



City of Mabel

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August
2025

RURAL AMERICA'S STEAM ENGINE CAPITAL

Elected Officials

Adam Wilder	Mayor
Tina Bakke	City Council
Valerie Arnold	City Council
Kirsten Wyffels	City Council
Kelly Sand	City Council

City Staff

Karen Larson	City Clerk
Bob Mierau	Public Works
Chuck Dahl	Public Works
Kendra Spalla	Deputy Clerk

City Hall Hours

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday - Friday

After Hours Contact

(507) 259-3617
(507) 259-3637

Police Non-Emergency

(507) 493-5444

Public Library

110 E. Newburg Avenue
(507) 493-5336

Sharra Liptack Director

Monday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

SHUT OFF PROTECTION!

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule (CWR) is a state law that protects residential utility customers from having electric or natural gas service shut off between **October 1 and April 30**. To protect your service from disconnection you must make and keep a payment plan that you and your utility agree on. The utility must offer a payment plan that is reasonable for your household's financial circumstances. You can set up a utility payment plan at any time throughout the year.

You are eligible for CWR protection even if you rent - the electricity or gas must be the primary heat source and the utility account must be in your name.

You and your utility must agree to a payment plan that is reasonable for your household. You can set up a utility payment plan at any time throughout the year.

All natural gas and electric utilities must offer CWR protection. CWR does not apply to delivered fuels; oil and propane or wood. If you use delivered fuels, and your furnace is run by electricity, you should apply for CWR protection with your electric company.

If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide assistance.

SEMCAC-Energy Assistance:

Fillmore County Social Services:

Heat Share - Salvation Army:

(800) 944-3281

(507) 765-2175

(507) 437-4566



NOTICE! Public Hearing!

A Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. at Mabel City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on the proposed **Electric Rate Increase**. The proposed rates will become effective on **September 1, 2025, pending city council approval**. Please attend this hearing if you wish to comment on the proposed rate increase.
Contact City Hall for any questions (507) 493-5299.

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CityOfMabel

Avoid late fees!

Sign up for autopay.
We deduct your utility bill payment from your bank account monthly.
It's that easy!

We will be **CLOSED**
TO OBSERVE
Labor DAY

SEPTEMBER 1ST

Garbage pickup will be
Thursday,
September 4th
the week of Labor Day!



Next Meeting
August 13th 6PM
Community Center

**73rd Annual Hesper-Mabel
STEAM ENGINE DAYS**



Photo by Bobb Adkins

September 4 - 7, 2025

OLDEST STEAM ENGINE SHOW IN MINNESOTA!

MABEL, MINNESOTA
Hesper Highway 46 & 44
Southeastern MN

**Ford
TRACTOR
DISPLAY**

**GATES OPEN
FRIDAY 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.**

**Admission to Steam Engine Grounds
Steam Engine Button—\$10.00
12 & Under FREE**

**SATURDAY NIGHT
TRI-STATE PULLERS
TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL**

**Admission \$20.00 or Button plus \$10.00
12 & Under FREE**

**HANDICAPPED VEHICLES ONLY ALLOWED ON GROUNDS
— MUST GET PERMIT PRIOR TO EVENT—
Mabel City Hall 507-493-5299**

**FOOD & BEVERAGE STANDS SATURDAY & SUNDAY
FRIDAY 6:00 pm-Closing Mabel Lions Beer Garden,
Near Stage on Grounds + Food Vendors
on Steam Engine Grounds**

7:00 am-12 Noon Pancake Breakfast, Hesper Lutheran Church Stand, Steam Engine Grounds Legion Auxiliary serving Lunch, Mabel American Legion Hall

10:00 am-? Mabel Lions Beer Garden, Near Stage on Grounds

10:00 am-Closing Hesper-Mabel Area Historical Society

11:00 am-8:00 pm Food Tent

12 Noon-Closing Beverage Garden at the Dairy Barn



Our Mission: To provide the latest information, education, and technical assistance to protect our public waters and improve the quality of life in Minnesota.

