

CHASKA POLICE SAFETY TIPS

By Officers Brady Juell & Mike Kleber, Special Correspondents



With the coming cooler days of Fall and Winter, many residents will continue to get out and exercise! The Chaska Police Department reminds you to do so safely. Here are a few tips to achieve a safe experience:

When going out to walk, run, or bike, always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Consider bringing a friend along with.

- Take your cell phone with you. If you are injured or see something suspicious, you will be able to call for help.
- Stay aware. With the advent of iPods and MP3 players, some people “zone out” while exercising. Always be aware of your surroundings. If you are aware of your surroundings, you are less likely to be targeted and victimized.
- If exercising at night, only use well lit and traveled paths. You may have to alter your normal routine in exchange for the safest path. Try to incorporate reflective clothing or bring a flashlight with you. This way others will see you, especially if running on a roadway. If biking, it’s the law to have a light on the bike.
- If you carry personal protection such as pepper spray, it is a must that it be carried in your hand. If you encounter trouble, there will be no time to “look for it” after the fact.
- The Chaska Police encourage residents to call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Chaska is an extremely safe community, but using the above safety tips can help make it even safer. The Chaska Police Department encourages you to exercise safely and enjoy the outdoors!



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Ten Different Neighborhoods Celebrated “National Night Out”!



Jonathan residents in ten different neighborhoods gathered together to participate in the 2011 “National Night Out” event last month, with an estimated 250 people attending the various gatherings.

“We reimbursed each neighborhood up to \$100 in expenses,” said Linda Frey of the Jonathan Board of Directors. “This, along with our top-notch volunteer organizers in each neighborhood, really inspired community spirit and participation among residents to plan their own individual get-togethers.” Neighborhood event coordinators included: Karen

Bloodworth (Jonathan Acres), Melissa Waldenberg (Oak Valley), Bonnie O’Neal (Water’s Edge Townhomes), Pam Ott (Lake Grace Apartments), Kelly Bickford (Woodcrest Townhomes), Sharon Lewison (Stone Creek Townhomes), Kristin Alcindor (Neighborhood Six), Valerie Stuhr (Clover Preserve), Sarah Heyer and Cindy Geiger (Clover Ridge Village), and Alicia Stone (Traditions at Clover Ridge).



Jonathan Acres’ kids

Another popular aspect of the Jonathan “National Night Out” effort was the opportunity for kids and parents in each participating neighborhood to take a ride in an antique fire truck (c. 1975) driven by owner/operator Nick Modders. Jonathan Association President Nate Bostrom and Jonathan Photographer Jim Battenberg rode along with “Fireman Nick” and served as his neighborhood guides. “We provided 22 rides for approximately 130 riders during the evening,” reported Bostrom. “And I estimate that at least 15 different kids got the opportunity to run the fire truck siren during those excursions.” The fire truck rides were so popular with the kids that the final run didn’t start and end until after dark. “We’ve already doubled up and contracted for two antique fire trucks for next year’s National Night Out event,” said Bostrom. Along the route among the various neighborhoods “Fireman Nick”, Bostrom and Battenberg enjoyed generous offerings of hospitality – including burgers and hot dogs in Oak Valley, and home-made ice cream from the residents of Stone Creek Townhomes. “All of the folks in every neighborhood treated us like royalty,” said Battenberg. “Jonathan is a great place to live!” **more on pg. 2**

The Jonathan Association has many committees, all of which need resident input. Please consider joining one of the following committees:

- Heritage
- Activities
- Architectural Review
- Buildings & Grounds
- Communications
- Elections
- Finance

Contact the Karen House staff at 952-448-4700 or www.jonathaninchaska.com

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National Night Out 2011

= Neighborhood FUN!



Oak Valley II Neighbors



Summer nights, good neighbors &
friends, fire truck rides—
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Stone Creek Neighbors

"The Little Dance in Chaska "Pow Wow" continued... Photos by Jim Battenberg



City of Chaska and the Mdewakanton community to create the "Chaske Cikala Wacipi" demonstrates the Henry McKnight vision of Jonathan as "an incubator of ideas", it also feels that the pow wow has already outgrown its original sponsor – Jonathan – and now most likely belongs to the entire Chaska community. "The Board sees this as a natural growth progression of the 'Little Dance in Chaska' as a very special community-wide event," said Bostrom. "I hope we get even more dancers, vendors and community support next year," said Ripplinger. "The 'Chaske Cikala Wacipi' pow wow is such a good thing for our community!"



