

**Our Community Values**

# CHASKA TODAY

**Celebrate Independence Day**  
**July 4**  
**Fireworks Show**  
**McKnight Park**  
**Fireworks begin at dusk**

# Chaska Town Course named one of the nation's best

It's another season and another honor for the Chaska Town Course, which was recently listed in Golf Week's 2009 "Best Municipal Golf Courses in the Country."



Of the 50 municipal courses honored, the Town Course ranked No. 28 and was the only Minnesota course to be named to the prestigious list. This recognition is even more impressive when it is compared to the other courses on the 2009 "Best" list, including Bethpage, Chambers Bay and Torrey Pines — all of which have or will soon be hosting a major PGA event.

Since the Town Course opened in 1997, the facility has received much state and national recognition — including being named one of the top new courses in 1997 and one of the best public courses in Minnesota and the U.S. several times. In 2006, the Chaska Town Course co-hosted the U.S. Amateur with



Hazeltine National. This was only the second time in the 100-year history of the U.S. Amateur that a municipal course co-hosted the event; the other was Torrey Pines in LaHoya, Calif.

According to Town Course Head Golf Pro John Kellin, "The City of Chaska is proud to call the Town Course one of our premier community gathering locations and is thankful for the recognition by Golf Week. Our golf course staff has worked hard to make the Town Course one of the top golf destinations in the country."

Chaska residents are able to golf at the facility for rates lower than any of the surrounding courses in the area. Nonresident rates are very comparable to high-end courses in the Twin Cities area. In addition, on Friday and Saturday nights Charlie's Grille at the Town Course serves a full dinner menu, specializing in ribs and walleye.

For more information about the Course, Charlie's Grille or to book tee times, visit [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) or call (952) 443-3748.

# Get ready for GREAT golf in Chaska

PGA Championship Aug. 10-16

Chaska will soon be the site of "must see golf," as Hazeltine National Golf Course hosts the world's finest golfers during the 2009 PGA Championship Aug. 10-16.



The Chaska Golf Experience fund-raiser allowed residents the opportunity to golf two of the country's premier golf courses — the Chaska Town Course and Hazeltine National — for one fee, on the same day.

The PGA's best — including defending champion Pádraig Harrington, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and more — will be competing for the coveted Wanamaker Trophy, right here in Chaska.



### PGA spectator shuttle buses

Chaska residents can get an "up close

and personal look" at the PGA golfers, as the City is once again offering a spectator shuttle during the Aug. 10-16 PGA Championship. Residents may park at the Chaska Middle School to access the shuttle, which is co-sponsored by Southwest Transit. The PGA Championship provides a great opportunity to showcase Chaska on an international stage, and the City of Chaska will have a thank you tent available to local groups and will have community staff participating in the Championship activities.

For more information about the PGA Championship, visit [www.pga.com/pgachampionship/2009/](http://www.pga.com/pgachampionship/2009/) or [www.hncc.com](http://www.hncc.com).

# What's up with your sump?

City's Utility Department making 'house calls,' checking all sump pumps

There's trouble in Chaska and it's called "sump pumps." That's why the City is actively "trouble shooting" the problem, to protect the sanitary sewer system and clean water flow in the community.

### Sump pump problem

Most Chaska homes and businesses are built on heavy clay soils that do not allow for water infiltration. For that reason, most buildings have a sump pump system to direct the water collected from the soil around the building to their yard or street. The trouble comes when the sump pump clean water discharge is directed to a laundry tub or basement floor drain, commonly referred to as a cross connection.

Unfortunately, this extra clean water put down the drain can overwhelm the City's sewer pipes and could, among other things, cause sewers to back-up into homes. One solution would be to install larger sewer pipes and build larger wastewater treatment plants to handle this excess flow but that would be cost prohibitive.

During March through October, the



**Jack MacKinnon, City of Chaska Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Inspector, is visiting Chaska homes and businesses to check sump pump connections.**

clean water flow increases and during heavy rain events the flow can triple, primarily due to cross connections. Chaska pays a significant monthly surcharge to the Metropolitan Council for treating clean water. This cost is reflected in the sewer bill of every Chaska resident.

