

COMMUNITY LINK

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CITY OF
CHATFIELD

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY—2007

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This winter, the Chatfield Police Department will host its first Citizen's Police Academy. The Academy will meet one evening each week, from 6:30–9:30, beginning on Thursday, February 1st continuing through Thursday, March 8, 2006 and Saturday, March 3rd during the day. There are no fees associated with the Academy. Registration is open to anyone over the age of 18 who either lives in or works in Chatfield. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early to reserve your spot. Criminal background checks will be conducted on all applicants.

The Academy will provide an inside look at the operation and services provided by the Chatfield Police Department. Topics for the six week course will include why police do what they do: routine traffic stops, use of force, judicial process, police investigations, DUI enforcement, crime prevention and much more.

For more information on the Citizen's Academy or to obtain an application form, please contact the Chatfield Police Department at 507-867-3331 or visit the City's web site at www.ci.chatfield.mn.us. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

A LOOK BACK AT 2006:

IT WAS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY AND FOCUS...

Technology, in terms of how the City disseminates information to the public, and Focus, in terms of providing certain services in a more specialized fashion, turned out to be the focal points of the City in 2006.

In its effort to improve communications and access to information by the general public, the City made an early-year decision to develop methods of communication that use different forms of technology. For instance, this newsletter obviously comes out on paper but it is also somewhat reiterated in the form of Community Link—the Television Show. Recognizing people's increasing use of the Web, the City reconstructed its website to make it more pleasing to the eye and more user friendly. At the same time, the most dramatic effort was to combine the power of television with the power of the worldwide web by offering a streaming video service. The idea is to put out similar information in different formats, in an effort to appeal to the different preferences of the residents. The goal is to make residents as well-informed as possible. Check out www.ci.chatfield.mn.us!!

In terms of "focus," the City inked two contracts in an effort to supply residents with staff who have specialized education and experience in the fields of planning, zoning and economic development. The sensitive nature of property rights has made that field one of the more challenging areas for cities while a desired outcome of quality land use planning is to locate public services and private land uses in such a way that utilities can be installed efficiently and land use conflicts are minimized. At the same time, an effort to continually prime the economic development pump helps pay the bills.

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9-1-1

Ambulance (Non Emergency)

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 6, 2007. 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 2007

- Tue Jan 2nd— Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Jan 8th— City Council 7:00 pm
- Tue Jan 16th- Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm
- Mon Jan 22nd- City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Jan 25th- Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY 2007

- Mon Feb 5th- Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 12th- City Council 7:00 pm
- Tue Feb 20th— Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm
- Thu Feb 22nd-Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm
- Mon Feb 26th- City Council 7:00 pm

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CHILL FEST 2007 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Chill Fest is less than a month away!

Here are some of the activities planned for the day:

- **Salsa Contest** (the dip not the dance).
Contact—Jackie Hrstka 867-3744 for details.
- **Dessert Bar Contest**
Contact—Jackie Hrstka 867-3744 for details.
- **Illuminated Parade 6:00 p.m.**
Contact—Matt Opat 867-4080 or Kelly Wagner 867-3854 for details.
- **Polar Plunge 2:00 p.m.**
Contact— Dave Dudek 867-3856 for details.
- **Winter Encampment, Groen Park—**
Contact—Roy Giethbrock 867-4697 for details.
- **Family Games—**
Organized by Stacy Fritz & FFA Students, also Lyman Hare will be organizing a fund raiser for the Cancer Telethon.
- **Sled Dog Teams**
- **Food & Beverage Vendors**
- **Chili Supper 4:00—7:00 p.m.—**
Presbyterian Church
- **Wit's End Theatre—Short Performance**



Watch for further details to be posted throughout the community.

Any other business, organization or individual who wishes to host or sponsor an activity during Chill Fest is encouraged to contact Tom Siegel as soon as possible with the details. You can reach him by email at t.siegel@mchsi.com or by phone at 507-259-6902.

EMT TRAINING

Become part of this "Caring Team". The Chatfield Ambulance Service invites you to join the Service. Classes begin in February, right here in Chatfield. EMTs are needed. Please call 867-4446 for information or stop in the office. This is an exciting way to serve your community!!!