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FD FISHING CONTEST



Residents are reminded of the 2013 Chaska Fire Department Ice Fishing Contest to be held on Saturday, January 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Firemen's Park. This is the 56th annual contest and is the major fundraiser for the Fire Department. Two dollar raffle tickets can be purchased from any fireman or at the lake the day of the contest. The ticket entitles the bearer to participate in the fishing contest and also be entered into the prize drawings. Prizes will also be awarded to non-fishermen and include gift certificates to local businesses, as well as fishing equipment, and even \$500 cash. Prizes will be awarded to the top fifty fish caught by weight, with special prizes awarded to every fifth fish caught. These prizes include everything from a depth finder, to a jiffy powered ice auger.

Bait and tackle is available at the lake, as well as food and beverages. Official rules and a complete prize list can be found at the Chaska Fire Department web site at: www.chaskafire.org. See you at the lake!

Council to Consider Approval of SW Chaska Master Plan

The Council will be considering the final adoption of the SW Chaska Master Plan at the January 28th meeting at 7:00 pm. The plan has been in the planning stages for the past six months and includes input from each of the City Commissions, landowners, developers, local businesses, and residents. The SW Master Plan has been designed to provide a guide for future development. Development can be implemented in phases in order to avoid exposure by the City or developers to over investment in infrastructure as we move through the development cycles.



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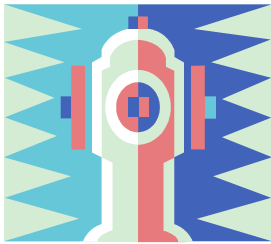
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Residents who would like to view the plan can do so online at www.chaskamn.com or are welcome to attend the Council meeting on Monday night to comment on the plan. Questions may also be referred to the Community Development Director, Kevin Ringwald, at 952-448-9200.



GREAT JOB BY THE CITY WATER DEPARTMENT!

Submitted by Matt Haefner, Water & Sewer Supervisor

2013 has just begun, and it has already been quite a busy year for the City of Chaska's Water & Sewer Department. To date, the department has repaired four different water main breaks throughout the community, with a fifth to be repaired early next week by the Lake Grace Pavilion. All of the breaks have been shears. Shears are caused by ground movement that causes the pipe, even in good condition, to split/crack. With our dry weather, the soils tend to have more movement, making these water main breaks unavoidable.

The City of Chaska would like to recognize the members of the Water and Sewer Department, who have been doing a remarkable job in very unpleasant weather and working conditions. The first break happened on New Year's Day. Two of the crew came in to diagnose the problem, isolate it, and prepared to dig the following day. Our most recent dig occurred on the front end of this sub-zero cold front. Again, two crew members came in, identified where the problem was, isolated it, and prepared to dig the following day. By preparing to dig the following day, they were able to notify all impacted residents of the water shutdown in advance, call in and work through Gopher One Call, work with the leak detection company, and get the equipment ready. All of this was done on a Saturday evening so the repair could happen first thing Sunday morning. The available crew who came in, worked in sub-zero temps, and had the water back on for the residents by 11:00 am!

What makes this most recent repair even more special is the "Going Above and Beyond" mentality that so many of Chaska's employees exhibit was taken to a new level. This particular Saturday was one of the crew members, Hank Storm's, 40th wedding anniversary to his wife Lori. On Saturday evening, our on-call person needed assistance during the front end of this emergency. He called Hank, and Hank came into work to assist him without hesitation. So often, the work City employees perform goes unseen. What also isn't thought about is the impact not only our work has on its employees but employee's spouses as well. A big thank you to Hank and the entire crew who not only do a great job to provide reliable services to our residents but also to the spouses who allow them to be such great employees. Thank you!

It should also be noted on every water main break, the Public Works Department assists with cutting the asphalt, sharing trucks & equipment, and if the situation warrants, provides extra truck drivers. Public Works will follow up with the street repairs once the weather allows. It has been and continues to be a real team effort!

HOMES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS IN MAY

Celebrating 17 years in Chaska, Christmas in May is a local non-profit organization that enlists volunteers and coordinates a one-day work project to repair and rehabilitate the homes of Chaska residents who have neither the financial nor physical ability to maintain their home. Skilled and unskilled volunteers do the work, which can include painting, plumbing, carpentry, electrical work, hauling, cleaning, and landscaping.

Christmas in May - Chaska will take place on May 11, 2013 and is offered at no cost to the home owner. It is a community bonding experience, not only for the homeowners, but for the many volunteers who participate with cash contributions, materials, and labor. If your home is in need of repairs that you cannot make yourself or afford to hire others to accomplish, please contact Christmas in May – Chaska by March 22, 2013 for home repair assistance at 952-361-5350.



**CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING
TONIGHT 01-24-13
6:30 pm
CHASKA CITY HALL
Open to the Public**



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES<

Grandparents and Me: Winter Wonder Magic Show

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Calling Grandmas, Grandpas, and kids of all ages! Come enjoy the magic tricks of Magician Brian Richards. Spend the afternoon together at the CCC. Brian Richards' "Winter Wonder Magic Show"



is amazing magic with a winter twist! It includes magic with things like a pair of mind reading earmuffs, the candy cane rope trick, and the unique card to hot chocolate trick. Enjoy the season of winter with this show packed with audience participation and fun! Following the magic show, participate in family activities including games, crafts, and snacks! Register at the CCC front desk or online at www.chaskacommunitycenter.com.

Cost is \$4 per person.
Time: 2:00 pm.

American Red Cross CPR/AED and First Aid for the Lay Rescuer

This course teaches participants the skills they need to know to give immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. Students who successfully complete this course will receive an American Red Cross certificate, which is valid for two years. All classes are located at the Chaska Community Center. For more information please call Tessa Syverson at (952) 227-7746.

Cost: \$60 Member; \$75 Non-Member
Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED Monday, January 28 5:30–9:30 pm.

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**“Souper” Bowl Sports Event
Fight Hunger by Having Fun!**

Ages 5 to 8

Help us fight hunger in our community by participating in our “Souper” sports clinic. After a group warm up we will split by age and rotate through three sports stations — soccer, basketball, and hockey.

Instructors include CCC staff and CHS student athletes. Wear your favorite jersey! Register online. Max 30.

Date: Saturday, February 2

Time: 9:30–10:30 am.

Place: CCC Gym

Cost: Three or more canned or/and boxed food items to donate to the food shelf. All proceeds will benefit the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska.



FIRE DEPARTMENT TRIVIA

1. Who is Chaska Fire Department’s first fulltime Fire Chief?

2. Who is the Chaska Fire Marshal?

3. In what year did the Chaska Fire Department first start?

4. How many fire fighters does the department now have?

5. What was the first motorized fire truck the department ever purchased?

6. During which month is Fire Prevention Week?

7. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without what?

8. When should you change the batteries in your smoke alarms?

9. What is the name of the Chaska FD mascot?

ANSWERS

- a. Tim Wiebe
- b. Kevin Gravalin
- c. 1871
- d. 45
- e. 1926 six-cylinder Studebaker, which is still housed at the Fire Station.
- f. October
- g. Working smoke alarms.
- h. When you change your clocks for daylight savings time and back again.
- i. Patches.