### In-home visits

To protect the sanitary sewer system by lessening the clean water discharge, City of Chaska staff will visit every residence and commercial building to check if there is a sump pump and how it is installed. Jack MacKinnon, Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Inspector, will lead the inspections.

The program specifics are being finalized, but inspections will be organized by neighborhood. There will be no cost if the City does the inspection. The inspector will look only at the sump pump connection. Property owners who are uncomfortable with such an inspection may hire a Minnesota licensed plumber to certify their system. Properties will be documented either as pass or fail. The City will then work with property owners to bring systems into compliance.

For more information about sump pump checks, visit the City's Web site at [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) and click on the "Sump Pumps" heading or call the Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Inspector, Jack MacKinnon, at (952) 227-7532.

# The Arts are for all in Chaska

A community which professes quality can often times be judged by the services it provides to its residents — including the arts. The City of Chaska and many community volunteer organizations provide a multitude of artistic opportunities for Chaska residents and arts enthusiasts throughout the west metro.

### Chaska Art Gallery

The City of Chaska hosts numerous artists of differing mediums — including watercolors, photography, textiles, acrylics and oils — in the CCC Art Gallery. The Gallery is open to the public during regular CCC hours. Artists wishing to display their work in the gallery can download an application at [www.chaska-communitycenter.com](http://www.chaska-communitycenter.com).

### Chaska Community Theater

This community theater seats 220 guests and is the site of many local artistic performances, including the Chaska Valley Family Theater.

### Concerts in the Park

The City of Chaska hosts Friday evening band concerts at Chaska City Square. The popular concert series also includes daytime children's entertainment. Call (952) 448-3176 or visit [www.chaska-communitycenter.com](http://www.chaska-communitycenter.com) for performance details.

### Prairie Fire Children's Theater

The Chaska Community Center annually hosts three opportunities for children ages 7 to 16 to participate in a Prairie Fire Theater performances.

### Chaska School of Dance

Since 1990, the CCC has been the home of the Chaska School of Dance operated by Mary Pieper.

**Kindermusik**  
In collaboration with Chaska Music Studio's Leslie Hercules, this year-round program at the CCC introduces children to the world of music.

**Minnesota Valley Community Band**  
The Minnesota Valley Community Band is a group of 40-plus dedicated musicians who enjoy playing a variety of music for the public. For information, send an e-mail to [does4fun@yahoo.com](mailto:does4fun@yahoo.com).

**Preschool Art Time**  
The CCC wet craft room hosts preschool art time every Monday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

**Open Painting**  
Artists who need space and dedicated time for their art are welcome to use the CCC wet craft rooms — for free — on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. All art mediums welcome; bring own art supplies.

**Open Pottery and Pottery Workshops**  
The Chaska Clay Guild offers potters the use of studio time three times a month and the use of the CCC kiln. Adult and children's pottery classes are also available.

**Chaska Valley Family Theater**  
CVFT offers theater for actors of all ages as well as a high quality theater entertainment for our community. Visit [www.CVFT.org](http://www.CVFT.org).

### Other Chaska-Area Volunteer Arts Groups

Chaska Community Choir, Chaska Civic Theatre and Chaska Area Quilt Club ([www.caqc.com](http://www.caqc.com))

To learn more — or if you have an interest in providing new arts activities for Chaska residents — call Aimee Peterson, Chaska Park and Recreation Department, at (952) 227-7742.

## River City Days

**July 24-26**

Fun, food, music and more — including the new Chaska's 'Got Talent' Variety Show.

Visit [www.chaskarivercitydays.com](http://www.chaskarivercitydays.com) for a schedule of events.

# Lawn watering ordinance in effect

Everyone wants a lush green lawn in the summer; however, residents are asked to help ensure an adequate water supply by complying with the City of Chaska's odd-even lawn watering program. As part of the State of Minnesota Mandated Conservation Plan, this program greatly reduces the City's peak water demand during the heavy usage period between May 1 and Sept. 30.

