

Our Community Values

- CITIZENSHIP
- RESPONSIBILITY
- RESPECT
- GENEROSITY
- ENVIRONMENTALISM
- HUMAN WORTH & DIGNITY
- INTEGRITY
- LEARNING

CHASKA TODAY

Look for the Chaska Park & Recreation Fall Program brochure ... in your mailbox Aug. 7!



PGA in 2009: Chaska's time to shine ... again!

It's time to showcase Chaska on an international stage – again! The PGA Championship will be held in Chaska at Hazeltine National Golf Course Aug. 10-16 and will host some of the greatest golfers in the world.

The City is working together with the PGA and Hazeltine National to enhance the 91st PGA Championship within the community and is sponsoring several activities for residents, including: the Chaska Golf Experience (held June 1), a Jazzn' Up Chaska festival in City Square Park on Friday night, Aug. 14; and Play Golf America events at the Chaska Par 30 and Chaska Town Course.

Jazzn' Up Chaska Aug. 14
Get out and enjoy downtown Chaska – and great jazz music – at the Jazzn' Up Chaska festival on Friday, Aug. 14 at Chaska City Square Park. The free event begins at 5:30 p.m., with a performance by the Joel Shapira Jazz Quartet, and the Paul Cherba Jazz Quartet will take the stage at 7:15 p.m. The event and free refreshments are sponsored by the City of Chaska Parks and Recreation Department and Chaska downtown businesses — thanks to Norsemen Travel, Dolce Vita Wine, Lillian's, Linda's Cellar, Mixed Com-



pany, Allergy Care Center of MN and Sugar Creek Chiropractic.

Play Golf America: Clinic for junior golfers Aug. 10

On Monday, Aug. 10, the City will host a Play Golf America campaign at the Chaska Par 30. Between 250 and 300 junior golfers will attend a clinic hosted by players in the PGA Championship. This event is by invitation only. Also on Aug. 10, the City will host another Play Golf America event from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Chaska Town Course. There will be free golf lessons from Minnesota PGA professionals, the Dennis Walters Golf Show, demo equipment and PGA Championship practice round ticket



giveaways. Interested participants can preregister at www.PlayGolfAmerica.com. The first 250 to preregister online and attend the event receive two tickets for a PGA Championship practice round. Visit www.PlayGolfAmerica.com for details.

Free shuttle service for Chaska residents

The City is once again offering a shuttle for Chaska residents attending as spectators of the PGA Championship. Southwest Transit has agreed to provide shuttle service from the Clover Ridge Elementary School to Hazeltine National Golf Course during the entire week of the PGA Championship. Busses will run every 15 minutes during peak hours of the tournament in

the morning and late afternoon, and every 30 minutes during non-peak times. Chaska residents are encouraged to use the service to help reduce traffic congestion and are discouraged from parking in neighborhoods adjacent to Hazeltine Golf Course. Any Chaska resident who purchases a ticket through the PGA will be sent a letter from the City informing them of the shuttle service and including with bus passes. The City of Chaska thanks Southwest Transit for providing this service and District 112 for the use of the Clover Ridge Elementary School parking lot during the week of the PGA. Questions about this free service may be directed to the City's customer service representatives at (952) 448-9200.

City hosts successful Spring Clean-Up/Community Pride Day

On May 2, the City hosted its annual Spring Clean-Up Day and first Community Pride Day. The spring event was very successful, as residents brought 1,200 cubic yards of yard waste to Chaska Athletic Park for disposal and filled an additional dumpster with litter picked up from public areas.

A reminder: The Fall Chaska Clean-Up/Community Pride Day is Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This collection amount was almost double from previous years, and shows that Chaska residents take pride in keeping their community beautiful.

City completes water rate analysis

The City of Chaska recently completed a two-month water rate analysis. The study was necessary because of several reasons, including:

- The State of Minnesota, through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is requiring all municipalities by Jan. 1, 2010 to have an inclining block water rate to encourage water conservation. Currently the City of Chaska charges the same flat rate per thousand gallons of water no matter how much water is used.
- With the dramatic decline in Chaska's growth rate, there is a short-term need to analyze current debt obligations in the City's water utility to ensure all financial obligations can be met.
- The City's water system is aging, and it's critical to understand future operation and maintenance costs to ensure that City rates are structured to keep a sustainable water system into the future.

Currently, the City of Chaska has a flat water rate of \$1.17/1,000 gallons of water — residents are charged the same rate per unit of water no matter how much is used. Chaska's water rate is significantly lower than the average rate of surrounding cities — and one of the lowest water rates in the Twin Cities metro area (see graph) — and this has not created the incentive that the State wants to help promote water conservation in the system.

