



COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

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CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT—PROPOSED.....

The City Charter Commission recently submitted a proposal to the City Council to change the City Charter to create an employee position of City Administrator. The primary purpose of the proposal is to better clarify the role of various positions and to develop more structure within the organization.

If the proposal is approved, the current City Clerk position will be modified into a City Administrator position and the current Deputy City Clerk position would be upgraded to a City Clerk position. This proposal does not add any additional employees to the City's payroll. The cost of implementing this proposal is expected to be approximately \$5,000.

The City Council will be considering this proposal in June. Questions or comments can be sent directly to the Mayor or any member of the City Council, or submitted in writing to the City Clerk's office.

Major Features of the Proposal

Mayor and City Council

- The Mayor and City Council function as the legislative authority within the City of Chatfield. The Mayor and City Council discuss and adopt the tax levy and budget, adopt ordinances, set policies, approve and deny land use applications, and so on.
- The City Administrator is appointed by and is subject to annual performance reviews by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council also have the power to remove or terminate the City Administrator.
- The City Council has the sole authority and responsibility to hire and terminate all staff.
- The Mayor is typically the most visible leader for a community under the Administrator form of government.
- The Mayor and City Council direct the work of the City Administrator. The City Administrator coordinates work assignments with City staff.

City Administrator

- The appointed City Administrator functions like a business organization's chief executive by administering the daily operations for the City under the guidance of the City Council.
- The City Administrator has a professional staff that, under her/his guidance, provides the services and implements the policies adopted by the elected City Council.
- The City Administrator is responsible for preparing the City's budget, directing day-to-day operations, recommending the hiring and removal of staff, and providing complete and objective information to the Mayor and City Council on issues as they arise.
- The City Administrator is selected by the Mayor and City Council based on her/his education, training, and relevant managerial experience.



RABIES CLINIC



June 2020 Rabies Vaccination Clinics are canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please watch for future announcements about the rabies clinics. These clinics are a partnership between local veterinarians supported by Olmsted County Public Health Services.

Contact Chosen Valley Veterinary Clinic to schedule an appointment if needed 867-3610.

PET LICENSING

Each license is \$10 for neutered or spayed animals and \$20 per year if not neutered or spayed. To purchase a license, be prepared to show proof of your pet's rabies vaccination when you stop at the City Clerk's office.

Note: Please pick up your dog's poop. It is unlawful to permit a dog (or cat) to defecate on any private property without consent or on any public property unless immediately removed and placed in a proper receptacle.



WESTERN DAYS 2020?

The Western Days Committee has informed the City that they intend to make a final determination in July, as to whether the celebration will be held this year or not.

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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



CHATFIELD GROWERS MARKET

THURSDAYS, 3:00– 6:00 PM
MAY–OCTOBER
CHATFIELD CITY PARK

DENNY MEYER 507-259-7523
DMEYER850@GMAIL.COM



CHATFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Until the library can reopen for in-house services, curbside pick up of library materials will be available. Call, email, or use our online catalog to request. When notified that your materials are ready, please contact the library to arrange a time to pick them up out front.

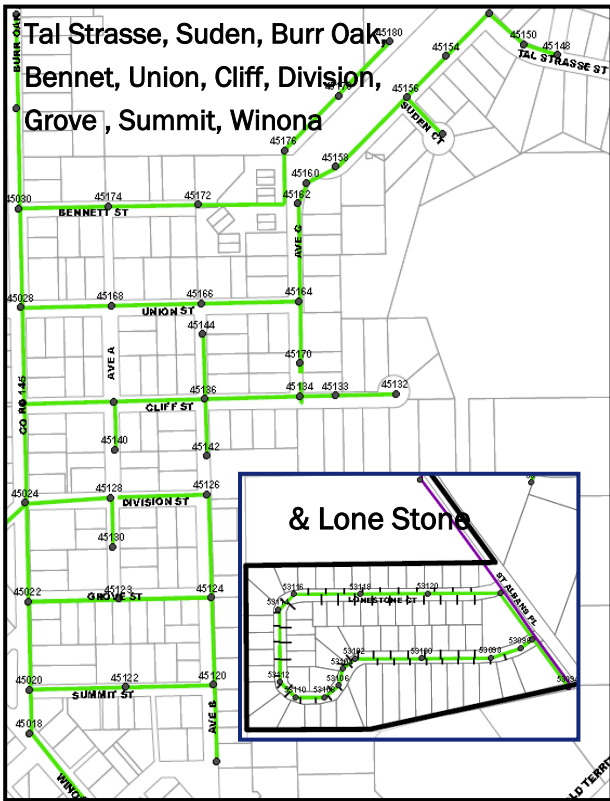
By necessity, our Summer Reading Program will be quite different this year. Youth are invited to come pick up one “take and make” bag outside the library in the patio area June 9-12, 10am-5pm. Everything needed for this summer’s program is included in this bag.

Instead of live programs, we’ve made arrangements with performers to offer virtual programs. Check our website or Facebook page for details on how to access these fun programs. Join our email list for summer updates.

Phone: 507-867-3480 Email: monica@selco.info Website: chatfieldpubliclibrary.org



SPRING SEWER LINE CLEANING (JETTING)



Sewer lines will be cleaned during the month of June. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. If roots are found, they are cut with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

During cleaning of sanitary sewer lines, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl can bubble or surge or, in rare instances, splash out of the bowl. We remind you that the water that could come from this type of incident is from the bowl itself.

The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that

have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home’s waste and ventilation system. To minimize the chance of water splashing out of your toilet bowl, please keep the lid down.

If you have any further questions, please contact the City of Chatfield, Wastewater superintendent Steven Schlichter (507) 867-4321

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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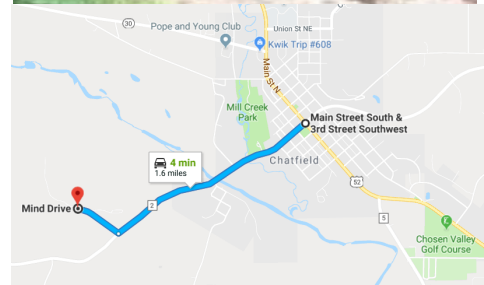
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BRUSH DUMP



West on Cty. 2 at the stoplights. Take the first gravel road on right after the Root River Bridge (Mind Drive). You will find a gate to the dump on the right side of the road.

WARNING SIRENS



Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City works with Olmsted County to test, maintain and activate the outdoor warning sirens in Chatfield. The purpose of the sirens is to warn people who are outdoors—while it is common for people within houses and other buildings

to hear these sirens, it is actually expected that people indoors will be warned in other more effective ways, such as radio, television or special weather radio.

Siren Testing

- Apr 1-Oct 1 Full 3 min every Wednesday
- Oct 2–May 31, First Wednesday of the month 1 min. All other Wednesdays a quiet test

Tests will not be conducted if there is rain or bad weather in the area.

Siren Activation

1. Winds 70 mph or more
2. Tornado Warning by NWS
3. Spotted funnel cloud by trained spotter
4. Radar detected funnel cloud