


Our Community Values

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

CHASKA TODAY



Community Pride City Clean-Up Day

The City of Chaska is hosting a FREE clean-up day at Athletic Park (for Chaska residents only).

Saturday, Oct. 31
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Athletic Park
 (1st St. and Hwy. 212)

Residents are also encouraged to walk the trails and other public places and pick up garbage. Let's clean up Chaska! Call (952) 448-2851 for details.

City to complete Downtown Master Plan



Preserving and enhancing Chaska's downtown is a key priority of the City, businesses and many community residents. To help guide these efforts, the Chaska City Council recently updated its Strategic Plan to include a Downtown Master Plan.

The City's goal is to develop an integrated strategy for planning and creating a long-term sustainable downtown. When completed, the Master Plan will provide the City with:

- Strategies and direction from a land use perspective;
- Marketing strategies to attract desirable retail into the downtown corridor; and
- A focus on creating long-term sustainable residential support from the community.

The City interviewed firms that worked on

downtown master plans for other cities including Red Wing, Stillwater and Excelsior, and shared recommendations with the City Council at its Oct. 19 meeting. City staff also submitted a grant application to the Federal Government through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to seek dollars to assist with this project.

The development of the Downtown Master Plan will take approximately nine months. As part of the process, the City will work with its planning consultant to develop a Task Force to include representation from the Downtown Business Council, downtown residents, City commissions and other local residents.

For more information about the Downtown Master Plan, call City Administrator Matt Podhradsky at (952) 448-9200.

Emergency, imaging and specialty care

Ridgeview Medical Center breaks ground on new 212 Medical Center



Chaska is one step closer to having a major health care center in the community, as work is now under way on a new Ridgeview Medical Center facility at Highways 212 and 41.

The Medical Center building is projected to be approximately 350,000-square feet and include six floors when completed. Chaska-area residents will have access to a stand-alone, 24-7 emergency room, plus an imaging center and specialty physicians from multiple disciplines.

Ridgeview plans to build the first two

floors now, which include the emergency room and imaging center. Future expansion will occur as lease space dictates.

The official groundbreaking of the new Ridgeview facility was held Oct. 15. The first phase of construction is expected to be completed in late 2010.

Questions about the project may be directed to Chaska City Administrator Matt Podhradsky at (952) 227-7523.



Chaska Figure Skating Club

Since its 1990 opening, the Chaska Community Center has been the home site of the Chaska Figure Skating Club. The Skating Club is dedicated to the advancement of figure skating in Chaska, and offers figure skaters of all levels the opportunity to skate and practice year 'round at the CCC.

The Chaska Figure Skating Club offers beginning figure skating, competitive and test track figure skating, and also has a program for skaters to earn a varsity letter through District 112. The Club participates in exhibitions, ice shows and purchases convenient hours of indoor ice at the CCC. The Club's staff of skating professionals is also available for private instruction. Ice skating is a great activity through which youth can meet and socialize with others who have similar interests, and to pursue skating interests at an individualized pace.

Contact Lori Willis at (952) 466-5674 or via e-mail at mamawilly@earthlink.net for more information.

Chaska shined at the 91st PGA Championship

Chaska was at its best when the 91st PGA Championship came to town in August. With the world watching, it took many people, organizations and a great community-wide effort to make this event such a success.

The City of Chaska extends a BIG THANK YOU to the PGA and to Hazeltine National Golf Course for donating tickets to the City to provide at no cost to Chaska residents. With more than 3,000 tickets given to residents, this made the tournament a community-gathering opportunity unlike any previous golf event in Chaska.

Thank you also to both the PGA and Hazeltine for providing free access to children under age 17. The City shares their enthusiasm for making this game accessible to everyone and helping to cultivate the sport of golf with our youth.

Special thanks is also extended to Southwest Transit for making a Chaska shuttle available to community residents. This shuttle transported nearly 800 people per day to the event, providing residents with an opportunity to have free and convenient transportation. Thank you to School District 112 for making the Clover Ridge lot available for this shuttle, and for making other parking facilities available for use both before and throughout the tournament.

Thank you to the downtown businesses and the City of Chaska Park and Recreation Department for hosting the Jazz Festival on Friday night. This was a great event that also showcased Chaska's downtown business district.

Chaska employees also deserve a pat on the back for showcasing a beautiful Chaska on this international stage. Thanks also to the Chaska Fire Department, Public Works and Utility Departments that spent many hours on Saturday, Aug. 9 drying out the Championship grounds and pumping a staggering 1.2 million gallons of water caused by heavy rainfall.

