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FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT LEAVES CHASKA UNSCATHED

The Minnesota River reached its official crest at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 23rd at a height of 29.41 feet, with a flood stage of 18 ft. Officials are now seeing the water recede, having declined .41 feet in the last 24 hours.

Record high water levels are as follows:

April 12, 1965	34.25'
June 25, 1993	32.78'
April 19, 2001	32.27'
April 14, 1997	31.74'
March 24, 2010	29.90'

Road closures near the City of Chaska are:

Scott Co Rd 9 and Carver County 11 near Jordan
Hwy 101 Near Shakopee
Hwy 41 In Chaska



(Hwy 41 Bridge - Photo Courtesy of Jason Kirsch)

Even with the high water and road closures, the City of Chaska has remained unscathed through this entire flooding process. With Athletic Park now being the only parcel in the City that is now within the flood control levee, the rest of the community has experienced very little disturbance from flooding. Instead, we are more of an attraction to gawkers who are able to access a close up view the river!

Every spring we are reminded of the significance of the flood control project that we worked on with the Army Corps of Engineers in 1996. Prior to the levee and flood control project, a significant portion of downtown Chaska would regularly flood. This caused major financial and structural issues in the downtown commercial and residential areas. With the completion of the \$42 million flood control project in 1996, a new waive of reinvestment was opened in the downtown. The project is one of the most significant reasons that the City of Chaska can now focus on the opportunities presented in the downtown and make

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the area a destination for our community and the surrounding area. The City of Chaska thanks our former leaders who paved the way to completing the flood control project and recognized the significant impact to the community.



Athletic Park – March 2010
Photo Courtesy of Jason Kirsch

UNITED HEALTH GROUP TO MOVE INTO BIOTECH CENTER

One of Chaska’s top five strategic goals is to create new jobs and tax base. Therefore we were very excited to learn that United Health Group has announced they will be the first to locate in the Chaska Biotech Corporate Industrial Park. They plan to build a 220,000 sq ft data center in the West Creek portion of the Biotech Center just off the interchange of new Highway 212 and Co Rd 10. At an estimated construction cost of \$100 to \$150 million, this will be one of the largest projects to break ground in the Twin Cities area during the summer of 2010.



This project comes as great news to the City, as the slow down in the economy has had an effect on residential and commercial development. Although the United Health project will only create

approximately 50 new jobs, the project will generate a significant amount of local property taxes. This tax base will help finance all necessary improvements in the area of Co Rd 10 for the rest of this corporate/industrial area to be developed. The project is expected to generate approximately \$560,000 in local property taxes per year. The City and County are contemplating the use of tax abatement from the project to help fund improvements to Co Rd 10. This would include the addition of turn and passing lanes, as well as a signal at Clover Ridge Drive and would be all of the infrastructure needed on Co Rd 10 to open up the entire existing 170 acres for corporate/industrial development.



At this point, the City of Chaska has approved the final plat for the West Creek Corporate Center, being developed by Center Companies. Center Companies plans to move forward with grading of the site in late May or early June, with the rest of the improvement work, including the new road, occurring in mid to late summer. Work will probably begin on a temporary signal at Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard in late summer. The addition of passing lanes will also be included to help in the process of staging the construction of Co Rd 10 in the area. This should occur in the summer of 2011.

At the Monday, March 29th Chaska Council meeting, consideration will be given to the creation of a tax abatement district on the United Health Partner parcel to create a mechanism by which to help allocate resources from the project to support the infrastructure improvements. At the same time, the County is also considering this process as we move forward together to work out the final details of improvements to Co Rd 10.

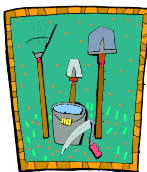
Besides the creation of 50 jobs with United Health Center, the City of Chaska is also very pleased with other significant projects being completed or currently underway in the community which will bring an additional 800-900 jobs to Chaska. This includes 425 positions with the Michael Foods plant on the north end of the City, and an additional 300-350 jobs expected with the opening of the Ridgeview Medical Center at Highway 212 and Hundertmark Road in late 2011. The City is hopeful that with the infrastructure improvements made in this first phase of the Biotech Center, that we will continue to attract additional businesses into the community.