MRWA Benefits of Water Meters

BENEFITS OF WATER METERS

- Prevent water mains and conduit from being overtaxed.
- Increase the efficiency of the entire water system.
- Render unnecessary expensive extensions to the water system for years to come.
- Make fire protection more efficient by increasing the water pressure in the mains.
- Make better planning necessary to insure more sanitary and healthful conditions in the community.
- Allow money now spent for supplying excessive quantities of water to be diverted to more useful channels.
- Prevent consumers from letting water run all night to prevent freezing unless they are willing to pay for it.
- Discourage the too common practice of allowing water to run constantly during hot weather to keep it cool.
- Permit money that otherwise would go for extensions to be used for filtration or other purposes.
- Enable the water department to determine accurately the amount of water used by domestic, manufacturing, public and other services.
- Permit the water department to supply a greater number of consumers, with a consequent increase in revenue, by reducing the per capita consumption.
- Prevent water shortage during dry seasons.
- Prevent most consumers from having to pay for the extravagant waste of others.
- Aid in prevention of water waste.
- Make every customer a self-interested guardian of the water supply.
- Permit vast quantities of water now uselessly wasted, to be utilized for sprinkling, fountains and other beneficial and beautifying purposes.
- Compel every customer to pay for the exact amount of water used or wasted.
- Enable the utility to deal justly and impartially with all.
- Enable water department officials to concentrate on furnishing better water instead of more water.
- Enable the department to equitably adjust water rates.
- Lower the operating cost of the water works.
- Reduce the amount of water pumped without depriving the consumer.
- Prevent excessive wear on pumping equipment.
- Enable the charge to customers for water to be based on the exact cost of furnishing it.



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**Enjoy Coffee Hour!
Every Tuesday
United Methodist Church
9:30 am - 11:00 am
Free To The Public
Everyone over 60 Welcome!**



THURSDAY, SEPT 4
6:00 pm Parade of Tractors, Hesper to Mabel –
Featuring FORD Tractors
Live Broadcast LA Communications,
Register to Win “Trip to Costa Rica”,
Main Street Intersection by BBG’s
Dance at American Legion Hall
“Lockharts”

FRIDAY, SEPT 5
7:00 pm Mabel-Canton vs Houston Football
Game, M-C High School
“Smoking Gun Showdown” at
Mabel Lions Beer Garden (Opens
at 8:00 pm), Stage on Grounds
Dance at Mabel American Legion Hall
“Travace” Band
9:30pm-12:30 am “UnHinged” Band at Mabel Lions
Beer Garden, Stage on Grounds

SATURDAY, SEPT 6
All Day 9:00 am Steam Engine Activities
6-Person Coed Sand Volleyball
Tournament 18+ \$120 per Team,
Steam Engine Grounds
9:00-10:00 am Pumpkin Contest Weigh-In, Steam
Engine Grounds – Main Gate,
10:15 am Winners Prizes Announced
9:00 am-4:00 pm Quilt Show – 10:00 am Trunk Show
by Quilter Karen Ryan, Mabel
Community Center
9:00 am-6:00 pm Craft Show – New Vendors Added,
Steam Engine Museum Building
10:00 am Bloody Mary Bar, Mabel Lions Beer
Garden, Near Stage on Grounds
10:00 am-8:00 pm Big Top Pony Rides, Steam Engine
Grounds
12 Noon MAIN STREET PARADE OF STEAM
ENGINES & TRACTORS

Immediately Following FESTIVAL PARADE
Following Parade... Stage Activities, Steam Engine Grounds
Little Miss Mabel Pageant,
Presentation of Queen Candidates
& Coronation of 2025 Steam
Engine Days Queen
Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, \$100
per Team, Steam Engine Grounds
2:00-5:00 pm Bingo at the Dairy Barn, Historical
Society Grounds
2:00-6:00 pm Inflatables & Bounce Houses, and
Little Blue Choo Train, Steam Engine
Grounds
2:00-6:00 pm Caricatures by Jack Lyn, Steam
Engine Grounds
3:00-6:00 pm Balloons by Kevin, Steam Engine
Grounds

