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Town Hall Meeting

The 14th annual Town Hall Meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018, at Mounds View City Hall, 2401 Mounds View Boulevard.

Mayor Carol Mueller will provide the State of the City address and City Administrator Nyle Zikmund will present the vision, mission, and goals of the City for 2018. The Coach of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards will be presented. There will be ample opportunities to ask questions of the Mounds View City Council and City staff.

As in past years, there will be displays and exhibits from City department and partners.

- YMCA/Mounds View Community Center
- Community Development Department
- Public Works Department
- Police Department
- Event Center

- Finance Department
- SBM Fire Department
- Recycling



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Time to Nominate the 2017 Mounds View Citizen of the Year

The City of Mounds View is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award. This prestigious award annually recognizes a Mounds View citizen or business person who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to improving the community. Nominations are reviewed and a recipient is selected by the City Council.

The award seeks to honor highly effective community leaders who have invested a significant amount of time

improving our community. Nominees must be a Mounds View resident, business owner, or land owner. Current elected officials, City employees, City contractors, or past Citizen of the Year Award recipients are not eligible.

Nominations are open to the public, must be in writing, and may be supported by letters and other documentation. Nominations will be judged on courage, initiative, time commitment, effectiveness, and unselfishness. All materials must be received by the close of the nomination period, and become the property the City of Mounds View.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 30, 2018. The award will be presented at the annual Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. To obtain a nomination application please refer to the City's website at www.moundsviewmn.org or contact Mounds View City Hall at 763-717-4000.

Dear neighbors and friends,

Happy 60th Anniversary, Mounds View! 2018 promises to be an exciting year for us. Watch for updates on celebration events planned throughout the year by our 60th Anniversary Committee. Volunteers are welcome!

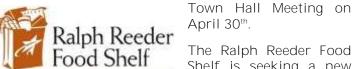
Thank you to our community volunteers who worked on and tested our updated City website, which "went live" in January. Please check it out at www.moundsviewmn.org.

In January, Mounds View was certified as a Heart Safe Community thanks to the efforts of Officer Kirsten Heineman, the Mounds View Police Department, and dedicated community volunteers. Officer Heineman organized and attended over 20 events in our City to teach CPR, including the use of a defibrillator. Thank you for making Mounds View a safer place to live, work, and play, Officer Heineman!

Hooray! Construction of our new Public Works Facility has been completed to the point where our Public Works team and our equipment can move in. An open house celebration is planned for late May or June.

The Comprehensive Plan Taskforce is busy working to update our vision and future development of Mounds View for the next 20 years. These meetings are open to the public and cablecast live as well as available to stream on our website.

I believe Mounds View is a stronger and healthier community because we know, respect, and value each other. We stay informed, get involved, and volunteer. (We don't have to wait for a foot of snow and a car stuck in a driveway to bring neighbors together!) Every year, the City requests nominations for the Mounds View Citizen of the Year and Coach of the Year. Please visit the City website to print and/or submit your nominee for these well-deserved honors. Nominations are due by March 30, 2018. The awards will be presented at our



COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Mounds View Public Schools

The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is seeking a new location of 4,000-5,000 square feet within Mounds View or New

Brighton due to changing school district needs. We are hoping they will be able to partner with another entity here. The food shelf served over 5,000 families in the cities of New Brighton and Mounds View in 2017. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you for your partnership as we continue building our community together. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Town Hall Meeting!

With warmest regards, Carol Mueller

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City Administrator Report

Greetings. While this will be my second *Mounds View Matters* article it will be my first as the City Administrator (as compared to being the Interim) as the Council offered and I have accepted the position and started on January 3rd.

My experience as your interim reinforced my passion and enthusiasm in seeking the permanent position. The combination of highly motivated professional staff,



City Administrator Nyle Zikmund

a Council committed to serving the public and focus on what's best for the community, the engaged business community, and the residents who call Mounds View home provide the ingredients for the recipe of community success defined as a good place to live and work.

In my first few months I plan on meeting with every employee one-on-one and have met with 9 of the 49 so far in my first week. Additionally, I hope to get out and about to businesses and business groups to further interact with them as well as engaging in the various non-profit entities that abound in this area.

By the time this is delivered to your mailbox the Council will have met again in a retreat format to discuss short- and long-range challenges and opportunities confronting the City and if needed, will dedicate more time to exploring options and impacts. This will lead to a master plan with additional focus on those that have fiscal impact and additional retreat time, if needed, to formulate a long-range plan.

