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2012 ST RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT STARTS

The Contractor for the City of Chaska began work on the 2012 Street Reconstruction Project on the north-south roads between First and Second Streets on the east and west sides of Highway 41. All utilities will be replaced as part of the project and storm sewer added in the old downtown area, which never existed previously.

As with any reconstruction project, unfortunately it often requires the removal of many boulevard trees. Over the past few days residents will have noticed a significant number of trees that needed to be removed. Many of the trees were very large and old, and many were hollow, but all of them were on top of the utility or sewer lines.



The City took a serious look at each of the trees in the project area to determine which ones needed to be removed and which could remain. Over the past several months the City Staff and our Arborist completed a survey of each individual tree in the project, and compared it against a number of criteria. Some of the significant criteria included the location

and whether they were on top of utility lines, whether they were stressed or showed disease, had hollow trunks, and whether any Ash trees might be exposed to the Emerald Ash Borer. It was ultimately determined that a significant number of trees needed to be removed, based on the criteria. This was unfortunate. However, the City is very committed to



making the downtown area desirable from a landscaping perspective. This has been a big part of the discussions in our Downtown Master Plan.

Any trees removed during the Reconstruction Project will be replaced with new ones of various varieties to help deter future issues regarding any major disease epidemics, such as Dutch Elm Disease, or the Emerald Ash Borer. Arborists have developed a list of a variety of good boulevard trees less susceptible to an epidemic of disease that will grow into beautiful specimens and highlight our downtown area.

Questions about the Downtown Street Reconstruction Project may be directed to either Bill Monk or Matt Clark, Chaska City Engineers, at 952-448-9200 or at 952-448-4335. Residents in the immediate reconstruction area have already been given direct contact information for their questions or concerns. The 2012 Project is slated for completion by early fall.

CHASKA RIVER CITY DAYS STARTS FRIDAY!

The annual Chaska River City Days festivities actually already started last weekend with the Triathlon on Saturday, July 21st and Disc Golf Tournament, Family Bowling, and the Medallion Hunt.

The Carver County Library begins their Book Sale today, which runs through the weekend. Don't forget to stop in the Chaska History Center also when you are next door browsing for books. The theme is "Celebrating 150 Years of the Chaska Herald." The musical group, "Peace Factors" will be playing on the City Hall Plaza tonight from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Friday highlights, which continue through the weekend, include the downtown businesses "Walk the Sidewalk Sales," Arts and Craft Fair, Food Court, Games, and Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Moravian Church, where you can also check out the winners of the River City Days Photo Contest. The Family Beach Bash will be held at Firemen's Park. JSAW open skateboard demonstrations will be held on Third Street. Musical entertainment will include, the "Mn Valley Community Band", "Perfect Choice-DJ", and "Lost Highway".



On Saturday morning, a 5K Run will begin the festivities from City Square Park. Seniors can enjoy a breakfast at St. John's Lutheran Church. Other City Square Park activities include the Carver-Scott Humane Society Bake Sale, a Business and Health Expo, Radio Disney at the Montessori booth, a Blood Drive, and the always anticipated Fire Department Water Fights, followed up by the Rotary Steak and Chicken Fry. Cuzzy's Brickhouse is hosting a volleyball tournament at their bar and grill site on Chaska Boulevard.



Musical highlights on Saturday include an afternoon of Karaoke, preceded by the Chaska Middle School Jazz Ensemble, Garage Band, Movie Band, Stomp Group, Chaska HS Country Bluegrass Band, the "Los Allegres" Mariachi Band, "Perfect Choice-DJ", and "Steel Orchid."

The events continue on Sunday morning with a Couples Golf Scramble at the Chaska Par 30, and a Co-ED Grass Volleyball Tournament at Firemen’s Park. Partake in the “Praise and Pancakes” contemporary Christian music service and breakfast at City Square Park. Then settle in and watch the parade that begins at 1:00 pm along 4th Street, followed up by some fun at the Chaska’s Got Talent Variety Show at City Square Park, and ending the day with the Chaska Community Choir Concert at 6:00 pm at Chaska High School.

A big thank you to Chairperson, Tim Sebenaler, and his River City Days Committee for all the hard work and planning they do to make this event a great success! Every year it is bigger and better!

For complete details, times, locations, and pre-registration of tournament events, go to: www.chaskarivercitydays.com.

AMERICAN LEGION 2012 STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT BANQUET

Thursday, August 2nd, at Chaska High School
545 Pioneer Trail, Chaska MN 55318



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

2012 SUMMER SPLASH TOUR

Venture to several of the metro water parks. Water slides, drop slides, zero depth entry pools, diving boards, and lazy rivers will be a part of this summer water exercise. *Please bring a sack lunch and swim gear.*

Apple Valley Aquatic Center

Date: Thursday, August 2

Time: 10:30 am.–4:00 pm.

Place: Departure & pick-up at CCC

Cost: \$18 per person

AUGUST 3

Concert in the Park 7:00 pm
Bavarian Musikmeisters - Germanic

Chaska Human Rights Commission
Meeting Tonight

Thursday, July 26th

CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER
5:30 pm

Chaska City Council Meeting
Monday, July 30th at 7:00 pm
Chaska City Hall

For the complete agendas, go to:

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