

MOUNDS VIEW MATTERS

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Adopt a Storm Drain



Public Works sweeps the streets in the spring and fall each year as routine scheduled maintenance. Is there a storm drain on your block that constantly collects debris?

Please help the environment and your neighborhood by periodically cleaning it off. Is there someone that continually deposits lawn clippings or leaves in the street, on a wetland, or in a drainage easement? Contact the Storm Water hotline at 763-717-4063 to report and/or sign up to adopt a storm drain.

2020 Water Quality Report



Once again, the City is proud to report that your drinking water meets all state and federal standards! You may review the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report) online at:

<https://bit.ly/3gubPgT>

Please contact the Public Works Department if you would like a report mailed to you.

RentHelpMN

RentHelpMN makes it possible for eligible renters to get caught up on overdue rent and utilities dating back to March 13, 2020. It also makes provisions for those at risk of falling behind on rent payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To apply for RentHelpMN, please visit renthelpmn.org or call 211. The 211 helpline has dedicated multilingual staff available to answer questions Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Compost Bin Sale – Save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$66 plus tax. Ramsey County residents may purchase bins for \$20 off. Order bins online at RecycleMinnesota.org and enter promo code “Ramsey” to receive the discounted price. Or, call 651-641-4589 and mention you are a Ramsey County resident.

The Recycling Association of Minnesota also sells rain barrels for \$79 plus tax. The “Ramsey” promo code does not apply to rain barrels.



Festival in the Park

The Festival in the Park Committee has been busy planning the 2021 Festival in the Park. The Committee meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month and all are welcome to join and help make this the best event ever. If you have questions, see the website at www.mvfestivalinthepark.com.

The 2021 Festival in the Park includes:

Friday, August 20th at City Hall Park

- 6:00 p.m. Parade
- Family Fun Night with music at City Hall Park

Saturday, August 21st at Silver View Park

Festivities will include new attractions as well as favorite traditions

- Climbing wall
- 5K run
- Bingo
- Games
- Crafters and vendors
- Food trucks
- Beer garden
- Live music
- 15th Annual FITP Car Show

Mayor's Message

Dear neighbors & friends,

As the seasons change from spring to summer, I am hopeful we can put the coronavirus (and its variants) in the rear view mirror, fully open things up, and gather in person again. I miss opportunities to meet in public and celebrate social events together!

Many have asked if Mounds View will open our splash pad Splashdown this summer. Staff continues to monitor the changing Covid-19 protocols and is working with Ramsey County and the Minnesota Department of Health to obtain necessary permits to open. The intent is to have Splashdown operational from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Important reminder: Splashdown was designed for enjoyment by humans, please do not bring pets to the splash pad. Water for Splashdown is recycled and sanitized, however fur entering the filters/pumps results in expensive repairs and possible closures. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

At our April City Council Work Session, we reviewed potential sites for development and redevelopment, including opportunities for infill development. We had previously discussed outdated policies and restrictions in our City Code that needed review, which so far has resulted in a Code amendment pertaining to drive thru options for restaurants. This small update increases restaurant potential! I give credit to our visionary and proactive City Council, our highly efficient Assistant City Administrator Beeman, and our entire Community Development team for our successful Recruitment and Retention Program, and all the growth we continue seeing within our community.

Popeye's Chicken opened this spring, and Midwest Motor Express plans an expansion for 2021.

Something not as readily apparent is that we have completed Phase One of the upgrades to our water treatment infrastructure and Phase

Two has started. Mounds View bonded for the funding of this \$6.1 million project, which will be substantially completed by the end of 2022.

As a side note, for increased convenience to our consumers and greater efficiencies for our Finance Department, you can now go to our City website and sign up for our automatic bill pay program. Council Member Gary Meehlhause tested the automatic bill pay program and confirms it's easy to enroll. See the website or call the Finance Department for more information.

The City is planning a fall cleanup and recycling day. See the City website for more details.

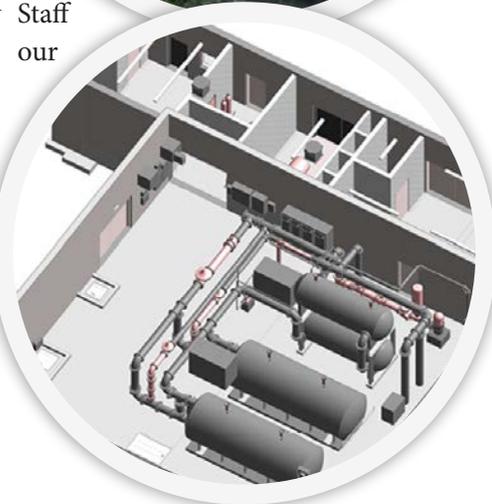
Police Chief Harder has applied for a grant to obtain more of the portable, solar powered, speed limit signs. Let's remember to set a good example for all who use our roadways and follow the speed limits and traffic control signs in our City.

