

## City Calendar

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**  
City Council Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 13**  
Planning Commission Meeting

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14**  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 20**  
City Council Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 27**  
Planning Commission Meeting

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28**  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

**MONDAY, JULY 4**  
Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed

**MONDAY, JULY 11**  
City Council Meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 12**  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

**MONDAY, JULY 18**  
City Council Meeting

**MONDAY, JULY 25**  
Planning Commission Meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1**  
City Council Meeting

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8**  
Planning Commission Meeting

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**  
Primary Election

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15**  
City Council Meeting

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22**  
Planning Commission

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
Labor Day—Office Closed

## A Letter From the Mayor

*"The first day of spring and the first spring day are two totally different things."*

*-Anonymous-*

In an effort to shorten winter every year, I always declare February 15 as my "personal" first day of spring. As a child growing up, that was the day my dad would stop his part-time job of flooding the city ice rinks because the sun was getting too high in the sky and the ice in the rinks would start to melt. "Spring is right around the corner" he would say. The question for this year is - which corner? As we continue to look for spring and the promises it brings, I want to share with you some of the great work that has recently been done in our community and highlight some of the additional projects that are "right around our corner".

One of the things that I am most proud of as we start the year is that our downtown was recently named to the National Register of Historic Places. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and it would not have been possible if not for the consistent vision of past and present Councils, Commissions and Staffs. Congratulations, Excelsior! My sincere thanks to everyone involved for making this recognition happen.

In addition to being proud of this recognition, I am also pleased that the City has been able to honor its commitment to continue the infrastructure and service improvements that are called out in our Capital Improvement Plan. As I have mentioned in previous letters, Excelsior continues to maintain its AAA bond rating which allows us to continue to push these very important infrastructure improvement projects forward. This year, we are focused on major projects in the Hidden Lane and Wheeler Drive neighborhoods. While I know that this work can present challenges to the residents that live in these areas, I appreciate your patience as we make these improvements.

Moving into summer, look for the City to finalize direction on a new City Hall. The City Council is still evaluating two potential sites for this building, and we will continue to reach out and take input prior to making any final decisions to move forward. In addition, through our partnership with Community for The Commons, we are working to make some significant upgrades to our stormwater system in The Commons. Included in this project are designs for a new Concession Building as well as upgraded accessibility to seating at the ballfield. Finally, we are partnering with the City of Greenwood to reconstruct the St. Alban's Bay Bridge. We have had initial discussions on this project and will be providing updates very soon on this important gateway to our community (continued on page 4).

## CONSTRUCTION HOURS

### Keep Construction Neighborly

It's spring! And with the new season comes more construction projects in Excelsior. Construction activity has the potential to spill over the property and become a disturbance to neighbors. City Ordinances are in place to address the impact construction activity can have in the City. Please abide by City requirements:

**Construction Hours:** Construction activity on private property is permitted 7:30 am – 7:00 pm on weekdays and 9:00 am – 6:00 pm on Saturdays. No construction activity is permitted on private property on Sundays.

**Construction Parking:** All vehicles associated with construction activity on private property must follow the City's parking regulations. For example, contractors' vehicles are not permitted to park on streets that are marked as resident-only parking without a permit.

**Construction Site Maintenance:** The construction site must be maintained in a neat and orderly condition. Soil and sediment tracked onto streets or sidewalks must be removed at the end of each work day.

## PAVILION RENTAL



Photo Credit: Brian Kirkvold

The Excelsior Commons Pavilion is available to rent for residents and guests. Please check availability on the City's website ([www.excelsiormn.org](http://www.excelsiormn.org)) click on "play" and then "events" to see if the date of your event is available or you may contact Amy Edwards, the City's Event Coordinator at 623-451-0887 or [eventfullyoursmn@gmail.com](mailto:eventfullyoursmn@gmail.com). A special event permit is required for groups of 50 or more or if alcohol or amplified sound will be part of the event.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City is launching a code enforcement project this summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The goal of this pilot program is to proactively address building and property conditions that violate City Ordinances and detract from Excelsior's quality of life or cause safety concern. These issues include excess outdoor storage, storage of watercraft or trailers on residential property, construction activity outside of permitted hours, ensuring trees on construction sites are protected, illegal parking, property maintenance, and tree removal without a permit, among other items.

## WATER METER REPLACEMENTS

The City is going to be working with Ferguson Waterworks again this summer to replace non-functional and aging water meters. If your meter is to be replaced, you will receive a notice from Ferguson to call and make an appointment.

