



# COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

21 SE SECOND STREET—CHATFIELD, MN 55923

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## PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS



The Stormwater Improvement project that started last year is on track to come to a close later this summer. The project includes drainage improvements in West Chatfield and in the area of Bench Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. While the Bench Street improvements were completed last year, the West Chatfield improvements will be completed this summer.

Approximately \$300,000 of improvements were made to the south water reservoir last year, which included work on the interior and exterior of the tank. This year, the electrical portion of the project will be completed by installing generators at the wells/

booster station. The generators will make the drinking water system more dependable and resilient.

The 2023 Street Improvement Project is slated to being around July 10<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather and availability of materials. The project will replace antiquated water and sewer pipes in the Grand, Hawley and Prospect Street area, will add stormwater management capabilities and will improve streets in the area. The reconstruction project will cost approximately \$1,759,000.

## CITY BOND RATING—AA STABLE

In preparation for the sale of bonds to fund the 2023 Street Improvement Project, an analysis of the City's fiscal capability was conducted by Standard & Poors Global Ratings (S&P) and the result was a re-affirmation of an AA rating with a Stable outlook. This positions the City to sell bonds at very competitive interest rates compared with others which have a lower rating. S&P cited the City's strong management, sound budgeting practices and high general fund reserves as their primary rationale for this favorable rating.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH

The City's search for its next city administrator attracted 18 initial applications, which has since been narrowed down to four finalists. Joshua Johnsen has been employed by the City of Rochester the past four years, after working at Olmsted County for 9+ years. He is currently the Strategic Initiatives Director at the City of Rochester. Nick Koverman currently serves as the Community Development Director at the SE MN Multi-County HRA. Prior, he served as the City Administrator in St. Charles for 15 years. Michele Peterson has been serving as the City Administrator/Clerk at the City of Lanesboro for the past 8 years, where she has been employed for 12 years. She also serves the City of Whalen. Stephen Sarvi most recently served as the City Manager at Winona for 5 years. Prior to that time, he served as city administrator at Rushford, Victoria and Watertown over a 14 year period. Interviews will be conducted on July 12<sup>th</sup>, to determine who will replace Joel Young, who will retire from that position in mid-July.



## CITY OF CHATFIELD

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In Case of Emergency:

Ambulance (Non Emergency)

Police (Non Emergency)

Chatfield Public Library

9-1-1

507-867-4446

507-867-3331

507-867-3480



# City Calendar—July 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

3  
7:00 PM  
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting-CANCELLED

4  
Independence Day - City offices Closed  
10:30 AM  
Storytime - Chatfield Public Library  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth

5  
Recycling Collection  
Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection

6  
Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth  
3:00 PM  
Music & Market in the Park  
5:00 PM  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Library Board

7  
10:30 AM  
RAD Zoo at City Park

**Weekend Waters Needed!**  
FOR DOWNTOWN FLOWER BASKETS

SOMETIMES THE BEST PLANTS

-1 hour, Saturday & Sunday Mornings | Memorial Weekend through mid September. | Kids under 16 must be supervised by an adult.

Contact Sara at info@chatfieldmn.org or 507-273-1776



10  
4:30 PM  
Personnel | Budget Committee Meeting  
5:30 PM  
Public Works Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM  
City Council Meeting

11  
Recycling Collection  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth

12  
Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection

13  
Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth  
3:00 PM  
Music & Market in the Park

14  
10:30 AM  
Music from Africa at City Park



**Free Lunches at the Library for Youth**

Pick up at the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm or until gone.

June 6th—Aug. 31st

Provided by Community Volunteers, Sunshine Foods, and Root River State Bank.

Denise Pagel, Community Coordinator, 507-273-3188

17  
18  
Recycling Collection  
10:30 AM  
Storytime - Chatfield Public Library  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth  
7:00 PM  
Songs of Hope

19  
Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection

20  
Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection  
Utility Bills Due  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth  
2:00 PM  
Aging In Place - Home Safety Class  
3:00 PM  
Music & Market in the Park  
4:00 PM  
Plain Air Painting Live

**AGING IN PLACE HOME SAFETY**

Please join us for a free class on home safety. We will discuss tips on increasing your safety at home by decreasing your fall risk.

JULY 20 2PM

Chosen Hall  
Chosen Valley Care Center  
102 Liberty St  
Chatfield, MN 55923

More Info:  
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24  
4:30 PM  
Economic Development Authority Board Meeting  
4:30 PM  
Public Services Committee Meeting  
5:30 PM  
Park & Recreation Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM  
City Council Meeting

25  
Recycling Collection  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth

26  
Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection

27  
Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection  
11:00 AM  
Lunch at the Library for Youth

**EVERY STEP BRINGS HOPE**

2023 RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 2023  
3:00PM - 11:00PM

**2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 3:00p Survivor Tea
- 5:00p-7:00p Community Supper
- 8:00p-9:30p Silent Auction
- 9:00p Opening Ceremony
- 10:00p Walk the Track
- 10:00-11:00p Luminaria Lighting
- 11:00pm Bingo
- Closing Ceremony

Relay For Life of Fillmore County | 800.227.2345

**Songs of Hope :: July 18**

**CHATFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
CHATFIELDARTS.ORG | 507.884.7676

The activity made possible by the state of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.

**GROWERS & MAKERS MARKET**

THURSDAYS | 3PM-7PM | CITY PARK

MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

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