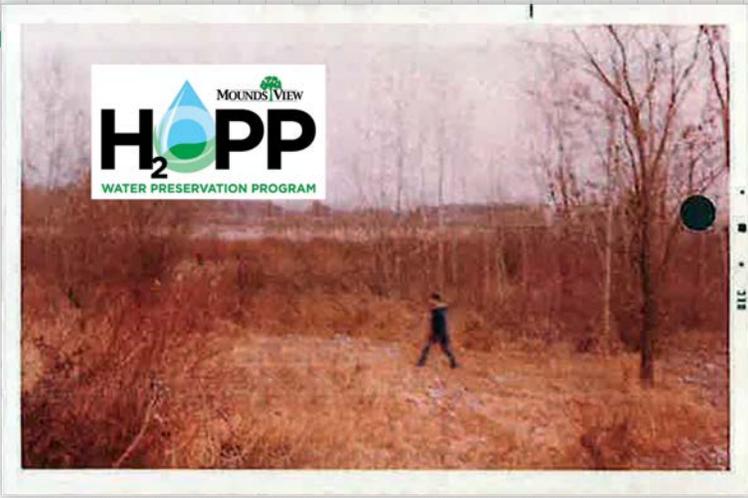
As always, please reach out with any ideas, questions or concerns. Your Mayor, Council, and City Staff are fully devoted to serving our community!

Thank you for your kindness, and your partnership in building community.

Stay safe, be well,

Carol A. Mueller





City Administrators Report

Regardless of the name, a potential \$2 million – yes million, dredging will be needed within the next decade; sooner versus later. Untangling the history and determining the official status (Lake or Storm Water Pond) has been underway for some time and efforts are increasing to establish the facts as they will govern the regulatory maintenance protocols. As you can see from the 1980 photo, it looks nothing like the wetland it was created from and ensuring optimum effectiveness and aesthetics is the goal of our research undertaking, and subsequent future rehabilitation efforts.

Some things are worth repeating

Stormwater, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Sanitary Sewer

I could belabor the point of stormwater and sanitary sewer – and I will; for good reason. They consume an extraordinary amount of staff time and taxpayers dollars. Hopefully you care about that and I will share Council and Staff absolutely care about efficiency and effectiveness.

We are in the final phase of our \$6.1 million water upgrade; municipal water, in combination with storm and sewer, comprise the benchmarks of our HOOPP program. We still have much more to do and will need to remain focused.

Under stormwater, we have two major issues we will be focusing on in the next year: Rain Gardens and Silver View Pond/Wood Lake/Oak Park Lake, Oak Park Lake Pond/Scotland Green Pond! Yes, those are all names that have, at one time or another, been ascribed to that “body of water.”

The “over-name” pond is part of our stormwater management (a very big part) and while permitted and constructed as a stormwater pond by the developer in 1982 – as Oak Lake Park Pond, the City started ascribing the Silver View nomenclature on our documents in the 1990’s and somewhere in the last 10 or so years, the DNR has designated it a lake. We are seeking answers to the timing and rational.

As part of the rehabilitation, when it comes, will be enhancements and modifications to improve water quality, capture more sediment in traps – thus reducing future expensive dredging, and improve flora and fauna which in combination of water quality, will increase wildlife habitat and thus, activity.

Transitioning to that “other water” mentioned in my opening-sanitary sewer, we are now in our second year of the point of sale - lateral sewer line inspection program and have scoped and rehabilitated over 200 lines. That data shows an almost 100% probability of rehabilitation needed for pre-1960 construction homes. We do not have enough data yet on 1960 to 1990 (it drops off after that) constructed homes to provide similar statistics for those eras.

More importantly, if you are planning on moving, the I/I Certificate is good for 20 years and having your line scoped costs just under \$300 for the contractor and permit. The examination will provide you with clear knowledge of the condition of your line. If rehabilitation is needed, we have the zero interest loan money for another 20 months. Consider being proactive, giving yourself clear knowledge of potential sewer back-ups which on a good day are bad. This will give you the time, ability, and funding to address a potentially bad situation on your terms and timeline.



Quincy House Partnership

The City proudly announces a partnership with Quincy House to offer programming for the teen community of Mounds View and the surrounding areas.

