

CITY INSIGHTS

summer/fall 2017



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“No-sort” Recycling in Moorhead

One container for all recyclable materials starting July 2017

The City of Moorhead is transitioning to “no-sort” recycling this summer, 2017. Instead of separating your glass, plastics, and other recyclables, these materials can be tossed together into one container!

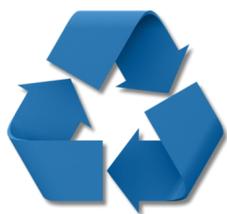
Houses

Properties currently using a gray garbage tote will receive a similar blue 96-gallon recycling tote (to be delivered June 6 – 17). The first pick-up using the new blue totes will be Monday, July 3. The every-other-week recycling schedule will remain the same. You will roll the new tote to the curb on your recycling day, keeping a distance of two feet from your regular garbage tote and other obstacles so the trucks can maneuver the collection. For residents whose regular recycling day falls on Tuesday, July 4 (holiday), your recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5, beginning at 4 am.

Apartments

Apartment residents can now recycle! Beginning in late June, look for a blue 300-gallon container or a blue dumpster located near your regular garbage dumpster. The City will begin collecting apartment recycling on July 3. Please

remember, only recycling goes in the blue dumpsters. Dumping other trash contaminates the entire load and it must then be taken to the landfill instead of being recycled.



Important

Do not place plastic bags in ANY recycling container, including drop sites. Plastic bags can't be recycled with other recyclable material and they damage sorting equipment. You can drop off plastic bags for recycling at local retailers such as Target, Walmart, or Hornbacher's.

“Old” bins

The discontinued 18-gallon recycling bins are available for free. These bins are great for garage storage or for apartment residents to carry recyclables to recycling dumpsters. Bins can be picked up at City Hall (3rd floor), 500 Center Ave, or Public Works, 700 15 Ave N, for free (one bin per household while supplies last).

Thank you for recycling and making Moorhead green!

Questions? Contact Public Works at [218.299.5422](tel:218.299.5422). “No-sort” recycling guides, maps, and schedules available at cityofmoorhead.com/recycle.

Make Moorhead Home

Resources for building, updating, or maintaining your home

Neighborhood Impact Program

Home improvements are underway in many Moorhead neighborhoods. Since the March 2017 program launch, nearly 80 low-interest home improvement loans have closed or are in process by Gate City Bank. More than \$1 million of the \$2 million loan pool is committed.

The Neighborhood Impact Program is making a difference in Moorhead's core neighborhoods—participating homes were built between 1880 and 1989, with a median year built of 1960. The reinvestment in Moorhead's older homes is important to our mature neighborhoods continuing to be neighborhoods of choice. Homeowners are benefiting from pre-inspections with building inspectors—reminding residents about code improvements that affect safety and housing preservation, including inexpensive but important things like carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Funds are available until September 1 or until the \$2 million pool is exhausted. Applications available online at cityofmoorhead.com (search "Neighborhood Impact Program").

Property Maintenance Tips

Even if you are not planning a major home remodeling project, now is a good time to address exterior property maintenance needs at your home.

- **Exterior painting:** Painting should be done when the outside temperature is 50-85 degrees.
- **Fences:** Check existing fences to ensure they are secure and stable. Before installing a new fence, get a survey of your property lines and call before you dig – contact [800.252.1166](tel:800.252.1166) or gopherstateonecall.org.
- **Trees and shrubs:** Trim trees and branches that encroach public sidewalks. Check for branches that may cause injury or damage property during windstorms.

Perks for Building a New Home

New homes built in Moorhead expand the property tax base and benefit our whole community. To add to the excitement of owning a new home, the City of Moorhead has some "hometown perks" for investing in a newly constructed home.

- **Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate:** The City offers a property tax break for the first two years after a new home is constructed as an incentive to grow the City. The rebate will save a new home buyer thousands of dollars. On a new \$300,000 home, the total value of the rebate may be as much as \$7,000. After the rebate period, the homeowners pay the same tax rates as other homeowners. You don't need to be a first-time home buyer. All newly constructed homes receive the two-year rebate.
- **Welcome Home Pass:** The Welcome Home Pass is a special gift to buyers of newly constructed homes that allows Moorhead's newest neighbors to experience all that Moorhead Parks and Recreation has to offer. The pass offers the homeowner and everyone living in the immediate household access to golf (season pass) and swimming (family pass), as well as recreation programming (12 months) for both kids and grown-ups.

