



THE CITY OF EXCELSIOR MINNESOTA

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2021 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

- CITY HALL HOURS -

City Hall is currently closed to the public due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you need assistance staff can be contacted via phone or email during the following business hours.

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

- HOLIDAY HOURS -

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

Memorial Day - May 31, 2021
Fourth of July - July 5, 2021
Labor Day - September 6, 2021

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

- SPRING CLEAN-UP -

MAY 22, 2021
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Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021. Vouchers are available for purchase by filling out the form online at www.excelsiormn.org. Click on the news flash item regarding Spring Cleanup and there will be a link to a PDF form for you to fill out and submit via email or by dropping off in the City Hall drop box. Due to City Hall being closed, 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 at 952-474-5233.

A Letter From The Mayor

“Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush.” — Doug Larson

I love the promise that Spring brings each year - the promise of new beginnings, longer days and warmer weather. Spring is often called the “Season of Hope”, and as we begin 2021 it is my hope that the City of Excelsior and it’s residents can move beyond the Covid pandemic and have their best year ever.

So what am I hopeful for? I am hopeful that social distancing and hoarding toilet paper will become memories of the past. I am hopeful that high school seniors will be able to enjoy an in-person graduation and the well-earned sense of accomplishment that comes with it. I am hopeful for The Waters to be able to reopen to guests and families to visit. I am hopeful for Art on the Lake, Concerts in the Commons, Farmer’s Markets, parades down Water Street, 4th of July in the park and future Klondike Dog Derbies. I am hopeful that I can enjoy an ice cream cone at Tommy’s Tonka Trolley, Lick’s or Adele’s without having to worry about getting caramel on my mask. Most importantly, I am hopeful that our community will carry forward the good things that we learned during the pandemic and emerge even stronger than ever.

While 2020 was a very difficult year on multiple fronts, I believe it is important that we remind ourselves of the tremendous progress we made and the good work that is yet to come. Against the backdrop of Covid we had a lot of great success in 2020 – the City was able to maintain it’s a AAA bond rating, complete the infrastructure and road improvement projects on Glencoe Road, West Lake and George Street, support the Chamber of Commerce and our local businesses, and move The Commons Pavilion Project forward.

In 2021 we have another very full agenda. This year we will be completing The Commons Pavilion Project, starting discussion of a new or remodeled Concession Building next to the baseball field, evaluating options for a new City Hall, and reviewing alternatives for infrastructure improvements in our East Parking lot.

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Spring Clean-Up

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE
BY 6:45 A.M.**

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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.

**A Voucher is required for the following items-
Each item must have a voucher attached**

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| ◆ Appliances (washers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, etc.) | \$41.00 each |
| ◆ Tires | \$14.00 each |
| ◆ TV's | \$48.00 each |
| ◆ Small box of misc. electronics | \$26.00 each |
| ◆ Electronics | \$30.00 each |
| ◆ Window air conditioners | \$40.00 each |
| ◆ Large bulky items | \$38.00 each |
- These include:
- Couch, loveseat, chairs, or bookcase
 - Mattress or box spring
 - Carpet (8'x12' - must be rolled up and cut into 3'x3' pieces)

Items NOT Accepted:

- ◆ Motor Oil
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Cement
- ◆ Railroad ties
- ◆ Hazardous Materials

**Items Picked Up Curbside Without a
Voucher:**

- ◆ 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.

As a reminder, City Hall is closed to the public. Please plan accordingly to receive your vouchers in time via mail. If you have additional questions please call City Hall at 952-474-5233.

Residential Review Board

At their September 21, 2020 meeting, the City Council adopted a Residential Review Process ordinance, which requires a residential review permit for any new construction, additions or remodels that result in the increase of volume, reorientation, or change in setbacks of a principal structure or accessory structure requiring a building permit. The ordinance also adopted Good Neighbor Guidelines, which provide the criteria to apply in administering this review process. The Planning Commission is the reviewing body in charge of approving and denying residential review permits, and they are assisted by both the zoning administrator and a City Architect. The ordinance is effective October 1, 2020, so please contact Planning Director Emily Becker at 952-653-3674 or ebecker@excelsiormn.org if you are thinking of a house project that would meet criteria requiring a residential review permit.

Tree Removal



Thinking of removing a tree?

A tree removal permit is required for removal of any significant tree as outlined within Article 12 of the Zoning Code. Please visit the City's website page, "Permits & Licenses," to find an application form or email ebecker@excelsiormn.org.

Utility Billing for Rental Properties

Effective June 30, 2021, all utility bills are required to be in the homeowner's name only and the payment of the bills is the responsibility of the homeowner. This was an ordinance change made in January 2021 to improve customer service to all utility billing customers, reduce potential billing and payment delays, and create efficiencies in the utility billing process. If you are a landlord whose rental properties are currently listed in the tenant names, please work with your tenants to transition billing and adjust your rental agreements accordingly. Staff will use property tax records to transition utility billing accounts unless contacted by the homeowner directly. Homeowners may send their contact information for this transition to finance@excelsiormn.org.

