



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## SECOND CHASKA FD MEMBER RECEIVES TOP HONORS AT STATE FIRE CHIEF'S CONVENTION

Last week the Chaska City Hall Bulletin recognized Fire Marshal, Kevin Gravalin, for being awarded the Fire Prevention Educator of the Year at the State Fire Chief's Convention held in St. Cloud the weekend of November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Also recognized in a surprise ceremony, was Scott Gerber, a member of the Chaska Fire Department and Chief of the Excelsior Fire Department. He was awarded the Minnesota State Fire Chief Association's Fire Officer of the Year Award. Scott has been a member of the Chaska Fire Department for almost 15 years and served as the Assistant Chief from 2005-2008. He has been Chief of Excelsior Fire Department since September 2006. He also served as the Risk Management Director for Carver County for 14 years.



Scott Gerber

Scott was nominated for the Fire Officer of the Year Award because of his instrumental role in developing the Statewide mutual aid process and the revamping of the State Fire Chiefs "Fast Team" Program, as well as for his work with the Life Safety Unit group to implement and improve firefighter rehab at fire scenes. Scott was also the lead advocate in working with Hennepin Radio on the radio protocol for the fire departments and the training of the dispatchers to use the protocols.

The City of Chaska is extremely proud of the recognition awarded to both Scott Gerber and Kevin Gravalin. Both men are very deserving of their awards and we wish them the best in their future endeavors.



Kevin Gravalin and his wife, Dawn

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

On Saturday, Oct. 22 several City employees, elected officials and other individuals ran in the Mankato Marathon, 10K, and Half Marathon races. This was a great day of activity put together by Susan Marek, the Fitness Coordinator of the Chaska Parks and Recreation Department. As a culmination to her running program offered over the past several weeks, participants took part in either the 10K or Half Marathon races. Everyone posted a respectable time and enjoyed themselves. Over 25 individuals participated in the event, with Jason Kirsch, of the Park & Rec Department driving all of them to the event on the bus. The group is now preparing for the upcoming Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, which is a 5K race at the High School.

A big thank you to Susan Marek and Jason Kirsch for their hard work in organizing the outing, and to all the participants who represented the Chaska community.



### CLEAN UP DAY

The temperature is supposed to be in the 50s on Saturday. It will be a perfect day to clean up your yard and bring your leaves, small branches, and garden waste to the Athletic Park on First Street. Disposal is free from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



**CITY MEETINGS**

Chaska Human Rights Commission Meeting  
**TONIGHT**  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm  
Chaska City Hall

**NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Next Meeting is Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm at Chaska City Hall

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP**



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!!!

This 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.



**COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES**

**Chaska Community Center Halloween Live!**

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
4:00–6:00 pm

Come join us for a spooktacular time with many activities planned, including family entertainment; a visit with Po, the Kung Fu Panda; a haunted house (\$1); ghostly games; spooky crafts (\$1); treats; and more! No registration needed.



**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 everyone. 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 pm

Date: Saturday - October 29<sup>th</sup>



**LOCAL EVENTS**

Visit the downtown Chaska businesses tonight for special events, prize drawings, and fun!

The Chaska Fire Department Explorers will host its 5<sup>th</sup> annual all you can eat chili feed on Friday from 5-8 pm at the Chaska VFW. Advance tickets are \$5, or \$7 at the door.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

