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TWO NEW POLLING SITES APPROVED

At the April 2nd City Council meeting, Ordinance No. 858 was approved amending sections 19 and 20, Article III, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance, City of Chaska Ward Boundaries and Location of Polling Sites. The 2010 Census necessitated a redistricting process and the City of Chaska went from four wards and six precincts, to just four wards.

Wards 1 and 2, which previously each had two precincts now have just one precinct each. An effort was made to keep the population of each ward as equal as possible and still follow natural boundaries. The population of altered Wards 1 and 2 is now 5694 and 5877 respectively. These are the two wards anticipated to have the most future growth. Altered Wards 3 and 4 now have populations of 6125 and 6074 respectively.

Polling sites have gone from six to four. The polling site at the old Ward 1 Precinct 2, which was the Water Treatment Plant, was eliminated. The polling site at the old Ward 2 Precinct 1, which was St. Andrew's Church, was also eliminated. The four remaining polling places were then:

Ward 1 – City Hall

Ward 2 – Clover Field Condominium Building Community Room

Ward 3 – New Life Assembly of God Church

Ward 4 – Chaska Community Center

City staff had been studying the possibility of moving the Ward 1 polling site from City Hall to Chaska Moravian Church, located at the corner of Walnut and Fourth Streets. The City Hall polling site is not large enough to accommodate the number of voters easily. It also is not easily accessible due to the stairway and it is very disruptive to the daily activities of the City Hall employees and customers.

A letter was sent to the Board of Trustees at the Moravian Church requesting the use of their facility as a polling site for Ward 1. The site is within the ward boundaries, offers good access with no stairways, has a long hallway for voters to line up if they need to wait, has a good size fellowship room much larger than the Council Chambers which is currently used, plenty of electrical outlets, a kitchen facility for use by the judges, and public restrooms, as well as ample parking. Also, election day activities would not disrupt the everyday work activities of the church staff, as it

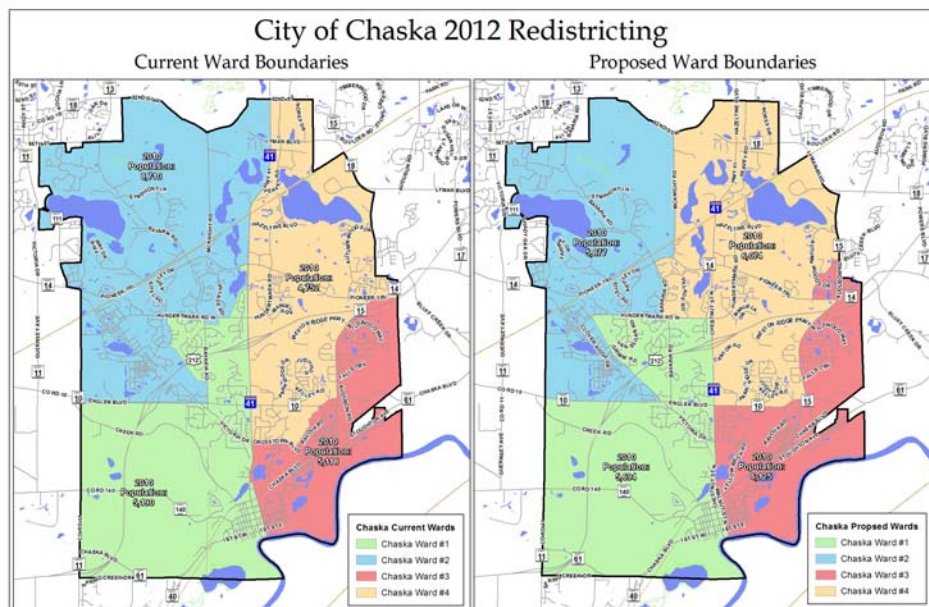
does at City Hall for residents attempting to pay utility bills, access the library or police department, or conduct business on the second floor of City Hall.

With the combining of Precincts 1 and 2 in Ward 2, St. Andrew’s Church will no longer be used as a polling site. Plans are underway for the church to become part of the Jonathan Montessori/World Learner School campus. This left the Clover Field Condominium Building Community Room as the polling site for all of Ward 2.

Staff approached personnel at Christ Victorious Church located at 9860 Shady Oak Drive, Chaska as a possible new polling site location for Ward 2. The church has a Chaska address but is located in Laketown Township, just across the street from the border of Ward 2 with Pioneer Trail and Shady Oak Drive. Laketown Township is slated for orderly annexation into the City of Chaska in the near future. However, state statute also indicates that a polling site may be located within one mile outside of the ward boundary.

