



Chaska City Hall Bulletin

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TH41-SECOND STREET PROJECT

On Monday, February 22nd, the City Council took final action on the Highway 41 and Second Street Signal Installation Project. This project has been in the works since January 2009 when Chaska began working with MnDOT to deal with significant pedestrian safety issues at the intersection. Since Highway 41 is a State Road, MnDOT had to give approval for the project. Also, the project had not been in either the State or City Capital Improvement Program.

To fund the program, the State and City were able to work through the Federal Government and receive Economic Stimulus Dollars to pay for a large portion of the project. While these dollars provided a good source of funding to help expedite the project, additional planning was required to receive approval from the Federal Government, which extended the timing of completion. With the Funding now in place and the State, Local, and Federal approvals received, Chaska was granted the authority to award the contract to build the project this past Monday. With the contract now in place, the material for the project can now be ordered and the project physically started.

The signal should be installed during the month of May and operational by June 1st. The City will then work with MnDOT to install a six-foot wide raised median through the downtown area. This will serve the purpose of restricting dangerous left-hand turn movements at First, Third, and Fifth Streets, allowing right turn movement only at those intersections. In addition to serving a safety purpose, the project will include significant landscaping improvements, with decorative bollards, flower planters, and banner poles to enhance the small town feel of Chestnut Street.

These street improvements will be accomplished without losing parking on the east side of Chestnut Street by reducing the lane widths through the downtown, which will also slow down traffic moving through the downtown area. Signage will be improved along the road. MnDOT will clean up much of the old signage and install more effective and limited signage. "Your Speed Is" signs will be installed at the south and north entrances into town. It is hoped that these improvements will increase safety and aesthetic benefits to the community. Questions about the project may be directed to City Engineer, Bill Monk, at 952-448-9200.

CHASKA'S WIND TURBINE IS NOW OPERATIONAL !

Submitted by Dean Hylland, Chaska Water & Sewer Supervisor

On Tuesday afternoon the some electricity! Contractors Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) morning and the wind turbine afternoon during the 15 mph As children were leaving the they were all looking up in the turbine spin for first time.



Chaska wind turbine finally produced working with the Minnesota finished up some work in the was spinning successfully all winds coming out of the northwest. nearby Pioneer Ridge Middle School air as they got to see the wind Residents were pleased that the

movement didn't create any loud noises. During testing of the wind turbine a retractable spoiler, similar to a flap on an airplane wing that is used for braking, failed to go back into position and it created a loud squealing noise that could be heard throughout the nearby neighborhoods. The only noise that could be heard under the mostly sunny skies Tuesday was the quiet mechanical movements of the generator and the swish of the blades as they cut through the cold air.

The MMPA has completed commissioning now on most of the 12 turbines that were installed at each member city and the Faribault Energy Park. The Hometown Wind project has included 3 months of construction, years of planning, and is finally coming to fruition. We are hoping for many more windy days in the near future so we can continue to see renewable energy in action.

CHRISTMAS IN MAY REMINDER

Christmas in May Chaska is accepting home applications for this year's event through March 15th. If you are in need of help with home repairs, please call 952-448-7715 X0 for an application. Persons wishing to volunteer with assistance may also call that number.



This program is available to program eligible households living in the City limits of Chaska for the elderly, disabled, or households with modest incomes. The home repairs are completed by volunteers who will come to your home on Saturday, May 8th. People helping those who sometimes need a helping hand – Apply Today!

CHASKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010
7:00 PM
CHASKA CITY HALL
Go to www.chasdkamn.com for more information.

NEW RESTAURANT TO OPEN SOON



The old Pauly's American Grille should be opening in March and will be known as "Cuzzy's of Chaska." The liquor license was approved by the City Council recently and as soon as the State has approved the license, they should be ready to open for business. Chaska residents are sure to be anxious for this new business to open!

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

The following individuals have been newly appointed or re-appointed by the City Council to the four City Commissions.

Planning Commission:

Alex Young – Chairperson
 Michael Broback – Vice Chairperson
 Jean Personius
 Mike Huang
 Chad Hewitt
 Duane Kasper
 Troy Miller
 LeAnne Ashley
 Dan Keyport
 City Liaisons: Kevin Ringwald & Melissa Duchinsky – Community Development – 952-448-9200

Park & Rec Board:

Nate Bostrom – Chairperson
 Jack Spizale
 Tom Skoogman
 Joe Maloney
 Greg Johnson
 Dave Roan
 Nicholas Mason
 Jonathan Grau
 City Liaisons: Tom Redman & Kathy Skinner – Park & Recreation Division – 952-448-5633



Human Rights Commission:

Libby Fairchild - Chairperson
 Laxmi Govindan
 Trisha Leck
 Alan Beck
 Taylor Hubbard
 Adella Pollack
 Molly Koivumaki
 Barbara Colhapp
 Tracey Pass
 City Liaison: Bart Fischer – Administration – 952-448-9200

Heritage Preservation Commission:

Nicholas Calder – Chairperson
 Mark Kalscheuer
 Joyce Bohn
 Debbie Boe
 Patricia Merker
 Howard Rosenwinkel
 Steve Hermann
 Steve Mueller
 City Liaison: Melissa Duchinsky – Community Development – 952-448-9200



**Chaska
Community
Center Activities**

Review Child/Infant CPR



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. This review covers only child and infant CPR. If you also need AED certification inform the instructor. Upon successful completion, you'll receive an American Red Cross certificate.

Date: Monday, March 1
 Time: 5:30–9:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$40 Member; \$50 Non-Members

Adult Racquetball Lessons

Beginner, intermediate and advanced racquetball lessons are offered in a group setting once a week for 4 weeks. Learn technique as well as strategy, positioning, anticipation of the ball, and defensive and offensive strategies. (Continued on Pg 4)

(Racquetball Continued from Pg 3)

Class size is limited. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Private lessons are also available.

Date: Tuesdays, March 2–23
Times: 8:00–9:00 p.m.
Cost: \$35 Member; \$47 Non-Member

Pottery Workshop For Adults

This class will offer you the opportunity to work on the wheel and/or hand built projects. It is a good beginning or refresher course for anyone interested in ceramics. Cost includes clay, glazes, and firing. This class is structured for adults.

Date: Tuesdays, March 2–April 13 (No class March 30)
Time: 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$136 Member; \$160 Non-Member

Mosaic Masterpiece (Beginner)

Whether you are a seasoned artist or just want to try your hand at something new, this mosaics class is a perfect fit for you. Mirrors, coasters, vases, trivets, you can mosaic just about anything. We will use cut stained glass pieces to create a fabulous serving tray, and finish with a fine grout. Voila!

Dates: Wednesdays, March 3 and 10
Time: 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$43 Member; \$50 Non-Member

Leepin Leprechauns

Ages 3 to 8 Parent/Child Class
Let's Go Green! This class is as mischievous as it is fun. We are going to whip up some St. Patty's Day fun with many creative crafts, a wonderful Leprechaun story and a pot of gold hunt! Remember, if you finish early we always have a few extra tricks up our sleeves!



Date: Saturday, March 6
Time: 9:45–11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$10 Member;
\$12 Non-Member

Clay Play Winter

Ages 5 to 11

A great time of year 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, March 6–20
Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$48 Member; \$52 Non-Member

SOME INTERESTING STUFF

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden." And thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. ---

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. ---

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.



In English Pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them, "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down!" It's where we get the phrase 'Mind your Ps and Qs.'