



# Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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## LET'S GO FISHING!

Over the past two months, a group of Chaska volunteers have worked to establish a local chapter of the "Let's Go Fishing" organization. Let's Go Fishing is a state-wide organization dedicated to providing opportunities to seniors to get outdoors and enjoy fishing on the lake. The program includes active older adults who might normally be restricted from this type of activity by physical or economic disabilities. All participants on Let's Go Fishing excursions are provided with a pontoon ride and all the equipment needed to fish at no cost. Along with fishing from the boat comes the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the outdoors with other individuals.



The program was originally started by Joe Holmes in the Wilmar area several years ago. Today there are over 20 Let's Go Fishing chapters in the State of Minnesota, which are part of a formal 501C3 non-profit organization, and are completely volunteer driven. A Chapter was recently started in White Bear Lake. The Chaska area chapter is the second in the metropolitan area. To date the Chaska Chapter has been busy forming a Board and lining up volunteers. Many of the Board members are active participants at the Community Center Lodge. The local group has also been busy fund raising to help get the project off the ground. With \$40,000 needed to purchase a pontoon, trailer, motor, depth finder, life jackets, and all fishing equipment, the local Chapter has been able to secure approximately \$25,000 from local service organizations.

With the City's desire to add Let's Go Fishing to the list of programs available at the Community Center, the Council approved provision of an up front loan of \$40,000 to help get the program off and running this summer. The loan will be paid back from donations received over the next five years. It is our hope that there will be a close link between the City and Let's Go Fishing as the program fits very well into the goals and values of our community.

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The pontoon and equipment are currently on order and expected to arrive in early May, with a kick off event planned for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon at The Lodge. This event will be an opportunity for the community to view the boat and equipment and learn more about the organization and how to take advantage of their services. Anyone interested in volunteering time to the organization and/or donating dollars to the program or how to bring a group of active older adults on a fishing excursion should contact the Chaska Park and Rec Department at 952-448-3176.



### WEST CREEK CORPORATE CENTER

At the March 15<sup>th</sup> Chaska City Council meeting, consideration will be given to the final plat and site plan for the West Creek Corporate Center 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. The site is located just off the interchange of Engler Boulevard and new Highway 212 just to the west of the Clover Ridge Drive intersection. This is the first phase of the City of Chaska's Biotech Corporate Industrial Park which has been planned for the area for several years. The project has been one of the specific strategic goals of the City Council over the past two years. Many jobs will be created in the area through this corporate industrial growth.



As part of this first phase of development, the developer has a first user who will be starting construction on the site this summer. This will be a 200,000 sq ft building that will be located just off the intersection of new West Creek Drive and Engler Boulevard.

Additionally, the developer will be

preparing 2-3 other pads for future corporate use. As part of the improvements, the City is working in conjunction with Carver County to help make all the improvements necessary at the intersection of new Highway 212 to accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic flow and the corporate industrial area. This will include the addition of several turn and passing lanes and a signal at Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard. This project is anticipated to take two years, with the first phase occurring in late 2010 with the installation of a temporary signal and construction by-pass lanes at Clover Ridge Drive.

The City of Chaska is excited about this corporate industrial area, which will continue to help enhance our community from an employment and tax base perspective. Questions about the project may be directed to the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.

Chaska Planning Commission Meeting  
 Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
 7:00 pm  
 Chaska City Hall  
 Go to [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) to view the agenda.

**TOWN COURSE TO OPEN SOON**

Although we are still dealing with cold and snow, it's hard to believe that the opening of the Town Course is just over a month away. Typically the Town Course opens around the first or second weekend in April. We are currently looking at April 5<sup>th</sup> as a possible opening date.

Prior to the start of the season, City Staff will be meeting with the Golf Advisory Committee on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will go over programs being offered by the Town Course and some of the changes that Charlie's Grille will make this year, as well as improvements to the course. This is also an opportunity for members of the Advisory Board to give feedback to Staff.

Please contact Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200 if you have questions.



**CHASKA  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
ACTIVITIES**

**Acupuncture for AOA's  
What's the Point?**

Join Dr. Todd Meeker from Belle Plaine Chiropractic, to discuss the history, theory and application of acupuncture for active adults. This will be an opportunity to learn about acupuncture without being used as a pincushion. If you have been curious about whether or not this may be something you should try, then we will see you there!



Please sign up in the Lodge.  
Date: Wednesday, March 10  
Time: 10:00–10:45 a.m.  
Place: The Lodge

Cost: FREE

**Rock on Ice**

Join us for a fun recreational skating event. Rock on ice features a special theme, a disco ball, and great music to guarantee a fun night for all. There is a warm lobby for changing and all are welcome to attend. Rental skates are available.

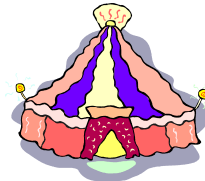
Date: Saturday, March 13  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: CCC Arena 2  
Cost: \$5 per skater/\$2 skate rental



**CCC Family Carnival –  
Under the Big Top**

Come to the CCC for some carnival fun! Children of all ages can play carnival games, jump in the CCC castle, and enjoy music and entertainment.

Date: Friday, March 12  
Time: 5:30-7:30 PM  
Place: CCC Turf  
Cost: FREE



**REMINDER:**

Chaska Skate School &  
Figure Skating Club Ice  
Show at the Chaska  
Community Center 7:00 pm  
Saturday and 2:00 pm  
Sunday.

Chaska Park and Rec Board Meeting  
Chaska Community Center  
Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm