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The Jonathan Association

Jonathan Neighbors

Board Commits to Renovate the Lake Grace Pavilion!

At it's January 2011 monthly meeting the Jonathan Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to partner with Chaska Boy Scout Troop 589 in a "big hairy audacious goal" - the renovation and restoration of the Lake Grace Pavilion in Jonathan.

"Troop 589 sees the renewal of the Lake Grace Pavilion and surrounding area as fitting the legacy of Henry McKnight," says Scout Leader Jon Leinen. "His vision of a community area where families and individuals could enjoy the beauty that is unique to Lake Grace drives our Troop's desire to bring this area back to life."

Lake Grace, originally dredged so as to create one of the first big amenities in Jonathan, was named after the wife of Jonathan founder Henry McKnight. The Lake Grace Pavilion, one of the first buildings constructed in Jonathan, was designed to serve as a recreational facility for the Jonathan homeowners and other Chaska residents who wanted to enjoy the beach area and beautiful surroundings of Lake Grace.

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and the City of Chaska over the last 18 months, Jonathan has begun construction of a new storage building on the Karen House headquarters property—thus making it possible to return the Lake Grace Pavilion to its original purpose.

"Boy Scout Troop 589 first brought the idea—Jon Leinen introduced it to our Board of Directors at a meeting a couple months ago," said Jonathan President Nate Bostrom. "The Board members absolutely loved the idea and were blown away by the exciting scope of the project." Leinen later revealed that a "big hairy audacious goal" – or BHAG for short – was an important concept he'd read about in a Jim Collins article on business management. **Continued on Pg. 2**



the last decade, Lake Grace been used as a storage facility for maintenance the Jonathan "That was never original intent for building," Board Hagen has With the approval Jonathan Board

Lake Grace Pavilion—continued

"A BHAG encourages organizations to define a visionary goal that is strategic and emotionally compelling," explains Leinen. "It serves as a unifying focal point of effort." Jonathan has been the charter sponsoring organization for Chaska Boy Scout Troop 589 for over 35 years, making it one of the longest-running relationships of its kind in the state. This relationship has developed into a mutually-beneficial partnership for both organizations; Jonathan provides camping equipment for the Scouts, and the Scouts reciprocate with service projects that improve the quality of life for all Jonathan members. "Jonathan homeowners are exceptionally blessed by the volunteer efforts of Troop 589," says Bostrom. "In 2010 alone the Scouts helped remove approximately 60 tons of yard waste out of our Jonathan neighborhoods during the Chaska Cleanup Days; in addition to installing a dozen bat houses (homes for those great mosquito eaters!), and ten map markers throughout our extensive trail system."

This is such a win-win for both groups," added Jonathan Board member Walt Ripplinger. "A renovated Lake Grace Pavilion will not only restore a fantastic community resource, but will also provide a great meeting location and activity site for the Boy Scouts who do so much for our Association."

"Service to community is one of the foundations of Scouting," says Leinen. "By having the Boy Scouts of Troop 589 work on the renewal of the Lake Grace Pavilion, they will get a unique opportunity to have an impact on a project that represents the fundamental intent of the Jonathan mission."

The goal of renovating and restoring the Lake

Grace Pavilion will involve intentional fundraising and "friend-raising" efforts by the Scouts, and will require the formation of a 501-(c)-3 wholly-owned subsidiary by the Jonathan Association. The IRC (Internal Revenue Code) designation for Jonathan, as a homeowner association, is 501-(c)-4 which identifies the organization as a non-profit but it's a category that does not allow for tax-favorable treatment of donor gifts.

"Currently, Jonathan can receive gifts from donors but those donors can't claim them as deductible items on their tax filing forms," explains Bostrom. "Also, a number of the charitable foundations we've looked at will not make grants to non-profit organizations with our tax code identification."

Several members of the Jonathan Board of Directors mentioned that not only can the Association's homeowners benefit from the reduced costs of renovating the Pavilion thanks to this partnership with Boy Scout Troop 589, but the possibility exists that

Jonathan could collect competitively-priced user fees from individuals, families and groups who might want to rent this beautiful facility for special events. Those revenues could help defray the Association's costs of maintaining a fully-renovated Lake Grace Pavilion.