In my last article I mentioned the City had experienced an unusual number of personnel vacancies, due to a variety of reasons. Again, by the time you receive this in your mailbox all but one of those positions has been or will be in the final process of being filled.

As I close this message I want to share with you my passion and advocacy for extraordinary customer service. That is my goal and the goal I have advocated to staff that they strive to achieve. As residents and business owners, our mission is to provide core services consistent with Council policy. We will aim high in that endeavor.

Ramsey County Yard Waste Collection Site Mounds View Location, 8307 Long Lake Road

April through November Hours

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday



The Boulevard

MWF Properties has proposed to build a three story, 60-unit apartment building on the NW corner of Mounds View Boulevard and Groveland Road. This project requires multiple approvals by the City Council. Currently, the Council is considering approval of the Final Plat of the subdivision, and approval to create a Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district over the

property. If approved, up to \$546,000 of the future property taxes generated by the project over a 15-year period would be refunded back to the developer to pay for qualifying expenses. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2018 and be completed in 2019. For more information,



please contact Jon Sevald, City Planner/Supervisor at 763-717-4022 or jon.sevald@moundsviewmn.org.

Crossroad Pointe

Crossroad Pointe consists of vacant properties at the corner of Mounds View Boulevard and County Road H2, owned by the City. During the summer of 2017, the City Council considered proposals from three developers, choosing INH Properties. INH is proposing a \$40 million mixed-use development consisting of an apartment building, indoor shooting range, and retail.

In January 2018, the City's Economic Development Authority approved a Pre-Development Agreement, allowing INH access to the property to conduct engineering and other studies through 2018. A number of plan approvals will be required prior to construction, beginning sometime in 2019. Throughout this process, there will be a number of Public Hearings. For more information, please contact Jon Sevald, City Planner/Supervisor at 763-717-4022 or jon.sevald@moundsviewmn.org.



Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year guide of how land should be developed and redeveloped. The City Council appointed a Taskforce representing the Council, advisory commissions, and at-large residents. The Taskforce meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



Taskforce members (L-R): John Kroeger, William Urbanski, Dennis Farmer, Angelica Klebsch, Marcie Weinandt, Teresa Muckala, Gary Rundle, Carol Mueller, and Justin Klander.

The Taskforce will focus on what is the highest and best use of those properties that are likely to be redeveloped within the next ten and twenty years, and goals and policy statements for use by the City Council and Planning Commission when considering approval of projects.

During the Taskforce's January 9th meeting, its members were asked to pin the answers to four questions onto a map of the city. Neighborhood focal points included parks, schools, and major intersections. Favorite places included the library, parks, Caribou Coffee, R. J. Riches, and Moe's. Places to change included the Mounds View Boulevard corridor (all of it), and specific vacant businesses along the corridor.



City of Mounds View Named Recipient of Heart Safe Community Designation

The City of Mounds View recently received the designation of Heart Safe Community, a program through the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium, the American Heart Association, the Minnesota Department of Health, and a team of state-wide organizations.

The designation program aims to increase survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) by helping communities assess their preparedness for cardiac



emergencies and finding gaps where improvements can be made. Heart Safe Designation is reached by acquiring points or 'heartbeats' based on population size. Heartbeats are given for community awareness programs, CPR training, AED placement and mapping, access to rapid emergency services

and progressive hospital systems, and development of community heart healthy activities.

Karla Keys, Police Administrative Assistant

Karla Keys started in January as the Police Administrative Assistant, analyzing, preparing and disseminating police reports; processing handgun permit applications; and assisting with public inquiries. Karla has over 21 years of experience working in



the public sector within Anoka County in police departments, the jail, and adult probation.

Karla enjoys spending an abundant amount of time with her family and all outdoor activities.



Rayla Sue Ewald, Human Resource Coordinator

Rayla Sue Ewald joined the City in November as Human Resource Coordinator. Rayla has more than 24 years of experience as a human resource professional, with the past 17 years at the City of Blaine. She will also serve as the City Clerk, handle business licenses, and be

responsible for data retention of Mounds View records.