What is Quincy House? Quincy House is a faith-based organization established in 2015, dedicated to transforming lives by empowering teens to have hope for their future while providing guidance with a safe and encouraging environment along the way.

Quincy House will be meeting at the Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. during the school year, and various times during the summer for teens enrolled in grades 6 -12. Programs will include mentoring and tutoring, along with providing game nights and meals.

For more information, please visit: www.moundsviewmn.org and www.quincyhouse.org.

City of Mounds View 2021 Budget Calendar for Preparation of the 2022 Budget

Community Development



Community Safety and Well-being

May is Building Safety Month, a National campaign to promote building safety by highlighting the importance of enforcing the State building codes. Normally, every summer edition of Mounds View Matters the Building Official would recycle the campaign's bullet point benefits of the building codes in marginally different way than previous summers. But the last year+ has been anything but normal. A broader message about the importance of Whole Community Safety and Wellbeing feels more appropriate.

We wouldn't want to build or install something within our homes so that it is only safe for our family and friends, only for the time being; but then could later endanger the health or safety of the next occupants. Nor would we want a commercial establishment to be healthy and safe only while we patron, but then endanger the next person to walk in the door. Homes, schools, offices, stores, restaurants, recreational facilities, etc. The strength and durability of these structures is not just important as they stand today, but also how they will stand 30 years from now for the next generation of homeowners, students, workers, business owners, shoppers, diners, etc. Those are the long-term considerations for building codes and enforcement.

We all want the structures surrounding us to be a safe place for our family, friends, and neighbors. This is part of the spirit and importance of a community. Of a Society. Start small. Be responsible, respectful, and mindful in maintaining the safety of your homes, businesses, and neighborhoods. If we aim to make them an even better place for future generations- homes can become neighborhoods. Neighborhoods can become safer areas. Safer areas can become safer communities. Safer communities can become a safer society. For all.

Please visit the Mounds View website (Community Development Department section) for permits, information, and helpful handouts. Contact us with any questions at 763-717-4020.

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May 13 Operating budget requests due from departments
- May 18** Summary of operating budget requests due to City Administrator
- May 18-25** Administrator reviews operating budget requests and capital projects
- May 27** Summary of operating budget requests due to City Council
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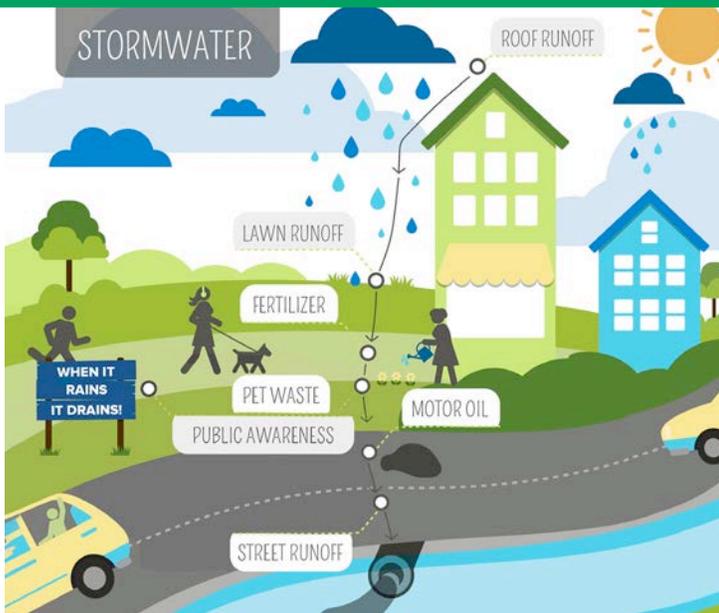
June 7 City Council reviews General Fund budget at a work session
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August 23 City Council adopts preliminary 2022 property tax levy or defers to September 13 meeting and sets date for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
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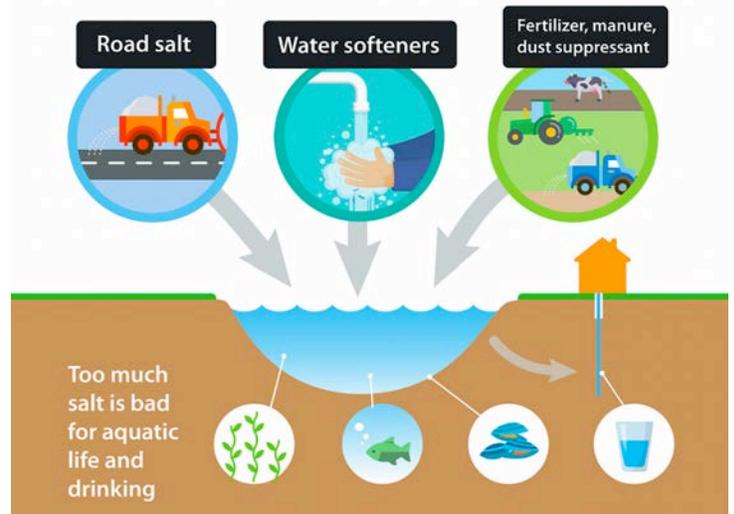
October 4 City Council reviews other funds and utility rate study at work session and additional General Fund review if needed
- October 11 - November 29** Additional City Council work sessions as needed
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November 8 City Council considers utility rates for 2022
- December 6** Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
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December 13 Continuation hearing and adoption of 2022 Budget and tax levy



