



## Legislation Text

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**Human Rights Commission Meeting Date:** May 24, 2023

**To:** Human Rights Commission

**From:** Claudia Garcia, Staff Liaison

Staff Report.

**Action Requested:**

None.

**Summary Report:**

The following are some updates on activities to share with the Human Rights Commission:

- 2023 Legislative Session Updates:
  - Codifying abortion rights (Bill #: HF1 & SF1)
  - Felon voting (HF28 & SF26)
  - Driver's Licenses for All ( HF4 & SF27)
  - Clean energy standard (HF7 & SF4)
  - Universal school meals (HF5 & SF123)
  - Conversion Therapy Ban (HF16 & SF23)
  - Voting Access (HF3& SF3)
  - Sick & Safe Time (HF19 & SF34)
  - Rent Assistance (HF2335 & SF2566)
  - Education Funding (HF2497 & SF2684)
  - Red Flag Law (HF 2890 & SF1117)
  - Paid Leave (HF2 & SF2)
  
- Localist (Community Events Calendar)
  - Available for everyone in the Northfield Community and residents in Rice and Dakota Counties
  - Events Calendar - Northfield, Minnesota (northfieldmn.gov)  
<<https://events.northfieldmn.gov/>>
  
- Pride in the Park
  - Saturday, June 3, 2023
  
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
  - Saturday, September 16, 2023
  - Start thinking of people to nominate as noteworthy Hispanic leaders in the community

- Board and Commission Training
  - Save the date (**required meeting** for boards and commissioners)
    - Tuesday, October 24, 2023
    - 5:30 pm
- Holiday Social
  - Save the date (**required meeting** for boards and commissioners)
    - Tuesday, December 12, 2023
    - 5:00pm
- Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
  - Save the date
    - Monday, January 15, 2024
    - 7:00pm
- HRC Subcommittees:
  - Pride in the Park subcommittee:
    - Veronica Gamino
    - Ana Gonzalez-George
    - Sarah Ripka
    - Aidyn Plasch
  - Community Gathering:
    - Bruce Morlan
    - Barbara Wornson
    - Jennie Autonoe
  - Hispanic Heritage subcommittee:
    - Glenda Orrego
    - Veronica Gamino
    - Barbara Wornson
    - Martin Rosas
    - Bruce Morlan
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration:
    - Adam Wale
    - Barbara Wornson
    - Glenda Orrego
- The City of Northfield continues with efforts to be as accessible and equitable as possible by:
  - Community Outreach
    - Collaborating with different community partners and city departments:
      - Economic Development: Main Street Grant
        - The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) was awarded a Main Street Economic Revitalization Grant of \$2.34 million from the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development to serve commercial corridors in their service region, with at least \$1 million being allocated to Northfield. Eligible applicants can apply for grant funding from SMIF.

- [Main Street Economic Revitalization Program - Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation \(smifoundation.org\)](https://smifoundation.org/grants/for-grant-seekers/mserp/) <<https://smifoundation.org/grants/for-grant-seekers/mserp/>>
- El Super Barrio Latino on KYMN Radio
  - Partnership with City staff to work on outreach with the Spanish speaking community
  - [El Super Barrio Latino \(kymnradio.net\)](https://kymnradio.net/local-programs/el-super-barrio-latino/) <<https://kymnradio.net/local-programs/el-super-barrio-latino/>>
- Accessibility Efforts
  - Land Acknowledgement Statement
    - Land Acknowledgement Statement | Northfield, MN - Official Website ([northfieldmn.gov](https://www.northfieldmn.gov)) <<https://www.northfieldmn.gov/1403/Land-Acknowledgement-Statement>>
  - Recording and Live Streaming Board and Commission Meetings
  - Interpreter Etiquette
  - Cultural & Language Training
    - <https://www.northfieldmn.gov/1297/LanguageLine>
  - Providing communications in English and Spanish
    - Social media platforms
      - [\(1\) City of Northfield, Minnesota | Northfield MN | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cityofnorthfield) <<https://www.facebook.com/cityofnorthfield>>
      - [City of Northfield \(@cityofnorthfield\)](https://www.instagram.com/cityofnorthfield/?hl=en) Instagram photos and videos <<https://www.instagram.com/cityofnorthfield/?hl=en>>
  - Zoom webinar w/ interpreter feature
  - Accessibility links on City website
  - Northfield Public Broadcasting
    - Charter Spectrum channels 180 & 187
    - Encouraging community organizations/individuals to submit video content
    - Researching NPB and YouTube videos more accessible in multiple languages.
      - [City of Northfield - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtnTBbacEOB4MxgNKzctOag) <<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtnTBbacEOB4MxgNKzctOag>>

**Alternative Options:**

NA

**Financial Impacts:**

NA

**Tentative Timelines:**

NA