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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

At the 7:00 pm Monday night Council meeting held at City Hall, several Planning Commission items will be up for review.

- Consideration of the final site and building plan for the Chaska Building Center Redevelopment Project
- Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for the West Creek Corporate Center Substation
- Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to Construct a Berm on the South Side of Athletic Park for Flood Protection Purposes
- Public Assessment Hearing for Public Improvements to the Chevalle Neighborhood

A closed session will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 pm regarding 2012-2013 Employment Contract Negotiations.

Questions regarding items on the Council agenda may be directed to the City Administrator at 952-448-9200. The full agenda can be accessed on Friday afternoon at www.chaskamn.com. Residents are also encouraged to view the meeting on Cable Channel 15.

THANK YOU!

As reported in the Chaska Police Department's 411 newsletter yesterday, St. Francis Hospital most generously donated two electronic speed signs to the City. We are very grateful to St. Francis Hospital for this generous donation. These signs do work to remind drivers to slow down, and they strongly contribute to safer streets.



The signs display the actual speed of oncoming vehicles and serve as an advisory to motorists to slow down if they are exceeding the speed limit. One of these signs has been installed on Highway 41, at the beginning of the 30 MPH zone, just north of County Road 61 (old Highway 212.) The other sign has yet to be installed, but will be placed on the south end of Chaska's downtown on Highway 41 to remind drivers to slow down after crossing the Minnesota River.

Again, thank you St. Francis Hospital!

FIGHT WATER POLLUTION IN THE STREETS NEAR YOUR HOME!

Remember! Clean Up Day is October 29th. While you are cleaning up your yard, remember the street around your residence also. Removing leaves and yard debris from your streets and boulevard can significantly reduce phosphorus flowing into our local lakes, rivers, streams, and that scenic pond behind your house.

Rake, sweep or shovel leaves, dirt and organic debris that is in, around or close to curbs and streets. Bag it and then take them to the County compost site. Or bring the bags to Athletic Park between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm on October 29th for free disposal. For every bag of organic debris you collect and keep out of storm drains, you are **preventing 100 lbs of algae** from forming in our waters.



Phosphorus is a major source of water pollution. Impervious surfaces, such as driveways, city streets, and parking lots provide a pathway for phosphorus to get into local lakes, rivers, streams and ponds. Phosphorus on streets comes from decaying organic matter such as leaves, branches, and loose dirt. Water monitoring tells us that there are two peak periods for the introduction of phosphorus from City streets into local waters – spring and fall. So October and November are perfect times to clean up your streets and help prevent algae blooms!



MORE NEWS ABOUT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

Construction of the Oak Glen Wind Farm kicked off with a groundbreaking celebration in the spring of 2011. The project, which was announced in 2008, is near Highway 218 about three miles northwest of Blooming Prairie and encompasses approximately 3,000 acres.

The purpose of the wind farm is to generate electricity from the endlessly renewable resource of wind power. The developer of the wind farm is the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA), comprised of eleven municipal utilities: Anoka, Arlington, Brownton, Buffalo, **Chaska**, East Grand Forks, Le Sueur, North St. Paul, Olivia, Shakopee and Winthrop. The renewable power from Oak Glen Wind Farm will help MMPA meet state requirements for generation of 25% of electrical energy from renewable energy sources by 2025.

This summer, 24 wind turbines were installed in the project area. Over the past month the circuits and substation were energized. The projected output of the project is approximately 44 megawatts (MW). Each turbine occupies less than a half acre. They are positioned for maximum wind availability and minimum disruption to farming.

MMPA expects the Oak Glen Wind Farm project to be complete by the end of the year. As the turbines become operational they will be



maintained by the manufacturer, Vestas. MMPA is committed to providing a long-term asset to the Oak Glen Wind Farm community.

**BOUNTIFUL BASKET
FOOD SHELF
RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT TO START
THIS WEEK**



As you may remember, the City Council previously approved a plan to move forward with renovation of the Old Water Treatment Plant building located at Engler and Bavaria to be used as a permanent location for Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. The first component of the construction project is ready to begin this week, weather permitting. Exterior improvements are slated to occur, including pavement of the parking lot and grading to address storm water issues. Interior projects will begin in two to three weeks, with the goal of completion by the middle of December.

At this point, the City is busily working to have Bountiful Basket Food Shelf into its new location by January 1, 2012. The Food Shelf is currently located in the old Snyders building at the southwest corner of Highways 41 and 61.

Questions about the renovation project or Bountiful Basket may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator at 952-448-9200.

AND DON'T FORGET!

Annual winter attire donations are only being accepted through Saturday, October 15th at the Blessed Bee Thrift Store located at 2450 Chaska Boulevard. Go through your closet today to help someone tomorrow!



Distribution will take place on November 5th at St. John's Lutheran School Gym from 9:00 am to noon.



**CHASKA COMMUNITY
CENTER ACTIVITIES**

School's Out! No School Day Outings

The CCC has expanded its no school day offerings and now is offering special full day programming on most non-school days. Each day will be filled with fun activities and/or an outing. All activity prices include: chaperones (ratio 1:10), transportation, and afternoon snack. Most activities include lunch, unless otherwise noted. All activities begin and end at the CCC Extreme Kids classroom.

Ages: Kindergarten to Sixth grade
Time: 8:00 am–4:00 pm
Each event is \$40 per child

**Thursday, October 20:
Stages Theater and Art Center**

Meet at the CCC where we will kick-off the morning with an art project at the Art Center related to the performance we will be seeing. We will also enjoy a lunch of Subway sandwiches. Afterward we will head to the play "Bridge to Terabithia" at Stages Theater. Then we head back to the CCC for a snack and pick up at 4:00 pm.

**Friday, October 21:
Chuck E. Cheese and Swimming**

Back by popular demand is our Chuck E. Cheese and swimming field trip. We will head out to Chuck E. Cheese for arcade game fun and a pizza lunch. Next we will head back to the Chaska Community Center and have fun in the big pool. Don't forget your swimsuit and towel!

AOA Movie Matinee

Join us for a special showing of *Invincible*. Popcorn provided.
Date: Friday, October 21
Time: 1:00 pm.