Chaska residents and businesses are required to limit lawn sprinkling and other non-essential water use based on their address and the calendar day of the month. Those with odd-numbered addresses must limit

lawn sprinkling to odd-numbered calendar days. Likewise, those with an even-numbered address must limit lawn sprinkling to even-numbered days.

Compliance with this ordinance is mandatory. Failure to comply may result in a \$100 fine and/or termination of water service. Non-established new seed or sod is exempt from this ordinance. The City thanks all residents and businesses for their cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this ordinance, please call the City's Water Department at (952) 448-4335.

# Chaska Parks and Recreation (952) 448-5633



chaskacommunitycenter.com



# SPECIAL EVENTS



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Bring your friends, bring your family and bring your dancing shoes! Dance to the music of The Splatter Sisters and enjoy an ice cream treat at our free concert.

**Date:** Friday, July 10  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** City Square Park (downtown Chaska)  
**Cost:** Free

## CLAYHOLE BEACH AT FIREMEN'S PARK

The City of Chaska public Clayhole beach at Firemen's Park, located at the corner of Chaska Boulevard (old Highway 212) and Highway 41, is now open. City lifeguards will be there to ensure a safe and fun family experience. Cool concessions are available. Don't miss this Chaska summer tradition!

**Dates:** Open Monday-Sunday  
**Times:** Noon to 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$2 Daily Admission

## CCC SPLASH PAD

Grab the kids and check out the Splash Pad at the Chaska Community Center. It is not very deep – perfect for little ones – and it has fun water toys for the older kids too. With a little bear slide and a large turtle that squirts water, there's no better way to cool off on a hot day.

**Dates:** Open Monday-Sunday  
**Times:** 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free for CCC Members; Daily admission to the CCC for Nonmembers



## CHILDREN'S CONCERT 'BOB BEACHCOMBER'

These concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or beach chair and join us for great time at the park. For rainout information, call (952) 448-5633, ext. 4. If raining, the Children's Concert will be hosted at the Chaska Community Center.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 15  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Community Park (Hundertmark Road)  
**Cost:** FREE

## MOVIE MONDAYS

Come and join us for a free movie in the CCC Theater. An adult must accompany children under age 11 (no food is allowed in the theater).

**Dates:** July 13 – "Little Big League"  
July 27 – "High School Musical 3"  
**Times:** 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
**Place:** CCC Theater  
**Cost:** FREE

## RIVER CITY DAYS JULY 24-25

Enjoy fun-filled activities over two days, including: entertainment by the Minnesota Valley Community Band, food, arts and crafts show, 5-mile run, firefighters water fight, a medallion hunt, kids parade, celebration of cultures and much more. Stop down to the Clayhole Beach during River City Days for games, scavenger hunts and swimming. Admission to the beach is free on Friday, July 24. For more information and details, visit [www.chaskarivercitydays.com](http://www.chaskarivercitydays.com)

## YOUTH FALL SOCCER

Registration deadline is July 24. (\$10 late fee after this date if space allows). Volunteer coaches are needed for all these age groups. Please consider volunteering to coach your child's team.



### BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 1

Children will be introduced to the basics of soccer while having fun. Games will be played at McKnight Park fields (next to Jonathan Elementary School), on Saturday mornings. T-shirts are provided to each participant.

**Dates:** Aug. 15-Sept. 19  
**Cost:** \$40 Resident; \$52 Nonresident

### BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 2 AND 3

This league meets twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Players will work on developing ball skills such as passing, shooting, receiving and ball control. Each participant receives a T-shirt.

**Dates:** Aug. 18-Sept. 24  
**Cost:** \$55 Resident; \$70 Nonresident

### BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 4 AND 5

Soccer enthusiasts in this age group will be focusing on improving ball skills and fundamentals. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings. T-shirts are provided.

**Dates:** Aug. 18-Sept. 24  
**Cost:** \$55 Resident; \$70 Nonresident

## AQUATICS/SAFETY

### SWIM LESSONS

Multiple sessions still available. Complete class schedules are available at the CCC or online at [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com). Call (952) 227-7746 for more information about swim lessons.

