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CITY RECEIVES LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR COOPERS

The City of Chaska received good news this week that the grant application made for the Liveable Communities Demonstration Account through the Metropolitan Council has been funded. The grant submitted was for \$500,000 to help solidify Cooper's as a retail anchor in the downtown area and place the property into the Community Land Trust Program, as well as assist with the completion of interior and exterior improvements to the building.



As the City has gone through the Downtown Master Planning process, it has become very clear that one of the anchor services important to the downtown area is a grocery store. Cooper's provides a service to many residents in the downtown neighborhoods and acts as an anchor to draw patrons into the downtown district, which in turn helps to support other businesses in the area.

As part of the project, the City is looking to utilize the grant money to assist with the purchase of the land and placement of it into the Land Trust to provide the community with long-term ownership to make sure that we keep an important business like a grocery store in the downtown.

Upon receipt of the grant funds, the City will move forward with the Land Trust Program and Coopers to implement the project. Questions about the Land Trust, Liveable Communities Program, or the grant process, may be directed to Bart Fischer, Assistant City Administrator, at 952-448-4200, who was very instrumental in putting together this grant application.

FUN FACTS

It took 7 guys from the Chaska Electrical Department working 5 days, or approximately 280 hours, to hang 30 wreaths on the light poles, put up 275,000 Christmas lights, and set up all the holiday displays in City Square Park and other various locations. The Chaska Historical Society coordinates the project and the Chaska 100 Club provides the decorations.

WHY ARE THEY DIGGING THAT HOLE?

As you drive around the City, you may have noticed crews digging holes in the area. Did you slow down and look and wonder what they are doing and is it going to affect my electric or water or cable, or what?

One of the issues of the new United Health Data Center locating north of Engler Boulevard just west of Clover Ridge Drive is the need for additional communication fiber lines, which are being provided by Quest. At present, boring pits are quite evident along many roadways in the City, including Highway 41, Hundertmark Road, Engler Boulevard, and Clover Ridge Drive. After the pits are dug, drill rods are bored between the pits about three to four feet below ground level under the freeze line. The rods are then removed and a two-inch conduit is pulled through as a casing for the actual fiber line. When this project is completed early in 2011, about nine miles of fiber will have been installed within the City limits to provide two separate services to the data center. The two services ensure there will be no loss of operation to the data center.



Chaska approved a permit for the portion of the work located in the City right-of-way. The City performs the location of the City sewer, water, and storm lines in the area of the work to avoid conflicts, but the City is not directly involved with the installation of the fiber optic lines.

**Chaska Park Board Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2010
7:00 pm
Chaska Community Center**



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Mom's and Dad's Morning Break

Do you need a break from your little ones? Let us watch the kids as you enjoy a Tuesday 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 playroom or at the CCC Park. Snacks will be provided.



Date: December 14
Theme: Holiday Hoopla
Ages: 1 to 6 years old
Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15 Member/\$20 Non-Member
\$5 Late pick-up fee after 5 minutes, \$1 every minute thereafter

**Tot Time Adventures:
Donuts with Santa**

Ages 2 to 6 years
A parent and child class filled with crafts, games, snacks and more! Each theme includes leisure activities for parents and children to share. Programs generally last one hour. Space is limited. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.
Cost: \$5.00 Member/\$6.50 Non-Member
Fees are per child, parents free.

Santa will be stopping by to visit with all of the little ones at this fun adventure. We will make Christmas crafts and enjoy donut holes and juice as well as singing along with Santa. There will also be



time to sit on Santa's lap and take pictures so be sure to bring along your cameras.

Space is limited to 60 children.
Date: Wednesday, December 15
Time: 9:30 –10:30 a.m.

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 that is located in The Lodge gives guests the opportunity to donate their spare change and dollars to a worthy cause. Three community causes were identified in 2010; the free dinners hosted at the St. John's Lutheran Church Gathering Place, Operation Christmas Child, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. On Wednesday, December 15th from 9:30 to 10:30 am a breakfast will be held at The Lodge where presentation of these donations will be made.

We hope that you can join us for this celebration. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.
Cost: \$6 per person

AOA Avada Hearing Clinics

Avada will be at The Lodge 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. Call The Lodge for an appointment.



Date: Friday, December 17
Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Place: The Lodge
Cost: Free

SNOW PLOWING POLICY

Snow Removal. General

To ensure the safe and convenient movement of traffic within the City, crews are dispatched as soon as possible to sand or plow when ice or slippery conditions develop. When snow depths accumulate to a depth of 2" or more, plowing of all streets, alleys, and parking lots will be required. The decision on when to begin the plowing operation will be made by the Public Works Superintendent.

Winter Parking.

Parking to impede snow removal is prohibited:

No vehicle shall be operated or parked in a manner or place that obstructs or impedes the City Public Works Department in clearing or removing snow from the City streets, alleys, or parking lots.

Odd/Even Parking Regulations.

During the period of November 1st to April 1st inclusive, at the time snow accumulates on the streets to a depth necessitating plowing and removal operation, parking on all streets shall be permitted only as follows:

- A. On any even-numbered day of the month, on that side of the street adjacent to buildings bearing even-numbered street addresses.
- B. On any odd-numbered day of the month, on that side of the street adjacent to buildings bearing odd-numbered street addresses.

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Property Damage.

A. Sod

If City plowing equipment damages sod on the right-of-way adjacent to private property, it shall be repaired in the spring with black dirt and seed. Residents are encouraged to assist with lawn repairs.

B. Landscaping

The City shall not repair any landscaping or structures that are installed in the right-of-way. Examples would include fences, rocks, sprinkler systems, underground dog fence systems, and any other structure or system.

C. Mailboxes

Damage that is caused by direct contact by City snow removal equipment shall be repaired or replaced with a standard mailbox as soon as possible. Damage that is caused by the force of the snow coming off of the plow shall not be repaired. Residents are encouraged to check the mailbox post and support arms for deterioration.

Driveway Clearing.

It is against City ordinance to shovel, plow, or blow snow into City streets. Individuals who throw their snow into the street make it more difficult to clear snow and it also could create ice hazards for other vehicles. Residents are encouraged to wait to shovel the end of their driveway until the plow has cleared the street from curb to curb. Plows will typically come through several times and this will save effort from repeating the shoveling process.

Effective Date.

This policy shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and adoption.
(January 28, 2002)

MISCELLANEOUS INTEREST

The following is the list of business permit fees for the City of Chaska approved by the City Council on 12-06-10 for the year 2011.

- Refuse Haulers: \$56.00 per vehicle per year
- Tobacco Vendors: \$222.00 annually
- Solicitors: \$40.00 per individual annually
- Massage Therapists: \$112.00 per individual annually
- Games of Skill: \$16.00 per site and \$16.00 per unit annually



The liquor license renewal period runs July 1st to June 30th of the next year.

The current annual liquor license fees are:

- On Sale Intoxicating: \$4605
- Sunday Sale: \$200
- On-Sale Wine Only: \$775
- Off-Sale Intoxicating: \$155
- 3.2% On-Sale: \$310
- 3.2% Off-Sale: \$52
- Temporary 3.2% (Per Day): \$10
- Club On-Sale Intoxicating: \$515
- Investigation Fee for New Licenses: \$250

Applications may be found on line at www.chaskamn.com in the Administration section of the site. Or you may contact Margo Steffel, Senior Clerk, at 952-448-4200.

The employees and Commissioners of the City of Chaska would like to wish Mayor Mark Windschitl a speedy recovery. He has been battling pneumonia for the past few weeks.

