



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## EGGS AND ISSUES

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am the SW Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chaska Downtown Business Council will be holding an "Eggs and Issues" at the Best Western Hotel located at Highway 41 and First Street. The purpose of the meeting is for the Downtown Business Council to unveil their recently completed Historic Downtown Revitalization Goals, which they have been working on for the past 18 months. The document outlines the revitalization goals and objectives for the downtown area. It sets the vision and direction that downtown businesses would like to see evolve into the future.

Also at the breakfast meeting, the City of Chaska will be introducing the Downtown Master Planning process the City will use over the next 9-12 months to complete an overall vision and set goals for the downtown area. City Staff reached out to three consulting firms that had done work similar to that which would be needed to successfully complete this planning process. Ultimately, the firm selected was the Hoisington Koepler Group Inc. (HKGi), who had a very strong "forward leaning" interview and proposal. Their team's strategic goals for the downtown and their proposed methodology for developing a strategic marketing position for the downtown was spot on. The principal author of the plan is Jeff Miller, a former Chaska City Planner, who recently completed Chaska's 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Finally, the City will also provide an update at the meeting on the Highway 41 construction work, including the stoplight at the intersection of Second Street. This project is slated to start in the spring.

Chaska residents are invited to attend the Eggs and Issues meeting. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to the SW Area Chamber of Commerce at 952-448-5000.



**HIGHWAY 41 RIVER CROSSING  
UPDATE**

Over the past year, Chaska City Staff has been working with MnDOT and other surrounding communities and government agencies to focus on solving the issues surrounding the future Highway 41 river crossing.

Last fall, MnDOT publicly announced that they were moving forward to designate their C2 alternative plan as the future corridor for the river crossing. At that time, the City of Chaska came out in opposition of this river crossing alternative, given the negative impact it would have on our historic downtown district, as well as direct impacts on the Athletic Park. The C2 corridor as originally proposed, would go directly through the right field of Athletic Park, making the park unusable in the future. The bridge was proposed to be 50-60 feet in height, creating both visual and noise issues.

Since that announcement, MnDOT has worked with Chaska and other agencies to review potential alternatives to the C2 corridor to see whether issues with that corridor could be mitigated to the satisfaction of all parties. Other alternatives studied have been to move the bridge further south, lowering the bridge profile, and exploring whether ecological mitigation efforts implemented now could help screen a future bridge.

At this point, MnDOT has been testing alternatives to push the C2 alternative to the south, outside the Athletic Ball Park, as well as studying efforts to help lower the profile of the bridge. This is a positive step forward, as it eliminates the immediate impact to Athletic Park, but still causes concern to the City for potential noise and visual impacts. Beginning next week Chaska and MnDOT

and the US Fish and Wild Life Department will look at whether landscaping efforts could be utilized and implemented now to help mitigate those noise and visual impacts into the future.



As the process moves forward, the City will continue to keep residents informed of the results of the studies. Questions about the process may be referred to the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.

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**MEETING SCHEDULES**

Chaska City Council Meetings:  
November 2, 2009 – Cancelled  
November 16, 2009 – 7pm – City Hall  
November 30, 2009 – 7pm – City Hall

Chaska Park & Rec Board:  
November 9, 2009 – 7pm – CCC

Chaska Planning Commission:  
November 18, 2009 – 7pm – City Hall  
(One week late due to Veteran’s Day holiday on 11-11-09)

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**REMINDERS**

Downtown *Spooky* Night on the Town  
Tonight – 10-29-09 – 5-8pm

CLEAN UP DAY  
Saturday – 10-31-09  
8am – 2pm  
Bring yard waste to Athletic Park for free disposal.

Fire Department Chili Feed  
5pm – Chaska VFW

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
OPENING OF FILING  
AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY  
CITY OF CHASKA**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the City Clerk of the City of Chaska will accept filings of Affidavits of Candidacy in the City Clerk's Office at Chaska City Hall, One City Hall Plaza, Chaska, Minnesota for the following elective office for the City of Chaska, Carver County, Minnesota:

Alderman at Large (Mayor) - Completion of vacant two-year term ending December 31, 2010.

The first day for filing Affidavits of Candidacy is the opening of business, 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 11, 2009 and the last day for filing such Affidavits is Wednesday, November 25, 2009 until the close of business at 4:30 p.m. Candidates may withdraw their names from the ballot until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

It should be noted that City Offices are closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in observance of Veteran's Day.

**Candidates must file in person. Candidates who will be absent from the State during the filing period may arrange to file in person, prior to departure.**

Eligibility to Hold Office:

Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota:

Every person who by the provisions of this article is entitled to vote at any election and is twenty-one (21) years of age is eligible for any office elective by the people in the district wherein he/she has resided thirty days previous to the election, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and law of the United States.

Dated: October 20, 2009

By Order of the City Administrator



MATTHEW PODHRADSKY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
CITY OF CHASKA, CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA



**Questions about the January 19, 2009 Mayoral Special Election process may be directed to Margo Steffel, Senior Clerk, at the City of Chaska, 952-448-9200.**



## Chaska Community Center Activities

### Chaska Skate School: Learn To Skate Program

Session 2 –  
November 1 –  
December 19



Basic Classes:  
Beginner 1 – Delta  
\$44 Members and \$55 Non-Member

Specialty Classes:  
Hockey, Adults, and Figure Skating  
\$48 Members and \$60 Non-Members

Skate rental is available \$2/session.  
Check out the CCC website for class descriptions and schedules.

### Twist and Tumble Preschool Gymnastics Program



Join us in this fun, preschool gymnastics program in a kid friendly atmosphere! Play games, sing songs, and learn gymnastics skills on our kid-sized equipment. Our trained and experienced coaches will keep classes exciting and fast paced while your child learns on the uneven bars, vault, balance beam, trampoline, mats and more! See the CCC website for class descriptions and schedules.

Tumble Mites, Bugs, and Bunnies  
\$45 Members and \$59 Non-Member  
Tumble Bears  
\$52 Members and \$68 Non-Members

## COAT DRIVE CONTINUES

The Blessed Bee Thrift Store and Love INC of Eastern Carver County continue to collect winter coats, hats, gloves, snowpants, boots, etc. Items may be dropped off through Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center front desk, area churches, Blessed Bee, or the Love INC office.



The outerwear will be distributed to families on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. John's Luther Church at 4<sup>th</sup> & Oak Streets in Chaska from 9am to noon.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

### Halloween Trivia

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters, with Snickers being number one.

Signs of a werewolf are a unibrow, hairy palms, tattoos, and a long middle finger. (Do you know anyone like this??)

