



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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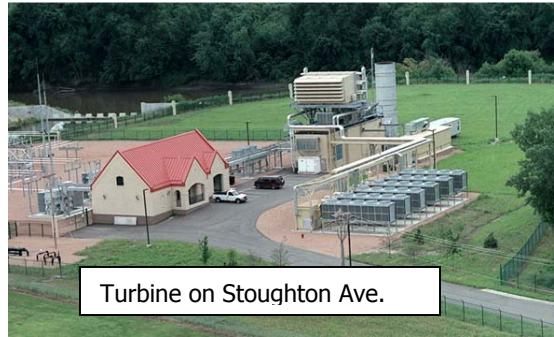
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## LET THERE BE LIGHT (AND WATER)

Chaska has provided safe and reliable electric service since 1914. With a City-owned electric utility the citizens of Chaska receive quick response to outages, personal service from dedicated staff, and cheaper electric rates because the "profits" from the utility go right back into the City of Chaska's general fund to help keep taxes low.



Turbine on Stoughton Ave.

Power is purchased wholesale from the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, which also operates and maintains the combustion turbine generator in the City. Three electric distribution substations then spread this power throughout the City using primary

overhead and underground lines operated at 13,800 volts to the step-down transformers located at all industrial, commercial, and residential locations. From the transformer, or the pedestal at the lot line, the customer owned service lines then bring the power to the building.

The Electric Department also maintains signal lights and street lights throughout the City and locates all buried underground electric lines. If you notice a street light that is out in your neighborhood, you may report the outage to the Municipal Services Division at 952-448-4335. Dan Geiger is the Director of the Electric Department, and oversees approximately ten linemen who work to keep your power operating day and night.

Chaska's Water and Sewer Department, with eight maintenance workers under the direction of Dean Hylland, is responsible for water treatment and distribution for the City. The water distribution system consists of 120 miles of pipe, ranging from 4 inches in diameter to 20 inches, with 1,655 hydrants that are flushed yearly in the spring for maintenance. The City tests the water at numerous locations twice a month to ensure all State and Federal

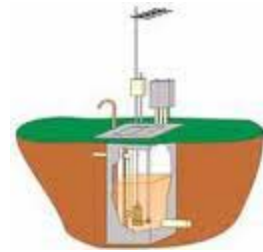


Clover Field Water Tower

water quality standards are met. Chaska's water rates are among the lowest in the metro area.

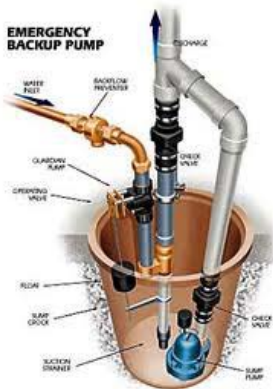
Chaska has six ground water wells that pump water from wells that are 330 feet to 817 feet deep. Water is drawn from the following aquifers: Mt. Simon, Hinkley, Franconia, Ironton, Galesville, Jordan, and Glacial Drift aquifers. Chaska's Water Treatment Plant is capable of treating 12.6 million gallons of water per day for iron and manganese removal to only trace levels by gravity filtration. Sodium hypochlorite is used to disinfect the water for bacteria and fluoride is added to enhance tooth protection, as required by State law. Water is pumped to the distribution system after treatment and is stored in four elevated towers that have the capacity to hold 4 million gallons.

Chaska's Sanitary Sewer system consists of 120 miles of pipe. Currently, the system has nine lift stations. The sanitary collection system is cleaned once every two years with a high-pressure jetting machine, which helps eliminate blockages. The raw sewage is pumped to the Blue Lake Treatment Plant near Shakopee.



Lift Station Diagram


Water from ground water sump pumps cannot be pumped into the sanitary sewer. All water that is discharged into the sanitary sewer



system is metered by the Metropolitan Council and billed to the City of Chaska, which reflects on your sewer bill charges. Jack MacKinnon, the Utility Inspector, who can be contacted at 952-448-9200, has been contacting residents with sump pumps to address the problem of excess clean water being sent through the sanitary sewer system (inflow & infiltration). The City will be working with all residents to make sure their water and sewer connections make the most efficient use of the system and keep costs reasonable for everyone. Please check your sump pump discharge line to assure it is hooked up correctly.

Questions regarding specific water, sewer, or electric issues may be directed to 952-448-4335. For utility billing questions, please call 952-448-9200.

**CHASKA CARES CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Registration continues for the first annual 2011 Chaska Cares Classic Golf Social to be held on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Chaska Town Course. The event is sponsored through a combined partnership of the Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs of Chaska and will benefit the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. 

