnoise.com)

### Business Retention and Expansion Visits

Since the city hired the new Business Development Coordinator, approximately 73 formal Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) visits have been completed with many more non-survey visits. A formal visit means an appointment has been made with the company and a written survey was conducted and recorded to keep track of trends and document any issues. The Business Development Coordinator identifies any and all issues then works with the business to solve those issues. Non-survey visits are walk-in visits that takes considerably less time and may occur more frequently.

There are approximately 150 businesses in Mounds View. As a result of Mounds View's aggressive BR&E program, the city was awarded a finalist in the Local Government Leaders for Business Retention in 2015 by the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce. Formal business visits are normally conducted by the Business Development Coordinator in cooperation with the Economic Development Commission, Mayor, City Council Members, and the City Administrator when available. When visiting businesses, they give the City of Mounds View very high scores for its serviceability and being a business friendly community.

In 2015, the following business were added in Mounds View:

- State Farm Insurance Agency
- Snap Market
- BioLife Plasma Services
- Bel Rae Senior Living
- Outsource Receivables Inc. (Medical Billing Agency)
- Sankheda Wedding Services, Inc.
- Auto Tech (replacing Pat's Muffler)
- HB Systems (IT Consulting)
- CAPC Tech Consulting, LLC

In 2015, these businesses moved out of Mounds View or went out of business:

- Albert's Organics
- Tire's N More
- A-1 Foam & Upholstery
- Right Fit Running
- Louisiana Poboy
- Snap Market

#### Outlook for 2016

Apple Tree Dental is planning to complete their second floor build out and will be adding more employees. They are also working with the Ramsey County Library in Mounds View to construct a spur trail to the Library from the City's existing trail along County Road 10.

The Economic Development Authority is working with The Beard Group to develop the Crossroad Pointe site. Phase I development consists of a three-story multihousing building with 119 units, underground parking, and a fitness center. Phase II would be a commercial development marketed by the City.

Manufacturing remains cautiously optimistic with slight but steady overall increases in production and job creation. Several businesses in Mounds View are directly or indirectly connected to Medtronic as support industries.

Retail got off to a slow start in 2015 but by mid-summer started to come around. Both retail and the food industry are expected to see a slight bump in 2016-17 with the improvements being made to the Rice Creek Commons redevelopment site in Arden Hills. There are 427 acres with an additional 97 acres purchased to be converted into a regional parks and trails system. It is the single largest development project in Ramsey County and it will most likely be the last opportunity for this size of development in the county. They are expecting 4100 new residents, and jobs to be generated from the project through 2030.

#### Update on Organics Drop-off

Do you participate in Ramsey County's organics drop-off program? There's been a change to the list of accepted items. Coated plates and cups, freezer boxes, and fast food containers are no longer accepted. They contain a plastic coating that does not break down in the composting process. Wrapping paper with glitter, foil or a plastic coated is also not accepted. You may still compost uncoated plates and cups. For a complete list of accepted items, go to [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) and click on Organic Waste or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

## Fedor's Market—Grocery Closing; Meat Market Continues

Fedor's Market, located at 5491 Adams Street, has been in Mounds View since 1961. Gordy and Paul Fedor are brothers and owners of the market. They have seen a lot of changes in the community and in the business environment over the decades. Gordy stated that he was here to see the Army Depot being built and was here to see it get torn down. Both owners have seen businesses come and go. The building was the first business in Mounds View and has been a staple of the community and neighborhood and even hosted City Hall, the Police Department, and a hospital. Adams Street, which runs in front of the building, used to be a dirt alley called Groberg's Alley, and County Road I didn't have the traffic it does today. In the office are black and white pictures of the building in its primacy with an old style car parked in front. If you ever want to know the history and stories of Mounds View it isn't hard to find it after listening to Paul and Gordy. Paul served on the Mounds View Planning Commission and Gordy served on the Mounds View Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission.

The meat portion of their business has remained strong over the years even as the grocery portion slowed from increased competition from Walmart and other grocers moving into the Mounds View area. The Fedors have decided to keep only the meat market open, and have closed the grocery portion of the business.



