

CITY INSIGHTS

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Neighborhood Impact Program

\$2 million for low interest home improvement loans available now

Gate City Bank (GCB) and the City of Moorhead are working to keep Moorhead's mature neighborhoods strong and help homeowners reinvest in their homes with the Neighborhood Impact Program. Low interest loans are combined with City of Moorhead inspection services to assist homeowners with improvement projects on older homes. The program is available through September 1, 2017.



Eligible Improvement Costs

Funds may be used to address code and structural corrections, energy improvements, and general property improvements. Loans are available to finance new improvements not yet under construction, and if there are code corrections identified during the inspection, they must be addressed as part of the project.

Project must include at least one of the following:

- Foundation work (drain tile, bracing)
- Major exterior improvements (siding, roofing, windows)
- Addition of bedroom or new living space
- Major interior remodeling or replacement of major mechanical systems (furnace, electrical system)
- Convert rental unit to owner-occupied

How do I qualify?

Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis as funds are available.

Loan Terms

- 2.25% fixed interest (2.26% APR*)
- Repayable over 10 years
- Min loan \$10,000/max \$75,000
- Max loan-to-value 90% (GCB guidelines)

Applicants

- Loan applicant must be the owner-occupant of the home and meet Gate City's credit standards for repayment of the improvement loan

Home/Property

- Built before 1990
- Located in City of Moorhead municipal boundaries
- Zoned for residential use
- Outside 100-year flood plain
- Assessed value under \$250,000
- Owner-occupied one or two unit residences (if there is a second unit, it must be a registered rental unit)
- Current on property taxes and special assessments

Questions? Contact Gate City Bank at **701.298.2802** or City of Moorhead Neighborhood Services, neighborhood.services@cityofmoorhead.com or **218.299.5434**.

**Terms and conditions may apply. A \$25,000 home equity loan at 2.25% interest rate for 120 monthly payments of \$232.84 will have a 2.26% APR.*

Minnesota Property Tax Refunds for Homeowners and Renters

Many Moorhead residents qualify | revenue.state.mn.us

Minnesota offers the following three property tax refund programs for homeowners and renters.

Homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund

You must have owned and lived in your home on January 2, 2017. The refund amount is based on household income, tax filing status, and property taxes paid on principal residence. The maximum refund is \$2,660.

Special Homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund

Based on the increase of your property tax over the previous year, regardless of income, homestead property owners may be eligible for a maximum refund of \$1,000. The following provisions must be met to qualify for the refund:

- Owned and lived in your home on both January 2, 2016, and January 2, 2017,
- Property taxes on your home increased by more than 12% and at least \$100 from 2016 to 2017, and
- Increases of the property taxes noted above cannot be the result of improvements you made to the property.

Renter's Property Tax Refund

Renters may also qualify for a Renter's Property Tax Refund. You will need your 2016 Certificate of Rent Paid. The maximum refund is \$2,060.

Filing instructions

Minnesota Department of Revenue provides information on how to file. You will need information from your 2017 Clay County property tax statement (mailed in March/April 2017) and your 2016 federal income tax return to fill out Form M1PR.

Timing

The filing deadline is August 15. Electronic submissions are free. Delinquent property taxes must be paid before you can apply for a refund. Missed last year's filing deadline? You have one year from the due date to file and claim a prior year refund.



Save the Date: Single Stream Recycling Begins July 1



No more sorting! The City of Moorhead will begin collecting commingled recyclables this summer.

Containers will be delivered mid-June:

- Blue tote for single-family homes
- Blue recycling container for multi-family homes and apartments

Learn more about single stream recycling at cityofmoorhead.com/recycle.

Mowing Reminder

Keep your grass 8 inches or less, and please make arrangements for your lawn care if you are going to be gone for an extended time. For mowing enforcement on private property, contact Neighborhood Services at [218.299.5434](tel:218.299.5434) or neighborhood.services@cityofmoorhead.com.

Cleanup Week: May 1 – 5

Oakport Neighborhood Cleanup Day: May 9

Attention residents of single-family homes! Furniture, household goods, and appliances will be collected at your curb on your scheduled garbage day beginning at 5 am at no additional cost. Excess garbage set out before Cleanup Week will be collected for a fee. More information at cleanupweek.com/moorhead.htm. Please note apartments and business are not eligible for the curbside Cleanup Week program, which is part of the residential rate structure.

