

City Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 15
City Council Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 22
Planning Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 23
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 29
Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed

MONDAY, JUNE 5
City Council Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 13
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 19
Juneteenth Holiday—Office Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
City Council Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 26
Planning Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 27
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 4
Independence Holiday—Office Closed

MONDAY, JULY 17
City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 18
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 24
Planning Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 25
Heritage Preservation Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
City Council Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 28
Planning Commission

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

A Letter From the Mayor

“Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.”

-Anonymous-

As Minnesotans we are used to the change that the seasons provide. While we might not like all of the changes or appreciate all of the seasons, we persevere and work our way through them - sometimes grumbling - but hopefully always grateful for where we live and what we have.

With the start of a new year, we will be seeing some additional changes in our community. Some of this change might be transformational to some, while others may say “what took you so long”. In any case, I would like to share with you some of the work that will be taking place in Excelsior as we move into 2023.

First, and probably the most significant change, is the new multi-unit housing and parking ramp project which is taking place on the old City Hall site at 339 Third Street. This project will result in 11 new row homes, 39 new market rate apartments, and a new parking ramp with 244 public parking spaces. This work is the result of a partnership between the City of Excelsior and Red Leaf Partners and will feature the design of one of Minnesota’s pre-eminent architectural firms - Snow Kreilich Architects. The goal of this project is to bring more full-time residents to our community to help support our businesses, as well as to provide additional parking capacity so that we can eventually centralize our visitor parking in our historic downtown and not in our residential neighborhoods.

In addition to the 339 Third Street project, the City (in conjunction with its partnership with Community for the Commons) will be completing work this spring on the new Concession Building in the Commons Park. This project will compliment the new Pavilion which was built two years ago. It will also alleviate stormwater issues, and expand the seating and gathering space for people to relax and enjoy their time in our treasured park.

Other important projects of note...We are partnering with the City of Greenwood to reconstruct the historic St. Alban’s Bay Bridge. We have received federal funding for the planning of this project and have started initial discussions on improvements to this important gateway to our community. We have also established the Oak Hill Cemetery Committee to focus on improvements to our historic cemetery. Our cemetery should be a source of pride for our community and this Committee is working hard to clean it up and to restore it to its past glory. Also, while it has taken a little longer than expected, the City is still looking to finalize direction on a new City Hall building. Discussions are ongoing and the City Council will be formally reviewing a number of potential sites in the upcoming months.

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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 Sundays.

Construction Parking: All vehicles associated with construction activity 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. If you would like to check on the availability of the Pavilion you may contact Amy Edwards, the City's Event Coordinator, at 623-451-0887 or eventfullyoursmn@gmail.com.

A special event permit may be required if alcohol or amplified sound will be part of your event.

MILL STREET PATHWAY PROJECT

After several years of planning work, Hennepin County is moving forward with the Mill Street pathway project in Excelsior and Shorewood. This project will add an off-street-multi-use pathway on the east side of Mill Street from Second Street in downtown Excelsior to Holly Lane in Chanhassen. Construction is scheduled for summer 2025.

Additional information can be found on the project website: www.hennepin.us/millstreet

CITY HALL AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER LOCATION

City Hall has moved to 350 Highway 7, Suite 230.

City Council and Commission meetings will now be held at Trinity Episcopal Church— 322 Second Street.

If you have questions please call City Hall at 952-474-5233.

PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

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

NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

In honor of National Preservation Month, the Excelsior Heritage Preservation Commission will formally recognize the addition of the Excelsior Commercial Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places with a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Commons Pavilion on Wednesday, May 31st, before the evening's Concert in The Commons.

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, 2022. The results can be found on: <https://www.excelsiormn.org/151/Water-Quality>



NOW HIRING— SEASON MAINTENANCE WORKER

The City of Excelsior is now accepting applications for Seasonal Maintenance Workers. Salary is \$15-17/hour.

Call City Hall at 952-474-5233 for more information.

339 THIRD STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On February 6th the City Council gave final approval to the development of 39 apartment units, 11 rental townhomes and a below-ground public parking garage on the former City Hall and West Parking Lot site. This was the culmination of 14 months of project planning and design - it is an exciting project that will bring new residents to Excelsior, customers to our downtown businesses, convenient covered parking, and a tree-lined West Drive. Core to the design is a scale and size that will fit well with the area.