## With Cleanup Complete, Rice Creek Commons Takes Shape

Late last year, Rice Creek Commons (the site of the former Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant) hit a major milestone – work to clean and clear the largest contaminated site in Minnesota was completed. The 427-acre site was cleaned to residential standards, and 93% of the materials removed from the site were recycled or reused in new roadways there and in other parts of the Twin Cities.

Ramsey County is now working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) through its Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup (VIC) program and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to verify the work. The county will then request that the MPCA and EPA delist the site as a Superfund for soil contamination in 2016.

This milestone paves the way for development at Rice Creek Commons. Ramsey County and the City of Arden Hills are working together to make Rice Creek Commons a cohesive and connected mix of neighborhood communities, green space, retail, and office space. Today, Ramsey County is home to more than half a million people, a highly educated workforce, and young and growing families of all shapes and sizes. When complete, Rice Creek Commons will offer a place for our growing community to continue to expand. Residential, commercial and infrastructure development could begin as soon as 2017.

In the meantime, students of all ages in the Mounds View School District are participating in hands-on learning activities at the site. Students are gaining real-world experience from experts in subjects like environmental cleanup, zoning, regulatory processes, and development. The district's goal is to have every single student participate in at least one activity as Rice Creek Commons begins to evolve from a vacant space to a bustling destination packed with businesses, homes, shops, and outdoor amenities.

Rice Creek Commons represents a huge opportunity for our entire region, and Ramsey County is ready to take the next big steps in this transformative journey. To learn more about Rice Creek Commons, visit [www.RiceCreekCommons.com](http://www.RiceCreekCommons.com).

### Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View Fire Department

Since 1944, the Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View Fire Department (SBMFD) has been working to make the community a safer place. Through a number of community programs and opportunities, and with the help of dedicated volunteers, the department's vision continues to be fulfilled.

Did you know that there are a number of volunteer opportunities aside from fire and emergency response? Youths involved in *Fire Explorers* gain first-hand experience, training, and knowledge about careers in the Firefighting and EMS field. SBMFD's *Fire Corps* utilizes citizen advocates in non-operational activities so first responders can focus their efforts on the most critical life-threatening situations. Individuals trained as *Fire and Life Safety Educators* devote their time to various community programs to promote the safety and well-being of community members.

In addition, there are a number of community programs dedicated to promoting safety and education. If you're interested in scheduling a *Home Safety Survey*, our free service that assesses potential fire and injury-causing hazards in your home, if you're a Scout leader looking to schedule an education session to meet merit badge requirements, or if you're a teacher looking to schedule a visit to fulfill an upcoming community lesson, we've got you covered! Give us a call!

Upcoming SBMFD events include HeartSaver CPR and First Aid Classes, Car Seat Clinics, and SBMFD personnel will be staffing a safety booth at the Home and Garden Show.

In the upcoming months of 2016, watch for information about a number of community events, including civic celebration parades, Bike Helmet Fittings, our annual Safety Camp, Open Houses, and Senior Safety and Wellness Fair.

For more information or to schedule an event, visit [www.sbmfire.com](http://www.sbmfire.com), or call 763-786-4436.

### S.A.V.E.—Safe Adult Validation and Education

The Mounds View Police Department has launched a program to strengthen our relationship with members of our community. In order to have regular contact with participants in this program, we have established a daily phone check in system. A daily phone call is placed to the S.A.V.E. phone number. If we don't hear from you, we'll call you! Our goal is to provide early intervention in the event of a fall or other emergency where those who live independently cannot get help on their own.

The S.A.V.E. program is open to:

- Residents of Mounds View and
- Citizens above the age of 65 years old or
- Those over 18 years old who are physically or mentally handicapped
- Participants must be living independently (those who live in a staffed facility or with family are not eligible)
- Participants must voluntarily register

How it works:

Participants will call 763-717-4082 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. If a call is not received, Public Service Officer Sam Drewry will call participants. If that call is not answered, PSO Drewry will go out to the home of the participant and make contact.

