



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## POTENTIAL STATE SHUT DOWN TO HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON CITY GOVERNMENT

By Matt Podhradsky, Chaska City Administrator

With the potential shut down of the State government looming on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we felt it was important to talk about any potential impacts on local services provided through the City of Chaska. While there are a number of very specific services that will not be provided through the State should a shut down occur, the City of Chaska is fortunate that residents will see very little impact at the local level to services provided. This is due primarily to the fact that very little funding for city services comes from the State of Minnesota.

Over the last two years Chaska has prepared its budget, anticipating there would be no local government aid or market value homestead credit aid. This has helped us be less impacted by a potential State government shut down, since we are not reliant on those funds.

The main thing residents might notice if there is a shut down, is the stopping of State construction projects occurring within the City. Specifically there are two State projects currently in progress in the City, including the reconstruction of the Highway 41 and Fourth Street intersection and the construction of the MnDOT maintenance facility at the intersection of Co Rd 147 and new Highway 212. If there were to be a shut down, both of these projects would come to a halt and would not resume until the State government re-opened its doors. This would extend the amount of time that it would take to complete the projects, which could have the effect of creating more traffic delays, particularly along Highway 41. It should be noted that none of our essential services would be impacted from a State shut down, including our police, fire, public works, and utility functions.

While the City of Chaska would not experience any significant impacts from a shut down, it should be noted that County services could be impacted, given the number of services that are mandated from the State to the County level. Residents wanting to find out what potential County impacts could occur should contact the Carver County Government Center at 952-361-1500. Other questions regarding a potential State shut down and its impact with the City may be directed to Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200 or [matt@chaskamn.com](mailto:matt@chaskamn.com).

**ATHLETIC PARK REOPENS**



Since flooding three times in twelve months, Athletic Park will re-open for its first baseball game of the season on June 19<sup>th</sup>. During the most recent flooding event, which lasted approximately 60 days this spring, a significant portion of the grass was killed in the park, along with silt and debris left behind from the floodwaters.

Initially, we anticipated the park to open about the first of July. But the Chaska Public Works crew has worked extremely hard over the past month re-seeding, fertilizing, aerating, and cleaning the entire facility to the point where it can open earlier than predicted.

The first game on the re-opened field will be the Chaska Cubs vs Shakopee at 6:00 pm on Sunday night. Some aspects of the park will not yet be ready for the Sunday game, including stocking of the newly renovated concession facility. The City of Chaska, in conjunction with the Cubs organization, and with a grant from the Minnesota State Historical Society, was able to complete the renovation of the grandstand last week. The concession size was increased, opening it out onto the field to make it easier for the fans to utilize it and for the volunteer workers to

see the game while working. It is expected the entire park facility will be fully operational by the June 30<sup>th</sup> Chaska Cubs game.

The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedication of our Municipal Services crew for their hard work and passion in getting the Athletic Park up and running in such short order. Athletic Park truly adds to the historic uniqueness of the Chaska downtown area.

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Chaska City Council Meeting  
 Monday, June 20, 2011  
 7:00 pm  
 Chaska City Hall

For the complete agenda, go to  
[www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com).

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**TOWN COURSE HAS FORMER USGA AGRONOMIST COMPLETE INSPECTION**

On Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the City of Chaska had Tim Moraghan, former US Golf Association Agronomist, visit the Town Course to perform a regular inspection. The purpose of these inspections is to have the turf and greens conditions, as well as our maintenance practices reviewed to help ensure that the Town Course continues to be a quality facility into the future. Tim Moraghan has been to the Town Course in the past and was the USGA Agronomist who set up the Town Course when it co-hosted the 2006 US Amateur Tournament with Hazeltine National Golf Club.

Although we are still awaiting the final report on Mr. Moraghan’s inspection, his initial response was very positive and helps to validate some of the maintenance practices we currently have in effect. As part of his report, he will address some of the issues the maintenance staff can work on and will give us tips on how to keep the course in good condition as we move into the future. Mr. Moraghan inspected the tee boxes, which have needed special attention in the past, due to their high usage. He has advised us of practices that can be used to help make sure that the tee boxes and range also remain a highlight to the Town Course experience.

When the Town Course opened in 1997, the City made a commitment to continue to make it a quality facility that is a source of pride to residents. We feel that having a professional agronomist review the course periodically is another way to continue to keep the Town Course a high quality facility into the future.

Questions about the Town Course or the inspection may be directed to John Kellin, the Golf Pro, at 952-443-3748.



**CHASKA  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
ACTIVITIES**

**CHASKA YOUTH CHEERLEADING  
CAMP**

Entering Grades K to 4  
This fun clinic will offer your child the opportunity to learn jumps, motions, chants, cheers and a short cheerleading routine. CHS Cheerleading Coach Sue Downs will be the head instructor, along

with her high school cheerleaders. Each cheerleader will receive a camp T-shirt. There will be a performance the last day for parents.



Dates: June 20–23  
Time: 9:00–10:30 am  
Place: CCC Gym  
Cost: \$50

**SUMMER HUMMER**

Come celebrate the start of summer at The Lodge. Enjoy an ice cream social while listening to musical entertainment by *Singleton Street*. Join us as we recognize the many volunteers and partners who continue to make the Lodge a success.



Date: Tuesday, June 21  
Time: 6:30–8:00 pm  
Place: The Lodge  
Cost: Free

**WALKING 101**

Come to this workshop with your walking shoes on! Walking is excellent exercise for AOA's and it is much more than just one step after another. We will walk and cover these topics:

- gear,
- walking gait form
- sensory inputs
- environmental factors
- stair climbing technique
- strength and cardio drills
- target heart rates
- map and log the walk

Wow! We'll get all that done in an hour!

Date: June 22  
Time: 8:30–9:30 am  
Place: CCC Gym  
Cost: FREE



**AMERICAN RED CROSS GUARD START**

(Junior Lifeguarding)  
Ages 10 to 15



American Red Cross Guard Start Lifeguarding Tomorrow Program is available to youth ages 10 to 15 years old who have the desire to learn about the responsibilities and duties of a lifeguard. This program will help your child build a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills to become a future lifeguard. Your child will receive instruction in prevention, fitness, response, leadership, professionalism, and swimming skill development. Textbook provided.

Place: CCC  
Dates: Fridays; June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15  
Time: 9:00–11:00 am  
Cost: \$80 Member  
\$100 Non-Members

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**

All concerts are free and open to the community. Concerts begin at 7 pm in City Square Park.



June 24  
Chaska Valley Community Band –  
Classical, Marches, Show Tunes



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS ON SUNDAY!**

**SUMMER FUN FACTS**

The idea of **FATHER'S DAY** was conceived in Spokane, Washington by Sonora Dodd while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Dodd (now known as "the mother of Father's Day") wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm. The following year, June 19, 1910 was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration, proclaimed by Spokane's Mayor because it was the month of William Smart's birth.

Decades later, the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

In the Northern Hemisphere, **SUMMER SOLSTICE** (the first day of summer) begins on Jun 21 2011 at 1:16 P.M. EDT. Sol + stice derives from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" + "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. As a major celestial event, the Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, but the people on the Southern half of the earth have their longest summer day in December.



Pagans called the Midsummer moon the "Honey Moon" for the mead made from fermented honey that was part of wedding ceremonies performed at the Summer Solstice.

Ancient Pagans celebrated Midsummer with bonfires, when couples would leap through the flames, believing their crops would grow as high as the couples were able to jump.