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THANK YOU

The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity to thank the Christmas in May Board and all the volunteers who showed up last Saturday to help in the rehabilitation of seven homes. Some of these residents are people who are disabled or unable to financially reinvest in their homes. They were all excited to have Christmas in May assist them.

The weather was wet and rainy a good portion of the day but a lot of work was completed. Two decks were constructed, including one with handicap access to allow the resident to be able to utilize his backyard again. Painting and landscaping were also completed. Some of the projects, which were unable to be finished due to the rain last Saturday, are scheduled to be completed this weekend, or as soon as the weather permits.

This was the 16th year of Christmas in May. Over 90 homes have had work completed on them during this period. The program began through the Chaska Rotary Club, who donated the initial dollars to create a community service project. Each year more and more volunteers have participated. We look forward to Christmas in May being successful for many years to come.



MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

If you are in the area on Memorial Day, come out and participate in the activities being held by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Remember all those who have served their country and died by visiting the surrounding cemeteries. The Legion and VFW honor guards will hold a short ceremony at each local cemetery, with the following schedule:

East Union – 7:30 am

St. Nicholas – 7:45 am

Mount Hope – 8:00 am

Guardian Angels - 8:15 am

Chaska Moravian – 9:00 am

Mt. Pleasant – 9:15 am

St. John's – 9:30 am

A parade will take place at 10:00 am in downtown Chaska, beginning at the Carver-Scott Cooperative and traveling over to City Square Park. A ceremony will follow at the park with Minnesota Representative Ernie Leidiger speaking, as well as students from St. John's Lutheran School and Chaska Middle School West.

GROUND BREAKING BEGINS

Three members of the Chaska City Staff were able to attend the groundbreaking of the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency’s (MMPA) Oak Glen Wind Farm located in southern Minnesota. The City of Chaska is one of the eleven member communities of the MMPA. Legislative changes several years ago required that all electric utilities in the State meet renewable energy generation requirements. The MMPA was required to have 12% of their energy from renewable sources by 2012 and 25% of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. Since that mandate was put in place, MMPA has been working hard to develop projects that help our communities meet those State requirements. The development of the Oak Glen Wind Farm is the first of these major projects.



Oak Glen Wind Farm will be located approximately five miles north of Blooming Prairie, which is on Highway 281 between Owatonna and Austin. The facility will cost approximately \$100 million to complete and will generate just over 40 megawatts of electricity. The project is expected to take 6-8 months to complete. Electricity should be harvested from the site by the beginning of 2012.

This is a significant project for MMPA, with the agency being able to work to utilize a Federal tax credit program to help reduce the overall development costs of the site. This will help to ensure that we meet our renewable energy requirements and do it in such a way that allows us to keep our rates competitive with other utilities, such as Xcel.

The MMPA also owns and operates the Faribault Energy Park, the Minnesota River Station in Chaska, and a wind turbine in each of the 11 member communities.

Questions about the project may be directed to the Electric Director, Dan Geiger, at 952-448-4335 or Matt Podhradsky, the City Administrator at 952-448-9200.



**REWARD
CHASKA POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

There have been numerous recent acts of vandalism, including graffiti and damaged property at the Community Park shelter and the Chaska Skate Park.

The City of Chaska is offering a monetary reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible. You may remain anonymous.

Anyone with information in identifying the person or persons responsible, should contact the Chaska Police Department at 952.448.4200 during regular business hours or 952.227.2479 (tipline).



Report suspicious activity or behavior by calling 911.



FARMERS MARKET

Mark your calendar for the first Farmer’s Market sponsored by the Carver County Employee Wellness Program. The market will feature fresh produce every Wednesday, beginning June 29th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the parking lot of the Carver County Government Center.

CCC Swimming Pool Closure

The Community Center swimming pool is closed this week for its annual maintenance operations. Every May, after the completion of swimming lessons, the pool closes down for approximately two weeks to take care of maintenance and capital improvements needed for the pool. Residents will also notice the replacement of all of the windows on the south wall of the pool area. These windows are original to the building. Over time moisture has leaked between the panes, clouding the glass and making the windows less functional. The new windows will be more energy efficient and aesthetically pleasing. The walls will also be painted to freshen up the area. The swimming pool and splash pad are scheduled to be re-opened next Tuesday, May 31st.



Questions about the pool work may be directed to Tom Redman, Park and Recreation Director, at 952-448-5633.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

CHASKA YOUTH BASEBALL

Age 6

Step up to the plate; it's baseball time! This summer discover the fun of baseball with us as we learn about hitting, catching, fielding, throwing, and so much more! Each week we will learn and develop a new skill and then take part in

a fun game against another team. A team t-shirt is provided.

Registration deadline: June 1.

*Volunteer coaches needed

Dates: Fridays, June 17–July 29
(Six weeks – No games July 1)

YOUTH SPORTSMAN DAY

Here's an opportunity for young kids, ages 10 to 17, to try their hand at shooting a muzzle loader, shot gun, rifle and archery under the watchful guidance of gun safety instructors. A free lunch will be provided to all participants. Parents are welcome to attend and observe. This program is sponsored by volunteers with the National Wild Turkey Federation. Questions?

Contact Megan at (952) 227-7741.



Date: Saturday, June 4
Time: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Place: Marsh Lake Hunting Preserve
Cost: FREE
Pre-registration is required.

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

THE END – of the City Hall Bulletin and the flowering crabapples at City Hall.

