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Friday, December 14th

**Jonathan's Annual Cocoa &
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Jonathan Recognized for Community Building Efforts

The Minnesota Chapter of the nationwide Community Associations Institute (CAI-MN) held its 2012 Vision Awards ceremony on June 7, 2012 at the International Market Square in Minneapolis. More than 750 industry professionals and volunteers were in attendance. Jonathan in Chaska, the largest homeowners association in Minnesota, was recognized by the CAI-MN with the award for "Outstanding Community Building by an Association" for its efforts in 2011. Representing Jonathan were current president David Snodgrass and former president Nate Bostrom.



CAI-MN Chapter President Traci Lehman presents the "Outstanding Community Building by an Association" award to Jonathan Board President, David Snodgrass (middle) and Nate Bostrom of the Jonathan Association

In an effort to create strong local neighborhoods, the Jonathan Association provides annual community-building events like the Festival of Garage Sales, Fourth of July Fun Run, Kiddie Parade & Family Celebration, National Night Out neighborhood picnics with antique fire truck rides, a Hog Roast for Boy Scout Troop 589, and the Cocoa & Coasting Sledding Party. The CAI-MN panel of judges noted that Jonathan builds a strong sense of community-connectedness by publishing a 20-page quarterly newsletter named "Jonathan Neighbors". This publication received a MarCom "Gold Award" from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals in 2011.

Jonathan was also commended for providing high-quality and fun-to-read "Event Reminder Postcards" for upcoming social events via postal mail delivery for the convenience of the 8,000 residents who live in the nearly 3,000 homes in the Association's 23 neighborhoods. As recently as 2010 Jonathan in Chaska was named "Homeowner Association of the Year" by the CAI-MN Chapter.

Jonathan 'Pays it Forward'

As noted on pg. 8 in Jonathan's Progress, three new tot lots were replaced with new play equipment, benches, and trash receptacles. Bruce Koprucki of

Neighborhood Four, had a great idea and assisted in making it happen. He had a contact at Camp Tanadoona, so he inquired to see if they would have any need or use for several older cedar timbers from Jonathan's used play equipment. Bill Donald replied with a resounding yes, so a coordinated effort to remove and deliver directly to the Camp unfolded. The timbers will potentially be used for projects such as steps on trails, arena seating, etc. Camp Tanadoona was thrilled and thanks Jonathan! And Jonathan thanks Bruce Koprucki for thinking of others and making it happen!!



COVER PHOTO : Flag Raising at the annual Boy Scout Hog Roast Picnic. Picture taken by Jim Battenberg, Jonathan resident of Neighborhood 8

CHASKA POLICE SAFETY TIPS

By Officers Brady Juell & Mike Kleber,
Special Correspondents

With the 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, bike, snowshoe or cross country ski, always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Consider bringing a friend!

- Take your cell phone with you. If you are injured or see something suspicious, you will be able to call for help.

- Stay aware. While using 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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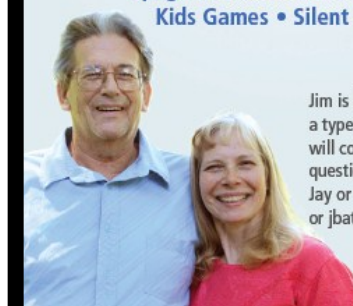
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Boy Scout Troop 589 — 2012 Happenings

Congratulations Michael, Jacob, Connor, and Ryan!

On Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Excelsior United Methodist Church Jacob Simon, Michael McGraw, Connor Martin, and Ryan Kloke (pictured above) of Chaska Boy Scout Troop 589 were awarded the highest award in Boy Scouting – The Eagle rank advancement. The event was presided over by Troop Eagle Advisor Matt Crumpton as the Master of Ceremonies. Special thanks from the Jonathan Board of Directors go to Michael (painting neighborhood entrance monument signs) and Connor (installing bat houses in common areas) for dedicating their Eagle Scout projects on behalf of their Jonathan Association neighbors.