Cleanup Week guidelines

- Separate tires, appliances, furniture, brush, household garbage, metal, etc. into piles -- separate trucks collect specific items
- Use disposable containers such as cardboard boxes
- Do not set items out more than one day early
- Crews will not return to pick up garbage set out after your garbage day
- Remove refrigerator and freezer doors for safety
- Do not place food or waste inside appliances
- No commercial waste will be accepted
- Keep your garbage tote at least 4 feet away from other Cleanup Week items

Specialty items collected at no additional charge

- Two appliances per household
- Tires (no rims)
- Empty propane tanks (valves do not need to be removed)

Get a jump on clean up!

- Bring furniture, household goods, and excess garbage to the Solid Waste Transfer Station April 24 – May 12 during normal Transfer Station hours, free of charge (also applies to apartments)
- Fees apply to demolition/construction materials
- Proof of Moorhead residency required (i.e. driver's license)

Options for noncollectible items

Crews **will not** collect the following items curbside – disposal info below.

TVs/computers/electronics (no fee)

Clay County Electronics Collection for Clay County residents only

1300 15 Ave N, Moorhead (behind the DMV)

- Saturday, April 29, 8:00 am – noon
- Cleanup Week, May 1 – 5, noon – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, May 6, 8:00 am – noon
- Tuesdays (year round), 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- Questions? **218.299.5077** or

cleanupweek.com/claycounty.htm

Demolition/construction materials (fee applies)

Clay Demolition Debris Landfill, 4 miles east of Glyndon on Hwy 10

Moorhead Transfer Station, 2727 Hwy 10 E, Moorhead

- Lumber, concrete, sheet rock, fencing material, windows, doors, asphalt shingles, etc.
- Clay Demolition Debris Landfill: **218.498.2430** or claycountymn.gov
- Moorhead Transfer Station: **218.299.5465** or

cityofmoorhead.com

Hazardous household materials waste (no fee)

Clay County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2729 Hwy 10 E, Moorhead

- Questions? **218.299.5077** or

cleanupweek.com/claycounty.htm

Weekly Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up begins April 10 on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

Weekly Curbside Branch Pick-up begins May 1 on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

Guidelines for curbside pick-up: cityofmoorhead.com/departments/public-works

Solid Waste Transfer Station

April 1 – May 20 | Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:15 pm | Saturday, 8:00 am – 11:45 am

Compost Site

April 10 – November 22 | Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:15 pm | Saturday, 8:00 am – 11:45 am

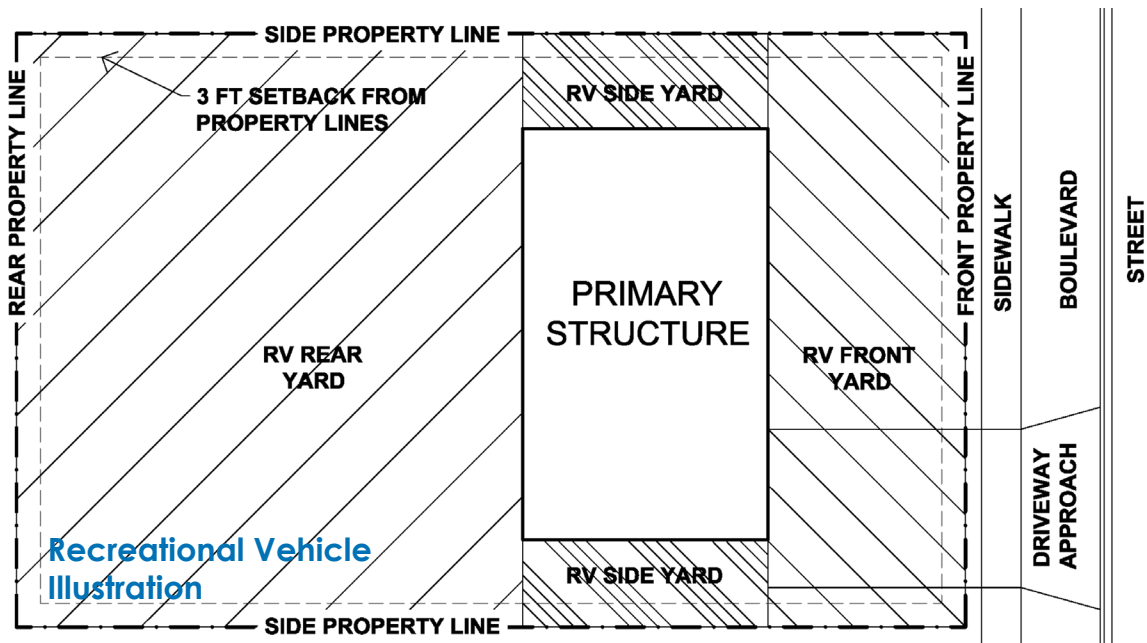
Where can I park?

