



CITY INSIGHTS

WINTER 2025-26

Working Together for Traffic Safety

We All Play Important Roles

Whether you're walking, biking, driving, or rolling, it's important to be mindful of how we move through our neighborhoods and the responsibility we all share towards keeping our streets safe.

A Community Commitment to Safety

Safety, including traffic safety, is a top priority for Moorhead. The City participates in the Safe Routes To School Program, a collaborative effort that also involves Moorhead Area Public Schools, PartnerSHIP 4 Health, and the FM Metropolitan Council of Governments. Safe Routes To Schools promotes the ability for children to walk or bike to school safely and confidently. Through policy changes, infrastructure improvements, and the implementation of programs, Safe Routes To School helps create physical and social environments that empower students, their families, and their communities to walk and bike more often. Safe streets benefit everyone, including children heading to school, adults commuting to work, and families enjoying bike rides together. Safety should be built into every aspect of our transportation system, for all ages and abilities.



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What We Can All Do

Here are a few simple but powerful reminders to help keep our streets safe:

- ◆ **Slow down** in neighborhoods and school zones
- ◆ **Put phones away** while driving or crossing the street
- ◆ **Yield to pedestrians** at crosswalks every time
- ◆ **Make eye contact** with drivers or walkers before crossing
- ◆ **Use lights and reflective gear** when walking or biking in low light
- ◆ **Talk to your kids** about safe walking and biking habits

Traffic Analysis & Enforcement

The City of Moorhead is committed to creating safer streets through a collaborative, data-driven approach. When residents request changes to traffic control devices or when accidents occur, the Engineering Department's Traffic Engineer conducts on-site evaluations and reviews crash history to assess traffic patterns and identify possible changes to traffic control devices, such as signs, pavement markings, or signals. These requests are then reviewed by a committee that includes representatives from Engineering, Police, Public Works, and Planning. This team collaborates to ensure that any changes comply with traffic laws, engineering standards, and community safety objectives. In areas where speeding is a concern, the Police Department may also increase patrols, refocusing on proactive safety measures and community engagement.

Let's Work Together

Creating a culture of safety requires the collective effort of all of us. Your actions matter. Let's continue to look out for one another and make our community a place where everyone can move safely and confidently.



If you have traffic concerns about your neighborhood, use the QR code or visit:

moorheadmn.gov/departments/engineering/street-traffic-control-signs

Protect Your Home from Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that can be deadly. Each year in the US, more than 400 people die from unintentional CO poisoning not related to fires, over 100,000 visit emergency rooms, and more than 14,000 are hospitalized.

CO is produced by burning fuel in vehicles, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. Because it's undetectable without a device, it can build up indoors and poison people and pets without warning.

Know the Symptoms

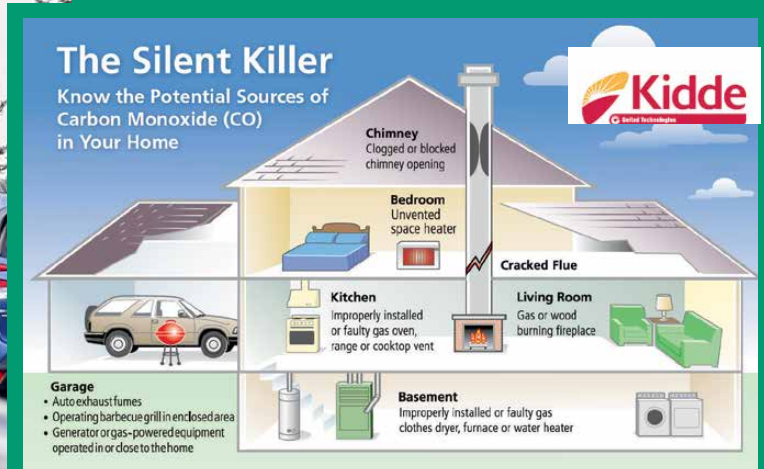
CO poisoning often mimics the flu. Common symptoms include Headache, Dizziness, Weakness, Nausea or vomiting, Chest pain and Confusion.

How You Can Protect Yourself

- Install CO Detectors
- Maintain Fuel-Burning Appliances
- Use Fuel-Burning Devices Safely

If You Suspect CO Poisoning:

- Leave the area immediately and get fresh air
- Call 911 and seek medical attention





Onward Moorhead!

Comprehensive Plan

The City of Moorhead's Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap that helps the City implement the community's vision over the next 10 years. Community members, businesses, and others worked with the City to create the Plan.

