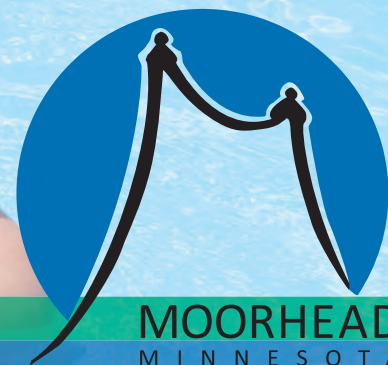




CITY INSIGHTS

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Summer's More Fun in Moorhead

RiverArts: Free, Family Fun in the Park

This premier summer event is a sure family favorite. Each night will feature an outdoor concert and horse-drawn carriage rides, both free and open to the public. Hands-on activities, art and craft vendors, informational booths, food, and much more make this an evening for all ages!

If You Go

June 23, July 7, July 21, and August 4
5:30 – 8:00 pm
Memorial Park, 210 8 St N



Performance Schedule

- June 23 Penny & Pals (a funky, spunky show that gets the kids involved), Tae Kwon Do demonstration, and inflatable games by Games Galore
- July 7 The Roosters (a true country band) and a photo booth
- July 21 The Front Fenders (classic rock band with occasional touch of 'new' and a hint of country) and pony rides for the kids
- August 4 Slamabama (playing new country, classic rock, and pop) and River Keepers fishing clinic for all ages



Farmers Market: Fresh, Farm Produce

Enjoy local produce at a new location Tuesdays this summer. Local vendors will offer a variety of goods that are locally grown, handmade, or homemade for your family to enjoy.

If You Go

Tuesdays from July 7 to September 29
3 – 7 pm in July/August
3 – 6 pm in September

New Location in 2015: Moorhead Center Mall parking lot at the corner of 4 St N and Center Ave

Calling All Vendors

Share your work at RiverArts (handmade art and craft items) and the Farmers Market (home grown, homemade, or handmade items). Call **218.299.5296** to reserve your spot at either event.

Parks and Recreation

Summer Programs: Activities for the Whole Family

Adaptive Aquatics, Adaptive Summer Day Camp, preschool and kids art programs, baseball, t-ball, pop-up, yoga, Dance Attack, water exercise, flag football, golf lessons, Summer Park Program and Tiny Treasurers, Sports Sampler, Tae Kwon Do, swimming lessons, and tennis lessons.

Most programs have a registration deadline, so call today.

A variety of new programs are being offered this year. Details in the Parks and Recreation Program Guide at www.moorheadparks.com. Printed program guides are available by calling **218.299.5340**.

Save the Date
Greater Moorhead Days
September 10 - 18



Scholarships

Scholarships are available for most programs. Call the Parks and Recreation Department today to see if you qualify and to apply.

Movie Nights

July 16 and August 13 at dusk
Woodlawn Park, 400 Woodlawn Dr

Summer Splash: Free Pool Admission

July 23, 2 - 4 pm
Municipal Pool, 800 19 St S
Diving contest, inflatable water slides, and more!



New in 2015: Canoe and Kayak Rentals

Beginning June 17, canoe and kayak rentals will be available at the Hjemkomst Center in Downtown Moorhead. Experience the City first-hand via the Red River!

Rental of single and tandem kayaks and canoes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Wednesdays from 6 – 9 pm and Saturdays from 1 – 5 pm. Rentals will include paddles and personal flotation devices which must be worn at all times. All rentals will be weather and river level dependent.

Rentals will be \$8.00 per hour for the first hour and prorated after that based on how long the vessel is on the water.

Visit the rental kiosk in the Hjemkomst Center parking lot at 202 1 Ave N.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at **218.299.5340**, visit www.moorheadparks.com, or call the weather hotline at **218.236.0627**.

Red River Excursions

- June 16: History of the Red River
- June 30: Canoeing and Kayaking Basics
- July 14: History of Saloons
- July 28: Red River Scavenger Hunt
- August 11: Aviary Expedition
- August 25: Red River Fish

Moorhead Public Service

Capture the Sun™ Community Solar Garden

A community solar garden is a collection of shared solar panels for individuals who want to participate in solar energy production in a community location.