All dances have a story with great meaning and tradition!



Shawl dancer

Many Enjoyed "The Little Dance in Chaska "Pow Wow"

The second year of the "Little Dance in Chaska" pow wow was even better than the first! According to event organizer Walt Ripplinger (Neighborhood Seven), the 2011 pow wow ("Chaske Cikala Wacipi") involved 800-900 spectators and about 160 dancers. These numbers represent an exciting increase over the attendance totals from the inaugural pow wow in 2010 (300-400 spectators and 63 dancers).



"There were people all over the place. It was like 'wow!'", said Ripplinger. "We had dancers from Iowa; we had dancers from North Dakota and South Dakota, and Wisconsin that came to dance in this traditional pow wow." Six vendors (selling authentic food and crafts) also

participated in the weekend-long event, and Venture Crew 276 set up three tipis on site for the event which was held at McKnight Park for the second consecutive year. Also in attendance were Jonathan Board members Kristin Alcindor (Neighborhood Six), Nancy Dilks (Neighborhood One), Mark Perry (Neighborhood Six), Chaska City Council member Greg Boe (Clover Ridge), and former Council Member Gino Businaro.

"Our pow wow was so successful thanks to the wonderful team effort of the organizing committee," said Jonathan President Nate Bostrom (Clover Ridge). "Geri Ripplinger (Neighborhood Seven), John Varone, Andy Meier, and Jim Battenberg (Neighborhood Eight) – among many others – each did great work all weekend." Bostrom also credits the effective participation of Tom Redman and Kathy Skinner from the Chaska Park & Recreation department, Tim Wiebe from the Chaska Public Works department, City Administrators Matt Podhradsky (Clover Ridge) and Bart Fischer, Mark Olson (Neighborhood One) from the Chaska Herald, Bob Suel from Southwest Newspapers, and former mayor Bob Roepke for their valuable assistance in this endeavor. "In no way could our special celebration have possibly

succeeded if it weren't for the help of the City of Chaska and all those great volunteers," said Ripplinger. "And so many thanks go to our generous sponsors like Ted Rogers of Casualty Assurance, the City of Chaska, Klein Bank, Community Bank, Gary Cooper of Cooper's Foods, the Mdewakanton Mendota community, and especially to the Jonathan Association." While the Jonathan Board of Directors believes that working in partnership with the

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Walt Ripplinger of the Lakota community



Aztec Dancers—very colorful, very beautiful!

Jonathan Names its new Storage Barn

At its July 12, 2011 monthly meeting, the Board of Directors of the Jonathan Association voted unanimously to name its newly constructed storage facility the "Apple Barn" in honor of several aspects of the Association's rich history and tradition.

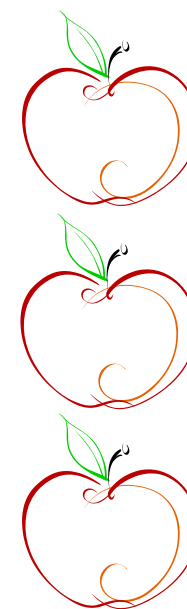
The "Apple Barn" is a 1,800-square foot equipment storage structure which was recently built on the Karen House headquarters property of the Jonathan Association, located at 111000 Bavaria Road in Chaska.

The Jonathan Board wanted to commemorate the "Apple Award" program, which is the highest honor that the Association gives and it recognizes extraordinary service given by volunteers on behalf of their Jonathan neighbors. "This name seems like such a great fit and is so appropriate for this new structure," said Board member Mark Perry. "Volunteerism has had such a positive influence on the quality of life here in Jonathan."

Additionally, the Board members wanted to try to preserve the memory of the "Jonathan Apple Trees" initiative that took place back in the early 1970's when founder Henry McKnight encouraged an effort to plant a large number of apple trees throughout the Association's neighborhoods. "We just might need to add a couple of apple trees to our landscaping design for the Apple Barn," mused Board member Nancy Dilks.

