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CITY OF CHASKA NOW ON FACEBOOK!

The City of Chaska is talking with residents in a whole new way. You can now find us on Facebook! Frequent updates will keep you informed about what's new in Chaska. Invite your friends and neighbors to follow us on Facebook as well!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Chaska-MN/City-of-Chaska-MN/103029816398840?ref=ts>

COUNCIL APPROVES FINAL 2030 COMP PLAN

At the Monday, April 19th meeting of the City Council, approval was given to the final version of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Chaska. The Comp Plan is mandated by state statute, as well as the Metropolitan Council. The Plan is meant to provide direction for regional planning to ensure that regional goals are met across the Twin Cities.

Some of the regional goals included in the Comp Plan include affordable housing, multi-mobile transportation connections, population density goals, proper sanitary sewer infrastructure to accommodate planned development, and land use goals. Additionally, the City of Chaska takes this a step further by looking at ways we can plan our community and meet some of our goals of building a strong community infrastructure and preserving the heritage and history of the area that gives Chaska such a unique character.

In March 2009 the Council approved the draft Comprehensive Plan, which was then distributed to adjacent communities and the Met Council for comment. Chaska is pleased to report that none of the comments that we received back changed any of the policy direction of the Comp Plan. The comments we did receive revolved around technical aspects of the Plan.

With the final Comp Plan now approved by the Council, it will be forwarded to the Metropolitan Council for their final adoption, which will likely occur in May. Once approved by the Met Council, the Comp Plan acts as the central document the City uses to help ensure that future development and redevelopment meets our overall land use goals and community objectives. Anyone who wishes to read a copy of the Comprehensive Plan can visit the City of Chaska website at www.chaskamn.com or view a hard copy in the Chaska Library.

APPROVAL GIVEN TO SENIOR LIVING AND MEMORY CARE FACILITY

Also approved at the April 19th Council meeting was the concept plan and preliminary site and building plans for the Highland Shores Assisted Living and Memory Care facility. This project will be located on the west side of Highway 41 at the intersection of Hazeltine Boulevard, just north of the Highland Shores condominium buildings. The developer of the property is Kornovich Development Company. They plan to build a one-level 50,000 sq ft facility on the site which will have 56 units, 31 of which plan to be memory care units, and 25 assisted living units.

The facility is planned to be a full service 24 hour per day nursing facility to also include kitchen, offices, salon, theatre, general store, fitness area, lounge, and dining hall. The developer plans to take advantage of the views of Lake Jonathan, formerly known as Upper Lake Grace. With approval of the concept and preliminary plans, the developer plans to break ground this summer, with a completion date of February 2011.

Questions about the project may be directed to the Planning and Development Director, Kevin Ringwald at 952-448-9200.

**TORNADO
AWARENESS WEEK
AND MOCK DRILL
TODAY**



The National Weather Service in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week will be conducting a "mock" tornado warning today, April 22nd, at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 pm. Sirens will sound and persons should practice what they would do in the case of an actual event.

Some tornado safety information to consider:

Tornado watches highlight the area where tornadoes are most likely to develop. Continue with your normal activities, but keep informed of the latest weather information and be ready to get to shelter in case tornadoes develop quickly.

In the home, go to the basement, or get under a table, workbench, or other study furniture to avoid falling debris. A

stairwell or interior bathroom is also a good location if you cannot get into the basement.

In a mobile home, or vehicle, abandon these as quickly as possible and seek a sturdy shelter. Remember, many deaths occur when people try to drive away in a vehicle but get caught in the deadly winds. Avoid bridges since they act as wind tunnels.

Last year, Minnesota saw 24 tornadoes, fewer than the average since the early 90s. The strongest were two tornadoes rated EF-2, one that hit Austin on June 17, and another that hit Swift Falls on July 14. There were no deaths or injuries across the state.

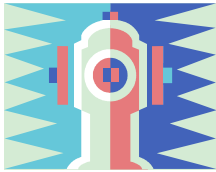
TODAY IS EARTH DAY

An easy way to partake in Earth Day is to recycle your old cell phone. Drop it off in any of the boxes located in any of the City facilities. Your old phone will be cleaned up and issued to a victim of abuse or the elderly to use in case of emergency.



