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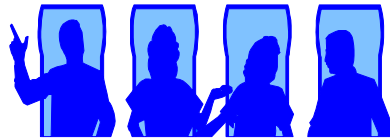
PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The weather was a significant factor in the Primary election held in the City of Chaska on Tuesday, August 10th. It started out with a heavy rainstorm in the morning, cleared into a hot and humid afternoon with a short electrical power outage, and then morphed into another heavy rainstorm later in the evening. The weather may have been a contributing factor to voter turn out.

A power outage occurred about 1:30 pm, affecting four of the six polling sites. (See story that follows.) Ballot counting machines and totals were not affected however, as they are programmed to automatically roll over to battery power in case of a power outage. Some of the sites were a little darker than usual, but the power was restored within 45 minutes and no major issues were encountered. A big thanks goes out to the Chaska Electrical Department for isolating the problem and restoring power so quickly!

Fifty-three judges manned the election sites in the City of Chaska from 6:00 am to approximately 10:00 pm. A break down of voters at each polling site is at the end of this article.

Affidavits of filing for Wards 1 or 3, or Mayor continue to be open until August 17th at 5:00 pm. Please contact Chaska Senior Clerk, Margo Steffel at 952-448-9200 for more information or go to www.chaskamn.com. Persons having filed affidavits of candidacy as of today are:



Mayor:

Mark Windschittl – Incumbent

Ward 1 Councilmember:

Gino Businaro – Incumbent

Ward 3 Councilmember:

Christopher Schulz – Incumbent
Charles Stech

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| | Ward 1 Precinct 1 City Hall | Ward 1 Precinct 2 Water Treatment Plant | Ward 2 Precinct 1 St. Andrew's Church | Ward 2 Precinct 2 Clover Field | Ward 3 New Life Church | Ward 4 Community Center |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Registered Voters at 7am | 2908 | 111 | 1770 | 2920 | 2398 | 2784 |
| Total Voters | 327 | 11 | 270 | 316 | 306 | 390 |
| Total Independent Voters | 11 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 3 | 11 |
| Total Republican Voters | 95 | 4 | 74 | 102 | 121 | 133 |
| Total Democratic Voters | 220 | 7 | 192 | 197 | 178 | 245 |
| Total Non- Partisan Only Voters | 1 | | | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Total Party Cross Over Voters | | | | | 2 | |

RECENT POWER OUTAGES

It's not a good way to start out the day when a lightning storm rolls through Chaska and the lights start to blink. At about 9:30 Tuesday morning a thunderstorm went through Chaska that caused blinks on a few of the distribution feeders and one outage for about ten minutes. But that was just the start of the day.

At about 1:30 that afternoon Chaska lost an entire electric distribution substation due to a short on the generator side of the Minnesota River substation, located near the United Sugar Plant. The exact cause of the equipment failure is still being determined but the large rainfall we had in the morning and the high humidity in the afternoon were probably contributing factors.

The entire electric crew was immediately called into action and started working to restore power. The Minnesota River substation serves most of the City except downtown and the industrial parks so this was a major outage. They were able to switch the power lines to the City's two other substations and had power restored to about 6,000 customers in about 30 minutes. Only with a dedicated municipal utility electric crew like we have in Chaska is this possible. Then at 2:30 in the afternoon, as Xcel Energy was trying to restore power to the Minnesota River Substation, there was another outage. A transmission line tripped that also feeds the Bluff Creek Substation. This one was much shorter in duration, less than a minute, but it affected many of the 6,000 customers who had already experienced an outage and all the industrial parks. More than 60% of the power in town was lost during this outage.

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Power was eventually restored to the Minnesota River substation that afternoon and the crew had the entire system back to normal by 5:00 pm. Jack Worm, the line crew foreman, and all of the electric department personnel did a fantastic job during this outage. Everyone worked together as a team, worked safely, and provided the best service possible during a crisis situation.



Submitted by Dan Geiger, City Electrical Director

WORK CONTINUES ON HIGHWAY 41 THRU DOWNTOWN

Over the past week and a half a significant amount of work has been occurring on Highway 41 south of old Highway 212 to the Minnesota River bridge. This is the third phase of the project associated with the signalization of Highway 41 and Second Street.