On an average winter day, the City of Chaska pumps approximately 2.5 million gallons of water into the system. On a peak summer day, that jumps to more than 8 million gallons of water per day. This difference is primarily due to residents and businesses irrigating their lawns. With so much water being used to supply irrigation systems, the State is mandating municipalities — including Chaska — to implement inclining block water rate structures so that users pay more as they use more water.

Sustainable system
In addition to determining how to implement the State mandates, the City also used this study to determine if Chaska's rate structure was sufficient to maintain and operate a sustainable water system, and allow for reinvestment into the aging

infrastructure. The City consulted with PCE, a firm that specializes in helping municipalities financially plan their water systems. Looking at Chaska's current water rate structure, projected water trunk fund revenues, anticipated future growth, and the capital needs of the water system, PCE found that if the City continues to raise its current rate of \$1.17/1,000 gallons of water even by 5 percent annually for the next 10-years, the system would be in deficit by \$7 million at the end of this 10-year period.

This financial strain on the City's water system has been evidenced in recent years as it has been difficult for the City to afford infrastructure maintenance, including water tower painting and utility replacement in the street reconstruction program.

To meet the City's current and future obligations, the study showed that the rate of the water for the **average residential Chaska customer (7,000 gallons/month) should be at \$2.01/1,000 gallons**. In addition, unlike other cities, Chaska has never recouped its fixed costs such as utility billing and meter replacement. To cover these fixed costs, a fixed customer service rate of \$2.27/month should be charged. This compares to the average \$7.94 fixed charge/month by surrounding cities.

Proposed rate increase; still lowest rates in area

The City of Chaska was able to make these important changes to the water system — and ensure financial and functional sustainability — while still maintaining the lowest water rates among surrounding cities. When fully implemented, an average resident will pay \$2.32/1,000 gallons of water per month, including the monthly fixed service charge. Again, the average of both the usage and fixed service charge for surrounding cities is \$3.92/1,000 gallons, with the next lowest being at \$2.36/1,000.

To help ease the implementation of the proposed new water rates to customers, the City is proposing to implement 50 percent of the increase on Jan. 1, 2010, with the other 50 percent on Jan. 1, 2011. For the average user of 7,000 gallons per month, this would increase the bill by approximately \$4 per month in 2010 (from \$8.19 to \$12.23), and \$8 per month in 2011, with the ultimate rate going to \$16.27 in 2011 for 7,000 gallons of water per month.

The Chaska City Council will consider the rate increase proposal at the end of August. Questions about this proposal can be directed to City Administrator Matt Podhradsky at (952) 448-9200.

City selects wind turbine site

Construction to be complete by winter

If all goes as planned, construction of the City of Chaska's first wind turbine will be complete in the late fall months.

The wind turbine will be located on the southern edge of the Pioneer Ridge Freshmen Center property. The site was selected by the Chaska City Council at its June 6 meeting, following several months of discussion, a public open house and a neighborhood meeting.

The other site considered was at the intersection of Engler Boulevard and Clover Ridge Drive. Both sites met the criteria for placement of the wind turbine, but the City felt the Pioneer Ridge Freshmen Center site was better because of screening from surrounding neighborhoods and public visibility from Highway 212. One of the main criteria of the program was to place the turbine in a location that was very visible to the public and demonstrate the City's commitment to renewable energy.

The wind turbine that will be installed is 160-kilowatts and is similar to the turbines seen in southwestern Minnesota. However, this one will be significantly smaller, at 116 feet in height. The typical water tower is 150 feet in height.

The wind turbine is being placed in Chaska by the Minnesota Municipal Power Association (MMPA). Chaska and 10 other cities are members of the MMPA, from which the City purchases its wholesale power.

The wind turbine installation is part of the Home Town Wind Power Program. Each of the 11 member communities of the MMPA will have a wind turbine placed in their city, along with the City of Faribault,