Thanks to the Chaska Police Department which provided security and the Fire Department also helped ensure the safety of all those who attended the event.

Thank you to the many volunteer marshals, score keepers, greeters and more. And finally, thanks to Chaska residents, for any inconveniences endured during the week. While it may not have been "business as usual" in Chaska, the "electric" atmosphere of the event helped make any inconveniences well worth it.



Minnesota Golf Association gives top honor

Chaska Town Course: Number 1 'of course!'

Congratulations to the Chaska Town Course and its staff on being selected as the Minnesota Golf Association's (MGA) Course of the Year for 2009. With more than 400 courses as members of the Association, this is a great honor.

The Chaska Town Course was recognized as the top course for support of MGA programs, including the Associate Member Program, involvement in the MGA junior program and support of MGA championships.

According to the MGA, over the years The Chaska Town Course has had one of the largest Associate Member programs of any Minnesota golf course, and manages their GHIN handicap indexes with the utmost diligence. Chaska Town Course has graciously hosted several MGA championships and MGA and

Did you know?
 More than 31,422 rounds of golf were played this year the Chaska Town Course by residents and patrons.

USGA qualifiers, including this year's 's MGA Mid Players and Senior Players Championships. A statement from the MGA: "The leadership exhibited by the Town Course staff and the City of Chaska has always been extremely supportive of the MGA, and they have been a pleasure to work with."

The MGA will make the official presentation at its Annual Awards Dinner on Monday, Nov. 2, at Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul.

Special Mayoral Election proposed for Jan. 19

At its Oct. 5 meeting, the Chaska City Council adopted Ordinance No. 834, which allows for implementation of a Special Election to fill the vacant Mayoral seat.

Under State Statute, the City must publish the Ordinance in the official City newspaper — the Chaska Herald — to begin the election process. The Notice of Election must be published 90 days prior to an election. Based on this timeline, the Special Election would occur on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

Filing of Affidavits of Candidacy would open on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, and close on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Anyone interested in submitting a formal application to run for Mayor may do so during this time period. The filing fee is \$5. The Mayoral position is normally a two-year term, with an annual salary of \$8,208. Since the position was vacated prior to the normal term ending, candidates filing for the position at the Special

Election will fill the remaining term to Dec. 31, 2010. The Mayor's position would then be up for re-election once again in November 2010 for the two-year term ending December 2012. Affidavits of Candidacy may be obtained at Chaska City Hall during the open filing period.

Eligibility to Hold Office: Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota: Every person who by the provisions of this article is entitled to vote at any election and is twenty-one (21) years of age is eligible for any office elective by the people in the district wherein he/she has resided thirty days previous to the election, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and law of the United States.

For information, call Margo Steffel, City of Chaska Election Coordinator, at (952) 448-9200.

City honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Chaska for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2007. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR whose contents conform to program standards. A CAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal

requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Chaska has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last nineteen consecutive years (fiscal years ended 1989-2007). The City believes its current report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2008 continues to conform to the program requirements. The report was recently submitted to GFOA.

City staff prepared the report, including the following members of the Administrative Service Department: Barbara Hand, Assistant Finance Director; Lisa Nelson, Accountant; Lois Wolters, Senior Accounting Clerk; Marilyn Campbell, Accounts Payable Clerk; and Linda Riesgraf, Payroll Clerk.

Heritage Preservation Committee Get to know Chaska's historic treasures

Understanding Chaska's past is key to preparing for its future. To promote public awareness of historic preservation, the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) invites community members to share stories about Chaska's architectural treasures. The first HPC featured property is the Nobel-Sell House at 301 3rd Street East, and then the focus will move toward the History Center (the Livery Stable building at 112 4th Street West), the Conrad Fink House (322 1st Street West), the Peacock Inn (the C.H. Klein Mansion at 314 Walnut Street North), the C.P. Klein Mansion (205 4th Street East) and others.

Major restoration projects have

been completed on some of these historic properties and others are being considered. Not all of the properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and all are not necessarily in the historical preservation district of Chaska; however, they are all integral to Chaska's past, present and future.

If you know anything about any of these homes — either the history of the building or the families that lived there — or have a special story about your own home's history, please leave a message for the HPC at City Hall by calling (952) 448-9200. Members of the HPC will contact you to schedule an interview. The HPC is also looking for old photos to add to its collection and enhance its research.



