



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## FINAL BLOCK 6 SOIL REMEDIATION

In conjunction with the redevelopment of Block 6 at the northwest corner of Highways 41 and 61, the City received close to \$900,000 from the State of Minnesota for soil remediation work needed on the site. As part of the purchase of the buildings located at the site, the City completed an environmental study and found that past activities, as far back as the brickyard days in the late 1800s, had left contamination in the soil. To address this problem, the State of Minnesota, through the Department of Employment and Economic Development and the Met Council, provided the City of Chaska with three grants.

As residents will remember, approximately a year ago the City completed the soil remediation on the majority of the corner. However, there is a small piece which was left untouched which will need to receive remediation work. This piece is located under the Chaska Farm and Garden site. The City wanted to work with the property owner to create as little disruption to the business as possible, and yet still complete the soil remediation.

The grant dollars for this work need to be used by the end of December so the City will not lose them. We are currently working on a process with Chaska Farm and Garden to move them to a temporary location adjacent to their existing site to complete the soil remediation work. Beginning in the next two weeks you will see Farm and Garden moving into the parking lot at Firemen's Park. They will conduct their normal Christmas and winter sales from a temporary trailer while the work is completed. Ultimately the plan has been for Chaska Farm and Garden to move across the street into a newly built carriage house next to the Chaska Mill House Gallery. It is hoped that will occur next spring.



Questions about the soil remediation of Block 6 or any other project in the City may be directed to Assistant City Administrator, Bart Fischer, or City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

**AEON DEVELOPMENT TO SUBMIT GRANT FOR BLOCK 53 REDEVELOPMENT**

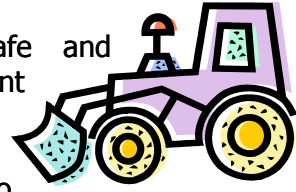
Over the past several years, one of the priority redevelopment sites the City has been working to complete, has been The Landing on Block 53, located at the southeast corner of Hwy 41 and 1<sup>st</sup> Street along the river. The intended use of the site has always been a multi-family housing development to create a connection to the river and to increase the density of housing in the downtown area to support downtown businesses. While a slow down in the economy has brought several potential developers in and out of the project, Aeon Development now appears to be able to go forward with the project, with the hope of breaking ground in the summer of 2010.

The Landing is proposed to be an approximately 50-unit senior affordable rental building to serve those with limited income. The development would give seniors easy access to services in the downtown area and the trail system.

At this time, Aeon Development has received two grants totaling almost \$900,000 from the Met Council and the Mn. Department of Employment and Economic Development. A third and final grant they are currently seeking is through HUD to support the construction of the project. Aeon is hopeful they will receive this third grant, given their success with programs in the past. Aeon should know the results of the grant by mid winter. At the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chaska Economic Development Authority, a purchase agreement with Aeon will be considered for the site to allow them to move forward with development, if they should receive the grant.

**SNOW REMOVAL POLICY**

To ensure the safe and convenient movement of traffic with in the City, crews are dispatched ASAP to sand or plow when ice or slippery conditions develop. When snow depths accumulate to a depth of 2" or more plowing of all streets, alleys, and parking lots will be required.



Winter Parking:

Parking to impede snow removal is prohibited:

No vehicle shall be operated or parked in a manner or place that obstructs or impedes the city public works department in clearing or removing snow from the city streets, alleys, or parking lots.

Odd / Even Parking regulations:

During the period of November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> inclusive, parking on the streets of the City of Chaska shall be permitted as follows: When snow accumulates on the city streets to a depth necessitating plowing and removal operation, parking on all streets shall be permitted only as follows:

On any even-numbered day of the month, on that side of the street adjacent to buildings bearing even-numbered street addresses.

On any odd-numbered day of the month, on that side of the street adjacent to buildings bearing odd-numbered street addresses.

Property Damage

Sod:

If City plowing equipment damages sod on the right-of-way adjacent to your property, it will be repaired in the spring with black dirt and seed. Residents are encouraged to assist with lawn repairs.

