



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING!

Several years of culminate in less than two weeks at Hazeltine National the 91st PGA August 10-16. significant event Chaska, as it is golf tournaments

attracts some of the best professional players. Not only will the PGA be an opportunity for residents to see some of the best golfers in the world, but it will also bring national recognition to the City of Chaska.



preparation will than two weeks at Golf Course with Championship

This is a for the City of one of six major in the world and it

Residents are reminded that Monday through Wednesday of the championship are dedicated to practice rounds at Hazeltine, and Thursday through Sunday will be actual tournament play. As a special service to the residents of the City of Chaska, Southwest Transit will be running a direct shuttle bus route from Clover Field Elementary to Hazeltine. The busses will run every 15 minutes in the morning, beginning at 7:00 through 10:00 am and from 4:00 pm to one hour past closing of the gates. During non-peak hours the service will run every half hour. Riders will be dropped off and picked up at the main shuttle site at Chaska High School. The shuttle service is expected to be a great benefit to our residents and should also relieve parking pressure on neighborhoods surrounding the golf course.

Persons who purchased a ticket through the PGA should have received a letter from the City, describing the shuttle service and including free passes for the busses. If additional passes are needed, please contact the City of Chaska at 952-448-9200.

When attending the PGA, remember that the following items are prohibited from the event. Persons found to have any of these objects will not be allowed entry into the PGA. Persons found inside the event with any of these objects will be asked to leave. Obeying these rules should expedite your entry into the event. You do not want to have to return to your vehicle to deposit these items and come back again to the event.

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- All personal electronics – cell phones, camera phones, BlackBerry, pagers, radios, televisions, Palm Pilots, hand-held games, MP3 players, iPods etc.
- Food, bikes, coolers, ladders, signs, banners, and metal spiked golf shoes.
- Weapons or knives (including pocketknives), regardless of permit.
- Dogs and pets.
- No bags larger than 12"x12".
- Oversized chairs with wide arm rests, however spectators may bring small portable/folding chairs.
- Other items deemed unlawful or dangerous by the PGA Security Personnel.

Cameras are permitted during practice rounds Monday-Wednesday. Cameras are not permitted Thursday through Sunday.

As in 2002, residents should be aware that certain areas around the golf course will be closed. Pioneer Trail west of Hundertmark Road and east of Oriole Lane will be completely closed for the duration of the tournament. This will provide for the accommodation of security personnel and a safe drop off area for the resident shuttle service. Also be aware that parking in the surrounding neighborhoods is by permit only. Parking will also be restricted in the Chaska Commons, SuperTarget, and Kohls parking lots to store patrons. Questions about neighborhood parking permits may be referred to the PGA Office at 952-368-4774.

Finally, residents are reminded of a new event this year related to the PGA. A jazz festival will be held in City Square Park on the evening of Friday, August 8th.

The City of Chaska is very excited to have the PGA held in our community and looks forward to an exciting golf experience!

CITY COMPLETES WATER RATE ANALYSIS (THE CONDENSED VERSION)

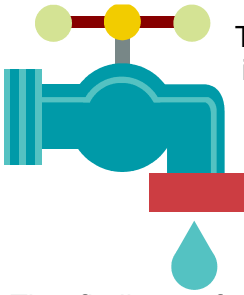
Over the past 2 months, the City of Chaska has been in the process of completing a water rate analysis.

We currently have a flat water rate of \$1.17/1,000 gallons of water. This means that no matter how much water a resident uses, they will always be charged the same rate per unit of water. With Chaska's water rate being significantly lower than the average rate of those in the metro area, this has not created the incentive that the State has wanted to see put in place to help promote the conservation of water in our system. On an average day, the City of Chaska will pump approximately 2.5 million gallons of water into our system. On a peak summer day, that number will jump to over 8 million gallons of water per day. This incremental difference is primarily accounted for through the addition of residents and business irrigating their lawns.

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The City completed an analysis of our water rates to look at how to implement the State mandates for water rate structures. The City also utilized this study to look at our entire water system to determine if our rate structure was sufficient to maintain and operate a sustainable water system both in the short term, and into the future as we start needing to reinvest into our aging infrastructure system.

The findings of the study show that if the City were to meet its current and future obligations, the rate of the water for the average residential customer (7,000 gallons/month) should be at \$2.01/1,000 gallons. In addition, unlike other cities, Chaska has never recouped its fixed costs such as utility billing and meter replacement, and to cover these fixed costs, a fixed customer service rate should be charged. The rate determined to be necessary to cover these costs was \$2.27/month. This compares to the average of surrounding cities which is \$7.94/month on a utility bill.

To help ease the implementation of the proposed new water rates to our customers, the City is proposing to implement 50% of the increase on January 1, 2010, with the other 50% coming on January 1, 2011. For the average user of 7,000 gallons per month, this would increase their bill by approximately \$4 per month in 2010 (from \$8.19 to \$12.23), and \$8 per month in 2011, with this ultimate rate going to \$16.27 in 2011 for 7,000 gallons of water per month.

Questions on this proposal can be referred to City Administrator Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

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**CLOVER RIDGE DRIVE AND PIONEER TRAIL TO OPEN**

Over the past summer, work has been progressing on the Pioneer Trail extension south of the Chaska Town Course and Clover Ridge Drive north of the railroad tracks. The Pioneer Trail connection has been in the planning stages for several years to help relieve some of the major traffic on Hundertmark Road. At the same time, Victoria Drive, north of Hundertmark Road, has been vacated as part of this project.

open to eliminate the need for the Bellavista and Town Course Heights neighborhoods to detour around the area. By the end of next week it is expected that Pioneer Trail will be completed and open prior to the PGA event.

While these projects have taken quite a period of time to complete, the routes will provide for additional east-west and north-south travel, easing some of the traffic on such roads as Hundertmark. Questions about the projects may be directed to the City's Engineering Technician, Matt Haefner at 952-448-4335.

Over the past week the railroad signal at Clover Ridge Drive and the tracks was installed. All pavement of the section has also been completed. The City is hopeful that within the next few days the Clover Ridge extension will be





## Chaska Community Center Activities

### Fit Kids Camp

Ages 5 to 8

Explore new fitness activities like jumping rope, fast feet fun, relay races, and jungle yoga. In these activities children develop agility, coordination, and camaraderie. All participants receive a t-shirt. A snack will be provided. Please bring a water bottle.



Dates: August 3-6

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Place: Fitness Studio

Cost: \$40 Member, \$52 Non-Member

### Children's Concert

#### Hans Mayer



This concert is FREE and open to the public. Bring a blanket or chair to Lions Park for some great children's entertainment. For rainout information please call 952-448-4633 ext. 4. If it is raining the concert will be held at the Chaska Community Center.

Date: Tuesday, August 4

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Lions Park (1300 Crosstown Boulevard)

Cost: FREE

## FYI

Persons soliciting door to door need to purchase a solicitor's permit from City Hall.

Transients and Vendors (such as corn stands) also need to purchase a permit and are required to obtain permission from the property owner prior to setting up any type of stand. Permits cost \$37.00 per individual and must be approved by the City Council.

Ice Cream trucks with current permits in the City of Chaska are:

Cari's Ice Cream  
Rossco's Ice Cream  
and  
A Whale of a Treat



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

CHASKA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009  
7:00 PM

CHASKA CITY HALL COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY  
TASK FORCE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009  
7:00 – 9:00 PM  
DRY CRAFT ROOM  
CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!