Rayla grew up in Mounds View and graduated from Irondale High School. In 1986, Rayla built a home in Blaine where she and her husband raised their three sons, now grown. She enjoys spending time at their cabin along with crafting and numerous outdoor activities.



of Minnesota, Allina Health EMS Heart Safe Communities Program, North Memorial Heart Safe Communities Program, Take Heart St. Cloud, Take Heart American and several others.

The City of Mounds View has met the application requirements for a Heart Safe Community by conducting 14 training events

held with the Adult Education Center, Mounds View Lions, New Brighton/Mounds View Rotary,

Medtronic-Mounds View Campus, public classes, and a booth at public events. The City of Mounds View has a map of AEDs posted on the city website and on the free smartphone app PulsePoint AED. Look for the Heart Safe booth at future public events including Festival in the Park and the National Night Out Pre-Party.



PulsePoint AED Available for iOS & Android

Commenting on the announcement, City Administrator Nyle Zikmund said, "This designation will make the City a safer place to both live and work, and increase the level of service we provide our citizens."

About Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)

Sudden cardiac arrest is a public health crisis during which the heart stops without warning. SCA is often caused by abnormalities of the heart's electrical conduction system. Signs of SCA include unconsciousness and lack of breath. As the leading cause of death in the world, SCA strikes an estimated 350,000 Americans each year.

FREE Police Activity League

Where: Mounds View Community Center When: Monday & Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The idea for Judo Minnesota started after a long conversation with a friend. As a young man, this friend was raised with a generational distrust of Law Enforcement. After personally experiencing negative contact with the police this grew into animosity.

Only through sharing positive experiences with individual officers provided by training in the martial arts with them did he come to see that police officers are regular everyday people. Judo Minnesota was created to provide opportunities for the public, especially the youth of the community, to interact with Law Enforcement in a positive manner.

The purpose of the PAL (Police Activity League) is to provide a safe, positive, and energetic environment for youth and adults to enjoy training in the martial arts. All are welcome to come learn about implementing martial arts into their physical fitness regimen.

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The SBM Fire Department is seeking committed individuals to fill part-time public education positions as well as fire corps volunteers.

Join them on Tuesday, March 6th for an information session to learn more.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Details at <u>www.sbmfire.com</u> or call 763-786-4436.

Got Radon?

What is radon:

Radon is odorless, colorless gas that comes from uranium in the earth. It is found in nearly all soils.

Get the facts:

- Over 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year in the U.S. are caused by radon.
- When inhaled, radon gives off radioactive particles that can damage the cells that line the lungs.
- The Minnesota Department of Health estimates that about two in five Minnesota homes have enough radon to pose a serious risk to the occupants' health over many years of exposure and that all homes be tested.
- The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

How radon gets in the homes:

It typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into home your through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up. Any home may have a radon problem. This means new and old homes. well-sealed and drafty homes, apartments, manufactured homes and homes with or without basements.



Did you know? Managing Electronic Waste

It's estimated that Americans own three



billion electronic products, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. But what happens when those same electronics are upgraded? Sometimes they end up in the garbage where they can release heavy metals and other chemicals into the environment.

In Minnesota, electronic waste is managed under the Hazardous Waste Rules and the Minnesota Electronics Recycling Act. This requires that electronics be collected and sent to a registered recycler to be safely dismantled. From there, the recyclers send the plastic, metals, glass, and other materials to businesses around the world to be reused for new products.

Next time you're looking to get rid of an electronic product, visit <u>RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ</u> to help get it to the right place, so it can be safely taken apart and reused.

Checking your home for radon:

Testing is easy and should only take a few minutes of your time. The quickest way to test is with short-term tests. The tests are the size of an envelope and can be bought for a small cost. The radon test is placed on the lowest living level of the home.

EPA recommends the following testing steps:

Step 1. Take a short-term test. If your result is 4 pCi/L or higher, take a follow-up test (Step 2) to be sure.

Step 2. Follow up with either a long-term test or a second short-term test.

What if the test is positive for radon? EPA recommends: Fix your home if you followed up with a long-term test and the result is 4 pCi/L or more.

For more information and how the SBM Fire Department can help:

- Sign up for a FREE home safety survey and receive a FREE radon test kit for your home. Call the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department at 763-767-4003.
- Visit <u>www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html</u>.



Public Works Facility Completion

Final construction stages of the Public Works Facility are just about complete and staff is in the process of moving vehicles and equipment into the facility. The City would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Cities of Blaine and Spring Lake Park for the use of their facilities to house City vehicles and equipment during this construction project.