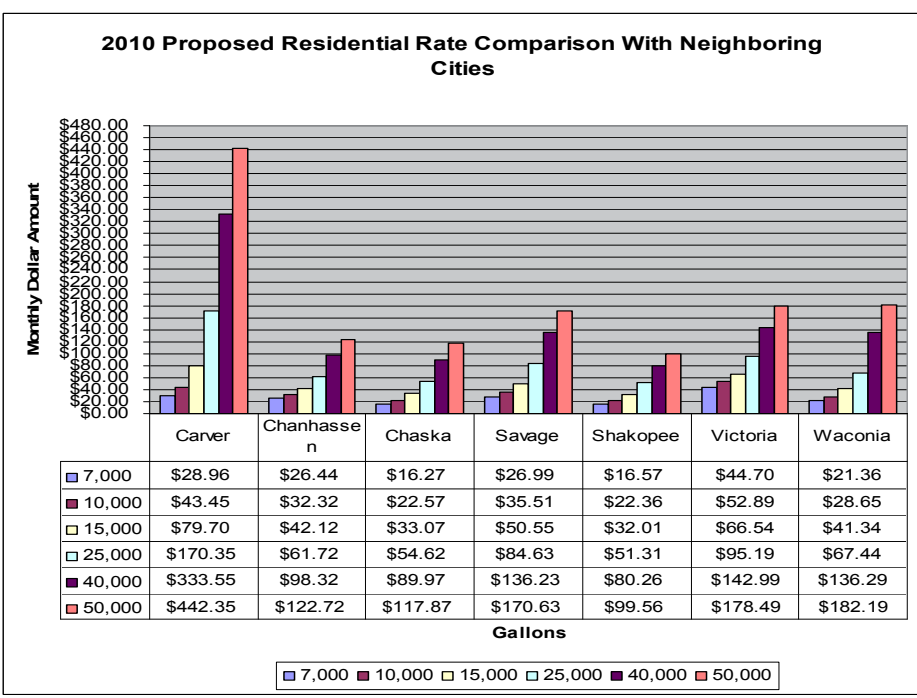
where MMPA's energy park is located.

The wind turbines are being installed to help cities meet their renewable energy requirements established by the State of Minnesota. The State requires that all electric utilities need to produce 12 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2012 and 25 percent by the year 2025. While the Home Town Wind Power Program is only a small part of meeting overall requirements, it is a first step in the process to make sure the City of Chaska is in compliance with all statutory requirements for renewable energy.

Prior to the installation, the project will be reviewed through the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process. The site plan will be taken to the Planning Commission and then back to the Council. This is expected to occur in August or September.

The City will also be working to complete a lease with District 112 for placement of the turbine on a portion of its property. Following approval, construction of the turbine will take about a month and should be complete by the first snowfall.

Questions about the wind turbine project may be directed to City Administrator Matt Podhradsky at (952) 448-9200 or Electric Director Dan Geiger at (952) 448-4335.



Chaska Parks and Recreation
(952) 448-5633



chaskacommunitycenter.com

Special Events



TOUCH-A-TRUCK (FAMILY EVENT)

Join us from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chaska Community Center for a vehicle fair of city vehicles, refreshments — including hot dogs, soda, popcorn and an ice cream cone — and a carnival with fun games and cool prizes. There will be dump trucks, tractors, police cars, fire trucks and more at the vehicle fair. The carnival is a great way to learn about youth associations in the Chaska area. Stick around after the fair to enjoy a lively performance by the "Sticks and Tones" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event will be held rain or shine.

Date: Thursday, Aug. 20
Time: 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Chaska Community Center

For more information, call Joan at (952) 448-3176, ext. 7760.

JAZZN' UP CHASKA



Celebrate Chaska and help showcase the community during this "PGA Special" Friday night jazz concerts. Enjoy free refreshments and popcorn wagon (provided by supporting downtown businesses).

Date: Friday, Aug. 14
Place: City Square Park
Time: 5:30 p.m. — Joel Shapira Jazz Quartet
 7:15 p.m. — Paul Cherba Jazz Quartet

STAR LIGHT MOVIE

Watch a "free" movie under the starlit sky right here in Chaska, featuring "Bed Time Stories" on the big screen at City Square Park. Bring your family and a blanket or lawn chair for a fun night out.

Date: Friday, Aug. 28 **Time:** 8:30 p.m.
Place: Chaska City Square Park **Cost:** FREE

MOVIE MONDAYS

Come beat the heat and enjoy a free movie in the CCC Theater. Children under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Monday, Aug. 17 — "Bolt"
Time: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Place: CCC Theater
Cost: FREE



AOA

Active Older Adults 55+

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE: 4-HOUR CLASS

If you have taken a state-approved, 8-hour defensive driving course you can now renew through this 4-hour AARP refresher course. Please bring your driver's license and your AARP membership card/number to class. Preregistration is required. Register at the CCC front desk, online or call The Lodge at (952) 448-2023.

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 18 **Time:** 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Place: The Lodge **Cost:** \$16 Member; \$18 Nonmember

AVADA HEARING CLINIC

Come to The Lodge, where Avada will be providing complimentary hearing screenings and service on all makes and models of hearing instruments. Please sign up if: you hear, but don't always understand; you have trouble hearing clearly in crowds; people sound like they mumble; or you have hearing instruments that have not been serviced in more than four months. For an appointment, call The Lodge at (952) 448-2023.

Date: Friday, Aug. 28 **Time:** 9 a.m. to noon
Place: The Lodge **Cost:** FREE



HEALTH & SAFETY

AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARDING CLASS

Participants must attend all days and times. Course prerequisites: Must be age 15 by the last day of class, swim 300 yards continuously, and perform skill combination of swimming 20 yards with head above water, surface dive to a depth of 7 feet to retrieve a diving brick, swim back 20 yards carrying the brick with both hands.

