

City Calendar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18
City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
Planning Commission Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Veterans Day - City Hall Closed

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Fall Clean-Up

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Planning Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Thanksgiving Holiday— Office Closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
City Council Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Christmas Holiday - Office Closed at Noon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
Christmas Holiday - Office Closed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
Planning Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
Christmas Holiday - Office Closed at Noon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
New Year Holiday - Office Closed

A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."

— *Albert Camus*

As one who is not a fan of shorter days and colder weather, I really like this quote. I like it because it reminds me that even though we are moving into the fall and winter months, every season can be a "season of hope". It is also a reminder to try to look at things from a fresh viewpoint, to look for the positive even when we may be in a season that challenges us, and to continue to reimagine and reinvent ourselves. It is this same mindset which has set the tone for much of the work that the City has done this past year.

So what have we reimagined? With the vision of Community for The Commons, the hard work of Excelsior resident volunteers, and the support of Excelsior's City Council and staff, we were able to reimagine Excelsior's new Commons' Pavilion. This project, which wouldn't have been possible even a few years ago, was completed this past summer in time for the 4th of July. The new Pavilion is a beautiful venue that anchors The Commons, showcases the view corridors looking onto Lake Minnetonka, and reminds us to continue to look forward to what could be. If you haven't seen the Pavilion, I encourage you to walk down and walk around it. Sit and picnic on the Great Lawn and enjoy it like so many did who attended the Concerts in the Commons this past summer. Speaking of the Concerts in the Commons - I would like to say a big thank you to the Excelsior Morning Rotary Club, City staff, and to all the volunteers who helped Excelsior put its best foot forward with this concert series - it truly was a terrific summer of music.

In addition to our new Pavilion, the City also reimagined the trail crossing on Water Street next to 318 Café. With this project, the City was able to take an unsightly stretch of land and transform it into a beautiful new "pocket park". From weeds and scrub brush to a beautifully landscaped oasis in the middle of town. A big thank you to Colleen Lockovitch, Morgan Dawley and WSB Engineering, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, and all of the Excelsior area resident volunteers for their help in creating this unique space.

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Snow Emergencies are declared whenever there has been an occurrence of snowfall where snow has accumulated to a depth of two inches or more. During a snow emergency, vehicles shall be parked on city streets in accordance with the following regulations from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.:

- (1) On all even-numbered calendar days, parking is permitted on the side of the street with even-numbered house numbers.
- (2) On all odd-numbered calendar days, parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd-numbered house numbers.

Receive emergency alerts and other notifications via text or email by simply signing up on the City's website at www.excelsiormn.org and click on Notify Me, then News Flash, then Emergency Alert.

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) 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. A special event permit is required for groups of 50 or more or if alcohol or amplified sound will be part of the event.

NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

In July, **Jenny Palmer** started as the new Finance Director. Jenny has 27 years of local government experience. As the Finance Director, Jenny will be responsible for the planning and coordination of the City's finance activities.

In September, **Julia Mullin** started as the Community Development Director. She previously served as Excelsior's Interim Planning Director for three months. Julia will work with property owners, developers, and contractors to facilitate successful planning and zoning projects.

SIDEWALK REGULATIONS FOR SNOW AND ICE

City Ordinance requires that all sidewalks be kept clean of snow and ice to keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians.

Commercial properties are required to remove all snow and ice within 16 hours after it has been deposited.

Residential properties are required to remove all snow and ice within 24 hours after it has been deposited, with the exception of Bell Street between Center and Courtland Streets and Oak Street between Beehrl Avenue and Water Street.



106 CENTER STREET

On August 12, 2021 the City of Excelsior closed on the 106 Center Street property. The use of the property is currently being discussed amongst the Council at their upcoming meetings. For more updates on this property, visit excelsiormn.org/268/Land-Use-and-Development-Projects or call 952-474-5233.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The City of Excelsior is searching for residents to join the Oak Hill Cemetery Committee. The Committee would discuss ideas including cemetery maintenance and needs. If you are interested in participating on the committee please contact Nalisha at 952-653-3675.

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, 2020. The results can be found on excelsiormn.org.



