



CITY OF  
CHATFIELD

# COMMUNITY LINK

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## WINTER PARKING & SNOW PLOWING

During the winter, the City makes every effort to keep the streets clean and safe. The best way that residents can help is by making sure that there are no vehicles or trailers sitting in the street when the plows come by. Please, if it is about to snow, move your vehicles off the street.

In order to allow residents to make the most use of the streets as possible, the City Council has chosen not to enforce even-odd parking or to totally prohibit parking during the winter months. Instead, residents are allowed to use the streets all winter long but vehicles must not be left in the way of the snowplow. If a plow driver must plow around a vehicle, a ticket will be issued. While it might seem difficult to anticipate when the plows might go out, this is the only way to allow the most use of the streets as possible. *If it is about to snow, please, move your vehicles off the street.* THANK YOU!!!

## Over the River Stream ..and through the Woods Web

No matter where you might be, access to the Internet will mean that you have access to much of what is aired on CCTV-11, the City's community cable channel!!!

With the help of San Francisco-based Granicus, the City of Chatfield is making its television programming available on-demand by creating links on the City website, [www.ci.chatfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.chatfield.mn.us).

CCTV-11 previously was available only to residents of the city of Chatfield who subscribe to Mediacom, the local cable television provider. Now, for anyone who has a high speed internet connection, they can watch the television feed on their computer, wherever they might be.

Being able to provide accurate and timely information to residents is a major concern of the City Clerk's office. With this application, you can watch the meeting video and have access to the meeting agenda and links to many documents, too. The linkage of the

agenda with the video is one of the more important features of this service.

The City has been broadcasting city council meetings, school board meetings and sporting events for over six years. But, for many people, they have not been able to watch these programs because the broadcast schedule did not fit their personal schedule.

Now that the channel's programming is available on demand, online, all viewers can see exactly what they want to see when they want to see it and they can use jump points to navigate through the video. The jump points allow viewers to skip to specific parts of a show or meeting and some documents will be attached so the viewer can see much of what the participants in a meeting can see.

The City is excited about providing this service to the community. On one level, we are pleased to offer just one more way for residents to stay in touch with their city. At the same time, since approximately one-half of the residents in

the school district do not have access to the local cable television provider, we are pleased that the School District is collaborating in this effort which will also make school board meetings more available to residents.

From this point on, you just need to go to [www.ci.chatfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.chatfield.mn.us) and click on the link to "view archived meetings and events." You will then be able to watch past meetings and stay in touch with your local governments.

Naturally, sporting events are a staple product of CCTV and those events, too, will be made available on the net. Not only will this allow the viewer to watch at their own time of choosing but they will also be able to use the jump points to go right to the highlights of the match.

As the winter sporting seasons begin, be sure to let far-off family and friends know about this service so they, too, can stay in touch with Chatfield sports and civic events!! Let us know what you think!!

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Chatfield Public Library 507-867-3480

## Etcetera

**Brush & Leaf Dump**  
Closed for the season.

### Community Link the TV Show

See the televised version of the newsletter on CCTV Channel 11—  
Mondays, at 5:30 pm  
Tuesdays, at 11:30 am  
or Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

### Reading Meters

Please keep the meter readers in mind when tying your dogs out. Leave a clear path to the meter pad (black box on the outside of your house) that is outside of the dog's range.

## CHILLFEST 2007 !!!

### ChillFest is the Heart of Wintry Fun!!!

Every year, members of our community find ways to celebrate our community. For information about how you can get involved in the ChillFest celebration, contact Tom Siegel by e-mail at [t.siegel@mchsi.com](mailto:t.siegel@mchsi.com) or by phone at 259-6902.



### Take the plunge!!!

Saturday, January 20th, 2007

## “Thank you,” “Welcome” and “Congratulations!!!”

**Thank you, Councilor Les Knutson**, for doing your part in serving your community these past four years!!

**Welcome, Ginny Engle**, as you take your seat on the City Council!

**Congratulations to Mayor Curt Sorenson and Councilor Paul Novotny** on your re-election victories!

Turnout was strong at his seat in the general election, Mayor's office.

November 7th, as approximately 70% of eligible voters went to the polls in Chatfield.

In addition to filling the state and federal offices, voters also filled Chatfield city offices.

Re-elected to the Mayor's office was Curt Sorenson, with 1001 votes. This will be the third term for Mayor Sorenson, who served on the City Council for eight years before tak-

Councilor Paul Novotny was re-elected to his seat on the Council, where he will begin his second term on the Council.

Ginny Engle was also elected to the Council, where she will join Brenda Johnson, Russ Smith and Ken Jacobson, as well as Novotny, for the next four years.

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## DECEMBER 2006

- Mon Dec 4 — Truth-in-Taxation Hearing 6:30 p.m.
- Mon Dec 4 — Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Dec 11— City Council 7:00 pm
- Wed Dec 13 — Cable Television Board 7:00 am
- Mon Dec 18- Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm
- Thu Dec 28— Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm

## JANUARY 2007

- Tue Jan 2 — Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Jan 8 — City Council 7:00 p.m.
- Wed Jan 10 — Cable Television Board 7:00 am
- Mon Jan 15- Heritage Preservation Commission 6:45 pm
- Mon Jan 22— City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Jan 25— Economic Development Authority 5:30 pm