

Westonka Local History Tour



STREET SCENE, MOUND, MINN.

Selected buildings and historic sites.



Westonka Library - Public library service in Mound and the surrounding communities began in 1915, when Minneapolis Public Library made a small book collection available to area residents.

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“Preserving and sharing the history of the Westonka Area – Minnetrista, Mound, Spring Park, Navarre/Orono, & Minnetonka Beach”

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| ① Westonka Library | ⑨ Shirley Hills Primary School |
| ② Early Schools | ⑩ Mound Volunteer Fire Department |
| ③ Mound Consolidated High School | ⑪ Westonka History Museum |
| ④ Dakota Rail / Trail | ⑫ The Andrews Sisters Trail |
| ⑤ Mound State Bank | ⑬ Busy Corner |
| ⑥ Pilot Building | ⑭ Chapman House |
| ⑦ Tonka Toys Building | ⑮ Mound Train Depot |
| ⑧ Prehistoric Earthwork | |



Early Schools - School building site from 1860 until 1940s. Last brick school building became first home of Mound Metalcraft/Tonka Toys in 1946.



Mound Consolidated High School – The first high school building opened in 1917, with an addition in 1926, and another in 1938 with a 1200-seat auditorium.



Dakota Rail / Trail – After the rails and ties were removed, this part of the Three Rivers Park Trail System was dedicated in 2009.



Tonka Toys Building – Opening in 1955, trains delivered sheet metal at the west end, and trucks loaded cartons of Tonka Toys at the east end, until 1982.



Mound Volunteer Fire Department – Building built about 1939, replaced by current building shared with the staff of the City of Mound and Orono Police.



Busy Corner– A general store was opened in Mound City by Hill Griggs and Company of St. Paul in 1875. This intersection of Commerce and Bartlett Boulevards was called “Busy Corner”.



Mound State Bank – Built in 1909, its first president, William Koehler, was also the chair of the school board which would build the first high school.



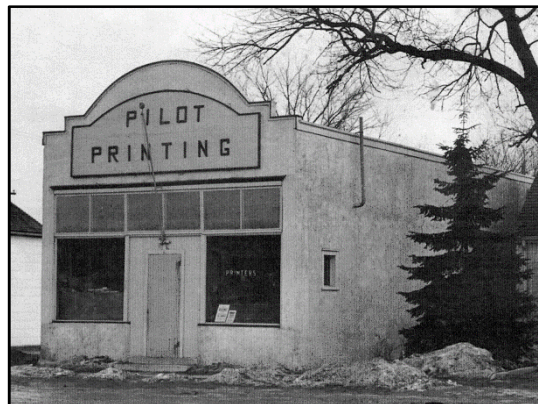
Prehistoric Earthwork – Hundreds of earthworks (mounds) were built on the bluffs of Lake Minnetonka thousands of years ago by the first people to live here.



Westonka History Museum – Having occupied several storefronts and survived several moves to storage, the museum found a home here in 2016.



Chapman House – Built in 1875, the Chapman House had 35 rooms for guests, along with a kitchen, parlors, office and store rooms. also had a boathouse, which later became the Surfside Casino.



Pilot Building – When newspapers were created by setting type, the Pilot was written and printed here, with a full page devoted to school news.



Shirley Hills Primary School – Opening in 1951, this was the first school building built since 1938. It welcomed post-World War II’s expanding population.



The Andrews Sisters Trail – This popular singing trio summured on Cooks Bay and topped the charts in the 1940s-1950s with more hits than Elvis and the Beatles combined. The Andrews Sisters Trail was named in their honor in 2008.



Mound Train Depot – JJ Hill’s railroad came to Mound in 1900, depot was built in 1915. It was moved to Surfside Park in the middle of the night in 1967.