How does the Capture The Sun™ Program work?

A Moorhead Public Service (MPS) electric customer can purchase the output from one or more solar panels (also referred to as "Solar Interests") in the Capture The Sun™ Community Solar Garden, which will be constructed between the two MPS Capture The Wind® turbines in north Moorhead. MPS will construct the solar garden, perform necessary ongoing maintenance, and deliver the energy to the customer's home or business.

The current cost of each solar panel, or Solar Interest, is \$480, for which the participating



customers will be billed in 12 equal payments on their MPS utility bill. The purchase of the output from the solar panel(s) provides the customers with the annual energy production from the solar panel(s) for 20 years. The participating customers will see

their MPS electric bill decrease by the amount of energy the solar panel(s) produces, less any maintenance costs.

If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, contact Energy Services Manager Dennis Eisenbraun at **218.477.8018** or www.mpsutility.com.

CAPTURE THE SUN™
MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE

Library

Summer Reading Program events for children are held every Wednesday at 2 pm, June through August. Computer help, craft learning sessions, book clubs, story times, concerts, and movie screenings also available. Event calendar at www.larl.org/events.



In addition to print books, DVDs, magazines and music CDs, LARL offers eBooks and eAudiobooks through a subscription services called OverDrive, or the Lake Agassiz Digital Library. Try Zinio, a subscription service offering digital access to popular magazines. These resources are compatible with many mobile devices and available anywhere with an internet connection. Set up an appointment with a librarian to get started today! Call **218.233.7594** or visit www.larl.org.

Moorhead Public Library Director Megan Krueger, kruegerm@larl.org

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Director Liz Lynch, lynchl@larl.org

Building Profile

Moorhead Public Housing Agency (MPHA) is working with EAPC Architecture & Engineering and Beyond Shelter, Inc., with KBW Associates as the General Contractor, to build three, 2-bedroom townhome apartments on the MPHA Property located at 9 St N and 2 Ave N.

Substantial completion is slated for October 2015 and will house three small families.

Police Department

Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 4

Each year on the first Tuesday night in August, the Police Department hosts Night to Unite, an evening for neighbors to celebrate their solidarity in keeping their neighborhood crime free.



Night to Unite is an opportunity for Moorhead residents to gather as neighbors to affirm their commitment to a safe, healthy community. Citizens are invited to plan a family-friendly, neighborhood gathering. As you plan your event, try to draw in all the people you can. Everyone benefits when neighbors know each other. The connections that are made and strengthened through Night to Unite carry far beyond this evening. Close-knit neighborhoods are safe neighborhoods!

Register your event at www.cityofmoorhead.com (search for "Night to Unite") to receive a free gift bag of items including plastic forks, paper plates, napkins, t-shirts, and other giveaways. Contact the Community Policing Coordinator at **218.299.5143** for more information.

Join the conversation online by sharing your photos and neighborhood fun: **#mhd #nighttounite**

Citizens Police Academy

You are invited to participate in the City of Moorhead Police Department's Citizens Police Academy.

The Police Department is offering a Citizens Police Academy (CPA) starting Thursday, September 17, 2015. This ten week program will be held Thursday evenings from 6 – 9 pm. The CPA will lead citizens to a greater understanding of what it is like to be a police officer in today's society. Participants will have fun along the way with hands-on experiences.

- K9 demonstration
- DWI enforcement from recognition to arrest
- Narcotics investigation
- Dispatch
- S.W.A.T.
- Traffic stops
- Crimes against children
- Officers in schools and youth programs
- Citizen involvement
- Crime scene investigation and evidence collection



If you are interested in attending the Citizens Police Academy, complete an application online at www.cityofmoorhead.com (search for "Citizens Police Academy") or call **218.299.5143**. Class size is limited. Don't miss out on this great opportunity, apply for this free class today!

Fire Department

Outdoor Burning

Outdoor burning of natural vegetation to dispose of leaves, branches, and natural vegetative material is allowed under certain circumstances along river lots and rural areas of the Oakport Neighborhood. Permits are free and available at the Fire Department Annex at 111 12 St N, Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 4:30 pm. Before seeking an open burning permit, utilize the Public Works Department to pick up branches, leaves, and other yard waste which is offered free of charge.



