



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Every ten years, upon completion of the federal census, the federal, state and local levels of government go through a process of redistricting. The redistricting process is completed to help balance resident populations within district lines, so as to ensure equal representation.

The State of Minnesota completed their redistricting process near the end of February. The local municipalities then determine their boundaries, with the counties following up last. The municipalities have until April 3<sup>rd</sup> to complete their process. After that, the counties will determine their county board districts.

The City of Chaska redistricting process, utilized the following objectives:

- ❖ Have population sizes within each of the wards be as equal as possible
- ❖ Keep a four ward system within the City of Chaska
- ❖ Keep ward borders as logical as possible, based on major landmarks: roads, rivers, etc.
- ❖ Go from six precincts to four precincts - attempt to have only one polling site (precinct) per ward
- ❖ Do not make drastic changes that significantly impact residents in a negative way

Staff was able to ultimately delineate the ward boundary lines from four wards and six precincts to just four wards. Wards 1 and 2, which previously each had two precincts will 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. Ward 2 had the most growth, and along with Ward 1 is anticipated to have the most future growth. Altered Wards 3 and 4 will now have populations of 6125 and 6074 respectively.

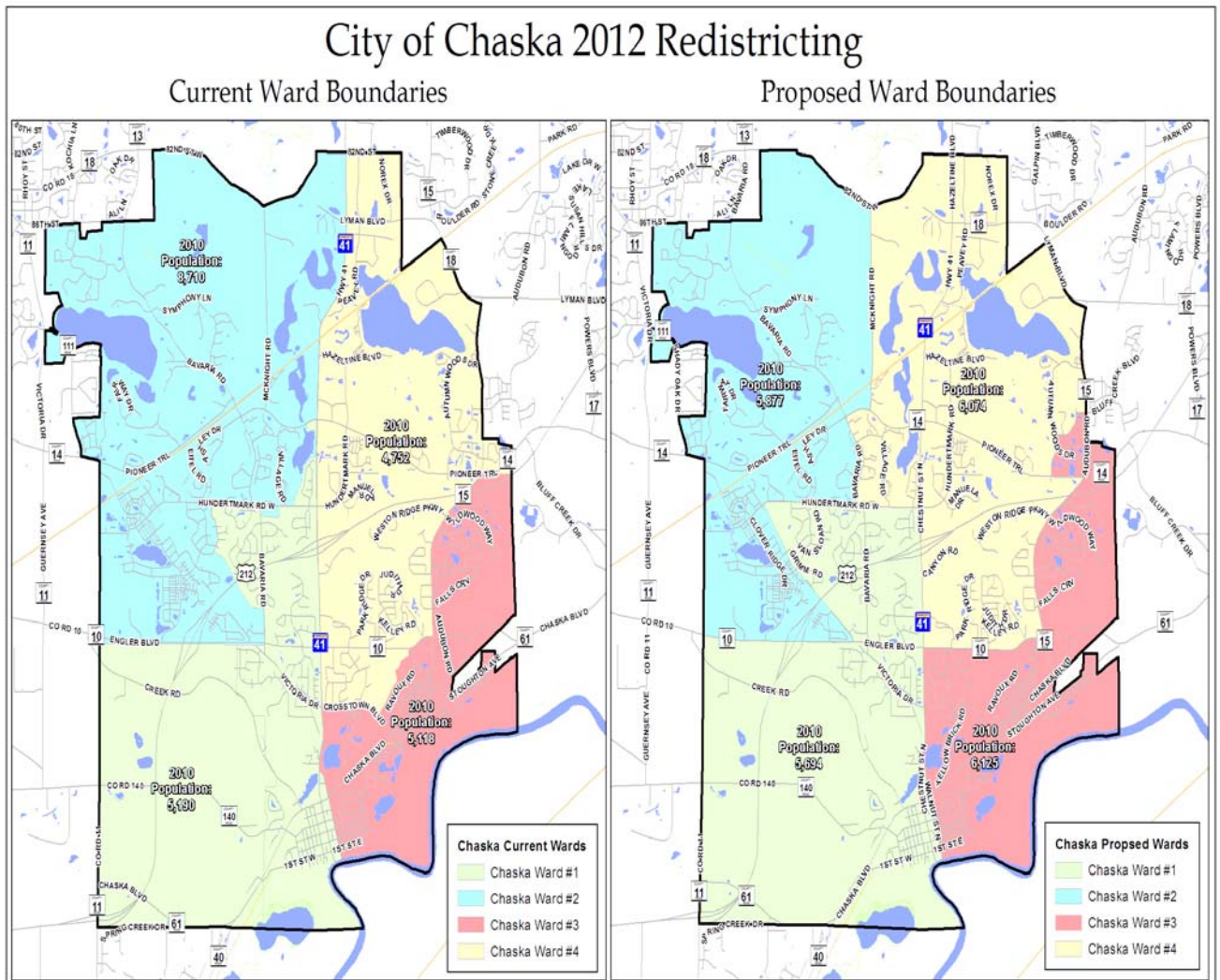
Polling sites are recommended to go from six to four, so there is only one precinct per ward. The polling site at the old Ward 1 Precinct 2, which was the Water Treatment Plant on Victoria Drive, will be eliminated. That site only had about 150 voters anyway, since the population never grew as originally anticipated. The polling site at the old Ward 2 Precinct 1, which

