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CITY DISCUSSES 2ND ST & TH41 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS WITH MNDOT

On January 20th the City of Chaska met with officials from MnDOT to discuss improvements the City feels are needed at the intersection of Highway 41 and Second Street to deal with pedestrian safety issues at this crossing.

Over two years ago the City of Chaska convened with The Chestnut Street Task Force, made up of the Chaska Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Businesses, MnDOT, and Carver County. The purpose of the Task Force was to discuss solutions to help coordinate the competing interests of Highway 41 as a State Highway and a downtown Main Street. A number of improvements were recommended for the road, including the installation of a signal at Second Street, installation of left hand turn lanes at Second and Fourth Streets, a center median on Chestnut Street to reduce traffic speed, access restriction of First, Third, and Fifth Streets to allow only right-in and right-out access, and the removal of on-street parking on the east side of Chestnut to be replaced with off-street parking options. It was however anticipated that funding would not be available to implement the project in the immediate future.

With the recent tragic pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Second and Chestnut Streets, the City of Chaska put together a preliminary concept plan proposal for MnDOT in an attempt to move forward with phasing of the Chestnut Street Task Force recommendations. The City felt it important that immediate safety concerns be addressed, to include the installation of a signal at Second Street.

During the recent meeting, the City and MnDOT explored the possibility of breaking the project into two phases, with the first phase occurring this summer, to include installation of a signal at Second Street and Highway 41, along with right-in and right-out access restrictions at the intersections of First, Third, and Fifth Streets. In addition, this phase would include the installation of safety signage and additional lighting in the downtown area. No parking is anticipated to be lost from the east side of Highway 41 in this phase.

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The second phase anticipated to occur within the next five years, would include the installation of left hand turn lanes at Second and Fourth Streets, which would necessitate the replacement of existing on-street parking on Chestnut Street to alternative locations. These improvements would probably not occur until the year 2013 to 2014.

While MnDOT has not yet made a decision to move forward with this project, the City feels the recent meeting was productive and that MnDOT understood the significance of the project in regard to pedestrian safety in the downtown area. MnDOT and the City will reconvene on February 10th to further review the phasing options, with the hope that a plan to move forward will be finalized to implement this phasing option.



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

ICE FISHING CONTEST

The annual Chaska Volunteer Fire Department Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Clayhole Lake located in Firemen's Park at Highway 41 and old Highway 212. The ice is in great shape and the Fire Department is hoping for a great turn out at their annual fundraiser. There will be prizes for the 50 top fish caught, including an auger, fishhouse, and an underwater camera. Even the non-fisherman can win gift certificates and cash prizes just by purchasing a ticket from any fireman. Lots of food and beverages will also be available. See you at the lake!





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52ND ANNUAL CHASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ICE FISHING CONTEST

Saturday, January 24th, 2009

1:00-3:00 P.M. • Fireman's Park, Chaska

FOR THE FISHERMAN:

Largest Fish:		Sponsor:		Largest Fish:		Sponsor:	
1st	Jiffy Power Auger	Drazan & Henke Assoc.	26th	L.E.D. Headlamp	Total Automotive	27th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case
2nd	L.E.D. Headlamp	Entegris	28th	Rod/Reel combo	Meschke Const. & Siding	28th	Rod/Reel combo
3rd	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Bank of the West	29th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Drazan & Henke Assoc.	29th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever
4th	Rod/Reel combo	Why Wait Roofing	30th	Vexilar FL-20 Depth Finder	Why Wait Roofing	30th	Vexilar FL-20 Depth Finder
5th	Rod case w/ 2 rod/reel combos	Chaser's Beverage Center	31st	L.E.D. Headlamp	Drazan & Henke Assoc.	31st	L.E.D. Headlamp
6th	L.E.D. Headlamp	Total Automotive	32nd	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Sherwin Williams Paints	32nd	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case
7th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Lainhart Painting	33rd	Rod/Reel combo	Entegris	33rd	Rod/Reel combo
8th	Rod/Reel combo	Bank of the West	34th	\$30.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Lainhart Painting	34th	\$30.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever
9th	\$30.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Oak Grove Dairy	35th	Rod case w/ 2 rod/reel combos	Why Wait Roofing	35th	Rod case w/ 2 rod/reel combos
10th	Vexilar FL-12 Depth Finder	Meschke Const. & Siding	36th	L.E.D. Headlamp	Drazan & Henke Assoc.	36th	L.E.D. Headlamp
11th	L.E.D. Headlamp	Lainhart Painting	37th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Sherwin Williams Paints	37th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case
12th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Bank of the West	38th	Rod/Reel combo	Why Wait Roofing	38th	Rod/Reel combo
13th	Rod/Reel combo	Entegris	39th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Meschke Const. & Siding	39th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever
14th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Oak Grove Dairy	40th	Cordless Fillet Knife	Lainhart Painting	40th	Cordless Fillet Knife
15th	Ice fishing tackle pack	Lainhart Painting	41st	L.E.D. Headlamp	Chaser's Beverage Center	41st	L.E.D. Headlamp
16th	L.E.D. Headlamp	Total Automotive	42nd	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Sherwin Williams Paints	42nd	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case
17th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Why Wait Roofing	43rd	Rod/Reel combo	Entegris	43rd	Rod/Reel combo
18th	Rod/Reel combo	Meschke Const. & Siding	44th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Meschke Const. & Siding	44th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever
19th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Oak Grove Dairy	45th	Polar Vision Sonar	StrikeMaster	45th	Polar Vision Sonar
20th	Portable Ice Shelter	Cabin Fever	46th	L.E.D. Headlamp	Entegris	46th	L.E.D. Headlamp
21st	L.E.D. Headlamp	Entegris	47th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Drazan & Henke Assoc.	47th	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case
22nd	Fishing Rod/Tackle carrying case	Sherwin Williams Paints	48th	Rod/Reel combo	Chaser's Beverage Center	48th	Rod/Reel combo
23rd	Rod/Reel combo	Why Wait Roofing	49th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Entegris	49th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever
24th	\$20.00 Gift Card to Cabin Fever	Lainhart Painting	50th	"Fish-TV" Underwater Camera	Lainhart Painting	50th	"Fish-TV" Underwater Camera
25th	Ice fishing tackle pack	Chaser's Beverage Center					

