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RIVER CITY DAYS FORECAST

Friday Night

Sixty percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows 65-70

Saturday

Partly cloudy with 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs 80-85. Evening will be mostly clear with lows around 60.

Sunday

Clear, with a high of 85.

The weather forecast may not be entirely to your liking, but the forecast for having fun at River City Days is very likely! The festivities begin tomorrow, the 23rd of July, and run through Sunday, July 25th. The following is a list of some of the highlights you can expect to find. Most activities are at City Square Park. For even more information, go to: www.chaskarivercitydays.com.

Friday, July 22nd

Library Book Sale at City Hall Plaza – 9am-5pm

Downtown Sidewalk Sales – 10am-5pm

Historical Society Exhibits – 9am-5pm

Family Beach Bash at Firemens Park – 2-4pm

Craft Fair, Food Court, Games – 4pm-Closing

Pie & Ice Cream Social at Moravian Church – 4-8:30pm

Picnic in the Park – 5:30-7:30pm

Mn. Valley Community Band at Gazebo-7-8:30pm

Rock Solid Band at Main Stage – 8:30-midnight

Teen Entertainment at City Hall Plaza – 8:30-10:30pm

Saturday, July 23rd

5K Fun Run/Walk – 7:30am

Co-Ed Sand Volleyball Tourny at Louisville Lanes – 9am-5pm

Senior Citizen Breakfast at St. John's Church - 7:30-9:30am

Library Book Sale at City Hall Plaza – 9am-3pm

Downtown Sidewalk Sales – 10am-6pm

Historical Society Exhibits – 9am-5pm

Craft Fair, Food Court, Games, Info Booths – 10am-Closing

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Haitian guest speakers and Pie & Ice Cream Social at Moravian Church – 11am-8:30pm

Childrens Fishing Contest at Firemens Park – 10:30-11:30am

Fire Dept. Water Fights – 1pm

CVFT Production of “Love on the Prairie” at Moravian Church – 2:30 & 5:30pm

Karaoke – Gazebo – 3-4:30pm

NFL Robert Tate Book Signing – 3-5pm

Chaska Middle School Musical Performances – Gazebo – 4:30-6pm

Rotary Steak and Chicken Fry – 5-8pm

Tuxedo Band – Gazebo – 6-8pm

Spirit of the Radio Band — 8-midnight

Teen Entertainment at City Hall Plaza - 7:30-10pm

Sunday, July 25th

Couples Golf Scramble at Par 30 – 7am-4pm

Co-Ed Grass Volleyball Tourney at Firemens Park - 9am-5pm

Breakfast in the Park – 9:30am – 1pm

River City Days Parade near 4th Street – 1pm

Talent Variety Show – 2pm

Chaska Community Choir Concert at CHS – 4pm

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Human Rights Commission Meeting
July 22nd – 6:30 pm – Chaska City Hall

Heritage Preservation Commission
July 27th – 7:00 pm – Chaska City Hall



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

AOA NIGHT AT ATHLETIC PARK!

See the Chaska Cubs take on Victoria. Meet at The Lodge for brats and sauerkraut at 4:30 p.m. Cubs Coach John Seifert will join us and give a short strategy session on how to beat the Lakers! Transportation provided. A coupon good for a popcorn and a refreshment at the ballpark will be given to all pre-registrants! Register on-line or at The Lodge.

Date: Sunday, July 25

Time: 4:30 – 8:45 pm

Place: The Lodge

Cost: \$5

MOVIE MONDAY

Come join us for a free movie in the CCC Theater. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Place: CCC Theater

Times: 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

Date: July 26 — “The Tooth Fairy”

Cost: FREE



COOL KIDS CRAFT CAMP

For children ages 6 – 11 years only.

For kids who love crafts! We'll sculpt, braid, decoupage, draw, and more. We'll create papier-mâché bracelets or bands. We'll sculpt Scanlon dolls and owls using model magic. We'll decoupage and paint picture frames, make plaster of paris coasters with mosaic tiles and more! At the end of the week we'll even have an art show! Bring a beverage, nut free snack, and your favorite CD. This camp will fill quickly so register now. For more information go to www.abrakadoodle.com.

Dates: July 26 – 29

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$100 Member \$125 Non-Member

City makes strides in communication

GUEST
COMMENTARY

MARK
WINDSCHITL



Open communication is vital.

As Mike Huang wrote in last week's Chaska Herald, communication is a two-way street, I could not agree more.

As a city we have been working hard to improve the way we communicate with our residents as we try to get the word out about the different ways that our residents can access city information.

At the last council meeting in June, our Chaska Cable Access Channel used newly installed audiovisual equipment in the council chambers. We are excited about this new communication technology to provide our residents with another means of obtaining information; we feel that your viewing experience will be enhanced. The original equipment had been in place since the construction of the council chambers in 1987.

Chaska was fortunate to have received grant dollars for other budgeted projects, as a result this allowed us to use that previously budgeted money to purchase the new equipment. What this means is there was no impact on the current general fund budget. With the implementation of the new equipment, residents will experience a much clearer picture, better sound quality, and the ability to view information being presented to the council at an up close range.

In addition to our improved audiovisual equipment, our city's website recently had a much needed overhaul. With easier navigation, updated and more timely information we hope that our residents are able to stay abreast of pertinent information from the city. If you haven't yet checked out the recent improvements please check it out at www.chaskamn.com.

Along with our website, we are also using social media to connect with our residents. The city currently has

a Facebook Fan page. Don't be afraid of the Facebook phenomenon, look the city up and join the group to get direct messages from the city.

Yet another way to have a direct line of communication with city officials is to engage and participate in the different community based task forces such as the Downtown Master Plan and the Commitment to Community task forces. In fact, improving communications was a recommendation set by the last Commitment to Community Task Force, and has been a priority of the council.

Or become more involved in the process by applying to be a member of any of our commissions, such as the planning commission or the park board, to name a few.

As a council, as well as a city, it is important to be accessible to answer questions and to listen to your thoughts and concerns. That is why, for the first time, the city will be having a booth at River City Days. This booth will have representation from our city's department heads, members of the council, as well as myself. We will be available throughout the celebration on Friday and Saturday.

River City Days is a great community-building event. I hope you will encourage all your neighbors to stop by and enjoy the festivities

In a community of 20,000-plus people it is important as an elected official to listen and understand the concerns of our residents. It is also important to understand that as an elected official we may not be able to give you the answer or the feedback that you may want to hear.

However, by having proactive and engaged communication we can learn to understand and appreciate each other's concerns while coming to beneficial conclusions.

Communication is a two-way street and I hope you feel that these latest enhancements to the way we communicate with our residents are a step in the right direction.

Mark Windschitl is the mayor of Chaska.