



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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TARGET DATE SET FOR HWY 41 OPENING

Over the past week, water from the Minnesota River has subsided greatly, leading MnDOT to target a potential opening date for Highway 41. For the past three weeks the road south of the Highway 41 river bridge has been submerged. Damage from the current of the river has caused erosion to the shoulder of the road. While the water has now receded from the roadway, MnDOT crews have been unable to start repairs until the ground water saturation also recedes so that the road is not further damaged from heavy equipment. Soil boring tests were completed by MnDOT late Monday. It was confirmed that Highway 41 is stable enough to now carry heavy equipment and repair work has begun to the shoulders. MnDOT has set Tuesday, April 13th as the opening target date.

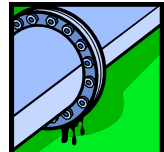
Highway 101 from Chanhassen to Shakopee is apt to take longer to open. The water has just recently receded from the roadway. The elevation of that road is much lower than the Highway 41 roadbed. The ground water tables under Highway 101 must drain much more before repair work can begin. Therefore it is still unknown at this time when Highway 101 will reopen. The Jordan river crossing to the west of Carver did reopen earlier this week.

Questions about the road closures may be directed to City Hall at 952-448-9200

MMPA WINDMILL UPDATE

The City of Chaska has received numerous questions from residents on the status of the wind turbine. It has been windy, but the turbine has not been spinning. Late last week the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA), the owner of the wind turbine, experienced issues with the spoilers. One of the spoilers experienced a leakage of hydraulic fluid. The valve was immediately closed off to stop the leaking, but there is still work that requires a boom truck to come in and complete repairs. This is part of the commissioning process MMPA is going through to address any issues with each of the 12 turbines in the system to get them fully functional. It is expected to take about a week to get this leakage issue solved.

Please direct any questions about the wind turbine to the City Administrator.



ATHLETIC PARK TO RE-OPEN MAY 8TH

With the flood waters quickly receding, Athletic Park has now reached a point where most of the water is off the playing field and parking area. City crews are now able to begin clean up. On a positive note, it appears that the grass and infield made it through the flood waters, as the grass was still dormant. The grass has now started to grow. This should help shorten the time needed to get Athletic Park back in shape.



Water at Athletic Park on 03-21-10

Additionally, crews will be working on minor repair work to the grandstand, including re-painting and work to the parking lot. Based on the amount of work yet to be completed, the City of Chaska has set Saturday, May 8th for the park to open. This date coincides with the date the Saint Paul Saints will be playing an exhibition game against the Chaska Cubs to help celebrate the Athletic Park's 50th anniversary.

Persons interested in obtaining tickets to the Saints event should contact a member of the Chaska Cubs Baseball League.

CHASKA PARK & REC BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010
COMMUNITY CENTER – 7:00 PM

CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010
CITY HALL – 7:00 PM

**SIGNIFICANT TRAIL CONNECTION
RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING**

Carver County, in conjunction with the Cities of Chaska and Victoria, was successful in receiving funds to make two significant trail connections. One connection is the last piece of trail in the southeast corner of Chaska directly in front of Gedney Pickle. This trail would be hooked up to the Eden Prairie light rail line. While this is a short segment of only 2-3 blocks in length, this is one of the most significant sections of trail missing from the trail system. With this connection, people in Chaska will be able to make a safe and direct connection to the Eden Prairie LRT line, which allows biking into all areas of the Twin Cities.

The other section of trail to receive funding was on Rolling Acres Road between Highway 5 and the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail System. This connection will help the City of Victoria be fully connected into the Lake Minnetonka Trail System. Eventually, this will also help connect the Chaska and Victoria trail system for a fully continuous route from the Eden Prairie LRT line to the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail System.

The grant was \$400,000 and will assist with two very important trail connections. It is expected the dollars will be available in 2012 for purchase of the land and development of the trails. Questions about the trails may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200 or matt@chaskamn.com.

Three Rivers Park District is a "special park district" serving the suburban areas of the Twin Cities metro including suburban Hennepin, Carver, Dakota, Scott and Ramsey counties. The mission of Three Rivers is, "[T]o promote environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system." Nearly seven million people visit Three Rivers facilities each year.

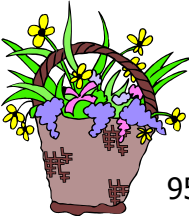
PUBLIC WORKS SCHEDULE

Street sweeping has begun in the City of Chaska, which usually takes about six weeks to complete. The downtown area is started first, with the work proceeding north. After the streets have been swept, the Water and Sewer Department follows with flushing of the hydrants. Crews are now about ¾ of the way finished and are currently on the east side of town near Audubon Road.

