



CITY OF  
CHATFIELD

# COMMUNITY LINK

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## The Chatfield Public School System And our Local Economy.....

*In light of the upcoming school referendum, the following is an abridged version of an article that was written by Ron Zeigler, Chatfield's Economic Development Coordinator.*

In many economic development circles, the discussion in rural Minnesota for survival of smaller communities starts with the term "sustainable community". A sustainable community can be described as a group of people with a common characteristic, living together, utilizing a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.

Many would argue that in smaller communities our #1 resource is our school system. The school has historically been the central point of the community, being the resource that bonds people and brings people within the community together. There isn't another resource within the community that has the ability to rally the community consistently year after year. The school's foundation is based on academics and basic education of our students. However, this generally includes athletic events, music events and theatrical productions, in addition to the availability of the school facilities to the general public. The school is the life blood of the community. When a city loses its' school system, it loses its sense of community. Schools play a vital role in the knowledge, emotional and physical base as well as the social and economic health of communities they serve.

The American Association of School Administrators states "Education is the best investment we can make – one that pays off in countless dividends, for us, for our children, and for our society...If we hope to maintain or improve the quality of life in our communities, attract new industries, and continue to prosper as a nation, top-notch schools are essential."

It has often been asserted, particularly by education advocates and public leaders, that high quality public schools have a positive impact on economic development. The US Conference of Mayors asserts "... the economic vitality of a city is linked to the performance of its school...it is clear that City officials view the quality of public education and local schools as the cornerstone of their cities' success." School facilities that are small, local, modern and community-oriented can positively affect local economic development. In contrast, school facilities that are well past their useful life can negatively affect local economic development. Chatfield has a storied history of high academic achievement thanks to the educators and the community as well. It takes an entire community to raise a child!

***Don't forget to vote in the school referendum, Tuesday, September 25th!!!***

**FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

All residents and businesses who incurred damage from storms after August 18th are eligible to register for disaster aid. If you sustained losses or damage, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). When you call, please have the following available—Social Security Number (including spouse), Private Insurance Information, if available, Address & zip code of the damaged property, directions to the property and a daytime telephone number.

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**In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1**

<b>Ambulance Office (Non Emergency)</b>	<b>507-867-4446</b>
<b>Police Office (Non Emergency)</b>	<b>507-867-3331</b>
<b>Chatfield Public Library</b>	<b>507-867-3480</b>

## Community Events

### **Grower's Market**

Get fresh flowers, plants and other goodies Thursdays from 3:00—6:00 pm. !!!

### **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—4:00pm  
Brush, leaves & grass clippings only, please!!!

### **Community Link the TV Show**

See the televised version of the newsletter on CCTV channel 11; Mondays, at 5:30 pm or Tuesdays, at 11:30 am

### **Environmental Service Fee**

Olmsted County Residents will see a new Environmental Service Charge of \$.73 on their monthly utility bill.

Call 285-7039 for information.

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## SEPTEMBER 2007

- Tues Sep 4th— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Sep 10th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Sep 17th- Heritage Preservation Commission@ 7:00pm
- Mon Sep 24th- City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Thu Sep 27th- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm

# WANTED

## Chatfield Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Tuesday, September 18th, 2007

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Alley behind Fire Station and Library  
between 3rd Street and 4th Street

Sponsored by  
Olmsted County Public Works

### Bring

Drain Openers  
Toilet Bowl Cleaners  
Photographic Chemicals  
Floor & Furniture Polish  
Transmission Fluid  
Paints  
Mercury Products  
Rechargeable Batteries

Oven Cleaners  
Pool Acids  
Gas/Diesel  
Adhesives  
Aerosols  
Solvents  
Anti Freeze  
Pesticides

### Don't Bring

Empty Containers  
Soaps & Detergent  
Explosives  
Medical Wastes  
Used Motor Oil  
Used Oil Filters  
Fluorescent Tubes  
Propane Tanks

Collections may be canceled in the case of rain or threatening storms.

### ATTENTION BUSINESSES & FARMERS

We cannot accept business or ag generated hazardous wastes at mobile collections. These wastes may be accepted at our facility in Rochester. Pre-approval is required before delivery of these wastes.

For more information call 285-8231.

Visit our web site at  
[www.olmstedwaste.com](http://www.olmstedwaste.com)

for additional hazardous waste, recycling and solid waste information.

**THERE'S A PROPER PLACE FOR ALL YOUR WASTE.**  
**OLMSTED COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 285-8231**

## Chatfield's Fall of 2007

### Trash & Treasure Day

**Saturday, September 8th—7:00 am—2:00 pm**

Treasure Maps available at the Chatfield News,  
Greenway Co-op and Kwik Trip.

**Note: There is no City-Wide Curbside Trash Pick-Up  
with the Fall Trash & Treasure Day**

## EMT TRAINING!!!

**Become an EMT!!! Join the Chatfield Ambulance Crew  
right now!!**

When: September 24th 6:00 p.m.—Prerequisite  
September 25th—Training Begins

Where: Thurber Community Room—Chatfield

**Call 867-4446 to sign up!!!**