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STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS COMPLETED

On the afternoon of Friday, May 15th, the Chaska City Council and City Department Heads completed the annual strategic planning process. This process designates the future strategic direction of the City. With two new Councilmembers, a new City Administrator, and Assistant Administrator, the City felt it important to discuss the direction of the organization and develop visions and goals for the next several years, incorporating our mission of "Being the Best Small Town in Minnesota."

In the past, the strategic planning process has been a significant tool for the City and has resulted in the completion of such projects as the flood control levee, the Community Center, and Town Course.

Starting with a strong reaffirmation of our mission statement, specific vision statements were developed:

- Chaska has a historic downtown with a vibrant commercial district that is "the" Twin Cities destination.
- Chaska is a leader in green energy production and distribution usage.
- Chaska is nationally recognized for recreational opportunities.
- Chaska is a diverse, life cycle community.
- Chaska creates and promotes an environment to allow for the attraction of a large number of high quality jobs.
- Chaska has a green belt plan that the community understands and embraces.
- Chaska has a western river crossing with an LRT hub providing congestion alternatives and inviting access into downtown.

From the list of these vision statements the group developed, the Council and Department Heads identified a list of specific goals that the City will work on over the next five years to help make these visions a reality. The five-years goals included:

1. Create jobs for economic development.
2. Promote Chaska's small town image.
3. Influence regional transportation choices.
4. Provide balanced housing options.
5. Promote Chaska's sustainable energy practices.

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With the completion of the strategic planning process, the City Council will review the final document and consider its adoption. It has been past practice that the strategic goals only become goals if all five Councilmembers support them. This gives the goals a significant amount of power and ensures that there is unity in achieving the goals.



Residents who are interested in discussing the strategic planning process or finding out more information about the visions and goals developed, may contact the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

TOWN COURSE RECOGNITION

Adding to the list of its many Course was recently listed in Golf Courses in the Country. honored, the Town Course only Minnesota course to recognition becomes even compared to the other courses on the list, including Bethpage, Chambers Bay, and Torrey Pines, which will soon be hosting a US Open.



recognitions, the Chaska Town Golf Week's 2009 Best Municipal Of the 50 municipal courses ranked #28 on the list and was the make the prestigious list. This more impressive when it is

Since the Town Course opened in 1997, the facility has received much recognition, including being named as one of the top new courses in 1997 and one of the best public courses in the State and Country several times. In 2006 the Chaska Town Course co-hosted the US Amateur with Hazeltine National. This was only the second time in the 100-year history of the US Amateur that a municipal course had co-hosted the event. Torrey Pines in LaHoya, California was the only other municipal course to co-host this major event.

The City of Chaska is proud to call the Town Course one of our premier community gathering locations. Residents are able to golf at the facility for rates lower than any of the surrounding courses in the area. Non-resident rates are very comparable to high-end courses in the Twin Cities area. To book a tee time you may go online to www.chaskamn.com or call 952-443-3748.

HOME TOWN WIND POWER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

This is a reminder to residents that Thursday, June 4th from 6:00-8:00 pm the City of Chaska will hold a neighborhood meeting in the City Council Chambers for anyone interested in finding out more information on the two proposed wind turbine sites. The Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) will be installing a 160-kilowatt windmill in Chaska to help the City in meeting its renewable energy requirements. Two sites have been selected as possible options for the installation of the windmill. One site is at the entrance to Clover Ridge Drive from Engler Boulevard and the other is at the Pioneer
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 Ridge Freshman Center. Residents in the neighborhoods surrounding the two proposed sites should have received a notice in the mail last week in regard to the meeting.

The meeting will follow an open house atmosphere, with a formal presentation at 6:45 to go over the Home Town Wind Program and the potential sites. Representatives of the City, MMPA, and Windustry will be available to answer questions. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact Chaska Electric Director, Dan Geiger at 952-448-4335, with your comments.



Chaska Community Center Activities

AOA Brick City Brewers:
FREE CONCERT AT THE PARK
 LeRoy's River Minstrels
 National Cancer Survivors Day
 Date: Monday, June 1
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Place: City Square Park (Rain site: River Gables Apartments)

Little Rascals Camp

Ages 2 to 3
 All Little Rascals come join the silly fun! We will have fun striking up a band, have a story time, and pull out the sports equipment.
 Date: June 1 - 3
 Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
 Place: CCC Upper Gym
 Cost: \$40 Member
 \$52 Non-Member



Clayhole Beach Opens!

Date: Saturday, June 6 through Sunday, August 23

Hours: Daily 12 Noon – 6 p.m.

Cost: \$2 Daily

Admission

Season Passes available at the Clayhole beach.

\$20 Individual/Resident

\$30 Individual/Non-resident

\$35 Family/Resident

\$50 Family/Non-resident



Maintenance on the Community Center swimming pool has been completed. The Splash Pad is now officially open for the summer, as well.

**DRAFT COUNCIL AGENDA
 MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 – 7:00PM**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Adopt Agenda
 - Visitor Presentation – Boy Scout Troop
 - Recognition of House Fire Rescuers & Victim
 - Recognition of Gang Expert Officers
 - MN Preservation Alliance Presentation
 - Downtown Business Council
- Approve Minutes of 05-04-09 Council Meeting
- Consent Agenda
 - Approve Minutes of 05-13-09 Planning Meeting
 - Approve Minutes of 05-11-09 Park Board Mtg
 - Adopt Resolutions Approving Transient and Solicitor's Permits
 - Approve Temp 3.2% Liquor License for Legion
- Public Hearing: Adopt Ord. 831 – Amend Liquor License Fees
- Riverwoods 6th Addition – Preliminary Plat
- Hazeltine Golf Course Clubhouse – Preliminary Site & Bldg Plans
- Riverview Storm Water Utility Fee Appeal
- Bills
- Other Business
- Adjourn

REMINDER
 Mayor Van Eyll hosts Coffee with the Mayor on the first Saturday of every month at the Chaska Community Center at 9:00 am. Come and catch up and converse about City issues.