There is no fee to participate in the program! It is open to those who wish to participate on a permanent or temporary basis.

Please contact Officer Kirsten Heineman at 763-717-4070 to register.

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## Mounds View Chief of Police, Tom Kinney, Announces Retirement

After more than thirty years of service with the Mounds View Police Department, the last seven as chief of police, Tom Kinney has submitted his retirement notice, effective April 29, 2016.

The Police Civil Service Commission and City Council have considered a general framework to proceed with the recruitment and selection process, with the anticipation that a new chief could be appointed and in place by May of 2016.

We thank Chief Kinney for his years of dedicated service to the community and wish him well in all future endeavors!



## Police Activity League - Judo

Judo, which means "The Gentle Way", is a Japanese martial art based upon the ancient techniques of Jujutsu. Dr. Jigoro Kano, incorporated the best of these ancient techniques into the new art of Judo.

Judo is mostly known for its spectacular throwing techniques but it also includes numerous techniques for safely controlling an opponent while on the ground.



The goal of mutual welfare and benefit was an extension of Dr. Kano's belief that Judo could help the individual become a better member of society. Dr. Kano felt that the personal discipline that Judo taught would extend beyond the dojo into daily life and could allow the Judoka to become a more productive member of society.

People practice Judo for many different reasons such as exercise, sport, self-defense, a social activity and for many practitioners Judo becomes a way of life. But if you ask most Judoka why they train Judo, they will say that the practice Judo because it is fun!!

Monday and Wednesday 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Allegiance Fitness, 2240 Woodale Drive  
For further information please visit [judomn.org](http://judomn.org).

## Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 11 – 15, 2016

Are you ready for severe weather? Each year, Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) in collaboration with the National Weather Service and 16 State and local agencies and organizations sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

According to the National Weather Service, Minnesota experiences an average of 40 tornadoes per year. In 2012, 37 twisters touched down. A record was set in 2010 with 104 tornadoes across the state. Understanding this threat and knowing what to do when a tornado is approaching can save lives.

Two of the most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the annual statewide tornado drills when sirens across the state will sound off. The next drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Local county sirens and NOAA Weather Radios in Minnesota will sound with a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

If you are interested in some ideas on how you, your family, business, or your community can participate in Severe Weather Awareness Week, please visit the Minnesota State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at: [www.dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem](http://www.dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem) and select "weather safety".

Each day of the week will focus on a different topic:

- Monday: Alerts and Warnings
- Tuesday: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail
- Wednesday: Floods
- Thursday: Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)
- Friday: Extreme Heat

## Temptation - Opportunity and Crime

Legal doctrine makes a clear distinction between crimes that are “premeditated” and those that happen without significant forethought or planning. In general terms, premeditated crimes (e.g., murder, bank robbery, etc.) are typically:

- More serious and destructive in nature
- Receive more significant punishments
- Occur much less frequently than those that are not as thoroughly planned

Police officers observe this same distinction in the behavior of many criminals, particularly those who commit the crimes of theft and burglary. In fact, it is very often true that many crimes of theft and burglary occur because the “potential” criminal is presented with the temptation and opportunity to commit a criminal act. Therefore, if we can remove the temptation and the opportunity, there is a high probability that we can eliminate or drastically reduce the possibility of the crime being committed.

**All year long, there are significant numbers of thefts from parked automobiles and open / unsecured garages.** These crimes are often motivated by the temptation of seeing objects of value in plain view and the opportunity to take the objects with relatively low risk of being seen and/or apprehended.

### What You Can Do

Take the following action(s) to reduce your chance of being a victim of an opportunistic thief:

- Don't leave objects of value in plain view. Consider covering windows in garages. Place valuables in car trunk before you reach your destination (thieves may be watching).
- Lock car doors when you are away. Close garage doors and lock them.
- Provide extra security for particularly vulnerable targets (e.g., bicycles, power tools, etc.) inside the garage.
- Alert police to suspicious people loitering in your neighborhood, in alleys, near cars or garages.
- Record serial numbers of purchased items to aid in their recovery, in the event that they are stolen.

