



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## CITY TAKES FIRST ACTION TO MITIGATE IMPACT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN

This past Monday, the Chaska City Council took action to mitigate an impact of the State Government shutdown. Specifically, the City passed an Ordinance to allow the City to take over electrical inspections duties while the State is shut down. Under normal conditions, the State of Minnesota provides all electrical inspections for newly constructed or remodeled buildings and houses. Much of this work needs to occur before additional construction can continue. Over the past week, the City has seen an impact that not being able to receive these inspections has had on builders who have not been able to move forward on their construction projects due to the inability to receive an electrical inspection. With the passing of this Ordinance, the City of Chaska can now contract out the electrical inspections so construction can continue in the community.

While the City did not initially have any direct impacts from the State Government shutdown, some trickle down effects have started to become apparent. If the shutdown continues to move on, we will monitor the situation and determine whether there are additional impacts to the City and whether there are actions we can take to mitigate some of these impacts.



When it comes to commercial plumbing projects, the State Department of Labor and Industry is required to review the initial plumbing plans before the City can issue a plumbing permit. With the State shutdown, new plumbing projects cannot be started at this time. Currently, this effects just one project in the City.

Questions about the State shutdown or persons in need of an electrical inspection, should contact Chaska City Hall at 952-448-9200.

## CCC POOL TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE

Effective today, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the indoor swimming pool and splash pad at the Chaska Community Center will be closed temporarily due to mechanical issues experienced during the night time hours. Because of the failure of

one of valves in the flow pipes running to the hot tub and wading pool, the mechanical room of the pool area flooded and submerged some of the pumps. The maintenance staff of the Community Center and the Public Works crew were able to clear the water out of the mechanical room, the pumps were damaged from being submerged. Significant work will need to be done to repair the mechanical equipment prior to re-opening the pool.



Since the incident just occurred during the past 12 hours, we are still evaluating remedies and reviewing the amount of time that will be needed to replace and install new equipment. At this point we cannot make a definite determination as to when the pool will re-open.

Community Center Staff has spent numerous hours on the telephones calling residents about the cancellation of swimming lessons and other pool related activities and refunds. We apologize for inconveniences experienced by our residents and we hope that we are able to quickly remedy the situation. For more information, you can go to [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com).

## BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON



Over the past few weeks the Chaska community has been introduced to a Minnesota National Guard program called "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon." Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting military members and their families with community support, training, services, and resources. It offers services to military families during pre-deployment, actual deployment, and reintegration.

The services include things as simple as help with yard or housework, all the way to providing counseling and legal services, financial planning services, youth programs, or spiritual support. The program assists families while their loved one is deployed, as well as brings peace of mind to the servicemember to know that their family is being embraced and assisted by their

community while they are serving their country.

Below is a personal testimony from Chaska resident Linda-Mary Mellon that she presented to the Chaska Rotary. Ms. Mellon's husband was recently deployed with the Red Bull unit. This group is the largest single deployment of military personnel in the history of the National Guard. In Chaska there are approximately ten families who have been affected by this deployment. Ms. Mellon describes some of the assistance she gratefully received and how she is attempting to incorporate Beyond the Yellow Ribbon into the Chaska area to help other military families.

"My name is Linda-Mary Mellon and I am in the process of meeting with the Chaska community to introduce "Beyond The Yellow Ribbon." Since learning of my husband's deployment, I started talking to people about the program and I received a great response. But I learned that the City of Chaska does not have a local chapter of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

I went to the Chaska Rotary Club meeting last Thursday. I was invited to attend from my auto mechanic, who is a member of the Rotary Club. He introduced me and I explained a bit more what Beyond The Yellow Ribbon is all about. I gave a few examples how the program helps military families.

Maybe someone has a lawnmower that has broken and the grass has been getting longer and longer and they are embarrassed because their neighbors' lawns are all manicured. Or maybe a deployed husband has a very depressed wife and she doesn't want to live anymore. She can get help from counselors day or night. Daycare is also available for moms or dads who need some respite care. These are just some examples of the type of help needed.

No sooner did I sit down from giving my speech than a gentleman spoke up and told me to give him my address and he would mow my lawn in the next couple of days. I thanked him. We had a break and the gentleman informed me that my auto mechanic had already given him my business card with my address on it.



I returned home and hadn't been there more than a half hour when the doorbell rang. I looked outside and there was a riding lawn mower on a trailer and another mower being lifted out of someone's truck. I stood there and tears came down my face and all I could say was WOW! It was unbelievably touching! They ran their mowers from the front to back yard. Then I saw another car pull up and a young girl went right to my small garden that needed weeding. I went over to her and told her she didn't need to do that and she looked up at me

and said she was happy to do this for me. She was 16 years old and had come with her dad to help. I gave her a hug and thanked her through my tears.



When the mowing and weeding were done, a gentleman who had been helping took out his camera and took a picture of all of us. The gentleman who initially took my address then wanted to see my mower. He took it to be fixed and said he would return it in a few days. We said goodbye and hugs were exchanged, and I was told to call them if I needed anything else. You will never guess what happened next!