Jonathan Boy Scout Serves in Dominican Republic

Bryant Davis, a Scout in Jonathan-sponsored Troop 589, recently served in a support role as a Staff member at the "National Scout Camp Cuayo" near San Cristobal in the Dominican Republic. Bryant, who is a senior at Chanhassen High School, lives in Jonathan and attended the World Learner School. "The opportunity to serve on Camp Staff in another country and practice my language skills was invaluable," said Bryant, who is fluent in Spanish Comprehension. Bryant's dad, Bob, pointed out that as a result of the successful completion of the camp, the Dominican Scout Association entered into a partnership with the Dominican Ministry of Education to develop a Pilot Program to form Scout groups within the public schools in Santo Domingo. The Dominican Scout Association served 161 students, ranging in age from 9-16 years of age, and the experience exceeded the Dominican Education Ministry's expectations of providing "adventure" type activities to excellent students. Bryant Davis is a Life Scout in Chaska Boy Scout Troop 589, and he has been asked to return to serve on the National Scout Camp Cuayo Staff again next year. Way to go, Bryant!

Pavilion at Lake Grace Renovation Project Update

At the September Board meeting, Project Chair Jon Leinen, presented a current snapshot and status of the project. The final design plans were shared with the board along with a project timeline. The Jonathan

Board had a few questions prior to approving the final design and overall timeline. If all moves forward and according to schedule Fundraising will continue through March of 2013 with construction beginning in the Spring and ultimately completed by end of Summer 2013. Many are excited for this to move forward, but none more than Troop 589, who will utilize this revitalized space to it's fullest potential and as their new 'home

base'! Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming Spring issue of the Jonathan Neighbors Newsletter.



A Run for the Records—Jonathan July 4th Fun Run

by Bruce Koprucki, Run Director



Eighty-seven (87) degrees at the 8:30 a.m. start. Seventy percent humidity. An expected daytime high of 100 degrees. A mid-week holiday. Yet 103 runners and walkers of all ages braved the heat, humidity, and distance on the 5K/3.1 mile course, and the winning time of 19:34 was earned by a runner pushing a



stroller with infant! Definitely a 'Run for the Records'!

Every Jonathan July 4th Fun Run is different. Many attendees make this event an annual tradition, some from outside Jonathan. About one-third returned from last year.

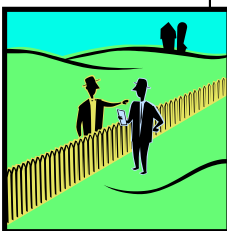
There was different weather and attendees this year, but no difference in the course; not this year or since a 2008 reroute with Lake Grace lakefront trail reconstruction. As in the past 3 years, the all-paved Jonathan 5K/3.1 mile route started at the south edge of the Jonathan Kindergarten Center parking lot, looped the lot, and then threaded behind the south playground and under Village Road to the Center Green tot lot split. From there, the route climbed gradually north behind Neighborhood One North, Center Green, and the Waybury Apartments to the Barbary Knoll tot lot, then curled north and east through the backyards of Jonathan Acres and Millpond Court, under Pioneer Trail, and into McKnight Park. In McKnight Park, the course skirted the main parking lot and shelter before diving into the woods to its northernmost point, then curved sharply south to follow the west bank of Lake Jonathan and Lake Grace to the beach and pavilion. Continuing south, the course followed East Chaska Creek through the woods, under Hundertmark Road, then west behind the Jonathan Montessori Center at its southernmost point. From there, the course steered north for the brutal late-run climb behind Stone Creek, Aspen Oaks, Stockwood, and Neighborhood One South to the Center Green tot lot split, then ended with a short route retrace to the Kindergarten Center finish. Although this event is billed as a fun run, times of the first three men and women are recorded, and times are announced for all at the finish. The fastest time and first-place finish men for the 5K was earned by Kurt Wood in 19 minutes and 34 seconds (even though son Sebastian crossed the finish (and start) a split second before in the stroller). James Howard returned this year and finished second in 22:26, and Jason Branch finished third in 23:51. Alanna Lee finished first of women with a time of 24 minutes and 17 seconds, followed shortly by Ann Lendino second in 24:52 and Sara Honsa third in 25:09. Most attendees finished in less than 51 minutes despite the heat and humidity. **Continued on pg. 11**



“Minnesota Nice”: Service or Dis-Service?