Recreational Fire

Outdoor burning of materials other than rubbish contained in an outdoor fireplace/fire pit is considered a recreational fire. A permit is not required under the Minnesota State Fire Code, but the following conditions must be met:

1. Fire must never exceed three feet in diameter by two feet in height.
2. Fire must be at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material (including decks).
3. A garden hose hooked to a reliable water source or a fire extinguisher with a 4A rating must be immediately accessible.
4. Fire must be constantly attended.
5. Only natural, vegetative material may be used.
6. The Fire Department may order extinguishment if determined necessary.
7. The Fire Department recommends a screen over the fire to contain sparks.



Bonfires

Large, outdoor fires specifically for community activities and special events require a permit from the City of Moorhead Fire Department.

Outdoor Warning Sirens

Outdoor warning sirens are intended to notify people that conditions exist which may require taking action for safety. This could include severe weather, hazardous chemical spills, or other threatening natural or man-made conditions. When sirens sound, seek additional information sources to determine the nature of the problem and actions to take. Television, radio,

internet, and smart phone apps can provide this information.

Two new sirens will be placed in the Oakport Neighborhood and at the Moorhead Municipal Airport. Sirens are tested at approximately 1 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Fargo's sirens are tested within a few minutes of Moorhead's, so you may hear multiple activations in the area.



Outdoor Warning Sirens are not designed to be heard indoors. Sign up for CodeRED® phone, cell phone, e-mail, TDD/TTY, or text message alerts. It's fast, easy, free, and can save your life. Go to ecnetwork.com [Resident Enrollment] or call the Fire Department at **218.299.5298** to sign up.

Permits are available at the Fire Department Annex, 111 12 St N. Call 218.299.5298 or stop by for more information.

Summer Youth Passes Available

Get kids to all of their summer activities without all the chasing! Youth (K-12) can take unlimited rides on MATBUS fixed routes from June 1 through August 31 for just \$26. That's three months for the price of one! Ride the bus to the pool, the movies, summer school, and more -- an excellent way to teach young adults independence. Each bus has a bike rack on the front, so you can bike and bus.

Passes are on sale all summer at the Ground Transportation Center (GTC), 502 NP Ave, Fargo. New riders can learn more about MATBUS by watching the "How to Ride" video on www.matbus.com.

Free Rides to the Public Library

MATBUS offers free rides to youth (K-12) going to and from the Fargo, Moorhead, or West Fargo public libraries. Youth can show the driver their library card from June 1 through August 31.

MATBUS to Downtown Street Fair, July 16-18

Avoid the traffic! Park at one of the free park and ride lots and ride to the Street Fair for a discounted rate. Routes drop off at the Ground Transportation Center in Downtown Fargo. Daytime buses run from 6:15 am to 6:45 pm and night buses run from 6:45 pm to 11:15 pm.



Park and Ride Lots

Moorhead Center Mall (MCM): From the shelter on the north side of Center Ave, take Route 4 at :29 or :59 after the hour. Return from the GTC to US Bank (across from MCM) on Route 4 at :18 or :48 after the hour.

K-Mart (Highway 10): From the K-Mart entrance, take Route 4 at :14 or :44 after each hour. Return to K-Mart on Route 4 from the GTC at :15 or :45 after the hour.

For route information from other locations in the FMWF area or during evening hours, call the helpline at **701.232.7500** or visit www.matbus.com.

Stormwater

Stormwater runoff from rain and snow flows over rooftops, streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and yards to storm drains. As it flows it picks up pollutants such as pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, trash, and other pollutants. The water drains directly into nearby ditches, stormwater ponds, and the Red River without treatment.

Please check for leaks and responsibly dispose of all pollutants to help keep our City and river clean. If a hazardous spill has occurred, call **911**.