I went about the rest of my day and a few hours later the gentleman and his young daughter returned and began unloading what I thought was my mower. They wheeled it into my garage. The gentleman then explained to me that the cables and the parts and labor needed to fix the mower would have been too much money so they bought me a new lawn mower! Yes, more tears and emotion! The gentleman asked if I had gas, and I did, so he filled it up for me and also checked the oil. I am very grateful and touched that I am now the owner of a brand new Toro push mower! We exchanged more hugs and again I cried. I was so moved and shocked that this had happened for me and so quickly. I was left feeling like I need to do something for all of these wonderful angels I had just met. I have decided I will personally make thank you notes and am just waiting on all names and addresses.

I called my husband and told him the entire story from start to finish. He was deeply touched also and all he could say was WOW!"

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Residents interested in finding out more about Beyond the Yellow Ribbon should visit the information booth that will be at Chaska River City Days the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be present to provide information about the program, as well as sign up people to assist with the program. Local service clubs are looking at ways to establish Chaska as a yellow ribbon community to provide these support services to military families. Questions about the program may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200 or go online to [www.btyr.org](http://www.btyr.org).

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**CHASKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011  
7:00 PM  
CHASKA CITY HALL**

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**STUFF TO DO TODAY**

**Bike Sale & Bike Registration Clinic**  
Bike Helmets for \$10  
Register your bike and  
get a "Tommy's Malt  
Shop" coupon



**Dog Registration and Rabies Vaccination  
Clinic**  
Firemen's Park 5:00 – 8:00  
pm  
Music provided by  
**Kidsdance**



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**COMMUNITY CENTER  
ACTIVITIES**

**SUPER SPORTS CAMP**

Ages 5 to 8

At the CCC's Super Sports Camp you will have the opportunity to learn and play a new sport each day. Emphasis will be on skill development, teamwork, participation, and of course FUN! Snack provided. Please bring a water bottle.



Dates: July 18–21  
Time: 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Place: CCC Turf  
Cost: \$40 Member;  
\$52 Non-Members

**LYNCH TENNIS CAMP**

Tennis is a lifetime sport, so start your kids off on the right foot with lessons led by USPTA certified highly trained athletes. In a fun, energetic atmosphere your child will learn or improve upon stroke production, strategies of the game, and enjoy the fun of competition. Must supply own racquet.

Private lessons available upon request. Please call Sandy Lynch at (952) 888-0276.



DATES: June 20–23  
Note: Camps run Monday through Thursday with Friday set aside as a rain day.

**TINY HITTERS**

**Age 4**  
11:30 am– Noon  
\$25 Member  
\$30 Non-Member

**YOUNG HITTERS**

**Ages 5 to 7**  
9:00–10:00 a.m.  
\$49 Member  
\$61 Non-Member

(Tennis Camp Continued)

**JUNIOR HITTERS**

**Ages 8 to 12**

10:00–11:30 a.m.

\$69 Member

\$86 Non-Member

**TEEN HITTERS**

**Ages 13 to 16**

Available for August Camps Only

10:00–11:30 a.m.

\$69 Member

\$86 Non-Member

**CHILDREN’S CONCERT**



The Okee Dokee Brothers

Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Community Park

This concert is sponsored by the City of Chaska Parks

and Recreation Department. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or chair and join us. For rainout information please call (952) 448-5633 ext. 4 or consult local cable Channel 14. If raining, Kid’s Concerts will be hosted at the CCC.

**MUNCHIES AND A MOVIE**

Ages 5 to 10

Join us for a 2½-hour movie adventure. We will create fun snacks around the theme of the movie and enjoy fresh popcorn popped from our big popper. Next we will sit in the air-conditioned theater to watch “Percy Jackson and the Olympians” on the big screen.

Date: July 20

Time: 1:00–3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 Member;

\$12 Non-Member

**CONCERTS INTHE PARK**



**JULY 15**

THE SOUND OF HOPE – CHILDREN FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**JULY 22**

BILL AND KATE ISLE (Folk Music)



All concerts are sponsored by the City of Chaska Parks and Recreation

Department and are free and open to the

public. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. in City Square Park Gazebo, unless otherwise noted. For rain out information call (952) 448-5633 ext. 4 after 4:30 p.m. or consult cable Channel 14.

**SAFETY CAMP**

For youth entering 3rd and 4th Grade (Fall 2011)

Wednesday, July 20th at Chaska Fire Department

Thursday, July 21st at Firemen’s Park 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$25

(Lunch, Snacks & Camp T-shirt)

Register at the Chaska Fire Department

Topics: Fire Safety, Bike Safety, Personal Safety, Basic First Aid.

Coordinated by Chaska Police Department, Chaska Fire Department, Ridgeview Ambulance, CCC Lifeguards, MN DNR, and MN State Patrol Helicopter.



