



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## HELP CHASKA WIN \$125,000!

**Vote Early, Vote Often!**

American Express and Historic Preservation Chaska's Athletic Park eligible for the Partners in Preservation provides preservation places. American Express in preservation grants to Cities metropolitan area local residents to

their favorite historic place from a diverse group of 25 sites on [www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation](http://www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation). The site that obtains the highest vote total during the voting period will receive its full grant award (\$125,000). The remaining funds will be distributed through a selection committee. The voting amongst the 25 sites will last from September 20th through October 12th.

Winning the funds would help with a number of preservation projects at Athletic Park. Informal field seating is proposed to the sides of the covered bleachers. These new seating areas would add back seating areas to the stadium that were lost over the years and would directly respond to increased and projected visitor usage of the stadium. Also, improvements would be made to the dugouts, batting cages, bullpen areas. The addition of a warning track would add measurable safety enhancements that are required to continue to attract tournaments to the stadium. To vote to help preserve Chaska's Athletic Park:



the National Trust for have announced that has been chosen to be community-based program, which grants for local historic is committing \$1 million the seven-county Twin and will be encouraging participate by voting for

Go to [www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation](http://www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation).

**"Like" the page, if you haven't already.**

**Find "Chaska's Athletic Park" in the list of sites.**

**Cast your vote.**

**Repeat tomorrow!**

**4<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND HWY 41  
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

At the beginning of the summer MnDOT began an improvement project at the intersection of Highway 41 and 4<sup>th</sup> Street to update the signals and curb cuts for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project was approximately 60% completed when the State of Minnesota shut down in early July. At that time the City worked with the contractor to make sure that the site was safely secured, although the project had not been completed.



When the State reopened, the contractor was also working on other projects and they were unable to return

to Chaska until the end of the summer. The City has received several inquiries from citizens wondering whether the work is now complete. At this point it is not complete. The contractor will be returning in early to mid-October to finish the improvements to the signal poles and pedestrian crosswalks. Landscape pavers will also be reinstalled to meet our corner design standards and ADA requirements. Upon completion, the corner will look very similar to the intersection of Highway 41 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Any additional questions may be directed to Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

Chaska Human Rights Commission  
Meeting  
TONIGHT  
Thursday, September 22, 2011  
6:30 pm  
Chaska City Hall

**CHASKA HIGH  
SCHOOL  
HOMECOMING  
SCHEDULE:**



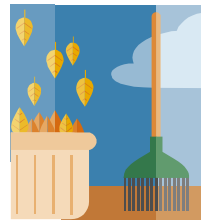
**Dare to Be Proud**  
and show your school and community spirit by attending the Chaska High School Homecoming activities next week. A number of the activities are being held in downtown Chaska.

**Coronation:** Monday, Sept. 26, 6:30 pm.,  
City Square Park Gazebo

**Parade:** Friday, Sept. 30, 4 pm.,  
downtown Chaska

**Football Game:** Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, at  
7:00 pm., Chaska High School football  
stadium vs. Red Wing. (Bonfire after the  
game.)

**GET READY FOR FALL CLEAN - UP DAY**



Attention Chaska residents, mark your calendar for Fall Clean-Up Day, which is set for Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Athletic Park, a half mile west of Highway 41 on 1st Street. Clean up your yard and dispose of yard waste free of charge. Disposal of yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush and garden waste. No bags, no brush larger than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. For additional information, call 952-448-9200.



# POWERFUL PARENTAL OPPORTUNITY

On Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 - from 3 pm – 4 pm - CLIMB Theater will be performing a powerful play called "Lockdown", which deals with bullying incidents and shows how these incidents affect the bully, the target, and the bystanders. The desired audience for this performance will be middle school aged students (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), but all are welcome. We hope that after viewing this performance kids will challenge themselves in the way that they view "bullying" and what they can do to stop it from happening to other kids!!! The event will take place at the Chaska Community Center Theater and will conclude in time for kids to take the regular (school) activity bus home.

This event is sponsored by the **Chaska Police Department, Carver County Library, and the Chaska Human Rights Commission** and is **FREE** of charge!!! Please register for this exciting opportunity at [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) and go to the link: POLICE / news and events.




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## CALLING FOR COATS

The Blessed Bee Thrift Store located at 2450 Chaska Boulevard seeks your assistance in collecting winter attire to be distributed at the Annual Coat-Winter Gear Giveaway. The event will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Lutheran School Gym located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street, Chaska from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

It is anticipated that there will be a greater need this year for winter attire. Please consider donating new or gently used clean and washed hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snowpants, boots, and washable coats, especially in children and teen sizes. You can drop off your donations at the Blessed Bee Store during regular business hours through October 15<sup>th</sup>.