was St. Andrew's Church located at Hundertmark and Bavaria Roads, will be eliminated too. Furthermore, there are plans underway for the church to be incorporated into the Jonathan Montessori School campus, which would have created a hardship on polling day activities.

The four remaining polling places will be:

- 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

A Public Hearing for citizen comment will be held at the Monday, April 2, 2012 Chaska City Council meeting at 7:00 pm at City Hall. More information can also be obtained on the city website at [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) or by calling 952-448-9200.



**CHRISTMAS IN MAY**

The homes have been selected for Christmas in May and volunteers are now being solicited for the event on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. A kick off breakfast will be held in the gymnasium of Guardian Angels at 7:00 am that day. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register by calling 952-361-5350 prior to the event. People from all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Many hands make light work!



Downtown Business Alliance for their participation in the process and we look forward to putting together another piece of information that will help support our downtown businesses in making a great retail and commercial area for residents and visitors.

Questions about the project may be directed to the Chaska City Planning and Community Development Director, Kevin Ringwald, at 952-448-9200, or the Downtown Business Alliance Chairperson, Les Dahlberg, owner of Wally's Sports in downtown Chaska.

**CITY TO WORK WITH DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ALLIANCE ON SIGNAGE DESIGN BOOKLET**

One of the items that came out of the Downtown Master Planning Process was the recommendation of a downtown signage design guideline to help create a unique signage character in the historic downtown. The City and local businesses wanted to create more consistency and emphasize the historic character of the downtown area. As part of the implementation process, the City will be working with the Downtown Business Alliance to establish an incentive program and help businesses financially to make the signage transition. The process will begin in April and is expected to be completed in September, with the Downtown Business Alliance, Heritage Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, and City Staff, working to put together the guideline.

An open house will be held sometime in mid-summer after some draft information has been put together. The City of Chaska would like to thank the



**CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES**

**Spring Vacation in Chaska April 2-5**

Each day experience a new adventure! Children ages 9 to 11 must have a parent in the building. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.



**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Skates & Floats**



Come for open skate at the CCC and you can get a root beer float for \$.50. Time: 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

(Floats Served) 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
Place: Arena 2  
Cost: FREE for Members; \$3 Youth; \$4 Adult (Limited skates available for rental - additional fees apply.)



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**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Open Swim**

Come for open swim!  
Time: 1:00-4:30

pm  
Cost: FREE for  
Members  
\$3 Youth/Non-  
Members  
(reduced rate)



**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> :  
Bingo Bonanza**

Who likes a fun game of Bingo? If you do then bring your friends to the CCC and play the game of luck! Prizes will be awarded for Bingos. No registration necessary. Pay at the door. Space is limited.



Time: 10:00-11:30  
am  
Cost: \$3 per  
person for an hour  
and a half of bingo  
fun!

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mega Movie**

Join us for pizza, pop, and a movie. We will be watching **Rio** on a large screen in the CCC Community Room. No registration is necessary. Come and bring your friends too!

Time: 11:30 am  
Place: Community Room  
Cost: Movie is free  
Pizza is \$2 per slice



**Prairie Fire Children's Theatre Beauty  
and the Beast**

The week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, participants will practice and perform the original production of "Beauty and the Beast." After rehearsing for five days, the cast will perform the play two times for the community.



Auditions will be held Monday morning, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 to 11 am at the Chaska Community Center Theater. Rehearsals will be from approximately 9 to 11 am and/or 11:15 am to 1:15 pm, throughout the rest of the week. Performances are scheduled for Friday evening at 7 pm and Saturday at 10:30 am in the CCC Theater.

Dates: April 2-7  
Where: CCC Theater  
Cost: \$65 Member; \$80 Non-Member (Cost includes two tickets)

**On this date in 1886:** Coca-Cola was launched in Atlanta as an Esteemed Brain Tonic and Intellectual Beverage.

And if Coca-Cola didn't work – there was always Nervine.

