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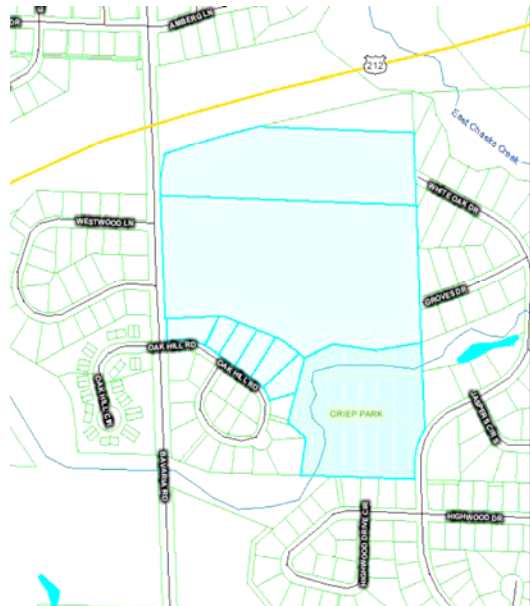
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BIG NIGHT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chaska Planning Commission had a large agenda Wednesday night, after going through a long dry spell the past few months. A number of interested residents and individuals attended the meeting, which had five separate Public Hearings.

The first item up for discussion was the approval of the Preliminary Plat, Conditional Use Permit and Preliminary Site and Building Plans for the construction of the new Southwest Christian High School at Bavaria Road and Highway 212. Much of the original concept plan was re-worked to better fit the school on the site and offer privacy and address traffic concerns for the nearby neighbors. The Planning Commission was ultimately satisfied with the proposal and approved it unanimously, with only minor conditions being added. SWCHS would like to begin construction this summer, with completion in time to start the new school year in the fall of 2012. The Preliminary Plans will be considered for approval by the City Council Monday night. Final Plans will be considered in June.



A Public Hearing was also held to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a 20-foot cell tower extension on the existing cell tower located at 1068 Walnut Court. This item did not require any lengthy discussion and approval was given unanimously.

Everwood Development requested approval of their revised Concept Plan, Preliminary Plat, and Preliminary Site and Building Plans for Creek's Run Townhomes to be located on the east side of Yellow Brick Road, south of Crosstown Boulevard. The proposal consists of an 84-unit rental townhome development, consisting of 18 buildings, covering 17.42 acres.

The Planning Commission approved the request, which will now go to the City Council for preliminary approval.

Lastly, a Public Hearing was held to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for additional lodging in the C-3 Downtown Commercial Zone District at 314 Walnut Street, the site of the C. H. Klein building. Jason Vanderscoff of Five Star Recovery requested the CUP in order to provide in-house lodging services for women going through out-patient chemical dependency treatment. Currently, four women are living at the residence while completing their alcohol/drug recovery. Five Star Recovery had asked that the lodging be increased to nine residents. Ultimately, the Planning Commission recommended denial of the request 5-2, wanting to keep the historic downtown business area more retail and commercial driven. The item will go to the City Council on Monday, May 16th for consideration.

Finally, the last Public Hearing of the Planning Commission regarded the approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to landscaping and screening, setbacks, and building design and materials, and parking ramps. These were standards developed by the Planning Commission to address new commercial/industrial building that we will see constructed in the community over the next several years. Unanimous approval was given to the request.

All of these items will be considered by the Council for approval at their May 16th meeting. Additional information can be obtained on any of these projects by contacting the Planning and Development Department of the City of Chaska at 952-448-9200.

Chaska City Council Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2011
7:00 pm

Chaska City Hall
The agenda will be posted at
www.chaskamn.com late Friday afternoon,
the 13th.

CHASKA AREA TASTE!

The annual Chaska Area Taste will be held on Wednesday, May 18th in City Square Park from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce organizes the event. Over 30 local vendors will offer a variety of food sensations at nominal prices.

Free musical entertainment provided by Black Water Alley will be at the gazebo from 6:30-8:30 pm. Janine Taft started the group in 2004.



There will also be a number of kids' activities, including a mobile video game theater, to provide fun for the whole family.

See you in the park!



Don't forget to save the date for **CHRISTMAS IN MAY** on Saturday, May 21st. Seven area homes will receive renovation this year. You can be part of the

good will and good feelings by volunteering all or part of the day. Participants should meet at 7:30 am at Guardian Angels Church to receive their assignments.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Summer swimming lesson registration opens Monday, May 16th for CCC members.

MOM'S/DAD'S MORNING BREAK

Do you need a break from your little ones? Let us watch the kids as you enjoy a 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 play castle or at the CCC Park. Snacks will be provided.



