



# City of Blaine

## City Council Workshop

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March 2, 2026 | 5:30 PM  
Blaine City Hall  
10801 Town Square Drive NE  
Blaine, MN 55449

### AGENDA

#### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. New Business**
  - 3.1.** 2026-56      Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 Subd. (1)(b) - Labor Negotiations Update  
*Sponsors: Scott Johnson, Director of Administrative Services*
  - 3.2.** 2026-57      Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) Presentation  
*Sponsors: Erik Thorvig, City Manager*
  - 3.3.** 2026-58      Trunk Highway 65 Update  
*Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering*
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjournment**



# City of Blaine Staff Report

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**New Business** - Scott Johnson, Director of Administrative Services

## Agenda Item # 3.1

Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 Subd. (1)(b) - Labor Negotiations Update

## Background

Labor Attorney Lida Bannink will be present at the Closed Session to provide an update on labor negotiations with the Police Officers, Public Works, and Police Sergeant Unions.

## Staff Recommendation

## Questions for Council

## Attachment List

None



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**New Business** - Erik Thorvig, City Manager

## Agenda Item # 3.2

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) Presentation

## Background

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) will highlight their 2025 key activities and results in the City of Blaine as well as provide an organization overview, collaboration efforts, and upcoming 2026 operations.

## Staff Recommendation

## Questions for Council

## Attachment List

1. 2025 Summary

# 2025 Activity Summary for Blaine and Circle Pines

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

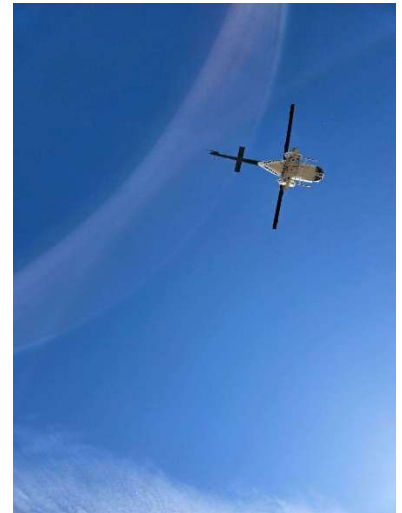
Most efforts by MMCD are to control mosquito larvae that develop in standing water and are most common after rain. Treatments use dry granules that are specific to mosquito larvae and are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. Materials are applied via helicopter, backpack, drone, or by hand. Adult mosquito control is done sparingly, usually in areas of elevated disease risk.

### Larval Control in Blaine and Circle Pines in 2025:

Sites Inspected: **2904** | Acres Treated: **15783.26**

### Adult Mosquito Control in 2025:

Sites Inspected: **191** | Acres Treated: **24.89**



## DISEASE PREVENTION

Controlling the mosquito species that are most likely to spread disease is a top priority for MMCD. Removing containers that could hold stagnant water is critical to reducing the spread.

### Disease Prevention Activity in Blaine and Circle Pines in 2025:

Tires Removed: **251** | Catch Basins Treated: **8982**

Disease Prevention Property Inspections: **23**

## PUBLIC INTERACTIONS

Outreach to the public is an important part of our program and we connect with residents when they call us to request service, or through public events and presentations.

Customer Calls from Blaine and Circle Pines in 2025: **30**

Events or Presentations in 2025: **Anoka County Fair**



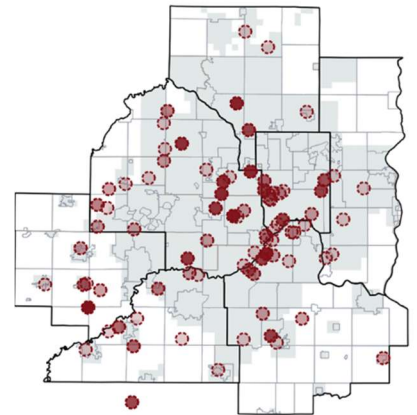
For questions about your city's data,  
please contact Alex Carlson –  
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# The Big Stories from 2025

## RECORD YEAR FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

Minnesota reported the third highest number of human infections of West Nile virus in the nation in 2025. In the Twin Cities, we experienced our highest number of human cases on record with 42 reported, greatly surpassing the previous high of 28. Several factors contributed to this increase including a high number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes, which are the primary species responsible for WNV transmission, and high infection rates among mosquito pools appearing earlier than normal. MMCD took several steps to respond to this increase in disease activity including additional surveillance locations, targeted control measures in areas with elevated infection rates, and expanded media appearances and public outreach.



Locations with positive West Nile Virus samples in 2025

## CATTAIL MOSQUITO SURGE IN JULY

After 4 years of below average mosquitoes in July, the mid-summer surge was back in 2025 with the highest reported total of one particular species in the Twin Cities since 2020. Cattail mosquitoes (*Coquillettidia perturbans*) are a unique species that overwinters as larvae below the ice attached to vegetation (often cattail plants) before emerging the following summer around the beginning of July. Due to excessive rain in 2024 our entomology lab model predicted a high number (about 88/trap) in 2025. While the actual number was much higher than the previous 3 years,

which each saw about 15/trap, the number in 2025 came in lower than the prediction at about 41/trap, thanks in part to targeted treatments by MMCD field staff.



## BLACK FLY TOTALS WERE LOW IN 2025

The number of biting black flies collected in sweep nets in 2025 (0.45/sweep) was lower than 2024 (1.13/sweep) and 2023 (0.9/sweep), due in part to lower river levels in the spring and a record number of small stream treatments done by MMCD in 2025.

## DEER TICKS ABUNDANT IN EAST AND NORTH METRO

Blacklegged ticks or “deer ticks” are collected by MMCD staff by trapping small mammal hosts, by dragging cloths across the forest floor, and by removing ticks found on themselves after being outdoors. In 2025, the highest number of blacklegged ticks were found in northern Anoka County and throughout Washington County. American dog ticks or “wood ticks” were most abundant in Dakota County.

Get more of the year’s big stories at [MMCD.org](https://www.mmcd.org) and the Annual Report coming in January!





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**New Business** - Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

## Agenda Item # 3.3

Trunk Highway 65 Update

## Background

Staff will present an update on the TH 65 project and review items such as the latest project schedule, groundbreaking ceremony, local street speed limit reduction during construction and agency cooperative agreement that will be coming to council for consideration and approval.

## Staff Recommendation

## Questions for Council

## Attachment List

None