



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## CITY RECEIVES STATE GRANT

The City of Chaska received official notification from the Minnesota State Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) this week that we received a \$900,000 grant to support the overall reconstruction of Engler Boulevard west of the Highway 212-Engler interchange to West Creek. This is a significant grant and allows the City and Carver County to move forward with reconstruction of this section of road. Not only will these improvements help the overall safety of the road due to increased traffic, but it will also help the City in opening up the remaining land north and south of Engler Boulevard for future corporate development.

As part of the project, multiple turn lanes, passing lanes, median, and a permanent signal at Clover Ridge Drive will be added. A temporary signal is now in place at Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard. This work will bring the road up to final standards to accommodate the additional growth north of Engler, as well as the 85 acres of land south of Engler and the interchange.

The City of Chaska would like to thank the Minnesota State Department of Employment and Economic Development for this grant award. It came through their infrastructure improvement program which is meant to help cities pay for the cost of infrastructure improvements that result in significant job growth. This grant will help to make this project move forward in a positive way, as well as meet one of our strategic goals, which is to increase the number of jobs within the community.

It should be noted that construction on this section of road will begin in late summer of this year and continue through the summer of 2012. Questions about the grant or the project may be directed to the City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.

(Aerial view of Hwy 212 and Engler Blvd.)



**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

Mayor Mark Windschitl gave his annual State of the City address at The Lodge today. About 50 people attended the free event, which also included a light lunch. The Mayor updated residents on the status of the Downtown Revitalization Plan and area economic development, as well as transportation and infrastructure improvements. He presented a recap of the highlights of the past year and explained the impacts of the 2010 census and City finances.

If you missed the State of the City address today, you have another opportunity to hear the Mayor speak on Saturday, May 14th. The SW Metro Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Chaska Business Community Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 am at the Grand Palms Event Center located at Chestnut and Second Streets. Cost is \$12 for Chamber members, or \$15 for non-members. Contact [deb@swmetrochamber.com](mailto:deb@swmetrochamber.com) to register.

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Chaska Planning Commission Meeting  
 Wednesday, May 11, 2011  
 7:00 pm at City Hall  
 Agenda includes:

SW Christian High School Preliminary  
 Plat Site & Bldg Plans

Creeks Run Townhomes Revised  
 Concept Plan

Walnut Court Cell Tower Extension  
 Conditional Use Permit

Klein Mansion Conditional Use Permit  
 for Five Star Recovery

Nickel Creek Final Plat

Go to [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) for the full agenda.

**LET'S EAT!!**



Charlie's Grill, located in the Town Course Clubhouse, will begin serving dinner meals every night starting Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Charlie

Panacopoulos will be offering a full menu, including his famous pork spare ribs. Enjoy your meal inside the restaurant, while you sit by the fireplace and watch your favorite sport on the flat screen. Or lounge on the patio overlooking the pond and 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

On Sunday, take your Mom to church and then out for a great meal on Mother's Day. No reservations are required and Charlie will be offering Homemade Chicken Cordon Bleu or Whiskey Peppercorn Flank Steak, beginning at 11:30 am. Then walk off all that food with a round of golf at the award winning Town Course.

For more specials or to book tee times, go to [www.chaskatowncourse.com](http://www.chaskatowncourse.com).

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**CLEAN UP DAY  
 SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Now that the snow has finally melted, all the garbage that was buried beneath it has turned up. Keep your property and community clean by participating in Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Yard waste, including grass, leaves and small twigs and branches, will be accepted free of charge at the Chaska Athletic Park from 8:00 am to

2:00 pm. Let's all work together to continue to make Chaska "The Best Small Town in Minnesota!"





## CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

### Naturalist's Walk

Come out to Rapids Lake to shake out the blues of a long winter season! By this date, many birds will be arriving and our first wildflowers should begin to pop up. We will search for Pasqueflower in the prairie and scan for ducks and eagles out on Rapids Lake. Wear sturdy footwear and prepare for being outside.

Led by volunteer naturalist Craig Mandel.

Date: Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30–11:00 am

Place: Rapids Lake Unit - North Hunter Lot

14905 Jonathan Carver Parkway, Carver, MN 55315

(Located approximately one mile north of Carver Highlands Drive.)



### Rock On Ice

Join us for these fun “themed” recreational skating events. All rock on ice events feature a special theme, a disco ball, and great music to guarantee a fun night for all. There is a warm lobby for changing and rental skates are available.

Date: Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:30–9:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per skater



### Chaska 10K/5K

Saturday, May 14, 2011

A Community Gathering for All Ages



The Chaska 10K/5K is brought to you by Ridgeview Medical Center and City of Chaska Departments of Public Works,

Police, Fire, and Parks and Recreation.

All events will start and finish at the Chaska Community Center. Register online at [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com).

6:45 - 7:45 am

Registration/Check In: 8:00 a.m. 10K Start

8:15 am 5K Start

9:30 am Youth Fun Run Start – Adult supervision is required

### City of Chaska Police Community Stand Up to Bullying and Prescription Drug Take Back

Join Chaska Police for this community event for families and people of all ages. Police will continue to offer education, prevention strategies, and support for those who are targets of bullying. Also, drop off all expired, unused, and unwanted prescriptions drugs for proper disposal.



Date: Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Dunn Bros Coffee  
100 Second Street, Chaska

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Park and Rec Board Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2011

7:00 pm Chaska Community Center

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### **Happy Cinco De Mayo Day!**

Cinco de Mayo is the anniversary of a battle that took place between the Mexicans and the French in 1862. Cinco de Mayo means 5<sup>th</sup> of May in Spanish.



This day marks the victory of a small, poorly armed force of around 4,500 soldiers over the French invasion of a well-armed, professional army led by Napoleon III that had about 8,000 soldiers. The battle is popularly known as the legendary Battle of Puebla. The battle lasted for 4 hours and ended in the victory of the small Mexican army under Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza. So Cinco de Mayo is hugely celebrated with pomp, gaiety, and fiestas in the traditional Mexican style.