



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

From the desk of Mayor Van Eyll

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MICHAEL'S FOODS UPDATE

Over the past few weeks the interior of the old Mammoth building located on Highway 41 has seen a dramatic transformation. Michael's Foods has been renovating the building to house their Simply Potatoes food processing plant. In December, Michael's Foods announced they were moving to the Chaska facility and bringing over 400 jobs into the City.

The transformation of the building has been dramatic. The warehouse and heavy manufacturing space has been converted into a full food production plant. This has included the removal of the entire cement floor in the 200,000 sq ft facility to allow for installation of drains and new plumbing. Small additions are also being added to the south and west sides of the building to accommodate deliveries.

The City of Chaska and Carver County CDA are also working with the State of Minnesota to help finalize the State and Local Incentives package, which originally helped bring Michael's Foods to Chaska. The package included low interest loans from the State and Carver County CDA and the transfer of sewer access charges from a plant in South St. Paul that no longer utilized their SAC credits. Sewer access charges are the credits businesses need to purchase from the Met Council that creates all sewer in the metropolitan area. Companies are charged on their projected use. Michael's Foods is anticipated to use 1400 SAC units in their building, which is comparable to a sewer capacity usage of over ten times the usage in a normal building of that same size. Being a high sewer and water user, it is anticipated that Michael's Foods will also be the largest electrical user in the City of Chaska. This will positively impact both the electric revenues and franchise fee revenues into the City's general fund.

We are very excited to see work progressing on this site and we expect to see Michael's Foods in full production by the end of 2009. Questions about the project may be referred to the Chaska Assistant Administrator, Bart Fischer, at 952-448-9200.



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THE LEGENDS OF HAZELTINE SEEKS NEXT APPROVAL

At the February 23rd Council meeting, The Goodman Group will be seeking preliminary site plan, plat, and building approvals for The Legends of Hazeltine. This project is proposed for the northeast corner of Hazeltine Boulevard and Highway 41. The development is planned to be a 160 unit senior independent living and memory care facility attached to the Hazeltine Gates office building. The Goodman Group is known nation-wide for their quality senior living projects and they plan on making The Legends their flagship facility.

The project will also include significant improvements to the Par 30 Golf Course, located adjacent to the proposed development site. Improvements will include significant enhancements to the pond to allow for stormwater drainage and improved aesthetics. The clubhouse is also proposed to be moved to the east of existing hole number two.

The timing of the project was originally anticipated to begin in mid to late summer of 2009. However, completion of The Goodman Group's financing package is not expected to be completed until mid to late summer so construction is now expected to start in early spring of 2010. The Goodman Group is attempting to target an opening date of spring 2011.

Although there will be a delay in the construction start, it is anticipated that the work necessary to accommodate the project in regard to the Par 30 will occur in early fall of this year, with moving of the clubhouse and parking facilities occurring near the end of the golfing season and the pond work happening during the mid-winter months. This will allow for the majority of the improvements to the golf course to be completed for the 2010 golfing season.

Questions about the project may be referred to Kevin Ringwald, the Planning and Development Director, at 952-448-9200.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE

Submitted by Dan Geiger,
Chaska Electrical Director

Renewable energy is in the news almost every day. Whether it's a wind turbine in Medina, solar panels in Minneapolis or a methane gas project at a landfill in Glencoe, the news in Minnesota has been full of these exciting projects over the past year. Minnesota statutes have required some of these new projects. The new federal administration policies will probably spur many more. It is an exciting time for change in the utility industry. That is why Dan Geiger (Chaska's Electrical Director) and Steve Wilker (Assistant Electrical Director) attended the Harnessing Resources and Teamwork for Minnesota's Energy Future conference in St. Cloud last week.

The conference, sponsored by Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) of Minnesota and other state agencies, utilities and companies, was well attended with over 500 people going to informative sessions for two days. One of the pre-conference sessions on Tuesday was Best Practices for Local Governments and focused on what municipalities and counties are doing in Minnesota. Elk River talked about their Energy City projects, including a windmill, methane gas generation, and refuse derived fuel power plant operated by Great River Energy. Hennepin County discussed the energy improvements they're making to facilities in order to reduce energy consumption. Hunt Utilities Group and the Initiative Foundation presented what Pine River is doing to create a Healthy Green Communities Partnership. Winona County has rallied the local government agencies in their area and initiated a project called "Sustain Winona" to further improve economic development and save taxpayer money. Plus there were case studies on a bicycle transportation project undertaken by Edina and an economic, affordable housing project done in Aitken. And that was just the first day!

