



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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STATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY

With the change in election law enacted by the Legislature this past year, the State Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 10th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. This was done primarily so those persons voting absentee, particularly in the military, would have sufficient time to receive and return their ballots before the General Election.

The purpose of the Primary is to narrow down the number of candidates in each office to one candidate per party. For local races such as County Commissioners or judicial offices, the Primary is used to narrow the field down to just two candidates. Voters are only allowed to vote for one party and may not switch between parties. The Primary ballot will include races for Governor, Legislative offices, and County Commissioners. This is an important election, as the winners will appear on the November General ballot.



The City of Chaska has 4 Wards, with two precincts in Wards 1 and 2, for a total of six polling sites. All the normal polling sites in the City of Chaska will be utilized for the Primary and General elections. Go to www.chaskamn.com to locate the six polling places. To find out which site you vote at, go to <http://pollfinder.state.mn.us>. If you are not already registered to vote, have moved, changed your name, or not voted within the past four years, you will need to re-register at your polling site. A Minnesota drivers license with your current address and photo is your best form of identification. If you do not have that, you will need two other pieces of identification. A person who is already registered in your precinct and knows you personally may also vouch for you. For a more detailed list of accepted identification, go to: www.sos.state.mn.us. If you registered less than 20 days prior to the election, you will need to re-register at your polling site. Absentee voting is also currently taking place at the Tax Payers Services Office at the Carver County Courthouse through Monday, August 9th at 5:00 pm for those people who are unable to travel to the polls in person.

The City of Chaska has non-partisan offices and therefore will not be on the Primary ballot. However, candidate applications are now being taken for Mayor, and Wards 1 and 3 Councilpersons for placement on the November General Election. Applications are being taken through August 17th and a filing packet may be obtained from Elections Coordinator, Margo Steffel, at Chaska City Hall, along (Continued on Page 2)

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with a \$5.00 filing fee. So far, Gino Businaro, incumbent from Ward 1, has made application to run again. Candidates are also encouraged to contact Matt Podhradsky, the City Administrator, at 952-448-9200 to discuss projects and issues occurring in the City and the expectations of a public official.



SECOND PHASE OF HWY 41 COMMENCES

The first phase of construction on Highway 41, including installation of corner pedestrian ramps and a traffic signal at Second Street, has been completed.

The second phase has now started and will include a landscaped median with banner poles, bollards, and flowers from First Street to Co Rd 61 (old Highway 212). More importantly, the median will provide a safe haven for pedestrians and ultimately complete the traffic patterns of having full access at the signals at Second and Fourth Streets, along with Co Rd 61. At the intersections at First, Third, and Fifth Streets, access will be restricted to right in and right out only. During the construction period, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. The second phase of work is expected to be completed by Friday, August 27th, prior to the start of school.



Please feel free to contact Chaska City Hall at 952-448-9200 for more information.

Chaska Park Board meets on Monday, August 9th at 7:00 pm at the Chaska Community Center.

CARVER COUNTY DAY AT THE ARBORETUM



Chaska residents are invited to attend the upcoming Chanhassen and Carver County Day at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Admission will be waived throughout the day on Friday, August 6th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm for all Carver County residents with valid identification.

The day gets started at 10:00 am with a special welcome by Carver County Commissioners, Chanhassen Mayor Tom Furlong, and the new Arboretum Director, Edward Schneider. Complimentary coffee and bagels will also be available. Then make your way to the gardens and the summer exhibit, "Powerhouse Plants." Or hop aboard the Trumpet Creeper Tram for \$2.50 for a motorized guided tour.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Carver County at 952-361-1797.

CARVER COUNTY FAIR STARTS WEDNESDAY



The Carver County Fair opens in Waconia on Wednesday, August 11th and runs through Sunday, August 15th. For a full list of events, go to www.carvercountyfair.com.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Chaska Concerts in the Park

All concerts are free and open to the public and are sponsored by the City of Chaska Parks and Recreation Department. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. in City Square Park Gazebo, unless otherwise noted. For rain out information call (952) 448-5633 ext. 4 after 4:30 p.m. or consult cable Channel 14.



August 6 - Cathy Decheine - Lite Listening

Catch the Fire!

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre Camp!



During the week of August 24 to 29, participants will practice and perform original productions of "Snow White." Two professional actors/directors from Prairie Fire will audition and cast local young adults ages 7 to 16. Everyone receives a part! After rehearsing four hours a day, for five days, the cast will perform the plays two times for the community.

Participants experience the excitement of producing an original play, while working and learning together on a daily basis. Prairie Fire Staff come complete with everything needed to do the show; sets, props, costumes, make-up... everything but the children!

Auditions will be held the Monday morning of the camp from 9 to 11 am at the Chaska Community Center Theater. (Some children may need to stay after the audition to practice until about 1 pm). Schedules will be given at that time for the rest of the week. Rehearsals will be from approximately 9 am to 1:15 pm, throughout the rest of the week, with performances scheduled for Friday evening at 7 pm and Saturday morning at 10:30 am in the Chaska Community Center Theater.

Tickets for the performances will be available at the CCC front desk Monday, June 14 and Monday, August 9 at 9 a.. Tickets are \$3 Adult, \$2 Children (17 and under). You are strongly encouraged to purchase your tickets in advance; shows often sell out. **Two tickets are included in the cost of the participation fee. Please choose Friday or Saturday when registering.**

These weeklong Prairie Fire Children's Theatre camps are sponsored by the City of Chaska. **Pre-registration is required for auditions, limited spaces available.**

Dates: August 9 – 14 "Snow White"

Who: Youth ages 7 to 16

Cost: \$60 Member/\$75 Non-Member (Cost includes two tickets)

We are looking for youth to help as part of the technical crew for both shows. If you are interested please call Aimee at (952) 448-3176 ext. 7742. Youth should be 10 years old and able to attend Wednesday through Saturday practices and performances.

Jazzn' Up Chaska

Friday, August 13th

Come and enjoy downtown Chaska with two great entertaining jazz bands. Enjoy a free watermelon feed and popcorn wagon provided by supporting downtown businesses.



5:30 p.m.
Valley Jazz

7:00 p.m.
Southside Aces



Sponsored by The City of Chaska Parks and Recreation Department and the Chaska downtown local businesses Norsemen Travel, Dolce Vita Wine, Lillian's, Linda's Cellar and Mixed Company.

Today is [Work Like a Dog Day](#), a day to celebrate everyone who works like a dog to be successful.

