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CHATFIELD

# COMMUNITY LINK

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## CHATFIELD'S HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

to miss!

On Sunday, November 15th, the Chatfield Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold the first of what is shaping up to be an annual event—an open house!

Given that this open house will be held in Potter Auditorium, this should be a special treat. Potter Auditorium is full of history but not many people actually know much of the story....the story that played out, not just in Chatfield but also in Washington D.C., right on into the White House. During this open house, you will be able to pick up some of these tidbits.

Not many people have taken the time to search out the many companies that were involved in actually constructing Potter or, for that matter, finding out if those companies are still in business, ready to participate again. Not many folk have studied the construction of this building in a way that might cause one to understand its past and, perhaps, provide an insight to the future capability of the building. This is the stuff of an open house that is sponsored by a Heritage Preservation Commission and this is the

Coming up soon, is an event that the people of Chatfield will not want

stuff that makes it worthwhile to turn out on a November evening to prow the halls of an old building and visit with neighbors at the same time.

Potter Auditorium, notwithstanding, the actual purpose of this open house is to re-introduce the HPC to the residents of the community. There are opportunities for residents to get involved with the HPC and this will be a good evening to talk about how an HPC can assist a community to preserve its culture while it moves into the future.

The Chatfield HPC is one of only forty-some in the state of Minnesota who have achieved the status of Certified Local Government (CLG). Certainly, the existence of an HPC is the foundation on which to build any preservation program but it is the CLG status that gives clout to the program.

When it comes to preservation work, clout actually comes in the form of imagination, understanding and money. It is the understanding of the past that adds value to the imagination of the future. It is the melding of money with the desire to preserve and enhance a property of substance, like Potter Auditorium, so that it can serve the next several generations of residents.

The presentation that Robert Vogel will be making at 6:30 p.m. will be the cornerstone event of the evening but that is not all.

Tours of the buildings will be given at 5:30, 6:00 and at 7:30. During that time, to make the evening even more meaningful, exhibitors will be set up for people to visit with. Architects, engineers and preservation specialists will be on hand to answer questions of homeowners and other interested folk.

Please attend the First Annual Chatfield Heritage Preservation Open House.

- 5:00—8:00 p.m. Exhibits
- 5:00 Opening Reception
- 5:30 Historic Building Tour
- 6:00 Historic Building Tour
- 6:30 Presentation by Robert Vogel, City Historic Preservation Planner: "The Potter Auditorium: Past, Present and Future."
- 7:30 Historic Building Tour
- 8:00 Closing

Exhibitors (At time of writing)

- Chatfield HPC
- Grooters, Leopoldt Tideman Architects
- Kane & Johnson, Architects
- Pathfinder, CRM (Historic Preservation Specialists)
- Potter Auditorium Steering Committee
- Preservation Alliance of Minnesota
- TKDA Architects and Engineers

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# SIDEWALKS, WINTER PARKING & SNOWPLOWING

Sidewalks need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible, after a snowfall (within 24 hours)!!!

Pedestrians depend on the sidewalks and need the corners clear, too.

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. Clear, safe sidewalks are extremely important to young children as they walk to school early in the morning. Please respect the safety and convenience of your neighbors and keep the sidewalks clear.

To assist in keeping the **public** walks clear, citizens may obtain small amounts of salt / sand from the City sand pile located by the garage on the State property at the South end of Winona Street. Please limit yourself to a 5 gallon pail. This service is not meant for private driveways or parking lots, rather it is meant to keep public walkways safe for all to enjoy.

During the winter, the City makes every effort to keep the streets clean and safe. The best way that residents can help is to make sure that no vehicles or trailers are parked in the street when plows come by.

Accommodating parking needs and winter street maintenance is a balancing act. In order to allow residents to use the streets as much as possible, the City does not enforce practices like even-odd parking nor does it totally prohibit parking during the winter months. Instead, residents are allowed to use the streets all winter long, but vehicles do need to be moved when it is time to plow snow. City ordinance 3.1.4 does not allow vehicles to be parked or to be left on the streets or in the alleys such that they interfere with the plowing or removal of snow. If a plow driver must plow around a vehicle, a ticket will be issued. If it is snowing or is about to snow, do not park on the street until the street is plowed curb to curb.

Generally, snowplowing occurs when we receive a snowfall of 2" or more. When snow accumulates to an unacceptable amount in the downtown area, the snow will be banked in the middle of the street for pick-up and removal. *Parking is strictly prohibited in the downtown area during this time when snow is being removed*

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

The fine amount for a ticket issued for violation of ordinance 3.1.4 is \$25.00 plus \$95.00 for towing and impound and \$10.00 per day storage fee.

**Snow Removal from Private Property**—When snow is being removed from your driveway or parking lot (whether you do it or hire someone to do it), do not move it onto public roads, sidewalks or neighboring property. Moving snow and ice from private property onto or across a public roadway is a violation of State Statute. Pushing snow onto a sidewalk is prohibited by City Ordinance.

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## NOVEMBER 2009

Mon Nov 2nd— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm

Mon Nov 9th— City Council @ 7:00 pm

Wed Nov 11th— Cable Television Board  
@ 7:00 am

Mon Nov 16th—Heritage Preservation  
Commission @ 7:00 pm

Mon Nov 23rd— City Council @ 7:00 pm

## MINNESOTA FLU LINE: 1-866-259-4655

A new phone-based service is now available for Minnesotans who think they may have the flu.

People with possible flu symptoms can call the Minnesota FluLine (MN FluLine) no charge at 1-866-259-4655 for information and treatment options. Professionals will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Callers with flu symptoms will be connected with a participating nurse at MN FluLine, or a nurse at a triage line operated by their own provider network or healthplan. The nurses will evaluate the health concerns of callers and discuss treatment options, using consistent criteria to determine which treatment option is most appropriate for each individual.

People who need information about the flu, but do not have symptoms, are encouraged to visit the MDH flu information page at [www.mdhflu.com](http://www.mdhflu.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Brush & Leaf Dump Hours**

Wednesdays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm,

Fridays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm,

Saturdays 10:00 am—4:00pm

Brush, leaves & grass clippings only, please!!!

**Closing for the season Friday, November 6th**