The first phase included the installation of ADA compliant pedestrian ramps at each of the corners. The second phase included the actual installation of the signal at Second Street, which became activated on August 2nd.

The last phase is the installation of a landscaped median through the downtown area. The median will serve several purposes. It will restrict turn movements at First, Third, and Fifth Streets to improve safety. Full left hand turns will only be allowed at Second, Fourth, and old Highway 212. Pedestrian crossing safety will be enhanced through the downtown area with the median safe haven. Lastly, there will still be two lanes of traffic in each direction, with parking on the west side of Chestnut Street, but the lanes will be narrowed to help reduce traffic speed through the downtown area.

The intent is to improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles. The median will also provide a significant visual and small town enhancement with banner posts, bollards, and flower containers.

The work on the third phase is scheduled for substantial completion before Labor Day. Some of the decorative elements will still be installed in September.

Questions about the project may be directed to the City Engineer at 952-448-9200

ODD/EVEN WATERING



Remember, the City of Chaska enforces an odd/even watering system. If you have a residence with an odd house number, you can water your yard or garden on odd numbered calendar days. Homes with an even number address are asked to water on even calendar days. Associations and large businesses have an adjusted water rate but their irrigation systems are also set to water on the odd or even side of the street with the calendar.

Chaska City Council Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm
Chaska City Hall
Work Session from 6:00-7:00 pm



CITY OF CHASKA'S TOUCH A TRUCK



Free entertainment and refreshments!
 Thursday, August 19
 Chaska Community Center
 Rain or Shine!
 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Carnival:

Play games and win prizes as you learn about the youth associations and organizations available to you in Chaska like: figure skating, soccer, gymnastics and wrestling.

Refreshments:

Enjoy a hot dog, soda, popcorn and an ice cream cone sponsored by Northern Lights Cafe, Klein Bank – Chaska, Chaska Kiwanis Club, Chaska Lions Club, and Chaska Park Board.



Touch a truck:

Bring the kids to sit on, touch, and experience the vehicles of the City of Chaska and meet the Chaska staff who operate them.

Chaska PublicWorks: Lawnmower, dump truck with snowplow, front end loader, road grader, and park tractor.

Chaska Community Center: Zamboni.

Chaska Fire Department: Ladder truck and ambulance.

Chaska Police Department: Squad cars and community service truck.

Chaska Utilities: Boom truck.

Chaska Water and Sewer Dept: Backhoe, sewer jetting truck, and trench box.

Chaska Information Services: Chaska.net van.

Chaska Town Course: Lawnmower

For more information call:

Joan at (952) 227-7760.

Concert: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Shake, rattle and roll to a lively performance by the Teddy Bear Band.



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

JAZZN' UP CHASKA – FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Come and enjoy downtown Chaska with two great entertaining jazz bands. Enjoy a free watermelon feed and popcorn wagon provided by supporting downtown businesses.

5:30 p.m. Valley Jazz

7:00 p.m. Southside Aces

Sponsored by The City of Chaska Parks and Recreation Department and the Chaska downtown local businesses Norsemen Travel, Dolce Vita Wine, Lillian's, Linda's Cellar and Mixed Company.

MOVIE MONDAYS

Come join us for a free movie in the CCC Theater. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Place: CCC Theater

Times: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dates: August 16 — Happy Feet

Cost: FREE

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.

Ages: 1 to 6

Date: Tuesday, August 17

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Member/ \$20 Non-member

MOM AND ME DIVA DAY!

Ages 4 to 10 (A parent and child class.)

Bring your mom for a pampering DIVA time! We'll enjoy a paraffin hand wax, followed by polishing fingernails. Daughters will enjoy a hair up-do (we'll teach mom how to do it at home). Each Mom & Me Team will bead matching charm bracelets to take home. To close, we'll snap a DIVA photo of you with MOM

Date: Friday, August 20

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$17 Member, \$20 Non-Member