2022 Preliminary

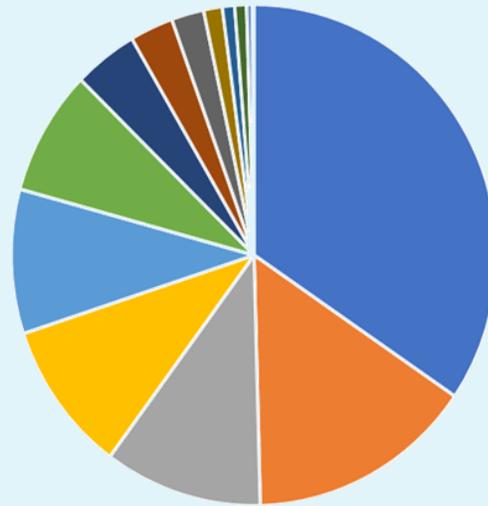
The preliminary budget was adopted at the September 20th City Council meeting. The levy increase was set at 12% over 2021 or a 1.71% tax rate increase. This is the highest amount the City can levy for taxes going forward. There will be more work sessions coming to reduce that amount before the final levy is certified by December 30, 2021.

Truth in Taxation is scheduled for December 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Truth in taxation is an opportunity for residents to voice comments and concerns to the Council regarding the levy. Residents will also be able to join via Zoom.

If you have additional questions please contact Jenny Palmer at 952-653-3677.

2022 Expenses



- Police 35%
- City Admin 15.07%
- Fire 10.53%
- Park Maint 9.81%
- Streets 9.32%
- City Manager/Clerk 8.10%
- Planning & Zoning 4.26%
- Finance 2.89%
- Bldg Inspection 2.16%
- Cemetery 1.24%
- Council 0.82%
- Engineering 0.79%
- Elections 0.40%
- Heritage 0.05%
- Recreation 0.04%

Get Ready for Yard Clean Up!

FALL

YARD WASTE CLEAN UP

NOVEMBER

20

Items acceptable for pickup

- Weeds, leaves, lawn clippings (bagged in a compostable bag, placed separate from other items).
- Brush, limbs **MUST** be bundled in 4' lengths or less.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 6:00 AM

Questions? Contact City Hall at (952)474-5233

Fall Clean-Up

As you tend to your yard this fall, take a minute to sweep or rake leaves and grass clippings out of the street in front of your home. Left in the street, they can clog storm drains, contributing to localized flooding. When washed into nearby lakes and wetlands via storm drains or ditches, the leaves and clippings become a major source of phosphorus, the nutrient that feeds algae blooms in the summer. Dispose of leaves and grass clippings by composting them in your yard or take advantage of the upcoming Fall Yard Waste Cleanup event to ensure these organics are disposed of properly.

Utility Bills

The final quarter of Utility Bills will be mailed in mid - October. If you are struggling to pay your water bill, the State of Minnesota has expanded their e-heat program for energy assistance to water customers. The City of Excelsior is participating in this program. For more information or to apply for this program residents should request an application : Call 800-657-3710 and press 1 or go online to mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp search online for "Minnesota energy assistance."



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A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

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Add to the above that the City returned to hosting legacy events like the 4th of July and Apple Days, worked to improve pedestrian safety at our Oak Street/ Water Street and Mill Street / Highway 7 intersections, maintained its AAA Bond Rating, repaved the East Parking Lot, and completed our road project in the George Street / Lafayette neighborhood and you can see that it has been a very busy summer in our historic small town.

As we move into Fall and Winter, we will continue to reimagine and improve those things that make Excelsior such a unique and special place to live. Projects scheduled to be reimaged include discussion of a potential new Concession Building next to the baseball field in The Commons, infrastructure improvements in The Commons, evaluation of potential options for a new City Hall, and finalization of infrastructure improvements projects in our East Parking lot and our Maple Street, Hidden Lane, and Wheeler Drive neighborhoods. Please check out the City's website at www.excelsiormn.org for the latest updates and information on projects that are taking place in town.

As I have stated in each of my previous letters, the outstanding work that has taken place in Excelsior wouldn't be possible without the support of the Excelsior City Staff, Excelsior's Commissions and your City Council. On behalf of Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Hersman and Kurschner, 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's website, or send me an email at tcarlson@excelsiormn.org.

I continue to be proud of our residents and our community. I love Excelsior and you have my commitment to continue to work on your behalf to make our City the best place to live, work and play in the Twin Cities. Let's continue to move onward and upward together.

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