Date: Tuesday, May 17
Ages: 1 to 6 years old
Time: 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Cost: \$15 Member per class; \$20 Non-Member per class

DUNK, DIP, & SPREAD CHALLENGE



It's back by popular demand! Prepare your favorite crowd-pleasing recipe for salsa, dip, or bread spread. Bring your creation, along with the chips, bread, fruit, or crackers for dunking, dipping or spreading. We will savor the taste and cast votes for your favorites. Our winner will receive the Dunk, Dip and Spread Trophy and a prize. Bring your recipes and we will prepare copies to share with your fellow cooks.

Date: Wednesday, May 18
Time: 9:45–11:00 am
Place: The Lodge
Cost: FREE

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Need a night away from the kids? Bring them to the CCC as you go out for an evening of fun. We will have a pizza dinner, go swimming or play in the playroom, play games, make arts and crafts, and watch a video on the big screen. Make sure they bring their swimsuits and towel. You can drop your kids off at 5:30 pm and pick them up by 10:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Swimming/Playcastle from 7:00–8:00 pm. Movie from 8:30–10:00 pm. Children must be between 1 and 10 years old. Kids ages 1 to 5 will play in the Playroom while the bigger kids ages 6 to 10 go swimming.



Dates: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19
Time: 5:30–10:00 pm
Cost: Per Friday. Sign up for one or all.
Member: \$22 for one child. \$17 per child for families with multiple children attending. You must sign up each child.
Non-Member: \$27 for one child. \$22 per child for families with multiple children attending. You must sign up each child.

BABYSITTING CLINIC

Ages 11 and Older

This American Red Cross class prepares a babysitter for what every parent wants, including safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action steps. (Continued on Page 4)



Upon completion of the course a certificate is issued. Cost includes babysitting handbook, certification and instruction.

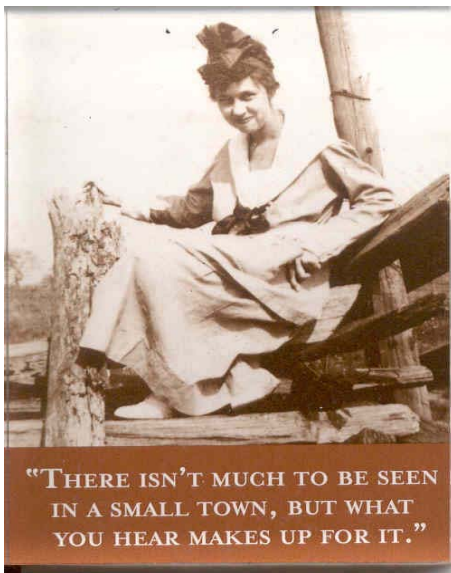
Date: Saturday, May 21
Time: 8:00 am–1:00 pm
Cost: \$45 Member \$60 Non-Member

DISC GOLF 101

Join us at the Chaska Disc Golf Course for a fun introduction to the game of Disc Golf. *Air Traffic, Kites and Games*, of Eden Prairie will be on-site to give expert advice and tips for playing this great game. Perfect for beginners and families looking to get into the game. All ages welcome, but children ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online or at the CCC front desk.



Date: Saturday, May 21
Time: 12:00–1:30 pm
Place: Chaska Disc Golf Course
Cost: FREE



TRAVELING WW II EXHIBIT

**BEHIND BARBED WIRE:
MIDWEST POWS IN NAZI GERMANY**

BUSEum Exhibit! The American Heartland has unique connections to the WWII prisoner of war (POW) experience. Despite this legacy, virtually no one is aware of it. Housed in a converted school bus, the mobile exhibit *Behind Barbed Wire* illustrates this history through narrative texts, multi-media, and artifacts.

Patrons of the Carver County Library system will be afforded the opportunity to visit the BUS, and see the diaries, letters, photos, artwork, and other artifacts of these brave men. In aggregate, they tell poignant stories still relevant to our war-torn world. What are the lasting effects of how a state treats enemy forces it captures during warfare, and what can we learn from those lessons to use today.

Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams, the founder of the BUSEum will be on hand to answer questions from the public and gather stories from World War II veterans.

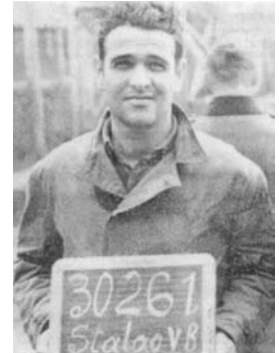


Photo of POW

Tuesday, May 17th
 1:30 to 4:30 pm
 Chaska Library

Q: What do you call two straight days of rain in Minnesota?

A: A weekend.