Minnesota nice is a phrase we hear often when several acts of kindness happen all

around us...food for the new neighbor moving in, mowing a neighbor's yard because they no longer can, babysitting in a pinch, etc. But when it comes to neighbor's not so great behavior or lack thereof 'Minnesota nice' can quickly become a dis-service. No one wants to talk to their neighbors about sensitive or unpleasant topics such as: your neighbor's increased amount of junk in the yard, several cars in the driveway, boats / trailers / cars always parked in the street, not maintaining lawn or yard care, holes in the siding of the house - raccoons living on the premises, dogs pooping in my yard, etc. Minnesotan's do all neighbors a dis-service



by not saying anything. So who should you call for these types of private property issues?! The city of Chaska website has a listing of city ordinances and some of the issues mentioned above would be in violation, therefore, notify the Chaska police. They will follow up and in many instances issue a citation or several to that homeowner, and in some cases, it can lead to an arrest for unpaid tickets, etc. If nothing is done, than the issue will not go away or even have a chance to improve. So do yourself and your neighbors a favor, call the police - 952.448.4200.

Why not call the Jonathan office? The Jonathan Association is Minnesota's largest homeowners association and its sole responsibility is maintaining Jonathan's common properties or grounds – see list on page 13. The Jonathan office has and does send letters, as a courtesy, to those homeowners brought to our attention or noticed on drive-bys. For more information re: your neighborhood covenants, they can be found on the Jonathan website www.jonathaninchaska.com.



Bottom-line: Call the Police.

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- Planning an all-church campaign to provide support for children in need in other areas of the world.

If you are looking for a church home, where you can come as you are, learn more about God in a comfortable environment, while building meaningful relationships with others trying to do the same thing, check us out!

Church plant continued

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. **Pick ups will begin on Friday, Oct. 26th** and is for **BRUSH & YARD WASTE ONLY!**

All brush and yard waste must be in BIO or paper bags (per Carver County regulations as of 2010, see www.rethinkrecycling.com) and placed curbside by **8:00 am Friday**. Any non compliant bags will be left

behind.

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.



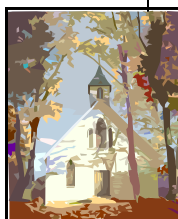
~ Attention all Recreational Vehicles ~

November 1st is the day for transition from summer to winter recreational vehicles. Boats, RV's, and ATV's must be put away and stored for the season. 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.



Church Plant celebrating an anniversary!

Westbrook Community Church is celebrating their 1-year anniversary serving Clover Ridge and surrounding



communities. Westbrook was formed by a group from Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen as a means to continue to spread God's love to western Carver County and currently holds two services every week at the Clover Ridge Elementary School in Chaska. True to their vision, this growing community of people have established an inclusive and caring community, opportunities to learn more about God, while serving each other and the surrounding community in meaningful ways that can make a difference in Carver County and globally.

Belong. Community is a staple at Westbrook. Living relationally with each other and celebrating the good times in life, allow people to more effectively help support each other through the difficult times in life. No one should have to go through life alone and at Westbrook the opportunities to build community within and across all life stages include:

- All church picnics and barbecues
- Informal backyard birthday or holiday celebrations
- Encouraging others and group participation in community events, such as a local 5K race!

Become. Everyone is truly at a unique place learning about God and growing their faith. At Westbrook the focus is on meeting and accepting everyone right where they are in life, and providing opportunities to ask questions, learn more and grow spiritually in a comfortable environment. Westbrook can help in your Journey with Christ through various offerings that include:

- Sunday children's and youth programming during services (birth through 8th grade)
- Wednesday day night youth program (6th through 9th grade)
- Small groups where adults can gather and learn in a friendly, personal setting

Bless. While serving each other, the Westbrook community also looks to make the overall community a better place to live for everyone by helping those in need, both locally and globally, as well as sponsoring community events that encourage that same fun and caring environment. In the last 6 months, Westbrook has been involved in many opportunities, a few of which include:

- Holding an Easter egg hunt on the lawn of Clover Ridge Elementary school for the local community to come and share in the fun and celebration of Easter
- Joining forces with Urban Homeworks to help renovate local housing for those in need in downtown Minneapolis.
- Hosting a citywide pancake breakfast during Carver Steamboat Days and donated the proceeds back to the community
- Sponsoring a family in the church community in their effort to spread the word and

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we invite you to join us!



