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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE SWORN IN ON MONDAY

The first Chaska City Council meeting of the year will be Monday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. At that time newly re-elected Ward 2 Councilmember Greg Boe and Mayor Windschittl will be sworn in, as well as newly elected Ward 4 Councilmember Jay Rohe. Ward 4 was previously represented by Councilmember Rick Ford. Jay Rohe is a returning member to the Council, having previously served from 2001 to 2008. The City is excited to begin a new year with a new Council and we look forward to many great things occurring.

CITY TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SW CHASKA MASTER PLAN

Over the past six months the City of Chaska has been completing a master plan process to consider future development in the Chaska Township area. This area is comprised of approximately 2000 acres and is generally located by the borders south of Engler Boulevard, east of Co Rd 11, north of old Highway 212, and west of Creek Road. In 2001 a concept plan was developed for the area, at that time called The Heights of Chaska. In the past 11-12 years the market has changed significantly and MnDOT has given preliminary approval for an interchange at the intersection of Co Rd 140 and new Highway 212, which would help expedite development in the area and create new and different opportunities not originally available.

With developers interested in moving forward in 2013 with smaller residential sections, the City has been working to complete a master planning process to make sure that the first phases of development are complimentary to future growth in the area. The master planning process was also completed to help drive a Comprehensive Plan Amendment through the Met Council, which is needed in order to allow development to move forward.



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The master plan for the area has been very comprehensive, to include transportation infrastructure, land use designation, parkland implementation, and public utilities. Throughout the month of January, Chaska will be taking the final draft of the Master Plan for consideration of approval to the Council and each City Commission. This process will begin on Wednesday, January 9th with consideration by the Planning Commission. The Park and Recreation Board and Heritage Preservation Commission will consider the plan on January 14 and 22 respectively. On January 28th the City Council will consider approval of the SW Chaska Master Plan.

Residents interested in viewing a draft of the master plan can go to www.chaskamn.com. The public is also welcome to attend any of the Council or Commission meetings during January and comment on the proposed plan. Questions may also be directed to the Chaska Community Development Director, Kevin Ringwald, or the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

2013 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

At the December 17th Council meeting, the Council approved the 2013 Downtown Street Reconstruction Program. Chaska will be reconstructing Second and Third Streets east of Walnut Street to the Courthouse, as well as all north and south streets between Second and Third Streets, including Walnut, in the downtown area. As with past downtown street projects, full replacement of the pavement will take place, as well as full replacement of utilities and the installation of storm sewer. Up to this point, storm sewer did not even exist.

Over the next few weeks, City staff will be notifying affected residents and business owners of an upcoming neighborhood meeting to discuss the project. Questions regarding the 2013 Street Reconstruction Program may be directed to City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.



CHRISTMAS IN MAY, celebrating 17 years in Chaska, 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 and 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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 AT 7:00 PM
CHASKA CITY HALL

CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013 AT 7:00 PM
CHASKA CITY HALL

CITIZEN ACADEMY IS BACK
Next session starting January 29th
 ~Limited Openings~

Citizen Academy is a seven-session program, in which people learn about police work in Chaska by first-hand experience. Lectures and actual hands-on experiences are combined for a unique insight into the police department. The classes are held on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 PM and are FREE!

The police department is providing an academy to increase partnerships with those in our community and create opportunities to receive feedback from participants to improve delivery of services.

If you are interested in participating in the academy please contact Officer Julie Janke at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at jjanke@chaskamn.com to have an application sent to you.



**CHASKA
 COMMUNITY
 CENTER
 ACTIVITIES**

\$70 Non-Member
 Session A: WINTER Jan. 7–Feb. 23
 All classes meet once a week for seven weeks.
 Mondays- January 7–February 18
 Tuesdays- January 8–February 19
 Wednesdays- January 9–February 20
 Thursdays- January 10–February 21
 Saturdays-January 12–February 23

FOOD for FUN at the Chaska Community Center!

JANUARY 7–20
 Bring a \$3 food value donation for the food shelf and receive ONE FREE ADMISSION to the CCC from January 7–20. All food donations will be given to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf of Eastern Carver County serving Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver, Victoria, and the surrounding area.

Learn to Swim at the CCC!

Our caring and dedicated instructors have been trained in the American Red Cross curriculum. You and your child will enjoy developing swimming and water safety skills in our positive learning environment. For questions about our Learn-to-Swim program, including level placement, please call the Aquatics Coordinator at (952) 227-7746. Group Rate Cost: \$56 Member;

Introduction to Competitive Swimming

Ages 10 to 15
 This fun new program is designed for students who want to improve their swimming skills. Staff will work on refining the four competitive swimming strokes (butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle) as well as work on diving starts and turns. This class is perfect for students who are considering joining a swim team in the future. Participants will learn how to write their own swim workout and perform it. Prerequisites: Level 5 or swim 50 yards without stopping (1 lap) and familiar with the four main competitive strokes.

Session A: Tuesdays, January 8–February 19
 Time: 6:00–6:40 p.m.
 Session B: Saturdays, January 12–February 23
 Time: 9:00–9:40 a.m.
 Cost: \$56 Member; \$70 Non-Member