FIVE BIG IDEAS

1. Transform Downtown Moorhead into the 'heart of the community' by incorporating a range of housing and retail options, cultural amenities, parks, and public services.
2. Integrate a mix of mutually supportive land uses and experiences in redevelopment areas by building upon and strengthening existing retail centers and utilizing experience-based marketing.
3. Connect neighborhoods to parks and trails and provide multimodal access to downtown, the Red River, and community amenities.
4. Embrace resilient environmental and equitable solutions, planning for infrastructure, building development, energy, and climate adaptation while building a greener community.
5. Build and nurture local businesses as key partners in building and maintaining a prosperous community.

Recent projects and initiatives:

Downtown Flood Mitigation Projects

A key component of long-term planning for the City is flood mitigation efforts. Two of these projects are happening downtown alongside other redevelopment and infrastructure projects. The first project is the relocation of a sanitary lift station to an elevation above the 100-year flood stage. The second project, which will be bid later this year, is the construction of the 1 Ave N floodwall that allows the underpass on 1 Ave N to remain open during major flood events.

Access and ADA Upgrades to Playgrounds

In 2024, Moorhead playgrounds were evaluated for accessible walkways and ground play components relating to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. This year, new concrete walkways were installed in Queens, Brentwood Acres, Crystal Creek, and Stonemill Estates parks, new ground components were added to M.B. Johnson Park and Queens Park, and an accessible swing was added to Knapp Park. Future park projects which include playground replacement will emphasize ADA requirements.

Zoning Code Updates

As guided by the Onward Moorhead! Comprehensive Plan, updates are being made to the Zoning Code to modernize codes and provide flexibility for property owners, builders, and developers. Updates in the works include reductions to minimum parking requirements, sign updates for downtown, and native species planting options for landscaping.

New addition to the Moorhead Sculpture Walk

Indigenous artist Duane Goodwin installed the most recent addition to the Moorhead Sculpture Walk which is named Nii Woo Gaw Bow, translating from Anishinaabe to English as Four Standing. The cast bronze sculpture, resembling an Anishinaabe Hunter Trapper, draws inspiration from the Red River Valley, which was inhabited by the Anishinaabe along with the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota. The sculpture can be seen at the Southeast corner of the intersection of 4 St S and Center Ave.

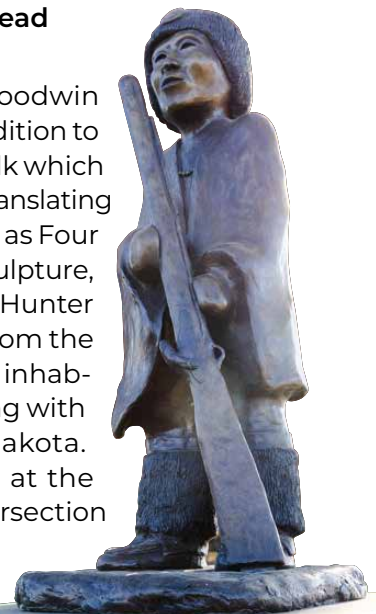




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Reimagine Romkey Update

The Reimagine Romkey Project includes a 25-meter pool with slides, diving board, climbing wall, a zero-entry wading pool, and a pool building with a year-round community room. The park will feature a splash pad, 2 basketball courts, 2 pickleball courts, skatepark, playground, and other amenities. The \$11.3 million project is supported with a \$5M million matching grant from the Department of Interior with the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program.

Demolition of the old pool building and installation of new foundation began fall of 2024. Construction resumed in Spring 2025 for the new pool building and site amenities. The construction team has worked through challenges including consistent rain events, design changes, and site conditions. The fall

tasks include completion of the pool deck, closing the exterior of the pool building, and installing site amenities. The project remains on schedule for the pool and park amenities to open for the 2026 summer season. City staff are excited for the increased recreational opportunities this park will provide to the community, including Moorhead's first splashpad that will be free to the public. We hope you are excited, too.



We Want to Hear from You – Community Input Requested!

Upcoming public input sessions will help direct the use of \$129,540 from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the benefit of the Moorhead community and its residents.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS:

Thursday, November 13

- 12 – 1 pm
- Moorhead Public Library (118 5 St S)

Wednesday, November 19

- 9 – 10 am
- Hjemkomst Oak Room (202 1 Ave N)

Tuesday, November 25

- 4 – 5 pm
- Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church (2901 20 St)

Scan the QR Code
to learn more and
provide feedback



Winter Maintenance, Let's Talk Salt

As we enter the winter season, many people rely on salt to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots. Salt helps keep surfaces free from ice but can have a negative effect on the environment. You can help reduce the amount of salt used by following smart salting strategies, which will save money and reduce damage to infrastructure, vehicles, plants and water supplies.