Volunteers are also need to help sort, set up the gym on November 4<sup>th</sup> and be greeters and table hosts the day of the event. Call 952-448-7794 if you are able to assist.



## CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

### The Lodge Wellness Expo

This is one event you won't want to miss. SilverSneakers will be "supersized." Fitness coordinator, Susan, and her staff will lead one entertaining and active class in the CCC Gym.

Hurry! Hurry! You're invited to "step" right up for this educational and fun event! It will consist of a variety of vendors and exhibitors that will educate on all aspects of health, wellness, fitness and lifestyle improvements. Enjoy snacks as you visit each one of our vendors: Ridgeview Medical Center, Vein Clinic PA, HealthSource Chiropractic & Progressive Rehab, American Heart Association, Blood Pressure Reading, Chaska Police Department, St. Francis Medical Center,



and  
SilverSneakers®

8:30–9:15am  
SilverSneakers  
Supersized (CCC  
Gym)



9:15am  
Refreshments

9:30–11am  
Vendors, Games and Entertainment

Cost: FREE

### Tot Time:

### Apples, Leaves, Pumpkins Ages 2 to 6 years

A parent and child class filled with crafts, games, snacks and more! Each theme includes leisure activities for parents and children to share. Programs generally last one hour. Space is limited. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Cost: \$5.00 Member  
\$6.50 Non-Member

Fees are per child.  
Parents are free.  
Apples, Leaves,  
Pumpkins



Come ready for some fun as we celebrate fall and create a leaf friend, an apple craft, and decorate small pumpkin guards with pom poms, glitter, and jewels. We will have fresh apple cider and cinnamon graham crackers for our special treat. Don't forget we always have fun games to play too like the apple matching game and fishing for leaves!

Date: Tuesday, September 27  
Time: 9:30–10:30 am

### Teen Event

Prime Time Game Time!

It's prime time at the Chaska Community Center to spend time with your closest friends and kick-off the start of fall with great video and board games, a CCC scavenger hunt, and ICE CREAM SUNDAES! Prizes and fun! Grab your friends; it's prime time! No registration necessary.



Date: Tuesday, September 27  
Time: 2:30–4:00 pm  
Place: CCC Community Room  
Cost: FREE

**Comedy Improvisation**

The Children’s Theater Company presents Theater Arts Training at the Chaska Community Theater. The CCC has teamed up with the well-known Children’s Theater Company of Minneapolis to share their experienced and professional arts training instructors with our community. Come to your local community and receive the same training and class curriculum without the drive.

This workshop is about having fun, as students explore their imagination while inventing new worlds and creating characters. Through theatre games and acting exercises, we will focus on freeing the creative spirit of each child while building a dynamic ensemble.



Grades: Kindergarten to third grade  
Date: Thursday, September 29  
Time: 5:30–7:00 pm  
Cost: \$25 Member  
\$30 Non-Member per workshop

OR  
Sign up for all 5 sessions  
\$100 Member  
\$125 Non-Member

**Rock On Ice**

Join us for these fun “themed” recreational skating events. All rock on ice events feature a special theme, a disco ball, and great music to guarantee a fun night for all. There is a warm lobby for changing and all are welcome to attend. Rental skates are available.



**Cost:** \$5 per skater  
**Time:** 7:00–9:00 p.m.  
**Date:** Saturday, September 29

**September 22, 1975**

Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot U.S. President Gerald Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.

The average adult raccoon weighs 21 pounds.



The most common town names in the U.S.: 1. Fairview 2. Midway 3. Oak Grove 4. Franklin 5. Riverside 6. Centerville 7. Mount Pleasant 8. Georgetown 9. Salem 10. Greenwood

The average American's diet today consists of 55 percent junk food.



The last words of famed ballerina Anna Pavlova were "Get my swan costume ready."

An estimated 50 percent of U.S. landfill space is taken up by discarded packaging.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt ate three chocolate-covered garlic balls every morning. Her doctor recommended this to improve her memory.

The custom of serving a slice of lemon with fish dates back to the Middle Ages. It was believed that if a person accidentally swallowed a fish bone, the lemon juice would dissolve it.



**Quote of the Day**

"Let us realize that: the privilege to work is a gift, the power to work is a blessing, the love of work is success!"

- David O. McKay

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**