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COMP PLAN OPEN HOUSE



An open house will be held for the public to review the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan on March 11, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, prior to the Planning Commission meeting in City Hall. Comprehensive Plan updates are required every ten years by the Metropolitan Council. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting and give their comments regarding the Comp Plan. The Planning Commission will then review the plan and forward it onto the March 16th City Council meeting. Copies of the plan may be reviewed on the City website at www.chaskamn.com or at City Hall or the Library. Contact the Community Development Director, Kevin Ringwald, at 952-448-9200 for more information.

COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

The City of Chaska continues to seek six at-large positions for the Commitment to Community Task Force, which will convene monthly in April throughout the summer. This will be the third time the Task Force has been organized. The purpose of the group is to focus on ideas and activities to promote the small town feel of our community. A final report and recommendations will be presented to the City Council in the fall.

Previous accomplishments that began by recommendations from the Task Force include, the Arts and Theatre addition at the Community Center, The Lodge addition, Arts in Public Places, Livery Stable renovation to house the Historical Society, neighborhood block wagon, and Chaska.net internet service.

Six at-large residents, a representative from each City Commission and the Council, a representative from the School District, Jonathan Association, and the SW Metro Chamber, and two youth members, will make up the Commitment to Community Task Force. Interested parties may submit a letter of interest to Matt Podhradsky at matt@chaskamn.com by March 25th. The City Council will interview applicants at their March 30th meeting and announce the appointments to the Task Force.

Consider volunteering a small amount of your time to make a big difference in your community!

**COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEAD
RETREAT**

On March 6 and 7 the Chaska City Council and City Department Heads will conduct a strategic planning session to help develop the 2009 Strategic Plan. Over the past 25 years the City has used a strategic planning process to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the community and tie all major actions of the City organization to its core values and mission statement. As part of the process, each year the City Council identifies its priority goals and specific action items for the upcoming year and through the next five years.



All Councilmembers must ultimately come to an unanimous decision on the goals they want to achieve. Over the years the strategic planning process has helped the City to accomplish many of its most important goals, including the flood control levee, construction of the community center and Town Course, redevelopment and reinvestment in the downtown area, and striving to help complete the new Highway 212 freeway. The Strategic Plan has kept the Council and City Staff focused on achieving its overall mission of being "The Best Small Town in Minnesota."

To facilitate this process, the City has partnered with professional facilitator, Richard Fursman. Mr. Fursman previously served as a City Manager in the Twin Cities area and has also assisted many surrounding communities with their strategic planning process. With several new Councilmembers and Department

Heads, this will be an opportune time to hold the retreat and become acquainted with each other and focus on unified goals for the community.

As the final Strategic Planning document is completed, the City will make it available on its web page and at City Hall for public review. Questions about the retreat may be referred to City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.



SYMPATHIES

The City of Chaska extends its condolences to Councilmember Rick Ford, on the recent passing of his wife, Margaret Healy, on her birthday, Sunday, March 1st. Margaret had been battling cancer for the past three and a half years. She was the director of clinical studies at Park Nicollet Clinics and enjoyed cooking and music as hobbies. She will be greatly missed.

Condolences also go out to the family of Harold Young, who died on Friday, February 27th. Harold was a long time resident of Chaska and also served as a vibrant member of the Chaska Park and Recreation Board since 2004. His presence will be missed in the community.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES



Spring Break at the CCC

Monday, March 9: Skates and Floats

Join us for Open Skate at the CCC Arena and you can get a root beer float for 50 cents. No registration necessary.



Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Place: Arena 2

Cost: Free for Members, \$2 for Non-Members

Skate Rental \$2

Tuesday, March 10: Hawaiian Swim



Come to the CCC pool for a Hawaiian Open Swim!

Time: 1:00 – 4:55 p.m.

Cost: Free for members,

reduced rate for youth non-members wearing Hawaiian apparel, \$2 for residents, \$3.50 for non-residents. (If you are not dressed Hawaiian, you will pay the regular open swim rate). No registration necessary.

Thursday, March 12: Mega Movie!

Come for pizza, pop, and a movie. We will be watching *Wall-E* on a large screen in the CCC Community Room. No registration is necessary. Come and bring your friends too!



Time: 11:30 a.m. – End of Movie

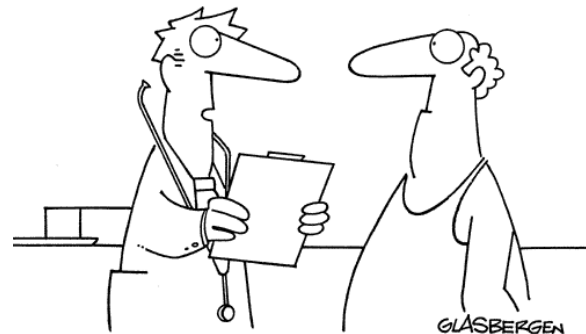
Place: Community Room

Cost: Movie is free

Pizza is \$2 per slice



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“The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.”

REMINDERS

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON Sunday, March 8th.
Spring ahead – Fall behind.

CHASKA PARK & REC BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9TH
CCC – 7:00 PM

CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH
CITY HALL – 7:00 PM