RV and off-street parking regulation updates

Some of the parking controls in residential neighborhoods changed recently. Here's a guide to the requirements:

Vehicle Type	Residential Off-street Parking	Other Considerations
Passenger automobiles and other vehicles having registered gross vehicle weight less than 14,000 pounds and height less than 11 feet	Paved surface or in garage/ enclosed building	Must be currently licensed and in working condition. Can only be parked on grass while being washed.
Commercial vehicles and trailers having a registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 14,000 pounds or height over 11 feet	In enclosed building, otherwise not allowed in residential districts	
Recreational vehicles (motorized and non-motorized recreational vehicles that may provide living quarters)	Motor homes, converted buses or vans must be parked on paved surface; other recreational vehicles may be on unpaved surface if in RV side yard or RV Rear yard – see illustration below	Limit of 1 on a residential property; RVs in the RV front yard or RV side street yard must be 3 feet from the property line. If the vehicle is more than 11 feet in height and is parked in the RV front yard, it must be 8 feet from the side property line.
Recreational equipment (includes snowmobiles, personal watercraft, all-terrain vehicles, boats, utility trailers, horse trailers, and trailers used to transport recreational equipment)	On paved surface unless located in a rear yard or interior side yard	Limit of 2 recreational equipment items can be stored on a property at the same time (unless in an enclosed building). Exception: if an RV is located on the property, only one additional recreational equipment item may be stored on a property at the same time. If equipment is stored on a trailer, each vehicle or equipment is counted separately, but not the trailer.
Junk or inoperable vehicles	On a driveway or lot for up to 96 hours, otherwise in an enclosed building	May not be dismantled or repaired in a residential zone except in an enclosed building

Enforcement is conducted on a complaint basis; if you have a concern, you may contact Neighborhood Services at neighborhood.services@cityofmoorhead.com or **218.299.5434**. For more details, see Moorhead City Code 9-8-3.



Meet the City Manager

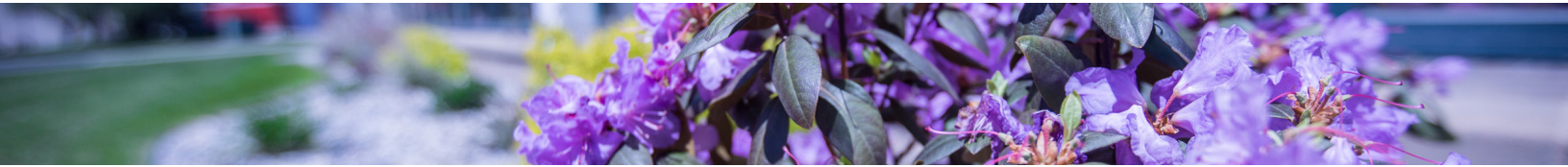
Welcome, *Christina M. Volkers*



A new City Manager has joined the City of Moorhead. Chris Volkers began with the City on January 23. Volkers comes to Moorhead with executive experience in court administration in both Minnesota and California.

"I'm thrilled to be back in Minnesota. I grew up in Minnesota and we have raised our children in Minnesota. Our family and friends are here, so it is exciting to be back. It has been great getting to know the team at the City—we are working hard for this great community."

The City Manager can be reached at citymanager@cityofmoorhead.com or **218.299.5166**.