Also, the fact that the long-running Jonathan newsletter was once named "Apple Seeds" was pointed out at the meeting by Gassen Property Manager Nancy Teske. "That's another important aspect of Jonathan history that needs preserving," she added.

Construction of the Apple Barn is part of Jonathan's larger overall systemic plan for property renovation. This new storage structure allows for the removal of equipment, tools, and motorized vehicles from the Lake Grace Pavilion so that plans for the renovation of that recreational lakeside facility can proceed thanks to the Association's decades-long partnership with Chaska Boy Scout Troop #589.



Thank you Walt Ripplinger!

After many years of service on the Board of Directors, Walt Ripplinger has stepped down from this important volunteer role. Over the years, Walt has served in various roles: President of the Association, Chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, Clean Up Day volunteer, and co-founder of the Little Dance in Chaska



Board Colleagues & Friends : Nate Bostrom, Board Pres. & Walt Ripplinger

Powwow...just to name a few of the many ways he's been serving his neighbors over the last decade. "It has been a lot of fun," said Walt. "And now that Jonathan is going forward in a good way we do have a good place to call home." The Jonathan Association Board of Directors thanks Walt Ripplinger from Neighborhood Seven for his many years of energetic service and commitment to make "Jonathan in Chaska a special part of the best small town in Minnesota!"



CALLING ALL Shutterbugs... Jonathan Association PHOTO CONTEST Underway!

This is a contest for ALL ages and anyone who enjoys taking pictures! Requirements are as follows:

- Must be a Jonathan resident
- Pictures within and of the Jonathan neighborhoods, parks, or trails ONLY
- 1 entry per household : write name, phone, and location of picture on back of picture
- Mail 4x6 or 5x7 print to the Karen House at 111000 Bavaria Rd.
- Entry deadline—postmarked by Sunday, Nov. 13th
- Judging quarterly—winning picture submitted in next issue of the Newsletter
- Judging panel will be Nancy Teske & Jim Battenberg, Gassen on-site employees plus a seasoned member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Photographer Society
- PRIZES : \$25 VISA Gift Card per Quarter and \$100 VISA Gift Card for the GRAND PRIZE winner chosen from the quarterly winners. 2011 Grand Prize winner will be Announced in the WINTER issue

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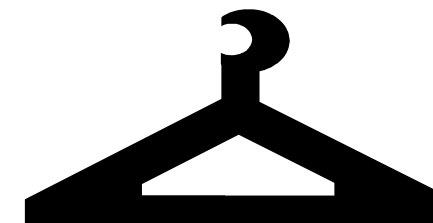
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CONGRATULATIONS Mary Siegfried!**

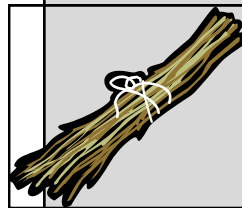
The cool, crisp days of Fall are soon upon us! So grab a sweatshirt, your sweetie and go for a stroll to take in some of the amazing Fall colors around Jonathan! Mary captured all of these colors on Lake Grace in mid-October. Thanks Mary and CONGRATULATIONS—She won a \$25 Gift Card and will be entered for the Grand Prize which will be announced in the Winter 2011 issue. Thanks to all who entered, keep those photos coming!



FRIENDLY REMINDER : PLEASE KEEP JONATHAN BEAUTIFUL!

Please do not dump your garbage, lawn trimmings, or branches / twigs at the Karen House. Branches and twigs can now be brought to the Carver County Environmental Center on Peavey Rd. – 952.361.1835 or a **FREE** option is Herman's Landscape Supplies in Jordan—952.492.2783.

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Winterizing your Garden
by Ellis Noone

I hope that you enjoyed your garden this season even though we've had some challenges with the weather in July. In my experience as a landscaper/gardener I have learned a few tips to help you prepare your garden for the next year. These tips are not all inclusive but are ones that I think you will find helpful as best practices in your landscape.

