

CITY OF
CHATFIELD

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Burr Oak Avenue Extension:

The extension of Burr Oak

Avenue, from where it currently ends, at Margaret Street, to Olmsted County Road 136, is a project that the City has had its eyes on for almost twenty years. The project is now close to reality as the advertisement for construction bids will be published soon.

One of the primary factors driving the need for this road is the successful build-out of the Meyer Additions, the Termar Additions and the Olson-Pine Subdivision. Over the course of the past few decades, these additions have added a significant number of residents to the northeastern part of town, all of whom are dependent on Burr Oak for access, which is essentially a dead end road. The extension of this road to #136 will provide a second access point to the approximately 135 residences that are currently served by Burr Oak, from the south. In addition to the safety that a second access will provide, much traffic will be diverted from the intersection of County Road 10 and Highway 52. This project promises to be a major improvement to the community's street system.

Part of this project includes the construction of a walkway along the portion of the road as it passes the Chatfield Mobile Home Park. The City would also like to enhance pedestrian safety along the High School portion of

Burr Oak, but those details have yet to be determined.

Hillside Drive:

As this newsletter is being written, the portion of Hillside Drive leading up the hill from Highway 52 is substantially complete, one full week ahead of schedule. It is anticipated that the balance of the road, leading to Highway 30/74, will also be completed within the next week, which is also on schedule.

Water Booster Station:

The water booster station that will push water from the existing city wells to the Hilltop Estates area and the water tower that will serve the upper east side of Chatfield, has been completed on time, too. The water and sewer lines have been installed along Hillside Drive and have been televised and pressure tested. Once power is made available to the booster station and the water lines have been properly cleansed, the system will be on-line. Incidentally, the City has already received one building permit application and it is expected that construction on the first home in that area will begin soon.

Water Tower:

The construction of a water tower takes awhile and much of the preliminary work is done off-site. While preliminary fabrication is on-going in Sioux Falls, the early work in Chatfield involved an effort to determine the specific location for the tower. While the site wasn't in question, given the karst geology, it was necessary to drill an intricate web of relatively shallow holes to test the rock formation for

voids, strengths and general stability. That work has been completed and the foundation has been prepared. As winter approaches, residents will notice the pieces of the water tower being delivered and assembled. It is expected that the tower will be serving our community by the end of the summer, next year.

Mid-Level Water System:

Ever since the high school was constructed in its current location, in the late 1950's, the community has steadily grown in that direction. Unfortunately, the city water system was not initially designed with that growth in mind and most of the water mains that go that direction are only 4" in diameter, which limits the volume of water that can be delivered. Over the past few decades, with the help of new development along Highway 52, the City has installed larger mains from the downtown area, all the way to Burr Oak Avenue in an effort to increase the volume of water that can be delivered to that area. What is still needed, though, is an increase in water pressure to the area.

Currently, there is one development proposal that, combined with the water tower under construction, offers the first real opportunity to increase that water pressure. While no final decisions have been made, the City is working with the property owners who would be affected by the project, to determine if this improvement would be beneficial for all parties involved. If successful, this project would improve water pressure for all residents, and the high school, located north of Bennett Street.

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SIDEWALKS, WINTER PARKING & SNOWPLOWING

Sidewalks need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible, after a snowfall (within 24 hours)!!!

Pedestrians depend on the sidewalks and need the corners clear, too.

Downtown business owners need to clear the entire sidewalk, from the building to the curb. Please keep downtown safe, convenient & inviting.

Homeowners need to clear the public sidewalk in front of their home. Clear, safe sidewalks are extremely important to young children as they walk to school early in the morning. Please respect the safety and convenience of your neighbors and keep the sidewalks clear.

To assist in keeping the **public** walks clear, citizens may obtain small amounts of salt / sand from the City sand pile located by the garage on the State property at the South end of Winona Street. Please limit yourself to a 5 gallon pail. This service is not meant for private driveways or parking lots, rather it is meant to keep public walkways safe for all to enjoy.

During the winter, the City makes every effort to keep the streets clean and safe. The best way that residents can help is to make sure that no vehicles or trailers are parked in the street when plows come by.

Accommodating parking needs and winter street maintenance is a balancing act. In order to allow residents to use the streets as much as possible, the City does not enforce practices like even-odd parking nor does it totally prohibit parking during the winter months. Instead, residents are allowed to use the streets all winter long, but vehicles do need to be moved when it is time to plow snow. City ordinance 3.1.4 does not allow vehicles to be parked or to be left on the streets or in the alleys such that they interfere with the plowing or removal of snow. If a plow driver must plow around a vehicle, a ticket will be issued. If it is snowing or is about to snow, do not park on the street until the street is plowed curb to curb.

Generally, snowplowing occurs when we receive a snowfall of 2" or more. When snow accumulates to an unacceptable amount in the downtown area, the snow will be banked in the middle of the street for pick-up and removal. *Parking is strictly prohibited in the downtown area during this time when snow is being removed*

Parking tickets may be issued and cars may be towed if parked cars interfere with snowplowing or snow removal.

The fine amount for a ticket issued for violation of ordinance 3.1.4 is \$25.00 plus about \$55.00 of towing fees plus impound fees.

Snow Removal from Private Property—When snow is being removed from your driveway or parking lot (whether you do it or hire someone to do it), do not move it onto public roads, sidewalks or neighboring property. Moving snow and ice from private property onto or across a public roadway is a violation of State Statute. Pushing snow onto a sidewalk is prohibited by City Ordinance.

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MONEY SAVING TIPS— CONSERVING WATER & SAVING MONEY ON YOUR WATER & SEWER BILL

Water conservation tips and phosphorus reduction suggestions for residences and businesses, if followed, could lead to current and future cost savings on both water and sewer bills. To help avoid the possibility that the State of MN might require the City's wastewater treatment plant to remove phosphorus from its wastewater stream, everyone should help out. Tips and suggestions are located on the City's website—click on "Departments", then "Wastewater Treatment" and you will find a new Public Education area which is designed to provide information about this topic. If you have questions or comments, please contact Darryl Haner at 867-4321 or dhaner@ci.chatfield.mn.us.

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Mon Nov 3rd— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm

Mon Nov 10th— City Council @ 7:00 pm

Mon Nov 17th—Heritage Preservation
Commission @ 7:00 pm

Mon Nov 24th- City Council @ 7:00 pm

Thu Nov 27h— Economic Development
Authority @ 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Brush & Leaf Dump Hours

Wednesdays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm,

Fridays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm,

Saturdays 10:00 am—4:00pm

Brush, leaves & grass clippings only, please!!!

Closing for the season Saturday, November 8th