



CITY OF
CHATFIELD

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BUDGET...LEVY...SERVICES...

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Elements of the City Budget:

In response to the deep cutback of local government aid from the State, the City has reduced part-time and seasonal help, refinanced bonds and taken other steps to reduce costs. Currently, the City is also working with the City of Fountain in order to provide services to Fountain while generating revenue to the City of Chatfield

In order to provide the taxpayer with the knowledge of how their money is being spent at the City, what kind of value is being generated, etc., this article separates the operations of the City into the fairly broad categories. Administration covers those indirect services, such as the Clerk's Dept., City Council & other Commission activity, Elections and the like. Culture & Recreation refers to the Library, swimming pool, parks, summer recreation, band concerts, etc.

Public Safety includes the police, fire & ambulance but also includes building code enforcement, animal control and civil defense sirens. Streets—General Government would include street, sidewalk maintenance, storm water management, the Thurber Building and so forth.

Where does the money go??

Categorically, the City expense side of the 2010 City Budget looks something like:

- \$421,000 Administration
- \$475,000 Culture & Recreation
- \$831,000 Public Safety
- \$447,000 Streets/Sidewalks/Thurber
- \$267,000 Debt Service

Where does the money come from??

Some of the activities listed above do generate revenues but the bulk of these services are paid for by local property taxes and aids to local governments. The City also operates a water and sewer utility that generates revenue. Categorically, the revenue side of the budget looks something like:

- \$948,000 Property Tax
- \$669,000 Local Government Aid
- \$453,000 Fines, Licenses & Fees
- \$171,000 Intergovernmental contracts
- \$125,000 Market Value Credit Aid

- \$50,000 Donations

The Tax Levy:

The 2010 City tax levy totals \$1,073,193 (not including the Market Value Credit Aid adjustment), which is 5.00% higher than in 2009. In 2010, a home valued at \$158,000 will pay about \$2.42 per day for city services.

Services Provided— A Sample:

- 2,100 hours of Library Services
- 10,400 hours of Police Services.
- 330+ Ambulance Responses + 24/7
- 50+ Fire Responses + 24/7 Access
- Street Sealcoating/Overlay Program
- Sidewalk Replacement Program
- 65 acres of parkland
- Ballparks, playgrounds & paths.
- Snowplowing & Streetsweeping
- Spring Clean-up
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- 550 hours of Swimming Pool Access
- 200+ CCTV produced programs
- Brush & Leaf Dump
- Building Code Enforcement
- Webstreaming & Podcasting

The City makes every attempt to get the maximum value possible for each dollar it spends. It is hoped that each resident finds a good value for the City Services that they support.

Shop Local, Shop Chatfield!!! Shop Local, Shop Chatfield!!!

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Thank You!

The Chatfield Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support of Fire Prevention week and the Variety Show

To the entire area ...thank you for all your monetary support.

Thank you—Wit's End, The Chatfield School District, Steve Books for the use of your sound system, the talented performers who volunteered their talents: Dale Kenny, Just for Kix, Student Service Club, Crimson Gates, Steve Books, Brad Boice, Golden Girls, Jackie Hrstka and Myron Allen, and Leslie Tart.

The show lasted nearly 2 hours and the attendance was great!

Chill Fest 2010!

Reserve Saturday, January 23rd, 2010

The Chatfield Lions Club will once again host the 2010 Chill Fest Celebration. Members of the Chatfield Lions are interested in hearing from any persons, businesses or organizations who may be interested in sponsoring and carrying out an event for the Chill Fest Celebration. Chill Fest will take place in Chatfield on Saturday, January 23, 2010 and will once again feature the Polar Plunge, winter encampment and other entertaining activities.

If you, your business or organization are interested in sponsoring and hosting a Chill Fest event, please contact chairperson Matt Opat (867-4080) by December 15th. It is the hope of the Lions Club that sufficient interest will be shown as this has been a successful and entertaining community celebration in the past. Events can include any type of games, entertainment, participation activities, or any new events which you, your business or organization would like to organize and carry out. The events are being scheduled now for organizational and advertising purposes, therefore the information is needed as soon as possible.



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Shop Chatfield!!!

It has long been understood that one of the key ingredients to a healthy economy is the practice of local trading, local purchasing. The more that people think local and act local, the stronger that locality becomes.

According to recent studies that have been made public by Lee Egerstrom of MINNESOTA 2020, the act of buying local can make a tremendous impact on the local economy. According to Egerstrom's article, for every \$1 spent with a local, independent business, 68 cents stays home and circulating in the Minnesota economy. For every \$1 spent at a national chain that does not have headquarters in the state, 43 cents stays behind to boost the local economy.

Findings from the report, according to Egerstrom, found that, if Minnesotans spent 25 percent of their holiday shopping budget on Minnesota made products, the impact would ripple through the economy like a tidal wave, infusing more than \$2 billion into the state economy. Even a 10 percent increase in purchases of local products would stimulate employment and increase purchases from local suppliers.

Similar impacts could be made right here in Chatfield and the entire southeast Minnesota region. There are many locally produced products, ranging from food items to clothing to durable goods and there are certainly many local merchants who provide valuable goods and services that residents need.

Give your local merchants a chance; you will be pleased at what you find and the local benefits will be very real. Shop Chatfield!!

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Mon Dec 7 — Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm

Wed Dec 9 — Cable TV Board 7:00 am

Mon Dec 14 — Truth-in-Taxation Hearing 7:00 pm

Mon Dec 14 — City Council 7:00 pm

Mon Dec 21- Heritage Pres. Comm 7:00 pm