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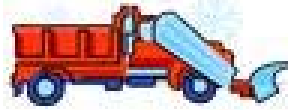
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WAIT A MINUTE! - BACK UP THE TRUCK!

The City of Chaska would like to recognize the Public Works Department for their extraordinary efforts during the ice storm last weekend. A thick glaze of ice on the roadways made travel very treacherous Saturday night through noon on Sunday.

Very early in the process of sanding and salting Saturday night it became evident City trucks were going to have problems. Although the dump trucks and plows are very heavy and typically can grip the road very well, the ice was so thick that the vehicles could not move forward in a straight line without slipping and sliding off to the side of the road.



The Public Works Department came up with the ingenious solution of driving backwards so the sand and salt would be dumped in front of the trucks to give them more traction. Six guys driving the big plows worked seven hours each to cover the entire 80 miles of City roadway, all while driving backwards and relying on their mirrors for visibility.

Two hundred tons of salt and sand mixture was used. By mid-morning all the roads had been treated and were in relatively good condition. The last time crews had to plow backwards was years and years ago when the Public Works Department was still housed in the old shop down by the Chaska Theatre. If residents observed plows driving backwards down the road, rest assured this is not normal practice, but it turned out to be a creative, ingenious way to keep the roads as safe as possible!

Residents might also be interested to know that sand is purchased and picked up from Muellers in Carver and is stockpiled at the Municipal Services Building. Typically enough sand is kept on hand for about three major snowstorms. Salt is purchased from Cargill, who delivers it to the MSB by semi on an as-needed basis. Three parts sand is mixed with one part salt for use on the roads.

With more snow predicted today, City crews generally follow a schedule of first salting and sanding the intersections if there is freezing rain. Plows go out when there have been two or more inches of snow. It could be another busy weekend!

REMINDERS

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Love INC will be hosting a free Thanksgiving Community Meal at St. John's Lutheran Church and School located at 4th and Oak Streets in Chaska on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. There is absolutely no cost for the dinner and transportation is also available if needed. For more information, call 952-448-2433.

NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

HOWEVER, A WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD FROM 6:00-8:00 pm
Community Development Conference Room-City Hall
Review Five Year Enterprise Fund Budgets

4TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 4
Chaska's historic downtown will celebrate with daylong events. Merchants will offer shopping enticements, hospitality and good cheer, and the chance to win a valuable shopping spree. Horse drawn wagon rides accompanied by a guide from Chaska's Historical Society will be touring the town. Carolers, Santa and his helpers and reindeer will greet visitors. The day's events will culminate in the traditional tree lighting ceremony sponsored by the City's Human Rights Commission beginning at 6:00 pm. A coloring contest held during November will determine the lucky winners who will light the tree in City Square Park. This will be a truly sparkling evening event!

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Chaska Police Department is collecting food donations through Dec. 23rd for the local food shelf. Items can be dropped off at the PD or call if you live or work in town and an officer will pick them up.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Santa's Mailbox

Santa Claus will have a special mailbox at the CCC. Boys and girls can drop off their letters in Santa's colorful mailbox November 29–December 3. Santa's helpers will pick up letters and deliver them straight to the North Pole. Please include the full name and address of each sender so Santa and his elves can reply to each letter.



Santa Visits The CCC

Friday, December 3
A Chaska Fire Truck will deliver Santa to the CCC front door, and Santa will visit from 4:30–6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served and crafts will be available. Don't forget to bring your camera! Free musical entertainment by Chaska Music Studios and live reindeers provided by The Mustard Seed.



The City of Chaska would like to wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving. Have a happy and safe holiday!

City Offices will be closed on Thanksgiving day and Friday, November 26th in observance of the holiday. The Community Center will be open for regular hours on Friday.