"Over the next couple of months we hope to form a 501-(c)-3 subsidiary and assign a Board of Directors," said Bostrom. "The Jonathan Board is considering names (the 'Jonathan New Town Legacy Fund' has been suggested) and the efforts to file the necessary paperwork and recruit Board members for this new organizational unit are underway."

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EAGLE SCOUT HONORS for Troop 589

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Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Congratulations to the following Scouts who were awarded this highest level of achievement! Pictured L to R: **Tony Gallagher, Sam Berry, David Kloke, and Kasey Crumpton.**



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The City of Chaska will accept your yard waste from 8am-2pm at Athletic Park located at 725 West First Street.

The Jonathan Association will once again this year have crews making ONE pass through each neighborhood for curbside pickup and will take it to Athletic Park for you.

This pickup is for **BRUSH & YARD WASTE ONLY** (any garbage in bags will be left behind)!

All brush and yard waste must be in plastic bags and placed curbside by **7:30 am Saturday**.

If you miss the neighborhood pickup, you may bring brush and leaves to the Athletic Park drop off site, just off Hwy 212.

Any questions, call the Jonathan Association at 952-448-4700.



CHASKA POLICE SAFETY TIPS

By Officers Brady Juell & Mike Kleber, Special Correspondents

With the coming warmer weather months of spring and early summer, many residents will begin to get outside and exercise more often. 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, bike or go to the beach, 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 coming warmer weather months!

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Lake Grace Pavilion—continued

Leaders of Boy Scout Troop 589 and the Jonathan Association anticipate that various amounts of financial donations, foundation grants, gifts-in-kind, construction materials, and volunteer labor could be received from a wide variety of sources. An official kickoff to a fundraising and “friend-raising” campaign is tentatively scheduled to begin on May 1st, but details are still being discussed.

“Adding value for our homeowners via innovative partnerships with other organizations in the community is one of the Jonathan Board’s strategic priorities,” added Bostrom. “This partnership with Boy Scout Troop 589 exemplifies that commitment.”

“The vision of multiple community groups sharing a meeting space and working together to bring it back to useful life in the community is a project that Henry McKnight himself would be proud of,” says Leinen.



25th ANNIVERSARY -

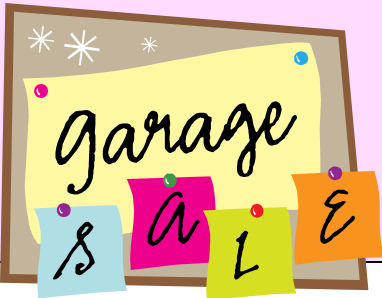
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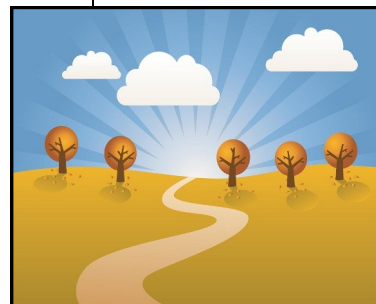
The service team of St. Andrew West Lutheran Church is once again organizing a community wide garage sale for all of Jonathan. There is no registration fee to participate, however, donations will be gratefully accepted to be applied towards the cost of advertising and other expenses associated with the event. We hope you will find this event a useful way to recycle your unused household items, as well as a chance to get to know your neighbors.

In honor of our 25th Anniversary the Jonathan Association is sponsoring a drawing from those who register for \$25 gift certificates at neighboring restaurants.

If you are interested in being part of this event and for complete details, please fill out the registration form on our website www.jonathaninchaska.com or call the Karen House at 952.448.4700.



COMING THIS SUMMER to a JONATHAN TRAIL near YOU.....GEOCACHING!



Wikipedia definition : **Geocaching** is an outdoor sporting activity in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers (Tupperware or similar) or ammo boxes can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value. Geocaching is often described as a "game of high-tech hide and seek."

Within the Jonathan Association lies approximately 15 miles of trails - which are just waiting to be explored! "What a great way to get people to the Karen House and out enjoying nature in their own backyard!" said Nancy Teske, new Gassen employee and on-site property manager at the Karen House. "Our containers will include some trinkets along with trivia about the history of Jonathan. So not only will it be a fun outing for all ages, but also educational!" This program will be kicked off June 1st—details will be posted on our website soon or call Nancy at the Karen House 952.448.4700.



Nancy Teske



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, May 15th
- 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

These details will also be posted on our website—have fun snapping pictures!