Remember, don't do anything to make it easier for you to be victimized. Don't provide a thief with either temptation or opportunity.

*Article courtesy of the Saint Paul Police Department Crime Prevention*

### New Rules for Shredded Paper

Did you used to put your shredded paper in your recycling bin? Recycling facilities cannot handle small amounts of shredded paper in their sorting process, and therefore it does not get recycled. Your best option is to bring it to a retailer that accepted shredded paper. Go to [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) (click on A to Z Recycling Guide) to find a location near you. Or call 651-633-EASY (3279) answered 24/7.

### Chat Online with Ramsey County

Need a question answered sooner than an email but don't want to use the phone? Chat with Ramsey County online! This new feature was added to [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com).

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## Urban Coyotes

During the past months, there have been a few sightings of coyotes in the city. In response to these sightings, the Minnesota DNR has the following information and guidelines to assist citizens in any potential encounters with coyotes.

**Coyotes are wild members of the dog family, intermediate in size between red foxes and wolves.** In Minnesota, coyotes average 30 lbs., and stand about 18" high at the shoulders. However, they may appear much larger due to their heavy fur coat, especially in winter. They are gray/brown in color, and somewhat resemble a small German Shepherd dog in appearance. Coyotes in Minnesota are loners, except when families are raising pups. Their primary foods are rabbits and mice, but they are very opportunistic, and will feed on other small mammals, deer, birds, carrion, and even melons.

Although coyotes can be found anywhere in Minnesota, distribution and population size is variable. Currently, populations are establishing and increasing in the Twin Cities metro area.

**Most coyotes avoid people and domestic animals, but occasionally they will kill sheep, turkeys, and calves.** They may also raid garbage cans, and kill domestic cats and small dogs. Healthy wild coyotes avoid people, and no attacks have ever occurred in Minnesota. However, attacks by urban coyotes have been reported in other states. Experts believe these attacks occur after a coyote has become accustomed to humans, or after being fed by humans.

**If you are concerned about the presence of coyotes where you live, consider the following do's and don'ts:**

DO:

- secure all garbage containers, wildlife feeders, and other food sources to prevent coyote access
- confine small dogs and cats in kennels, or supervise them when outside
- vaccinate all pets for rabies, distemper, parvo, and other diseases, as recommended by a veterinarian
- consider installing coyote-proof fencing
- harass (by chasing, shouting, etc.) any coyotes that do not immediately run from people
- provide education so children know difference between dogs and coyotes

DON'T:

- do not feed coyotes
- do not leave pet food outside
- do not allow cats and small dogs outside unattended
- do not allow small children outside unattended

These simple suggestions should prevent most coyote problems. However, if depredation occurs or aggressive coyote behavior is observed, removal of the coyotes may be necessary. Coyotes are unprotected in Minnesota, and may be taken at any time by trapping only (in Mounds View) without a license or permit.



The shooting of coyotes or any animal in Mounds View is prohibited.

**The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources does not trap, shoot, or relocate coyotes.** Where necessary, removal of coyotes is the responsibility of the landowner or tenant. For information on pest control contractors or trapping techniques for coyote removal, contact your local DNR Wildlife office or Conservation Officer.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mounds View Public Service Officer (PSO) Sam Drewry at 763-717-4068.

*Information courtesy of: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.*

## Under Age Drinking

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

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

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

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

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

While parents are away, the MVPD recommends:

- Having a teenager stay with friends or family
- Secure alcohol
- Request a neighbor or friend check on the house
- Notify the police department of a vacation

When hosting parties:

- Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events during prom and graduation season
- Be at home when your teenager has a party
- Make sure your teenagers friends do not bring alcohol into your home

Sources: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Westmoreland Community Action, Maineparents.net, MN Crime Prevention Association.