Public Notice

The City of Chaska is required to annually publish the following salary information. In 2008, the three highest paid positions in the City were:

- Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator: \$107,016
- Bill Monk, City Engineer: \$102,939
- Dan Geiger, Electrical Director: \$101,920

Chaska Parks and Recreation (952) 448-5633



chaskacommunitycenter.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Live

Join us for a spooktacular time and enjoy a DJ dance with music by Kids Dance, a haunted house (\$1 entry fee), ghostly games, spooky crafts, a special guest and decorate your own cookie (\$1 fee). No registration necessary. Treat bags sponsored by Klein Bank Chaska.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 24
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Place: CCC
Cost: FREE Admission

HALLOWEEN ROCK ON ICE

A special CCC Halloween Rock on Ice will begin immediately after Halloween Live. Wear your costume!

Date: Saturday, Oct. 24
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Cost: \$5 per skater



AOA HONEY BEAR BREAKFAST

An important part of The Lodge relates to giving. Many times it is the gift of laughter, the gift of gab and, on certain occasions, it is the gift of money. The honey bear located in The Lodge gives Lodge guests the opportunity to donate their spare change and dollars to a worthy cause in the Chaska community, including the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf and Love in the Name of Christ (Love Inc.). A special Honey Bear Breakfast event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 4, during which The Lodge staff and volunteers will make a presentation of the Honey Bear gifts to representatives of the Bountiful Basket and Love Inc. Please join The Lodge for this celebration. Preregistration is required and space is limited.

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 4
Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Cost: \$6 per person (pay at the door)
Place: The Lodge at the CCC



MOM'S CLUB GARAGE SALE AT THE CCC!

The Moms Club of Chaska and North Victoria is hosting a FREE garage sale and vendor boutique at the CCC on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The garage sale will feature hundreds of gently used children's and family items, including toys, clothing, books, equipment, maternity, outerwear and more. Proceeds from the garage sale will fund need-based scholarships to the Chaska Community Center.

THE GREAT OCTOBER WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE OCT. 9-29

The Chaska Community Center is partnering with Love, Inc. and the Blessed Bee Thrift Store to collect winter wear for distribution in our community. Help someone in Chaska stay warm — drop off your new or gently used clean coats, hats, scarves, gloves, snow pants and boots at the Chaska Community Center front desk.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET FOOD DRIVE

The CCC is working with the Chaska Bountiful Basket to help fill its food shelves. Bountiful Basket is affiliated with the CAP Agency and helps families in need in Carver County. Receive one FREE Admission to the CCC with any food donation — minimum value of \$2 — from Nov. 1-7 (no more than 10 admissions per group).

Skate

CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN SKATE

This is a great family recreational opportunity at the CCC Ice Arena:

Wednesday: 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: Noon to 2 p.m.
Sunday: 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.

Daytime and weekday Open Skate is available on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except for Dec. 25).



Preschool

FALL FESTIVAL

Ages 3 to 8 (parent-child class)

The leaves are falling and the air is crisp, and it's time to enjoy the Fall Festival. We will create fun fall treasures using many materials such as seeds, leaves, straw, wax, construction paper, foamies, glue and paints. There will be Scarecrows, sunflowers, placemats and more.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 5 **Time: 9:45 to 11 a.m.**
Cost: \$12 Member; \$15 Nonmember

TURKEY TIME

Ages 3 to 8 (parent-child class)

Turkey Day is almost here — help us count down to pumpkin pie by creating a fun turkey time countdown. We will be making "I spy" pumpkin pie. Come to class to make this wonderful smelling surprise. We will also make a great fall mobile and share a crafty snack.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 17 **Time: 9:45 to 11 a.m.**
Cost: \$12.50 Member; \$15.50 Nonmember

ELMO'S WORLD

Ages 2 to 6 (parent-child class)

Join Elmo for a Tot Time Adventure you won't forget. We will make crafts and play Elmo games. You will even have a chance to visit with Elmo himself. Sign up early, as this class is sure to fill up. Preregistration is required.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 21 **Time: 9:30 a.m.**
Cost: \$5 Member; \$6.50 Nonmember



YOUTH

AMAZING ME

Ages 4 to 6

Bones, muscles, organs, and blood — these are all the things inside us. How do they work and why do we need them? These and other questions will be answered in this fun, hands-on class about our bodies' systems. Discover how the heart is responsible for pumping blood all around our bodies, plus we will investigate what happens to the food we eat and how our lungs are similar to a sponge.

Dates: Tuesdays – Nov. 3, 10 and 17
Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$42 Member; \$53 Nonmember

PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Age 5

In this fun introduction to basketball, children will learn dribbling, shooting, passing and defense. Participants will be placed on teams to play games.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

All players receive a team T-shirt.

Max: 32. Children must be 5 years old by the first day of class.

