



CITY INSIGHTS

SPRING 2025

Moorhead Community Center and Public Library Building to be named “The Loop”

The new Moorhead Community Center and Public Library is embracing a dynamic identity along with a new building: The Loop. This change reflects the exciting role this building will serve as a hub for learning, creativity, and community engagement.

The name “The Loop” symbolizes connection—linking people to knowledge, resources, and each other. It also represents Moorhead’s commitment to continuous learning, innovation, and inclusivity, ensuring that everyone who visits has access to opportunities for growth.

“The Loop reflects the combination of community center features with the public library in one incredible building. The Moorhead Public Library will maintain its identity in the location while offering expanded amenities,” said Mayor Shelly Carlson. “The Loop is a fun play on words to encourage people to gather, learn and stay “in the Loop” in Downtown Moorhead. Plus, there’s a beautiful walking loop around the interior of the second floor to keep us active year-round!”

A library is more than just books—it’s a place where people gather, exchange ideas, and stay connected. The Loop embodies that spirit, creating a welcoming space for all ages to explore, discover, and engage.

Pictured Above: Construction Continues on
The LOOP | Moorhead Public Library

THE LOOP
Moorhead Public Library
WALKING LOOP · PLAYGROUND · SPARK CENTER

The Loop will be a 48,000 square foot multi-use public space serving as a central hub for families, businesses, and individuals of all ages and abilities. The facility’s design centers around the idea of a 21 Century library and emerged from extensive community input. Key features like a year-round playground and indoor walking loop reflect the priorities of Moorhead residents. The Loop will open in Spring of 2026 and all features will be free and open to the community.

COMING SPRING 2026



Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle that severely impacts ash trees. Since discovering EAB in 2023 Moorhead has implemented its EAB management plan focusing on removal, replacement, and treatment. To see a detailed map showing what will happen with the trees in your neighborhood, scan the QR code below.

If you own property in Moorhead and haven't yet heard of EAB it is important to understand its impact on ash trees and how that could affect the trees on your property. More information to help identify ash trees and EAB can be found on the City's website or www.mda.state.mn.us/eab-info-homeowners.

Ash Treatment

TREE MAP



2025 Spring + Summer Parks and Recreation Brochure

Learn more about our upcoming events and summer programs! Visit moorheadparks.com to view our online interactive brochure and plan your spring and summer today.

Shredding Service at the Moorhead Public Library

If your Clean Up Week projects find you with a surplus of unwanted papers, bring them to the library! The Moorhead Public Library partners with ShredRight to provide a safe and secure way to shred personal documents and paperwork. Simply bring your documents to the library (118 5 St S) and staff will securely dispose of your documents for \$5 per grocery bag.

Make Sure Sump Pumps are Disconnected from Sanitary Sewer System

It's spring, and that means it's time for Moorhead residents to disconnect sump pump hoses from the sanitary sewer system. Your sump pump is connected to the sanitary sewer if it is discharging to a drain or sink in your home.

Drainage should be directed to the street, backyard, or side yard (please be courteous to your neighbors when choosing where to discharge).

Residents may request a seasonal waiver to allow sump discharge into the sanitary sewer from November 1-March 31. Because the risk of significant rain events is lower during this time, the sanitary sewer system can handle this extra water.

During the spring and summer months, sump pump discharges to the sanitary sewer overload the sanitary sewer system, which leads to basement back-ups for both you and your neighbors.

We appreciate your cooperation to ensure the capacity of our wastewater treatment.



If you have questions about sump pump discharge, please contact the Wastewater Division at 218.299.5386.

MATBUS offers unlimited rides with the 90-Day Youth Pass

When children are involved in activities, getting them to practice or classes can mean a lot of running around for their adults. Let MATBUS take care of the driving! For just \$26, youth in grades K-12 can take unlimited rides on all metro bus routes for 90 days. The 90-Day Youth Pass is a great option for summer break, but it can also be purchased year-round. Taking MATBUS can help teach young adults to be more independent, as well as introducing younger riders to public transportation during family outings. MATBUS operates in Moorhead, Dilworth, Fargo, and West Fargo, Mondays through Saturdays. The 90-Day Youth Pass is sold at the Ground Transportation Center at 502 NP Ave in Fargo.

Get Ready for Cleanup Days!

Furniture, household goods, and appliances will be collected at single-family residence curbs during Cleanup Days on your scheduled garbage day in early May beginning at 5 am at no additional cost.

Apartments are not eligible for curbside pickup. Residents may bring excess garbage to the Clay County Resource Recovery Center at the times noted below, free of charge with proof of residency.

*Exception: OAKPORT NEIGHBORHOOD, your cleanup day will be May 20, same as recycling day.

CREWS WILL NOT COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CURBSIDE:

No Demolition or Construction Materials: Materials include lumber, vanities, cabinets, concrete, sheet rock, fencing material, windows, doors, and asphalt shingles.

