



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/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 \(@cityofnorthfield\) Instagram photos and videos <https://www.instagram.com/cityofnorthfield/?hl=en>](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