



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

At the Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City Council, the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing will be held. This is an opportunity for residents to address the Council with any questions or concerns they have about the proposed budget for the year 2012. Under State statute it is required that cities hold these public hearings annually. The City of Chaska always holds the public hearing at the first Council meeting in December to gather public input, with the final budget being approved at the second meeting in December, which is December 19<sup>th</sup> this year.

The City of Chaska is proposing a 0% increase in the tax levy for 2012. This will be the third year in a row that the City has held the tax levy at the same level. While the economy has created issues in the City over the past several years, we have been able to keep a constant tax levy as we continue to provide high quality service levels. This year is no different.

We also plan to continue our street program in 2012, with the reconstruction of Second Street from the courthouse to Walnut Street and from Chestnut Street west to Hickory Street. Overlay of the streets in the Park Ridge neighborhood north of the Community Center will take place in mid-summer, as well as seal coating of Hundertmark Road west of Highway 41 to the Clover Ridge neighborhood entrance.

Questions about the Truth in Taxation process may be directed to the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200. Copies of the draft budget and Truth in Taxation staff report will be on the City web site by the end of business on Friday.



## THANK YOU TO THE 100 CLUB!

For several years the holiday decorations in Chaska have been purchased through a non-profit group called the 100 Club. Each year the 100 Club gets together for a one-night event. Tickets to the event cost \$100 each and the proceeds are used to purchase the holiday decorations in the community. Over time, this has allowed Chaska to have wonderful holiday

displays, as well as a regular schedule for replacement so they stay in good working order.

The 100 Club will meet this Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Hazeltine Clubhouse. There are a few tickets still available. Please contact Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200 if you are interested in supporting this event. On behalf of the residents of Chaska, we would like to thank The 100 Club for the work they do to make our community brighter and more festive during the winter holidays.



## HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE SALE

### ALL IN-STOCK MERCHANDISE CLEARANCE PRICED

A Limited Selection of Men's and Women's apparel, shoes, clubs, putters, wedges, balls, hats and more are available.

**Gift Cards are available for Green Fees, Lessons and Merchandise**

**HOLIDAY GOLF SHOP HOURS**  
(December 6th - December 23rd)

Tuesdays - Fridays open from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturdays open from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Purchase \$175.00 of in stock merchandise before December 23rd and receive a FREE 18 Hole Pass for the 2012 season.*

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**HOMETOWN HOLIDAY**

Plan to attend the Hometown Holiday event in Chaska on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Downtown merchants will be offering shopping enticements, hospitality, and good cheer all day. You might even win a valuable shopping spree!



Free horse drawn wagon rides will tour the historic downtown and Santa will greet visitors and shoppers. The tree lighting ceremony will take place in City Square Park at 4:00 pm and will include carolers, a piñata, and program hosted by the Chaska Human Rights Commission.

Other events include a holiday exhibit of historic Christmas artifacts at the Chaska History Center from noon to 4:00 pm, and an indoor Winter Farmers Market at 207 Chestnut Street (the old Mi Casa/Chestnuts Restaurant space) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with seasonal produce, gourmet oils, cheese, preserves, and evergreens.

Lastly, you can finish up the day with a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser hosted by the military support group, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, at 4:30 pm at the Chaska Legion.



**RETIREMENT PARTY!**

If you are a frequent visitor to the Carver County Library, you probably have met Melissa Brechon. After 32 years of formal library work, Melissa will be retiring! She won't have much free time though, as she plans to volunteer at St. Kate's, travel, pursue her family genealogy, and do consulting work.

A retirement reception will be held for her on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Wilder Room of the Chanhassen Library. Please plan to attend and wish well in her new adventures!



**TAKE THE BUS TO HOLIDAZZLE**



For one night only, on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Southwest Transit is offering free bus service to the

Holidazzle Parade at the Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis. Ride round trip free with the donation of an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item.

Hop on the bus at the SW Village Station located at Hwys 101 & 212 in Chanhassen at 5:30, or at the Eden Prairie Station at 5:40 pm. Arrive at 12<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet Avenue at 6:15 pm. Return at 7:19 or 8:34 pm from Marquette & 4<sup>th</sup> Street.



## CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

### Holiday Hoopla Workshop!

Parent child class,  
ages 4 to 10



Join us for all kinds of holiday cheer as we make hand printed mosaic stepping stones; Wobblebobble holiday elves, and snow white angels. Also, create your own hot coca mix to take home for the cold winter and have a little taste!

Date: Saturday, December 10  
Time: 9:30–11:00 am.  
Cost: \$18 Member  
\$22 Non-Member

### Safe on My Own



A child's guide to home alone safety.

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 are away? The American Red Cross has developed this course to help teach children 8 to 12 years how to be safe when home alone. The course includes a student guidebook and a snack!

Skills taught:

- Home safety skills
- How to interact with strangers
- Internet safety skills
- Basic First Aid
- Choking emergencies

Date: Tuesday, December 6  
Time: 5:00–7:30 pm.  
Cost: \$27 Member  
\$34 Non-Member

### Teen Pizza and Movie Party

You're invited to the party! Tell all your friends and join us at the Chaska Community Center for a slice of hot pizza while enjoying the hit holiday movie "Elf"! Full of laugh-out-loud comedy, "Elf" introduces us to Buddy, an unusually large elf, who wreaks havoc on the elf community at the North Pole and is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity.

THIS HOLIDAY. DISCOVER YOUR INNER ELF.



Date: Thursday,  
December 8  
Time: 2:30–4:15 pm.  
Place: CCC  
Community Room  
Cost: FREE

### CHASKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

7:00 PM

FEATURING:

TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING!

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Today is Rosa Parks Day, the 51st anniversary of her arrest in Montgomery, Alabama, when she refused to give up her seat and move to the rear of a city bus. Ms. Parks died in 2009 and became the first woman to lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol.

Today is "My Husband's Strung the Christmas Lights and Now I Can't Open the Garage Door Day," commemorating an alleged actual event described by a radio listener named Mary Jo.

The annual Chia Pet Hunting Season begins today. Good Luck!