Public Works



Annual Public Information Meeting for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP)

Public Works will hold its annual stormwater public information meeting **Monday, June 14, 2021** at Mounds View City Hall. The meeting will be a part of the regular City Council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The City is required to have this public information meeting each year to present and solicit feedback regarding its Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). Public Works staff will present stormwater activities performed during 2020 and discuss any proposed SWPPP revisions and other general issues. The SWPPP is a requirement of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) general permit. This permit is mandated by Federal regulations under the Clean Water Act and administered locally by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The MS4 permitting program gives owners or operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems approval to discharge stormwater to lakes, rivers, and wetlands in Minnesota.

A copy of the SWPPP is available for public review on the Public Works webpage at www.moundsviewmn.org or available at Public Works. Any comments should be addressed to Don Peterson, Director of Public Works/Parks and Recreation, City of Mounds View, 2466 Bronson Drive, Mounds View, MN 55112 or e-mailed to don.peterson@moundsviewmn.org.

Storm Sewer and Salt

Tons of salt are used every year in Minnesota for managing snow and ice. Salt damages infrastructure and vegetation, and pollutes our valuable lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater.

Public and private property managers, those who manage or hire snow removal, public and private winter maintenance professionals, and environmental professionals have learned how to apply less salt safely while improving operations

MPCA Smart Salting Certifications offered:

- **Parking Lots & Sidewalks** - For private winter maintenance companies, city parks, hospitals and colleges.
- **Property Management** - For public and private property managers and owners, those who hire winter maintenance contractors, environmental professionals, business owners, and local decision-makers.

For further information please reference:

www.pca.state.mn.us/water/smart-salting-training

Sewer Backup

The City suggests that any property owner, experiencing a sewer backup, call the Public Works Department before contacting a sewer cleaning contractor, so that the sewer main can be checked for blockages. **Public Works can be reached at 763-717-4050, M - F, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** After hours assistance can be obtained by contacting Ramsey County Dispatch at 651-484-9155.

City Job Openings View current City Job openings online at moundsviewmn.org/i_want_to/apply_for/employment/city_of_mounds_view.php



**PARTNERS
IN THE
COMMUNITY**

Thursday May 20th
4pm-9pm
Manitou Grill



Manitou Grill will donate 10% of your food and beverage purchases to the Mounds View Police Foundation!

The Mounds View Police Foundation supports the Mounds View Police Department and its community outreach programs.
Come out and support a great cause!

2171 4th Street—White Bear Lake MN 55110
651-426-2300

Check out the Foundations Facebook page for further info!

Follow the Mounds View Police Department on

Instagram @moundsview_pd

Nextdoor.com

Twitter @MoundsView_PD



MVPD Plunge for Special Olympics!

On March 6th the Mounds View Police Department participated in the Polar Bear Plunge hosted in White Bear Lake. The Polar Bear Plunge is a fundraiser held annually to support the Special Olympics. The Mounds View Police Department raised \$3,260 for the Special Olympics!

SBM Fire Car Seat Checks

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, more than half of all car seats in vehicles are not used or installed correctly. The Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department has car seat technicians ready to assist!



Car seat inspections and installations are free of charge, and you do not need to be a resident to utilize this service. Inspections and installations are done by appointment only by one of our certified technicians. Day, evening, and weekend appointments are available.

For questions or to schedule a car seat appointment, call 763-767-4003.

Catalytic Converter Theft Protection

Precious metals found in catalytic converters have peaked at nearly \$30,000 per ounce and has led to a huge crime wave of stolen catalytic converters.