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## Safety Zone

A reminder for drivers (and passengers as well), please pay attention and watch for stopped and slow moving vehicles in and near the traffic lanes. Normally, you hear about this in the summer when a lot of the construction occurs, but Public Works employees operate year round. We're constantly reminded of the dangers involved in serving the public, but a recent incident in Bloomington brings to the forefront the fact that crashes happen when least expected. A Bloomington Public Works employee has died and another was hospitalized after being hit by an SUV mid-morning. The crew was performing snow removal when the driver, who was also hospitalized, rear ended the work truck.

Please use caution and avoid distracted driving. We're doing our best to make sure you can get home safely. So for the sake of your family, and ours, slow down, pay attention and drive carefully when you see flashing lights.

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## Improvements Planned for I-35W North

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is currently studying I-35W for the addition of MnPASS Express Lanes between Highway 36 and Lexington Avenue, in order to address capacity and mobility needs in the corridor. MnDOT is working to develop an overall design for I-35W that:

- Improves safety on the highway
- Increases the number of people that are moved along the highway during peak hours
- Provides reliable travel times for commuters during peak-drive times
- Optimizes and reuses existing roads and bridges (without needing to acquire homes and properties)

With 53,000 to 127,000 vehicles (and growing) using I-35W between Roseville and Blaine each day, travel time is becoming increasingly unreliable for peak period travelers. There is enough room in the middle of the existing road to add one lane in each direction, and MnDOT is analyzing the addition of MnPASS Express Lanes to provide a long-term benefit to the corridor.

### *What are MnPASS Express Lanes?*

MnPASS Express Lanes provide a congestion-free travel option during peak-drive times, improve efficiency by moving more people through a corridor, provide better travel time reliability, and enhance transit usage, service and reliability. MnPASS Express Lanes are always free for transit users, carpoolers (HOV 2+) and motorcycles. During peak-drive times, weekdays 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., motorists driving alone can choose to use the MnPASS lanes for a fee. Outside of peak-drive times, the MnPASS lanes are free for everyone to use. Fees vary between \$0.25 and \$8, increasing when there is more congestion in the MnPASS lane. The fees keep traffic in the MnPASS lane moving at 50 to 55 mph.

### *What's next?*

The preliminary engineering and environmental review will be completed by mid to late 2016. This work includes analyzing the need for spot improvements along the corridor and the need for noise walls along the freeway. While funding for a construction project is not yet identified, if funding becomes available construction could start as early as 2018.

### *Get Involved*

The best way to stay updated is to visit [mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35wroseville/](http://mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35wroseville/), where you can learn more and sign up for project email updates. Keep an eye out for public meeting announcements in 2016, when MnDOT will be presenting information about proposed noise walls and the Environmental Assessment. Questions about the project or requests for additional information can be directed to Jerome Adams, at 651-234-7611 or [Jerome.adams@state.mn.us](mailto:Jerome.adams@state.mn.us).

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## Ramsey County Project – County Road I Rehabilitation

Ramsey County, in cooperation with the City of Mounds View, has scheduled a concrete rehabilitation project on County Road I between County Road 10 and I-35W during the 2016 construction season. The project includes concrete pavement restoration, catch basin repair, pedestrian curb ramp replacement, and replacement of the traffic signal at County Road I and Quincy Street.

Ramsey County is proposing to convert County Road I from four traffic lanes to three. This will improve safety for motorists making left turns; will provide shoulders for bicycle and service vehicles; and create safer crossings for pedestrians.

The road will remain open to traffic during most of the construction, although there may be short-term lane closures or detours. Temporary alternative access plans to driveways will be established with property owners if necessary as concrete cures.

There will be no assessments to property owners for the construction of the project.

For additional information regarding this project please contact Kathy Jaschke, Design Engineer, at 651-266-7192, or email [kathy.jaschke@co.Ramsey.mn.us](mailto:kathy.jaschke@co.Ramsey.mn.us) or view the project layout by going to [www.co.Ramsey.mn.us/pw/index.htm](http://www.co.Ramsey.mn.us/pw/index.htm).