The second day of the conference contained presentations on green jobs, energy efficiency, geothermal projects, small-scale wind, solar energy and much more. We talked with people about conservation improvement programs, transmission line projects, wind energy production and many other topics that directly

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have an impact on what we're doing here in Chaska. The day went by fast because most of the individual presentations were only 20 minutes long so there was a lot of information crammed into the 7-hour day. Even the lunch program contained insights from the Mayor of Apple Valley, who is also the League of Minnesota Cities President.

With Minnesota's requirements to generate 25% of our energy from renewable sources by 2025 and to reduce our energy consumption by 1.5% per year through conservation improvement programs such as appliance and lighting replacements, we are sure to see the utility industry go through some changes. One of the biggest changes that could also affect the utility industry is plug-in electric vehicles. A plug-in, hybrid Toyota Prius was on the exhibit hall floor showing that change is on its way. The City of Chaska plans to be prepared for this change!



Chaska Community Center Activities

Adult Pottery

Beginners and those experienced alike can use the wheel and/or hand build ceramic projects. The registration fee includes clay, glazes, and firing.



Date: Tuesdays, February 24 – March 31
 Time: 6:00 – 8:30 PM
 Cost: \$125 Member
 \$150 Non-Member

Hatha Yoga



Start your yoga experience or refresh your skills in the gentle flowing style of Hatha Yoga. Improve your strength and flexibility through breathing and stretching exercises.

Dates:
 Tuesdays, February 24 - March. 31
 Thursdays, February 26 - April 2
 Time: 6:45 – 7:45 PM
 Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 Cost: \$48 Member
 \$60 Non-Member

Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED

Learn how to care for all age groups. This class covers rescue breathing, CPR, First aid for choking, and signs of a heart attack. AED training is also included. Upon successful completion, participants receive an American Red Cross certification. Textbooks are provided.



Date: Saturday, February 28
 Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 Cost: \$65 Member
 \$80 Non-Member

COMMUNITY EVENT



Third Annual
 Chaska High School
 Activities & Athletics Gala
 Saturday, March 21, 2009
 6pm
 Minnesota Landscape
 Arboretum
 Call 952-556-7130 for Reservations

**DRAFT AGENDA
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
CHASKA CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 23, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Adopt the Agenda
5. Visitor Presentation
SAFER Presentation by Mario Cortolezzis
SW Transit State of the Agency – Len Simich
6. Approve minutes of the February 2, 2009 City Council meeting.
7. Consent Agenda
Approve minutes of the February 11, 2009 Planning Commission
Approve minutes of the February 9, 2009 Park and Rec Board
Approve minutes of the February 2, 2009 EDA
Approve Tobacco License No. 09-04 in the name of Gas Depot
Adopt Resolution No. 09-10 Approving Transient Permit for Stanton’s Farmers Market
8. Adopt Resolution No. 09-11, approving the Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Site/Building Plans for Hazeltine Plaza and Adopt Ordinance No. 830, Approving the Rezoning of Hazeltine Plaza from PMD-1 (Planned Multi-Use District No. 1) to PMD-18 (Planned Multi-Use District No. 18)
9. Approve the Closure of McKnight Road Bridge due to Public Safety Issues
10. Bills
11. Other Business
12. Adjourn

**WORK SESSION PRIOR TO THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT
6PM**

Commitment to Community Task Force Discussion

Some Things You Probably Didn't Learn In School!

Every day more money is printed for monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women, women can hear better than men.

The world's youngest parents were 8 & 9 and lived in China in 1910.

The youngest Pope was 11 years old.

First novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer

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The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile national monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

- Spades - King David
- Clubs - Alexander the Great
- Hearts - Charlemagne
- Diamonds - Julius Caesar.



The Interstate highway system was designed so that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

The cruise liner Queen Elizabeth II moves only 6" for each gallon of fuel that it burns.

Q: What separates "60 Minutes" on CBS from every other TV show?

A: No theme song.

Q: Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A: Their birthplace.

Q: What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and printers all have in common?

A: All were invented by women.

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