Dates: Saturday mornings

(5 weeks);

Nov. 7– Dec. 12

(No games Nov. 28)

Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Place: CCC Upper Gym

Cost: \$36 Member;

\$48 Nonmember



RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLINIC

Ages 11 and older

This American Red Cross class prepares a babysitter for what every parent wants, including safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action steps. A certificate is issued upon completion of the course. Cost includes babysitting handbook, certification and instruction. Instructor: Shelly Nahan.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 7
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (bring a bag lunch)
Cost: \$45 Member; \$60 Nonmember

ADULTS

ADULT/CHILD/INFANT CPR AND AED REVIEW

Is your certification expiring soon? To be eligible to participate, participants must bring to class a current American Red Cross certificate (or equivalent). Participants and their instructor will review video segments, practice and perform skills, and complete written tests. Participants receive an American Red Cross certificate upon successful completion.

Date: Monday, Nov. 16
Time: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$40 Member; \$50 Nonmember

CPR/AED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESCUER REVIEW

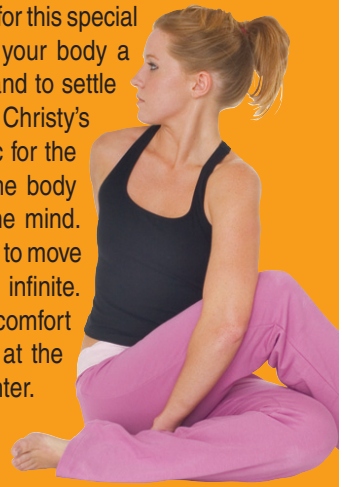
This review course gives participants the opportunity to review the course content in a formal class setting. Prerequisites: Must hold a current Red Cross CPR/AED for the professional rescuer certificate or have one that expired in the last year.

Date: Monday, Nov. 9
Time: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$40 Member; \$50 Nonmember

RESTORATIVE YOGA WORKSHOP

Please join Christy Rice for this special evening. Learn to give your body a chance to shed stress and to settle into a place of stillness. Christy's soothing voice is a tonic for the soul, nourishment for the body and an adventure for the mind. Give yourself the chance to move from the intimate to the infinite. This practice is in the comfort and quiet of the Lodge at the Chaska Community Center.

Date: Friday, Nov. 6
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$22 per person



FALL SUPER CIRCUIT!

Enjoy a FREE mega workout at the CCC. The supersize circuit includes Cycle, Power Yoga, Kettlebells and Drums with challenge and fun at each station. Finish with stretch and snacks.

Date: Saturday, Nov 7
Time: 8:30 to 10 a.m.



AOA Active Older Adults 55+

FREE HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING ABOUT MEDICARE

Free health insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries will be provided by state-certified Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging staff or volunteers at The Lodge in Chaska once a month. Counselors will assist with the basics of Medicare and Medical Assistance, choosing a supplement and/or a Part D plan, processing claims, assisting with forms and more. To schedule a required appointment, call The Lodge.

Dates: Thursdays, Nov. 19, Dec. 17 **Time: 9 to noon**
Place: The Lodge **Cost: FREE**

DISCOVER WELLNESS SERIES by Dr. Jeff May

Dr. Jeff May of Total Health Advantage is dedicated to helping others achieve their wellness objectives — combining skill and expertise that spans the entire chiropractic wellness spectrum. He is committed to bringing better health and a better way of life by teaching and practicing the true principles of chiropractic wellness care. Join Dr. May at The Lodge for his presentation on "Seasonal Changes."

Date: Monday, Nov. 16 **Time: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**
Place: The Lodge **Cost: Free**

BRICK CITY BREWERS

Join us for coffee, treats and musical entertainment as we go on the road. Singer Tom Anderson will perform at Auburn Village for this month's Brick City Brewers.

Date: Tues., Nov. 24 **Time: 10 a.m.** **Place: Auburn Village, Marvel Heath Chapel** **Cost: FREE**

Teen

TURKEY SHOOT

Help put the bird on your Thanksgiving table and join the Chaska Park and Recreation Department for some friendly competition at the Annual Turkey Shoot. Compete against other students in your age category in fun-filled activities, including free throws, soccer kick, hockey goals and more. Participants are welcome to arrive anytime between 3 and 4 p.m.; registration and activities will last approximately 30 minutes. Participants may leave when they are finished. Winners will be notified afterward by phone and arrangements will be made to pick up prizes (and frozen turkeys). All activities will be completed by approximately 4:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 19
Time: 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Place: Chaska Community Center
Cost: FREE