## 2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project – Area I

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

Area I consists of 3.6 miles of streets for reconstruction and encompass Quincy Street north of County Road I to the north dead end; St. Michael and St. Stephen Streets and Jackson Drive, all west of Quincy Street; Oakwood, Terrace, and Pinewood Drives and Hillview Road, all east and west of Quincy Street. The City's engineering consultant, Bolton & Menk, has completed contract documents for use in bidding the project.

A bid opening and contractor selection is scheduled for March 15, and a public information meeting for all properties in the project area will be held in April. Notices for the meeting will be mailed to properties in the area. This meeting will inform property owners of what to expect during construction, when their street will be under construction, who to call if you have questions, and many other important project details.

Because of the size of the project the City Engineer has recommended that the project be constructed over two years. For 2016, the area west of Quincy will be constructed, and the remainder will be finished in 2017.



## Metropolitan Council Sewer Interceptor Maintenance

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Service has begun Phase 5 of their North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation project. Phase 5 includes two areas within the City of Mounds View.

One section of the project is located in the southwest portion of the City. This part of the project will improve an approximately 1-mile section of a regional sanitary sewer. This project is located south of the railroad between Pleasant View Drive in Mounds View, Spring Creek Drive in New Brighton and Highway 65 NE in Fridley. The sewer improvement work includes rehabilitating the manholes and inserting a new liner into the existing pipe, also known as Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP). The sewer transports wastewater to MCES's Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Paul. Work began late 2015 and will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by June 2016 and Phase 2 is anticipated to be completed by June 2017.

The second portion of the project is located in the northeast section of the City near the Colonial Village Mobile Home Park. This project will improve an approximately 0.5-mile section of a regional sanitary sewer. This project is located east of Rice Creek Parkway in Shoreview and extends to the west of Quincy Street in Mounds View. The sewer improvement work required includes excavation holes for manhole replacement and meter upgrades, and inserting a new sewer pipe inside the existing pipe, called slip lining. The sewer transports wastewater to MCES's Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Paul. Excavation work near the I-35W sound wall has begun and will continue for several months. Work is anticipated to be completed by August of 2016.



For more information the MCES has established three (3) different methods of communication for questions and/or concerns regarding this project:

Website: Hillview Road Area - [www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/moundsview](http://www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/moundsview)

Pleasant View Drive Area - [www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/fridley/tricity](http://www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/fridley/tricity)

E-mail: [info@naiphase5.com](mailto:info@naiphase5.com)

Project Hotline: 763-392-4648

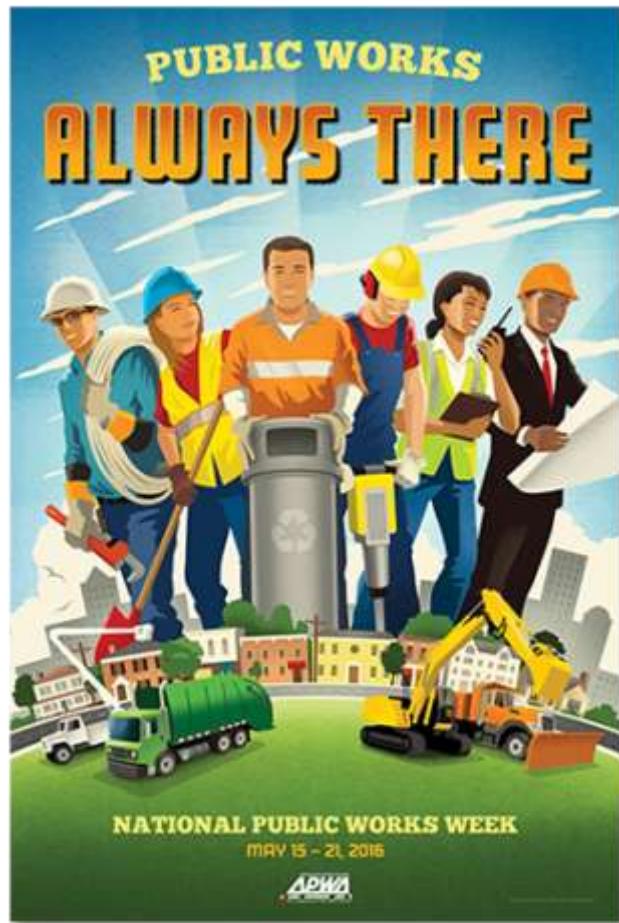
## National Public Works Week: May 15–21, 2016

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often—unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public every day with quiet dedication.