Many new housing neighborhoods are under development in Moorhead. For maps of building lots and additional details about the programs above, visit makeMoorheadhome.com.

Vacation House Checks

Enjoy time away without the worry! Police Volunteers check the security of your home while you are away. Request this free service any time you are out of town for an extended period of time. Submit requests at moorheadpolice.com or by calling [218.299.5120](tel:218.299.5120).



Around Your Yard

Reminders and tips for neighborhoods



Grass and Weeds

City Code requires grass control and weed removal to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, reduce mosquito breeding grounds, and maintain an attractive community. Property owners are responsible to ensure grass does not exceed 8 inches in length and noxious weeds are cut or destroyed.

If you notice a property that is not in compliance:

- Contact us with the property address at neighborhood.services@cityofmoorhead.com or **218.299.5434** and an inspector will provide a notice to the property owner
- The property owner will have 5 days to cut the weeds or grass, or the City will hire it done and bill the property owner the cost of the service plus a \$100 administrative penalty -- multiple offenses within a 12 month period may incur fees without a grace period

Help improve water quality and reduce pollutants – only rain down the storm drain.

- Keep grass clippings, leaves, or other yard waste out of the street/gutter
- Recycle yard waste at one of the City's drop off stations or start your own compost site
- Water early in the morning and avoid over irrigation
- Use phosphorus free fertilizers and pesticides according to label directions
- Clean up after your pet by placing waste in the garbage
- Dispose of unwanted pesticide and fertilizer at the Clay County Hazardous Waste Facility, 2729 Hwy 10
- Report concerns by calling the 24-hour Stormwater Hotline at **218.299.5386**.

Mosquito Control

cityofmoorhead.com/departments/public-works/mosquito-control

Cass County Vector Control is the City of Moorhead's contractor for mosquito control. Truck mounted or aerial adult control applications are scheduled when average trap counts rise, but can be delayed for rain, wind, or other factors.

You can help by eliminating potential breeding sites:

- Empty or remove containers (tires, buckets, boat tarps) that might hold water
- Move sump pump hoses to minimize pooling
- Keep gutters free from blockage and change the water in bird baths and bathing pools weekly
- Avoid over watering lawns and notify Cass County Vector Control if you have a substantial pool of standing water that persists for several days
- Keep lawns short and free from broad leaf weeds
- Trim low laying branches of shrubs and pine trees



Be alerted to mosquito spraying by signing up for eNotifications from the City of Moorhead. Visit cityofmoorhead.com (click "eNotifications" at the top of the home page). Choose "Service Alerts" to receive email updates.



Summer/Fall Fire Safety

Safety Tips

From the National Fire Prevention Association

1. **Watch your cooking:** Stay in the kitchen. If you must leave, turn off the stove. Check items regularly and use a timer.
2. **Give space heaters space:** Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
3. **Smoke outside:** Provide sturdy, deep ashtrays.
4. **Keep matches/lighters out of reach:** Store out of the reach of children.
5. **Inspect electrical cords:** Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or loose connections.
6. **Be careful when using candles:** Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
7. **Have a home fire escape plan:** Practice your plan at least twice a year.
8. **Install smoke alarms:** Every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect alarms throughout the home.
9. **Test smoke alarms:** Test at least once a month and replace batteries twice a year. Replace a smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
10. **Install sprinklers:** Install if you are building or remodeling your home. Sprinklers can contain or extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive.

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires contained in an outdoor fire pit don't require permits, 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 (no treated lumber or rubbish)
6. The Fire Department may order extinguishment if determined it presents a nuisance
7. A screen over the fire is recommended to help contain sparks and brands

Bonfires: A permit must be obtained from the Fire Department for large outdoor fires; specifically, for community group activities and special events.

Open Burning: Outdoor burning of natural vegetation is permitted to dispose of leaves, branches, and natural vegetative material—under certain circumstances, along river lots, and in the Oakport Neighborhood. Permits are free, valid for two months, and available at the Fire Department.

Permits: Station 1, 111 12 St N, or **218.299.5298**.

A message from the Mayors' Blue Ribbon Commission on Addiction

Opioid overdose can happen to anyone. Close to home. To real people. Anyone with an opioid prescription is at risk.

Learn the signs of an overdose. Be ready with prescription naloxone and call 911. Prescription naloxone can stop the overdose.

Anyone can become addicted. Friends. Family. Anyone. Don't lose them before they get a chance at recovery.

