



THE CITY OF EXCELSIOR MINNESOTA

2020 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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A Letter From The Mayor

As I write this letter, I want to acknowledge and recognize that our City is going through a challenging time. Our routines have been altered, jobs have been lost, and businesses and schools have been forced to close with no indication of when they might reopen. While we can't control a lot of the "noise" that is going on around us, we can control how we respond - and I am very encouraged by the response that I have seen from the residents, employees, and volunteers that make up this community.

Excelsior was founded in 1853. It has persevered through harsh winters, fires, economic hard times and a previous pandemic. It has thrived because of the sense of community that is the core of our town. As we have done in the past, we need to continue to support where we can, reach out when we have an opportunity, and stay positive and creative in our approach to each day. While warmer weather will be a welcome relief and will allow us to expand our four walls, we need to be diligent in our interactions and respectful of people's space. We are all in this together, and by working together, I am confident we can put this current distraction behind us.

To that end, I believe it is important that we remind ourselves of the tremendous progress we have made over the past year and the good work that is yet to come. We accomplished a lot in 2019 - from securing approval for a .5% sales tax to fund improvements to The Commons, to the City achieving a AAA bond rating, to working with Community for The Commons to create a bandshell fundraising agreement, to our successful Rotary sponsored "Concerts in The Commons", to undertaking a significant infrastructure and pedestrian improvement project in our College Lake neighborhood, to making our City Council meetings more accessible by moving them to the old Library space, and finally by "taking our meetings to the residents" at offsite locations like the Excelsior Brewery, The Commons, and The Waters Senior Living Complex - 2019 was a year in which we moved our community forward.

- HOLIDAY HOURS -

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

Memorial Day -

Monday, May 25, 2020

Fourth of July -

Thursday, July 2, 2020

(City Hall Closed)

Friday, July 3, 2020

(City Hall & Public Works Closed)

Labor Day -

Monday, September 7, 2020

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.

- 2020 ELECTION DATES -

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

THE CITY OF EXCELSIOR, MINNESOTA



Spring Cleanup Saturday, June 13

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 by filling out the form online at www.excelsiormn.org. Click on the news flash item regarding Spring Clean-up and there will be a link to a PDF form for you to fill out and submit either via email or by dropping off in the City Hall dropbox. With the uncertainty of City Hall being open to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please allow ample time to complete transactions through the mail for large items. Items without a tag will not be picked up. If you have questions, please contact City Hall and leave a voicemail at 952-474-5233.

PLEASE NOTE: CITY HALL MAY NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURCHASE OF VOUCHERS. YOU MAY HAVE TO OBTAIN THEM VIA MAIL SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO RECEIVE YOUR VOUCHERS IN TIME.

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, please call City Hall at 952-474-5233.



Residential Review Board, Good Neighbor Guidelines, and Floor Area Ratio Discussion (FAR)

Due to COVID-19, the March 23, 2020 public hearing regarding the Residential Review Board ordinance and Good Neighbor Guidelines have been postponed, as have the discussion by the City Council regarding FAR. Until the Planning Commission and City Council have had ample experience in soliciting virtual public comment or are able to hold in-person meetings, these discussions are being delayed. A public hearing notice will be published when the public hearing at the Planning Commission has been scheduled for the Residential Review Board ordinance and Good Neighbor Guidelines, and the FAR discussion will be published on the City Council agenda. Please direct any questions or comments to Emily Becker, Planning Director, at ebecker@excelsiormn.org.

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 permit 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.

If City Hall is closed to the public, please call (952) 474-5233 to find out how to obtain your pass via mail.

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, 2019. The results can be found at www.excelsiormn.org or contact City Hall at (952) 474-5233.

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.

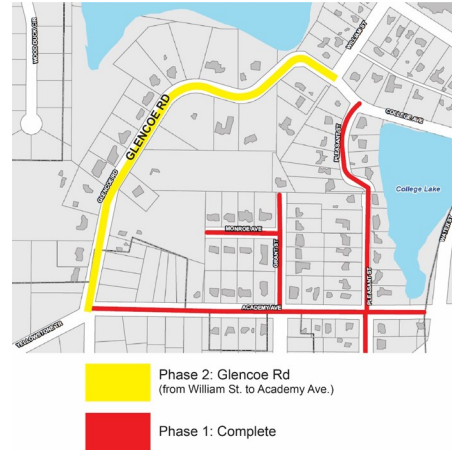


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2019 Road Construction Project

The 2019 project continues on Glencoe Road from William Street to Academy Avenue (see image). This project is anticipated to be complete this summer. Improvements include road reconstruction, sanitary sewer and water main replacement, and drainage improvements. Sign up for project updates by emailing: projectinfoEXCL@wsbeng.com

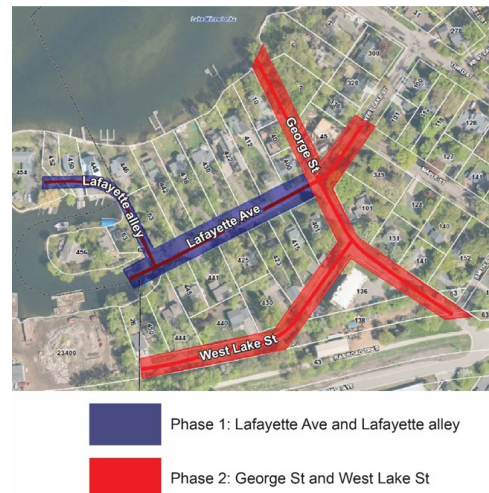
Questions, comments, concerns? Call the project hotline at (952) 737-4676.



2020 Road Construction Project

Work on the 2020 road construction project is anticipated to start the first week of May, beginning with Phase 1. There are two phases to the project: Phase 1 includes Lafayette Avenue and Lafayette alley, and Phase 2 includes George Street and West Lake Street (see image). Improvements include road reconstruction, sanitary sewer and water main replacement, and drainage improvements. The project is anticipated to last through the 2020 construction season. Sign up for project updates by emailing: EXCL2020@wsbeng.com

Questions, comments, concerns? Call the project hotline at (952) 737-4668.



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A Letter From The Mayor (Continued from Front Page)

So, what is in store for 2020? I think I can speak for each Councilmember and our entire City Staff when I say that our combined goal is to get through the issues presented by Covid and emerge stronger than before. We will build on the momentum we created last year, and we will continue to work to make Excelsior the place to live, work and play in the West Metro. A perfect example of that work was the First Annual Klondike Dog Derby. This terrific event took place on a picture-perfect postcard day in February. On behalf of the City, a big thank you to the organizers, volunteers, public safety officials and everyone else that was involved in making this a marquee event for our town – we look forward to the Second Annual Klondike Dog Derby in February of 2021.

In addition, I am pleased to highlight the following projects which have been approved and are scheduled to be started this year – pedestrian and access improvements to the Water Street trail-crossing near the Library, a multi-million dollar infrastructure and road improvement project in the George Street neighborhood, completion of infrastructure and road improvements on Glencoe Road, and pedestrian and safety improvements on Mill Street at Third Avenue. Should you have any questions or require any information on any of these projects, please reach out to the City at 952-474-5233.

Again, I truly believe that better days and a return to a “sense of normal” are just around the corner. As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for improvement. It is a privilege and a pleasure to continue to serve you, and I look forward to seeing everyone out-and-about again soon.

Todd Carlson
Mayor – City of Excelsior

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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.

Council Work Session
1st and 3rd Mondays,
5:30 p.m.

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.

Charter Commission
On call