- Prune perennials to the ground (grasses to about 4" unless you want them for their winter interest) after the first frost.
- Mulch tender perennials and shrubs with 12" layer of autumn leaves (after first frost) i.e. Hydrangea 'Endless Summer' until it gets established, perennial Hibiscus, and any zone 5 plant.
- Prune shrubs and trees in fall except spring blooming shrubs such as lilacs. Do not prune Hydrangea 'Endless Summer'
- Cut German Bearded Irises in a "teepee shape" when the leaves turn yellow.
- Put tree wrap around newly planted trees to prevent wildlife damage. Do this until tree is about 4" in diameter and well established.
- Spray your tropicals with insecticide, i.e. Bug Attack, cover with a plastic bag and twist tie. Next day, remove bag, water as necessary, and bring inside to overwinter indoors.
- Newly planted evergreens need to be watered deeply, maybe twice a week depending on weather up to frost, spray with "Wilt Proof", wrap your upright Pyramidal Arborvitaes, Dwarf Alberta Spruces, and Upright Yews the first couple of years.



- Place plant markers in front of new perennials so that next year you will know what you planted.

I wish you all an enjoyable fall and winter. I'll see you again, out and about beautifying our neighborhood and monument signs next year.

My Best Wishes,
Ellis

The Jonathan Association's
Gardener/Landscaper



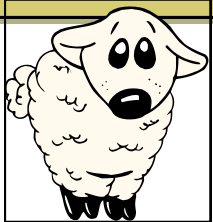
A Little Thoughtfulness Goes a Long Way.....

Please be considerate to your neighbors and remember to clean-up after your pet when out on walks in the many beautiful Jonathan neighborhoods. And please remember that in Chaska, this kind of "thoughtfulness" is the law!

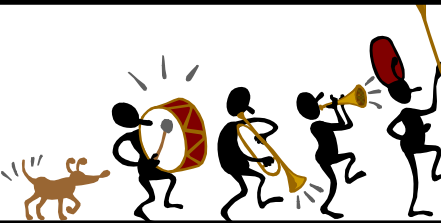
Also, please remember that all animals must be leashed when not on your private property—which includes ALL Tot Lot parks.



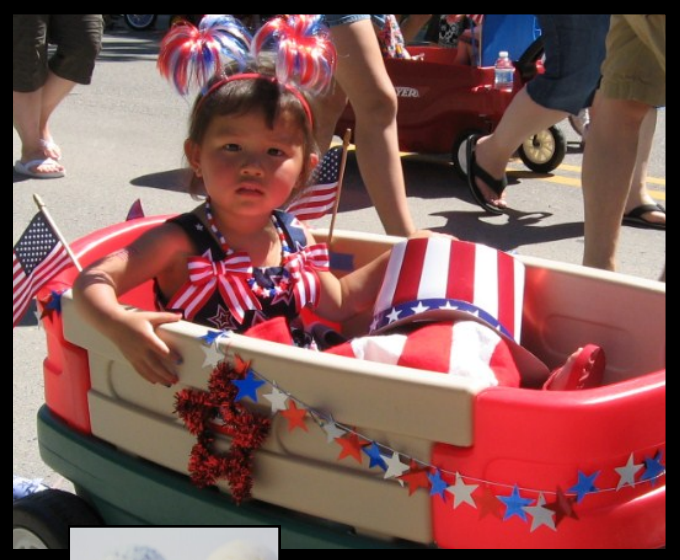
Fourth of July Fun continued...



The petting zoo had all sorts of animals plus pony rides! The dump truck slide was AWESOME!



The FUN RUN and parade kicked off the festivities!! A trumpet, a drum, and the Honor Guard led the way.....



Ice Cream treats were well worth the wait and face painting was a big hit which produced many festive faces! Fun was had by all ~ we look forward to seeing you next year!



Fourth of July Celebration was "Best Ever"!

The 2011 Fourth of July celebration in Jonathan was our best ever! In addition to perfect weather, our holiday events were blessed with record attendance ("the most participants we've ever had in my 30+ years as a volunteer" said Marsh Halberg) and a large crew of energetic volunteers.



Parade biker—pretty in red, white, & blue!