Chaska City Council Update

By Greg Boe—Ward 2

A very welcome addition showed up in the Clover Ridge neighborhood last fall, and its arrival has made life safer and easier for many Jonathan residents. That long-awaited addition is the new temporary traffic signal which was installed at the corner of Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard (County Road 10) just a few short months ago. This new stop light has drastically improved a very dangerous intersection, while also reducing the amount of time spent by area residents waiting for a chance to pull out onto a busy Engler Blvd.

That same intersection will be the scene of more road construction activity once again in 2011 and/or 2012, as Phase II of this project is expected to be completed within the next year or two. This mile-long project will include widening County Road 10 from the Highway

212 Interchange westward to the Chaska City limits, thus providing four lanes of through traffic, while also creating dedicated turn lanes at all intersections. Work will also be started on an extension of Clover Ridge Drive to the south of Engler Blvd, in preparation for future development within the new Ed Campus and Biotech Center. In addition, Phase II will include the replacement of the temporary Clover Ridge Drive traffic signal with a permanent signal with steel poles, and the installation of an off-road trail. Plans currently call for vehicle traffic to be maintained in all directions throughout the construction project.

This project is a fine example of partnership and cooperation between local units of government. Since Clover Ridge Drive is a city street, while this portion of Engler Boulevard is a county road, both the City and County are working together to plan and finance the project. Project approval must also be sought from the State of Minnesota (MnDOT), since this stretch of County Road 10 is near enough to the intersection with Highway 212 to impact traffic flow through that area.

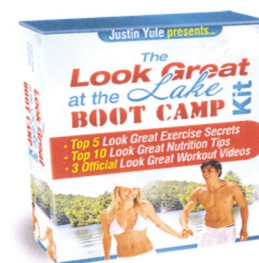


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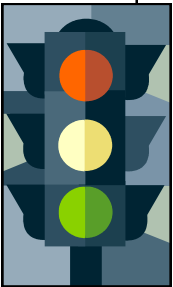
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Stop Light & Trail Project Updates
By Randy Maluchnik, Carver County Board Chair

Traffic Signal

One would think that adding a stop light to an intersection would not be that difficult, after all it seems that they are everywhere. However, anyone that has been involved in adding a signal at an existing intersection quickly understands how complex of a feat that can be.

The signal at the intersection of Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard has been operational since November. But the effort to get the signal started years ago....



Back when I was on the Chaska City Council, there were discussions about the intersection at Clover Ridge and Engler Boulevard. After opening of new 212 freeway interchange at Engler Blvd there was an increase of crashes at the Clover Ridge intersection. With the development of the Data Center to the west Clover Ridge Drive and additional traffic accessing onto Engler it was anticipated that the crashes along this segment of Engler would continue to increase.

There are a number of factors that determine the need for a signal including traffic amounts, number of crashes, traffic delays, pedestrians, etc. The intersection of Engler Blvd and Clover Ridge Drive does not meet these traffic signal factors at this time but there is future development planned for the south side of Engler Blvd in this area. It was determined that when the future development occurs the intersection would warrant the installation of a traffic signal.

For these reasons and to address the immediate safety concern at the intersection, the City of Chaska requested to install a "temporary" pole system traffic signal at the intersection. When development occurs to the south side of Engler Blvd. the temporary traffic signal system will likely be reconstructed as a permanent traffic signal system that you typically see on our roadways.

Trail Underpass

A resident expressed concern with the trail underpass located on Pioneer Trail just west of McKnight Road. The resident had a concern about the drop off from the top of the underpass to the trail and the possibility of vehicles or pedestrians falling off of this edge.

Last year, Carver County completed a resurfacing on this section of Pioneer Trail. The wooden guardrail was removed so that the trail underpass could be extended further north so that the opening was not so close to Pioneer Trail. It was determined that a metal guardrail should also be installed at the top of the underpass on the north side of the Pioneer Trail. Due to the early winter, the railing was not installed. But, a guardrail will be installed this spring.



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Jonathan Residents making NEWS

Congratulations are in order to a couple of Jonathan residents – one current, and one former – for their noteworthy professional achievements!

Mark Olson, Editor of the Chaska Herald newspaper, received two awards at the January 27, 2011 ceremony of the Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Mark (teaming up with reporter Mollee Francisco) took first place in the "Photo Story Category" and Mark took first place in the "Editorial Portfolio Category." In addition, the Chaska Herald received Honorable Mention in the "Editorial Page as a Whole Category." Mark resides in Jonathan's Neighborhood One.