If you don't have a church home, we invite you to join us and hope you will find a place to belong, become more like Christ, and be a blessing to the world.
—Kevin Sharpe, Pastor



We are a new church meeting in
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Jonathan Community Events—4th of July & National Night Out recap

In addition to the Fun Run, the usual 4th of July activities went off without a hitch! The kiddie parade led everyone to the



Karen House grounds where the various festivities were underway such as : face painting, the petting zoo, slides, watermelon eating contests, free bags of trinkets, snacks, ice cream, etc. We did our best to keep

everyone well hydrated, including the animals in the petting zoo area. All parents and kids alike endured the heat for what proved to be another great celebration! A huge thanks to the Board Chairs and neighbors who volunteered during this event—your time and willingness make this event possible and that's much appreciated!

Jonathan residents in eleven different neighborhoods gathered together to participate in the 2012 "National Night Out" event in August, with an estimated 250 people attending the various gatherings. "We reimbursed each neighborhood up to \$100 in expenses," said Kelli Snapp of the Jonathan Board of Directors. "This, along with our volunteer organizers in each neighborhood, really inspired community spirit and participation among residents to plan their own get -togethers." Neighborhood coordinators included : Karen Bloodworth (Windstone Townhomes), Janet Sons (Autumn Woods), Sharon Lewison (Stone Creek Townhomes), Valerie Stuhr & Kelli Brenny (Clover Preserve), Sarah Heyer (Clover Ridge), Alicia Stone (Clover Traditions), Kathy Strahan (Waybury Apartments), Donna Ghassen & Stephanie Filreis (Haverhill Condos), Tracy Trevethan & Steven Kurtzweil (Neighborhood 8), Naomi Krueger (Neighborhood 5), and Claudia Lunde (Lake Grace Apartments). 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), one driven by owner/operator Nick Modders. This year we had two trucks and Board Chairs Kelli Snapp and Kristin Hempel rode along and served as neighborhood guides. Along the route among the various stops, both drivers, Kelli, and Kristin enjoyed generous offerings of hospitality. Thanks to



ALL for making this another successful NNO in Jonathan!

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.



Blast from the Past continued

In the middle of the night, the building was lifted onto a huge truck trailer and driven the two blocks south to its current location. A subsequent building addition expanded the original school to its current size.

Seeing the need to expand the Jonathan Montessori curriculum beyond pre-school, the World Learner School was formed as a separate entity to be a free, non-profit, public charter school program to educate children in grades 1-8.

Both schools offer a high quality educational option for residents of Jonathan with plans to offer a toddler program (16 months) starting in 2013.



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GOT SCRAP?? Church Scrap Metal Drive

Waterbrooke Fellowship, in Victoria, is collecting scrap metal as a fund raiser for the church. If you have any unneeded metal items, we'll pick them up! What we're looking for : Outdoor furniture, shelving, poles, pipes, tent poles, aluminum ladders, car parts, folding chairs, bed frames/rails, metal cookware, lawn mowers, bikes, BBQ's, tools, gutters, engines, etc. **Contact Tina Cauthorn 952.465.4540** mjcauthorn@hotmail.com

Clean up your house / yard and help a good cause!

Good Question! What does my Jonathan Annual Dues Cover?