Shovel when possible. The more snow and ice removed manually, the less salt you will have to use.

15 degrees F is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. While sand does not melt ice, it provides traction.

Apply less. More salt does not equal faster melting. Be patient; these products take time to work. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is approximately a 12-ounce coffee cup.

Sweep up extra salt and sand if visible on dry pavement. It is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use it somewhere else or throw it away.

For more tips and training about smart salting or to find a certified Smart Salting contractor, visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) website.

Border City Workers Comp Credit

As a designated Minnesota border city, **Moorhead offers a fully refundable income tax credit** to help businesses offset a portion of their **Minnesota workers' compensation insurance cost**.

This program is available to all **eligible Moorhead businesses** that:

- File Minnesota income taxes
- Pay workers' compensation insurance

Apply easily online using your phone or laptop. Just scan the QR code to get started! Complete applications submitted by December 1 receive priority review. Online portal closed on February 1, 2026.



Receive a **30% tax credit—up to \$40,000 per business**.

<https://apps.moorheadmn.gov/WorkersCompTaxCredit/Overview>

Lock It – Vehicle Tips

One of the most prevalent, yet preventable crimes seen in our area and around the country is the theft of motor vehicles. Additionally, these thefts tend to rise during winter months when people leave their vehicles running for a short period to warm up or run an errand. Leaving a vehicle unattended in ANY of the following vulnerable states – running, unlocked, and/or with the keys left inside – creates an opportune target for criminals. Not only is it unfortunate to have your primary means of transportation taken, but it can also create added risk to the public if your vehicle is used in the commission of other crimes or flees from a traffic stop.

Follow these tips to help protect yourself from having your vehicle stolen or broken into:

Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

- Lock It Every Time
- Take Your Keys
- Park Smart in well-lit, busy areas with surveillance if possible and in a garage, if you have one
- Use Anti-Theft Devices
- Don't Leave Valuables in Sight

Home Security Tips for Snowbirds

- Sign up for vacation house checks, a free service provided by the Moorhead Police Department.
- Officers and volunteers will conduct security checks of your home, at your request, if you are leaving town for a vacation or extended period.
- Make Your Home Look Occupied
- Secure All Entry Points
- Use a Home Security System
- Manage Mail and Deliveries
- Maintain Your Property
- Be Careful on Social Media
- Notify Trusted Contacts
- Use Smart Home Technology
- Disconnect Unnecessary Electronics

Catch Basins

Catch basins are storm sewer inlets designed to collect rainwater during storms. But when these drains get clogged with leaves, litter, and other debris, flooding can quickly follow. Everything that washes off streets—trash, oil, and pollutants—flows untreated into our ponds, ditches, and rivers, harming local water quality and wildlife.

Things residents can do to help in their neighborhoods:

- **Remove debris from grates.** The grates of a catch basins can become clogged with litter, grass clippings or leaves. Regularly inspect the grate and remove debris.
- **Ensure regular cleaning:** The area under the grate is on a five-year cleaning cycle. If debris becomes lodged in the catch basin please call 218.299.5386.
- **Label the storm drain:** “No dumping, drains to river” this will notify other citizens that nothing but stormwater should enter the storm drains. Contact River Keepers at 701.235.2895 for labels.



Find a Career In the Community You Love!

- ▶ Police and Fire
- ▶ Public Works
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Parks and Recreation
- ▶ Internships and Seasonal Positions