Mike Rothman, who grew up in Jonathan's Neighborhood Five and graduated from Chaska High School, was named on January 12, 2011 as Governor Mark Dayton's choice to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce for the

State of Minnesota. This branch of the state government regulates more than 20 different industries including insurance, banking, energy and real estate. While a high school student, Rothman and his debate partner John Kincannon were the winners of Chaska's first-

ever debate championship. Again, congratulations to Mark Olson and Mike Rothman for their professional achievements, as well as a hearty "thank you" for their efforts in serving their neighbors in both Chaska and throughout Minnesota!

Cocoa and Coasting 2010 Success

"Cocoa & Coasting" is the Jonathan Association's annual Christmas sledding party. This event, free of charge to both Jonathan residents and to all other Chaska neighbors, is held at the Marsh Halberg Sledding Hill at the intersection of Bavaria and Hundertmark Road. The event is designed to build community among neighbors and celebrate the joys of the holiday season. Sponsoring organizations include The Mustard Seed Garden Center of Chaska and the MOMS Club of Chaska/Victoria. "Cocoa & Coasting" event coordinators are Maria Awes and Linda Frey. This year's event was a HUGE success and a grand time was had by all – Santa and his reindeer, Buttons, also dropped by for a visit!

Hot beverages supplied by Dan of Elite Espresso and Cookies from the Moms Clubs kept everyone happy between sledding runs. We topped off the event with a prize drawing – Santa handed out all age group prizes from snow painting kits, sleds, snow tubes, to cool snowboards! Thanks to all who helped plan and to everyone who attended – we hope to see you again next year!!



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.



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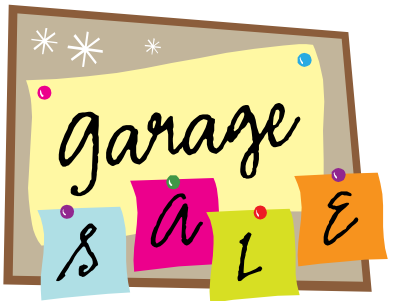
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**Jonathan Festival of Garage Sales –
Saturday, April 30th**

Written by: Linda Frey, Jonathan Board, Activities Committee Chair

How exciting! This is the 25th year of the Jonathan Festival of Garage Sales; started all those years ago as a fundraiser for the youth of Living Hope Lutheran Church (now St. Andrew West) and as a way to get the community of Jonathan together to "reduce, reuse and recycle". Now many years later, the tradition continues by members of the Church wanting to keep the event alive for the benefit of the community and as a fundraiser for a local charitable organization. The recipient again this year is the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf located off Village Road.

This event brings individuals from all parts of the metro area and from in-state and out-state Minnesota as well. Some wise shoppers arrive early on Thursday or Friday as a few Jonathan households have their garage sales ready early. Other shoppers come on Friday to the church to wrangle a map so they can strategize their "attack" on Saturday to get the first chance at some of the coveted items listed on the back of the map. So for a few hours on the last Saturday of April for the last 25 years Jonathan has been the place to be!

In celebration of the 25th anniversary, a drawing will be held from among the registrants of those households having a garage sale. This is sponsored by the Jonathan Association Activities Committee honoring an event that has made a significant difference in our community. Twenty five lucky winners will each receive a \$25.00 gift card to a neighboring restaurant. The winners will be notified during the week before the event and the gift cards can be picked up on Friday night at the Church.

We are hoping for great weather this year! HAPPY GARAGE SALEing!

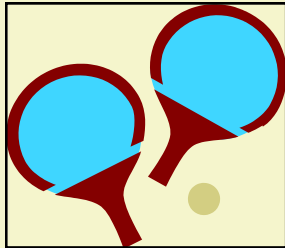
BLAST from the PAST—A look back at life in Jonathan

A new and ongoing article in the Jonathan Neighbors Newsletter will be a reminiscent look at how our current or former neighbors lived life in Jonathan a few years ago or even a few decades ago. Here's a copy of 4th of July festivities, held at Lake Grace, from a Jonathan Newsletter circa Summer 1981.



