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SWCHS RECEIVES PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

At the May 16th Council meeting, approval was given to the Conditional Use Permit and Preliminary Plat and Site and Building Plans for Southwest Christian High School (SWCHS). The school is currently located in the old Nordic Track building in the Peavey Industrial Park. They have been there since 2000. Over the past three years SWCHS has been working hard to identify a location within the community to build a permanent high school for grades 9-12, with the option of including grades 7 and 8 in the future.



The new location is the property along Bavaria Road southeast of Highway 212. The high school will include a 100,000 sq ft building, with an option of a 50,000 sq ft addition in the future. There is also a proposal for practice fields on the east side of building, as well as a future stadium for football, soccer, and track use. With an ultimate allowed population of 600 students, SWCHS will begin with a student population of 200. The school expects it to take 5-10 years to reach the ultimate 9-12 student population before consideration would be given to the addition of grades 7 and 8.

As part of the development, SWCHS needs to return to the Planning Commission and City Council for final plat, site, and building elevation approvals. The consideration of these final approvals is potentially scheduled for the June 8th Planning Commission, with the Council to follow on June 13th. The school is desirous to close on the site and begin development by mid-summer. They hope to complete the project by mid-summer of 2012 in order to open the facility in September for the beginning of the school year.

The City of Chaska would like to thank Southwest Christian High School for the work they have completed so far and the neighborhood meetings they have held with residents. We wish them the best of luck in the establishment of their new school. Questions about the project may be directed to the Community Development Director, Kevin Ringwald, at 952-448-9200.

KWIK TRIP TO THE KWIK TRIP



Over the past two weeks the City has received a number of questions about the work occurring in Jonathan Square at the northwest corner of Pioneer Trail and Highway 41. This work is to prepare the site for a Kwik Trip gas station and convenience store. Kwik Trip will be taking over the old Gas Depot building space, as well as the Valley Wine and Spirits site. The liquor store will be moving to a space further north in the mall. Kwik Trip will be doing an extensive remodeling of the store interior, as well as outside where 12 new gas pumps will be installed. Kwik Trip would like to open in mid-July.

The City of Chaska would like to welcome Kwik Trip to the area and thank them for their investment in the business community.

ATHLETIC PARK TO OPEN IN MID-SUMMER

With the recent floodwaters having now subsided, Athletic Park was dry enough this week to allow City crews to clean up the deposited silt and begin restoration work on the field. Specifically, crews aerated, seeded, fertilized, and turned on the irrigation system to begin the process of restoring the turf in the field. It is estimated that 60% to 65% of the turf was killed during the latest flood event. The most significant damage was in the far outfield where the

water sat for a longer period of time. It is expected to take about six weeks for the turf to be established enough to allow play. The goal is to re-start community baseball games by July 1st.



Also at this time, contracting crews were able to get back into the grandstand and resume work on the concession stand improvements which were funded by a State Historical Society Grant. The concession stand will significantly increase in size. There will be a new serving window which faces the first base line. This will provide a better experience for volunteers and patrons. As the City enters the month of June, we should have a better sense of when Athletic Park will open, based on how quickly the turf is restored.

Please contact Public Works Director Tim Wiebe at 952-448-4335 if you have questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS IN MAY ON SATURDAY

Don't forget to volunteer for Christmas in May on Saturday, May 21st. Meet at Guardian Angels gymnasium at 7:30 am for a free continental breakfast and to get your work assignment. Volunteers are needed for various projects, including scraping, painting, landscaping, etc. You need not be overly skilled to participate! You can sign up for the entire day or a portion of the day. This year, seven homes are slated to receive assistance. The residents really appreciate the help and you will go away with a great feeling of accomplishment!



MNDOT TO START WORK ON FOURTH STREET SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN RAMPS

MnDOT will be working at the intersection of Fourth Street and Highway 41 to replace the signals and pedestrian ramps to be ADA compliant and provide public safety opticom systems. Residents should expect lane closures beginning around Memorial Day as the work proceeds. The City will work with MnDOT to try and minimize the impact of the construction work on the downtown area. The work is expected to take about five weeks, with completion by mid-summer.



Questions about the project may be directed to City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.

CHILES STAYS THE COURSE

Congratulations to ERIC CHILES, the Chaska Town Course Teaching Professional, who won the US Open Qualifier at Minneapolis Golf Club to advance to the regional in Chicago. If successful in Chicago, Eric will play in the 2011 US Open at Congressional Golf Club in Bethesda, Maryland, August 19th through September 11th. Check the Sports Section of the May 18th issue of the StarTribune for a detailed description of his win.



The Chaska Town Course has the best Pros in the State and they are there to help you with your game! Check it out! www.chaskatowncourse.com.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Summer swimming lesson
registration opens Monday, May
23rd for general public.**

ADULT/CHILD/INFANT CPR AND AED

Learn how to care for victims of all ages: Rescue breathing, CPR, First Aid for choking, and recognizing signals of a heart attack, plus how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). Upon successful completion, participants receive an American Red Cross certificate. Textbook provided.

Date: Monday, May 23

Time: 5:30–9:30 pm

Cost: \$50 Member

\$60 Non-Member

It was a sunny Saturday morning on the municipal golf course and I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot, when a voice came over the clubhouse speaker: ‘WOULD THE GENTLEMAN ON THE WOMAN’S TEE BACK UP TO THE MEN’S TEE PLEASE.’

I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement rang out louder, ‘Would the MAN on the WOMEN’S tee kindly back up to the men’s tee.’ I simply ignored the request and kept concentrating, when once more, the man yelled, ‘Would the man on the woman’s tee back up to the men’s tee, PLEASE.’

I finally stopped, turned, looked through the clubhouse window directly at the person with the microphone and shouted back, ‘Would the person in the clubhouse kindly stop shouting and let me play my second shot.’