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A Full Service Community

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national groundwater awareness week

March 11-17, 2012 is being recognized as National Ground Water Awareness Week to promote awareness and understanding of the importance of groundwater in our lives.

Groundwater is one of the Nation's most important natural resources. It provides about 40 percent of the Nation's public water supply. In addition, more than 40 million people, including most of the rural population, supply their own drinking water from domestic wells. As a result, ground water is an important source of drinking water in every state. Ground water is also the source of much of the water used for irrigation. It is the Nation's principal reserve of fresh-water and represents much of the potential future water supply. Ground water is a major contributor to flow in many streams and rivers and has a strong influence on river and wetland habitats for plants and animals



Drinking Water Week 2012



May 6-12, 2012—For more than 30 years, water professionals have been celebrating the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

"There is nothing more essential to a community's health and vitality than reliable access to safe drinking water," said American Water Works Association (AWWA) Executive Director David LaFrance. "Drinking water Week provides an excellent moment to focus for a moment on the importance of caring for our water supplies and systems." Tap water is such an integral part of our daily lives that we sometimes lose track of the importance of a safe, reliable water supply to our overall quality of life—from public health protection and fire suppression to the critical role it plays in supporting the economy.

Public Health Protection—In a world where an estimated eight million people die every day from preventable waterborne diseases, people in North America can drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety. Without our modern water systems, diseases such as cholera and dysentery would be a tragic part of our everyday life.

Fire Protection—In the United States and Canada, over 1.5 million house fires occur each year. While most of us never think about fires until they occur, there is a vast network of water infrastructure in place to protect us when they do. Simply put, a water system that provides reliable water at a high pressure and volume can be the difference between a manageable fire and an inferno.

Support for the Economy—Though often taken for granted, tap water is critical to the daily operations of existing businesses and to the vitality of new commercial enterprises and residential developments. From foods and beverages, to toothpastes and perfumes, water is the primary ingredient in hundreds of thousands of every day products. Therefore, the availability of water resources and service has a profound effect on job creation and overall economic prosperity.

It's the first ingredient in nearly every product we use. It's a vital element of our daily lives. And it's the original source for refreshment and hydration.

So let's celebrate the essential. Let's celebrate water!



**NATIONAL
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
SERVICES
W E E K**



**EMS MORE THAN A JOB.
A CALLING.**

National EMS Week is May 20-26, 2012—A key aspect to a community being livable is the quality of its healthcare, especially in an emergency situation. The dedicated volunteers in the Chatfield Ambulance Service are second to none and the community is ever grateful to your service. Together, we celebrate National EMS Week!

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9-1-1

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507-867-4446

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507-867-3331

Chatfield Public Library

507-867-3480

The City & Community
of
CHATFIELD
Minnesota
FOUNDED 1853

The Chosen Valley
A Full Service Community

Known as "The Chosen Valley," "Bandtown, USA," and "The Gateway to Bluff Country." Chatfield is ideally located twenty miles from Rochester and only a couple hours from the Twin Cities. This historic community is home to manufacturing, retail, service, medical, dental, chiropractic, pharmacy and veterinarian services, seven churches, an excellent education system, and is filled with cultural and recreational opportunities. Chatfield is a full service community!

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www.chatfieldcfa.com



507-867-3480
www.chatfieldpubliclibrary.org



www.chosenbeanconcerts.org



507-867-4144
www.pope-young.org

GROWERS MARKET Thursdays

Chantel Prigge 507-951-8405
growersmarket@yahoo.com



City Park
3:00—7:00 pm

Fresh produce, baked goods, jams, jellies, flowers & more!

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES Saturday, May 5th, 2012

Pam Bluhm 507-867-3870
pbluhm@bluffcountrynews.com



City Wide Garage Sales
7:00 am—2:00 pm
Sponsored by Chatfield Commercial Club

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP Mon., May 7th

Bill Hanson 507-259-7124
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Spring city-wide clean up is scheduled to begin Monday, May 7th. This is a valued but expensive service. It is intended to help with large, bulky, non-compactible items. **Clothing and other items that can fit into the regular yellow bags should be placed in one. Appliances & furniture require a sticker.** Please do not abuse this service. Thank you!

AUDITIONS— 2012 WESTERN DAYS SHOW Mon. & Tue., May 28th & 29th

www.witsendtheatre.org



Auditions for a cast of approximately 45 will be held on May 28 and 29, 2012. Wit's End Theatre will present this powerful tale of long-odds courage. We call it Minnesota's unforgettable forgotten story. **The Last Boy in Blue**

BRUSH & LEAF DUMP

Brush, leaves & grass clippings only please!
Wednesday 1:00—3:00 & 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Friday 1:00- 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

This service is provided for the convenient disposal of **yard waste only**. Because some people have been leaving other materials, the dump will not be left open. It will only be open during the posted hours. If you have hazardous waste, such as oil or paint, contact your county for disposal information. An annual collection of Household Hazardous Waste is also provided each fall behind the fire hall. Thank you.



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

LAWN CARE PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

Protect Area Drinking Water Resources

The City has been working with community residents, state, local and federal resource staff to protect area drinking water resources through the implementation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. Improper management of fertilizers and lawn care chemicals can impact groundwater quality and our drinking water supply. Every property owner needs to manage these products in a safe responsible manner.

When lawn care products are applied at the proper rates and timed so they do not rapidly run-off or infiltrate the soil, they pose a relatively minor threat to ground water. On the other hand, excessive use and poor application timing can result in these products contaminating ground water. Everyone needs to do their part by following recommended rates and guidelines for using lawn care products to help protect our community drinking water supply.

MAY 2012

- **Mon May 7th—**
Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- **Wed May 9th—**
CCAB 7:00 am
- **Mon May 14th—**
City Council 7:00 pm
- **Thu May 24th—**
EDA 5:30 pm
- **Mon May 28th—**
City Council 7:00 pm

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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