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A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR

Every year in our community we have a day set aside in the spring to assist homeowners in the disposal of their yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, small brush, and twigs. This year it is Saturday May 2nd from 8 am to 2 pm. Chaska residents will be allowed to bring this waste to Chaska Athletic Park and have it picked up by a company we have hired to recycle the yard waste. In past years the Jonathan Association and some other neighborhoods have also used this day to pick up litter in their neighborhoods.



Leadership is recognizing an opportunity and expanding on it. This year we would like to expand on this premise by asking the whole community to pick up the litter we have along our trails, highways, and in our wetlands, and creeks. The idea is that most people will clean up the litter in their own yard; but we as a community should expand our yards beyond our physical property boundaries.

Many of us might feel the world is out of control with issues like climate change and economic meltdown. Each of us in our community can make a difference in the place that matters most to us; our home. Participation can foster a great feeling of accomplishment, including:

1. An opportunity to show our Community Pride
2. A good reason to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air
3. Physical exercise
4. Together time with family and neighbors
5. A feeling of reward by getting a clear sense of a job well done
6. Allowing everybody to enjoy a cleaner community

This year we plan to also have a dumpster at Chaska Athletic Park on Saturday. Residents will be able to utilize the dumpster to dispose of the litter they have picked up. There will also be litterbags available at the park. We will not be allowed to take appliances, furniture or tires. If you find some of these in our wetlands or creeks inform the attendant at the dumpster or call 952-448-4335 and inform them of the location. We will go and remove those items in the following weeks.

This is our community and we take a lot of pride in being the "Best Small Town in Minnesota". Our residents and our city employees make this happen every day. Let us celebrate Community Pride Day together.

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Also do not forget on Saturday May 9th it is Christmas in May. This is another opportunity to help our neighbors. Be at Guardian Angels Gymnasium at 7 am and sign up for a project. This is also another way to feel good about yourself and your community and have a great time while helping others.

Remember, to receive the Mayor's City Hall Bulletin just call 952-448-9200 and ask to be placed on the email list or email your request to tdahlberg@chaskamn.com. If you have a question for me, email me at Gvaneyll@chaskamn.com or the editor of the Chaska Herald at editor@swpub.com and I will answer in one of the upcoming issues of the Chaska Herald. Also, on the first Saturday of each month you can meet with me at 9:00 am at the Chaska Community Center for coffee and conversation. I look forward to hearing from you!



COUNCIL SUPPORTS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT

At the April 20th meeting of the City Council, approval was given to a resolution in support of State legislation being considered for a tax credit for those property owners who renovate a historic building. For several years the Federal Government has had a 25% income tax credit in place for persons who invest in the restoration and preservation of a historic building. Under this program, only qualified improvements are allowed toward the tax credit, to help ensure that proper historic renovations are completed.

Several years ago the City of Chaska went through the process of designating a historic district in the downtown area and also placed many buildings on the National and Local Registers of Historic Places. This made many businesses eligible for the Federal tax credit. If the State of Minnesota approves a state tax credit for historic building renovation, this would add an additional 20% credit on State taxes.

This is the second time that this legislation has been considered at the State level. Each time the City of Chaska has supported the legislation. We are hopeful that the legislation will pass this time, as it would allow us to

have multiple tools in place for property owners, including our Store Front Rehabilitation Loan Program, the Federal Tax Credit, Sprinkler Assessment Program, and in some cases, the use of tax increment financing.

Questions about this proposed historic tax credit may be referred to the City Planner, Melissa Duchinsky or the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky at 952-448-9200.

GO GREEN!

On Wednesday, April 29th, the City of Chaska will be hosting a public open house on the topic of our Home Town Wind Power Program from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.



Chaska is currently in the process of selecting a site for a wind turbine. City staff and representatives from MMPA and the non-profit group Windustry will be present to answer questions, discuss potential sites, and discuss the myths and realities of wind turbines.

Also, the Chaska Electrical and Parks and Rec Departments will host a program for residents to learn how to conserve resources. The event will be held at The Lodge on April 27th at 9:30 am and April 30th at 5:30 pm. Receive some fun free gifts just for attending!

Questions about these programs may be directed to Electrical Director, Dan Geiger, at 952-448-4335.

LIBRARY WILL REOPEN ON FRIDAY

On Friday, April 24th, the Chaska Library will reopen its doors at 10:00 am after being closed all week for renovations. A significant remodeling project was completed in order to allow for more computer terminals and reorganize the reference and circulation desk to better serve patrons.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES



C.A.S.E. – Communities Against Senior Exploitation
AGES 55 AND OLDER

Mike Fahey, former Carver County Attorney and now a district court judge in Shakopee, and Kelley Archer, an information technology security manager with Prime Therapeutics in Eagan, will offer a presentation called CASE, or Communities Against Senior Exploitation. The purpose of the presentation is to be proactive in alerting senior citizens of the different methods of financial exploitation in our community and how to avoid becoming victims. The presentation includes information on identity theft, telemarketing fraud, caregiver fraud, and other methods of exploitation, and a fraud prevention checklist. Please pre-register at The Lodge (952) 448-2023.

Date: Tuesday, April 28
Time: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Place: The Lodge
Cost: FREE

Mom and Me Clay Workshop
AGES 3 TO 10 (MOM AND CHILD CLASS)

Celebrate Mother’s Day by creating a special clay project with your child. Wear old clothes, you might get messy!



Date: Saturday, May 2
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Cost: \$25 Member, \$32 Non-member
(Price is per child. Mom is free)

Creation Station: Magical Fairies
AGES 2 TO 6 (PARENT AND CHILD CLASS)

In this magical class you can create your very own set of fairy wings, a magical wand, fairy dust, and tiara.



Date: Saturday, May 2
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Cost: \$14 Member, \$18 Non-Member

CLEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

April 23rd
Home Run Day (Hank Aaron hits his first home run in 1954)

April 24th
Arbor Day

April 25th
National Telephone Day

April 26th
Hug a Friend Day

April 27th
Tell a Story Day

April 28th
Poetry Reading Day

April 29th
Zipper Day (Zipper invented by Gideon Sindback in 1917)

April 30th
National Honesty Day