Take construction materials to:

Clay Demolition Debris Landfill
6 miles west of Hawley and ¼ mile N of HWY 10; 701.642.3207

Clay County Resource Recovery Center
M-F, 8am-4pm, first and third Saturday of each month, 8-11:30am; 3322 15 Ave N, Moorhead; 218.299.5016. Enter the 15 Ave N entrance.
Small loads only, no dump trailers. Loads need to be self-unloaded and fees will apply.

No Residential Electronics or Household Chemicals
Paint, stain, varnish, automotive fluids, computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, fluorescent bulbs, LEDs, cell phones, rechargeable batteries.

Take chemicals and electronics to:
Clay County Resource Recovery Center
M-F, 8am-4pm; first and third Saturday of each month, 8-11:30am; 3322 15 Ave N, Moorhead, MN; 218.299.5016. Enter through the 15 Ave N entrance.

Clean Up Days Information



Call 218.299.5465 from 8am-noon
Call 218.299.5347 from noon-3:30pm

Find Your Cleanup Day

Step 1: Do you recycle on A Week or B Week?
A Week B Week

Step 2: A Week Recyclers: Cleanup day is on your garbage day, May 12-16.
B Week Recyclers: Cleanup day is on your garbage day, May 5-9.

Cleanup Day will be your garbage day, May 5-16 opposite your recycling week*

| April | | | | | | | May | | | | | | |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Cleanup Days Schedule | May 5-16

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CLEANUP DAYS GUIDELINES:

- Tires will not be collected at the curb. Homeowners can dispose of them at retail tire stores or the Resource Recovery Center for a fee.
- Sort items into piles; different trucks collect specific categories (appliances, furniture, household garbage, metal, etc.)
- Use disposable containers such as cardboard boxes (no loose garbage please).
- Do not set items out more than one day earlier than your Cleanup Day.
- Crews will not return to pick up garbage set out after your garbage day.
- Two appliances per household will be picked up free of charge. Remove refrigerator and freezer doors for children's safety.
- Do not place food or waste in appliances.
- No commercial waste accepted.
- Keep garbage totes at least 4 feet away from Cleanup Days items.
- Empty propane tanks will also be collected. (Valve needs to be removed or a hole needs to be drilled into the tank)

Get a jump on spring cleanup by bringing furniture, household goods, and excess garbage to the Clay County Resource Recovery Center (3322 15 Ave N) from April 28-May 16 from 8am-4pm, as well as Saturdays May 3 and 17 from 8-11:30am, free of charge. (This also applies to apartments.) Fees will apply for demolition/construction materials and tires; proof of Moorhead residency (i.e. driver's license) required.

Coming next year to DOWNTOWN MOORHEAD



City Hall and Plaza

- Main ground floor will overlook the future plaza and provide a one-stop-shop for public services
- Reconfigured offices on floors 2-5
- New mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems that will extend the life of the building
- Around half the price of a new city hall
- Community engagement on plaza planning will be underway soon



THE LOOP

Moorhead Public Library

- 1/8 mile Walking Loop
- 2,600 SF indoor playground
- 100 seat presentation hall
- Library – Main library and children's library
- Spark Center for Entrepreneurship
- Focus rooms, conference rooms, work nooks, and fireside commons areas



Red River and Minnesota Avenue

- Downtown Moorhead will see 'new' streets in 2025 – including Red River Avenue and Minnesota Avenue; 5 St and 6 St segments will also be constructed
- 650 Center Avenue under construction on 'new' 6 Street



650 Center

- Fitness Center
- Downtown Chiropractic
- Retail Space
- Two Residential Towers

2024 ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT *City of Moorhead*

See how Moorhead grew in 2024. Check out the online development report for highlights on commercial and residential growth, redevelopment, community events and more!



← View the Report



“Onward Moorhead: A Plan in Action!”

The City of Moorhead's Comprehensive Plan is a road-map 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. Here is an update on recent projects and initiatives that advance the ideas outlined in the plan:

1 Ave Sidewalk Stamps

Nine art and poetry stamps decorate sidewalk along 1 Ave N from 8 St N to 9 St N as part of the reconstruction related to the 11 St Underpass project. Sidewalk stamps are available to Moorhead property owners for concrete projects.

Natural Planting Grant

Funded by a MPCA Climate Action Grant, work is commencing this spring to convert approximately 10 acres of turf grass to pollinator plantings within the Red River Corridor.

Village Green Park Amenities

Work will begin this spring on converting the tennis courts in Village Green Park to Pickleball and is anticipated to be complete by June 30.



City Code Updates

As guided by the Onward Moorhead! Comprehensive Plan, updates to the City Code have been made to: Commercial, Mixed Use and Industrial zoning districts, accessory structures and uses and more. The updates provide modernization to the codes and flexibility for property owners, builders, and developers.

moorheadmn.gov/onwardmoorhead

River Keepers Work to Mark Storm Drains

Did you know that the storm drains in our streets lead directly to the Red River—our drinking water source? Unlike wastewater, stormwater isn't treated before it flows into local waterways. That means anything that washes into a storm drain—trash, chemicals, pet waste, grass clippings—ends up in the river, polluting the very water we rely on.