Linda Frey (Neighborhood 6) was the event coordinator again this year and she had the following members on her organizing team: John & Mary Siegfried (Lake Grace Condos), Kristin Alcindor (Neighborhood 6), Sandi Rossol (Autumn Woods), Marie Esch (Neighborhood 1), Nancy Dilks (Neighborhood 1), Jeri & Tom Glander (Neighborhood 6), Marsh & JoAnn Halberg (Neighborhood 2), Bruce Koprucki (Neighborhood 4), Walt Ripplinger (Neighborhood 7), David Snodgrass (Clover Ridge), Ellis Noone (Neighborhood 1), and Nate Bostrom (Clover Ridge).

"Gassen Management Company employees Nancy Teske and Jim Battenberg did a great job during the weeks prior to the event in getting the Karen House property in tip top shape," said Bostrom.

Total attendance was projected in the 250-350 range. "We ran out of trinket bags (a total of 100) within the first 20 minutes or so," said Linda

Frey. "We also had serious depletions of drinking cups, popcorn, and we went through an awful lot of ice cream, too!" The lines for the petting zoo, ice cream truck and inflatable slides were unusually long, but since all the activities and treats were free – and the weather was so nice – nobody seemed to mind the extended wait. "We've already decided that next year we'll need to add another face painter, double-up on the kool-aid supply, and bring in some more trinkets," said Linda.

The watermelon eating contest was especially spirited this year, with competition divided into three categories. Colin Jacobsen and Sophia Pesina took honors in the "Age 12 & Under" bracket; Josef Petrenko won first place in the "Teen" category; and Igor Machukans claimed the championship in the "Adults Division." Each of the winners received gift cards as prizes.

"All the activity choices seemed to be so popular," observed Kristin Alcindor. "There were so many kids and so many smiles; I think everyone enjoyed this safe and very family-friendly event."

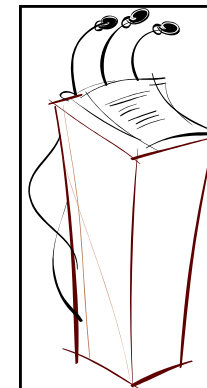
It's our guess that everyone in attendance (volunteers, parents, kids, vendors, and Chaska City officials) would agree that this year's Fourth of July events were more proof that "Jonathan in Chaska is a special part of the best small town in Minnesota!" **cont. on pg.15**



Diving in to the watermelon eating contest!!

Board Opposes "Historic District" Designation in Jonathan

The Jonathan Association Board of Directors voted unanimously at its monthly meeting in June to oppose any efforts by the City of Chaska (via the Heritage Preservation Commission) to designate certain portions of Jonathan property as part of a historic preservation district.



This unanimous vote by the Board was in response to a decision by the Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission to establish a historic preservation district – which would bring State and Municipal mandates, property restrictions and legal penalties – that could potentially cause negative financial consequences on an undetermined number of privately-owned residences within the Jonathan neighborhoods.

"The Board members were simply not comfortable with the nebulous wording and sweeping authority granted by Minnesota Statutes 138.74 and 471.193, and Chaska Ordinance 10.5 (Section 30) as they're applied to historic preservation districts," said Jonathan President Nate Bostrom. "Our conclusion was that legal phrases like 'blighting influences' and 'actions necessary for enforcement' give unlimited and unspecified power to the current (and future) Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission members over both the individual homeowners and the operational autonomy of the Association."



Also troubling to the Jonathan Board members was the fact that the City of Chaska has no recorded data on file that demonstrates how historic designation of properties will either help or hurt the resale value of individual homes within Jonathan. Additionally, the City of Chaska has no data on file that records the range of the financial costs which have already been incurred by property owners in complying with the statutes and ordinances in the downtown Chaska historic district, which has been in existence since 2002.

"Once it was discovered that no empirical data existed, the Board's decision on this issue was easy," added Bostrom. "There was no way we were going to willingly saddle our neighbors with an open-ended list of unspecified future financial consequences."



The Jonathan Board had included an investigation into historic property designations on its list of "Strategic Priorities" for 2011 and now considers this topic addressed, the legal ramifications researched, the Board position final, and the matter settled.

Please check out www.jonathaninchaska.com and look for "Board Research" on the "Documents" page under the "Resources" heading for more background information into the Board's decision to oppose the Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission's proposal to designate certain portions of Jonathan as a historic preservation district.