### What Does Public Works Do?

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

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



### Water Main Flushing



Public Works performs water main flushing after the snow has melted and the ground thaws; this year it is scheduled for the week of April 25, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Flushing the water mains is done by opening the fire hydrants and letting the water flow at a high rate, which removes sand and sediment that has settled in the water main pipes since last flushing.

During and shortly after water main flushing, you may experience low water pressure or discoloration of the water. If you notice “brown water” or discoloration, turn on a bathroom or kitchen faucet on the lowest level of your home, run the cold water until the water clears (this should take only 10 to 15 minutes). Please note that this is only for a short period and your normal water service will be restored. If you choose to wash clothes during this period of flushing, remember to check your washer at **EVERY FILL CYCLE** for “brown colored” water and discontinue the cycle until the water runs clear again.

### Reporting Potholes, Frozen Storm Drains, and Snow Plow Damage

Contact Public Works to report any potholes, frozen storm drains, or boulevard/mailbox damage by snow plowing operations this past winter at 763-717-4050.

Potholes and snow plow damage on the following roadways should be directed to Ramsey County Public Works at 651-266-7100.

#### Ramsey County Roadways:

- County Highway 10
- Silver Lake Road
- Long Lake Road
- County Road H
- County Road I (Silver Lake Road to I-35W)
- Old Highway 8

## Roadways Spring Load Limits

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

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

### **Permits Required**

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

MnDOT's Office of Material and Road Research is responsible for setting the load limits on the trunk highway system. Load limit information is available via the Hotline: 651-366-5400 or 800-723-6543.

Webpage: [http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal\\_load\\_limits/sllindex.asp](http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal_load_limits/sllindex.asp)

## Sewer Backup – Contact the City First!

Property owners are responsible for the sewer service line (also known as a lateral) between the dwelling and the sewer main in the street, while the City is responsible for the sewer main only. Nearly all sewer backups that Public Works responds to are due to a blocked sewer service lateral, not the sewer main. Cleaning your sewer service lateral is the most common type of preventative maintenance. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. When you have your sewer line cleaned out, please notify Public Works beforehand or as soon as possible afterward so we can make sure City sewer main is free from obstructions – simply provide your address and date of cleaning.

Public Works also requests that any resident experiencing a sewer backup immediately call them at 763-717-4050, Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., so that the sewer main can be checked for blockages. After hours assistance can be obtained by phoning Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-484-9155.

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

## Silver View Park Trail

The City contracted with Bolton & Menk for engineering and design services for reconstructing the trail, and improving drainage in several spots. The project was awarded to Northwest Asphalt. The project has been postponed until late spring/summer of 2016 to allow time to negotiate easement agreements with several properties surrounding the trail. These easements should be finalized in the next couple of months to allow for work to begin.

## County Road 10 Trail Segments 6 & 11

The City contracted with Bolton & Menk for engineering and design services for these two trail segments. Segment 6 runs along the west side of County Road 10 from Woodale Drive to just north of County H2 in front of Moe's Sports Bar. Segment 11 originally was scheduled to run on the east side of County Road 10 from Red Oak Drive to Pleasant View Drive, but was shortened to run from Red Oak Drive to Groveland Road. This was change was approved by Council since there are no connecting trails currently planned at that location in Spring Lake Park. The trail will instead tie in with the newly constructed sidewalk at Groveland Road. Design is underway with bidding scheduled for March and construction slated for spring–summer of 2016.

## Lawn Watering Restrictions in Effect Beginning May 1 to September 30

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

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

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



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

## Street Sweeping in Mounds View

Each spring, summer and fall, Public Works crews sweep every mile of the City's more than 43 miles of streets – curb to curb – to help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable and to protect our waterways. Leaves, sediment, and other debris on the streets can clog storm drains and pollute our lakes and rivers. Street sweeping usually takes about five weeks to complete. The spring sweeping operations will begin once the curb lines are free of snow and before spring rains begin, typically near the end of March or early April.



