

COMMUNITY LINK

JANUARY 2010

CITY OF
CHATFIELD

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Chatfield Changes

In 2009

Fun Facts:

- 1 Subdivision with 6 residential lots.
- 50 Building Permits issued, valued at \$2,644,500.
- 6 New Homes
- Local Government Aid reduced by \$143,000/year.
- Tax Asking of City increased by \$51,000.
- Received LMC City of Excellence; Governor's Safety ; and ARC's Inclusion Awards.

Every property owner or resident needs to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of, or on the side of, their lot within 24 hours of the snowfall. Clean and safe sidewalks are extremely important to children as they walk to school, to customers going to the restaurants or shops downtown, to commuters who walk to the bus stop and to many other people within the community who walk to church or other places throughout town.

The City Crew makes their best effort to keep the streets clear for

vehicle traffic and conducts a snow removal to make the community as safe as possible. To make this effort effective, it is important that sidewalks be cleared promptly and thoroughly, all the way to the curb, in the downtown area. It is also necessary to do a little clean-up after the snow removal, too, so please help out as needed.

Whether your sidewalk is in the downtown area or the residential area, the sidewalk is only safe if it is clean. If you are using a snowblower or other equipment, take the effort to

remove that thin layer of ice or snow that is left behind. If you contract for snow removal services, let your contractor know how important it is to you, your neighbors and customers, to make the sidewalk safe and clean.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Be aware that city ordinances gives the City the right to clear those walks that have not been adequately cleared and to assess the cost to the property owner. The City can also issue a ticket in the amount of \$50.00 to any property owner whose property is not in compliance.



A Look Back at 2009:

Budget Cuts, Potter Auditorium, and more....

As the new city council and mayor took their seats at the table to start 2009, they were immediately faced with a budget situation that is more serious and long-lasting than any other in the past, all as repercussions of the overall economic situation throughout the country. During the very last days of 2008, the State held back \$73,000 from the City and, by March, it was clear that the State's payments to the City would be reduced by

\$143,000 a year, permanently. To deal with those losses, the City refinanced some of its debt, reduced funding to certain departments within the City and cut almost all seasonal and part-time help. The City also froze the pay of all of its employees for 2010.

Odors from the wastewater plant's reed beds were a problem and much discussion was held regarding proposed parking regulations on, and the potential

extension of, Burr Oak Avenue. Each of these items will also get attention in 2010.

Potter Auditorium, along with the rest of the property that we've known as the elementary school for several decades, has also been on the table. These buildings, together with their key location, are natural issues of concern and excitement for anyone thinking about the future of the community.

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Police (Non Emergency)

Chatfield Public Library

9-1-1

507-867-4446

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CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The annual Christmas tree pickup will be conducted on Saturday, January 9th. Please have your tree on the curb by 9:00 a.m. and, naturally, be sure that all decorations, lights, etc., have been removed. No tree-bags, please!!

This wonderful community service project is provided by the "Pioneer Kids," who are sponsored by the Pioneer Presbyterian Church, under the supervision of Pam Bluhm.

The community is grateful to Pam and the Pioneer Kids!



JANUARY 2010

- Mon Jan 4th— Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Jan 11th— City Council 7:00 pm
- Tue Jan 19th- Heritage Preservation Commission 7:00 pm
- Mon Jan 25th- City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Jan 28th- Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY 2010

- Mon Feb 1st- Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 8th- City Council 7:00 pm
- Tue Feb 16th— Heritage Preservation Commission 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 22nd- City Council 7:00 pm

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CHILL FEST 2010-

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2010

Chill Fest is less than a month away!

Here are some of the activities being planned. For general information, contact Matt Opat 867-4080.

Saturday, January 23RD

- All Day Voyageur Village—Winter Encampment
Roy Giethbrock 867-4697
- 10:00 Snowmobile Radar Run—Sno Seekers—
Randy Campbell 259-4724
- 1:00—4:00 Mill Creek Park Activities
—Sledding, Skating, Sleigh Rides
Hot Chocolate—Courtesy of The Big Red Barn
- 2:00 Polar Plunge—Matt Opat 867-4080 or
Dave Dudek 867-3856
- 4:00 Chili & Salsa Cook-off —
Jackie Hrstka 867-3744
- 4:00—7:00 Chili Supper—Presbyterian Church
Pam Bluhm-867-4142
- 7:00 Cold Cash Bingo—
Bonnie Hedrick 867-3922
- 7:00 Bunco Party—Isy French 867-4586
Women's Community Club
Thurber Community Center
- 7:00 Family Movie Night "Bedtime Stories"
Children Must Be Accompanied By an
Adult—Christina Stevens 867-3205
- 8:00 Chill Fest Party at TaCades—
Brent Berge 867-3939



Any other business, organization or individual wishing to host or sponsor an activity during Chill Fest is encouraged to contact Matt Opat 867-4080

Hosted by Chatfield Lions Club



ICE RINK

Warming House Attendant Hours

Monday—Thursday	4:00 pm—8:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm—9:00 pm
Saturday (Early)	11:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday (Late)	7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Sunday	2:00 pm—8:00 pm

Ice Rinks are open during all other day—time hours.