**Monday-Thursday morning lessons.**  
Class meets four days a week for two weeks.  
**Session 2:** July 6-16  
**Session 3:** July 20-30  
**Session 4:** Aug. 3-13



**Tuesday/Thursday evening lessons.**  
Class meets two nights a week for four weeks.  
**Session 2:** July 14-Aug. 16  
**Place:** CCC  
**Cost:** \$47 Member; \$61 Nonmember

### AMERICAN RED CROSS GUARD START

*Ages 11 to 15*  
This class is available to youth who have the desire to learn about the responsibilities and duties of a lifeguard. This program will help your child build a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills to become a future lifeguard. Your child will receive instruction in prevention, fitness, response, leadership, professionalism and swimming skill development. Textbook provided.

**Dates:** Mon.-Thurs., July 13 to July 16  
**Time:** 9 to 11 a.m.  
**Place:** CCC  
**Cost:** \$85 Member; \$102 Nonmember

## TENNIS CAMPS

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. Don't wait until the last minute to register for these camps.

**Camps run Monday through Thursday, with Friday set aside as a rain day.**

**Dates:** July 6-9  
July 20-23  
July 27-30  
Aug. 3-6  
Aug. 10-13

**TINY HITTERS Age 4**  
**Time:** 8:30 to 9 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$24 Member; \$30 Nonmember

**YOUNG HITTERS Age 5 to 7**  
**Time:** 9 to 10 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$48 Member; \$60 Nonmember

**JUNIOR HITTERS Ages 8 to 11**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon  
**Cost:** \$96 Member; \$120 Nonmember

**TEEN HITTERS Ages 12 to 15**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon  
**Cost:** \$96 Member; \$120 Nonmember



## PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Looking for a fun place to host your next birthday party, family reunion or bar-b-que? Why not rent one of the SIX park shelters that Chaska has to offer? Shelters at Lion's, Firemen's, Pioneer and Community Parks all have kitchens with a stove, sink and refrigerator. Schimelpfenig and McKnight Parks have a kitchen with a sink and refrigerator only. Prices, availability and forms can be viewed on the Parks and Recreation Web site at [www.chaskacommunitycenter.com](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com). Getting married? Check out City Square Park in the center of downtown Chaska with a beautiful gazebo. For more information about all Chaska parks or to make a reservation, call Jaime Wiemann at (952) 448-3176, ext. 7748.



## HEALTH/WELLNESS

### YOGA BAAHYA (OUTDOORS)

*Teens and Adults*  
Join instructor Susan Marek as yoga poses combine with nature for this casual morning practice over the summer. Bring your own mat and a large towel. Send Susan your e-mail address at [smarek@chaskamn.com](mailto:smarek@chaskamn.com) and you will receive an e-mail yoga forecast on Thursday afternoon for Friday's outdoor yoga class.

**Date:** Fridays through Aug. 28  
**Time:** 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.  
**Place:** McKnight Park Shelter (next to Jonathan Elementary)  
**Cost:** FREE

# Preschool Programs

## KINDERMUSIK AROUND THE WORLD

*Ages 4 1/2 to 7*  
Each day we will experience new country traditions. We will sing, dance, make projects, have a sampling of each country's food, and create lasting memories. Children will receive a packet of activities from each country to take home. Bring a light snack.

**Dates:** Thursday, July 16 - Germany  
Monday, July 20 - England  
Thursday, July 30 - Japan  
Thursday, Aug. 6 - Africa  
Thursday, Aug. 13 - Mexico  
**Time:** 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
**Place:** CCC  
**Cost:** \$20 Members/per class; \$25 Nonmember/per class

## ABRAKADOODLE 'I CAN DO IT' ART CAMP

*Ages 2 to 4 (with a parent)*  
This is a special art class just for toddlers and their parents (or helpers). The young artists will experience all kinds of art materials in this fun camp.

**Dates:** July 6-9  
**Time:** 9 to 9:45 a.m.  
**Place:** CCC  
**Cost:** \$52 Member; \$65 Nonmember

## CREATION STATION WIGGLE & GIGGLE WITH BUGS

*Ages 2 to 6 (with a parent)*  
This fun class incorporates many fun materials, from pop bottles and glow sticks to pipe cleaners and googly eyes. We will construct glow bug night light, a wiggly beaded worm family and feast on a fun earthworm snack.

