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CITY HIRES FIRST FULL TIME FIRE CHIEF

Over the past year, the City of Chaska has been working on putting together a process for hiring the first fulltime Fire Chief for the Chaska Fire Department. Since its inception in 1871, the Chaska Fire Department has been staffed by all volunteer personnel, including the leadership positions. As the City has grown and responsibilities have increased, recruitment of people into leadership positions has become more difficult. Many more restrictions and regulations have been put on fire services and the call volume has also increased. With the intent of keeping a volunteer base within the Fire Department, the City decided it was very important to invest in a fulltime leadership position in the department who would be able to take on ever increasing administrative duties. Chaska has been one of only two cities in the state of similar size without a fulltime Fire Chief. We therefore moved forward to fund the position and fill it by early 2013.



During the past two months a committee of City and Fire personnel has been going through the process of accepting applications for a new Fire Chief. Over the past two weeks interviews were conducted with several quality candidates. The City of Chaska is pleased to announce that the position was offered to and accepted by Tim Wiebe, who currently serves as the City of Chaska Public Works Director. He previously served as a volunteer member of the Chaska Fire Department, as well as its Chief for two years. Tim brings a vast amount of experience in leading a large department and also has over 20 years of experience understanding fire services, specifically the City of Chaska's fire service. This will help him in the leadership role as he transitions into the first fulltime staff member of the Fire Department. Tim will be starting in the position on February 1st.

The City of Chaska would like to congratulate Tim for this accomplishment and we are very excited to see him leading the Fire Department into the future. Any questions about this position may be referred to the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.

CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT 2013 LEVY

The last meeting of the year for the City Council will be held on December 17th. The major item on the agenda is to set the 2013 Tax Levy. At the December 3rd Council meeting, the annual Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was held. The proposed levy and budget was presented to the Council and the public for the General Fund, which is tax levy supported, and the Enterprise Funds, which include all the utilities, Community Center, and Golf Courses.

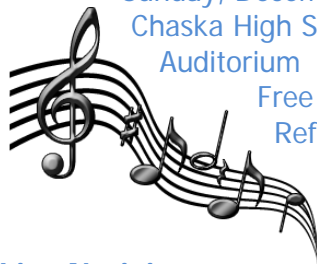
On Monday night the Council will consider establishing the General Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,880,354, which would be a zero percent (0%) increase from 2012. This would be the fourth year in a row that the tax levy has stayed at the same amount. The City of Chaska would still remain in the top three lowest tax levies in the Twin Cities metro area and the lowest of all city tax levies per capita in Carver County. The average existing home in the community saw a decrease of approximately 10.04% in market value and would see a decrease of approximately \$25 in their overall City tax portion of the bill.

Questions about the final budget or levy may be directed to the City Administrator at 952-448-9200. You may also visit the City of Chaska web page at www.chaskamn.com where you can find the General Fund and Enterprise Fund Budgets.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Valley Community Band

Presents a Concert of Holiday Pops!
 Sunday, December 16th 2pm
 Chaska High School
 Auditorium



Free Admission and Refreshments!

Live Nativity

Sunday, December 16th
 2:00 and 4:00 pm
 Chaska Community Center
 6:00 pm
 St John's Lutheran Church



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Donuts with Santa!

Ages 2 to 6 years (A parent & child class)
 Santa will be stopping by to visit with all of the little ones at this fun adventure. We will make Christmas crafts and enjoy donut holes and juice, as well as sing along with Santa. There will also be time to sit on Santa's lap and take pictures so be sure to bring along your camera.
 Date: Tuesday, December 18
 Time: 9:30-10:30 am
 Cost: \$5.00 Member; \$6.50 Non-Member (Parents are free!)