Jonathan's Progress



A great concept and idea discussed among Jonathan Board members over the years was to have and promote Jonathan residents owning and operating their business' within Jonathan property lines. Maria Awes (former Jonathan Board member) and her husband, Andy, are doing just that!

Committee Films, a television production company owned and operated by Andy and Maria Awes of the Clover Ridge Traditions neighborhood, recently moved their company to a new space in

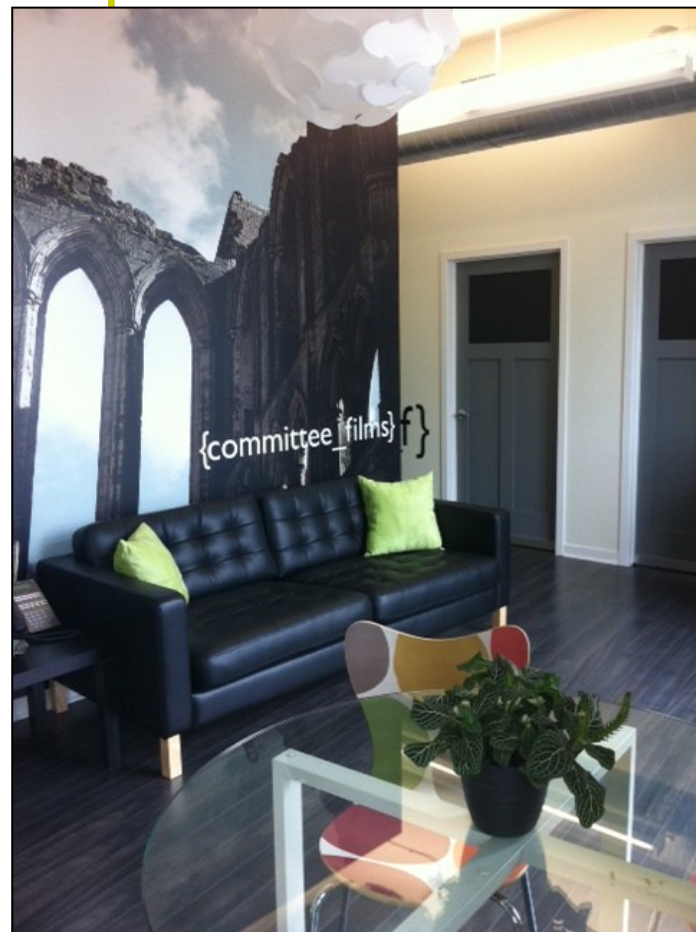
Jonathan. Committee Films is known for producing documentaries on a variety of topics for the History Channel, National Geographic Television and NOVA in addition to working on national commercial, branding and video projects for a number of corporate clients including Best Buy, C.H. Robinson, Herman Miller and LifeTime Fitness. Looking for a space close to home, Andy and Maria chose to build out a vacant commercial space in the Clover Marketplace area at the intersection of Hundertmark Road and Clover Ridge Drive, between the St.

Clair Consignment Shop and MeliSalon.

"It's been so great to finish out the space and we love being in Jonathan," said Maria. "We're lucky to be able to do what a lot of people can't - walk to work, volunteer at our son's school right across the street and do great work in a really creative space. Now, we just need a coffee shop over here!"

The next big project to watch for on TV from Committee Films is a National Geographic/NOVA special on Easter Island which delves into the mystery of how the massive stone statues dotting the island's landscape were moved in ancient times. Expect to see it in May or June of next year on PBS.

"Jonathan's Progress" was the name of the Jonathan Association newsletter from 1968-72.



"Jonathan Notes" was originally the name of the Jonathan newsletter from 1973-77.

Jonathan Notes
The Jonathan Association Board of Directors will hold their October meeting on October 11, which is the second Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held at the Chaska City Hall, Council Chambers at 6:30pm (unless otherwise announced). We'd love to see YOU there! If you're unable to attend in person, please consider watching the Jonathan Board meetings on Chaska Community Television by tuning to Channel 15 locally. Catch the replays on Tuesdays at 1:00pm or on Saturdays at 7:00pm.

