# COMMUNITY LINK



CITY OF Chatfield

MARCH 2007

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ecently, a good number of local residents gathered at the Thurber Building to discuss the current state of the local parks and to forge a vision for the park systems. While that process has yet to play itself out, completely, some goal statements are developing;

<u>Chatfield Park System:</u> "To create a connected, sustainable park system that balances the resident's needs for natural areas with their needs for active recreation facilities."

City Park: "To maintain and enhance the existing civic and historic character of the park."

Groen Park: "To continue to develop this park as a 'family' park."

<u>Hendrick's Park:</u> "To create a park that would become a visual gateway to the City from the east..."

<u>Jaycee Park / Savannah Springs Nature Area:</u> "To create an accessible, multi-use neighborhood park that is well connected to the high school and Savannah Springs Nature area."

Lonestone Park: "To develop this park as a neighborhood family gathering spot with ample

open space for flexible uses."

Mill Creek Park: "To enhance the common areas between the existing active recreation elements which would complement those facilities and establish a better connection to Mill Creek."

<u>Shady Oak Park:</u> "To create a neighborhood park that is easily accessible and provides for a variety of family friendly activities.

As these goal statements develop, so too are objective statements and action plans. This plan could make a big impact on the community for years to come. To get your input heard, contact Kristi at 867-1519 or kclarke@ci.chatfield.mn.us.

### SNOW, PLOWING & SIDEWALKS.....

Wow, we haven't had a snow-fall like that in a long time!!! This is an extremely large amount of very heavy snow, sitting on an icy layer underneath.

Please be patient with the snowplow crew. They make every effort to clear you out quickly and thoroughly. They even regret plugging your driveway but, unfortunately, there is only so much room to put the snow.



If you have a sidewalk, please clear it quickly and completely!! Many pedestrians depend on the sidewalks and need the corners clear, too. Whether you have a business or a home, please do your part and make your sidewalk clean and safe! Thank you!!!

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# Help Create A New Playground for City Park!

## Join Us For Design Day March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Potter Auditorium

During school on March 6, an architect from Leathers and Associates will be visiting with Chatfield students to gather ideas and inspiration for a new playground in City Park. Then, in the evening, the entire community will gather for more input and a look at preliminary plans. Bring your friends, neighbors and family along with your great ideas. It's sure to be fun for all ages!

# Chatfield Park Partners. Just Imagine!

### MARCH 2007

- Mon Mar 5th- Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Mar 12th- City Council 7:00 pm
- Wed Mar 14th-Cable Television Board 7:00 am
- Mon Mar 19th
   — Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm
- Mon Mar 26th- City Council 7:00 pm

### APRIL 2007

- 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
- Thu Apr 26th—Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm

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Chatfield Community Television (CCTV) is a bright star that demonstrates what can be achieved when people join together to get something done! Even more can be accomplished but your ideas, and help, are needed!

It is interesting to know that, to produce one basketball game, it takes approximately 17 hours of volunteer time and six or seven volunteers to help out. When that kind of effort is totaled up, it takes over 1,500 volunteer hours, each year, to produce the 80+ sporting events and the many concerts, public meetings, and other programs that are created each year.

Volunteers are needed to operate cameras, to offer commentary and to operate the technical aspects of the Director's Table. Oh, sure, it might take a knack to do some of these jobs but that comes pretty easily with some experience and words of encouragement. You just need to be willing to try.

To volunteer with CCTV, it is not required that you volunteer for a long time period or even for a full year. If your interest is limited to concerts, or to one sport in particular, or to public meetings, just say so and we will fit you in.

Local television is powerful—it opens up a window to your local governments—with CCTV, you can conveniently check on how your city council and school board makes decisions.

Local television is entertaining—it brings parades and civic celebrations right into your living room without having to stand on the edge of Mill Creek.

Local television is educational—it provides programming that includes information about what is going on in the community, like park planning, development issues and so on.

Local television is uplifting—it shines a spotlight on our young people and allows older folks to stay in touch, following the sporting events and concerts in the safety of their living room.

Contact Craig Manahan at 529-0471 if interested in joining the CCTV crew!! Great things are happening at CCTV, Channel 11!!