An open house will be scheduled for late spring of 2018. Please follow Facebook and the City's website, www.moundsviewmn.org, for up-to-date information.

NOTE: Public Works Administration has MOVED from City Hall to the new Public Works Facility.

All Public Works staff will be housed in the new facility. If you require a sewer, water, right-of-way permit, or an as-built, visit Public Works at 2466 Bronson Drive.

Water Main Flushing

Public Works performs water main flushing after the snow has melted and the ground thaws. Water main flushing will occur the week of April 23–27, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.moundsviewmn.org.



Roadways Spring Load Limits (SLL)

During the spring, pavement layers are generally in a saturated, weakened state due to partial thawed conditions and trapped water in the road bed. The critical time for SLL is when the pavement first thaws. Load limits typically begin sometime in March or late April and last for 7 to 9 weeks. Load limit permits are required for the City of Mounds View. Please refer to www.moundsviewmn.org for more information.

Street Sweeping

Public Works crews sweep more than 43 miles of City streets to help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable and to protect our waterways as part of the MS4 storm sewer permit. Leaves, sediment, and other debris on streets can clog storm drains and pollute our lakes and rivers. Street sweeping begins in the early spring and normally takes five weeks to complete.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Tennis Courts

The City is excited to announce that the tennis courts at Greenfield and Groveland Parks will be rehabilitated in 2018! Follow us on Facebook and the City website, www.moundsviewmn.org, for updated information as project dates are established.

City Hall Park



The City Council, along with staff and the Parks and Recreation and Forestry Commission, evaluated and obtained bids to replace the existing 20+ year old playground equipment at City Hall Park. On October 9, 2017, City Council approved the purchase and the overall concept and layout for the playground equipment and the continuation with a design and cost proposal for a splash pad feature. Construction is scheduled to start in the spring and should be completed by late summer!

Sewer Backup? Call Public Works First

Sewer backups can happen. If you have experienced one, you know there's a lot of time and money spent to correct the damage caused by the backup. Call Public Works immediately at 763-717-4050 during normal business hours (M-F, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) or 651-484-9155 outside normal business hours before contacting a contractor so that the Public Works Department can check the sewer main first for any potential problems.

Lawn Watering Restrictions Go Into Effect Beginning May 1 -September 30



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What's Happening at Mounds View Library

One-to-One Computer and Tech Help by Appointment Individual basic computer and tech help is now available from an AmeriCorps CTEP member in ½ hour sessions by appointment on Mondays between 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. They are happy to help with job searching, working on resumes or documents, email, tablet, and other basic technology questions. *Reservation Required. Call Mounds View Library at 651-724-6004 to schedule your ½ hour help session!

Baby & Me Storytime

Fridays starting March 2, 9:45 a.m.

Share stories, songs, rhymes, and play with your baby at this storytime, designed for the youngest learner. Appropriate for ages 6–23 months. Limited to 15 babies with caregivers.

Paws to Read with Indy

Saturday, March 3 and April 7, 11:00 a.m.

Come work on your reading skills in a low-stress environment. Our licensed therapy dogs welcome all school-age readers to participate in this special program. Contact the Library to register for a time slot.

Creative Pastels

Thursday, March 8, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Brighten up your rainy days by creating this beautiful rotating 'color wheel' umbrella. Limited to 18 participants, registration required. Appropriate for ages 7–10.

Toddler Obstacle Course

Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Come join us in expending some pent-up energy in this specially designed active obstacle course for little ones. Believe it or not, playing in an obstacle course-like structure can enhance bilateral skills which directly correlates with early reading skills. Babies are welcome in their own activity corner with caregivers. Adults must remain with kids for the duration of playtime. Appropriate for ages 6 months-5 years.

Perler Beads

Monday, March 12, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Bring a simple pattern of your own or use one of ours to make a spectacular Perler Bead craft. Appropriate for ages 7–12.

Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, March 24, April 21, and May 5, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays designed to enhance your **child's early** literacy skills. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Make a Card to Donate

Friday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join us to make cards to donate, to brighten **someone's** day. Supplies provided. Ages 7–12. No registration necessary.

Utility Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2018

Utility rates for Storm Water Management will increase by \$1 per quarter or \$4 per year. The Street Light rate is unchanged for 2018.

