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A Full Service Community



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FEBRUARY 2014

- Mon Feb 3rd—
Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 10th—
City Council 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 24th—
City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Feb 27th—

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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PROPERTY TAXES, WATER RATES & SANITARY SEWER RATES

Property Taxes:

The City tax levy will not be increasing in 2014!! Thanks to a significant increase in Local Government Aid (LGA) that the City receives from the State, the City was able to put together a budget that does not take any more dollars from the taxpayers! If anyone's property tax bill does increase, that increase will be caused by factors other than the City. That's the good news..

Sanitary Sewer Rates:

The not-so-good news is that you will notice an increase in your sanitary sewer bill this month, of 6%. Although this is never welcome news, this is consistent with the pricing plan that was put in play in 2004, when the wastewater treatment plant was

ordered to be constructed.

Actually, if it were not for the LGA program, the sewer rates would be even higher than they are now. On an annual basis, the City Council has dedicated



a significant amount of the LGA dollars to the sewer debt service fund to keep rates as low as possible.

Water Rates:

Last year, the City raised its fees for drinking water for the first time in three years. Unfortunately, those rates are going up again this year, by 3%. The reason for the increase is simply the higher cost of doing business combined with the fact that the water system is really quite large and, in some places, very old and in need of replacement.

Please know that the City Council and staff are never pleased about the need to raise utility rates. Hopefully, because the city tax was not increased, it will be a little easier to handle these water and sewer increases this year.



SECOND SUNDAY CINEMA

Mark your calendars for an exciting new monthly program! The Chatfield Public Library, in cooperation with the Chatfield Center for the Arts and Wits' End Theatre, will be showing an award-winning, first run, independent or foreign film at Potter Auditorium every second Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm, beginning February 9th. This is your chance (if you are 17 or older) to see films unavailable in regular theaters, for free, on the big screen, in historic Potter Auditorium! February's film will be **KEY OF LIFE**. *LA pacific Film Festival* says it is "a very clever and comical farce of mistaken identities. It's essentially TRADING PLACES through a Japanese lens and the result is one of the funniest and cleverest Japanese films in a long while.". Don't miss it!

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Chatfield Public Library 507-867-3480

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Upcoming Events



BILLY DEAN & DAN MAHAR
Saturday, February 1 - 7:30 PM
Proceeds to Benefit Center for the Arts
Tickets \$25 Advance—\$30 Door
Root River State Bank, F&M Bank &
City Clerk's Office



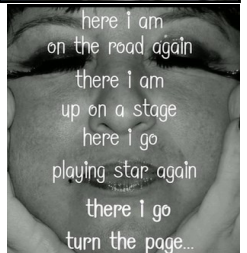
SECOND SUNDAY CINEMA—KEY OF LIFE
Sunday, February 9th—3:00 PM
Chatfield Center for the Arts—Potter Auditorium
Free Admission—17+
www.chatfieldcfa.com



CHOSEN BEAN CONCERT—Bill & Kate Isles
Friday, February 14th - 7:30—9:30 PM
Chatfield Center for the Arts—Legion Room
Tickets \$15—Available at the door
www.chosenbeanconcerts.org



Comedy Night—Dwight, Dillery & Hensel
Saturday, February 15th - 8:00 PM Show
Chatfield Center for the Arts
Tickets—Dinner & Show \$35, Show Only \$15
www.chatfieldcfa.com



SWEET BEV PERRON
Saturday, February 22nd - 7:30 PM
Chatfield Center for the Arts
Tickets \$15—21 Plus Show
www.chatfieldcfa.com



JACK WILLHITE—COMEDY THAT ROCKS
Saturday, March 15th - 8:00 PM
Chatfield Center for the Arts
Tickets \$15—21+ Show
www.chatfieldcfa.com

We love Storytime!



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!

**WINTER STORYTIME IS THE SECOND
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 6:30 PM**

**NEXT STORYTIME IS FEBRUARY 13TH
AT 6:30 PM**

LIBRARY HOURS

Tue. 10:00 am—6:30 pm

Wed. 10:00 am—6:30 pm

Thur. 10:00 am—8:30 pm

Fri. 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Sat. 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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CHILLFEST

Thank You!

Many thanks go to the Chosen Valley Foundation for taking the lead on hosting this celebration.

As evidenced by the many plungers and people who participated in this celebration, it is hard to think of a year without Chill Fest in Chatfield.



Thank you,
volunteers, and
Thank you, Chosen
Valley Foundation!