



CITY OF  
CHATFIELD

# COMMUNITY LINK

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## SPRING CLEAN-UP;

## POINTS TO PONDER...

Over the years, the annual spring clean-up has become a rite of the seasonal changes and a welcome one it is. Residents might want to be aware that this service has been increasing in cost, rising from approximately \$6,000 a few years ago to approximately \$11,000 at times. As those costs increase, naturally, thoughts turn to changing how this service works, or eliminating it altogether. This was one of those years, actually, when the City Council seriously debated the merits and costs of this service and, in the end, decided that the service is valuable to the residents. They are concerned about the rising costs, though.

In order to ensure this service in the future, residents are urged to use this service thoughtfully. The original intent was to provide a way for folks to dispose of large, bulky items, items that don't fit easily into the yellow bags. The intent was to eliminate the need for people to set stuff outside and let that stuff sit next to the garage where weeds might grow and vermin are attracted. Please use the service but if your items are small, please place those items out, in yellow bags, on your regular day of pick-up.

This service is funded by a portion of the fee that appears on your monthly utility bill. Enjoy the event!!



## Recreational Fires

Burning is not allowed within the city limits with the exception of a recreational fire. To be classified as a recreational fire ALL of the following criteria MUST be met:

- The fire can be no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet.
- It must be surrounded by a fire ring.
- Only twigs and logs are to be burned.
- Someone must be in attendance at all times.

Please note: fire bans include recreational fires



## Brush & Leaf Dump Hours

- \* Wednesdays 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM  
& 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM
  - \* Fridays 1:00 PM — 4:00 PM
  - \* Saturdays 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
- Brush, leaves and grass clippings only

## City Wide Clean Up

The spring city-wide clean-up has been scheduled to begin Monday, May 8th.

- Place all unwanted items **on the curb**.
- Tires, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other **household hazardous waste will not be picked up**.
- **Appliances, televisions and computer monitors always need a sticker**—these will be picked up on Thursday, May 11th.
- **This is open to city residents only.**

This is a valued but expensive service. It is intended to help with large, bulky, non-compactable items. Clothing and other items that can fit into the regular yellow bags should be placed in one. Please do not abuse this service. Thank you!

## CITY OF CHATFIELD

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21 Second Street SE Chatfield, MN 55923

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

## CITY OFFICIALS

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Chatfield Ambulance Activities Association

## Annual Chicken Barbeque

**Saturday May 5th, 2007**

**12:00 PM—7:00 PM**

**(or sold out)**

**City Hall—Ambulance Garage**

1/4 Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Baked Beans  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Ice Cream  
Beverage



***Dine In or Take Out***

Volunteer to be an EMT!! It's a great way to serve your community and neighbors!!

## MAY 2007

- Mon May 7— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon May 14— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon May 21- Heritage Preservation @ 7:00 pm
- Thu May 24- Economic Development @ 5:30 pm
- Tue May 29- City Council @ 7:00 pm

## JUNE 2007

- Mon Jun 4— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Jun 11— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Jun 18- Heritage Preservation @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Jun 25- City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Thu Jun 28- Economic Development @ 5:30 pm



### **NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Tall grasses and noxious weeds must be controlled within the city of Chatfield.

Grasses or weeds taller than eight (8) inches in height (or that have gone to seed) are in violation.

It is also a violation to allow any noxious weeds, as defined by Minnesota Statute, to grow within the city. Noxious weeds include Field Bindweed, Hemp, Purple Loosestrife, Garlic Mustard, Poison Ivy, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Sow Thistle, Bull Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Musk Thistle and Plumeless Thistle.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Grower's Market**—Starting in May - get fresh flowers, plants and other goodies each Thursday, in City Park!!
- **Community-Wide Garage Sales**—Saturday, May 5th
  - **Tourism Center** to Open Soon!  
Join an already active team of volunteers for our Tourism Center. This is a great way to welcome visitors and promote the town! Call 867-3810 to volunteer!!
  - Look for **Swimming Pool** Lesson and Registration Information in the Gopher Gazette.
- Interested in **watering the flower baskets** on Main Street??? Contact Carol Kivimagi at [carolk55923@yahoo.com](mailto:carolk55923@yahoo.com) to volunteer!!



### **BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED FOR:**

- All new construction that creates a building larger than 120 square feet.
- All structural repairs & improvements.
- Roof Projects
- Shingling / Re-shingling.
- Adding / replacing a deck.
- Siding.
- Install Gas / Wood Fire-place.
- Furnaces & Air Conditioners.
- Install / Replace Water Heater.
- Structure Moving & Demo.