C o m m u n i t y

Calling all volunteers

kim.wangler@cityofmoorhead.com | **218.299.5296**

Volunteers needed to help with spring projects. Volunteer as a group, individual, or family. Consider adopting a park, flower bed, street right-of-way, or an area along the Red River. Help keep our city free of litter and looking beautiful. Email or call today to learn more.

Scholarships from Moorhead Public Service

www.mpsutility.com | **218.477.8000 (option 4)**

Up to \$3,000 in scholarships are available for Moorhead's high school seniors and college students. Submit an essay by March 31 and/or a video by April 14. Details and entry forms online.

Capture The Sun® Community Solar Garden

www.mpsutility.com | **218.477.8000 (option 4)**

Moorhead Public Service is expanding its Community Solar Garden again this year! Purchase a solar panel for \$420. Additional information and forms available via website or phone.

MATBUS Summer Youth Passes on sale May 15

matbus.com | **701.232.7500**

Kids K – 12 can take MATBUS all summer long for only \$26 with a Summer Youth Pass – three months of transportation for the price of one! The pass is good for unlimited rides on MATBUS fixed route vehicles, June 1 – August 31. Sold at the Ground Transportation Center, 502 NP Ave in Fargo.



Register now for Parks and Recreation Programs

moorheadparks.com | **218.299.5340**



Youth sports programs available – baseball, youth flag football, Tae Kwon Do, tennis, golf lessons, and more. Explore your creative side with spring art classes or summer art camps. Adults can join the kickball league, yoga, Dance Attack, or water exercise classes.

The Spring and Summer Program Guide is available now and registration is open – visit moorheadparks.com today!

Library Introduces 1,000 Books before Kindergarten

larl.org/1000books | **218.233.7594**

1,000 Books before Kindergarten encourages parents and caregivers to read to children from birth to kindergarten and beyond. The program fosters a love of reading while preparing youth for kindergarten. Sign up online or at the Moorhead Public Library. Families receive incentives for each reading log they complete and a special award for those who read 1,000 books before kindergarten.



Gain access to thousands of items online and in print with a library card. Visit the Library with proof of your current address and start enjoying your favorite titles today!

Events

Moorhead Ice Show

March 24, 7 pm | March 25, 7 pm | March 26, 1 pm
Moorhead Sports Center

Performances by area skaters and nationally ranked guest skaters. Tickets \$5 (ages 4 – 11), \$7 (ages 12+).

Take the MATBUS iGoEco Challenge

March 27 – April 30 | MATBUS vehicles

Substitute your car for an eco-friendly mode of transportation – carpooling, MATBUSing, walking, biking, or rollerblading – for at least one trip a week and you could win! Meet the goal each week and your name goes into a drawing for prizes (\$400+ value each). Complete all five Challenges to be qualified for a grand prize (\$1,000 value). Starting March 20, visit iGoEcoChallenge.com to register.

Parlor Talk: Pioneer Orabel Thortvedt

March 30, 6:30 - 8 pm | Comstock House

Kaitlin Preusser, senior at Concordia College, will discuss her research on pioneer woman, Orabel Thortvedt, the daughter of our community's earliest Norwegian inhabitants. Tickets \$15 (\$10 Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County and MN Historical Society members).

Library Used Book Sale

March 31 & April 1, 10 am – 5 pm | Library



Proceeds support the Moorhead Public Library. Hosted by Friends of the Moorhead Library.

Everybody Dance Now!

April 1, 6 – 9 pm | Hjemkomst Center

Family-friendly night of music and dancing. This special evening is for youth ages 4 to 12 and their family. Reservations available March 6, \$10/person.

Working Land Photo Exhibit Opening

April 3, 7 pm | Library

Join us as photographer Jon Solinger discusses his exhibit *Working Land* – a series of photographs inspiring contemplation of the past, present, and future of rural life and work.



Concordia String Quartet

April 11, 6 pm (four), 7 pm (music) | Comstock House

Student musicians will perform a selection of classical music. Light refreshments will be provided by the Rex Cafe. Admission \$5 (free for Historical Society members and college students).

