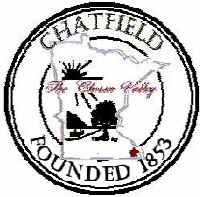


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FEBRUARY 2006



CITY OF
CHATFIELD

CHATFIELD SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETING INITIATIVE

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The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation has announced the selection of Chatfield as the recipient of one of its 2006 Town Meeting Initiative (TMI) grants. The Town Meeting Initiative is a guided community development process that takes place over a two-year period. The Foundation will assist Chatfield residents in developing local leaders, increasing civic engagement, setting goals and mapping community assets that will lead Chatfield residents to the completion of a community-selected project. As part of the TMI grant the Foundation has awarded Chatfield \$12,000 to be used to begin work on these community selected projects and will supplement these funds with training in Asset Based Community Development and Fundraising, and will serve as a resource to Chatfield throughout the TMI process.

The Foundation believes that communities have many existing assets that can and should be identified and aligned to support the growth and vitality of the community and its residents. The

Town Meeting Initiative will identify these assets at an open town meeting, inviting area residents to participate in identifying new areas of interest and growth that they wish to work on in their community.

The Town Meeting Initiative is part of The Foundation's commitment to help build stronger communities and businesses in Southern Minnesota. It is an asset-based community capacity-building program designed to assist communities in developing volunteer leadership, increasing resident involvement, identifying community goals, mapping existing assets, and increasing community effectiveness in applying asset-based approaches.

Chatfield is assembling a core leadership team which includes representatives from local government, the medical community, local businesses, education, the faith community, recreation, social organizations, and youth-focused groups. One of their goals is to promote inclusiveness and capacity building in the Chatfield area.

The Community's core leadership team will attend The Foundation's Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) training sessions, convene monthly, and foster a shared responsibility and ownership. They will identify general categories of existing assets within the community, each with multiple examples of resources, and will work to successfully incorporate each of them to accomplish their goals. Chatfield is one of four communities that will participate in the Town Meeting Initiative this year.

WALK YOUR DOG,

There is nothing better than a leisurely walk with your pet on a beautiful day. It is important, though, to clean up after your dog if "nature calls" while you are out and about. Please carry a bag or two with you on your walk so you are prepared. The City has received a number of complaints about this and people need to be more considerate. Even in the parks—if your dog "does its business" while on a run in

BUT CLEAN UP, TOO...

the park, make sure that you clean up there, too.

It is important to pick up after your pet. Not only is it inconsiderate but it is unlawful to allow your pet to defecate on other private or public property without cleaning up. Please keep our town clean and healthy!!!



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WANTED

Wanted:

Ambulance Crew Volunteers

Qualifications:

- A desire to help people in a medical emergency.
- Live or Work in close proximity to Chatfield.
 - Be at least 18 years old.
 - A valid drivers license.

Requirements:

- Complete a CPR Class.
- Attain Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

What's In It for You:

Serving with the Chatfield Ambulance Service as an EMT might be one of the most rewarding things that you will ever do. You will be helping your community and you will have the opportunity to help your friends and neighbors when they need you the most. Not only that, but you will have the knowledge and skills that could be critical for a loved one of your own.

All training is provided locally, right here in Chatfield, where a certified training institute has been operated for almost fifteen years. Your classes will be free as long as you serve for at least one year with the Chatfield Ambulance Service after successfully obtaining your EMT certification. You will be well trained and you will provide some of the best service that one can provide to another person.

Call 867-4446 right now for more information on how to become part of this caring team. The next CPR class will be held on February 7th and the next EMT class will begin on February 14th.



FEBRUARY 2006

- Mon Feb 6th- Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 13th- City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Tue Feb 21st— Heritage Preservation Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Thu Feb 23rd- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm
- Mon Feb 27th- City Council @ 7:00 pm

MARCH 2006

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- Mon Mar 13th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Mar 20th- Heritage Preservation Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Thu Mar 23rd- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As Mayor Curt Sorenson took some time to reflect on the recent past, he noted several accomplishments for which the community can be proud.

Mayor Sorenson highlighted the acquisition of the Ready-Mix property and the Greenway property, both of which are strategically located on Fillmore County Road 2, adjacent to Mill Creek Park and Groen Park. He noted that work has been started on the renovation and reconstruction of the city's wastewater treatment plant, which represents the largest capital investment that the City has ever made. He went on to outline the acquisition or replacement of certain pieces of equipment that are necessary to provide emergency services and to care for the City's streets, sewers and water systems. These acquisitions will set the stage for providing city services in the future. Furthermore, he made special mention of the donations that the City had received in 2005, which totaled in excess of \$500,000.



In terms of the future, Mayor Sorenson stated that "Downtown Renewal" is on the top of his list. He would also like to see efforts focused on developing the County Road 10 site that was recently donated to the City and to see improvement in the communications that the City has with the resident taxpayers. While the Mayor stated his confidence in the financial situation of the City, he lists improvements in long term financial planning of the City as one of his goals, too. A final objective of Mayor Sorenson, in 2006, is to continue efforts to remove or improve blighted properties within the community.

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