



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## PUBLIC PARK BOARD PLANNING MEETING

Over the past month, the City of Chaska and the Park & Recreation Board have been in the process of taking input on ideas for the major commercial components of Firemen's and Schimelpfening Parks. This project was identified in the 2011 Downtown Master Planning process as being one of three recommended redevelopment catalyst sites. The focus is to create a park component to help attract local residents, as well as a destination for people living outside the Chaska area.

There will be a special meeting of the Park Board next Wednesday evening, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Community Center Lodge to receive public feedback on ideas for the site which could be incorporated into a general concept plan. The Park Board will also be meeting with restaurant owners who have submitted interest through a Request For Information (RFI) process. The City is expecting two or three restaurant groups to make proposals.

Individuals or groups who are interested in being a part of this meeting are welcome to attend. Persons wishing to be a part of the overall planning process for the redevelopment project should contact Mary Monteith at the Chaska Parks and Recreation Office at 952-227-7741 or [Mmonteith@chaskamn.com](mailto:Mmonteith@chaskamn.com). It is hoped this will be a very open and creative process and numerous ideas will be received that will attract users to outstanding recreational amenities in the parks.

Questions about the overall process may be directed to Park and Recreation Director, Tom Redman, at 952-448-5633 or City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.

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#### Other City Meetings:

Chaska City Council	Monday
Chaska Human Rights Commission	January 27, 2014 7:00 pm – City Hall
Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission	Tuesday
	January 28, 2014 7:00 pm – City Hall

(All agendas can be accessed at: [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com)).

**57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ICE FISHING CONTEST  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014  
1:00 – 3:00 PM AT FIREMEN’S PARK  
[www.chaskafire.org](http://www.chaskafire.org)**

Residents are encouraged to come out to Clayhole Lake at the Firemen’s Park on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm and join in the fun for the Chaska Firemen’s annual fishing contest. Money raised helps the Fire Department purchase equipment and gear. Did you know a helmet alone costs \$350?

A \$2.00 raffle ticket lets you fish from any of the pre-drilled holes and makes your catch eligible for “biggest fish” prizes. Bait and tackle can be purchased right at the lake. Or bring your own gear and bait (no portable houses) and set up your chair and jiggle away. Only one hole/pole per fisherman but you can move around to any pre-drilled hole on the lake. Spots can be claimed up to one hour prior to the start of the contest. If you don’t want to fish, you can still come out and support the Fire Department by purchasing a raffle ticket, and having a burger and a beverage.

A big thank you goes out to the many individuals and businesses who generously donated prizes for the Chaska Fire Department Fishing Contest. There are 10 cash prizes for the non-fisherman, including \$500 cash from Lenzen Chevrolet/Buick, \$200 shopping spree from Cooper’s, and gift certificates of \$200 from Von Hanson’s, \$150 from Valley Wine & Spirits, \$100 from Lisa’s Place, \$100 from Cuzzy’s, \$100 from Harvey’s, \$100 from River City Liquor, \$100 from Cy’s, and \$100 from The Victoria House. There are also 50 prizes for the largest fish caught, including an Ice Auger, Rods and Reels, and a Portable Ice Shelter. No fish is too small to potentially win something!

According to Brian Jung, the Chaska Public Works Director, current conditions on the lake as of Wednesday included 14” of ice and 2’ of snow. PW crews have begun plowing snow trails on the lake and around the park areas, hauling sand, opening the shelter and restrooms, turning on the water, and getting heaters to designated locations. They help the Fire Department significantly and are truly appreciated.

Dress in warm layers and see you at the lake!!



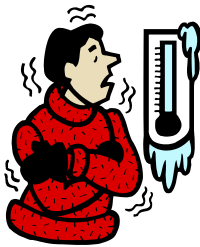
## CHRISTMAS IN MAY



If you know of someone in Chaska who needs assistance with home renovations and they are unable to physically perform the work or do not have the financial means to do so, tell them about Christmas in May! Even though it is only January, applications are now being taken and can be obtained by contacting 952-361-5350. Applications must be submitted by March 7<sup>th</sup>. A committee will review the application and make a home visit to assess renovation needs and perform an energy audit. Homeowners could even qualify for everything from light bulbs to new energy efficient appliances!

In the past, residents have received assistance with such things as new garage doors, decks, hand rail installation, roof repair, interior and exterior painting, and landscaping. The Chaska Firemen will also be checking and installing smoke alarms in selected areas of the city.

The event is being held on Saturday, May 3rd. Volunteers will also be needed to help with renovations. More information will be forthcoming.



### You think it's cold here? You ain't seen nothin'...

- **Lowest world temperature:** -128.6°F / -89.6°C, Vostok Station, Antarctica, 21 July 1983--without windchill.
- **Lowest world temperature in inhabited area:** -90.4° F / -68° C, Oymyakon, Siberia (pop. 4,000), 6 February, 1933 and also at Verkhoyansk, Siberia, 3 January, 1885.
- **Lowest USA temperature:** -79.8° F / -62.1° C, Prospect Creek, Alaska, 23 January, 1971.
- **Lowest USA (48 contiguous states) temperature:** -69.7° F / -56.5° C, Rogers Pass, Montana, 20 January, 1954.
- **Lowest Northern Hemisphere Temperature:** -81°F /-62.78°C; Snag, Yukon Territory(Canada); 2 February, 1947.

### Where's the Bathroom?

When you're exposed to cold weather, your blood vessels constrict, and the flow of blood to the skin is reduced, resulting in an overall slowdown of the circulatory system and a rise in blood pressure. To reduce this pressure, the body wants to get rid of as much fluid as possible through urine production. This phenomenon, known in medical terms as cold diuresis, explains why you may have to visit the bathroom more often when it's cold.