



THE CITY OF EXCELSIOR MINNESOTA

2019 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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- HOLIDAY HOURS -

City Hall and Public Works will be closed for business on the following holidays:

Memorial Day -

Monday, May 27, 2019

Fourth of July -

Thursday, July 4, 2019

Labor Day -

Monday, September 2, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling will be picked up on the Tuesday following the Memorial Day and Labor Day Holidays.

- CITY HALL HOURS -

City Hall is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and closed on Fridays.

- NEWS AND EMERGENCY ALERTS -

Stay notified of news and receive emergency alerts by visiting the City of Excelsior online at www.excelsiormn.org and click on "Email Signup." Simply enter your email address and click on the notifications you would like to receive. Also check out the "In The News" section of our homepage for current news and calendar events.

A Letter From The Mayor

Welcome to spring – the days are getting longer, the Ice Castle is melting, and we are reintroducing ourselves to neighbors that we haven't seen since November. While each season seems to define Minnesota in its own unique way, I always enjoy the promise of summer that comes when the calendar changes to April.

As we put the cold and record snowfall of February behind us, I want to revisit some of the activities of this past winter, as well as highlight some of the initiatives you will see going forward. First, I hope that everyone was able to visit the Ice Castle that was created in The Commons park. One of only 6 Ice Castles in North America (5 in the United States and 1 in Canada), our Excelsior Ice Castle drew people from all over the United States. In addition, it garnered national attention on both the NBC Nightly News and Live with Kelly and Ryan. The Ice Castle generated over \$70K in additional parking revenue for the City (compared to total parking revenue of approximately \$2K during the same period last year). It also helped to keep our restaurants full and our streets busy during what would typically be a very quiet time in our community. While the Ice Castle appeared to be very successful on the surface, City Staff and City Council will be evaluating the total impacts compared to the benefits received to try to come up with an overall measurement of success.

In an effort to promote a vibrant downtown and business district, the City Council has added "Meet Excelsior" to the agenda for each Council meeting. The purpose of this agenda item is to introduce our businesses, service organizations, and neighbors to the community. Since installing this segment, we have had Bill Damberg from Brightwater Clothing & Gear, Dave Wahlstedt from The Birdhouse Inn, Evelyn Miller from Epitome Papers, and Patrick Foss from Excelsior Brewery all present an overview of their businesses to the Council and the community. Each presentation was unique and informative, and I would like to personally thank each of the presenters for their contributions to our City. As you get out-and-about with the warmer weather, please stop by these and all of our local businesses – there is always something new and interesting to discover.

In addition to trying to drive greater engagement with the business community, the City Council and Staff are also trying to improve our engagement with the residents. To that end, the City Council will be implementing two new initiatives. The first initiative that we have undertaken is to move one City Council meeting each quarter to a location outside of City Hall.

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Spring Cleanup Saturday, May 11, 2019

All items must be curbside by 6:45 a.m.

The City has contracted with Republic Services to pick up ALL items listed below at your curbside. Please note that the Public Works Facility is NOT accepting materials and will be closed on Cleanup Day.

Items Picked Up Curbside With Voucher Attached:
Each item MUST have a special voucher attached to it—
NO EXCEPTIONS.

- ◆ Appliances (washers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, etc.) \$38.00 each
- ◆ Tires \$12.00 each
- ◆ TV's \$45.00 each
- ◆ Small box of misc. electronics \$25.00 each
- ◆ Electronics \$25.00 each
- ◆ Window air conditioners \$40.00 each
- ◆ Large bulky items \$35.00 each

These include:

- Couch, loveseat, chairs, or bookcase
- Mattress or boxspring
- Carpet (8'x12' - must be rolled up and cut into 3'x3' pieces)

These special vouchers are available for purchase at City Hall during regular office hours, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: CITY HALL WILL NOT BE OPEN ON FRIDAY, MAY 10TH FOR PURCHASING VOUCHERS. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Items NOT Accepted:

Motor oil, paint, cement, railroad ties, and hazardous materials.

Items Picked Up Curbside Without a Coupon:

- ◆ Household trash, small pieces of furniture, grills, toilets and sinks.
- ◆ Weeds, leaves, and lawn clippings (bagged in compostable bag and placed separate from other items)
- ◆ Brush and limbs **MUST** be bundled in lengths of 4 feet or less

If you have questions regarding the Spring Cleanup Day, please phone the City of Excelsior at 952-474-5233.

Green Disposal Guide

The Green Disposal Guide is Hennepin County's Online Resource to dispose of yard waste, mattresses, paint or fluorescent light bulbs. For more info, please visit the website: www.hennepin.us/greendisposal-guide

New Construction Hours

Construction hours for private property are between 7:30 am and 7:00 pm on weekdays, and 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on Saturdays. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and federal holidays.

What Needs a Building Permit?

A building permit is required any time you do work that is regulated by the Building Code. This includes work, such as siding, windows (if altered), roof, additions, garages, and decks. Work that is exempt from a permit includes: painting, wallpapering, flooring, kitchen cabinets, minor repairs and detached storage buildings not exceeding 120 square feet. All retaining walls and fences need a fence permit. If you have any questions on building permits, please contact Emily Becker, City Planner, at (952)653-3674 or ebecker@excelsiormn.org.