Dates and Times: Saturdays, Aug. 15 and 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
 Sundays, Aug. 16 and 23, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: Chaska Community Center
Cost: \$175 Members; \$200 Nonmembers
 Call (952) 227-7746 for more information.



CHASKA art GALLERY

Rafaela Galan

"Interactions & Remembrances"

Aug. 29-Oct. 10.

OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, Aug. 29
 6 to 9 p.m.

YOUTH



EXTREME KIDS

Openings for before- and after-school care at the Chaska Community Center.
 Call (952) 227-7791.

JUNIOR HITTERS TENNIS LESSONS

Ages 8 to 11

Tennis is a lifetime sport, so start your kids off on the right foot with lessons led by USPTA-certified highly trained athletes. In a fun, energetic atmosphere, your child will learn or improve upon stroke production, strategies of the game and enjoy the fun of competition. Must supply own racquet. Camps run Monday through Thursday with Friday set aside as a rain day.

Dates: Aug. 10-13
Times: 10 a.m. to noon
Place: Tennis courts near CMSE and CMSW
Cost: \$96 Members; \$120 Nonmembers



Teen

HORSEBACK RIDING TRIP

Ages 11 to 15

Round up the horses, partner! A horseback riding trip may be just the adventure you need. The City of Chaska provides a great opportunity to explore the beauty of nature on horseback at the River Valley Ranch. We will saddle up and take a guided tour through the woods. Beginner riders are welcome but must feel comfortable around horses. NOTE: Please bring a sack lunch.

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 12
Time: 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Place: Departure and pick up at CCC
Cost: \$30 per person



TEEN HITTERS TENNIS LESSONS

Ages 12 to 15

Tennis is a lifetime sport, so start your kids off on the right foot with lessons led by USPTA-certified highly trained athletes. In a fun, energetic atmosphere your child will learn or improve upon stroke production, strategies of the game and enjoy the fun of competition. Must supply own racquet. Camps run Monday through Thursday, with Friday set aside as a rain day.

Dates: Aug. 10-13
Times: 10 a.m. to noon
Place: Tennis courts near CMSE and CMSW
Cost: \$96 Members; \$120 Nonmembers



PRESCHOOL

YOUNG HITTERS TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis is a lifetime sport, so start your kids off on the right foot with lessons led by USPTA certified highly trained athletes. In a fun, energetic atmosphere, your child will learn or improve upon stroke production, strategies of the game and enjoy the fun of competition. Must supply own racquet. Camps run Monday through Thursday with Friday set aside as a rain day.

Ages 5 to 7
Dates: Aug. 10-13
Times: 9 to 10 a.m.
Place: Tennis courts near CMSE and CHSW
Cost: \$48 Members; \$60 Nonmember

Age 4
Dates: Aug. 10-13
Times: 8:30 to 9 a.m.
Place: Tennis courts near CMSE and CHSW
Cost: \$24 Members; \$30 Nonmember

CREATION STATION- HIP HAWAIIAN LUAU!

Ages 2 to 6 (Parent/Child Class)
 The kids will have a wonderful time creating their very own grass skirts and leis. We will learn the traditional Hula and create a truly tropical snack.
Date: Wednesday, Aug. 12
Time: 9:45 to 11 a.m.
Place: CCC
Cost: \$10 Member; \$12 Nonmember

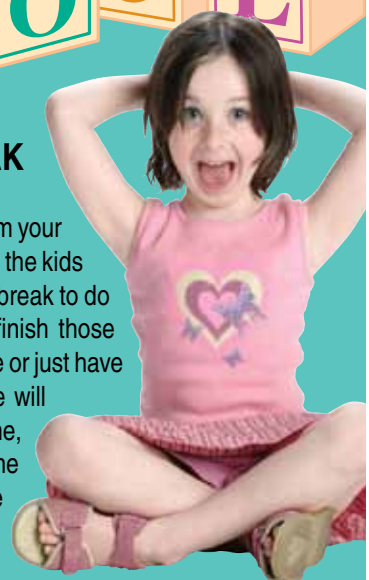


MOM'S/DAD'S MORNING BREAK

Ages 1 to 6

Do you need a break from your little ones? Let us watch the kids as you enjoy a morning break to do whatever you want — finish those errands, clean the house or just have coffee with a friend. We will have arts and crafts time, stories and songs, tot time gym fun, and play in the play castle or at the CCC Park. Snacks will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 18
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Place: CCC
Cost: \$15 Member; \$20 Nonmember



TREKS AND TRAILS PRESCHOOL AT THE CCC

Openings for 3-year-olds still available. Call Miss Andrea at (952) 227-7790.