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DECISION RESOURCES COMMUNITY SURVEY TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY NIGHT

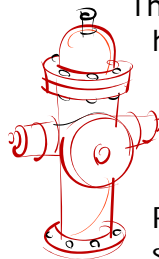
Residents are reminded that representatives from Decision Resources will be present at the Chaska City Council meeting Monday night, April 15th at 7:00 pm. They will be presenting the Council with the results of the 2012 community survey. This was a statistically sound community survey that was completed in December. Decision Resources will give a 30 minute presentation about the information compiled and how it compares to past surveys and other communities in the metro area.

Residents are highly encouraged to attend the Council meeting to learn about the perception of the community regarding key aspects of the City. The meeting will also be aired live on cable channel 15 at 7:00 pm Monday night. Repeat broadcasts will be aired at additional times throughout the upcoming weeks. Or the power point presentation can be viewed at www.chaskamn.com after April 15th.



Questions about the survey or its results may be directed to City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200 or matt@chaskamn.com.

SPRING CLEANING



The City Water and Sewer Department will begin to flush all water hydrants starting April 15th. And when the Public Works crew finishes plowing snow, street sweeping will continue in the City! Go to: www.chaskamn.com to view a complete map of when your neighborhood streets are scheduled to be swept. The schedule for hydrant flushing can also be accessed at that site. Residents are encouraged to park vehicles off street during street sweeping periods and are also advised to refrain from using large amounts of water during the flushing process. After the hydrants have been flushed in your neighborhood you should flush your toilets several times and run your faucets for a short period of time to get rid of any discoloration which might have been left behind. Thank you for your cooperation during this necessary maintenance procedure!

**MORE SPRING HAPPENINGS –
IF SPRING EVER HAPPENS**

CLEAN UP DAY

Mark your calendar for Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Yard waste can be dropped off free of charge at Chaska Athletic Park during that time period. This includes leaves, grass, small brush, and garden waste. No bags or brush larger than 3” in diameter or 4’ in length will be accepted. Questions about Clean Up Day may be directed to the City Municipal Services Department at 952-448-4335.

SHADE TREE PROGRAM

Don't forget about the City Spring Shade Tree Program which continues through April 19th. Call Brian Jung in the Public Works Department at 952-227-7713 or email him at Bjung@chaskamn.com for specific types of trees and costs. We also deliver!!



JONATHAN GARAGE SALES



The annual Jonathan Garage Sales are scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, beginning at 8:00 am. Call the Karen House to notify them of your intent to host a garage sale in order to have your location included on the list and map of participants. Maps can be picked up the day of the sale in front of the Kindergarten Center off Village Road.

CHRISTMAS IN MAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers who would like to assist with Christmas in May on May 11th are encouraged to call 952-361-5350. About half a dozen homes will receive various types of renovation or landscaping. All skill levels are needed.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Welcome To Pickleball

Join us for a fun introduction to one of the fastest growing sports. Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines the elements of badminton, tennis, and ping pong. People of all ages find it to be a fun way to exercise and meet new people. We'll demonstrate how to play and teach you the rules of the game. No registration needed. Meet us in the Lower Gym and come dressed to play. Pickleball paddles and balls will be provided.

Session 1: Sunday, April 14
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Session 2: Monday, April 15
Time: 9:30–11:00 am
Place: CCC Lower Gym
Cost: FREE



Tot Time Adventures

Candy Land

Everyone loves Candy Land! Join us as the community room turns into a candy land adventure. We will have candy land stations of fun with crafts and carnival games along the way! Join us for an adventure to remember. (Continued on page 3)

Wednesday, April 17
Ages 2 to 6 years
Time: 9:30–10:30 am
Cost: \$5 Member
\$6.50 Non-Member

DodgeFest 2013

Teens Ages 11 to 15
You and your friends will have a ball in this friendly competition of Dodgeball at the Chaska Community Center. Spread the word, gather your friends, and be a part of this fast-action fun. Prizes awarded to the top teams, energizing treats for all, and guaranteed fun! Don't miss Dodge Fest 2013!

Date: Thursday, April 18
Time: 2:30–4:00 pm
Place: CCC Upper Gym
Cost: FREE
No Registration Required —

Garden Tea Party

Grandmas, mothers and daughters of all ages, come and enjoy a special tea party at the CCC. Dress in your finest and we will provide the rest. The morning will include crafts and tea treats. Register at the CCC front desk or online.



Date: Saturday,
April 20
Time:
10:30–11:30 am
Cost: \$4 per
person

The following is a resolution being presented to the Chaska City Council for consideration of approval at the Monday, April 15th Council meeting.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAKOTA-U.S. WAR OF 1862 AND PROCLAIMING 2012-2013 THE YEAR OF THE DAKOTA IN MINNESOTA CITY OF CHASKA

Whereas, the City of Chaska established a Human Rights Commission by means of Chapter 11 of the City Ordinance on the 28th day of February 2000; and,

Whereas, the mission of the Chaska Human Rights Commission is to proactively partner with government, business, educators, religious, service and other organizations to promote a community of harmony and respect for the rights and dignity of all; and,

Whereas, the meaning of the word Chaska is “first son” in the Dakota language, indicating an historical tie to the Dakota people; and,

Whereas, the year 2012 was the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Dakota-U.S. War of 1862 that led to the mass execution of 38 Dakota, the largest in the history of the United States, and the genocide of American Indian people, including the Dakota; and,

Whereas, much has yet to be learned about issues involving land, reparations and restitution, treaties, genocide, suppression of American Indian spirituality and ceremonies, suppression of indigenous languages, bounties, concentration camps, forced marches, mass executions, and forcible removals, some of which passed through Carver County on the way to internment at Fort Snelling; and,

Whereas, indigenous women, children and elderly were held in a concentration camp at the base of Fort Snelling, separated from the men, before being exiled to reservations in neighboring states and Canada, and later being stripped of the culture and traditions in boarding schools and subjected to white culture and religions; and,

Whereas, the complete history of Minnesota must be taught from the perspective of all people who have lived it.

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that every effort must be made to ensure that the American Indian perspective of all of the tribes indigenous to Minnesota be presented during the year 2012-2013; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the City of Chaska encourages participation in discussions, forums, events, symposia, conferences and workshops, to include the complex issues listed above; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the City of Chaska works to promote the well-being and growth of Minnesota’s American Indian communities, including the Dakota people; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that these efforts during the years 2012 and 2013 will mark the beginning of future dialogues and efforts to rectify the wrongs that were perpetrated during, and since, the year 1862, a tragic and traumatic event for all Indian people in Minnesota; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the City of Chaska joins the Cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Redwood Falls and the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions by hereby designating the year 2012-2013 as *The Year of the Dakota: Remembering, Honoring, and Truth-Telling*, from December 26, 2012 to December 26, 2013.