



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## WINDSCHITL IS NEW MAYOR OF CHASKA

(Photo Courtesy of Chaska Herald)

On Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> the City of Chaska held a Special Election to fill the vacant Mayor's office. Four candidates ran for the position; Mark Windschitl, Jay Rohe, Bob Snyder, and Doug Williams. After all the votes were cast, Mark Windschitl was elected the new Mayor of Chaska. He received a total of 1399 votes, compared to Jay Rohe's total of 933, Bob Snyder's total of 20, and Doug Williams' total of 15. A breakdown of the total votes in each precinct is on Page 2.

The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for coming out to vote on Tuesday, as well as our election judges who faithfully and successfully performed their duties. Chaska continues to be blessed with a core group of residents who view being an election judge as their civic duty and have been willing to give 14-16 hours of their time each election to help make sure our election process moves smoothly. The City of Chaska would also like to thank Election Coordinator Margo Steffel for her tireless work in putting the Special Election together over the past four months.

On Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the regular 7:00 pm City Council meeting at City Hall, the results of the election will be canvassed and Mark Windschitl will take his oath of office.

Questions about the election results or the Monday night Council meeting may be referred to City Hall at 952-448-9200.



**2010 CITY OF CHASKA SPECIAL ELECTION LOCAL RESULTS**

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Office	Ward 1 Precinct 1 (City Hall)	Ward 1 Precinct 2 (Water Treatment )	Ward 2 Precinct 1 (St. Andrew Church)	Ward 2 Precinct 2 (Clover Field)	Ward 3 (New Life Assembly of God Church)	Ward 4 (Commun ity Center)	Totals
Mayor							
Jay Rohe	165	15	66	233	124	330	933
Robert (Bob) Snyder	5	0	1	4	3	7	20
Doug William s	6	0	2	1	3	3	15
Mark Windsc hitl	386	16	159	211	320	307	1399
Write- Ins					2		2
Registe red at 7am	3430	121	2174	3206	2967	3365	1526 3
% Voter Turn Out	16%	25%	10%	14%	15%	19%	15.5 % Avera ge
Totals							2369 Total Voter Turn Out

<b>Election Day Statistics</b>	Ward 1 Precinct 1	Ward 1 Precinct 2	Ward 2 Precinct 1	Ward 2 Precinct 2	Ward 3	Ward 4
No. of Residents Registered at 7am	3430	121	2174	3206	2967	3365
No. of Ballots Cast Election Day	562	31	228	451	452	647
No. of New Registrants	38	0	14	26	37	24
No. of Absentee Ballots Cast	35	4	13	30	29	36
Turn Out Percentage*	16%	25%	10%	14%	15%	19%

**WIND TURBINE UPDATE**

Over the past few weeks the City of Chaska has received a number of questions regarding when the wind turbine will become operational. While it was the intention of the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) to have the turbine operating by this time, MMPA continues to work on technical issues to get the turbine running in Chaska, as well as in each of the other 11 member cities across the State of Minnesota. Specifically, MMPA continues to work with hydraulic fluid issues in the wind turbines. They have been particularly working on issues involving colder temperatures. Although MMPA has identified how to solve these issues, a second complication has arisen with the contractor and his ability to perform and complete the work. MMPA is in the process of determining whether the contractor is in breach of the contract, since the work is not yet finished and has resulted in a delay of getting the turbine operational. While this is an unfortunate circumstance, it does sometimes happen on construction projects. The issue is solvable however and we look forward to finishing the project as soon as possible.

As this issue has been a topic of discussion around the community, the City of Chaska will continue to provide periodic updates on the progress of the project.



Please refer any questions about the wind turbine to City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

**CITY PREPARES FOR SUMMER FULL OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

The summer of 2010 will bring a number of road and utility infrastructure projects as part of the City's Street Reconstruction Program and to promote economic development and safety.

The Chaska Engineering and Public Works Departments are now busy preparing for the following seven projects slated for the summer construction season.



**Street Reconstruction Program Projects**

As residents are aware, the City Council took action when setting the 2010 budget to allocate an additional \$250,000 to the Street Reconstruction Program. This program has been on hiatus for the last four years. The Council decided it was a priority to get this program back on track, as a number of streets in the community are experiencing significant deterioration. Three projects will be completed this summer, that fall into this category.

Cardinal Street, south of the Fire Station and north of Victoria Road in the North Meadows neighborhood has been slated for reconstruction for several years. The work will include new street, curb and gutter, new storm sewer, and street utility improvements. Since this is a full reconstruction, this project will be subject to normal assessments. The City of Chaska will be contacting residents in the neighborhood in the near future for a neighborhood meeting to go over the specifics of the project.

The last two projects scheduled are the complete overlay of the Scenic View/Valley View neighborhoods and the Sandy Acres neighborhood. Under our Street Reconstruction Program, overlays are not subject to assessment. The City covers the entire cost of the overlay projects. After completion of the project, the roads will be significantly improved in these neighborhoods.

