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PW CREW DOING MAINTENANCE ON FLOOD CONTROL LEVEE

Over the past week the City of Chaska has been receiving questions about the work being done on the flood control levee and the removal of trees in downtown Chaska. Our Public Works crew has been removing trees from the south side of the levee where scrub trees have grown up either on the levee or close to it since it was built in the 1990s.

One of the requirements of having a certified flood control levee is that the City must go through a re-certification process on a regular basis. Last year we went through the re-certification process with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The report came back very good but one item noted on the report was that any trees on the levee or within 15 feet of the toe of the levee needed to be removed. Since Hurricane Katrina several years ago and the failure of the levee in New Orleans, the US Army Corps of Engineers has been much more diligent about maintenance. Although the trees on the Chaska levee do not pose an immediate danger, over time the root system can weaken the levee.

The Public Works crew has been taking advantage of the lack of snow this December to complete some of these maintenance items by the end of the year. Questions about the levee system or its maintenance may be directed to the Public Works Director, Tim Wiebe, at 952-448-4335.



CHRISTMAS IN MAY NEEDS YOU



On one Saturday in May, the Christmas in May organization helps rehabilitate homes for those who are in financial or physical need. Repairs or accessibility issues are addressed to help improve the housing stock in the community and assist our neighbors in need. This program has been in operation for over a decade and has resulted in dozens of homes being updated by volunteer labor.

The Board of Christmas in May is currently seeking volunteers who are interested in planning and/or sponsoring the event for 2012. Over the years Christmas in May has had a tremendous group of members, sponsors, and volunteers. Participation in the organization is very rewarding and the final results are very tangible.

Planning meetings are held about once a month. Members are needed for solicitation and review of applications, marketing, fund raising, organization of workday activities, and house captains. If you are unable to physically participate, cash sponsors are needed, as well as donations of equipment, such as paint, ladders, and landscaping items.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or sponsoring the Christmas in May event, please contact Matt Podhradsky, Project President, at 952-448-9200. Christmas isn't just in December!



**BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS
DUE**

The City of Chaska does not issue individual business licenses for each business or service in the City. They do however issue licenses for refuse and garbage haulers, massage permits, tobacco sales, and games of skill. Those licenses renew on an annual basis at the end of December.

Fees for the licenses are as follows:

- Refuse and Garbage Haulers - \$56.00 per vehicle
- Massage - \$112.00
- Tobacco - \$222.00

Games of Skill - \$16 per machine and \$16 per site

If your business carries pinball or video games, pool tables, or jukeboxes, your vendor should be licensed through the City to provide those machines. Individuals contracting massage services through a chiropractic office or salon, or privately in their residence, need to obtain a massage license. Any business selling tobacco or tobacco related products, needs a tobacco license. All refuse haulers need to have each individual vehicle permitted through the City.

Liquor licenses renew annually also, but run from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Questions about business type licenses may be directed to Margo Steffel, Senior Clerk, at 952-448-9200.

LAST CHANCE!

The Chaska Town Course Pro Shop will offer all in-stock merchandise at clearance prices, including apparel, shoes, clubs, putters, wedges, balls, hats, and more. Gift cards are also available for green fees, lessons, and merchandise. Holiday hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 3pm. Call 952-443-3748 or check out the web site at www.chaskatowncourse.com.

Chaska City Council Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2011
7:00 pm - Chaska City Hall

The agenda will include the adoption of the 2012 Budget and Tax Levy!!

For the complete agenda, go to: www.chaskamn.com.

LIVE NATIVITY

St. John's Lutheran Church and the group Active Older Adults for Christ will sponsor a family Christmas in Chaska on December 18th.

Come and celebrate the season from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Community Center with hot apple cider, cookies, music and carols, children's story time, and live nativity animals.

A free 20-minute live nativity performance will be presented in the Chaska Community Center Theater at 2:00 and 4:00 pm. Seats are limited! The performance will also be presented outdoors at 6:00 pm at St. John's Church located at 4th and Oak Streets.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Registration for swimming lessons opens for CCC members on Friday, December 16th.



Class schedule and registration is available at www.chaskacomunitycenter.com.

CCC Holiday Hours are:
December 24 - 5:00 am. - 3:00 pm.
December 25 - CLOSED
December 31 - 5:00 am. - 5:00 pm.
January 1 - 9:00 am. - 5:00 pm.

** Pool will close 30 minutes before building closes.

Some December 15th Christmas Trivia:

1950: A 221-foot Douglas fir, the tallest cut Christmas tree on record, was hoisted at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle.

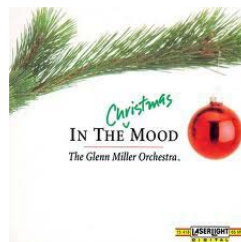
1978: Vincent Pilkington of Cavan, Ireland, killed and plucked 100 turkeys in 7 hours 32 minutes, fastest turkey plucking in history.



2002: When a man tried to rob a lottery ticket shop in Munich, Germany, the shop owner's wife sprayed the thief with Christmas glitter spray. He was so stunned he ran out and left his wallet on the counter. Still covered in glitter, he reported the theft of his wallet at a nearby police station. Police immediately arrested him.

1979: The game, Trivial Pursuit, is invented by Canadians Chris Haney and Scott Abbott. Over 15,000,000 were sold in 1984 alone.

Alton **Glenn Miller** (March 1, 1904 – missing in action - December 15, 1944) was an American jazz musician (trombone), arranger, composer, and bandleader in the swing era. He was one of



the best-selling recording artists from 1939 to 1943, leading one of the best known "Big Bands". Some of Miller's most notable recordings include "In the Mood", "Moonlight Serenade", "A String of Pearls", "At Last", and "Little Brown Jug."

In 1944, while he was traveling from England in a small plane to entertain U.S. troops in Paris during World War II, Glenn Miller disappeared in bad weather over the English Channel. Forty years later a British bomber crew admitted they had accidentally dropped bombs onto Miller's plane over the English Channel.