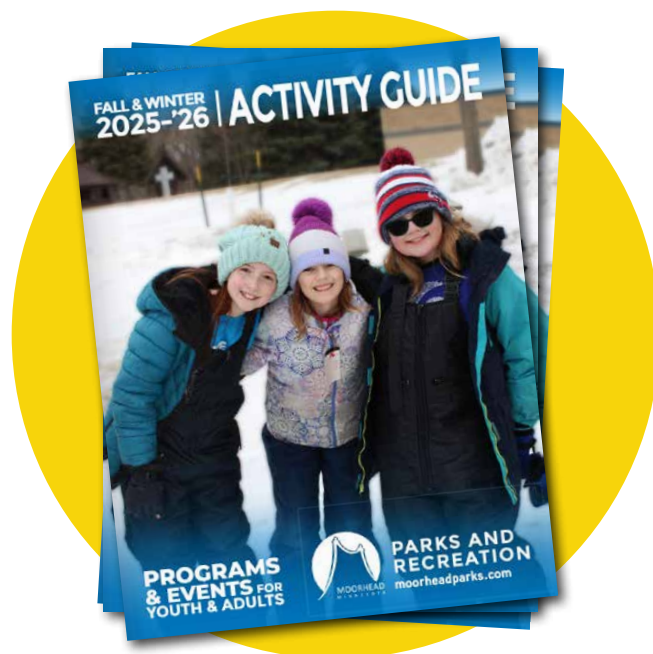
moorheadmn.gov/jobs

Parks and Recreation

Moorhead Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of programs, special events, facilities, and beautiful park spaces. The City of Moorhead is home to more than 45 community, neighborhood, and regional parks, along with miles of trails and sidewalks for walking, biking, cross-country skiing, and more. You'll find facilities for athletics, recreation, arts, and reservable shelters for gatherings. With so many opportunities to explore, play, and connect, Moorhead Parks & Recreation has something for everyone! Learn more at moorheadparks.com.

Volunteer with Moorhead Parks & Recreation

Make a difference! By volunteering, you help bring our community programs and events to life and keep our city vibrant and beautiful. Learn more at moorheadparks.com/volunteering.



View the Fall & Winter Activity Guide Online

EVENTS

Holiday Kickoff

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 5 pm | Hjemkomst Center

Welcome the festive season as we light the City of Moorhead's holiday trees! Program starts at 5:30.

Skate with Santa

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:15-4:15 pm | Moorhead Sports Center

Lace up your skates and enjoy an afternoon of free open skate with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Free hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Skate rental will be available in limited sizes.

Frostival Fun at the Frozen Fortress

Save the Date! January 31, 11:30 am-3 pm

Celebrate 10 years of Frostival Fun at the Frozen Fortress! Embrace the cool of winter with a day of outdoor activities including free cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals, games, hot chocolate station, the light tunnel and more

Celtic Festival

Saturday, March 14, 10 am-4 pm (open 9:30 am) Hjemkomst Center
\$5 ADMISSION, KIDS 10 and UNDER ARE FREE

Enjoy the intriguing history, arts, and traditions of Brittany, Cornwall, Isle of Man, Galicia, Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the annual Celtic Festival. Live music, demonstrations, storytelling, food and more.

Moorhead Ice Show

Mar. 20-21, 7 pm; Mar. 22, 1 pm | Moorhead Sports Center

Take in the popular event that's run for more than 40 years. Learn to Skate and Advanced Skaters ages 3-adult will perform as well as a national/world-class guest skater.

Senior Center

From Weekly Activities to Monthly Events – there is always something going on! Learn more about our Senior Center at moorheadseniors.com.



Snow Removal Reminders

Sidewalks are required to be cleared of snow and ice by 9 pm after it stops snowing. Here are some other important tips:

- If you live on a corner, all sidewalks must be cleared, including the crosswalk approaches.
- Do not shovel or blow snow onto neighboring properties or into the street.
- Make arrangements with a neighbor or a snow removal service to care for your property if you are going to be on vacation or are otherwise unable to shovel your sidewalk.
- Consider helping your neighbors with snow removal when they are out of town or when health issues become obstacles.

To report a sidewalk that is not being shoveled, contact Neighborhood Services at 218.299.5434.



NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 27 Thanksgiving (City Offices closed | no garbage*)

DECEMBER

- 2 Holiday Kick Off
- 6 Skate with Santa
- 24 Christmas Eve
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 25 Christmas Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 5-16 Christmas Tree pick-up
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 31 Frostival begins (through February 7)

FEBRUARY

- 16 President's Day (City Offices closed | no garbage*)

MARCH

- 14 Celtic Festival

*Please check News at moorheadmn.gov for holiday garbage collection changes.

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City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm at the Hjemkomst Center. Visit our website for agendas and materials.

City Services

Administration (general information)	218.299.5166
Engineering	218.299.5390
Community Development	218.299.5434
Moorhead Public Library	218.233.7594
Police (non-emergency)	218.299.5120
Fire (non-emergency)	218.299.5298
Parks and Recreation	218.299.5340
Public Works	218.299.5422
Moorhead Public Service (MPS)	218.477.8000

Emergency

911