Here are some tips to help prevent theft of your catalytic converter:

- Park in well-lit areas
- Park in a garage, keep the door closed
- Consider having a mechanic install a wire cage around the converter and weld it to the frame (cost is about \$100 versus \$3000 to replace)
- Engrave your VIN number into your catalytic converter
- Install a car alarm to set off when it detects vibration
- Install security cameras and motion-activated lights around your home
- Check for people parking at odd angles or in the roadway near other vehicles and removing tools, like car jacks and sawzalls
- Report suspicious activity to 9-1-1



Introducing Rene' Montero

Rene' Montero joined the City of Mounds View in April as our Facilities Maintenance staff. Rene' has a military background, and worked for the City this past summer as a seasonal worker.





Welcome New Police Officers

Welcome, Officers Wesley Vert and Nathan Boscardin to the Mounds View Police Department! Both are currently in the Field Training process. They are excited to be working with the citizens of Mounds View.



Daddy Daughter Dance

The Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be postponed until this fall. Stay tuned to future Mounds View Matters issues and Police Department social media for updates.



FREE! Police Activity League - Jujitsu and Self Defense

Mounds View Community Center

The purpose of the Mounds View Police Activity League is to develop and nurture strong relationships between police officers, children, families and the community. This is accomplished by providing a safe place to play, positive role models, and creative activities to engage in. Activities include:

Youth Jujitsu, Adult Jujitsu, and Women's Self Defense. All are welcome to come and learn about implementing martial arts into their physical fitness regimen. Visit katamedomn.wordpress.com for further information and to register!

Enjoy Recreational Fires Safely!



Permanent in-ground fire pits must be located a minimum of 25 feet from structures or combustible materials. Movable or freestanding fire pits must be located a minimum of 15 feet away. All fires must be at least 15 feet away from property lines. Recreational fires must be entirely contained within the fire pit or fire ring. Only natural, clean, dry firewood can be burned (no brush or debris). The fire must be constantly attended until completely extinguished.

Recreational fires are prohibited when winds exceed 10 MPH, or during a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) declared Burning Ban, or during a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) declared Air Quality Alert.

Do not use igniter's, such as gasoline or other flammable liquids, to start fires. Use small, dry kindling instead.



Who Do I Call?

Mounds View Public Works:

763-717-4050

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

publicworks@moundsviewmn.org

Ramsey County Dispatch:

651-484-9155

For City emergencies outside normal business hours

Ramsey County Public Works:

651-266-7100

For all concerns with the following roadways

- Mounds View Blvd
- County Road H
- Silver Lake Road
- County Road I (Silver Lake Rd. to I-35W)
- Long Lake Road
- Old Highway 8

Xcel Energy:

To report a street light outage
1-800-960-6235

To report a power outage
1-800-895-1999

To report a gas leak
1-800-895-2999
www.xcelenergy.com

Water/Sewer

Utility Billing: 763-717-4014





2401 Mounds View Boulevard
Mounds View, MN 55112

Dated Material Postmaster:

Time Sensitive Mail

City Hall

763-717-4000
Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
moundsview@moundsviewmn.org

City Website

www.moundsviewmn.org

Police Department

Main Line: 763-717-4070
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Dispatch: 651-484-9155
After Hours & Weekends
911 Emergencies

Parks and Recreation

5394 Edgewood Drive
Main Line: 763-717-4040
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
parksandrec@moundsviewmn.org

Public Works

2466 Bronson Drive
Main Line: 763-717-4050
Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
publicworks@moundsviewmn.org

City Council 2021

Council Member: Bill Bergeron

City Hall: 763-717-4003
Home: 763-780-2937

Council Member: Al Hull

City Hall: 763-717-4004
Home: 763-600-1102

Mayor: Carol Mueller

City Hall: 763-717-4006
Mobile: 763-458-2719

Council Member: Theresa Cermak

City Hall: 763-717-4005
Mobile: 763-786-7051

Council Member: Gary Meehlhause

City Hall: 763-717-4007
Home: 763-780-9695

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Wanted: Residents interested in supporting our police officers and their outreach programs

The Mounds View Police Foundation is looking for individuals to help with fundraising events that in turn support police outreach programs.

For more please email Foundation President Sherry Gunn at slgunn@gmail.com.



Event Center

Have a special event or gathering coming up? Consider booking it at the recently updated Event Center located in the Community Center!

- The original dividing walls were replaced with modern walls, creating the opportunity to hold multiple smaller events with excellent sound proofing between the rooms, giving each event the privacy they desire.
- A fully integrated audio/visual system was installed which includes

three (3) mounted projectors and screens. The equipment also includes a full wireless audio system.

- The lighting system has also been upgraded with multiple preset lighting arrangements.
- A new stage system allows for multiple staging configurations.

These upgrades will keep the Mounds View Event Center as a prime location for rentals in our area. For more see www.moundsvieweventcenter.com.