



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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WIND MILL NEWS

Earlier this week, the Minnesota Municipal Power Association (MMPA) completed the full erection of the wind turbine located on the south edge of the Pioneer Ridge Middle School at Audubon and Pioneer Trail. The turbine is 160 kw and is part of the Home Town Wind Power Program. The City of Chaska is one of 11 member cities in the MMPA to have a wind turbine placed in its community. Faribault also had a turbine placed in the MMPA's Energy Park.

The program is a kick off to the agency's efforts to meet its green energy requirements mandated by the State Legislature. By 2012, 12% of our electricity must be produced by green energy sources. By 2025, 25% must be from green energy sources. The majority of the energy will come from wind farms the agency owns in southern Minnesota.

Although the turbine is fully erected at this time, residents will not see the blades spinning for approximately one month. There is still a significant amount of work to do, including wiring and installation of a transformer. This work is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The blades should begin spinning by the beginning of December.

As part of allowing Chaska and the MMPA to place the turbine at an educational facility, MMPA and the City will work with the School District to provide curriculum material to the school to help utilize the turbine as an educational opportunity. MMPA is currently in the process of developing this curriculum material.

Questions about the turbine may be directed to the City Administrator at 952-448-9200.

FILING FOR CANDIDACY

A Special Election to fill the Mayoral vacancy will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Persons who wish to file may do so from Wednesday, November 11 through Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at City Hall. (Note-City Hall will be closed on 11-11-09 in observance of Veteran's Day). The withdrawal of candidacy deadline is Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 4:30 pm. The term begins Monday, January 25, 2010. The filing fee is \$5.00. The position pays \$8208 annually. (Continued on Page 2)

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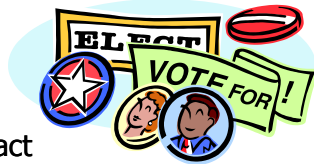
Candidates must file in person. Candidates who will be absent from the State during the filing period may arrange to file in person, prior to departure

Eligibility to hold office is governed by 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. The Chaska Mayoral position is a non-partisan position.

When campaigning, remember that campaign signs are not allowed in the following areas:

- * On private land without the consent of the owner or occupant
- * On public right of way or utility poles
- * On trees or shrubs
- * No painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

If in doubt about placement of signs on public property, contact Melissa Duchinsky, the City Planner, at 952-448-9200.



A limited number of polling site judges are still needed for the election. Judges are required to attend one training session and work the entire day/evening of the election. A stipend is paid. Please contact Margo Steffel, Election Coordinator, at 952-448-9200 for more information.

TOWN COURSE UPDATE

Although we experienced some nasty weather in October, the month of November has started out with some very nice days. The Chaska Town Course would like to make residents aware that they continue to be open and take tee times. This weekend should prove great for golfing and enjoying nature, with temperatures in the 60s. The average closing date for the Town Course is typically around November 11th.

On a separate note, the Town Course received its award as the Best Member Course of the Minnesota Golf Association for 2009. The honor was presented to the Town Course at the Minnesota Golf Association's annual awards banquet on Monday, November 2nd at Midland Hills Golf Club. A special congratulations should be extended to our Head Golf Pro, John Kellin, and Course Superintendent, Mark Moers, who had an excellent summer and made it possible for the Town Course to win such a prestigious award.

The criteria for the award included, golf course condition, course operations, and participation in the MMGA. The Town Course hosted a number of MMGA events during the season. As part of the award, the Town Course will receive great marketing opportunities during the spring previews section of the MMPA guide due out in February. Congratulations to the Town course staff!

The next Council meeting is Monday, November 16th at 7:00 pm at Chaska City Hall.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at Chaska City Hall.



Chaska Community Center Activities

AOA BAG LUNCH BINGO

Grab a lunch at The Lodge or bring your own for an afternoon of Bingo fun. Win prizes and play with friends!



Please call The Lodge by Monday, November 9th to reserve your lunch.

Date: Wednesday, November 11
Time: Lunch–11:30 a.m.; Bingo–Noon
Cost: \$3 Member; \$3.50 Non-Member per lunch (pay at the door)
Free Bingo!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER AOA'S!



Join us at The Lodge for cake and coffee on Thursday, November 12th at 10:30am as we celebrate November AOA birthdays. All AOA's are welcome!

TURKEY SHOOT

Ages 11 to 15
Win a chance to put the bird on your Thanksgiving table!



Join the Chaska Park and Recreation Department for a little friendly competition at our Annual Turkey Shoot. Compete against other students in your

age category in fun-filled activities including, free throws, soccer kick, hockey goals, and more! Participants are welcome to arrive anytime between 3:00-4:00 p.m.



Winners will be notified afterwards by phone and arrangements will be made to pick up prizes (and frozen turkeys). All activities completed by approximately 4:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, November 19
Time: 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Place: Chaska Community Center
Cost: FREE!

DEER HUNTING SEASON OPENS BE CAREFUL!

Two hunters were dragging their dead deer back to their car. Another hunter approached pulling his along too.

"Hey, I don't want to tell you how to do something ... but I can tell you that it's much easier if you drag the deer in the other direction. Then the antlers won't dig into the ground."

After the third hunter left, the two decided to try it.

A little while later one hunter said to the other, "You know, that guy was right. This is a lot easier!"

"Yeah, but we're getting farther from the truck," the other added.



The lazy man's way to hunt.

