

COMMUNITY LINK

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CITY OF CHATFIELD

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Chatfield Changes Since 1995

Fun Facts:

- > 275 residential opportunities created.
- \$20,000,000 of street water, sewer, library and other community improvements
- Created EDA, HPC & CCTV
- Expanded library, police & ambulance services
- Tax Asking of City increased by 66%
- Tax Base of City increased by 120%

**WITH WARM REGARDS:
TO MAYOR CURT SORENSON AND
COUNCILORS BRENDA JOHNSON & RUSS SMITH**

When one thinks of those who do community service work, the work of an elected city official doesn't always come to the top of the list, but it should. There is no question that Mayor Curt Sorenson, Councilor Brenda Johnson and Councilor Russ Smith are community service volunteers who have delivered well. We thank them and wish each of them well.

Beyond serving on the City Council, each of these people have served on many other boards, commissions and other groups during their tenure. In addition to what they have done in their "everyday lives," these people have also served on the Library Board, the Economic Development Authority, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Heritage Preservation Commission, the Charter Commission, the Olmsted County Housing & Redevelopment Authority, the League of Minnesota Cities and its Insurance Trust, the Southeast Minnesota League of Municipalities, and in many other ways. In fact, these three people combine to carry approximately fifty years of municipal service between them. This is a group of extremely dedicated individuals who demonstrate their commitment to their community through their everyday lives.

Councilor Russell Smith's interest in serving his friends and neighbors in a formal capacity was sparked when the City started talk of installing a sidewalk in his neighborhood. While not everyone perceived the benefits of a sidewalk being installed, he quickly realized the safety such a walk would provide to children as they made their way to school and how it would dress up the properties along the way. Not long thereafter, Russ took his seat at the council table and his light-hearted and sincere approach has shone through his work ever since.

Councilor Brenda Johnson began her volunteer work with the City the very year she moved to town and later joined the city council in 1998. With the support of husband, Todd and daughter, Annaliese, Brenda demonstrates a work ethic second to none, consuming the details of the broad range of topics that are required of this city while always maintaining the broad perspective of the greater good.

As an active, life-long resident of Chatfield, Mayor Curt Sorenson has served his community in ways too numerous to mention in this space. In what might have been a natural progression from his earlier work in the Chatfield Jaycees, Curt joined the city council in 1995 and entered the Mayor's office in 2002. Sorenson has given to his community selflessly and wholeheartedly in every effort, and continues to live out the final tenant of the Jaycee Creed; "...that service to humanity is the best work of life!"

Well done, Curt, Brenda and Russ....and best wishes to you!!

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9-1-1

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507-867-4446

Police (Non Emergency)

507-867-3331

Chatfield Public Library

507-867-3480

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The annual Christmas tree pickup will be conducted on Saturday, January 10th. Please have your tree on the curb by 9:00 a.m. and, naturally, be sure that all decorations, lights, etc., have been removed. No tree-bags, please!!

This wonderful community service project is provided by the "Pioneer Kids," who are sponsored by the Pioneer Presbyterian Church, under the supervision of Pam Bluhm.



The community is grateful to Pam and the Pioneer Kids!

JANUARY 2009

- **Mon Jan 5th— Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm**
- **Mon Jan 12th— City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Tue Jan 20th- Heritage Preservation Commission 7:00 pm**
- **Mon Jan 26th- City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Thu Jan 22nd- Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm**

FEBRUARY 2009

- **Mon Feb 2nd- Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm**
- **Mon Feb 9th- City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Tue Feb 17th— Heritage Preservation Commission 7:00 pm**
- **Mon Feb 23rd- City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Thu Feb 26th-Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm**

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CHILL FEST 2009-

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2009

Chill Fest is less than a month away!

Here are some of the activities being planned. For General information, contact Matt Opat 867-4080 or Mike Martin 867-3134.

Saturday, January 24th

- **10:00 am Snowmobile Radar Run —Sno-Seekers**
- **1:00—3:00 Obstacle Course**
- **1:00—4:00 Bake Sale—Women of the Valley**
Turkey Bowling—Cub Scouts
Dog Sled Rides
Sleigh Rides—Ken Wolz
- **2:00 Polar Plunge—Kevin Tuohy 867-4158**
- **4:00 Chili & Salsa Cook-off —Jackie Hrstka**
867-3744
- **4:00—7:00 Chili Supper—Presbyterian Church**
Pam Bluhm
- **5:30 Torchlight Parade**
- **6:00 Yule Bonfire—Chatfield Lions**
- **7:00 Cold Cash Bingo—Bonnie Hedrick**
- **All Day Voyageur Village—Roy Giethbrock**
867-4697



Any other business, organization or individual wishing to host or sponsor an activity during Chill Fest is encouraged to contact Matt Opat 867-4080 or Mike Martin 867-3134.

Hosted by Chatfield Lions Club



ICE RINK

Warming House Attendant Hours

Monday—Thursday	4:00 pm—8:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm—9:00 pm
Saturday (Early)	11:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday (Late)	7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Sunday	2:00 pm—8:00 pm

Ice Rinks are open during all other day—time hours.