The church offers handicap access, a large fellowship area able to handle the combination of the two precincts for the actual voting site, a kitchen, and restrooms, as well much more available parking. Polling activities also would not infringe upon any church activities held in the building.

At the Monday, April 30th meeting of the City Council, approval was given to moving the Ward 1 and 2 polling sites to the Chaska Moravian Church at 115 Fourth Street East, and Christ Victorious Lutheran Church at 9860 Shady Oak Drive respectively. Ward 3 and 4 polling sites will remain at Newlife Assembly of God Church at 950 Trumble Street, and the Chaska Community Center at 1661 Park Ridge Drive, respectively.



The next step in the polling place change process is notification to the County Auditor which is scheduled to occur on Friday. The Auditor will enter the information into the statewide voter registration system in order to facilitate the notification of affected households, and for notification of newly registered voters as they occur throughout the year. Notification of

a polling place change must be done at least 25 days before the next election by a first class, non-forwardable mailing. The State strongly recommends that all voters in the County be notified of their polling place, precinct, and other election districts using postal verification cards, even if no changes have occurred. Cost sharing among the county, cities, townships, and school districts will keep the mailing costs affordable for any group.

Many thanks to the church staff at both the Moravian Church and Christ Victorious for their assistance and helpfulness during this process. The City of Chaska is happy and excited to partner with them!

Watch for a new Ward map to be posted online soon or feel free to call the City of Chaska at 952-448-9200 for specific questions regarding the election process.



Featuring Live Entertainment
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Family Fun

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 • 5:00-9:00 p.m.

City Square Park, Downtown Chaska

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CHASKA CLEAN-UP DAY

Chaska's annual Spring Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, May 5, from 8 am to 2 pm at Athletic Park. Clean up your yard and dispose of waste free of charge. Disposal of yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush and garden waste. No bags will be accepted and no brush larger than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length.

Residents living in the Jonathan neighborhoods also have another option. The Jonathan Association will have crews making ONE pass through each neighborhood for curbside pickup and will take it to Athletic Park for you. Pickups will begin on Friday, May 4th and is for BRUSH & YARD WASTE ONLY (any garbage in bags will be left behind)! All brush and yard waste must be in BIO or paper bags (see www.rethinkrecycling.com) and placed curbside by 8:00 am Friday. Any questions, call the Jonathan Association at 952-448-4700.

**CHASKA CUBS BASEBALL
HOME OPENER
SUNDAY, MAY 6TH AT 2:00 PM
VERSUS HENDERSON
AT CHASKA ATHLETIC PARK**



**Regular Season
Prices:**

Seniors 62 and older: \$1
Adults: \$3
Under 18 years: FREE!

SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 13th – 2:00 pm
Vs St. Peter
At Athletic Park

Wednesday, May 16th – 7:30 pm
Vs Belle Plaine
At Tiger Park

Friday, May 18th at 7:30 pm
Vs Chanhassen
At Athletic Park

Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 pm
Vs St. Francis
At Athletic Park

CITY MEETINGS

NO CHASKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
MONDAY, MAY 7TH. NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING IS MAY 21ST.

CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH AT 7:00 PM
CHASKA CITY HALL
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:
PUBLIC HEARING FOR XCEL CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT & EAW
and
BRICKYARD VILLAS PHASE 2

FOR THE COMPLETE AGENDA, GO TO:
WWW.CHASKAMN.COM



**CHASKA COMMUNITY
CENTER
ACTIVITIES**

Family Bingo Night

Bring the whole family to the CCC for some BINGO fun. You will have lots of chances to test your luck during this event. Come out and win some fun prizes to take home.



Date: Friday, May 11

Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

Cost: \$3.00 per person to play multiple games during the event. Pre-register online. Limited spaces may be available at the door.

Rock on Ice

Join us for these fun skating events. All rock on ice events feature a special theme, a disco ball, and great music to guarantee a fun night for all. There is a warm lobby for changing and all are welcome to attend. Rental skates are available.



Dates: Saturday, May 12

Time: 7:00–9:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per skater



The **Monarch butterfly** is a milkweed butterfly. It is perhaps the best known of all North American butterflies. Its wings feature an easily recognizable orange and black pattern. Female Monarchs have darker veins on their wings. Males are slightly larger. The Monarch is the only butterfly that migrates both north and south as the birds do on a regular basis. But no single individual makes the entire round trip. Female monarchs deposit eggs for the next generation during these migrations. It is the second, third, and fourth generations that return to their northern locations in the United States and Canada in the spring. Watch for their imminent return!