



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## IT'S OFFICIAL!

At the Monday, January 25, 2010 City Council meeting, Mark Windschitl was sworn in as Chaska's new Mayor. Administering the Oath of Office was former Mayor, Gary Van Eyll. In 2002 Gary Van Eyll was sworn in by former Mayor Bob Roepke. Mark Windschitl is the 25<sup>th</sup> Mayor to serve the City of Chaska since 1891.



## COUNCIL APPOINTS DOWNTOWN MASTER PLANNING TASK FORCE

The Downtown Master Planning Task Force was appointed by the City Council at their Monday night meeting. The Task Force is a group of 15 individuals from across the community who represent different interests and who have insight into our downtown business and residential district. The group was created as part of the City's overall downtown master (Continued on Page 2)

planning process. and will be a formal mechanism to provide feedback to City Staff and the Hoisington Koegler planning group.

Various local commissions and groups were asked to present the concept of the Downtown Master Planning Task Force to their members and ask for individuals who would be willing to serve on the Task Force. The City would like to thank the following individuals for their willingness to serve on the newly appointed Task Force:

1. City Council - Rick Ford (& Downtown Business Council)
2. Planning Commission - Mike Huang (& Commitment to Community)
3. Heritage Preservation Commission - Debbie Boe
4. Parks, Arts & Recreation Board - Dave Roan
5. Chaska Commitment to Community Task Force - Kevin Norby (& Downtown Council)
6. Chaska Downtown Business Council – Dan Keyport (& Planning Commission)
7. Resident (Downtown Chaska) - Adella Pollack (& Human Rights Commission)
8. Resident (Downtown Chaska) - Greg Swan (PR – Miller Shandwick)
9. Resident (Upper Chaska) - Brian Betlock (Downtown Chaska Wells Fargo)
10. Resident (Upper Chaska) - Stacey Harding (Attorney, small business owner)
11. Development Community (SuperValu) – Jim Hornecker
12. Upper Chaska Business (Ridgeview Medical) – John Prondzinski
13. Downtown Institutions (Auburn Manor) – Mike Senden
14. Faith Based Community (Guardian Angels) - Gary VanEyll (& former Mayor)
15. Faith Based Community (St. John’s) – Bob Roepke (& former Mayor)

In addition to the fifteen members listed above, the Council also directed City Staff to work with the School District to have a youth representative placed on the Task Force. The Downtown Master Planning Task Force will be in existence for 6-9 months as the planning process continues. The first meeting of the Task Force will be Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Questions about the Task Force may be directed to Community Development Director, Kevin Ringwald, at 952-448-9200. If you are interested in providing specific feedback about the project, please make sure to communicate your ideas to a member of the Task Force.



The City of Chaska would like to welcome one of its newest industrial businesses to town, as Michael Foods officially opened their doors this past Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Over the past 12 months Michael Foods has been retrofitting the plant on the north end of Chaska where Mammoth Industries was previously located. The building work included upgrading the facility to a food grade manufacturing facility and installing all the equipment needed to produce "Simply Potato"

products. Over the next six months Michael Foods anticipates it will move all of its operations from its Minneapolis facility to Chaska. This will create over 400 jobs to the City of Chaska. The City looks forward to a long relationship with Michael Foods as a valued member of our business community.

Questions about the project may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

**Chaska Human Rights  
Commission meets tonight,  
Thursday, 01-28-10 at 6:30 pm  
at Chaska City Hall.**

**FIREMEN’S FISHING CONTEST  
REMINDER**



The Chaska Fire Department will be holding their ice fishing contest at Clayhole Lake in the Firemen’s Park. The event will be held from 1-3 pm and will include the ice fishing contest, as well as plenty of food, and raffle prizes. This is the Fire Department’s largest annual event and their major fundraiser to purchase gear and equipment. Residents are reminded that persons who are interested in fishing may also pick up fishing gear at the lake to use in the contest. Raffle tickets are available from any fireman.