Tips

- Dispose of chemicals, motor oil, and other contaminants at the Clay County Hazardous Waste Facility – www.co.clay.mn.us.
- Never hose down pollutants or illicit discharge (non-stormwater discharge) into a storm drain, street, or gutter.
- Report illicit discharge at **218.299.5886** or stormwater@cityofmoorhead.com.

**Oil and Water
Don't Mix**



**Used motor oil is the
largest single source of
oil pollution in our lakes,
rivers and streams.**

Watershed Tip



Graphic courtesy of the American Regulator Council

The City maintains Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), elevation certificates, FEMA Letters of Map Amendment, and other flood related information on file and available to lenders, insurance agents, real estate agents, and citizens. Call and speak with the Floodplain Manager or use the interactive GIS mapping tool to determine if your property is in the 100-year floodplain.

Floodplain Development Permit

Before you fill or build a structure a Flood Development Permit is required for lots touched by the 100-year floodplain. Permits must be issued prior to performing any work.

Building Improvements

If the proposed improvements on your home equal or exceed 50% of the building's market value, before the start of construction, the existing building and any proposed addition must comply with floodplain standards.

If the proposed improvements are the result of damage and the cost of improvements equals or exceeds 50% of the market value, the building must comply with floodplain standards. This includes damage from any origin and from multiple events. There isn't a time limitation for substantial damage, so the cumulative cost accrues indefinitely. Building improvements or repairs must include all costs, including but not limited to cost for construction materials and labor.

Interactive GIS mapping tool available at www.cityofmoorhead.com

Flood Manager 218.299.5387

Stormwater 218.299.5386

Flood Info www.floodsmart.gov

Flood Mitigation Projects

Your neighborhood may already be protected by a levee or a floodwall, but currently only the Brentwood/Rolyn Acres levee is accredited by FEMA. The City received a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for accreditation of the Horn Park Flood Mitigation Project that will take effect on August 14, 2015 at the conclusion of a statutory appeal period.

In the future, the Engineering Department plans to submit additional LOMR applications for accreditation for the following projects: 50 Ave S, Moorhead Country Club, and the Woodlawn Park Area. Visit www.cityofmoorhead.com for areas affected and status updates.

Natural & Beneficial Functions

Floodplains provide natural and beneficial functions including acting as an erosion control buffer and open space so further flood damage does not occur. Native plants are best suited for floodplains.

- Deep root systems that resist erosion and stabilize the shoreline
- Turf grass has a shallow root system and commonly erodes
- Sediment is the #1 pollutant in our river
- Report erosion and sediment control issues on a construction site at **218.299.5386**.

Drainage System Maintenance

Keeping ditches and storm sewers free of debris can dramatically improve run-off capacity, as well as reduce the possibility of blockage that contributes to flooding.



Calendar

June

- 14 Flag Day
- 21 Fathers Day / Summer Begins
- 23 RiverArts
- 26 & 27 Scandinavian Hjemkost Festival and Viking Village

July

- 3 **City Hall Closed, no garbage pick up**
- 4 Independence Day
- 7 RiverArts / Farmers Market
- 14 Farmers Market
- 16 Movie Night in Woodlawn Park
- 21 RiverArts / Farmers Market
- 23 Summer Splash
- 28 Farmers Market

August

- 4 Night to Unite / RiverArts / Farmers Market
- 11 Farmers Market
- 13 Movie Night in Woodlawn Park
- 18 Farmers Market
- 25 Farmers Market

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eNotifications: Sign Up Today

The City of Moorhead offers an eNotification system that lets you sign up to receive emails when news and events are posted to the City's website. Visit www.cityofmoorhead.com and click the eNotification link at the top of the homepage. Share your name and email address, then select the categories in which you are interested including City Council, boards and commissions, Fire, Police, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and more. The eNotification system is the best way to hear about what is happening in Moorhead, your hometown.



Coffee with the Mayor

Join Mayor Williams for coffee and visit about your city.

Mayor Williams invites citizens of Moorhead and the surrounding communities to join her for coffee at the Moorhead Center Mall. Coffee with Mayor Del Rae Williams is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 10 am - noon and 7 - 9 pm in the Moorhead Center Mall Atrium, 500 Center Ave. Free and open to the public. Coffee provided.

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