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Parking Permits & Restrictions

Excelsior residents can purchase parking permits for vehicles registered to their Excelsior address. A parking permit allows residents to park at the meters in Excelsior without having to pay the meter. Resident and guest parking permits are \$15 each. Each resident that purchased a resident permit may purchase up to 5 guest parking permits.

City Hall is currently closed to the public. Permits can be purchased by dropping off a copy of each vehicle registration with check or cash for the correct amount at the utility payment box located outside of City Hall. 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 permit.



Paid Parking Trial on Second and Third Street

A new paid parking system on Second Street between Center Street and Morse Avenue and Third Street between Center Street and Mill Street has been

implemented. The paid parking system uses a platform by Premium Parking which utilizes signage to instruct parkers how they can pay for their parking session using their cell-phone. Complimentary parking is still be available on Water Street and in the surface parking lots. For more information can be provided by Scott Richards at scott@planningco.com.

Prevent Stormwater Pollution Report Illicit Discharges

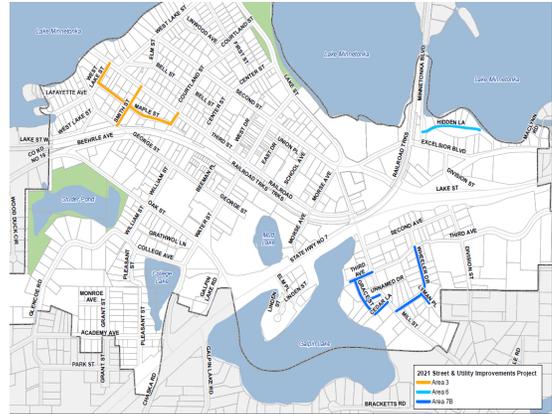
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As a community member, you play a large part in detecting illicit discharges in our City. An "illicit discharge" is the illegal act of disposing, dumping, spilling, or other discharge of any substance other than rainwater into the streets, gutters, 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.

2021 Street & Utility Improvement Project

The 2021 project includes Maple Street, West Lake Street, Smith Street, Courtland Street, Hidden Lane, Grace Street, Third Avenue, Cedar Lane, Unnamed Drive, Wheeler Drive, and Lyman Place (see image). This project is anticipated to be completed by fall. Sign-up for project updates by emailing: EXCL2021@wsbeng.com Questions, comments, concerns? Call the project hotline at (952) 737-4688.



Water Street Overlay Improvements Project

The Water Street Overlay Improvements Project includes Water Street from Oak Street to Lake Street. This project is anticipated to be completed this summer. Sign up for project updates by emailing: EXCLWaterStProject@wsbeng.com. Questions, comments, concerns? Call the project hotline at (952) 737-4695.

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, 2020. The results can be found at www.excelsiormn.org or contact City Hall at (952) 474-5233.

Buoys available for Sailboats

Buoys are available for rent this season! If you have a sailboat consider renting a buoy at the Port of Excelsior. Resident rates start at \$740. For more information contact Nalisha Williams at 952-653-3675 or nwilliams@excelsiormn.org

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A Letter From The Mayor (Continued from Front Page)

In addition, Council and Staff will continue to move forward on the four community priorities that were identified at a recent City Council strategy session – Enhancing Excelsior’s Small Town Character, Ensuring Strong Fiscal Management, Streamlining Legislation and Policy, and Providing Clear and Timely Communication.

As I have stated in previous letters, all of the outstanding work that has taken place in Excelsior wouldn’t be possible without the support of the Town Staff and your City Council. On behalf of Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Kurschner and Hersman, it is a privilege and a pleasure to continue to serve you. Should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for improvement, please reach out to City Hall at 952-474-5233, visit the City website at www.excelsiormn.org or send me an email at tcarlson@excelsiormn.org.

Finally, as we begin to enjoy Spring and all that it brings, I simply want to say thank you. Thank you for persevering through 2020, for looking out for your neighbors, for supporting your local businesses and for embracing change. I am proud of our residents and our community, and you have my commitment to continue to work on your behalf to make Excelsior the best place to live, work and play in the Twin Cities.

Let’s continue to move onward and upward together. I look forward to seeing everyone out-and-about again soon.

Todd Carlson
Mayor – City of Excelsior

2021 EXCELSIOR CITY COUNCIL

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

MEETING SCHEDULES

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| <u>City Council</u> | <u>Council Work Session</u> |
| 1st and 3rd Mondays 6:30 P.M. | 1st and 3rd Mondays 5:30 P.M. |

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| <u>Planning Commission</u> | <u>Park & Recreation Commission</u> |
| 4th Monday 6:00 P.M. | 2nd Tuesday 6:15 P.M. |

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| <u>Heritage Preservation Commission</u> | <u>Charter Commission</u> |
| 3rd Tuesday 6:30 P.M. | On Call |