You Can Make a Difference!

Join River Keepers in marking storm drains with the message: “No Dumping – Drains to River.” This simple action helps raise awareness and reminds the community to keep pollutants out of our water. Plus, past volunteers say it's a fun and rewarding project—perfect for individuals, families, and team-building events!

To learn more and volunteer, go to riverkeepers.org/sustain/storm-drain-marking-program



Reimagine Romkey Project Moves Forward: Exciting Upgrades Coming to Moorhead!

Big things are happening at Romkey Park. The City of Moorhead is making major progress on the Reimagine Romkey Project, a multimillion-dollar transformation that will bring exciting new recreational opportunities to the community.

What's Coming to Romkey Park:

- New Pool & Pool House
- Splash Pad
- Pickleball & Basketball Courts
- Skate Park
- Soccer Field
- Sledding Hill
- Natural Playground & More!

The current pool remains closed during construction. The Reimagine Romkey Project is on track to open in time for the 2026 pool season.



EVENTS

River Paddling Excursions

Every other Wednesday, May 28-Aug. 20, 5:30-8pm
Hjemkomst Landing, 202 1 Ave N

Earth Week | April 21-27

Help restore the earth by cleaning up our city.
moorheadparks.com/volunteering; 218.299.5078.

River Paddling Excursions | May 28-Aug. 20

Every other Wednesday, 5:30-8pm
Hjemkomst Landing, 202 1 Ave N

Must register in advance; \$10/person if bringing your own kayak/canoe; \$15 with vessel rental. See schedule and register at moorheadparks.com. For info: 218.299.5340

Canoe/Kayak Rentals | May 27-Sept. 7

Hjemkomst Landing, 202 1 Ave N
\$10/Hours/Vessel; Group Rentals Available
Call 218.299.5078.

Vessel Rental Rack at Hjemkomst Landing – NEW!

\$50/season | Register online at moorheadparks.com or by calling 218.299.5340.

Moorhead Farmers Market

3:30-6:30pm, Tuesdays, June-October
Hjemkomst Center Parking Lot, 202 1 Ave N

Safe City Nights, 5:30-7:30pm

(Sponsored by Moorhead Police, Moorhead Police Athletics & Activities League, Moorhead Parks & Rec, Moorhead Fire Department, Oertli State Farm Insurance, Gate City Bank and the City of Moorhead) Join us for Free Food and Fun Activities!

June 18: Robert Asp Elementary
July 2: Ellen Hopkins Elementary
July 16: Queens Park

Scandinavian Festival • Friday-Saturday, June 20-21
Hjemkomst Center, 202 1 Ave N

Come experience the culture of Scandinavian countries through music, food, and vendor booths.

FM Kicks Band Summer Concerts

June 19, 7pm: Gooseberry Park, 100 22 Ave S
July 17, 7pm: Gooseberry Park, 100 22 Ave S
Aug. 3, Noon-5pm: Gooseberry Park, 100 22 Ave S
Sept. 6, 3pm: Viking Ship Park, 202 1 Ave N

Doggy Dip • Monday, August 11, 3-7pm
Northeast Park Wading Pool, 1817 8 Ave N
\$5/dog; all proceeds benefit Moorhead's dog parks! Dogs should have a collar, carry ID tags, be properly licensed, vaccinated and in good health to swim.

Greater Moorhead Days Sept. 4-13 / Various locations
Celebrate 150 years of Moorhead Greater Moorhead Days!
Find more events and information at moorheadparks.com.



Moorhead RiverArts • 5:30-8 pm, Viking Ship Park • 202 1 Ave N, Moorhead

June 11:
Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome +
Fargo Spelemannslag

June 25:
Gina Powers Band + Javier Quiroz

July 9:
Heart & Soul + Fargo Folklorico

July 23:
October Road + Chinese Heritage
of Recreation and Dance

August 6:
Front Fenders + Heather & Thistle
Pipes and Drums

Call 218.299.5078 to get involved!
Learn more at moorheadmn.gov/RiverArts



MAY

- 5-9 Cleanup Days for Recycling B Schedule
- 12-16 Cleanup Days for Recycling A Schedule
- 20 Oakport Cleanup Day
- 26 Memorial Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)

JUNE

- 3 Farmers Market Opens at Hjemkomst
(Tuesdays through October)
- 11 RiverArts at Viking Ship Park
- 18 Safe City Nights at Robert Asp
- 19 Juneteenth
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 25 RiverArts at Viking Ship Park

JULY

- 2 Safe City Nights at Ellen Hopkins
- 4 Independence Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 9 RiverArts at Woodlawn Park
- 16 Safe City Nights at Queens Park
- 23 RiverArts at Viking Ship Park

AUGUST

- 5 Night to Unite
- 6 RiverArts at Viking Ship Park
- 3-7 Doggy Dip at South and Northeast Park Pools

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day
(City Offices closed | no garbage*)
- 4-13 Greater Moorhead Days

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

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POSTAL CUSTOMER



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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

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| 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



We're Hiring!

Find job postings at
moorheadmn.gov/jobs