The Water Utility base charge will increase \$4 per quarter and the variable water rates will change as follows: \$.10 per thousand gallons increase for the first 12,000 gallons, \$.11 increase for the next 13,000 gallons and a \$.12 increase for amounts over 25,000 gallons. This will cost approximately \$22 based on average use.

The Sanitary Sewer base charge will increase \$1.96 and the variable charge will increase \$.16 per thousand gallons used based on winter quarter usage. The City received a 6.59% increase in the cost of treatment from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. Sanitary Sewer rates will increase by \$17 annually based on average use. Overall, the rate increases will add \$43 annually or \$10.75 per quarter or \$3.58 per month for the average user. (15,000 gallons).

City Email Changes



The email addresses for City staff have changed from @ci.mounds-view.mn.us to @moundsviewmn.org.

MOUNDS VIEW MEETING CALENDAR

MARCH

5	6:30 p.m.	Work Session
7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission
12	6:00 p.m.	EDA; 6:30 p.m. City Council
13	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Taskforce
16	7:30 a.m.	Economic Development Commission
20	7:00 p.m.	Charter Commission
21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission
22	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission
26	6:00 p.m.	EDA; 6:30 p.m. City Council
27	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Taskforce

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2	6:30 p.m.	Work Session	
4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission	
9	6:00 p.m.	EDA; 6:30 p.m. City Council	
10	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Taskforce	
18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission	
20	7:30 a.m.	Economic Development Commission	
23	6:00 p.m.	EDA; 6:30 p.m. City Council	
24	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Taskforce	
26	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission	
30	6:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting	

MAY

2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission
7	6:30 p.m.	Work Session
8	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Taskforce
14	6:00 p.m.	EDA; 6:30 p.m. City Council
15	7:00 p.m.	Charter Commission
16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission
18	7:30 a.m.	Economic Development Commission
22	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Taskforce
24	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission
29	6:00 p.m.	EDA; 6:30 p.m. City Council

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763-717-4070 Main Line Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

651-484-9155 Dispatch After Hours & Weekends

9-1-1 Emergencies

Make Your Home Improvement Dreams a Reality

If you are ready to update your kitchen or bathroom, replace your heating system, or add more insulation, the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) can help. The City of Mounds View has partnered with CEE to provide low-interest financing for your home improvement projects. Through this partnership, residents have access to financing as IOW as 3% (APR 3.225%) Or 4% (APR 4.229%). [APR is based on a loan amount of \$15,000 for a 10 year term.]

Programs are also available for emergency repairs as well as for residents living in mobile homes. Visit mnlendingcenter.org or call 612-335-5884 to get started or learn more about the programs. CEE is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for nearly 40 years.

In addition to great financing options, Mounds View residents can now sign up for a discounted Home Energy Squad visit. For only \$50, a two-person crew will come to your home and install energy-saving materials, perform a blower door test to measure for air leaks, complete an insulation inspection of your attic and walls using an infrared camera, safety check your home's heating

system and water heater, and help with next steps. To schedule your Home Energy Squad visit call







60th Anniversary Celebration

2018 marks the 60th Anniversary of the City (Village) of Mounds View and to kick off the commemoration, below is the summary of the first meeting of the Village Council Meeting.

First meeting of Village Council of the Village of Mounds View was held May 27, 1958, at the Village Hall located at 1450 W. Highway 96.

Mayor-James W. Gibson Clerk-Martha Irvine Deputy Clerk-Mary Jean Miller

Trustee-John L. Sullivan Trustee-Reuben G. Achterkirch Trustee-Igram C. Rustad Trustee-Irene Edberg

Meeting commenced with swearing in at 7:30 p.m. followed by the meeting being opened at 7:41 p.m. by Mayor Gibson. The agenda included a discussion on how meetings were to be conducted—Roberts Rules were to be followed as much as possible! Appointments were made but only temporary for 60 days; these included a Chairman for the Parks, Playgrounds and Public Buildings, Health and Public Safety, and Public Works and Civil Defense. The Rose Tribune was designated as the official newspaper with the First State Bank of New Brighton designated as the official depository and meetings were to be held the first Tuesday of every month.

Other business included setting salaries of \$50 per month for Mayor and \$35 per month for trustees per state statue and hiring John Koontz of Town and Country Sign to change all the signs to read Mounds View Village at a maximum cost of \$2.00 per sign. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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