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CITY SEEKS HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR ATHLETIC PARK

The Council took action at the January 26th meeting to support an application to seek historic designation for Chaska Athletic Park as one of the top ten endangered historic sites in the State of Minnesota. Annually, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota selects sites in the State historically significant in nature which are threatened by development projects.

The reason the City of Chaska has chosen to apply for this historic designation is due to the recent decision by the State of Minnesota to designate the C-2 alternative as the preferred option for the future Highway 41 river crossing. The C-2 alternative would run directly adjacent to the western half of our historic downtown and would go directly through the right field of the Athletic Park. The City believes the C-2 bridge corridor would have a major visual and noise impact on our historic downtown and residential area and would significantly impact the Athletic Park.

The City is hopeful this application for historic designation will have a good chance of approval and attention will be generated as to the impacts this potential bridge project could have on our downtown area. As part of the application process the City Council passed a Resolution of support and also received several endorsement letters from organizations and individuals in the area.

Questions about the application or the status of the Highway 41 bridge crossing decision should be directed to the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200

FINAL PLAN APPROVAL FOR RIDGEVIEW HOSPITAL

At the January 26th Council meeting, Ridgeview Medical Center received final building and site plan approval for their facility located at the northeast corner of Highways 212 and 41. The facility will be approximately 250,000 sq ft when full completed, and six stories in height. This will be a unique medical facility in that it will house a stand-alone emergency room, as well as day surgical areas and medical specialty offices on the upper floors. The ER component will be the primary destination for ambulance service in Chaska and will not just be a triage center. When completed the ER will be the only stand alone emergency room in the State of Minnesota. (Continued on Page 2)

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As part of the project, Ridgeview Medical proposes to move forward with four of the six stories initially, as well as full landscaping. In addition to the project itself, significant improvements will occur along Hundertmark Road east of Highway 41 to accommodate traffic into the site. These improvements will include the addition of a right hand turn lane into the site off Hundertmark Road and a significantly longer turn lane for traffic heading westbound on Hundertmark to south on Highway 41. A signal will be included on Hundertmark Road on the east end of the site, which will also serve as the primary entrance to the SuperAmerica Gas Station. The necessary improvements will cost approximately \$1 million and will be substantially paid for by the development.

The City of Chaska is excited to see this project continue to move forward. A hospital campus had been a primary objective that the City sought to attract to the community. The addition of this facility will not only enhance the medical services available in Chaska, but also in the entire southwest metro area. Construction is expected to begin in mid-summer.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD AT HAZELTINE



The summer of 2009 will be exciting in the City of Chaska as Hazeltine National Golf Course will host the 91st PGA Championship August 10-16. The PGA Championship is one of six major golf tournaments in the world. It is the last major golf tournament of the summer.

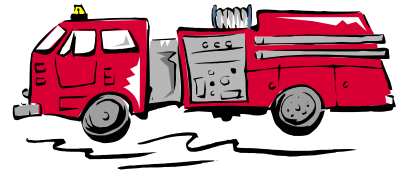
The last time Hazeltine hosted the PGA Championship was 2002 and it was an

exciting event, as Rich Beam narrowly eked out a win over Tiger Woods on the last hole. Hazeltine is excited to host this event again and welcome some of the best golfers in the world, including Tiger Woods. The event is expected to draw several thousand spectators each day and will provide an opportunity for the City of Chaska to receive national exposure and promote our great community.

Residents are encouraged to attend one or more days of the event, as this is an unique opportunity to get an up close and personal view of some of the best golfers in the world. Persons interested in purchasing tickets can visit the 2009 PGA website at www.pga.com.

SUCCESSFUL FISHING CONTEST

The City of Chaska would like to take this opportunity



to thank the Chaska Volunteer Fire Department for all their work in putting together the 52nd annual ice fishing contest held at Firemen’s Park this past Saturday, January 24th. Although the temperature was cold, the event drew close to 1000 people. Everyone had fun fishing, winning prizes, and socializing in the warmth of the picnic shelter where hot drinks and food were served. The City thanks all the sponsors of the event and the residents who supported the fire department with their attendance and purchase of raffle tickets. This is the largest fundraiser of the fire department during the year and is a major reason that much of their equipment can be purchased.



The employees and officials of the City of Chaska offer their condolences to Mary Ann Ohnsorg, retired City employee, on the recent death of her husband Reginald. Reg was also a long-time well-respected member of the Fire Department.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
ACTIVITIES**

Dinner Club



On Thursday, February 5, children, ages 6 to 10, become the chefs for the night in our CCC Community Room. At 4:30 p.m., our junior chefs will set the table and prepare and serve a great meal, including dessert. They will explore cooking methods, kitchen safety, and etiquette. A recipe book of the evening's meal is included. At 6:00 p.m., parents and siblings are invited to dine with their chefs. For more information call the CCC at 448-5633.

Tot Time Sweetheart Dance

Bring your family and friends to the Tot Time Sweetheart Dance, Friday, February 6. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., join other preschoolers and their parents in the Chaska Community Center for a night of fun! Do the Hokey Pokey and dance along with other fun children's music by a local DJ. Refreshments will be served! Co-sponsored by the Chaska and Chanhassen Parks and Recreation Departments. Call 448-5633 for more details.



Pedicures

Give the gift of a pedicure to yourself or a friend. On Friday, February 6, at 1:00 p.m., Nursing Excellence, a private nursing service, will do pedicures in the Lodge for Active Older Adults who sign up by calling 952-448-2023. Pedicures are only \$25 and will be performed by Nurses. Individuals who are diabetic will receive proper foot care.



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