



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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Clover Ridge Signal Operational



On Wednesday, November 24th, the signal at Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard was activated. With the increase in traffic on Engler Boulevard since the opening of Highway 212 and the increase in residents utilizing Clover Ridge Drive, this intersection had become relatively dangerous.

The current signal is temporary so that Engler Boulevard will not have to be closed during reconstruction and it will also address safety concerns at the intersection. The City is working in conjunction with Carver County to install turn lanes, through lanes, and passing lanes in 2011 needed to support the future industrial development and Biotech Center to the south of Engler Boulevard. The addition of these lanes on Clover Ridge Drive and Engler will help avoid the backup of traffic that currently occurs in the neighborhood. Eventually Clover Ridge Drive will be extended across Engler Boulevard to the south to connect to downtown Chaska.

If there are questions about timing issues of the temporary signal or other concerns, please contact City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.

4TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

On Saturday, December 4 Chaska's historic downtown will celebrate with daylong events. Merchants will offer shopping enticements, hospitality and good cheer, and the chance to win a valuable shopping spree. Horse drawn wagon rides accompanied by a guide from Chaska's Historical Society will be touring the town. Carolers, Santa and his helpers and reindeer will greet visitors. The day's events will culminate in the traditional tree lighting ceremony sponsored by the City's Human Rights Commission beginning at 4:00 pm. A coloring contest held during November will determine the lucky winners who will light the tree in City Square Park. This will be a truly sparkling evening event!



MORE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Santa's Mailbox at the CCC

Santa Claus will have a special mailbox at the CCC. Boys and girls can drop off their letters in Santa's colorful mailbox November 29 – December 3. Santa's helpers will pick up letters and deliver them straight to the North Pole. Please include the full name and address of each sender, so Santa and his elves can reply to each letter.



Santa Visits the CCC

On Friday, December 3, a Chaska Fire Truck will deliver Santa to the CCC front door, and Santa will visit from 4:30–6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served and crafts will be available. Don't forget to bring your camera! Free musical entertainment by Chaska Music Studios and live reindeers provided by The Mustard Seed.

Town Course Holiday Sale

If you are looking for some great gift ideas for the golfers in your family, stop by the Town Course Pro Shop. Many, many gadgets and articles of clothing are on sale and they won't last long!



Take the Bus to HOLIDAZZLE!

For one night only, take the SW Transit Bus to the downtown Minneapolis Holiday Parade on December 16th from the Chanhassen or Eden Prairie Station. Ride round trip FREE with a donation of an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item. For more information and departure times, go to www.swtransit.org.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Human Rights Commission Meeting
December 2, 2010

City Council Meeting
December 6, 2010

Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled
December 8, 2010

CHASKA CITY COMMISSION OPENINGS

Applications are now being taken to fill positions on the following City Commissions. All terms are for three years, January 2011 through December 2013. Terms are limited to three 3-year terms. Interested individuals should request an application from Margo Steffel, Senior Clerk, at msteffel@chaskamn.com or go to www.chaskamn.com. Deadline for application is Wednesday, December 15th at 12:00 noon. All applicants will be contacted to interview before the Chaska City Council.

Chaska Planning Commission:

Three openings, with two positions eligible for re-appointment and one position term expiring. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

Park and Recreation Board:

Three openings, with all eligible for re-appointment. Meets the second Monday of the month.

Human Rights Commission:

Four openings, with all eligible for re-appointment. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month.

Heritage Preservation Commission:

Three openings, with one position eligible for re-appointment, and two positions expiring. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month as needed.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Don't forget that the Chaska Police Department continues to collect food for the local food shelf through noon on December 23rd. You can bring your donations to the Police Department or call 952-448-4200 if you are unable to deliver them yourself, and an officer will be happy to stop by your residence and pick up your donation.



you will win a fabulous prize. Don't worry if you don't have skates, the Chaska Community Center has skates available for rent. Invite your friends and make sure to let them know that you'll be "chillin' at the CCC!"

Date: Thursday, December 9
Time: 2:30–4:00 p.m.
Place: CCC Arena 1
Cost: FREE (Skate rental is \$2)

How much do you know about the month of December?

December was the tenth month of the Roman Calendar. The name comes from the Latin word 'decem', meaning 10.

The birthstone for December is Turquoise or the mystical Blue Topaz. The flower is Holly.



December 3rd is Let's Hug Day.

December 5th is National Blue Jeans Day.

December 6th is the day many people celebrate the patron Catholic saint of children and pawnbrokers (?!?) – St. Nicholas.

Here is the short list of famous people born on Christmas Day:

- Sir Isaac Newton –1642
- Clara Barton – 1821
- Humphrey Bogart – 1899
- Anwar el Sadat – 1918
- Little Richard – 1932
- Barbara Mandrell – 1948
- Noel Graczyk – City of Chaska Administrative Services Director



On Dec. 8, 1961 the Beach Boys released their first single, "Surfin" on Candix Records.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES



Clay Play!

Ages 5 to 11

A great time to come in from the cold to make various clay projects that reflect the season. We make small pots and sculptures and glaze them each day. Wear old clothes, we get messy!



Day: Saturdays

Dates: December 4, 11, 18

Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$48 Member per session/\$52 Non-Member

Teen Ice Skating Party

Ages 11 to 15

Get the winter started off right with an ice skating party just for teens! Skate to great music, take part in exciting games, and enjoy tasty refreshments. Enter your name in the drawing to see if