**UTILITY BILL REMINDER**

Chaska residents are reminded that the January utility bill will include the new rates for water that were adopted in August 2009, following an extensive water rate analysis. The new rates also include a flat administrative service charge of \$2.30.



In January, the Council approved and implanted an inclined block rate structure. This was required by the State of Minnesota as part of the effort to help conserve water across the State. The inclined block rate structure requires that residents who have a higher usage of water are charged more. Half of the proposed water rate increase was adopted for 2010 and the other half will be implemented in 2011. The average water user in Chaska uses approximately 7,000 gallons monthly

and will see an increase on their bill of approximately \$5.00, which includes the monthly service charge of \$2.30.

Questions concerning this transition to the new water rates may be directed to the Chaska Water and Sewer Supervisor, Dean Hylland at 952-448-4335.

**PIONEER TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT  
RECOGNIZED**

On Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota held an awards banquet at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. The Engineering Excellence awards are presented annually by ACEC/MN, and recognize achievements that demonstrate the highest degree of merit and serve to advance the engineering profession. Careful consideration is given to the selection of winners, who will represent Minnesota in a national competition held in Washington, D.C.



Chaska City Engineer, Bill Monk and engineers Eric Lembke and Tyler Newhall from the consulting firm of Bonestroo were recognized for the Pioneer Trail Extension, out of a list of 27 entries. Congratulations to Bill and the Bonestroo team for their great work and this honor!

**Chaska City Council meets on  
Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm  
in the City Hall Council Chambers.**

**Remember – Applicants who are  
interested in applying or re-applying  
for a seat on a City Commission should  
arrive at 6pm for an oral interview  
with the Council, if you did not already  
interview last week.**



## CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

### Little Tigers



Ages 3 to 6  
An exciting class for children to learn basic self-defense and martial arts skills, while developing coordination and flexibility with their peers. Basic kicks, punches, and strikes are taught through a variety of exercise and fun games. This program promotes focus, discipline and respect— great personal tools to carry into the future.

Day: Thursdays  
Dates: February 4–25  
Time: 11:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m.  
Cost: \$46 Member/\$60 Non-Member

### My Funny Valentine

Ages 3 to 8 Parent/Child Class  
We will begin celebrating the season of love by making some amazing crafts! We cannot let Valentines Day sail by without creating a family of love bugs, hearty bouquets, and a crazy candy picture frame! Join us and don't forget -- if the kids finish early we have many extra activities to boost up the fun!



Date: Saturday, February 6  
Time: 9:45–11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$10 Member  
\$12 Non-Member

### Foot and Nail Care for AOA'S by Comfort Foot Care

Let's get your feet looking GREAT! Meet with Shelly Rapp, trained foot and nail care specialist. Shelly provides gentle,

yet effective, nursing foot care services, including: foot health assessments, toe and fingernail trimming and upkeep, corn and callous management, and foot massage.

Call The Lodge to register.  
Dates: Friday, February 5  
Time: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Place: The Lodge  
Cost: \$30




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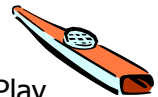
## JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Today is International Make Your Point Day.

Today is Fantasy Island Day, marking the debut of the TV series on this date in 1978. It starred Ricardo Montalban as Mr. Rourke and Herve Villechaize is his faithful sidekick Tattoo in 130 episodes.

Today is [Fun at Work Day](#). Plan fun activities to make workers laugh, and they will be more productive.

Today is [National Kazoo Day](#). Or if you don't have a kazoo, a pocket comb and paper will do. Play something upbeat.



Today is National Blueberry Pancake Day.

Today is National Serendipity Day.

Hope this doesn't happen in Chaska!

In 2007 some 10,000 people lost power for 45 minutes in Juneau, Alaska, when an over-confident eagle failed to clear power lines with a deer's head in its talons. Apparently, the eagle found the head in the city's landfill. The bird's body and his prize were found at the scene of the broken cable.

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