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DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

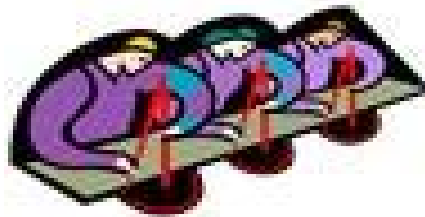
Over the past year the City of Chaska has been in the process of putting together a comprehensive Downtown Master Plan. The purpose of the plan was to provide a road map for the future to make the downtown commercial and residential districts sustainable into the future and a key element of the community.

Major points of the plan are the street reconstruction program, parks, open spaces and trails, and important services and faith-based organizations that make up the fabric of our downtown area.

Over the course of the year, a Task Force representing 15 groups and organizations has studied each of the components of the Master Plan. They have worked in conjunction with consultants of Hoisington Koehler Group. The Task Force has come up with draft recommendations and is now seeking public input on those recommendations.

An Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Community Room of the Chaska Community Center. Representatives of the Task Force, Hoisington Koehler, and City Staff will be present to show the plans and take public input. It is the hope of the City that as many residents as possible will attend the Open House, as it is a great opportunity to provide feedback and comments directly back into the planning process for the final Downtown Master Plan to be completed in the spring.

If you are unable to attend the Open House, the draft Master Plan will be placed on the City website in the next couple of weeks. Or you may contact Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director, at 952-448-9200.





Examining Bullying in the Community
A Town Hall

Saturday, February 5, 2011 9 AM – 3 PM
Chaska Community Center
1600 Park Ridge Drive
Chaska MN 55318
952.448.3176

Free and Open to the Public
Lunch and Refreshments Served
Call Sona Schneck, at 952.227.7430 for more information and to RSVP.

CITY DEDICATES FULL TIME STAFF TO COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION

In December 2009, the third Commitment to Community Task Force made their final recommendations to the City Council. One of the specific recommendations that came out of their report was to focus on improving marketing and communications for the City.

In January 2010 the City of Chaska brought on its first ever Communications Coordinator position. This position was initially a 12-hour per week part-time employee with the focus to improve our communication efforts on our website and access some areas of social media. Since that time we feel we have been able to get current information out to our residents in a number of different areas, including our various department websites, FaceBook, Chaska Today, City Hall Bulletin, and 411 Police Newsletter.

This year the City reorganized existing positions in the City to create and dedicate a 40-hour full-time employee as a Communications Coordinator. On Tuesday, February 1st, Amy Loomis, of the Park and Recreation Department, began the duties of the Communications Coordinator. Besides being involved in many of the program activities in the Park and Rec Department, Amy shows a passion and commitment to help provide good communications and marketing material to our residents. She was a natural fit to move into this position.

The City of Chaska is excited to have Amy fill this position and continue to improve our communications with residents. Citizens who have suggestions or concerns should contact Amy Loomis at Aloomis@chaskamn.com.

Chaska City Council Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2011
7:00 pm – Chaska City Hall

Go to: www.chaskamn.com on Friday for the full agendas.

Chaska Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
7:00 pm – Chaska City Hall

Also - check the web site next week for a full list of all the new and "old" Commissioners appointed by the Council.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Mosaic Masterpiece - Beginner Adult/Teen
Whether you are a seasoned artist or just want to try your hand at something new, this mosaics class is a perfect fit for you. Mirrors, coasters, vases, trivets, you can mosaic just about anything. We will use cut stained glass pieces to create a fabulous serving tray, stain, and finish with a fine grout. Voila!

Instructor: Emily Callahn
Dates: Tuesday, February 8 and 15
Time: 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Cost: \$45 Member; \$55 Non-Member
(Includes all supplies)

Open Art Studio Time

Parent/Child Class
Make a mess in our art studio! Studio time will include 5 to 6 open art stations including: painting, chalks, shaving cream, build your own art, supply buffet, guided craft station, and crafty snacks. Open house style and open to all ideas!

Date: February 10
Time: 1:00-3:00 pm
Cost: \$6 Child Member; \$8 Child Non-Member

Solids, Liquids and Gases

Ages 3 ½ to 6
Join Science Explorers as we experiment with mixtures that ooze, fizzle, and stretch, all while we learn about solids, liquids and gases. Be sure to dress so you can get messy.

Date: Friday, February 11
Time: 10:45 am–Noon
Cost: \$12 Member; \$15 Non-Member

Aromatherapy Yoga Workshop

Introducing Young Living Essential Oils to soothe the chatter of the mind, eliminate stress, detoxify, and relax the body. Therapeutic grade essential oils can calm emotions and prevent illness at the same time. Learn how to eliminate toxins from your home and prepare to fight back this flu season! In this workshop you will learn how to do all of this and more, along with a restorative yoga practice.

Instructor: Bess Kraft
Date: Saturday, February 12
Time: 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Cost: \$25 per person

Clay Play Winter

Ages 5 to 11
A great time of year to make various clay projects that reflect the season. We make small pots and sculptures and glaze them each day. Wear old clothes, we get messy! Max. 15

Instructor: Kathleen Theship-Rosales
Day: Saturdays
Session II: February 12–26
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Cost: \$48 Member per session; \$52 Non-Member per session

My Funny Valentine

Ages 3 to 8 Parent/Child Class
Who can resist making some fun and sweet treats to celebrate Valentines Day? We will use lots of wacky materials: beads, chocolate kisses, plastic, paints, google eyes, wire ribbon and much more to create Luv bugs and butterflies, string hearts, sweetheart rose bouquets, and a melted rainbow Valentine surprise.

Date: February 12
Time: 9:30–11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$12 Member; \$15 Non-Member

Youth Golf Fitness and Conditioning

Ages 10 to 15
Your body is the most important piece of equipment. Learn to train specifically for more power and accuracy in your golf game. Improve your stability, mobility, strength and stamina through this six-week program. Program will include progression and regressions and is for all ability levels. Get ready to play your best in 2011!

Instructor: Brad Pluth, PGA Certified Director of Instruction at Halla Greens and Adventure Golf Academy.
Date: Saturdays, February 12-March 19
Time: 12:30-1:30 pm
Cost: \$40 Members; \$52 Non-Members

Today is the first Day of the Chinese New Year – Year of the Rabbit. It's a lucky sign that means prosperity, luck, and harmony.