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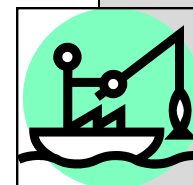
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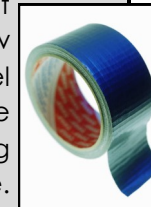
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purchasing a unique one-of-a-kind duct tape ring contact Nancy at the Karen House 952.448.4700. I'd be happy to place an order in time for your special occasion or Christmas!



Issy with one of her latest creations!

Blast from the Past—A look back at life in Jonathan

I don't know about you but one of my favorite things to do in Summer is to eat outside...there's something about deck side / dockside dining that just makes you happy! Lake country in Minnesota has many hot spots to enjoy! Even in the big



city there are options—Maynard's on Lake Minnetonka, The Tin Fish on Lake Calhoun, Bread & Pickle concession at Lake Harriet just to name a few OR The Dock Café in Stillwater on the St. Croix. Many of you reading this will recall Chaucer's Restaurant in the Village Center Mall. Both Chaucer's and the Village Center Mall no longer exist—but at one time Chaucer's had a deck which overlooked Lake Grace. Below are some ad's from

1980 and 1981 promoting Jonathan's 'lakeside' dining.



Jonathan Malt Shop

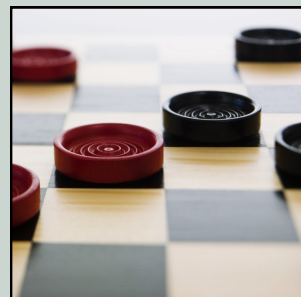


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Chicken Basket — 3 pieces chicken, English fries, brownie 3.50
Salad Bar to go 2.25

Reserve your table on the deck now to enjoy a leisurely dinner and the fireworks display.

Homemade soup & chili ... made daily
Parties and picnics catered ... ask for Bob DuBois

Call 448-6500 for reservations

Hwy. 41 north and turn left on Jonathan Blvd. South, go one block, turn left, go one block and turn into the Village Center.

Celebrate New Year's at Chaucer's!

Bring in the New Year just minutes away from your home this year... music ... dancing.

The owners and staff of Chaucer's Restaurant want to wish you the very best for the New Year and want you to be their guest at Midnight for a glass of Champagne or a marvelous non-alcoholic ice cream drink.

Special ice cream non-alcoholic drinks from regular malts to a wonderful mixture of bananas and fruit ... new desserts on our menu every day ... crepes filled with ice cream and topped with any of the following ... hot fudge — blueberries — strawberries.

Make your reservation now for a candlelight dinner by calling 448-6500.



Jonathan's Journal



Jonathan in Chaska is a special part of the best small town in Minnesota...and it's also the largest homeowner's association in the state!

The Jonathan Association includes: 23 neighborhoods; 2,900 homes; 8,000

"Jonathan's Journal" was the name of a newsletter originally published by the Jonathan Development Corporation from 1971-72.

residents (a third of Chaska's population); 19 tot lot playgrounds; 34 neighborhood entrances; 47 mail stations and bus shelters; 20 miles of paved walking trails; and covers approximately 2,200 acres. In addition, Jonathan also maintains two historic Chaska farmhouses (Karen House and Eitel House) as well as the Lake Grace Pavilion and recreational beach area.

Jonathan is managed by Gassen Companies, which provides professional property management services to homeowner associations in 15 Minnesota counties. The Gassen organization was formed in 1969 and is accredited with the Better Business Bureau.



Jonathan Apple Seeds



The District 112 Kindergarten Center on Village Rd. in Neighborhood One was originally the Jonathan Village Center and served as the "hub" of the Jonathan New Town Community. In its heyday, this structure housed shops, a bank, and restaurants.



In its early days, Jonathan operated a food co-op (located at the Eitel House in Neighborhood Eight), and also offered a babysitting co-op staffed by neighborhood moms.



Speaking of the Eitel House, this structure was also once used as a daycare center...until the detection of very high radon levels in 2004 made the building uninhabitable for people of all ages.



