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## COMMUNITY NOTES



### Pool Info

- Pool House—867-3509
- Pool Manager—Michelle Thorson



### Growers Market

- Thursdays—City Park 3:00—6:00 p.m.



### Music in the Park

- Thursdays—City Park Bandshell 7:30 p.m.

## Safe & Courteous Pedestrians & Drivers

Now that summer has finally arrived, there is a lot of great outdoor activity going on throughout the community. Walking, jogging and bicycling are great ways to enjoy the outdoors, to get some exercise and, in some cases, just to get where you're going. Unfortunately, there are usually some accidents that occur so it is appropriate suggest a few safety reminders might be in order. To enjoy these activities safely and effectively, please take note:

### Walking:

- Use sidewalks whenever possible.
- If sidewalks are not available, stay to the extreme left side of the street, facing approaching traffic.
- Wear high-visibility clothing or lighted items, especially at night.

- Cross streets only at intersections.
- Don't assume that the driver of a vehicle will see you or avoid you—be alert!



### Jogging :

- Use the paths where they are available in the community (see maps on city website).
- If you must use the streets and roads, stay to the extreme left side of the street, facing approaching traffic.
- Listen for sounds of vehicles or other approaching

threats—be alert!

- Wear reflective clothing/lighted items, especially at night.

### Biking :

- Wear a helmet.
- Stop at stop signs.
- Ride with traffic, on the right side of the road.
- Signal your turns.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Don't assume that vehicles will yield, or avoid you.
- Be careful when exiting an alley.

### Driving :

- Stop for pedestrians at a cross-walk.
- Watch closely for pedestrians, joggers and bicyclists and give them plenty of room.
- Don't use a cell phone while driving.
- Stop at stop signs and obey all traffic laws.

## Curfew Reminder

With school being out, the Police Department would like to remind residents about Chatfield's curfew ordinance. According to the ordinance, it is unlawful for any minor to be on public streets, highways, roads, alleys, grounds, places or buildings, placlots or other unsupervised places of entertainment or amusement, vacant open to the public within city limits.

The hours of restrictions for minors under the age of 16 are 10:00 p.m. and through Friday morning. Weekend curfew hours are between the hours of 11:00 11:00 p.m. through Sunday morning.

The hours of restriction for 16 & 17 year olds are 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. from Sunday evening through Friday morning. Weekend curfew hours are, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. from Friday evening at 12:00 midnight through Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m.



## 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



This year the National Night Out/Night to Unite Celebration will be held on

**Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010.**

The focus will be on neighborhood parties. The Chatfield Police Department is encouraging citizens to plan their own block party for that evening.

Highlights this year will include:

- Police Officer and Squad Visits
- Fire Fighter and Fire Truck Visits
- Chatfield EMT's and Ambulance Visits

National Night Out/Night to Unite is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August and provides citizens and public safety personnel the opportunity to join together to give crime, drugs and violence a going away party.

National Night Out/Night to Unite is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for and participation in anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminal letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

The Police Department is in need of persons interested in working with them to coordinate the neighborhood gatherings. Please contact Officer Aaron Miliander at [amiliander@ci.chatfield.mn.us](mailto:amiliander@ci.chatfield.mn.us) or 867-1516 to volunteer to be your neighborhood coordinator.

## Safer Birds & Cats

All cats (and dogs) over the age of six months living in the city need to be licensed. Licenses are issued at the City Clerks office upon validation of current rabies vaccination. Licenses are annual and are valid until June 30th.

By licensing your pets, you greatly improve the chances of having your pet returned home safely if it should stray and get lost. City code prohibits any pet to be at large on the private property of another, unless the other property owner consents.

Domestic cats are much safer when kept indoors, in an outdoor enclosure, or go outside on a harness and leash. The sad fact is that each year, cats allowed to roam at large fail to come home, either killed by the many hazards they encounter, or by being lost or stolen.

Keeping domestic cats indoors also makes the outdoors a safer place for the birds. Birds are not only beautiful and interesting to see and hear, but are eagerly welcomed into backyards by many people. Birds are also an important natural resource. They pollinate our crops, control pests, and warn us of impending danger. Millions of birds fall victim to cats every year. Two-thirds of the bird species found in the U.S. have declined over the last half-century. While many birds killed by cats are relatively common, even common birds are now on the decline.

For more information on safer cats and birds visit [www.abcbirds.org/](http://www.abcbirds.org/)



## BRUSH & LEAF DUMP

### Hours of Operation:

Wednesday 1:00–3:00 &  
5:00–7:00 p.m.  
Friday 1:00–4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



West on County Road 2 at the stop lights. Take the first gravel road after the Root River Bridge (Mind Drive). You will find the a gate to the dump on the right side of the road.

## JULY 2010

- Tue July 6th—  
Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon July 12th—  
City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu July 22nd—  
EDA 5:30 pm
- Mon July 26th—  
City Council 7:00 pm

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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