The Classic includes 18 holes of golf, cart, practice range, prizes, and dinner with silent auction for \$100. For \$30 you can attend the dinner only. Participants can choose to play at either 8:00 am or 2:00 pm. Call the Town Course at 952-443-3748 to register! Persons who are interested in making a donation to the silent auction should contact Matt Podhradsky at the City of Chaska or Lon Hand at Community Bank.

**CITY HOLIDAY HOURS**

Chaska City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen at 7:30 am on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Municipal Services Building will be closed on Labor Day. For electric utility emergencies, call 612-640-2848. For water or sewer emergencies call 612-660-9651. They will reopen at 7am on Tuesday.



The Community Center will have shortened hours on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5am to 5pm. On Sunday, the hours will be 8am to 5pm. The swimming pool closes a half hour earlier. On Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup>, the entire Community Center is closed. It reopens at 5am on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Have a safe and fun holiday!



**COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES**

**Hatha Yoga**

Hatha is associated with a slower paced class that includes learning the yoga poses and simple breathing/meditation exercises. Classes are typically mellow with an emphasis on balancing strength and flexibility.



**BEGINNING HATHA**

Instructor: Christy Rice

Session 1:

Tuesdays, Sept. 6–Oct. 18, 6:50–7:50 pm.

Cost: \$56 Member; \$68 Non-Member

**CONTINUING HATHA**

Instructor: Christy Rice

Session 1:

Tuesdays, Sept. 6–Oct. 18, 5:40–6:40 pm.

Cost: \$56 Member; \$68 Non-Member

**Group Skating Lessons**

Group lessons are considered STEP 1 toward becoming any type of skater, including a recreational or competitive figure skater. Chaska Skate School hosts the Basic Skills Program, which is available for beginner to intermediate skaters ages 3 and older and beginner adults. Classes are offered year-round.



Each week, skaters receive group instruction using the ISI Learn to Skate curriculum. All classes are 30 minutes and meet once per week. Class placement is determined by skill level and age. For class descriptions and schedule see the 2011 Fall Activity Brochure by visiting [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com).

Registration now open for Fall I and Fall 2

Beginner 1 to Delta

\$48 Member; \$60 Non-Member

Specialty Class: (Hockey, Adults, Figure Skating)

\$53 Member; \$67 Non-Member

Small Group Lessons (4:1)

\$75 Member; \$94 Non-Member

PALS (Parent and Little Skater)

\$85 Member; \$106 Non-Member per couple

Skate Rental: \$2.00

**Bellydancing**

Bellydancing has been around for thousands of years as part of cultural tradition, fun, and exercise. Women of all shapes and sizes enjoy learning the specific controlled movements that are used in Middle Eastern Dancing. Strengthen and tone your body with shimmies, figure eights, undulations, snake arms and lyrical/locomotion steps. String these steps together for a choreographed dance. Yoga wear is appropriate.



Instructor: Bess Kraft  
 Session 1:  
 Saturdays, September 10–October 15  
 Time: 9:45–10:30 am.  
 Cost: \$48 Member; \$62 Non-Member

**Power Vinyasa and Yin Yoga**

Power Vinyasa is a more physically challenging form of yoga using breath as an integral part of movement as you flow from pose to pose generating significant heat. Also, a portion of the class will be Yin Yoga, a classic form of yoga where poses are held for several breaths. The challenge is in the hold time, focus, and breath work.

Instructor: Bess Kraft  
 Session 1:  
 Saturdays  
 Sept.10 – Oct.15  
 8:00–9:30 am  
 Cost: \$60 Member;  
 \$72 Non-Member



**Adult Fall Volleyball Leagues**

Whether your interest is fast-paced and competitive or laid back and recreational, we have the right league for you. Form a team from your neighborhood, work, or group of friends and be a part of this 6-on-6 league. The fall season will run eight

weeks and teams will referee their own games. If you are looking for a team, or have questions regarding any of the leagues, please call our office at (952) 448-3176. All players must live or work in School District #112. All interested teams should attend the organizational meeting held at the CCC. Registration deadline is Sept. 11.

Organizational Meetings:  
 Tuesday, September 6 at the CCC  
 Women’s League: 6:00 pm.  
 Co-Rec League: 6:30 pm.  
 Co-Rec Power League: 7:00 pm.

**POWER LEAGUE**  
 Game Night: Mondays  
 Dates: September 26–Nov. 14  
 Team Fee: \$80

**WOMEN’S LEAGUE**  
 Game Night: Tuesdays  
 Dates: September 27–Nov. 15  
 Team Fee: \$80

**CO-REC LEAGUE**  
 Game Night: Wednesdays  
 Dates: September 28–Nov. 16  
 Team Fee: \$80



**I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!**

- The United States Military targets a minimum IQ score of 85
- 50% of people have Intelligence Quotient scores between 90 and 110
- 2.5% of people are very superior in intelligence (over 130)
- 0.5% of people are near genius or at genius level (over 140)