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES— EXCELSIOR COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Last October, Excelsior's Commercial Historic District was officially added to the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. The part of downtown Excelsior now on the Register occupies roughly the two-block area between Lake Street and Third Street along Water Street. A majority of buildings in the District are one and two story brick structures erected in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This important recognition helps ensure preservation of both the buildings and the character that makes Excelsior unique.

## PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES



Photo Credit: MPCA

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.

## 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 of January 1 - December 31, 2021. The results can be found on [excelsiormn.org](http://excelsiormn.org).



## SPRING CLEAN UP - SATURDAY, MAY 21

The annual Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. All items must be curbside no later than 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 Clean Up Day. If you have additional questions about eligible items please call Republic Services at 952-941-5174.



### ITEMS PICKED UP CURBSIDE WITH A VOUCHER PURCHASED FROM CITY HALL (EACH ITEM MUST HAVE A VOUCHER ATTACHED— NO EXCEPTIONS.)

- **Appliances**  
(washers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, etc.)     \$38.00 each
- **Tires**     \$12.00 each
- **TV's**     \$45.00 each
- **Small box of electronics**     \$25.00 each
- **Electronics**     \$25.00 each
- **Window Air Conditioners**     \$40.00 each
- **Large Bulky Items**  
(couch, loveseat, mattress, box spring, etc.)     \$35.00 each

These vouchers are available for purchase by filling out the form online at [www.excelsiormn.org](http://www.excelsiormn.org). Click on the news flash item regarding Spring Cleanup and there will be a link to an online form for you to fill out. Payment can be dropped off at City Hall or you can call 952-474-5233 with a credit card payment. Items without a tag will not be picked up.

### Items NOT Accepted:

- Motor oil
- Paint
- Cement
- Railroad ties
- 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.

## DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS

The City of Excelsior is beginning the process of certifying delinquent utility bills to property taxes. Final notices will be going out in late summer which will include the public hearing date. Please contact the City or plan on attending the public hearing if you do not want to have your utilities certified to the County for collection. Once the City holds the public hearing, past due balances will be assessed to 2023 property taxes for collection. If you have questions please call City Hall at

## 2022 ELECTIONS



Absentee Voting for Primary Election begins on Monday, June 27, 2022

Primary Election Tuesday, August 9, 2022

General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polling Place for Residents Former Excelsior Library 343 Third Street Excelsior, MN 55331

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICES



A new contract with Republic Services has been effective since April 1, 2022. Residents are REQUIRED to use Republic Services for their Refuse and Recycling Services as part of the organized collection contract.

Organics Recycling is now available to residents as an optional service at an additional cost.

For billing and service related inquiries please contact Republic Services at 952-941-5174.

## BUOYS

Buoys are available to rent this season! If you have a sailboat consider renting a buoy at the Port of Excelsior. Resident rates start at \$800. For more information contact Nalisha Williams at 952-653-3675 or [nwilliams@excelsiormn.org](mailto:nwilliams@excelsiormn.org).

## ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

If you are interested in serving as an Election Judge, please contact Nalisha Williams, City Clerk, at 952-653-375 or at [nwilliams@excelsiormn.org](mailto:nwilliams@excelsiormn.org)



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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

As I have stated in previous letters, the outstanding work that has taken place in Excelsior wouldn't be possible without the support of the City Staff, the volunteers on Excelsior's City Commissions, the City Council and you - the residents. On behalf of Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Hersman, and Kurschner, it is a privilege and a pleasure to continue to serve you. Please continue to look out for your neighbors, support our local businesses, and continue to care about your community.

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](http://www.excelsiormn.org) or send me an email at [tcarlson@excelsiormn.org](mailto:tcarlson@excelsiormn.org). 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

## PROPOSED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



Stay Informed! You can find out about the Proposed Land Use and Development Projects happening in Excelsior by scanning the QR Code to the left!

## FOOD TRUCKS

Considering a food truck for your graduation party or summer event? Food trucks are permitted on private property in Excelsior and a City permit is required. The permit application requires a photo of the food truck, the date and time it will be on your property, proof of insurance, required state health licenses, and an inspection by the Fire Marshall. The fee is \$50 on a residential property and \$100 on a commercial property. Call or email the City for the application: 952-653-3674, [jmullin@excelsiormn.org](mailto:jmullin@excelsiormn.org)

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