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FLOOD UPDATE PRESENTATION ON CITY WEBSITE

As we continue to get closer to the spring thaw, the City of Chaska has been receiving inquiries from residents and business owners regarding a flood update. As we shared in the City Hall Bulletin last week, the City is very well protected from flooding events, to the 500-year flood level, which has never been seen in the State of Minnesota. The flood control levee, diversion channels, pumps, gates, seepage ponds, and relief wells all help to protect the City of Chaska to the 500-year flood level, which is six feet above the 1965 flood level.



(March 2010 Photo)

If you are interested in finding out more detailed information on the spring flood projections, and Chaska's flood control system, visit our website at www.chaskamn.com to view an informational presentation put together by Public Works Director Tim Wiebe. If after viewing the presentation you still have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tim Wiebe at 952-448-4335 or the Chaska City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.

CHIEF KNIGHT ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON BULLYING PREVENTION.

Chaska Police Chief with President Michelle Obama, and Education and Services at the White



on bullying prevention. This conference was originated by the President to bring together those communities who have been affected by bullying and those communities who have taken effective action to address the problem.

Scott Knight is meeting Obama, First Lady the Departments of Health and Human House for a conference

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The Conference will begin at 10:30 am ET in the East Room with opening remarks from the President and First Lady on bullying prevention, followed by a conversation with experts on effective programs and policies to prevent bullying, led by White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, at 11:00 am ET also in the East Room.

Today's Conference will also include breakout sessions to discuss effective policies and programs to prevent bullying followed by a wrap-up session in the South Court Auditorium at 2:00 pm ET, in which Secretaries Duncan and Sebelius, along with Domestic Policy Advisor Melody Barnes, will deliver remarks. In order to engage audiences across the country, two of the White House Conference on Bullying Prevention breakout sessions will be live chats with Facebook and iVillage. The opening and wrap-up sessions will be live streamed on www.whitehouse.gov/live.

The City of Chaska is committed to being proactive in addressing issues such as bullying that can affect many people in the community and as such, earlier in the month of February the Chaska Police Department, Human Rights Commission, School District 112, and the Carver County Library system, along with numerous other sponsors, put together a community dialogue on bullying. The event was well attended and helped to spur additional activities such as participation in the National Stand Up Against Bullying Day on February 25th. Because of the success of the local bullying dialogue event, Chief Knight was invited to represent law enforcement from across the country to talk about bullying at the National conference. Chief Knight will have the opportunity to talk with President Obama and representatives from the highest levels of government about how all communities can work together to prevent bullying.

Our continued thanks to go out to all who worked on the recent community dialogue on bullying and attended the event. This was a quality event that garnered national attention and spurred an interest in other communities to create proactive dialogues within their own areas.



SEWER BACK UP INSURANCE COVERAGE



The City of Chanhassen received news coverage during the past two weeks when residents

experienced an unfortunate event. A large 12-inch watermain burst and filled adjacent manholes and sewer service, backing up into the basements of several homeowners. While events such as this

are very rare, they do happen. The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to examine their insurance policies to determine their options for a sewer backup rider.

Since the Chanhassen incident, residents may have become aware that most homeowner insurance policies do not automatically cover sewer backups. Coverage is inexpensive, but does need to be added as a rider.

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It should be noted that although major events such as the one in Chanhassen are uncommon, sewer backups can occur for a number of reasons, including homeowner service lines becoming plugged due to objects becoming lodged in the toilet or sink. While residents are able to file a claim with the City if a sewer backup occurs, unless negligence is found on the part of the City, often times these insurance claims are rejected and it falls onto the homeowner's policy. If the homeowner does not have the rider, often times the expenses are not covered.

The City of Chaska highly encourages residents to explore their options regarding sewer backup insurance coverage. Questions about this matter may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.

LAST REMINDER

You have until March 15th to apply for assistance with home repairs through Christmas in May. Contact 952-361-5350 if you or someone you know needs help. Christmas in May will be held on May 21st.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY. DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT.



In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." - Alfred Lord Tennyson



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Mom's/Dad's Morning Break

Ages 1 to 6
Date: Tuesday, March 15
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cost: \$15 Members;
\$20 Non-Members



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.

March Madness Basketball Showcase

Date: Wednesday, March 16
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm
Place:
CCC Upper Gym
Cost: FREE!



Celebrate the madness this March at the CCC with an exciting 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. You may make your own team or we will pair up individuals to make a three-person team. So grab your friends and come on over. This is one March Madness event you won't want to miss! Prizes will be awarded to our tournament winners and snacks will be provided to all participants.

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Princess Pocahontas Party



Ages 3 to 7
 Date: Friday, March 18
 Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
 Cost: \$10 Member
 \$12 NonMember

Once Upon A Star invites you to another fabulous princess pizzazz party! Our costumed Pocahontas will introduce you to Meeko, Flit, and Grandmother Willow! We play an interactive "Just Around The Riverbend" flannel-board game, enjoy dancing, and complete a "Colors Of The Wind" craft. Pocahontas will apply a special tattoo to your wrist; followed by a brief photo session.

Children - please wear your castle attire for this royal party!
 Parents - don't forget your cameras for an hour filled with photo opportunities!

Artfully Scientific

Ages 3 to 12 Parent/Child Class
 Date: Saturday, March 19
 Time: 9:30-11:00 am
 Cost: \$12 Member; \$15 Non-Member

Who says that art and science don't mix? We will observe what happens when vinegar, milk, dish soap, and paint react. Have you ever mixed up and painted with your very own drawing dough? Try another unusual experiment for some absorbing artwork. Sound interesting? Join us and see how the Creation Station mixes up the fun!



SAVE TIME – SAVE ENERGY

One of the biggest reasons we change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time (DST) is that it reportedly saves electricity. In general, energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. Bedtime for most of us is late evening throughout the year. When we go to bed, we turn off the lights and TV.

In the average home, 25 percent of all the electricity we use is for lighting and small appliances, such as TVs, VCRs and stereos. A good percentage of energy consumed by lighting and appliances occurs in the evening when families are home. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we can cut the amount of electricity we consume each day.



Studies done in the 1970s by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that we trim the entire country's electricity usage by about one percent EACH DAY with Daylight Saving Time.

The National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommend that consumers change the battery in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when we change the clocks for Daylight Saving Time.

While you've got the ladder out to check your smoke detectors, why not change a bulb?

Switching to energy efficient bulbs in your ceiling fixtures could save you \$30 a year **per bulb** on your electricity bill.



Speaking of saving energy - A little gasoline humor.