Library Customer Appreciation Day

April 14 | Library

Moorhead Public Library is celebrating customers in honor of National Library Week! Stop in for free snacks as thanks for your support.

Get Your “Can” on MATBUS during Earth Week

April 17 – 22 | MATBUS vehicles

Celebrate Earth Week by using public transit. For this week only, riding MATBUS fixed routes will only cost one empty aluminum can! All proceeds from the collected cans will be donated to charity. Enter the prize drawing on MATBUS vehicles or at the Ground Transportation Center.

Parlor Talk: The Brave Women of WWI

April 27, 6:30 – 8 pm | Comstock House

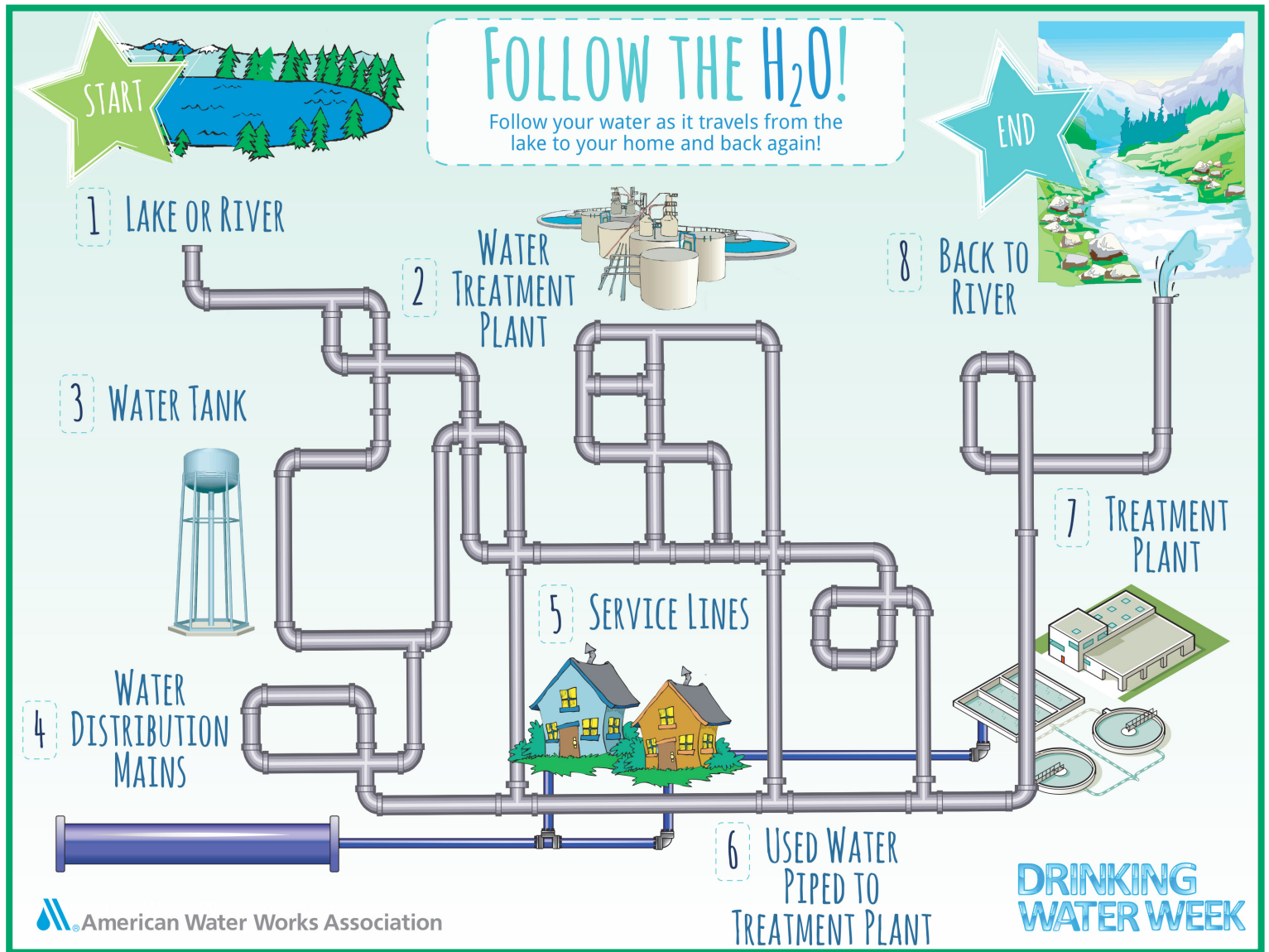
Angela Beaton, NDSU graduate student, will discuss the brave women who served as nurses during World War I, including Jessie Comstock, daughter of Solomon and Sarah Comstock. Learn about the experiences of these women to commemorate the 100th anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I. Tickets \$15 (\$10 Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County and MN Historical Society members).