You likely noticed the demolition of City Hall which began on March 15th marking the start of the 15-month construction project. It's expected that the remainder of the West Lot will be fenced by the end of March and excavation of the site will begin in April. Construction is projected to be complete in June 2024. During construction, public parking will be available in the East Lot and the Excelsior Elementary School lot, which is behind the library lot, and spaces for overnight parking which had been located in the West Lot have been relocated to the lot behind the bakery and salon at the corner of Third Street and Water Street. Construction updates will be posted on the City website (excelsiormn.org) every two weeks and the project manager will provide an update at the first City Council meeting of every month. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Curt Olson, site supervisor, at 612-490-5161, or City Hall at 952-474-5233.

EXCELSIOR FLATS

On February 21st the City Council gave final approval to a 17-unit condominium development located at 690 Excelsior Boulevard, adjacent to the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail and across the street from the LoCorr office building. This project will improve the experience for walkers along Excelsior Boulevard with a two landscaped seating areas for public use and street trees that will be planted along the sidewalk to beautify and shade Excelsior Boulevard. Additionally, the project developer will contribute to restoration work being planned for the Oak Hill Cemetery further east on Excelsior Boulevard.

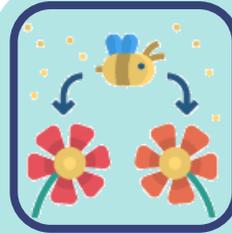
UTILITY BILLS

Utility bills were mailed the week of April 3rd. Payments are due by May 6th. If you have questions regarding your bill call Jenny Palmer at 952-653-3677.

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 Deb Johnson at 952-653-3671.

NO MOW MAY



Registration is now open to owner-occupied residential properties and renters with landlord consent. The registration process allows administrative staff and the Weed Inspector to review who is in compliance with the ordinance and resolution. If they receive a complaint about a lawn that is not participating, staff will reach out to the property owner to encourage registration. If the property owner does not register for "No Mow May," the City will move forward with City Code enforcement actions. On June 1, the Weed Inspector will allow a 2-week grace period for participating properties to come into compliance before taking any enforcement action. Full enforcement will return on June 15, 2023.

Residents who opt to participate in "No Mow May" would be exempt from Section 16-39(c) of the Excelsior City Code, specifically that "Any weeds or grasses, whether noxious as defined by law or not, growing upon any lot or parcel of land outside the traveled portion of any street or alley within the corporate limits of this municipality to a greater height than eight inches or which have gone or are about to go to seed are a nuisance" from May 1, 2023 to June 15, 2023, while continuing to enforce the Minnesota State Mandate regarding the management of noxious weeds.

Residents may complete the form to participate in No Mow May online at: <https://excelsiormn-city-of-excelsior-e-forms-build-and-test.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/31941> or by stopping by City Hall.



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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

Finally, look for the new SoHi Park (South of Highway 7) in the Third Avenue and Division Street neighborhood adjacent to the United Methodist Church. I am excited for what this new space will mean to that neighborhood and I can't wait to see all of the kids playing outdoors on this new playground later this summer. Also, No Mow May (or maybe No Shovel May) will be taking place later this spring for those that want to participate. And yes, the spring cleanup date has been set so block your calendars for Saturday, May 20 - which means good dumpster diving and treasure hunting the evening of Friday, May 19.

My continued thanks to City Staff, the volunteers on Excelsior's City Commissions, the City Council and you - the residents - for weighing in and getting involved in your community. On behalf of Councilmembers Jennifer Caron, Lou Dierking, Ann Hersman, and Rob Tyler, 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. Please continue to look out for your neighbors, support our local businesses, and care about your community. Let's continue to move onward and upward together.

All the continued best!

Todd Carlson

FOOD TRUCKS

The season for graduation parties and other outdoor events is around the corner!

All food trucks in Excelsior must obtain a City License and must pass a safety inspection with the Excelsior Fire District. Food trucks may locate in Excelsior on private property, as part of a City festival or civic event, on the street in a residential neighborhood with a Street Use Permit, and may not locate within 100 feet of Water Street (unless part of a sanctioned City event). The fee for the license and inspection is \$175.

If you plan to have a food truck for an event this year, contact City Hall at 952-474-5233 for the license application.

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