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LAST CHANCE TO VOTE

October 12th is the deadline to vote for the Chaska Athletic Park at www.facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation to win up to \$125,000 in grant funds through the Partners in Preservation program sponsored by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. There are 25 nominated sites hoping to receive a portion of the total \$1 million in funds.

Come down to the Athletic Park at 725 West First Street on Sunday, October 9th between noon and 5:00 pm and tour the facility at an open house and

CATCH THE ACTION

Chaska Youth Baseball Association

11/12 Team 2 vs. 11/12 Team 4 at 12:00 p.m.

11/12 Team 1 vs. 11/12 Team 3 at 3:00 p.m.

11/12 Clinic at 2:00

Finally, WCCO Channel Four News was at Athletic Park early Wednesday and featured the Park and Chaska's Mayor Windschittl on their morning news shows. You can catch the video and story at:

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2011/10/05/chaska-athletic-park-in-running-to-win-big-cash/>



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HISTORY LIVES ON IN CEMETERY

Over the past week the Chaska Public Works Crew has been installing a new “historic” fence along the east entry side of Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The old fence was taken down in the spring, after a car drove into it during the winter and damaged the supporting post and a large portion of the fence. Given the historical significance of the cemetery, it was decided the brick posts should be restored and a new fence installed that would maintain the historical aesthetics of the original fence. The new fence incorporates the original ornamental pieces, which were welded onto new support braces. The archway of the cemetery, which was originally installed in 1894, was also repainted and rejuvenated at this time. Twenty-five percent of the

cost of repair was covered by the driver’s insurance company and the remainder was covered through a donation made by a private individual.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery originated in 1863 when two parcels of land were purchased from the family of Joel Noble, his widow Almyra, and his heirs, Lyman W., Emeline S., Mary A., and Laura A., for \$85.00. The second piece was purchased from Ezekial and Abigail Ellsworth for the sum of \$5.00.



The President of the Cemetery Association at that time was Charles W. Warner and the Treasurer was William G. Griswold. The bylaws of the Association required that only the interest on the principle of their funds could be used for upkeep of the cemetery. Because of this, particularly in later years, the upkeep funds were very tight. So the Cemetery Association was greatly aided by the Improvement League, a women’s group in Chaska, which raised additional money and provided volunteer time toward the beautification of the property.

The land had evidently been used as a family burial ground before the formation of the Cemetery Association. It actually used to be known as “The Burying Ground.” The earliest grave for which a readable marker remains today is for Mary Noble, wife of Lyman Noble, who died in October 1858 at the age of 69. (This means that she was also the earliest born person buried in the cemetery, being born about 1789.) Other burials prior to 1863 include: Ida Gregg, at the age of 2 years, 9 months; Sybilla Mieseler, born 09-24-1858 and

died 10-07-1859; and Joel D. Noble who died 11-20-1861 at the age of 52. A majority of the original headstone inscriptions were in German, with some having quite long epitaphs.

The Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association was active for over 100 years until it went bankrupt and the Chairman, Harold Stege, turned the property and records over to the City. An addition was made to the cemetery in 1951 and a new numbering system and plat map was drawn up also.



There are about 590 grave sites in the cemetery, with about 125 plots still available. Plots can be purchased for \$300 per resident, or \$500 per non-resident. For more information, please contact Tim Wiebe, the Director of Chaska Public Works at 952-448-5633. (Much of the historical information contained in this article was compiled by John C. Hamer, in May 1983, as an Eagle Scout Project.)

Chaska Park & Rec Board Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011
7:00 pm at The Lodge

Chaska Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
7:00 pm at City Hall

For the complete agendas, go to:
www.chaskamn.com.



The annual Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. Bring your yard waste to the Chaska Athletic Park from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm free of charge.

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The Chaska Human Rights Commission is soliciting nominations for a Human Rights Award. Go to [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com)



to find out the criteria and get an application to nominate an individual or organization. The application deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Register for the November 3rd CLIMB Theatre production of **Lockdown**, a performance dealing with the issues of bullying, by going to: www.chaskamn.com. The event will be at the CCC Theater and is sponsored free of charge by the Chaska PD, Human Rights Commission, and Carver County Library.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual winter attire donations are still being accepted through October 15th at the Blessed Bee Thrift Store located at 2450 Chaska Boulevard. Distribution will take place on November 5th at St. John's Lutheran School Gym from 9:00 am to noon.





**CHASKA
COMMUNITY
CENTER
ACTIVITIES**

Mom's and Dad's Morning Break

Do you need a break from your little ones? Let us watch the kids as you enjoy a Tuesday morning break to do whatever you want; finish those errands, clean the house, or just have coffee with a friend. We will have arts and crafts time, stories and songs, tot time gym fun, and play in the playroom or at the CCC Park. Snacks will be provided.



Ages: 1 to 6 years old
Date: Tuesday, October 11
Time: 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Theme: Halloween Fun
Cost: \$15 Member per class
\$20 Non-Member per class

*\$5 Late pick-up fee after 5 minutes,
\$1 every minute thereafter.*

**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. Stay right in your local community and receive the same training and class curriculum without the drive. Spread the word and sign up today!



Onstage

Grades: Kindergarten to third grade

As students explore their imagination while inventing new worlds and creating characters – through an investigation of sets, costumes, props and lights. Through theatre games and acting exercises, we will focus on freeing the creative spirit of each child while building a dynamic ensemble of actors.



Date: Thursday,
October 13
Time: 5:30–7:00 pm
Cost: \$25 Member
\$30 Non-Member

STUFF POLITICIANS SAY

"China is a big country, inhabited by many Chinese." Charles de Gaulle, ex-French President

"This is a great day for France!" President Richard Nixon while attending Charles De Gaulle's funeral.

"Things are more like they are now than they have ever been." President Gerald Ford"

"Outside of the killings, Washington D.C. has one of the lowest crime rates in the country." Mayor Marion Barry, Washington D.C.

"I am not worried about the deficit. It is big enough to take care of itself." President Ronald Reagan

"If you don't mind smelling like peanut butter for two or three days, peanut butter is darn good shaving cream." Barry Goldwater

