



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## CHASKA FIRE MARSHAL TO WIN MAJOR AWARD

The annual State Fire Chiefs' Conference is being held in St. Cloud this weekend. As part of the conference, an award is presented every year to the top Fire Prevention Educator in the State of Minnesota. The City of Chaska is very pleased to announce that our Fire Marshal, Kevin Gravalin, has been selected as the State Fire Prevention Educator of the Year. He will be honored on Friday night, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud.

The City of Chaska is very proud of the services Kevin Gravalin gives to the community, and the passion and dedication that he shows to the educational process.

Since the creation of the Fire Marshal position in the late 1990s, the City of Chaska has made great strides in not only how we extinguish fires, but more importantly, in educating the population to prevent fires. Kevin has also been a dominant factor in creating great educational connections with the children in the school district and promoting fire safety.

Part of this process has also included the adoption of the State Fire Code, requiring fire sprinkler systems in all new multi-family and townhome complexes in Chaska. We also started the fire assessment program to help provide up front dollars to retrofit existing business buildings in town with sprinkler systems. Also, inspections are completed on rental properties in the community to make sure that our residents are safe. Kevin Gravalin has been the driving force behind all these programs.



Kevin is very deserving of this award. The City of Chaska is a much safer community because of his dedication and drive to promoting fire safety. Congratulations!





**THANKS TO THOSE WHO VOTED!**

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Partners in Preservation grant contest came to a close. Twenty-five historic sites were nominated for a portion of a \$1 million grant. Chaska Athletic Park received 2% of the popular vote out of the 25 nominations. Ultimately, the Basilica of St. Mary received the most votes on Facebook and therefore is the recipient of \$125,000 to help support their renovation project. The Athletic Park had a respectable showing against some tough competition in this contest and ended up in the middle of the pack.

With the Facebook portion of the competition completed, the Grant Committee for Partners in Preservation will be deciding how to divide the remaining \$175,000 in grant funds available between the other 24 historic sites. Decisions should be made within the next three weeks. We are hopeful that Athletic Park will still be awarded some of the available dollars. As we learn of the final distribution of these funds, we will keep residents apprised of the results.

Thank you to all who voted on Facebook for Athletic Park and for your passion and commitment to make Chaska, The Best Small Town in Minnesota.



**GIVING FOR THANKSGIVING**



On Thanksgiving Day, St. John's Lutheran Church will be working with other Chaska churches to put on a Thanksgiving

meal. The community gathering is intended to give those who want to come together to socialize and give thanks with others the opportunity to do so. Volunteers are being sought for preparation of the food on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Volunteers are also needed on Thanksgiving Day, beginning at 11:00 am. To assist, please go to [www.stjohnschaska.org](http://www.stjohnschaska.org).

As part of this special day, collection boxes have also been set up at three City locations, the lobby of City Hall, The Lodge in the Community Center, and the Municipal Services Building. Donations of Thanksgiving meal items will be used to put together food baskets for needy families.

Please consider what you are able to do to help make this Thanksgiving a truly memorable day for yourself and others in the community.

**FALL CLEAN UP DAY REMINDER**

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is Fall Clean Up Day in the City of Chaska. The weather has been particularly nice lately, so there is no excuse not to get out there and clean up your property and surrounding area. Yard waste may be taken to Athletic Park for free drop off between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Please do not dispose of plastic bags or large branches at the site though.



**City Meeting Updates**

No Council Meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Next meeting is Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm at Chaska City Hall.

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



**COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
ACTIVITIES**

**Chaska Community Center  
Halloween Live!**

Saturday, October 29  
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 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 pm  
Dates: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

**Quotations for Gardeners, Walkers,  
and Lovers of the Green Way**

"October's poplars are flaming torches  
lighting the way to winter."



- Nova Bair

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor,  
summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of  
them all."

- Stanley Horowitz

I love fall! Fall is exciting.  
It's apples and cider.  
It's an airborne spider.  
It's pumpkins in bins.  
It's burrs on dog's chins.  
It's wind blowing leaves.  
It's chilly red knees.  
It's nuts on the ground.  
It's a crisp dry sound.  
It's green leaves turning  
And the smell of them burning.  
It's clouds in the sky.  
It's fall. That's why...  
I love fall."

- Author Unknown



"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the  
farm country slowly changes from the summer  
cottons into its winter wools."

- Henry Beston, *Northern Farm*

"falling leaves  
hide the path  
so quietly"

- John Bailey, *Autumn Haiku*

"There is no season when such pleasant and  
sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so  
pleasant an effect on the feelings, as  
now in October."

-Nathaniel Hawthorne



Even if something is left undone, everyone must  
take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

- Elizabeth Lawrence

"You can't hide your true colours as you  
approach the autumn of your life."