They can get past it. But they'll need you to stop the overdose. Learn more at prevention.nd.gov/stopoverdose.

3 STEPS TO HELP PREVENT Prescription Drug Abuse

Be responsible with your medication.



LOCK

Keep medication out of sight and in a safe and secure place.



MONITOR

Keep track of medication and take only as directed.



TAKE BACK

Drop off unused medication at local Take Back locations. To learn more about the Take Back program or to find a location near you, go to www.takeback.nd.gov.



54% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers obtain them from a friend or relative. NSDUH National Findings, 2015



prevention.nd.gov/rxabuse

Exhibits

Wet & Dry: Alcohol in Clay County, 1871-1937
Through January 8, 2018 | Hjemkomst Center
 Features the real rum runners, bootleggers, moonshiners, and bank robberies of Clay County.

24th Annual National Watermedia Exhibition
June 19 – August 5 | Hjemkomst Center
 In a partnership with the Red River Watercolor Society, enjoy a survey of watercolors.

Quilt National '15
July 1 – October 10 | Hjemkomst Center
 The Dairy Barn in Athens, Ohio hosts a biennial juried art quilt competition. See the 2015 competition winners representing 33 states and eight countries.

Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible
October 1 – December 31 | Hjemkomst Center

Sixty-eight original pages of hand-illuminated and hand-calligraphed calfskin vellum from The Saint John's Bible on display. Constructed by Saint John's University and Abbey in Collegeville, MN, designed by Royal British Calligrapher Donald Jackson, and the first Benedictine bible since the invention of the printing press.



Municipal Golf Course Specials

Weekend Twilight Rate: Enjoy 18 holes of golf for the price of 9 holes from 4:30 – close (Friday/Saturday/Sunday only; not valid on holidays).

Weekday Morning Rate: Tee off before 11 am Monday – Friday and get 18 holes and cart for \$30. Not valid on holidays.

Fall Fun: Beginning September 18, pay for 9 holes and play 18 holes. (Fees based on regular green fee pricing, Monday – Friday only.)

Fun on the Red River

moorheadparks.com
Canoe/Kayak Rentals
Through August 27 | Wednesdays, 6 – 9 pm | Saturday & Sunday 1 – 5 pm

Canoes and kayaks will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis for use at the Hjemkomst Landing—\$8/hour/vessel. Call **218.299.5340** to reserve a group rental of 5 or more vessels; available outside of regularly scheduled summer rental times.

River Paddling Excursions
June 20 | July 18 | August 15 | 6 – 8 pm

All skill levels welcome! Each session begins with basics of canoeing/kayaking.

- **June 20:** Aviary Expedition, Audubon of Fargo Moorhead
- **July 18:** History of the Red River, Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
- **August 15:** Scavenger Hunt on the Red, River Keepers

\$15/person/vessel; \$10/person, if providing your own vessel.

Red River On-the-Water Cleanup
August 29, 5:30 pm

Participants must be comfortable in a canoe and willing to get wet and dirty. If interested, sign up with Christine at christine@riverkeepers.org or by calling **701.235.2895**.



Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County | Hjemkomst Center
 202 1 Ave N | Moorhead, MN | 218.299.5511 | hcsconline.org
 Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm | Sunday, noon – 5 pm | Tuesday evenings, 5 – 8 pm (April – December)

Municipal Golf Courses | 218.299.7888 | moorheadgolf.com
 The Meadows, 401 34 St S | Village Green, 3421 30 Ave S | Moorhead, MN



Sizzlin' Summer Reads Adult Reading Program

June – August | Library

Read at least four books (eBooks and audiobooks count, too) and complete an entry form at larl.org or in person to be entered into the prize drawing.

MATBUS Summer Bargains for Youth

June 1 – August 31

Free rides for youth (K-12) going to and from the Fargo, Moorhead, or West Fargo public libraries. Must show library card. Summer Youth Passes available for \$26 for unlimited rides on fixed route vehicles.

Park and Recreation's Farmers Market

Tuesdays | June 20 & 27, 2 – 6 pm

July 11 – August 29, 2 – 7 pm

September 5 & 12, 2 – 6 pm

Moorhead Center Mall Parking Lot

Fresh produce, canned goods, pet products, and hand-crafted items available. Get fresh. Go local!



Parks and Recreation's RiverArts

June 27 | July 11 & 25 | August 8 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Memorial Park | 210 8 St N

Free horse-drawn carriage rides, inflatable games, art and craft vendors, and family-friendly activities. Concerts begin at 6 pm.

