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HOMETOWN HOLIDAY



Bundle up and bring the family to downtown Chaska on Saturday to celebrate Hometown Holiday! One of the many highlights of the event will be the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The tree will have over 1000 lights to brighten up the night time sky. Below is a schedule of events in the historic downtown area. All events take place at City Square Park unless otherwise noted.



- ❖ Downtown merchants will offer shopping and dining enticements beginning at 10:00 am until the close of business.
- ❖ A free Christmas display will be featured from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm at the Chaska History Center.
- ❖ The Chaska Fire Department will coordinate a bonfire from 3:30 to 5:30pm.
- ❖ S'mores and Cider will be offered by the SW Metro Chamber of Commerce from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.
- ❖ Free horse drawn wagon rides will operate from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.



- ❖ Santa will be at the park from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.
- ❖ Guardian Angels Singers, coordinated by Helen Suhr, will perform from 4:00 to 4:15 pm.



- ❖ The tree lighting ceremony will take place from 4:15 to 4:30 pm, with presentations by Mark Muhlenkort and military personnel from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, and awarding of prizes to the coloring contest winners by the Chaska Human Rights Commission.



- ❖ The Chaska High School Choir, under the direction of Shelly Kline, will perform from 4:30 to 4:45 pm.
- ❖ American Legion Auxiliary Fundraiser and Chili Feed at the Chaska Legion from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

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CITY PURCHASES PROPERTY FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING EXPANSION

As part of the downtown master planning process, one of the items that came up as a significant need in the downtown area, is the expansion of off-street parking, especially on the east side of Highway 41 between Second and Third Streets. The west side of Highway 41 has a public parking lot but the east side has not had a public lot which sometimes leads to difficulty in parking in that commercial district.

On Monday, December 2nd, the City Council took action to purchase the house at 207 Walnut Street. The house is directly south of a second property the City purchased several years ago with the hope of expanding future parking. With the acquisition of both of these properties, the City anticipates being able to add an additional 45-50 parking stalls, along with additional on-street parking that will be added to the reconstruction of Walnut Street next summer.

All these projects are being completed to address long-term parking needs, as well as to prepare for our commercial district street reconstruction on Second Street in 2015, when on-street parking will not be available during the reconstruction.

Any questions about these projects may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200, or Matt@chaskamn.com.

CITY ENGINEER NAMED OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONIST



The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our City Engineer, Bill Monk, who was recently selected as the 2013 Carver County Outstanding Conservationist.

Bill accepted the award at the state-wide convention of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts on Monday, December 2nd. Bill has been with the City of Chaska since 1996. Since that time he has worked on a number of programs that have greatly enhanced the quality of our soil and water. Partnering with other local and governmental agencies, Bill has worked to design and implement innovative storm water treatment systems on city-owned properties, including the restoration of 20 acres of wetland at the Chaska Town Course along Hole No. 18. The wetland restoration at this site also helped create a natural filtration system into Lake Bavaria. He was a key player in restoring natural vegetation to the Seminary Fen, as well as in the Clover Ridge neighborhood. He worked closely with the Soil and Water Conservation District staff monitoring construction sites for erosion and sediment control measures. Additionally, during Bill's tenure with the City, a storm water utility was established in Chaska that focuses on making sure the City meets federal standards for storm water quality. Bill has been a leader in this field and has helped other entities develop methods for dealing with storm water in their communities.

Congratulations to Bill. He is very deserving of the award!