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**Economic Development Improvements**

A number of projects will be completed this summer to help prepare for major economic development. Specifically, the City will be reconstructing Hundertmark Road from Highway 41 to Christian Drive as part of the Highway 212 Medical Center construction. This project is designed to serve both the hospital and Super America and will also help with the current issues the intersection has been experiencing with stacking of vehicles due to lack of adequate turn lanes along Hundertmark Road. The project will include the installation of a signal at the entrance to the medial center. The Super America entrance will be moved to the east on Hundertmark Road. The City will also overlay the remainder of Hundertmark Road from Christian Drive to Pioneer Trail. This will provide for a brand new road surface on this entire stretch of road.

The City of Chaska and Carver County will be working in conjunction to begin improvements on Engler Boulevard from the interchange on Highway 212 to West Creek, just west of the Clover Ridge neighborhood entrance. These improvements are needed to adequately serve the corporate/industrial area planned (Biotech Center) and will help to serve the first user who is in the process of committing to a 200,000 sq ft data center in the area. Included in the improvements will be the addition of a signal at Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard. This will also be a significant safety improvement to this intersection for vehicles entering and exiting from Clover Ridge Drive. This work is scheduled to start in late 2010, with completion in the summer of 2011.

In conjunction with the Clover Ridge project, the City will also be completing the construction of a new road called West Creek Parkway. This road will serve the

corporate/industrial area north of Engler Boulevard and west of Clover Ridge Drive. The road and utilities are being installed to open up the area for corporate/industrial development. The first user in the area is expected to begin construction this summer, with an opening date set for early 2012.

**Safety Improvements**

Under the category of safety improvements, other than the signal slated for Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard, the City will also be moving forward in early spring with construction of the project at Highway 41 and Second Street in downtown Chaska. As residents are aware, this will include the installation of a signal, and a landscaped median through the downtown area to restrict access from First, Third and Fifth Streets. Banner and flower poles will be included in the project, as well. No parking will be lost on the east side of Highway 41.

Questions regarding any of these engineering projects may be referred to the City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.



**Chaska Community Center Activities**

**TOPS Informational Meeting for AOA's**

Are you interested in forming a TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter for AOA's? Attend a free, no-obligation informational meeting in the Lodge. TOPS Club, Inc. is a nonprofit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that encourages weight loss and maintenance through sensible eating, exercise and mutual support. TOPS is very affordable. Annual membership is just \$26, which includes 9 issues of the membership magazine. Spouses of members may join for half-price (\$13). Local dues are set by each chapter to cover expenses. Losing weight can be difficult to do on your own. Please join us at the informational meeting in the Lodge.

Date: Thursday, January 28

Time: 11:15 a.m.–12:00 noon

Place: The Lodge

Cost: Free

**"WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK" with Snow White**

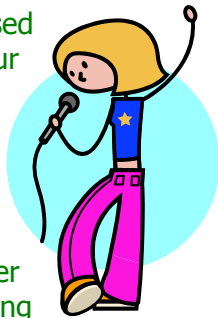
Ages 3 to 7 (with parent)  
 HEIGH-HO! IT'S OFF TO PLAY WE GO!  
 Once Upon A Star invites you to a Snow White party! Snow White will lead the group with apple games, dwarf dancing and a special craft. We'll keep the rhythm using 'broomstick' instruments and "Whistle While We Work."



Parents—feel free to bring your cameras!  
 Date: Friday, January 29  
 Time: 10:15–11:15 a.m.  
 Cost: \$10 Member; \$12 Non-Member

**American Idol Party!**

Girls - Ages 5 to 12  
 Be a POP STAR! Come dressed in your funkier fashion! Your Once Upon A Star IDOL make-over will include: a rainbow glitter hair up-do, sparkly fingernails, and dazzling eye jewels. Also choose your FAVE sugar-glitter tattoo! After a jewelry beading craft, we'll end with music. Bring your singing voice/partner if you want to sing on our microphone — you'll feel like a POP star at this party!



Date: Friday, January 29 (No school)  
 Time: 10:00–11:30 a.m.  
 Cost: \$17 Member; \$22 Non-Member

**Grandparents & Me**

Calling Grandmas, Grandpas and kids of all ages! Spend the afternoon together at the Chaska Community Center. Following a performance by Dazzling Dave, National Yo-Yo Master, participate in family activities, including crafts and snacks! Pre-register online at [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com) or at the CCC front desk. Cost is \$4 per person.

Date: Sunday, January 31  
 Time: 1:30 p.m.  
 Place: Chaska Community Center

**Red Cross Babysitting Clinic**

Ages 11 and up  
 This American Red Cross class is for youth age 11 and older. It prepares a babysitter for what every parent wants, including safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action steps. Upon completion of the course a certificate is issued. Cost includes babysitting handbook, certification and instruction. Instructor: Shelly Nahan.  
 Session I: Saturday, January 30  
 Time: 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
 (bring a bag lunch)  
 Cost: \$45 Member, \$60 Non-Member



**Reminder:**

Persons who have applied to fill a position on the Chaska Planning Commission, Park and Rec Board, Human Rights Commission, or Heritage Preservation Commission, should plan to attend the City Council meeting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Due to the number of applicants, interviews will begin at **6:00 pm** and continue until 7:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who has indicated an interest in serving their City!

Use this spot for notes!  
 (Ran out of news!)