

# [COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER]

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## GARBAGE BAG QUALITY & SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES



The most recent shipment of the yellow garbage bags were not manufactured properly. According to the bag supplier, the seam sealing machine was not properly set or monitored, which has resulted in many bags with seams that give way. If you have any faulty bags, return them to the store to get replacement bags, and/or call Hanson Waste Removal (507-259-7124).

Also, supply chain issues are impacting the availability and cost of the specially marked garbage bags. The "bag system" is designed to both increase recycling efforts and to allow residents to control the cost of their garbage service as much as possible. Residents can reduce their cost of garbage collection by recycling more to reduce the amount of waste that is produced.

Due to supply chain problems, it is no longer possible to get yellow bags with custom imprinting on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. With the hope that these problems will be resolved within the next year, the City has authorized Hanson Waste Removal to purchase a maroon colored bag in a quantity that will accommodate our needs for about a year.

Bags will continue to be available at Cenex, Kwik Trip and Sunshine Foods. The per bag price will remain the same however the packaging quantities may vary by store. Maroon bags will be replacing yellow bags as the existing inventory is used up.

Wm. Hanson Waste Removal and the City regret any inconvenience these issues might cause.



## 2022 PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES

Based on the preliminary tax levy that was established by the City Council in September, the City's tax levy will increase by no more than 3.9%. While water rates will increase a bit next year, sanitary sewer rates and garbage rates are not expected to increase.

## NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY

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The results of the National Community Survey indicate that Chatfield residents experience a high quality of life and feel safe in their community. Residents also gave very positive ratings for street maintenance, street cleaning, snow removal and they highly approve of public safety services provided by the City. Opportunities for improvement include housing issues and employment opportunities with residents indicating that it is important to focus on the overall economic health of the community. To view the survey results for yourself, go to

[www.ci.chatfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.chatfield.mn.us)

Thank you for participating in the survey!



## STRATEGIC PLANNING



Mayor Smith and members of the city council met with city staff and a number of community members over the course of a recent weekend to develop a Strategic Plan for the City, a first for the City.

With the guidance of a professional facilitator, the group generated a vision for what Chatfield might look like in 2028 and developed a work plan to progress toward that vision. The primary purpose of the Plan is to target specific goals and to develop accountability on which to measure progress toward those goals.

## City of Chatfield

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In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1

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Chatfield Public Library 507-867-3480



## UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2021

Event details at [www.ci.chatfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.chatfield.mn.us)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	1 <a href="#">Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Songwriting with JOHNSMITH</a>	2 <a href="#">Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Library Board</a>	3 <a href="#">Christmas in the Valley</a>
6 6:30 PM <a href="#">Introductory Filmmaking</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting</a>	7 <a href="#">Recycling Collection</a>	8 <a href="#">Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Songwriting with JOHNSMITH</a>	9 <a href="#">Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection</a>	10
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20 4:30 PM <a href="#">Economic Development Authority Board Meeting</a>	21 <a href="#">Recycling Collection</a>	22 <a href="#">Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection</a>	23 <a href="#">Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection</a>	24 <a href="#">Observed Christmas Holiday - City Offices Closed</a>
27	28 <a href="#">Recycling Collection</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting</a>	29 <a href="#">Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection</a>	30 <a href="#">Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection</a>	31

## A Christmas Carol A Reading by Charles Dickens December 4, 7:30pm



**CHATFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
**CHATFIELDARTS.ORG | 507.884.7676**

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.



## Songwriting with JOHNSMITH Live Class Performance December 18, 7pm



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A CHRISTMAS CAROL READING  
HOLIDAY PHOTO SPOTS

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SANTA'S MAILBOX  
GINGERBREAD SEARCH KICK-OFF

# Christmas in the Valley

## Saturday December 4

SANTA AT THE LIBRARY



NIGHTTIME STAND-STILL PARADE

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES

SANTA & FRIENDS @ THE PARK

FIREMAN'S BURGER NIGHT

SHOP HOP CHECK-OFF & GIVEAWAYS

HOLIDAY PHOTO SPOTS

WINTER GROWERS MARKET

TREE LOTS

[www.chatfieldmn.org/events](http://www.chatfieldmn.org/events)

## PUBLIC WORKS—WINTER REMINDERS

Be A good Neighbor This Winter—Help Keep Roads & Sidewalks Clear

### 1 SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALKS



Sidewalks need to be cleared of all snow and ice as quickly and completely as possible and at least within 24 hours of the weather event.

- The entire width of the sidewalk must be cleared of snow and ice, down to the concrete.
- Remember to clear curb ramps and crosswalks for wheelchairs and strollers.
- If you are leaving for an extended time, find someone to shovel your walks.

### 2 WINTER PARKING REMINDER

**PLOWS AT WORK  
NO STREET PARKING**



There is no parking on city streets when plows are operating to help us plow more safely and efficiently.

- Move your vehicle off of the street if you plan to leave town.
- Avoid a citation or having your vehicle towed by removing your vehicle from the street anytime it is snowing.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE CITY STREETS IF SNOW IS IN THE FORECAST  
SIGN UP FOR CITIZEN ALERT NOTIFICATIONS AT [WWW.CI.CHATFIELD.MN.US](http://WWW.CI.CHATFIELD.MN.US)

### 3 PREVENT FROZEN PIPES



Cold weather can freeze pipes leading to burst that can lead to costly repairs.

- Disconnect hoses from your outside faucets and shut off the valve for the outside faucet that is inside your house.
- Keep doors open to rooms that contain plumbing.
- Ask someone to check your place while you are away.
- If the temperature of the water collected in a cup after running for 10 minutes is 38 degrees or below start running your water with a stream the diameter of a pencil and notify City Hall at 507-867-3810 so water bills can be adjusted accordingly.