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CITY TO UPDATE WEBSITE!



The 2013 Budget included an allocation to update the City of Chaska's website. The last time the website had a major update was in the mid-2000s! Earlier this year, staff from various city departments met and discussed issues with the existing site and what they and the public would like to see on a new site.

After a detailed vetting process, the City Council recently approved an agreement with Civic Plus. Civic Plus is a widely-recognized national government website vendor that offers a streamlined development process, innovative design approach, new technology applications, and competitive pricing. A couple of local examples of some cities they have worked with them are Brooklyn Center (www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us) and Chanhassen (www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us).

Below is the projected timeline to help provide an overview of the website development process:

- Phase 1 - Consulting. Includes: Needs assessment, best practices, and takeaways assigned. 4-5 weeks.
- Phase 2 - Website Preview Presentation. Includes: Layout presentation, mood board and main navigation review, design feedback meeting and approval and takeaways assigned. 3-5 weeks.
- Phase 3 – Website Reveal Presentation. Includes: Presentation of a functional website based on goals, recommendations and combined vision; final approval and takeaways assigned. 3-4 weeks.
- Phase 4 – Customized Website Training. Includes: Customized to give City staff the skills needed to maintain the website. 3-4 weeks.
- Phase 5 – Go Live. 3-4 weeks.

Based on the timeline, we are hopeful the website will be launched in early Spring of 2014. Stay tuned for more updates about the cool and innovative ideas we will be implementing on our new website! Contact Jeff Dahl, Assistant City Administrator for more details.

EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION

An Emancipation Day celebration will be held this Saturday at Chaska High School. The event celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

At 3:30 pm the Minnesota Valley Community band kicks off the event with a 30-minute concert. The schedule continues with a 4:00 pm talk by Sgt. Grant Snyder, with the Minneapolis Police Department's criminal investigation division, who will talk about modern slavery. At 5:00 pm refreshments will be served and at 6:00 pm a historical introduction to the Emancipation Proclamation will be delivered. Jazz singer Dennis Spears will perform with "The Wolverines" at 6:30 pm. The presentation, "To Be a Slave" will begin at 7:25, the Chaska Human Rights Commission essay winners will be announced at 7:45 pm, and lastly at 8:00 pm, gospel musicians Jerry Steele and Momah Freeman will play, along with the Chaska High School Choir.

The Chaska City Council presented a proclamation at the Monday, October 21st Council meeting officially proclaiming Saturday, October 26, 2013 at "Emancipation Day," encouraging residents to renew their commitment to the spirit of economic, racial, cultural, and spiritual freedom in personal and public life in the City of Chaska.



Chaska's Annual Fall Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your yard waste to the Chaska Athletic Park free of charge!

WATER TOWER DISMANTLED

The Hazeltine water tower came down today. It was erected in 1966 and was the first official water tower in the community. The tower had served the community well over the years. It had a 300-gallon capacity and initially served the Jonathan area. In recent years it served more of a storage purpose and offered higher pressurized water zones in the northern part of Chaska. The water tower had become outdated and too expensive to refurbish. Also, the Symphony Hills water tower was erected about five years ago. The City determined the tower was no longer needed and therefore it was decided it would be taken down.

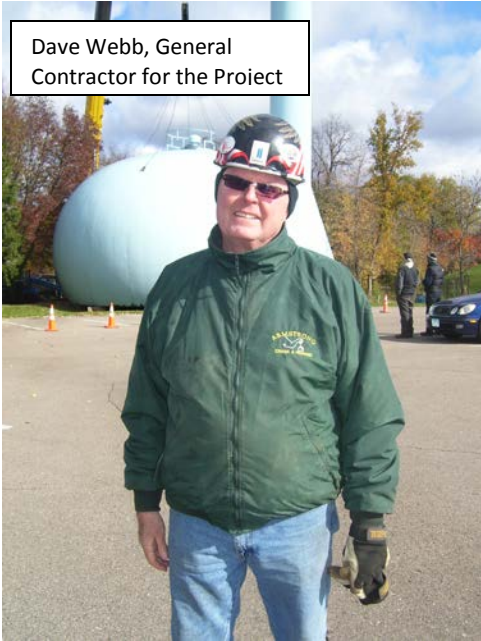
To dismantle the water tower, metal hooks were welded to the top of the globe in order to attach cables from a crane. Today, Thursday, October 24th, two welders cut around the circumference of the globe in order to dismantle the top. The entire bowl of the globe is built of one inch thick steel, is 136 feet tall, and weighs 43,000 pounds. The top portion of the globe was then lifted by crane off the base of the tower and lowered to the ground, where it was cut into four pieces for transport on a flat bed. The same process was then used to remove the 48,000 pound cone/funnel portion of the tower. Lastly, the long cylindrical 90-foot base was taken down. (Continued on Page 3)

Dave Webb, the contractor removing the tower, is looking at the possibility of refurbishing some of the pieces and possibly selling the tower to Cameron, Wisconsin. The City of Chaska will keep track of whether the tower is used in another town.

Any questions about the removal of the tower may be directed to Matt Haefner, the Water and Sewer Director for the City of Chaska. Below is a montage of photos depicting the dismantling of the tower.



The Hazeltine Water Tower on 10-24-13 Prior to Being Dismantled



Dave Webb, General Contractor for the Project



The cable is hooked up and the installer comes down the side on a platform with ropes at the beginning of a beautiful day.