The Worm family farmhouse on Bavaria Rd. (now the Karen House headquarters office for the Jonathan Association) was initially used as an art center, and the massive barn was renovated for community use. The main floor of the barn became the home for the Chaska Civic Theater and the basement was renovated to house the Jonathan Montessori program. (In 1989, the barn burned to the ground when small neighborhood children snuck in on a weekend and accidentally started the fire.)

"Jonathan Apple Seeds" was the name of the Jonathan newsletter from 1978-79.



Jonathan's News & Views



After a summer of rain, than heat, more rain, and more heat...the parking lot at the Karen House was *finally* repaved. I had the pleasure of helping Tina on this day and with her was the best behaved group of kids! When they left the 'boring' office they plopped down and watched ALL the

trucks busy at work—much more exciting!! It was a sight that made my day! I have had many day brighteners this busy summer season and want to mention just a few.....Ray & Carol in Neighborhood One, assisted in watering the new plantings on the corner boulder project—very willing and we are very appreciative! Jean also from Neighborhood One, planted and cared for some new plants at her mail station—her neighbors reaped those benefits everyday! My new friend Isobel, from

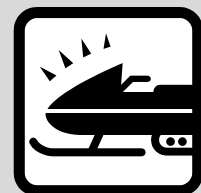
"Jonathan News & Views" was the official name of the Jonathan newsletter from 1980-2004).



Neighborhood Two, has brought friends and treats to the office numerous times. (She also has many talents and is quite creative—you can read more about Isobel on pg.13!) A small gesture or smile can make a BIG difference in one's day—so thanks to ALL neighbors who lend a hand or just pay it forward (to coin the movie)! It's neat to see the small town part of Chaska in action!

~ Attention all Recreational Vehicles ~

November 1st is the day for transition from summer to winter recreational vehicles. Boats, RV's, and ATV's must be put away. Snowmobiles and trailers may come out. All vehicles must be parked on the driveway; nothing can be parked on lawns. Residents may construct driveway extensions to accommodate their recreational vehicles. Residents may contact the Karen House to get a copy of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Guidelines or print from our website at www.jonathaninchaska.com. Specs and requirements are outlined in those documents. For approval, ARC only requires a sketch of the location of the driveway extension as it relates to, and connects with, the existing driveway; distance from the lot line; and notation of material used.



Board Designates its "Strategic Priorities" for 2011

At its May monthly meeting, the Jonathan Board of Directors designated a list of "Strategic Priorities" as an overall guide for the Board members and the Gassen Company staff employees for 2011. "While management is doing things right, leadership is doing the right things," said Jonathan President Nate Bostrom. "That's why it's so important for any successful organization to spell out its strategic priorities as an intentional map for decision-making." The Jonathan Board's "Strategic Priorities" for 2011 are:

- Improve the quality and add new methods of communication
- Deliver added-value via innovative partnerships
- Pursue an equitable distribution of resources
- Provide community-building activities
- Maintain charter sponsorship of BSA Troop 589
- Establish a wholly-owned 501c3 subsidiary organizational unit
- Upgrade the value of the common area properties
- Proceed with the Lake Grace Pavilion and Landscape renovation
- Complete Phase II of creating a documentary film about Jonathan's history
- Explore the possible designation of historic properties within Jonathan
- Increase the membership and effectiveness of all Committees
- Implement Year Two of the "2039 Plan"

This is the third consecutive year in which the Jonathan Association Board of Directors has identified a list of strategic priorities as a leadership tool to guide its actions. "Designating strategic priorities is so important for any group of leaders," says Bostrom. "The last thing you want to do is to confuse motion with progress."



GARDEN PLOT CLEANUP DUE OCTOBER 2nd

Thanks to an excess of heat and moisture this summer—the gardens have produced bumper crops! We are planning our cleanup of ALL plots which will take place the week of October 3rd. All garden plot renters are responsible to clear your own plot / plots in order to receive a partial refund of \$10 per plot. We will be taking pictures of all plots for our records. Garden refunds will be submitted in January 2012, and those not cleared will not qualify for the refund. Enjoy these final days of summer and cherish that fresh home grown cucumber or tomato in your salad one last time! NUM-O!

Thanks for your participation and cooperation—we look forward to another successful gardening season in 2012!

