



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

The City of Chaska would like to pass along our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped rehab five homes through the Christmas in May program this past Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the event.



Wow! A new roof and landscaping!

Since its inception, Christmas in May volunteers have worked on over 100 properties in the City, helping those with low to moderate income or who are physically unable to complete home repairs. This year approximately 200 volunteers showed up to work. The weather was sunny and warm and volunteers began the day at 7:00 am, wrapping up the last project about 5:00 pm. The projects completed this year included remediation of water infiltration problems, repair of a dilapidated deck, landscaping, exterior painting of an entire house, and also new roofs on two mobile homes.

As in past years a wide variety of volunteers assisted, from highly skilled trades people to young high school students. This event has always been a great community builder for people to work side by side and accomplish some big goals. The City of Chaska would also like to thank all of the donors to the 2012 Christmas in May event. Without their generous donations, these projects would not be feasible. Also, persons wishing to serve on the Christmas in May Board and share their talents next year, should contact Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200 or at [matt@chaskamn.com](mailto:matt@chaskamn.com).



A professional paint job!



Chaska City Administrator flexing his muscles.

### MORE CHRISTMAS IN MAY PHOTOS!



Lot's of landscaping and lots of help!



A new paint job for Athletic Park steps and seating.



Out with the old deck and in with the new!



These are just SOME of the volunteers!

## MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, May 28**



Commemorations to honor deceased veterans at each local cemetery begin at 7:30 am at East Union Cemetery, and proceed to St. Nicholas and Mount Hope in Carver, Guardian Angels, Chaska Moravian, Mount Pleasant, and end at St. John's in Chaska at 9:30 am.

Parade commencing at 10:00 am from the Carver/Scott Co-op and following Fourth Street to City Square Park. Speeches and music.

Sponsored by the Chaska American Legion Post #57

Call (952) 448-4090 for more information.

## RUN, RUN, RUN!

A beautiful sunny day encouraged many people to get out and participate in the four May 19<sup>th</sup> Marathon events sponsored by the Chaska Community Center. The 10K event had 120 runners, the 5K event had 160 runners, and the Kids Fun Run (ages 5 and under) had 42 runners, and the Chaska Kids Marathon had 185 runners. Sixty people also helped volunteer with the event.



### Some of the Highlights:

5K in May students ran their first 5K in this race after eight weeks of training with Coach Dave Marek. They all were amazing!!

Run100 runners participated in the events, adding to their mileage as they tried to reach their goal of running 100 miles in May.

The kids in the Chaska Kids Marathon have been running and logging their miles for the past two months leading up to May 19<sup>th</sup>. They had to complete running 25 miles. Then on race day they ran 1.2 miles together to finish the marathon distance of 26.2 miles. These kids were ages 6 - 12 and they looked spectacular as they raced in their marathon finisher tee shirts!



More photos can be found at: [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com).

### **UPDATE OF CCC POOL IMPROVEMENTS**

For those of you who have visited the Community center over the past week, you will notice that quite a bit of work has been completed on the pool renovation project. We are within a week of the anticipated re-opening of the pool on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Patrons will note the new pool decking, new tile work in the locker rooms, and new heating and air conditioning system. The project has been very successful and we look forward to re-opening the area to our patrons.

Questions about the renovation project or specifics regarding the re-opening of the pool may be directed to the Chaska Community Center at 952-448-5633.

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**

In observance of Memorial Day, all City offices will be closed and re-opening on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. The Community Center will have reduced hours of: Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5am to 5pm; Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 5pm; and Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – CLOSED. .



**Welcome Home Celebration**

**Saturday, June 23rd**  
**2-6 p.m.**

**Cuzy's Bar & Grill**  
2880 Chaska Boulevard, Chaska

**Appetizers provided**  
Food and drinks available for purchase from menu

Musical entertainment provided by  
**8 SECONDS**

All are invited to celebrate the return home of our hometown service members and their families. Join us in this opportunity to thank them.

Chaska Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

**SOME WEATHER SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT THE RAIN**

**If cows in a pasture are lying down, it's going to rain.**

Some marginally plausible theories for this one include the possibility that cows want to keep a dry spot for themselves by lying on the ground or to preserve their own heat. Or the change in pressure may decrease their appetite, prompting them to sit a spell rather than graze. Or this bit of lore may be as useful as yesterday's weather report.

**Ouch! My tooth/my knee/my hand/my foot hurt.**

Some people swear they can predict rain based on their aches and pains. This could be due to a fall in barometric pressure, which causes blood vessels to dilate slightly, enabling a storm to affect everything from bones and joints to

skeptical.

**Listen to the crickets to check the temperature.**

To calculate the temperature in Fahrenheit, count a cricket's chirps over 14 seconds and add fourteen. Exact formulas vary, but this one is endorsed by the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. And it pretty much works due to the cricket's metabolism varying based on the weather. Amazing!

**Red sky at morning, sailor's take warning; red sky at night, sailor's delight.**

This is referenced in the Bible and Shakespeare, so it must be true, right? It can be a somewhat accurate predictor if you observe the sky at the right time, such as when the sun is setting. When the sky is red, it suggests there are a lot of dust particles in the air, which means high pressure and stable air coming from the west. Good weather is likely to follow.

**When leaves show their undersides, Be very sure that rain betides.**

Weather experts say this one is generally true, though it depends on the tree. Poplars, for example, are good weather forecasters. Leaves are reacting to sudden changes in humidity, which soften the leaves' stalks.



Stepping on ants brings rain. Also, ants signify bad weather when they are very agitated. (How do you know they're upset?)

Cats are looked upon as an infallible weather forecaster: If one sneezes, then rain is on the way. A cat sitting with its back to the fire indicates a storm; while one sharpening its claws on a table leg is a sign of a change in the weather, usually for the better.



Wind and rain are on the way when ducks hiss and quack more than usual.



If a rooster crows while perched on a gate, or at nightfall, the next day will be rainy.