- Spring Cleanup – one time pass to pick up bagged leaves, bundled twigs and deliver to Athletic Park
- Fall Cleanup – one time pass to pick up bagged leaves, bundled twigs and deliver to Athletic Park
- Boulevard, trail, and common area maintenance – year round lawn care, fertilization, weed control, and snow removal
- Lawn care for vacant or foreclosed properties
- Boulevard Tree removal / replacement as necessary
- Large tree / limb removal as necessary on Jonathan common properties
- Pond treatments and aerator maintenance
- Tot Lot maintenance and replacement (as necessary) for 19 Jonathan Tot Lots
- Discounted mailbox lock / key replacement as needed
- Landscaping maintenance for Neighborhood Monument signs, Silo, Obelisk, Gazebo, and Neighborhood islands
- Bus Shelter & Mail station maintenance
- FREE Community Events such as : Annual Festival of Garage Sales, 4th of July Celebration at the Karen House, National Night Out, and Cocoa & Coasting Sledding Event
- FREE copies and faxes at the Karen House
- FREE subscription to the Jonathan Neighbors Newsletter / Magazine
- FREE Classified Ads for Jonathan Homeowners within the Newsletter
- Liability insurance for common areas



Blast from the Past : JONATHAN MONTESSORI – A 42 YEAR JONATHAN TRADITION by Marsh Halberg

The Schools Expand

If you've driven down Hundertmark Road in the last few months, you've seen big changes going on for the Jonathan Montessori School and the World Learner School. For years the two programs have been sharing their facility at Hundertmark Road and Village Road. With both programs needing more space, the Montessori school purchased the former Living Hope Church/St. Andrews West Church located next door, remodeled the building and moved in to open this school year. The World Learner School now enjoys use of the entire original school building.

An Interesting History

When the planned community of Jonathan started in the early 1970's, it's designers hoped to develop a total community and that also encompassed issues such as childcare. Remember that in the early 1970's women were still transitioning to working outside the home and the need for childcare was growing.

In planning our community, the Jonathan Development Corporation remodeled an old barn (the original Worm Barn located next to the Karen House) so the lower level could serve as a Montessori school. The Jonathan Montessori School, an authentic Montessori program, opened in 1971 based upon the teachings of Maria Montessori to provide a safe environment for children to learn.

The Worm Barn Fire

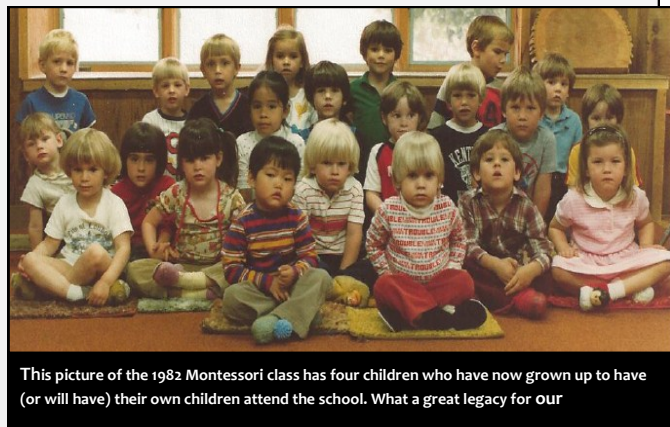
The school continued in a comfort zone until May 7, 1989 when everything changed. On that weekend, small children unconnected to the school pulled up a piece of the barn siding and, playing with matches, accidentally set the barn on fire. A huge crowd gathered to watch as the entire building burned to the ground.



The school was left without a home or equipment and their future existence was in great doubt. The parents of the school, lead by school director Randi Shapiro, rallied and were determined to rebuild. For the next year, the school was based out of several parents' homes, which allowed time for formulating a business plan.

Buying a Building for \$1

After the fire the school started looking for a new space and found an opportunity right in Jonathan. The original Jonathan sales office building stood vacant on the space that is now the Jonathan Square shopping area. The building was set to be bulldozed for the new shopping development. A loan backed by a special federal program allowed the school to buy the building for \$1 and to then purchase the land parcel at Hundertmark and Village Road. **Cont. on pg. 13**



This picture of the 1982 Montessori class has four children who have now grown up to have (or will have) their own children attend the school. What a great legacy for OUR

Jonathan Hosts Architectural Tour by Nate Bostrom

A diverse group of approximately 30 aspiring architectural and engineering students of high school and college age toured the Jonathan Association on July 16, 2012. The tour originated at the Karen House and included: the Red Cedar/Idea House on Kings Lane, the Trail Head Park, the Children Playing Monument, the "tree house apartments" of Aspen Oaks, various homes on Stanford Circle and Olin Court, Jonathan General Store, ISD 112 Kindergarten Center, and concluded with a picnic at the Lake Grace beach.