Comstock House | 506 8 St S | Moorhead, MN | [facebook.com/hcss](https://www.facebook.com/hcss) | [instagram.com/hcsc_hjemkomst](https://www.instagram.com/hcsc_hjemkomst)

**Library | 118 5 St S | Moorhead, MN | 218.233.7594 | larl.org
Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 9 pm | Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm | Sunday, closed**

MATBUS Ground Transportation Center (GTC) | 502 NP Ave | Fargo, ND | 701.232.7500 | matbus.com

**Parks and Recreation | Sports Center | 324 24 St S | Moorhead, MN | 218.299.5340 | moorheadparks.com
Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm | Saturday & Sunday, closed**



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Focus On the Process: The Art, History, and Science of Photographic Printing

Through April 9 | Hjemkomst Center

Dr. Ken Andersen and intern Louis Zurn demonstrate the history of photography by showcasing a collection of prints using materials, techniques, and technology spanning centuries and global cultures.

Wet & Dry: Alcohol in Clay County, 1871-1937

Through December 31, 2017 | Hjemkomst Center

Tells the story of the battle over alcohol from the Wild West Days through national Prohibition that took place throughout Clay County.



History and Heritage: Celebrating 125 Years of Concordia College

March 17 – June 25 | Hjemkomst Center

Honors the people, places, and traditions that have shaped the institution since 1891.

Working Land Photo Exhibit with Jon Solinger

April 1 – 30 | Library

This exhibit of rural photographs is made possible by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Fargo-Moorhead Visual Artists BIG Show

April 17 – June 30 | Hjemkomst Center

Regional members of FMVA exhibit their latest works in this large multimedia exhibit.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County | Hjemkomst Center

202 1 Ave N | 218.299.5511 | hccsconline.org

Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm | Sunday, Noon – 5 pm | Tuesday evenings, 5 – 8 pm (April – December)

Coffee with the Mayor

Mayor Del Rae Williams invites citizens to join her for coffee on the third Wednesday of each month



10 am – noon and 7 – 9 pm
Moorhead Center Mall Atrium
500 Center Ave

Free and open to the public. Coffee provided.

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City Calendar

cityofmoorhead.com/calendar

March

- 15 Coffee with the Mayor
- 20 First day of spring
- 24 – 26 Moorhead Ice Show
- 27 MATBUS iGoEco Challenge (through April 30)
- 30 Parlor Talk: Pioneer Orabel Thortvedt
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- 27 Parlor Talk: The Brave Women of WWI
- 29 City Auction

May

- 1 Curbside branch pick-up begins
- 1 – 5 Cleanup Week
- 7 – 13 Drinking Water Week
- 9 Oakport Cleanup Day
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 MATBUS Summer Youth Passes on sale
- 16 River Paddling Excursion, moorheadparks.com
- 17 Coffee with the Mayor
- 29 Memorial Day | City offices closed | no garbage collection (collected May 30)
- 30 Garbage collection begins, 4 am
- 31 Canoe and kayak rental season begins, moorheadparks.com

City Auction

Moorhead, Barnesville, and Clay County will hold a public sale of impounded vehicles at 10 am on Saturday, April 29, at the Moorhead Impound Lot, 2206 15 Ave N. Vehicles, bicycles, and recovered property being sold in this sale are court ordered forfeitures and unclaimed property.

Sign up for eNotifications

Sign up to receive emails when news, events, and city service alerts are posted on the City's website cityofmoorhead.com. Click the eNotification link at the top of the home page to sign up today!

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Third Ward

Brenda Elmer

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