Clearly it was a simpler time, filled with lots of FUN and neighborly camaraderie! In the not too distant future, the Lake Grace Pavilion will shine again (in part thanks to Boy Scout Troop

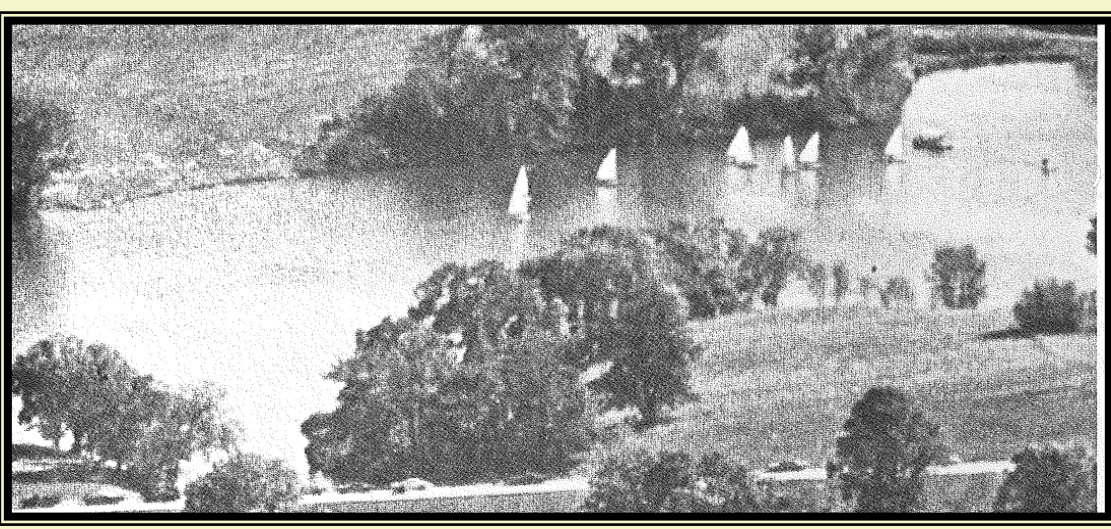
589, as mentioned in this editions Cover Story) and generate more enjoyment on and around Lake Grace as in days gone by.



Jonathan
July 4th Notes

The day-long activities, to be held at Lake Grace in Jonathan on Saturday, July 4th, will include the following activities for adults and children. A drawing will be held at 4 PM at the entrance to the Pavilion to see which two lucky people will have their tickets drawn to receive a free ride on the Hot Air Balloon! Tickets are available at The Jonathan Association Office for a 50¢ donation toward the cost of the fireworks. In case of inclement weather the ride will be given at a later date to the winners. The Hot Air Balloon is compliments of Minnetonka Inc.

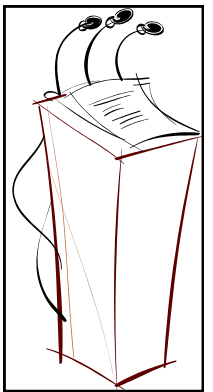
- 8:30AM & on Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament (ages 16 & older) ... Single Elimination - 8 teams - each bring a can of balls. To register call 448-4700 by 10 AM on July 2.
- 11-12 Kiddie Parade: Start at Worm Barn on Bavaria Road to Geske Road to Village Road to Village Center Parking Lot. (All participants meet at Worm Barn at 10:30 AM.) Prizes and ribbons for the following 3 divisions: 1) Best decorated bike & trike - Tiny Tot; 2) Best decorated bike - Eager Beaver; 3) Pet Division. Treats for all after parade.
- 1-2:30 Canoe Races under 14; men; women; parents & children)
- 1-1:30 Penny Sand Castle (ages 2-4 years)
- 1:30 Wet Clothes Relay (12-16; 16 & up)
- 2 & on Ping Pong Tournament (register at Pavilion by 12 noon on the 4th)
- 2:30 Egg Toss
- 2:30 Inner Tube Relay (under 14, women, men, parents & children)
- 3:30 Tug-O-War (men 18 & up)
- 3 Volleyball Tournament - 12 people to a team maximum. Call 448-4700 by July 2 to register.
- 4 Hand Paddle Canoe Races (teams of 6)
- 5-8 Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2 weather permitting
- Dark Fireworks Display



Sailboats on Lake Grace

Optimism was in abundance at the 2011 Annual Meeting!