SATURDAY, SEPT 6 (cont.)
3:30-6:00 pm “Church of Cash” at Mabel Lions Beer
Garden, Stage on Grounds
6:30 pm Tri-State Pullers Truck/Tractor Pull,
Historical Society Grounds – East of Barn,
Admission \$20.00 or Button plus \$10.00,
12 & Under FREE
7:00-9:30 pm “Smoking Gun Showdown”, Mabel Lions
Beer Garden, Stage on Grounds
7:00-10:00 pm Dance at Mabel American Legion Hall
“The Buck Hollow Band”
8:00 pm-12:00 am “JR Brink” Band at Mabel Liquor Store
10:00 pm-12:00 am “Not Quite Brothers” Band at Mabel Lions
Beer Garden, Stage on Grounds

SUNDAY, SEPT 7
All Day 9:00 am Steam Engine Activities
Ecumenical Church Service
“Driftless Reival”, Stage on Grounds
9:30 am-4:00 pm Craft Show – New Vendors Added, Steam
Engine Museum Building
10:00 am-4:00 pm Quilt Show – 2:00 pm Trunk Show
by Quilter Karen Ryan, Mabel Community
Center
10:00 am Antique Tractor Pull, Historical Society
Grounds – East of Barn
10:00 am Bloody Mary Bar, Mabel Lions Beer Garden,
Near Stage on Grounds
11:00 am-12:30 pm Kid Power Pedal/Tractor Pull LLC, Stage
on Grounds
12 Noon MAIN STREET PARADE OF STEAM
ENGINES & TRACTORS

Immediately Following FESTIVAL PARADE
Slow Pitch Softball Tournament (cont.),
Steam Engine Grounds
1:00-6:00 pm Big Top Pony Rides, Steam Engine
Grounds
1:30 pm Kids Coin Find in the Sand, Pre-school
thru 5th Grade, Volleyball Sandpit
1:30-4:30 pm Tappy’s Face Painting, Steam Engine
Grounds
2:00-5:00 pm Bingo at the Dairy Barn, Historical Society
Grounds
2:00-5:00 pm Inflatables & Bounce Houses, and Little
Blue Choo Train, Steam Engine Grounds
2:00-6:00 pm Dance at Mabel American Legion Hall
“Bruce & Virgil”
2:00-6:00 pm “Palomino” Band at Mabel Lions Beer
Garden, Stage on Grounds
5:00 pm Drawings for Organization Prizes, Stage
on Grounds Drawings for HMAHS \$7,500 in
Cash Prizes and 1993 FORD 4630 Tractor

General Information call Mabel City Hall
507-493-5299 • steamenginedays.com

Library Loop!

~Thank you, Cheryl Erickson for heading up the summer reading program again this year. The summer was a great success! ~New! Audiobook Lending Program: 2 portable CD players and headphones went to both The Meadows and Green Lea Manor. 2 players are also available for checkout along with hundreds of audiobook titles. ~We are focusing on updating our collection of children’s literature and young adult fiction. Bring your elementary and middle school kids in to see all the new material. Contact the Mabel Public Library for any questions 507-493-5336.

MABEL AMBULANCE



Friday, August 22, 2025

Serving 5:00-7:00 PM

Steam Engine Grounds
Mabel, MN

All Proceeds to Mabel Ambulance

\$15.00

Smash Burger • Beans • Chips

Tickets Sold by
Mabel Ambulance
Crew Members

Drive through, walk up
or eat at the Stage Shelter

\$4.00 MOOMOBILE SHAKES
Served by the Mabel Ambulance Crew

If interested in being a Star Supporter
please contact Sarah Mengle 507.453.4110
or any Mabel Ambulance Crew Member

HESPER - MABEL

Steam Engine Days Stage Event

Friday

“Smoking Gun Showdown”
“UnHinged” Band

Saturday

Little Miss Mabel Pageant &
Queen Coronation
“Church of Cash”
“Smoking Gun Showdown”
“Not Quite Brothers” Band

Sunday

Ecumenical Service
“Driftless Reival”
Kid Power Pedal/Tractor Pull
“Palomino”
Drawings for Organization Prize
Drawing for HMAHS \$7,500
cash prizes &
1993 FORD 4630 Tractor