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AFTER 2 WEEKS - WE'RE BACK!
(BUT YOU CAN'T MISS US IF WE DON'T GO AWAY!)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Mayor Windschittl

The City of Chaska would like to wish everyone in New Year! 2011 was an economic development with the continuation of Program. We look year, as we continue to economic development areas and work on two downtown area; the The Landing at Highway will also continue with street reconstruction in the area of Second Street. The final adoption of our Downtown Master Plan is scheduled, along with the first steps to implement the plan.



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FAREWELL TO ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Monday, January 9th, will be the last day for Bart Fischer, the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Chaska. Bart began with Chaska in February of 2009, after having been with the City of Newport, Minnesota. He has accepted a position as the City Administrator for Falcon Heights, Minnesota, encompassing 100% of the State Fair grounds and 60% of the U of M St Paul Campus. Since Bart lives in Cottage Grove, his drive time will now be cut in half, from 40 miles one way to 20.

During his tenure with the City of Chaska, Bart has worked on a number of economic development projects, including the first phases



of our corporate industrial park at Engler and Highway 212, as well as applying for and receiving multiple grants to assist with the redevelopment of our downtown area. He was also very instrumental in working internally with the City’s Human Resource division to create more efficiencies in our employee benefits system and the reduction of the cost of benefits to our employees. He worked closely with all the Department Heads, served as staff liaison to a number of commissions, and was a great asset to the City Council.

We would like to sincerely wish Bart and his wife and three children the best of everything in this new stage of their life. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the City of Chaska while he served here over the last three years. The City will be moving forward within the next several weeks to fill the position with another high quality individual.

WINTER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

While there has not been much occasion to maintain the streets, sidewalks, or trails due to winter weather conditions, City personnel are often asked which trails are maintained in the winter.

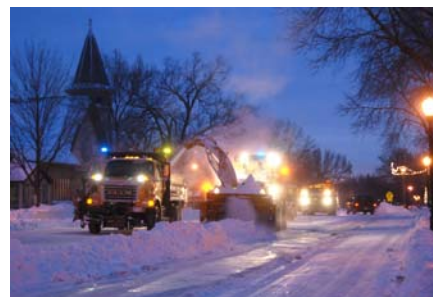
Currently, the City of Chaska has about 60 miles of walking trails. These include trails along the main collector roads in the community that connect neighborhoods to major components of the City, such as schools and commercial locations. The ravine trail system allows residents more of a recreational use into wooded areas. Of the 60 miles of trail system, the City maintains approximately 20 miles of trails during the winter months. The maintained trails are part of the connective system adjacent to our collector roads. We also plow some selective trails that are near the schools, which have been designated by the District as walk zones.

As winter maintenance of trails can be very expensive, long ago the City decided to limit the maintenance to specific corridors used to connect neighborhoods to schools or main community locations. The City has a dedicated person responsible for trail plowing. The plowing of the trails

occurs at the same time the roads are being plowed. It takes about 8-10 hours to plow the trails. One purpose of getting out early to plow the trails is to make sure that they do not become compacted. It becomes very difficult to remove snow if it has been compacted from snowmobiles or pedestrians. A plow is used to scrape the trails to make sure as much snow as possible is removed. No sanding, salting, or sweeping is performed, as this would add significant cost and time to trail maintenance.

The City continues to study plow routes as the community develops to determine if additional mileage should be added to connect key areas to the City. Winter trail maintenance does change based on how it meets our policy regarding connectivity to the community.

Please contact the Public Works Director, Tim Wiebe, at 952-448-4335 for specific trail maintenance questions.



(Plowing along 4th Street)



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Food for Fun

January 9–20 – All Ages

Bring a \$3 food value donation for the food shelf and receive ONE FREE ADMISSION to the CCC from January 9–20. All food donations will be given to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf of Eastern Carver County serving Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver, Victoria and the surrounding area.



Gym Jam!

Age: 3-Year Olds

Gym Jam! is a sports based program for the active 3 year old that utilizes sports equipment, stories and music. We emphasize participation, sportsmanship, coordination, and large muscle development, as well as counting, colors, numbers/letters, and listening. Each week we'll creatively learn about a different sport.



Max: 16
Ratio 8:1. Six-week program
Day: Mondays
Session 1: January 9–February 13
Time: 9:30-10:15 am
Place: CCC Gym
Cost: \$40 Member; \$52 Non-Member

Introduction to Competitive Swimming

Ages 10 to 15

This fun new program is designed for students who want to improve their swimming skills without committing to a

swim team. Staff will work on refining the four competitive swimming strokes (butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle), as well as work on diving starts and turns. Participants will learn how to write their own swim workout and perform it. Prerequisites: Level 5 or swim 50 yards without stopping (1 lap) and familiar with the four main competitive strokes.



Session A: Thursdays,
January 12–February 23
Time: 6:00-6:40 pm
Cost: \$54 Member;
\$68 Non-Member

Chanhassen Gives Back at Chaska



Gently used books are being collected at the CCC front desk for donation to the non-profit organization called Prism (Professional Records & Information Services Management). The project is being organized by a Chanhassen High School freshman involved in a leadership class. Collection will run through January 13th.

Stuff that happened on January 5th.

Tonight is Twelfth Night, the evening before Epiphany, marking the end of medieval Christmas festivities.

Today is Review Your Wrestling Holds Day, a day to try to get someone to let you practice all the wrestling holds you learned as a child: the hammerlock, half-nelson, or flying scissors. (See CCC 3 yr old Gym Jam Class)

1998: Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed in 1998 when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, California. He was 62.



Wisdom: One of the privileges of old age is to tell stories that nobody believes and give advice that nobody follows.