



COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

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Public Library

Tue. 10:00am - 6:30pm

Wed. 10:00am - 6:30pm

Thur. 10:00am - 8:30pm

Fri. 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sat. 9:00am - 2:00pm

Storytime every
1st and 3rd Tuesday
at 10:30 a.m.

507-867-3480.

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City Services, Taxes & The Budget

The City Council adopted the preliminary budget for operating the City in 2024, which will require a total tax levy of \$2,588,325, an increase of \$143,569 or 5.873%. The final tax levy will be set in December and must be equal to or less than the preliminary tax levy. In other words, the final tax levy might go down but it can't go up.

The proposed budget for 2024 will provide services at a level similar to those provided in 2023. One service enhancement included in the proposed budget is the addition of a full-time public works employee, which will replace some part-time staff. This will result in an increase in personnel cost but should

result in more dependable service.

The primary 2024 cost drivers are the 2023 debt service for the street improvement project, equipment, technology, insurance and personnel. Inflation is a serious consideration in its own right.

The water and sewer utility funds performance from 2021 to 2022 was reviewed at the annual planning workshop. It was determined that a rate increase is necessary as revenues have not kept up with the pace that costs are increasing.

The City Council will continue to work on the 2023 budget until December 11th, when a public hearing will be held and the final budget and tax levy will be adopted. That meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Be a Good Neighbor: City Code Reminders

The city code is a guide to help us be good stewards in looking after our city by keeping our neighborhoods and public spaces clean and safe. Please keep the following in mind for maintaining your property to contribute to our community's public health, peace and safety;

- Practice pet ownership etiquette. Pick up your dog's poop. Keep your dog on a leash and close to you on walks and in the parks. Keep your dog in your yard and prevent excessive barking.
- Store unused vehicles, furniture and appliances inside. All vehicles in the city limits must have current registration and be operational.
- Keep tree branches trimmed and clean. Remove diseased and dead trees.
- See chapter 16 for more details about keeping your property clean and safe.

Public Works Fall & Winter Reminders

- **Fall street sweeping** begins the week of 10/30. This process takes approximately two weeks. Please remove vehicles from the streets when you see the sweeper in your neighborhood.
- The **brush & leaf dump** will close with the first plowable snowfall.
- **Remove all portable basketball hoops from the right-of-way and sidewalks** before plowing season starts.
- **Sidewalks** need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible after a snowfall.
- **Please do not park on the City Streets if snow is in the forecast.** Sign up for Citizen Alert Notifications at www.ci.chatfield.mn.us
- **No parking on city streets when plows are operating.** Tickets will be issued and cars may be towed if parked cars interfere with snow plowing or removal. *We do our best to place a community announcement on KTTC & send a citizen alert the evening prior to plowing whenever the forecast warns us ahead of time. The best practice is to not park on the City Streets if snow is in the forecast.*

In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1

Ambulance Office (Non Emergency)

507-867-4446

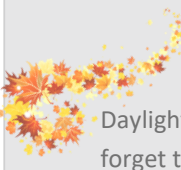






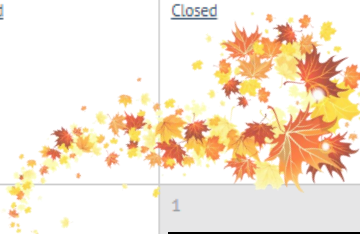


Police Office (Non Emergency)

507-867-3331

Chatfield Public Library

507-867-3480



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29  Daylight savings time ends on the 5th, don't forget to turn back your clocks!	30	31	1 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	2 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection 5:00 PM Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting 7:00 PM Library Board	3 Gallery Opening :: November 3 the art of Joe Crookston 	4 Print Making :: November 4  Joe Crookston :: November 4
	6 7:00 PM Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	7 Recycling Collection 10:30 AM Storytime - Chatfield Public Library	8 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	9 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection	10 Veterans Day Observed - City offices closed	11 4:30 PM Veteran's Day Carry-Out Supper
12 9:00 AM Northrup King Art Attack 	13 4:30 PM Personnel Budget Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Public Works Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City Council Meeting	14 Recycling Collection 6:00 PM Pysanka : The Art of Ukrainian Egg Decoration	15 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	16 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection 2:00 PM Aging In Place Class @ CVCC	17	18 Ross Sutter for kids :: November 18 
19 Pysanka :: November 14 & 21 The Art of Ukrainian Egg Decorating 	20 Utility Bills Due	21 Recycling Collection 10:30 AM Storytime - Chatfield Public Library 6:00 PM Pysanka : The Art of Ukrainian Egg Decoration	22 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	23 Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed	24 Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed 	25 
26	27 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	28 Recycling Collection	29 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	30	1 Harp Twins Rockin' Christmas December 1 	2

AGING IN PLACE

Please join us for a free class the third Thursday of each month on a different topics geared towards older adults.

THIRD THURS OF EACH MONTH AT 2PM

Chosen Hall
Chosen Valley Care Center
1102 Liberty St
Chatfield, MN 55923

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Veteran's Day Carry-Out Supper

MENU
Pork chop, Sauerkraut,
Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Baked squash,
Roll and Dessert Cookie

4:30 until 7:00 or until we run out
Saturday, November 11
at
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
100 Fillmore St. Chatfield, MN
Cost \$10

All profits go to organizations or individuals that support veterans or active military families.
(Veteran's Dinner Free)