



## COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

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### MAY 2020

- **Mon May 4th—**  
**Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm**
- **Mon May 11th—**  
**City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Tue May 26th—**  
**EDA 4:30 pm**
- **Tue May 26th—**  
**City Council 7:00 pm**

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MAYOR

Russ Smith (507) 319-4164  
mayorsmith@ci.chatfield.mn.us

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## CITY SERVICES CONTINUE...DIFFERENTLY



The City of Chatfield continues to provide as many services as possible, while maintaining safety of employees and the public. Although the Thurber Community Building is closed, most employees continue to work in the building, spaced safely apart, while others work remotely. The public works crew has divided its duties to ensure that employees can complete tasks while staying apart from each other, too. All emergency personnel continue to respond to all calls and they have taken steps to protect themselves while doing so. Library staff continue to monitor the situation and look forward to resuming services as soon as it is safe to do so.

The City Council and the other city boards and commissions continue to meet, and they are doing so electronically. Please refer to the [www.ci.chatfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.chatfield.mn.us) for updated information.

In person services are being discontinued to slow the spread of coronavirus based on the guidance by the CDC, Governor Walz and the MDH.

The community is encouraged to use the digital tools available on the website. We can also be reached by e-mail or by telephone at 507-867-3810. There is a drop box for paperwork outside the alley entrance doors to the Thurber Building.

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CHATFIELD.  
MN.US

Website Services  
Available

E-MAIL

Available by  
E-mail

DROP BOX  
AT ALLEY  
ENTRANCE

Drop Box at  
Alley Entrance

867-3810

Available by  
Phone

## MORE COVID-19 RESOURCES

**mn** MINNESOTA  
COVID-19 RESPONSE

<https://mn.gov/covid19>

CDC is responding to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

[Learn More About COVID-19](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov>

### CITY OF CHATFIELD

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21 Second Street SE Chatfield, MN 55923

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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



## 2020 CITY WIDE CLEAN UP POSTPONED

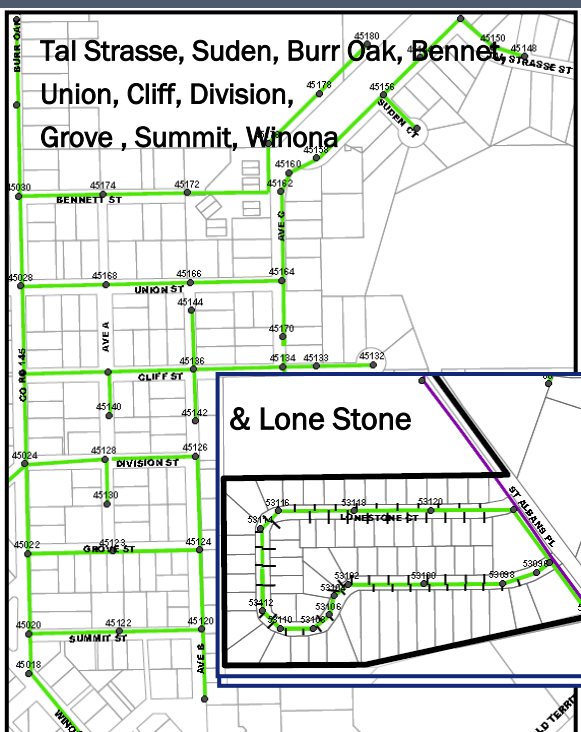
For the safety of the garbage haulers and the community, the annual city wide curbside bulk trash collection (e.g., furniture, carpet, mattresses, appliances) will not be held in May.

This service is being suspended due to the impact of the coronavirus. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide an update when this service can be rescheduled.

Thank you for your understanding



## SPRING SEWER LINE CLEANING (JETTING)



Sewer lines will be cleaned during the month of May. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. If roots are found, they are cut with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

During cleaning of sanitary sewer lines, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl can bubble or surge or, in rare instances, splash out of the bowl. We remind you that the water that could come from this type of incident is from the bowl itself.

The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of

higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home's waste and ventilation system. To minimize the chance of water splashing out of your toilet bowl, please keep the lid down.

If you have any further questions, please contact the City of Chatfield, Wastewater superintendent Steven Schlichter (507) 867-4321

## DOG-WALKING ETIQUETTE



Following a few ground rules will help keep pets & people safe:

1. Use a Leash. While your dog may have excellent recall, there's no telling what might trigger them to bolt or involve them in a contentious situation with another dog or a person. Even though the city ordinance language includes at heel by command or leash, having your dog off leash is risky and may make others uncomfortable.
2. Be Respectful. This goes for people and property alike. Don't let your dog run up to or jump on other people; keep them close to you so others can pass you without the fear of falling. Also, keep them off neighborhood lawns. Landscaping is expensive and time-consuming, and dog pee is a lawn killer.
3. Pick Up Your Dog's Poop. It is unlawful to permit a dog (or cat) to defecate on any private property without consent or on any public property unless immediately removed and placed in a proper receptacle.

## PICNIC TABLE DONATIONS

We need your help to reach our goal of 60 new tables in the parks. Thank you to everyone that has generously donated to this project.

The opportunity is still available for individuals, families, service groups and businesses to donate a table to honor an individual, family, business or cause.

The cost of an individual table and plaque is \$770.00.

If you would like to make a donation to the City to put towards a picnic table, please complete this form and return it to Beth Carlson at City Hall.

If you have any questions you can reach Beth at bcarlson@ci.chatfield.mn.us or 507-867-3810.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to "City of Chatfield"

Text for Plaque (if donating \$770 or more)

Three Lines of 17 spaces per line

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Thank you for improving our parks.