Questions about any of these projects may be directed to the Chaska City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200.



The Chaska Town Course will open on April 1st! Charlie's Grille will also be open, featuring his Spring Menu April 1st to May 1st. Charlie's also does catering! Call Chef Stephen Schwab at 952-215-9938 to find out more. For tee times, go to: www.chaskatowncourse.com.

Spring Clean Up Day



Get ready to clean up your property on May 1st, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with free yard waste disposal at the Chaska Athletic Park, or the Chaska Municipal Services Building, if water is still an issue at the park.

RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONE



As we informed you in the last City Hall Bulletin, April 22nd is Earth Day and the Chaska Police Department is participating in a program called "Recycle your Cell Phone." Forty years ago on April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day was inaugurated as a day to promote a cleaner world. Earth Day events aim to inspire awareness of and appreciation for earth's environment. It is currently observed in more than 140 countries around the world.

Many companies are going green, and as such, Officer Julie Janke, of the Chaska Police Department is organizing a cell phone recycle campaign through www.CellPhoneBank.com. Chaska City Hall, the Community Center, and the Municipal Services Building will all have collection boxes to recycle your old cell phone beginning March 26th. The old phones will be cleaned up and given new cords and chargers. They will then be distributed to seniors and victims of abuse to provide emergency 911 assistance.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Full Time Position - Meter Reader/Water-Waste Water Maintenance Worker
 Chaska Water & Sewer Department
 Call 952-448-9200 x7102 for an application or stop by City Hall.
 Applications taken through 04-12-10.



Chaska Community Center Activities

Not going anywhere for Spring Break? Join us for a vacation in Chaska!

March 29 – April 1 Each day, experience a new adventure! *Children ages 9 to 11 must have a parent in the building. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 29: Skates and Floats!

Come for open skate at the CCC and you can get a root beer float for 50¢.
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Place: Arena II
Cost: Free for Members, \$2 for Non-Members

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Hawaiian Swim!

Come to the CCC for a Hawaiian open swim! No registration necessary.
Time: 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Cost: Free for members. Reduced rate for youth non-members wearing Hawaiian. \$2 for residents, \$3.50 for non-residents. (If you are not dressed Hawaiian, you will pay the regular open swim rate).

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Minnesota Zoo



Come with us to visit the “Wildest” place in the Twin Cities...the MN ZOO. With the newly remodeled exhibits and hundreds of animals to view, this is one place you can never visit too often. We will have a hot dog lunch provided by Lancer Catering. Check in begins at 8:00 a.m.

and we will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. and be back by 3:00 p.m. to end our day with some fun in the gym before parent pick up by 4:00 p.m. Register online or at the CCC front Desk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31: Free concert by Sticks & Tones!

Come to dance and jive to the music provided by Sticks and Tones.
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Community Room
Cost: Free!



THURSDAY, APRIL 1: Mega Movie!



Join us for pizza, pop, and a movie. We will be watching *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs* on a large screen in the CCC Community Room. No registration is necessary. Come and bring your friends!

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: Community Room
Cost: Movie is free; Pizza is \$2 per slice

FRIDAY, APRIL 2: Pump It Up and Swimming

Join us as we travel to Pump It Up in Eden



Prairie for some inflatable fun (they have 2 rooms full of inflatable jumpers, mazes, and games). We will have a pizza lunch at Pump it Up then we will head to the CCC for swimming. Make sure to have socks, swimsuit and a towel. Parents relax - the rest is covered. Space is limited.

Prairie Fire Theater Spring Break Camp (Sleeping Beauty)

Limited space available. Check www.chaskacommunitycenter.com for more information.