A small but appreciative crowd of Jonathan homeowners were in attendance for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Members on February 15, 2011 in the City Council Chambers in Chaska City Hall. The total number of homeowners represented was about 24 in all, including several by proxy. "The whole evening ran very smoothly," reported Jonathan President Nate Bostrom. "My guess is that it was one of the most upbeat and optimistic annual meetings we've had in Jonathan in probably a decade or more."



Homeowners John Siegfried and Bob Moeller were among those who expressed their gratitude for the hard work of the Board members and Gassen Management Company employees. Jim Battenberg, former Board member and now a full-time Gassen employee, shared his appreciation for the opportunity to continue serving his neighbors and stated how much the community and heritage of Jonathan means to him. City Council member Greg Boe, a resident of the Clover Ridge neighborhood, also took time to address his Jonathan neighbors – and received a warm display of thanks from those in attendance for his commitment to public service. Also recognized for outstanding service were Sandi Rossol and Dick Hagen, two Board members whose terms are expiring this year. Neither is running as a candidate for re-election.

During the last two years there weren't enough interested candidates for the Jonathan Board of Directors to warrant an election, which prompted the Board to simply appoint applicants instead. However, this year four enthusiastic homeowners have announced their candidacy for the three open spots on the Board of Directors.



The four candidates for the Jonathan Board of Directors are: incumbent Walt Ripplinger (Neighborhood Seven), Dave Rome (Autumn Woods), Kristin Alcindor (Neighborhood Six), and Brandon Maves (Neighborhood Eleven). "As in past elections, voting will be conducted via US Mail," pointed out Terri Redshaw of the Gassen Management Company. "Ballots will be mailed to all residents seven days after the annual meeting."

Redshaw points out that all ballots must be returned in the provided pre-addressed return envelope and received by no later than Thursday, March 31 at the receiving US Post Office. For more information, contact Nancy Teske at 952.448.4700 or visit the Association website at: www.jonathaninchaska.com. The winning candidates will be announced at the April 12, 2011 monthly meeting of the Board, on the website, and in the **Chaska Herald** newspaper.

There are nine members on the Jonathan Association Board of Directors and each member serves a three-year term. The responsibilities of Board members include: management of association and staff; annual budget; policies; and providing strategic

prioritizing capital projects; establishing direction for the Association.





Jonathan's Progress



Spring is on its way, and not soon enough for some of us! With record snowfalls and many days of frigid temperatures, this winter was a real challenge...especially for the service providers who worked so hard to plow, pile and remove snow from all of our various Jonathan parking lots, streets and alleys. These folks did a great job for us and I think every Jonathan homeowner got their money's worth of outstanding service during a long and difficult winter.

The 2nd Annual "Cocoa & Coasting" sledding party in December was a real blast! Hundreds of children and parents enjoyed the fun and fellowship on Marsh Halberg Hill, and the guest appearance of Buttons the Reindeer was a hit with everyone. Thanks to event organizers Maria Awes (Clover Ridge Village), Linda Frey (Neighborhood Six), Jim Battenberg (Neighborhood Eight), Nancy Teske (Gassen employee), and Mark Halla of the Mustard Seed Garden Center for all their hard work.

A great opportunity to give back to the community awaits all Jonathan residents via the upcoming "Christmas in May-Chaska" service event on May 21st. Please think about getting involved in this worthy effort. Contact www.jonathan@jonathaninchaska.com or call the Karen House headquarters at (952) 448-4700 for more details.

Please remember to take advantage of the "Spring Cleanup Day" this year. For your convenience as a Jonathan homeowner, the Association will see to it that all your collected and bagged yard waste will be picked up curbside at 7:30 am on Saturday, May 7th. Contact the Karen House for details, as some restrictions apply.

There will be many treasures, bargains and good food for all at this year's, "Annual Festival of Garage Sales" in Jonathan on Saturday, April 30th. It promises to be especially festive this year as St. Andrew West Lutheran Church and Jonathan celebrate the 25th anniversary of this unique community partnership. Details are available at www.jonathaninchaska.com.

Congratulations to our newest Board member—Nancy Dilks (Neighborhood One). We anticipate the many great contributions this talented volunteer will bring to the Board of Directors.

