

# The Chosen Valley November 2013 Volume 3, Issue 84 COMMUNITY LINK

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#### **November 2013**

Mon., Nov. 4th—
Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
TUE., Nov. 12th—
City Council 7:00 pm
Mon., Nov. 25th—
City Council 7:00 pm

#### **Elected Officials**

#### **MAYOR**

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## City Services, Taxes & The Budget

The City's tax levy for 2014 will not increase! In fact, according to the preliminary budget that was adopted by the City Council in September, the taxes that the City will collect from the property owners will actually go down by a few bucks.

Naturally, the cost of operating the City increases each year so it is generally quite difficult to avoid a tax levy increase unless the City just stops taking care of its infrastructure, or stops providing certain services. In this case, though, it was possible to hold the line on taxes because of an increase in the Local Government Aid payment from the State of Minnesota.

The goals that guided the development of Chatfield's 2014 operating budget are:

- Maintain 2014 tax levy as close to 2013 as possible to minimize the financial impact on property owners.
  - Minimize sewer rate increases by allocating more LGA dollars to sewer fund.
- Maintain strong public safety services including police, fire & ambulance.
- Invest in streets, storm water, sanitary sewer, & water infrastructure to ensure safety & convenience of residents.
- Provide a more sound financial foundation for Center for the Arts.
- Protect the City's strong bond rating and maintain a healthy financial position.



**BRUSH & LEAF DUMP**—Closing for the Season Wed. 11/06 at 4 p.m.

**WINTER REMINDERS**—**Sidewalks** need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible after a snowfall. **No parking on city streets when plows are operating**. Parking tickets will be issued

and cars may be towed if parked cars interfere with snowplowing or removal.



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#### City of Chatfield

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In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1

Ambulance Office (Non Emergency)
Police Office (Non Emergency)
Chatfield Public Library

507-867-4446 507-867-3331 507-867-3480





## Upcoming Events & Announcements

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## LEGACIES OF THE NEW DEAL IN THE UPPER MIDWEST: A SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Day-long Symposium 8:30—4:30 Historic Potter Auditorium—Chatfield, MN Free & Open to the Public



#### Presbyterian Youth Craft Sale

Saturday, November 2, 2013

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Chatfield Center for the Arts—Legion Room



### Chosen Bean Concert

Friday, November 15, 2013 - 7:30-9:30 Tickets \$20

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www.davenach.com www.chosenbeanconcerts.org



## COMEDY SHOW STARRING JON WILSON

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 @ 8:00
CHATFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
\$15 PER PERSON - 21 + SHOW



Jam Session
Sunday, November 24th 3:00– 6:00 PM
Legion Room—Chatfield Center for the Arts

Do you play guitar, fiddle, mandolin, percussion, banjo, accordion, flute or ....If you play an instrument, come check out the jam session. For more information contact Lynn Harstad at 867-3877 or harstad.lynn@mayo.edu Hope to see you there!