## CenturyLink Channel Activation

CenturyLink has been upgrading its infrastructure in the region to be able to provide 1 Gigabit Internet service and offer their cable television service, Prism TV. The North Suburban Cable Commission and CenturyLink negotiated a cable television franchise to provide cable communications service in the nine member cities. The last of the member cities approved the franchise agreement in December 2015 and now the work has moved to implementation. The CTV mosaic channel is assigned to channel 15 on CenturyLink. That will show a large screen for CTV Community and smaller screens for CTV Civic, CTV Community, and CTV Sports. Mounds View Television will be accessed through a scroll interface, along with the government access channels for the other member cities.

Franchise documents are available at [www.ctv15.org/nsacnsc/cable/centurylink-franchise/centurylink-franchise-documents](http://www.ctv15.org/nsacnsc/cable/centurylink-franchise/centurylink-franchise-documents).

## Comcast Franchise Renewal Process

The Comcast franchise with the member cities of the North Suburban Cable Commission, including Mounds View, has been extended until December 31, 2016. Work is still ongoing to secure a franchise renewal beyond 2016. The schedule for the administrative hearing procedure is being set in February. More information is available at [www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/nsacnsc/nscc/franchise-renewal](http://www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/nsacnsc/nscc/franchise-renewal).

### **Live Schedule**

The following dates and times for City meetings are authorized by the City Council and cable cast live on Mounds View Television, Cable Channel 16. All meetings are held in the Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2401 County Road 10. Due to lack of quorum or other circumstances, these meeting dates and times are subject to change and/or cancellation:

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

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

### **Replay Schedule**

*Replay times are subject to change.*

EDA & City Council Meetings	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.
Streets & Utilities Committee	Sunday 9:00 p.m., Monday 11:00 a.m., Wednesday 2:00 a.m., Saturday 3:00 p.m.

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

### **North Suburban Communications Commission**

The North Suburban Communications Commission (NSCC) is a joint-powers venture that administers the cable franchises in nine cities: Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and St. Anthony.

The Commissioner representing Mounds View is Mayor Joe Flaherty, with Council Member Gary Meehlhause serving as alternate. The NSCC meets bimonthly on the first Thursday at the CTV North Suburbs studio in Roseville; the next meetings are scheduled for April 7 and June 2. Web streams of the meetings can be found at [webstreaming.ctv15.org/typeview.php?regionid=86&typeid=44](http://webstreaming.ctv15.org/typeview.php?regionid=86&typeid=44).

### **CTV Training and Public Access Television**

CTV North Suburbs provides access to a wide variety of classes and workshops for the public. With proper training and certification, volunteers have unique access to professional video equipment free of charge. Areas of production and equipment include an in-house studio, high-end digital video production equipment, non-linear editing suites, and top of the line production trucks. Volunteers have the option of taking the classes they want to reach their specific production goals.

The free "CTV 101" class is a prerequisite for all of the other classes. Discover the resources available to get involved at CTV and for making your own TV productions. To get involved, contact CTV North Suburbs at 651-792-7515, [www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/store/classes](http://www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/store/classes), [training@ctvnorthsuburbs.org](mailto:training@ctvnorthsuburbs.org), or visit their studio at 2670 Arthur Street in Roseville, near County Road C and Fairview.



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763-717-4070 Main Line  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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After Hours & Weekends

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## Rally Day Saturday, March 5 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Parents will have an opportunity to learn about summer activities, and to sign up their children for specific programs. Great time to talk to the experts about programs and get your questions answered.

Come talk with the experts and sign up for summer FUN!!!



## Spring Clean Up Day Saturday, April 30 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Spring cleaning time is almost here, and residents can clear out their yard and home at Spring Clean Up Day. Get rid of appliances, car tires, car batteries, televisions, computers, mattresses, couches, and general junk at the Public Works Garage.

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