Finally, a very special and heartfelt "thank you" goes to Sandi Rossol (Autumn Woods) and Dick Hagen (Neighborhood Three) as they step down from the Board of Directors. Sandi was the Secretary for the entire length of her three-year term and never once missed a meeting. Dick, meanwhile, served on the Board in the '70's, '90's, and 2000's—three different decades! All Jonathan homeowners owe thanks to these very special neighbors.

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

The Jonathan Association Board of Directors will hold their April meeting on April 12, 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.

Jonathan Notes

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

Christmas in May - Chaska: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



"Christmas in May-Chaska" is a local non-profit organization that enlists volunteers and coordinates a one-day work project to repair and rehabilitate the homes of Chaska residents who have neither the financial nor physical ability to maintain their home. Skilled and unskilled volunteers to the work, which can include painting, plumbing, carpentry, hauling, yard cleaning, and landscaping.

Participation in a "Christmas in May-Chaska" project doesn't require significant construction skills; rather it requires the desire to help another member of our community. It is work that can be completed in one day and changes the lives of people for years to come. This year's event will be on **Saturday, May 21st**. Please contact the Karen House for more details.



Contacting the Jonathan Association

In general, it is not the Jonathan Association's policy to respond to anonymous complaints, nor those posted on community websites. If you have a concern about the handling of Jonathan Association items or a concern about the Jonathan community, you are encouraged to call the Karen House at 952-448-4700 or send an email to:

www.jonathan@jonathaninchaska.com.

You must include your full name, address, and telephone number or email address. If you fail to include that information, we will be unable to respond to your concerns.

The Jonathan Association and its Board of Directors are here to serve the residents of Jonathan. We appreciate the opportunity to clarify and address issues or problems directly.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

Thankfully it's almost that time of year to stand in line to purchase dirt, mulch, perennials, seeds, etc. You will need all of that in order to make your garden GROW! The Jonathan Association has a community garden with 48 garden plots available for your gardening pleasure! It is located off of Bavaria Rd and Hundertmark. Consider reserving your plot for \$25 each. The plots measure all the same size at 20 x 30. The Registration form is on our website at www.jonathaninchaska.com. Please fill out and drop off at the Karen House so you can choose the location of your plot—it is on a first come first serve basis. Check or Money Order are the only accepted FOP's at this time. Also on our website are updated Garden Rules which outline details for watering, refund policy, and MORE. We hope this gets you excited for what is truly around the corner....SPRING! Happy Growing Gardeners!





Jonathan's News & Views



David Snodgrass (Communications Committee)

"We're in the process of creating a public page on the Jonathan website for each neighborhood in Jonathan. The content of these neighborhood pages could include block party announcements, births, birthday calendars and a password-protected section where those who choose to can have their contact information listed for use by their local Jonathan neighbors. With our content management system it is very simple to securely empower a resident homeowner in each neighborhood ("Backyard Correspondents") to keep the pages current. Please contact me at the Karen House for more details."

Kelly Cutler (Architectural Review Committee)

Jonathan has a number of standards and covenants designed to protect the property values and appearance in each neighborhood. The Architectural Review Committee oversees the application of the appropriate rules and covenants within Jonathan, while considering the wellbeing of all residents. You can obtain the most recent edition of the Architectural Review Guidelines from either the Jonathan website or by contacting us at the Karen House.

Linda Frey (Activities Committee)

"We have so many exciting social events and celebrations coming this Spring and Summer! The Spring Cleanup Day, Christmas in May-Chaska, and the 25th Annual Festival of Garage Sales are all right around the corner...soon to be followed by the July 4th Celebration, National Night Out neighborhood gatherings, and the 2nd Annual "Little Dance in Chaska" (Pow Wow). If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or perhaps share some ideas for new social events, please contact us at the Karen House. I hope to hear from you!"

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

~ Attention all Recreational Vehicles ~

April 1st is the day for transition from winter to summer recreational vehicles. Snowmobiles and trailers must be put away and boats, trailers, RV's, ATV's 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.



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

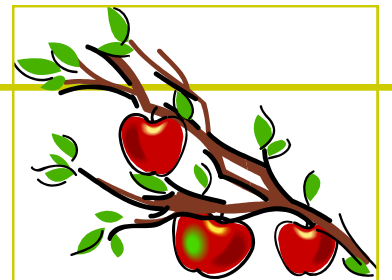
"Jonathan's Journal" was the name of a newsletter originally published by the Jonathan Development Corporation from 1971-72.

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 the 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.