FOR THE NON-FISHERMAN:

Prize:	Sponsor:
1 st	\$500.00 CashLenzen Chevrolet/Buick
2 nd	\$250 Gift CertificateNorsemen Travel
3 rd	\$150 Cash; 2 - \$50 Gift CertificatesPauly's American Grill
4 th	\$225 Gift Certificate.....Valley Wine & Spirits
5 th	\$200 Shopping Spree.....Cooper's County Market
6 th	\$200 Gift Certificate.....Von Hanson's Meats
7 th	\$100 Gift Certificate.....Harvey's Bar & Grill
8 th	\$100 Gift Certificate.....River City Liquor
9 th	\$100 Gift Certificate.....Cy's Bar & Grill
10 th	\$100 Gift Certificate.....Victoria House

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW – CONTACT THE CHASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Donation \$2.00 per ticket. Ticket is your pass to get in, but need not be present to win.

Visit: www.chaskafire.org for additional information

CITY EXPLORES OPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

Earlier this past fall, the City Council discussed the potential use of administrative fines in the City of Chaska, as an alternative tool for the Police Department when issuing citations. Currently, when an individual is cited for a minor crime, the only options available to the police are to either issue a warning to the individual, or a full citation, which can be quite expensive.

The main objective of a citation is to help deter similar behavior in the future, such as speeding or failure to obey a stop sign. There is no option at this time to provide a lesser penalty, while maintaining the goal of helping to change individual behavior patterns. Therefore the City Council looked at the option of administrative fines. The Police Department would develop a list of offenses that could potentially be eligible for an administrative fine, providing a less expensive option as compared to a full citation. City Staff and the Police Department will return their findings to the Council in the near future with recommendations.

It is the hope of the City that if these administrative fines are implemented, residents will be provided with a less punitive method of citation, that will at the same time influence a behavioral change.

Questions or comments about administrative fines can be directed to Matt Podhradsky, the City Administrator.



COMMUNITY CENTER ACITIVITES

TEEN BEACH BASH

Each month at the CCC, there is one Teen Event geared for ages 11 - 15. January's Teen event is a TEEN BEACH BASH! On Tuesday, January 27, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. teens will enjoy some of their favorite summer games within the warmth of the CCC Upper Gym. Games like limbo, 'beach' volleyball, and ladder golf will be some of the games available! These teen events are always free, with FREE refreshments to all those who participate!

AOA - BEACH BREAKFAST

Feeling the winter chills? Things are heating up at The Lodge! Join the Chaska Parks and Recreation Department and other AOA's (Active Older Adults, Ages 55+) for this



beach party breakfast. On Wednesday, January 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., wear your sunglasses, Hawaiian shirt or grass skirt and warm up at The Lodge. We will enjoy beach music, door prizes and a breakfast of eggs, pastries, fruit and juice. Please call the Lodge at (952) 448-2023 by Monday, January 26th to reserve your spot.

GRANDPARENTS & ME

Calling Grandmas, Grandpas, and kids of all ages! Spend the afternoon together at the Chaska Community Center on Saturday, January 31st beginning at 1:30 p.m. Following Zoomobile, participate in family activities, including crafts and snacks! Pre-register online at www.chaskacommunitycenter.com or at the CCC front desk. Cost is \$4 per person.

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