WATER MAIN BREAK

On Monday, April 19th at 11:30am, word was received at the Municipal Services Building, that there was a lot of water coming up out of the ground at Village Road and Pioneer Trail.



It was discovered that a 12" water main had ruptured. The Water and Sewer Department estimated a flow of about 6,000 gallons per minute. Most of the water was running toward Waters Edge Apartments and into a ravine. Luckily, crews were able to shut down the main without shutting off water to anyone, which would have affected a large number of people particularly at Jonathan Elementary School and the apartment complex.

Many divisions of City personnel were involved in remedying the situation. The Fire and Police Departments assisted in shutting down the water and aiding in traffic control. The Street Department assisted in removing black top and the Engineering Department also was on site. So it truly was a city-wide event. All the help was appreciated.

The water main was 13 feet deep and once crews dug down to the main, it was discovered that 10 feet of the water main needed to be replaced to repair a 10-foot long split in the pipe. The crew ended up working till 2:00 in the morning to get the street opened back up.

The next day, Tuesday the 20th, crews then had to dig up a leaking water valve next to the break. On Wednesday, the 22nd, the Street Department black topped and patched the street.

At this time it is unknown exactly what caused the pipe to rupture. The Water

and Sewer Department had been flushing hydrants in the area of Highway 41 and Peavey Road at the time of the incident and had valved down parts of the system to get a directional flush. Water being pumped into the distribution system should have gone to the water tower via other water mains. So it is suspected that the system has an unknown valve shut off that will have to be found to eliminate this from happening again.

This was a huge water main break and everyone who assisted in the situation should be commended for their tireless efforts in remedying the situation with as little disruption as possible to area residents.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



April 24th – Jonathan Garage Sales 8am – 3pm

May 1st – Clean Up Day 8am – 2pm – Recycle yard waste free at Athletic Park

May 8th – Christmas in May – Be at Guardian Angels Gymnasium at 7am to volunteer



May 8th – St. Paul Saints Exhibition Game at Athletic Park- Pre-game 5pm – Game 6pm Tickets- \$7 at the gate



May 19th – Taste of Chaska – 5pm City Square Park

Chaska Human Rights Commission Meeting
Tonight – April 22nd
7:00 pm
Chaska City Hall



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

AOA's Celebrate Earth Day and Reduce Your Electric Bill!

Want to find ways to use fewer resources? Join Dan Geiger, Chaska Electric Department Director, as he shares some energy-saving tips. Learn ways to help save money and live a more sustainable lifestyle. Please pre-register in The Lodge, CCC Front Desk, or online.



- Date:** Monday, April 26
- Time:** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- Date:** Thursday, April 29
- Time:** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** The Lodge
- Cost:** FREE

2010 CHASKA 10K/5K

Join your community and run along Chaska's scenic trail system at the 2010 Chaska 10K/5K! On Saturday, May 15th, challenge the whole family to participate in the 5K, 10K or youth fun run distances! 10K/5K participants will be chip timed and experience a course with hilly terrain and mixed asphalt and aggregate surfaces. Top finishers in each age group will receive an award, while each fun run participant will receive a ribbon. All pre-registered participants will receive a race t-shirt. Refreshments and snacks provided. Events begin at 8am. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com/>

PARK AND SHELTER RENTALS

With the weather warming up and summer fast approaching, people are beginning to think about group



activities in the park. If you would like to reserve any of the picnic shelters in the City of Chaska, you can contact Jaime Wiemann, Facilities Coordinator, at the Chaska Community Center at 952-227-7748. Chaska residents pay \$25 for use of the shelter and a \$25 refundable deposit for use of the kitchen. Non-residents pay \$75. Restroom facilities and grills are no charge! City Square Park is also available by contacting Jaime. The following is a list of facilities available:

- Firemens Park
- Schimelpfening Park
- Community Park
- McKnight Park
- Lions Park
- Pioneer Park

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- Save water by decreasing your shower time – or take a bath, which uses less water.
- Brush your teeth with the water off.
- Recycle junk mail, cell phones, plastic, etc.
- Switch to reusable bags and totes.
- Compost.
- Unplug your appliances when you leave the house.
- Take public transportation or walk.