- **June 27:** FM KICKS Jazz Band, Gooseberry Park Players, and pony rides
- **July 11:** 8th Hour and Barrel Car Rides
- **July 25:** Ditching Delmer, fishing clinic, and get outdoors with Nature of the North
- **August 8:** Front Fenders and a photo booth

Vendors wanted—contact Moorhead Parks and Recreation for details.

Summer Reading Program: ZooMobile

June 21, 2 pm | Library

The ZooMobile is visiting the library to teach fun facts about animals and their habitats.

Scandinavian Hjemkomst/Midwest Viking Festivals

June 23 & 24 | Hjemkomst Center

Forty years of celebrating Nordic cultures in our community with Scandinavian food, music, art, dance, textiles, crafts, mythology, and folklore.

Summer Reading Program: Larry and Kids Sing-along

June 28, 2 pm | Library

Event made possible by funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Summer Reading Program: Paper Airplanes

July 5, 2 pm | Library

Fold and fly paper airplanes—see how far your airplane can go or how many alley-oops it can do!

Parlor Talk: Viking Age Cooking

July 5, 5 – 8 pm | Hjemkomst Center

Enjoy local histories, food, and beer. Swedish culinary archaeologist and author Daniel Serra will discuss unearthing the diets and cooking practices of Viking Age Europeans. Enjoy a live demonstration and samples. Admission \$15 (HCSCC members \$10); includes food and beverage. Open to ages 21+.

Gooseberry Park Players present Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat

July 11 – 15, 7:30 pm | July 16, 1 pm

MSUM Center for the Arts

Classic musical presented by local youth. Tickets available at gooseberryparkplayers.org or at the MSUM Box Office, 218.477.2271.

Summer Reading Program: River Keepers

July 12, 2 pm | Library

Meet the River Keepers and enjoy learning about the rivers that surround us.

Take MATBUS to Downtown Fargo Street Fair

July 13 – 15 | Park and ride

LinkFM will provide free transportation between downtown Moorhead and Fargo with extended hours and service. Park at the Moorhead Center Mall; buses will arrive every 7-10 minutes.

Movie Afternoon featuring "Trolls"

July 19, 1 – 3 pm | Sports Center

Bring your own chairs and blankets. Free pop and popcorn available while supplies last.

Summer Reading Program: InspireLabs

July 19, 2 pm | Library

Be inspired by science!

Comstock House | 506 8 St S | Moorhead, MN | facebook.com/hcsc | instagram.com/hcsc_hjemkomst

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



Summer Splash

July 20, 2 – 4 pm | Municipal Pool | 800 19 St S

Free pool day with games and diving contest!

Summer Reading Program: Pet Show

July 26, 2 pm | Library Parking Lot

Show off your pet (real or stuffed animal) at the Pet Show! Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier; owners are responsible for cleaning up after them.

Night to Unite

August 1 | facebook.com/MoorheadPD

Plan a family-friendly, neighborhood gathering. Register events at cityofmoorhead.com (search "Night to Unite") to receive a party planning kit. Contact the Community Policing Coordinator at **218.299.5143** for more information.

Summer Reading Program: Professor Marvel's DIY Magic Show

August 2, 2 pm | Library

Enjoy a spectacular show—sure to amaze all ages!

Parlor Talk: World War I and Clay County

August 8, 6 – 8 pm | Hjemkomst Center

Enjoy local histories, food, and beer. HCSCC Senior Archivist Mark Peihl will share the local theater of World War I, for upcoming exhibit—*War, Fear, and Flu: Clay County and World War I*. Admission \$15 (HCSCC members \$10); includes food and a beverage. Open to ages 21+.



Summer Reading Program: Build a Better World

August 9, 2 pm | Library

Learn about recycling and earth's environment.

Movie in the Park featuring "Honey I Shrunk the Kids"

August 10, 8:30 pm | Heritage Garden and Amphitheater | 400 Woodlawn Dr

Family-friendly film; popcorn and blankets provided.

Doggy Dip

August 14, 3:30 – 7:30 pm | South Park | 2102 14 St S

Swim day for dogs! Admission \$2.50/dog—proceeds benefit the Dog Park.

Greater Moorhead Days

September 7 – 14 | Various locations

Celebrate 56560 with great events! More information at greatermoorheaddays.com.