Tree Contractors and Refuse Haulers Require a License

City ordinance requires that any tree contractor or refuse hauler performing work in Excelsior retain and have a current license in their possession. The license requires that all contractors adhere to Excelsior's ordinances and perform to the City's expectations.

To see a copy of the approved companies for 2019, please contact the City Offices at (952)474-5233 or email cityhall@excelsiormn.org.



Leash Law for Pets

Per the Excelsior City Code Sec. 6-9. No owner of any animal shall permit such animal to run or move at large at any time within the City.



Mow your grass to a height of 2 1/2 to 3 inches. This is the single most important thing you can do to improve the health of your lawn.



2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project



For information updates on this project , a project hotline phone number and email has been created.

projectinforEXCL@wsbeng.com

952-737-4646

Volunteers Needed for Commons Cleanup Day

Volunteers needed April 27th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please see the City website for website for more details or contact Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent at (952) 653-3676 or tamundsen@excelsiormn.org.

Prevent Stormwater Pollution Report Illicit Discharges

As a community member, you play a large part in detecting illicit discharges in our City. An “illicit discharge” is the illegal act of disposing, dumping, spilling, or other discharge of any substance other than rainwater into the streets, gutters, ditches, and ponds that make up our stormwater drainage system , or directly into streams or lakes themselves. What can you do about illicit discharges? If you see anyone releasing any material other than rainwater into the street or storm drains, please report it to Public Works at (952)474-3464. For potentially hazardous materials, call 9-1-1 FIRST when there is an immediate threat to life or property.



Photo Credit: MPCA

Parking Permits & Restrictions

Each household is allowed to purchase parking stickers for vehicles registered to the household address. A parking permit allows residents to park at the meters in Excelsior without having to pay the meter. Each parking sticker is \$10.00. Permits may be purchased at City Hall during regular office hours and you **MUST** bring the registration (annual renewal for your license tabs) for each vehicle. No vehicle shall be parked continuously at any public place for a period of more than 48 consecutive hours, however, residents of the City may park on public streets within the City for unlimited time periods if their vehicle displays the annual City parking sticker.

Step To It Challenge May 1–28 2019

The Step To It Challenge is a fun way to get moving after a long winter. Twenty-three communities will compete to see which one has the most active residents. Participants record their activities during the challenge and have a chance to win Twins tickets and other prizes. To register, or for more information, go to steptoit.org or contact Kristi Luger at kluger@excelsiormn.org or (952)653-3672.

2019 Financial Calendar

Each year, the City puts together a calendar of important finance-related dates so that citizens may be involved in the budgeting and long-term planning process. The 2019 Financial Calendar can be found on the City’s website or by contacting Kelly Horn, Finance Officer, at (952)653-3677 at khorn@excelsiormn.org.

Consumer Confidence Report

To advance consumers’ understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources, the City is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period January 1-December 31, 2018. The results can be found at www.excelsiormn.org or contact City Hall at (952) 474-5233.

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A Letter From The Mayor (Continued from Front Page)

On March 18, we tested this concept and held our first City Council meeting at the Excelsior Brewery. We had a terrific turnout and received some very positive feedback from a number of long-time residents who said they had never attended a Council meeting before but came out with their neighbors to “relax and observe what was going on in town.” In an effort to continue to test this concept, we are planning to have a second quarter Council Meeting in The Commons park, a third quarter meeting at The Waters senior living complex, and a fourth quarter meeting at one of the apartment complexes in town. I would like to say a big thank you to City Manager Kristi Luger and her staff, as well as the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) for their hard to make these meetings happen.

The second initiative we are undertaking to improve our engagement with the community is a permanent move from the current City Council chambers (accessed at the top of the stairs off 3rd Street) to the old Excelsior Library space (accessed from the West Parking Lot). This move is being made to increase the seating capacity for our meetings as well as to make all of our meeting accessible and ADA compliant. Again, my thanks to Councilmember Greg Miller, the entire City Council, and City Staff for pushing this forward and for making it happen.

Finally, as part of an on-going effort to continue to improve our City, we will once again be undertaking a critical infrastructure improvement project in 2019. This multi-million-dollar project (called the 2019 College Lake Street Improvement Project) will be focused on the neighborhoods of the College Lake area of Excelsior. This project will repair the roads, upgrade the infrastructure and address water quality improvement in College Lake. While the specifics of this project are still being evaluated, construction should begin this summer with completion scheduled for the fall. It should be noted that this project will not address the proposed Water Street Sidewalk Project in the College Lake area. The City Council is still waiting on an additional traffic study and an analysis of project costs before continuing that conversation.

Looking forward, we will continue the discussion on Residential Design Standards, evaluation of Excelsior’s PUD ordinance, the 810 / Town Hall project, potential and proposed development on the East Side, The Commons Master Park Plan, and walkability and safety improvements for Water Street and the Mill Street neighborhoods. Should you have any questions or require any information on any project, please reach out to the City at 952-474-5233.

I look forward to seeing you out-and-about,

Todd R. Carlson

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Watch City Council and
Planning Commission Meetings

The Lake Minnetonka
Communications Commission
(LMCC) broadcasts meetings on
Mediacom Cable, Ch. 8,
and also on their website
at lmcc-tv.org.

Meeting Schedules

City Council
1st and 3rd Mondays,
6:30 p.m.

Charter Commission
On call

Planning Commission
4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation
Commission
2nd Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.

Heritage Preservation
Commission
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.