



# The Chosen Valley

A Full Service Community

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*While it might seem difficult to anticipate when the plows might go out, current policy allows residents to make the most use of the streets as possible, rather than implementing even-odd parking or winter parking bans.*

*Parking tickets may be issued and cars may be towed if parked cars interfere with snowplowing or snow removal.*



## Some helpful winter reminders

The City makes every effort to keep the streets clean and safe during the winter. The best way that residents can help is by making sure there are no vehicles or trailers sitting in the street when the plows come by. **Please, if it is about to snow, move your vehicles off the street.**

In order to allow residents to make the most use of the streets as possible, the City Council has chosen not to require even-odd parking or to totally prohibit parking during the winter months. Instead, residents are allowed to use the streets all winter long but vehicles must not be left in the way of the snowplow. If a plow driver must plow around a vehicle, a ticket may be issued. While it might seem difficult to anticipate when the plows might go out, this is the only

way to allow the most use of the streets as possible. If it is about to snow, please, move your vehicles off the street.



**Sidewalks need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible, after a snowfall (within 24 hours).** Downtown business owners need to clear the entire sidewalk, from the building to the curb. Please keep downtown safe, convenient & inviting.

Homeowners need to clear the public sidewalk in front of their home. Please respect the safety and convenience of your neighbors and keep the sidewalks clear.



It is that time of year to get those snowmobiles ready for the upcoming season. Remember while in town you must:

- \* Drive on the right side of the roadway.
- \* Bring the snowmobile to a complete stop at every intersection, before crossing a street, whether or not it has a stop sign.
- \* Obey the posted speed limits. Ride in a direct route to and from the trail.
- \* Stay off / avoid driving on city sidewalks.
- \* Unless on a designated trail, stay out of City parks, as snowmobiles are prohibited.
- \* Must have permission to operate on someone else's private property.
- \* Remember to be respectful and courteous to others.

Have a fun, safe winter.

## SNOW REMOVAL FROM FIRE HYDRANTS



Chatfield's volunteer fire department is asking residents for help clearing snow from fire hydrants. If you have a hydrant on or near your property please take time to clear snow from the hydrant. This will allow rapid access to water, helping firefighters do their jobs quickly.

Keeping fire hydrants visible and easily accessible can save precious time and potentially save precious lives and property. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CITY OF CHATFIELD

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In Case of Emergency:

9-1-1

Ambulance (Non Emergency)

507-867-4446

Police (Non Emergency)

507-867-3331

Chatfield Public Library

507-867-3480

# Chill Fest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2013

- **Health Fair**—*Help Our Neighbors & Olmsted Medical Center*  
10:00 AM—2:00 PM St. Mary's Catholic Church / Sue Awes 251-0520
- **Polar Plunge**—*Chatfield Fire Department*  
Benefiting *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*  
2:00 PM Mill Creek Park—Third Street Bridge / Dean Irish—993-1523
- **Bunco Party**—*Women's Community Club*  
3:00 PM Thurber Building / Isy French—867-4586
- **Chili Supper / Chili & Salsa Contest / Craft Sale**  
4:30—6:30 p.m.—Pioneer Presbyterian Church / Pam Bluhm 867-3870
- **Candlelight Snow Shoe Walk**—*Bluff Country Hiking Club*  
5:30—6:30 p.m.—Groen Park Shelter / Tim Gossman 867-4120
- **Cold Cash Bingo**—*St. Francis / Catherine Division*  
6:30 p.m.—St. Mary's Catholic Church—Maddock Hall / Kelly Nobsisch—867-4987



- **Seipout Stringers**—  
*Chosen Bean Concert*  
7:30 p.m.—Chatfield Center for the Arts—  
Legion Room  
Tickets \$15 at the door  
[www.chosenbeanconcerts.org](http://www.chosenbeanconcerts.org)

Chatfield, MN—

Sponsored by Chatfield Lions Club  
General Questions—Kris Bradt 867-4120

## UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

City utility bill payment options—

1. **Auto Pay**—Sign up to have your utility bill withdrawn from your bank account each month. Call Mary to request a sign-up form.
2. **Online**— Payments can be made online—visit [www.ci.chatfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.chatfield.mn.us)
3. **Mail**—City of Chatfield, 21 SE Second Street, Chatfield, MN 55923
4. **Drop Box**—Use the payment drop box on the front side of City Hall on Second Street.
5. **In Person**—At the Clerks Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday.
6. **Over the phone**—You may call in with a credit or debit card to make



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Questions? Contact Mary at 867-3810

## JANUARY 2013

- Mon Jan 7th— P&Z 7:00 pm
- Wed Jan 9th- CCTV Board 7:00 am
- Mon Jan 14th— City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Jan 24th—EDA 5:30 pm
- Mon Jan 28th—City Council 7:00 pm

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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