- **7:** Moorhead Business Association Bridge Bash
- **8:** Parade
- **9:** Wings & Wheels Air Fly In & Car Show
- **9:** FM Flatlander Rotary Ride
- **10:** Cass Clay Zombie Fun Run
- **11:** 9/11 Commemoration
- **11 – 14:** Medallion Hunt
- **12:** Midco Kids Fest



German Kulturfest

September 16 | Hjemkomst Center

Celebrate the influence of German and German-American cultures on our local community. The event will highlight a variety of performers, crafts people, food, traditional arts, craft beer, and kids' activities, including a full day of German music.



Citizens Police Academy

Thursdays | September 21 – November 16, 6 – 9 pm

The Academy will lead citizens to an understanding of what it is like to be a police officer—K9 demonstration, S.W.A.T, narcotics investigation, and evidence collection. Graduation on November 21. Applications at cityofmoorhead.com (search "Citizens Police Academy") or call **218.299.5143**. Class size is limited; apply for this free class today!

Fire Department Open House

October 8, 1 – 4 pm | Station 1 | 1120 1 Ave N

The community is invited to join firefighters for food, demonstrations, and fire safety tips. More information at moorheadfire.com or **218.299.5432**.



Try MATBUS Week

October 16 – 21 | matbus.com

Ride for half fare (\$0.75), Monday – Friday; enjoy free fare on Saturday.

Haunted Mall

October 31, 4:30 – 7:30 pm | Moorhead Center Mall

Kid-friendly trick-or-treating and activities out of the elements.

See page 8 for November events.

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

June

- 18 Father's Day
- 20 Farmers Market | River Paddling Excursion
- 21 First day of summer | Library ZooMobile
- 23 & 24 Scandinavian Hjemkomst/Midwest Viking Festivals
- 27 Farmers Market | RiverArts
- 28 Library Larry and Kids Sing-along
- 30 Youth Flag Football registration due, moorheadparks.com

July

- 3 "No-sort" Recycling begins
- 4 Independence Day | City offices closed | no bus service
no garbage collection (collected July 5)
- 5 Garbage collection begins, 4 am | Library Paper Airplanes
Parlor Talks: Viking Age Cooking
- 11 Farmers Market | RiverArts
- 11 – 16 Gooseberry Park Players
- 12 Library River Keepers
- 13 – 15 Downtown Fargo Street Fair (discounted rate on MATBUS)
- 18 Farmers Market | River Paddling Excursion
- 19 Movie Afternoon | Library InspireLabs
- 20 Summer Splash
- 25 Farmers Market | RiverArts
- 26 Library Pet Show

August

- 1 Farmers Market | Night to Unite
- 2 Library Professor Marvel's DIY Magic Show
- 8 Farmers Market | RiverArts | Parlor Talk: World War I and Clay County
- 9 Library Build a Better World
- 10 Movie in the Park
- 14 Doggy Dip
- 15 Farmers Market | River Paddling Excursion
- 22 Farmers Market
- 29 Farmers Market | Red River On-the-Water Cleanup

September

- 4 Labor Day | City offices closed | no bus service
no garbage collection (collected September 5)
- 5 Garbage collection begins, 4 am | Farmers Market
- 7 – 14 Greater Moorhead Days
- 12 Farmers Market
- 16 German Kulturfest
- 21 Citizens Police Academy begins
- 22 First day of fall
- 29 Curbside branch pick-up ends
- 30 City Auction

October

- 1 – 7 Public Power Week
- 8 Fire Department Open House
- 9 Cultural Diversity Day | City offices open
- 16 Boss's Day
- 16 – 21 Try MATBUS Week
- 31 Halloween | Haunted Mall

November

- 1 "Take Back Jack" Pumpkin Recycling begins (through November 14)
- 5 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 7 Election Day
- 10 Veterans Day observed | City offices closed | limited bus service | no garbage collection (collected November 13)
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Garbage collection begins, 4 am
- 18 Pangea: Cultivate our Cultures, moorheadparks.com
- 21 Holiday Kickoff, moorheadparks.com
- 22 Curbside yard waste pick-up ends | Compost Site closes
- 23 Thanksgiving Day | City offices closed | no bus service
no garbage collection (collected November 24)
- 24 Garbage collection begins, 4 am

City Auction

September 30, 10 am | Impound Lot, 22016 15 Ave N
Moorhead, Barnesville, and Clay County will hold a public sale of impounded vehicles—including court ordered forfeitures and unclaimed property.

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