



COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

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THE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SYSTEM

Over recent months, the City Council has been discussing the method by which trash and recycling materials should be collected in town. This is a subject that comes under review periodically, with the most recent review taking place in 2017.

The City started using specially marked bags more than thirty years ago as the bag system encourages recycling and allows residents some control over the cost of their garbage bill. In other words, the less garbage one generates, the fewer bags needed and less cost is incurred. While the bag system has proven effective in that regard, there are reasons that cause a certain number of residents to prefer a more standard cart system, whereby each resident would be provided with one cart for recycling materials and another cart for trash. Given that there are lots of people who prefer bags and lots of people who prefer carts, the City Council revisits the issue periodically, as is the case this year.

As one might imagine, there are lots of details associated with changing a system from the use of bags to the use of carts and, to the extent possible, the City would like to anticipate those details in advance. Regarding carts, for instance, the City Council is discussing whether each residence should be provided with the same size cart or if each resident should choose the size they prefer. If residents are given a choice, a determination needs to be made regarding the various sizes that would be made available, how that choice would be made, etc.

Another issue is that of alley pick-up, as certain conditions such as power lines might prohibit the use of an automated truck in certain alleys. If that is the case, those residents would need to take their carts to the front curb instead of behind their garage, which would be an inconvenience to those people. At the time of this writing, it's not known if that condition exists and, if so, how many residents would be affected so more information needs to be developed on that point. Along a similar line, since an automated truck can only pick up items that fit into a cart, there is a discussion about how other bulky items will be collected and what impact, if any, would be made on the annual city-wide clean-up service.

The City Council is also considering the cost of the cart system versus the bag system, as it appears that the use of carts will increase costs for most residents in the community. Finally, for this article anyway, the City Council is considering the fact that the bag system is relatively unique and, due to labor and other issues, might not be sustainable for many more years to come.

The primary point of this article is to assure residents that the City Council is making its best effort to assure that trash and recycling materials are picked up in a fashion that is as efficient and acceptable as possible. In order to explore these issues more thoroughly, the City Council's Committee of the Whole is scheduled to discuss this at their meeting on June 27th. No final decisions have been made at this time.

COMMERCIAL LAND FOR SALE



Commercial lots on Enterprise Drive SE (formerly called Industrial Drive) are available for development. Rebates up to \$44,200 are available.

There are eight lots to choose from (it may be possible to combine lots). Lot sizes range from about 21,000 square feet to 36,000 square feet.

This area lends itself well to trade shops, warehousing, distribution, or similar business uses. Call or e-mail Chris with the Economic Development Authority for more information cgiesen@ci.chatfield.mn.us or 507-867-3810. Please help spread the word.



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Songs of Hope

July 19, 7:00pm
St Mary's Fellowship Hall



CHATFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS: THE 2022 MINNESOTA AUTHOR TOUR



BRIAN FREEMAN: JULY 21, 7:30PM

Brian Freeman writes psychological thrillers that have been sold in 46 countries and 22 languages. He has won Best Hardcover Novel in the annual Thriller Awards, and his novel, *The Deep, Deep Snow*, was a finalist for the Edgar Award.



City Calendar—July 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29	30	1
4 Holiday City Offices Closed	5 Recycling Collection	6 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	7 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection 3:00 PM Music in the Park and More! 7:00 PM Library Board	8
11 4:30 PM Personnel Budget Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Public Works Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City Council Meeting	12 Recycling Collection	13 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	14 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection 3:00 PM Music in the Park and More!	15
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25 4:30 PM Economic Development Authority Board Meeting 4:30 PM Public Services Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Park & Recreation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City Council Meeting	26 Recycling Collection 7:00 PM Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting	27 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	28 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection 3:00 PM Music in the Park and More!	29

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MUSIC IN THE PARK & MORE!

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Chatfield City Park | Main Street
Thursdays | June 9 - July 28

JULY 7
3:00 | Market Opens
5:30 | Jeremy Jewell Music
7:00 | Chatfield Brass Band: Patriotic Concert

JULY 14
3:00 | Market Opens w/Stumpy's Concessions
5:30 | To Be Announced
7:00 | Pat McLaughlin Band

JULY 21
3:00 | Market Opens
5:30 | Beyond the Trees - Music
7:00 | Loud Mouth Brass

JULY 28
3:00 | Market Opens
5:30 | Chatfield Brass Band Combo
7:00 | Chatfield Brass Band: Vern Anderson Tribute

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Jeremy Jewell
Thursday July 7, 5:45pm

Beyond the Trees
Thursday July 21, 5:45pm