



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## LET'S VOTE!

The Special Election is fast approaching on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to fill the vacant Mayoral position through December 31, 2010. Polling hours will be 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the regular polling sites listed below.

Absentee balloting is currently in place. Absentee ballots have been sent to residents who will be out of state at election time. Individuals have also been stopping in at City Hall to vote absentee. Two election judges will also be going to Auburn Manor to assist residents in voting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, absentee ballots can be cast on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at City Hall. Remember, that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Martin Luther King Day. There also will be no mail service that day. So if you need to vote absentee, please plan accordingly.

The League of Women Voters will be holding a cable televised candidate's forum on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center at 7:00 pm. All residents are invited to attend and learn more about the candidates.

The following individuals have filed for candidacy:

Jay W. Rohe

Robert (Bob) Snyder

Mark Windschitl

Doug Williams

A total of 47 judges will be working at 6 precincts, as compared to 73 judges at the General Election. Judges have all attended two hours of refresher training at City Hall. They will work from 6:00 am to approximately 10:00 pm on election day. These people deserve a huge amount of recognition for the many hours of service they give to their community and making sure the voting process is completed accurately. Polling sites will be set up by members of the Public Works crew on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Residents who are not currently registered, may do so the day of the Special Election. If you have not voted in the past four years, or your address or name has changed, you will need to fill out a new registration form. The best form of identification you can bring with you is a drivers license with your picture and CURRENT address. If you do not have that, a picture driver's license or ID with your old address, and a current utility bill with your name and current address that is due and payable 30 days prior

to 30 days past the election will suffice. A person who is currently registered in your precinct and knows you personally, may also vouch for you. Also, you must have resided in the City of Chaska for 30 days prior to the election to be eligible to vote.

Polling sites are located at:

- Ward 1 Precinct 1 – City Hall, One City Hall Plaza
- Ward 1 Precinct 2 – Water Treatment Plant, 640 Victoria Dr.
- Ward 2 Precinct 1 – St. Andrew Church West, 112090 Hundertmark Rd.
- Ward 2 Precinct 2 – Clover Field Community Room, 114200 Hhundtermark Rd.
- Ward 3 – New Life Assembly of God Church, 950 Trumble St.
- Ward 4 – Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Drive

If you do not know where your polling place is, you can go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>.

Questions about the election may be directed to Matt Podhradsky or Margo Steffel at 952-448-9200.

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### **OUTDOOR ICE RINK MAINTENANCE POLICY**



With the recent snowstorm over the Christmas holiday, residents have been asking questions about the City policy regarding the maintenance of ice rinks.

Plowing took place over a four-day period during the snowstorm, for a total of 800 man hours. With the heavy wet snow and the hard freeze and ice occurring immediately afterward, the ice rinks were in rough condition. We were unable to attend to the rinks until after the plowing activities ceased.

It is the City of Chaska's policy that we maintain the ice rinks on a regular basis. However, when we receive such a significant snowstorm, the rinks end up being a secondary priority because the same employees who plow our roads also maintain the ice rinks. Public Works crews spent the better part of last week reconditioning the ice rinks, which are now in excellent condition.

While the City does not like to leave our outdoor rinks in an undesirable condition, our first priority must be on clearing the roads, with the ice rinks being the second priority. Residents are asked to be patient during large snowstorms and we will clear the ice rinks as soon as possible.

Questions about this policy may be directed to the Public Works Director, Tim Wiebe, at 952-448-4335.

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### **CITY COMMISSIONS CONTINUE TO SEEK NEW MEMBERS**

This is a reminder that vacancies will be occurring on all City Commissions the first of January. The Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board, Human Rights Commission, and Heritage Preservation Commission each have three members whose terms are expiring at the end of 2009. Each member serves a three-year term, up to a maximum of three consecutive terms.



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To request an application or more information, contact Margo Steffel at [msteffel@chaskamn.com](mailto:msteffel@chaskamn.com) or 952-448-9200. Applicants should be prepared to partake in a short oral interview on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in front of the City Council. These Commissions are a great way to serve your community and make a difference in the City.



### CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

#### Child/Infant CPR

This course teaches rescue breathing, CPR, and first aid for choking for victims up to 12 yrs of age. Upon successful completion, participants receive an American Red Cross certificate. Textbook provided.

Date: Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50 Member - \$60 Non-Member

#### Kelly's Indoor Boot Camp

Join Kelly in our studio for boot camp style workouts, including pushups, run drills, jump ropes, & burpees. One day isn't enough. This workout happens twice a week. Please note: Daycare is not open during this time.

Instructor: Kelly Johnson

Days: Mondays and Thursdays

Session I: January 11–February 11

Session II: February 15–March

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Time: 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$48 Member - \$60 Non-Member



#### Discover Wellness Series

Dr. Jeff May, with Total Health Advantage, is dedicated to helping others achieve their wellness objectives — combining skill and expertise that spans the entire chiropractic

wellness spectrum. He is committed to bringing you better health and a better way of life by teaching and practicing the true principles of chiropractic wellness care. Please join Dr. May at The Lodge for his presentation; "The Obesity Epidemic." According to Time magazine, this could be the first generation that doesn't out live their parents. Join Dr. May in his discussion about obesity, and learn how to live your life to the fullest.

Date: Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00–10:45 am

Place: The Lodge

Cost: Free



#### Zany Zoo Animals-Barnyard

Ages 3 to 8 Parent/Child Class

It's a jungle out there! Looking for a great family activity? This is the perfect place for some creative family fun. Does paint, foam, plaster, feathers, rice, bells, and glue, sound like fun? We will create several crazy zoo animals based on a theme, enjoy a tasty animal snack, and even play a few games. Join us for the wild fun!

Dates: Saturdays, Beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10 Member per class, \$12 Non-Member per class

#### Race in Place — A Treadmill Relay!

Calling all runners! CC runners will rack up miles on a treadmill from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm continuously. Runners will 'reserve' their spot in the relay (starting time and duration). On relay day, show up for your run, then cheer on your running friends throughout the day. To log the most miles possible, your warm up and cool down will be on a separate treadmill. Our relay run for MAX Miles will be broadcast live on Chaska Cable TV all day. Email Susan Marek at [smarek@chaskamn.com](mailto:smarek@chaskamn.com) to sign up.

Date: Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Cost: Free and fun!

