



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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CHANGING COUNCIL

The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity to welcome Scott Millard as the new Councilmember representing Ward 1 in the City of Chaska. Scott was sworn into office at the Monday night Council meeting, along with returning Councilmember Chris Schulz of Ward 3, and Mayor Mark Windschitl. Scott lives in the Chaska Highlands neighborhood. He is a long time resident and is excited to join the Council.

Anyone interested in contacting him can do so at smillard@chaskamn.com or 952-270-4041. Congratulations to all three newly elected members of the Chaska City Council!

ATHLETIC PARK MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

As a sub-plan of the Downtown Master Planning process, the City of Chaska has been working with the Chaska Cubs and the Hoisington Koegler Group on putting together an overall master plan for the future of Athletic Park. As has been the case since the Park opened, Athletic Park is home to the both the Chaska Cubs and Hawks Baseball teams. It is also a significant community gathering place in the downtown area.



The purpose of the master plan is to focus on how to keep Athletic Park one of the best municipal ballparks in the State of Minnesota, as well as to review other opportunities that exist to bring people into the downtown area. This includes offering more amenities to draw people to the ballpark and utilizing its proximity to the US Fish and Wildlife Preserve and levee trail system for more of an overall community park.

The Chaska Park and Recreation Department will be holding an open house on Thursday, January 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Community Center. The purpose of the open house is to gather

input from residents on the preliminary master plan and offer residents an opportunity to express their ideas. Representatives of the Chaska Cubs and City Staff will be present at the Open House to help answer questions and present some of the plans for the overall park development. While this is not a plan that would be implemented all at once, it does lay out the groundwork for the priorities of the City and major user groups of the park.

Besides the Open House, the Athletic Park master plan will also be available for review at the Downtown Master Planning Open House scheduled for February 2nd.

If anyone is unable to attend one of the Open Houses or you have questions regarding the plan, please contact the Chaska Park and Recreation Office at 952-448-5633.

MEETING REMINDERS

Park & Rec Board Meeting on January 10th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Planning Commission Meeting for January 12th is cancelled.

Monday, January 17th is Martin Luther King Day. City offices closed and no City Council meeting.

Next Chaska City Council Meeting is Monday, January 24th at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

Excerpt from the Chaska Herald

Results from the American Community Survey, a precursor to the 2010 census results:

- Portrait of an average Chaskan:
- 85% White
- 62% Born in Minnesota
- 31% Married with children
- 90% High School Graduates
- 17% Bachelor's Degree
- 36% Employed in manufacturing
- 82% Commute to work alone
- \$67,300 annual household income
- 73% Homeowners
- \$244,700 Median Home Price

Town Hall

Examining Bullying in the Community
Keynote speaker: Virginia Klevorn



Saturday, February 5th

9AM to 3 PM

Held at the Chaska Community Center

FREE

Lunch and refreshments served

STAND UP

Our goal is to create awareness and to educate the community on methods to combat



public incivility including bullying. The day will feature a keynote speaker and breakout sessions dealing with specific topics-

such as Bullying in Schools, Bullying in the Workplace, Bullying of GLBT persons, and Cyber Bullying. In addition we will provide on-site "Go To Resource Teams" that will be in place to immediately serve anyone who has a bullying issue that they or a member of their family may be facing, and need help with. Attendees will receive a "STAND UP" Bullying t-shirt to wear on the International STAND UP Bullying Day on Friday, February 25th. RSVP to CPD Administrative Assistant Sona Schneck at 952-227-7430 or e-mail her at sschneck@chaskamn.com



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Red Cross - Safe On My Own

As a parent, would your child be safe and feel confident if they were to be left alone for a minute or hours while you were away? The American Red Cross has developed this course to help teach children 8 to 12 years how to be safe when at home alone.



Skills taught:

- Home safety skills
 - How to interact with strangers
 - Internet safety skills
 - Basic First Aid
 - Choking emergencies and more!
- Course includes student guidebook and a snack!

Date: Thursday, January 13
Time: 5:30–8:00 pm
Cost: \$27 Member
\$34 Non-Member

Crafty Cures for Those Winter Blues

Ages 3 to 8 Parent/Child Class
Come in out of the cold and create some colorful fun! We have all the clever supplies you need to brighten up those winter days. Join us for fun projects, crafty snacks and wintertime smiles!

Keep the cold out critters
Pop-up Groundhog
Homemade Snow Globes
Smoothie Fruit Bar

Date: January 15
Time: 9:30–11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$15 Member; \$18 Non-Member

THERE'S SPACE TO FILL -

Today is Epiphany, Twelfth Day, or Three Kings Day, when Christians celebrate the visit of the Magi, the first Gentile recognition of Christ.



Today is Wheel of Fortune Day, marking debut of The Wheel, hosted by Chuck Woolery, on this date in 1975. Pat Sajak became host in 1981, assisted by Vanna White.



Today is Hallmark Hall of Fame Day, marking the first "Hallmark Television Playhouse" on this date in 1952. Hosted until 1955 by Sarah Churchill, the series has featured top quality drama and warm fuzzy commercials for Hallmark Cards.

Former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary today. They married when George was 20, Barbara was 19.



1759: George Washington married widow Martha Dandridge Custis on this day.



1853 – 14th President-Elect Franklin Pierce, wife Jane, and son Ben are involved in a train wreck near Andover, Massachusetts.. While returning home from a funeral of a family member in Boston, the coupling of their train car broke, sliding down an embankment, killing 11-year old Benjamin. They had already had their two other sons die, one at 3 days old and the other, Frank Robert at age five.

1994 - Nancy Kerrigan is clubbed on the right leg by an assailant under orders from figure skating rival Tonya Harding.