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Landscaping:

The City will not repair any landscaping or structures that are installed in the right-of-way. Examples would include fences, rocks, sprinkler systems, underground dog fence systems, and any other structure or system.

Mailboxes:

Damage that is caused by direct contact by city snow removal equipment will be repaired or replaced with a standard mailbox as soon as possible. Damage that is caused by the force of the snow coming off of the plow will not be repaired. Residents are encouraged to check the mailbox post and support arms for deterioration.

Clearing your driveway:

It is against city ordinance to shovel, plow, or blow snow into city streets. Individuals who throw their snow into the street make it more difficult to clear snow and it also could create ice hazards for other vehicles. You may want to wait to shovel the end of your driveway until the plow has cleared the street from curb to curb. Plows will typically come through several times and this will save you from repeating the shoveling process.

**Administrative Reminders**

A Special Election to fill the vacant Mayoral position will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Affidavits of Filing for the vacant Chaska Mayoral position are available at City Hall. The filing fee is \$5.00. The last day to file is November 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

City Council meets 11-16-09 at 7:00 pm.  
Planning Commission meets 11-18-09 at 7pm.

**5th Annual Multicultural Holiday Celebration**



Come kickoff the Holiday Season by learning about holidays celebrated in different cultures around the world. Listen to the sounds of the season provided by Chaska High School students, sing carols, visit Santa and more! The evening will end with the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree!

Free Refreshments and a piñata for the kids!

Sunday, November 29, 2009  
5:00 p.m.  
City Square Park

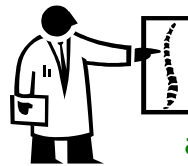
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and Dunn Brothers Coffee**



**Chaska Community Center Activities**

**AOA-DISCOVER WELLNESS SERIES  
by, Dr. Jeff May**

Dr. Jeff May with Total Health Advantage is dedicated to helping others achieve their wellness objectives — combining skill and expertise that spans the entire chiropractic wellness spectrum. He is committed to bringing you better health and a better way of life by teaching and practicing the true principles of chiropractic wellness care. Join Dr. May at The Lodge for his presentations on "Seasonal Changes".



Date: Monday, November 16  
Time: 9:45–10:45 a.m.  
Place: The Lodge  
Cost: Free

**Turkey Time - Ages 3-8**

A Parent & child class, ages 3 to 8

Turkey Day is almost here! Help us count down to pumpkin pie by creating a fun turkey time countdown! We will be making I spy pumpkin pie. What? Come to class to make this wonderful smelling surprise! We will also make a great fall mobile and share a crafty snack.



Date: Tuesday, November 17  
Time: 9:45–11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$12.50 Member  
\$15.50 Non-Member

**November: Turkey Shoot  
Ages 11-15**

Help 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 afterward 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!

**Elmo’s World - Ages 2-6**

Come join Elmo for a Tot Time Adventure you won’t forget. We will make crafts and play Elmo games. You will even have a chance to visit with Elmo himself! Sign up early, this class is sure to fill up fast! Pre-registration is required.

Date: Saturday, November 21  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$5.00 member \$6.50 Nonmember

**MORE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS**

**FaceBook and the CCC have United!**

The CCC has entered the world of Facebook. This will now allow the CCC to better communicate all it has to offer to its members and guest. The CCC currently has over 10,000 members, with an estimated 35,000 visits per month to its many different building components and programs. The Chaska Park and Recreation Department presently utilizes a number of different communication methods, including brochures, Chaska Today, The City Hall Bulletin, Cable Castnet, the electronic sign at Hwy 41 and Engler, press releases, Chaska.Net portal page, bulletin boards, flyers, and electronic e-mails. We look forward to this new age addition.

**Food for those in Need**

The CCC dropped off 116 lbs of food to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska as part of their annual November food drive to help those in need.

**Honey Bear Celebrates Community**

The wooden Honey bear in The Lodge holds a honey pot where you may put your spare change. For the first year Park and Rec/CCC staff identified Bountiful Basket Food Shelf and Love Inc as the recipients of all the coins and bills that were donated. Each organization was awarded a check for \$530.