Residents who have trees along the boulevard in need of trimming, are responsible for this work. If you are a member of an Association, then the Association is responsible. Trees with limbs in power lines that are in residents' backyards but on City property, are trimmed by the City during the winter months. It is recommended that residents trim trees or clean up their yards by May 1st so that they may take advantage of the annual Spring Clean Up Day and can dispose of their yard waste for free at the Chaska Athletic Park. Residents in Jonathan may place tree branches and yard waste near the curb and the Jonathan Association will pick it up for free on May 1st.



Although the weather has started to warm up, the evenings are still cool. Work on the gorgeous flower baskets and annual plantings on City property will begin toward the middle of May and will all be in place by Memorial Day.



Any questions related to the Public Works Department may be directed to Tim Wiebe, at 952-448-4355.



Chaska Community Center Activities

New! After School Theater Camps!
at the Chaska Community Center

CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS...



MAD WACKY WORLDS

TEACHING ARTIST: Jen Scott

Exercise your funny bone! Students will work together to create characters, stories and plays — on the spot! Theatre games and acting exercises will focus on freeing the creative spirit of each child, while building a dynamic ensemble of actors.

Register at the CCC front desk or online.
Dates: Thursdays, April 15 – May 20
Age: Grades second through fifth
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$75 Member/ \$90 Non-Member

MAD HOT COMEDY

TEACHING ARTIST: Jen Scott

Perfect for both beginning and experienced performers. In this fast paced workshop you will discover the creative freedom of improvisation. Think faster, make strong choices, and increase your confidence as you learn to trust your instincts.



Register at the CCC front desk or online.
Dates: Thursdays, April 15 – May 20
Age: Grades sixth through ninth
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$75 Member/\$90 Non-Member

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**Chaska Community Center
Activities
Continued**

GARDEN TEA PARTY

Grandmas, mothers and daughters of all ages, come and enjoy a special tea party at the CCC. Dress in your finest and we will provide the rest. The morning will include crafts and tea treats.



Register at the CCC front desk or online.
Date: Saturday, April 17
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$4 per person

LIL' SPORTS STARS

Ages 4 to 6

Run, kick and jump in this fun 6-week introduction to sports. Our instructors will creatively teach skills, teamwork and fair play.



Register at the CCC front desk or online.
Dates: Tuesdays, April 13 – May 18
Time: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Place: CCC Upper Gym
Cost: \$40 Member/\$52 Non-Member

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BuildingHours
Monday-Saturday 5:00 am to 10:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

Ride SouthWest
Transit
to Twins games
Monday-Friday on
Route 682B!



FROM EAST CREEK IN CHASKA, SOUTHWEST VILLAGE IN CHANHASSEN & SOUTHWEST STATION IN EDEN PRAIRIE

East Creek	SouthWest Village	SouthWest Station	Target Field	GAME START TIME
10:30	10:40	10:50	11:40	12:10
1:30	1:40	1:50	2:40	3:10
4:30	4:40	4:50	5:40	6:10
5:30	5:40	5:50	6:40	7:10

RETURN: 20 minutes after the last out (or 20 minutes after a game is officially called due to bad weather) – ask your driver for return pick-up location

EVERYONE RIDES FREE ON APRIL 12 FOR THE HOME OPENER!!!!

FARES

Use your Go-To Card, U-Pass, MetroPass, SuperSaver Card.

IF PAYING WITH CASH, YOU MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE. The driver does not carry cash.

Time	Ages 13-64	Ages 6-12	Ages 5 & Under	Ages 65+
Peak*	\$3.00	\$3.00	free w/paid fare (limit 3)	\$3.00
Non-Peak	\$2.25	\$0.75	free w/paid fare (limit 3)	\$0.75

*Peak Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00-9:00 am & 3:00-6:30 pm

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ride for \$0.75 at all times. To qualify, show your Metro Mobility card or transfer, Metro Transit temporary ID, Minnesota driver's license/state ID with an "A" or "L" endorsement. All SouthWest Transit buses are ADA accessible. Please tell the driver BEFORE YOU PAY YOUR FARE if you qualify for a reduced fare.

DISABLED VETERANS ride free at all times. An ID issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs showing "Service Connected" or "SC" must be shown to the driver.

NOTE: No service Monday, September 6

Call Customer Service at 952-949-2815 (2287) or visit www.southwest.org for more information.