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SAYHEY5K

Say, hey, everybody! It's almost time for the second annual "SayHey5K" race, set for 11 am, Saturday, June 30 to raise awareness and funds for the vitality of downtown Chaska. It's summer and the birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and what better way to greet the best season of the year than to participate in this fun event, while at the same time helping our great community! You can run or walk, but most importantly have a great time.

Pre-register at a local business, or register on the day of the race, June 30, from 8 am at the Chaska American Legion on the corner of Highway 41 and Fourth Street in downtown Chaska.

There will be food and live music. There will also be a spaghetti dinner the evening before at the American Legion, serving from 4 pm to 8 pm. Come join the fun. For further event details, check out: www.sayhey5k.com.

Ralph Hanson
Commander
Chaska American Legion Post 57
(Taken from the Chaska Herald)

JULY 4TH SCHEDULE

In observance of Independence Day, all Chaska City Offices, including the Community Center, will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. Offices will re-open for their regular business hours on Thursday, the 5th. Enjoy the city-sponsored fire works at McKnight Park on July 4th beginning at dusk.



Chaska Human Rights Commission Meeting tonight – July 28th – at 6:30 pm
Chaska City Hall

Chaska City Council Meeting – Monday, July 2nd – at 7:00 pm
Chaska City Hall Council Chambers

For the complete agendas, go to: www.chaskamn.com.

DOWNTOWN STREET RECONSTRUCTION WORK TO START

At the last City Council meeting the Council did approve the contract for moving forward with construction of the 2012 portion of the Downtown Street Reconstruction Program. The program will entail reconstruction of all the north-south roads between First and Second Streets throughout the entire downtown, with the exception of the streets in the commercial district between Pine and Walnut Streets. In addition to reconstruction of the roads, all utilities will be replaced since they are very old. Storm sewer will be added in these areas, as the storm sewer has never been a component of the streets in the downtown area.

Also, the first phase of construction of the off-street trail connections from the levee trail into the downtown residential and commercial district will begin with the construction starting at Cedar Street on the west side of Highway 41 and at Ash Street on the east side of Highway 41. As the Street Reconstruction Program moves forward and segments of the trail are completed, this will give opportunities to downtown residents to have easy access to the regional trail system on the levee, as well as to residents to utilize the downtown commercial district.

Because the construction will be done in segments throughout the downtown area, there should be no more than two blocks of road section being worked on at once, to allow for easy residential access and to reduce travel delays. The Downtown Street Reconstruction Program is scheduled for completion in 2019 and by



that time all of the streets in the downtown corridor will have been fully reconstructed, including utilities.

Questions about the project may be directed to City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.

82ND STREET TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY



Due to the closure of Highway 5 between Highway 41 and downtown Victoria, motorists have been utilizing a short cut along the gravel road of 82nd Street. The City of Chaska is temporarily closing 82nd Street on July 5th through Labor Day. Road conditions along 82nd Street cannot be kept safe due to the increase of traffic. This street was not designated an official detour by MnDOT while roadwork is completed on Highway 5. The City of Chaska preferred to keep the road open, but it has become apparent over the past two weeks that limited access is necessary to keep the road safe. We felt traffic would only increase along 82nd Street as a full closure of Highway 5 occurs prior to completion of the reconstruction.

Residents living along 82nd Street will still be able to fully access their homes. Persons living west of McKnight Road can access off Bavaria Road and residents living east of McKnight Road can access off Highway 41. To make sure there are no issues when school reopens in the fall, the City will be working to make sure that the temporary closure is open by Labor Day.

Questions about the closure of 82nd Street may be directed to the City Engineer, Bill Monk at 952-448-9200.

ELECTION JUDGES STILL NEEDED

Please contact the City of Chaska Elections Coordinator, Margo Steffel, at 952-448-9200 or at msteffel@chaskamn.com if you are interested in being an election judge for the August 14th Primary and November 6th General Elections. Applications can be found by going to the Elections site online at www.chaskamn.com.

Judges are asked to attend two short training sessions and to work the entire day of both elections from approximately 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch is provided and judges are paid a stipend for their training and work on the day of the elections.



To be a judge, you must be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; able to read, write, and speak English; be appointed by the City Council, and be trained and certified as an election judge. You cannot be a candidate in the election or the immediate relative of a candidate, nor be a challenger.

Training begins in mid-July, so hurry and put your application in now!

The polling sites designated by the Chaska City Council are now located at the following places:

- Ward 1** – Chaska Moravian Church at 115 East 4th Street
- Ward 2** – Christ Victorious Church at 9860 Shady Oak Road
- Ward 3** – New Life Assembly of God Church at 950 Trumble Street
- Ward 4** – Chaska Community Center at 1661 Park Ridge Drive

More Road Work

MnDOT finished cleaning up and taking out the remaining railroad tracks and ties yesterday at Highways 41 and 61, causing some delays and detours in the movement of traffic. The area around the old tracks was re-sealed, leaving only a minimal speed bump as a constant reminder of the abandoned railroad.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Don't forget about the Friday night band concert in City Square Park at 7:00 pm. The **Minnesota Valley Community Band** will be playing on June 29th.



Farmer's Market at the Carver County Government Center every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Check it out!

We had a number of articles about roads this week. Here are some tips for taking a road trip with kids.

- *Allow about 2 hours of driving and then take a break.
- *Pack a special backpack for each kid with special activities and surprises.
- *Bring lots of snacks!
- *Stop for a picnic in the park and time on the playground equipment to burn off energy.
- *Play audiobooks the whole family can enjoy.
- *Let em sleep!