**Date:** July 15  
**Time:** 9:45 to 11 a.m.  
**Place:** CCC  
**Cost:** \$10 Member; \$12 Nonmember



## PEE WEE SOCCER

*Age 5*  
This program was developed to teach your little player the basics of soccer in a fun, recreational atmosphere. Short, low-key games will be played. Each participant receives a team T-shirt. The emphasis of this activity is fun and participation. Registration deadline is July 24 (\$10 late fee after this date if space allows). \*Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a thank you in the form of a credit voucher at the completion of the season.

**Dates:** Saturday mornings, Aug. 15 – Sept. 19  
**Place:** McKnight Park (off Pioneer Trail)  
**Cost:** \$40 Resident; \$52 Nonresident



# Teen PROGRAMS

## 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. \*Please bring a sack lunch

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

## GRAND SLAM U.S.A. TRIP

*Ages 11 to 15*  
This adventure has been planned just for you. We will visit Grand Slam U.S.A. in its new location in Burnsville. It features more than 30,000-square-feet of activities, games, rides and

sporting activities. All participants will have access to unlimited laser tag, mini golf and bumper cars for three hours. Your fee also includes four game tokens, one time in the batting cage, a slice of pizza and a soda.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 8  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
**Place:** Departure and pick-up at CCC  
**Cost:** \$23 per person



## ST. LOUIS PARK AQUATIC PARK

*Ages 11 to 15*  
Waterslides, zero depth entry pools, drop slides and more will be a part of this fun water adventure. \*Please bring a sack lunch and swim gear.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 14  
**Time:** 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Place:** Departure and pick-up at CCC  
**Cost:** \$17 per person



## BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

*Ages 11 to 15*  
Waterslides, zero-depth entry pools, drop slides, diving boards and more will be a part of this fun water adventure. \*Please bring a sack lunch and swim gear.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 29  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Place:** Departure and pick-up at CCC  
**Cost:** \$18 per person

# AOA Active Older Adults 55+

## BRICK CITY BREWERS – CALHOUN BRASS

Enjoy music in the park at this Brick City Brewers event. We will be at City Square Park, so bring your lawn chair or use one of the park's picnic tables. There will be tasty refreshments and coffee for free. If the weather looks threatening, please call (952) 448-5633, ext.4. The rain site will be at River Gables Apartments.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 1  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Place:** City Square Park  
**Cost:** FREE

## AOA NIGHT AT ATHLETIC PARK

See the Chaska Cubs take on Prior Lake. Meet at The Lodge for a brats and sauerkraut meal, starting at 4:30 p.m. Cubs Coach John Seifert will join us and give a short strategy session on how to beat the Lakers. Transportation to the game will be provided. Coupons good for a popcorn and refreshment at the ball park will be given to all who preregister. Register online or at The Lodge.

**Date:** Sunday, July 19  
**Time:** 4:30 to 8:45 p.m.  
**Place:** The Lodge  
**Cost:** \$5



## DRIVER SAFETY COURSE: 8 HOUR

This program developed by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), is designed to refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. The course's materials cover the effects of aging and medications on driving and other important facts regarding driving rules, accidents and road hazards. If you are 55 years or older, completion of this course qualifies you for a 10-percent discount on your automobile insurance premium. Please bring your driver's license and your AARP card/number to class. Preregistration is required.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 16  
**Time:** 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**Place:** The Lodge  
**Cost:** \$16 Member; \$18 Nonmember

## MYSTIC LAKE CASINO TRIP

Show me the money! Try your luck at the Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake. Chances to win FREE Buffet Coupons and prize money during the bus ride raffle. Fee includes transportation and "Play \$10 GET \$10" coupon for Mystic Club Members. Registration and payment deadline is Tuesday, July 14.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 28  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Place:** Departure and drop-off at The Lodge  
**Cost:** \$4 Member; \$6 Nonmember