

COMMUNITY LINK

APRIL 2007



CITY OF CHATFIELD

THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT...

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For a glimpse of how a wastewater treatment plant works, tune in to CCTV Channel 11 and watch Community Link—The Television Show during the month of April. The show airs regularly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The first broadcast of this program is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th. If you're not the type who likes to live by a broadcast schedule, you might appreciate knowing that this show is also available on demand, at www.ci.chatfield.mn.us. Just click on the icon that takes you to the video library and scroll down until you find this video in the Community Link folder. It's free!!

The purpose of the video is to provide you with an introductory tour of this \$7,000,000 community investment. While most folks have observed the great changes in the world of handling solid waste (garbage) over the years, similar changes have been happening in the world of treating human waste, too. As new environmental laws are enacted, we are rewarded with a cleaner environment, a higher quality of life and, yes, a more costly treatment system to operate.

Certainly, a quick look at your utility bill will let you know that treating our waste is serious business. In fact, if you really look at your city utility bill, you will notice that the waste treatment related costs are in the range of 75% - 80% of the bill with the wastewater costs being the single greatest cost of the bill. While it is out of our hands, as individuals, to actually control these costs, the best thing that any one of us can do is to use our water sparingly, and to use products that are environmentally friendly in the first place.

A thirty minute television program is only long enough for a basic introduction to things like clarifiers, sludge tanks, ultraviolet disinfection, oxidation ditches and the like but we hope it helps. This facility is one of the most costly public facilities in the community and, for it to function, the micro-organisms within it must be cultured properly. Those are some of the factors that really define the importance of the wastewater treatment plant operator, who is charged with keeping this expensive, necessary and sensitive plant operating twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year.

Please watch the newspapers, and the city website, for an announcement of an upcoming Open House, which will allow folks to walk throughout the facility and get to know a little more about how the facility operates.

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE NOTICE: SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Wm. Hanson Waste Removal disposes residential and commercial waste at Fillmore County Resource Recovery Center and Olmsted County Waste Energy Facility. Demolition and construction material is disposed of at Veit Disposal Systems.

Note: Residents may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been disposed. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides substantially more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability.

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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

THANK YOU, TERRY HAAGENSON!!

Terry Haagenon, the most senior member of the Chatfield city staff slid off into retirement just the other day. After serving the public through his employment with the City of Chatfield these last thirty plus years, Terry took a well-deserved retirement, effective March 23, 2007.

Although Terry served the City in many ways over the years, his most well known role is that as the primary operator of the wastewater treatment plant. In order to operate Chatfield's plant, it was required that Terry hold a Class A operator's license, which is wastewater's highest grade of license in Minnesota. Less than fifty cities in Minnesota have a Class A plant and Terry has held that license for approximately fifteen years. That was a fine accomplishment—congratulations and best wishes, Terry!

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- **Mon Apr 2nd- Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm**
- **Mon Apr 9th- City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Wed Apr 11th-Cable Television Board 7:00 am**
- **Mon Apr 16th— Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm**
- **Mon Apr 23rd- City Council 7:00 pm**

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- **Mon May 7th- Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm**
- **Wed May 9th-Cable Television Board 7:00 am**
- **Mon May 14th- City Council 7:00 pm**
- **Mon May 21st— Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm**
- **Thu May 24th—Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm**
- **Tue May 29th- City Council 7:00 pm**

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TROUT CLASSIC BREAKFAST & FISHING CONTEST

Celebrate the trout stream opener
in Chatfield!!!

*Saturday April 14, 2007
Chatfield Fire Hall*

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
All the Pancakes You Can Eat, Sausage,
Coffee & Milk Served 6:00–10:00 a.m.
\$1.00 Pre-School Children
\$4.00 Students & Adults

**TROUT FISHING CONTEST FOR
FISHERMEN OF ALL AGES**
Entry Fee \$10 Adults & children over
12 \$1 Children 12 & under.
Pre-Register at Magnum Sports in Chat-
field before the day of the event.
On April 14, registration is either at
Magnum Sports or the Fire Hall un-
til 8:00 a.m.

Live Trout Display Courtesy
of MN DNR—Maps of Area
Streams Provided
Prizes will be awarded by age
category and fish species. Weigh-
ins and awards will take place at 1:00
p.m. Join the fun!!!



DISPOSE OF APPLIANCES FREE, IN FILLMORE COUNTY!!

Fillmore County, in conjunction with Waste Management, is offering Fillmore County residents a chance to dispose of major appliances (no computers or televisions) at no charge during the month of April!!

Residents can deliver their appliances to the Resource Recovery Center in Preston or to the Waste Management facility in Spring Valley. For more information, you can call 507-765-4704 or 507-346-2558.

TORNADO SEASON

The annual Severe Weather Week will be observed in Chatfield again this spring. The annual Tornado Drill will take place on Thursday, April 12, in conjunction with communities throughout the state. The drill will be held at 1:45 p.m. that day.