Hailing from East St. Paul, the students were making their very first visit to the southwest metro area. "Our students came a long way from home but it was worth the trip," said John Stangl, a college instructor and the event's organizer. "The kids really enjoyed the sights and history of Jonathan."

Nate Bostrom, former Jonathan president and current member of the Association's Heritage Committee, conducted the tour. "The students come from inner city neighborhoods and were especially intrigued by the trail system," said Bostrom. "I floated the idea of calling the trails 'people roads' and that proved to be a very popular decision!"

The participating students are affiliated with either Century College of White Bear Lake, or a variety of St. Paul area high schools, and the tour of Jonathan was an event organized under the auspices of TRIO Upward Bound.

"The Children Playing monument held the students' interest for a long time," reported Bostrom. "Although I think they preferred the informal name of 'Dinosaur Bones' instead."

"The kids loved the tree house apartments and took lots of photos of the house designed by Ralph Rapson," reported Stangl. "We required them to study the history section on the Jonathan website and they were very impressed that a rich and powerful leader like Henry McKnight would create a diverse place where everyone could find a home."

TRIO Upward Bound is a federally funded, U.S. Department of Education equal educational opportunity program that seeks to

income and disadvantaged students. TRIO works with long-term and helps needed for school students postsecondary



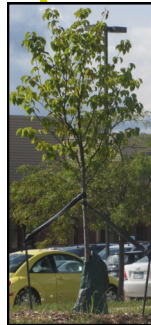
prepare low-educationally high school Upward Bound students on a intensive basis generate the skills selected high to succeed in education.



Jonathan's Progress



2012 has proven to be yet another busy and productive year around Jonathan! There were several Board approved projects and initiatives that are complete or near



completion! The final phase of replacing Boulevard trees was a success and with the help of water bags and frequent watering, all trees have survived a brutally hot summer. Oak Valley received a welcoming facelift of a new monument sign and landscaping, which was also watered frequently and will continue to be maintained by Jonathan staff. Ponds located at Mill Pond and throughout the Autumn Woods neighborhood s received several treatments to combat against duckweed and appears to be a great improvement! Neighbors near Clover Meadow Dr. also received a



fresh update to some landscaping on a nearby out lot. Stockwood condos received some privacy plantings of flowering crab apple trees along Village Rd. and a group of Spruce trees in the back of the property near the trail system. Neighborhoods 4, 5, and 11 received new Tot Lot equipment in early Summer to ensure enjoyment once kids were out of school. Two out of three now require some additional soil, grading and sod—which we



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



anticipate to be complete soon. 2013 proves to be just as productive. Some possible project initiatives are trail repair and repaving, bench and trash receptacle replacement throughout the trail system, monument sign replacement, etc. The Jonathan Board looks forward to another exciting year of change and improvements for Jonathan's common grounds!



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

The Jonathan Association Board of Directors will hold their upcoming meetings the second Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise indicated on the Jonathan website. The meeting will be held at the Chaska City Hall,

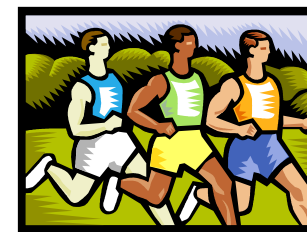
Jonathan Notes

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.

Fun Run—continued

Special thanks to Board Chairs Stephen Wolff and Kelli Snapp, along with Marsh Halberg of Neighborhood 2, for their assistance.

In preparing for next year's Fun Run, we invite you to volunteer for support roles before, during, or after the run in order to keep this a great event...and make it even better! There are many opportunities, many which would allow you to run or walk in the event as well! Contact Nancy Teske at the Jonathan office to sign up as a volunteer for next year's event.



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How did your Garden Grow?

The Jonathan Association has a community garden with 48 plots available for your gardening pleasure! This year 42 of 48 plots were reserved and produced much vegetation as seen in these pictures. Great job gardeners!! **For those with plots please remove your parameters by Sunday, October 14th** as the garden soil will be tilled the following week. For those that comply by the 14th we will refund \$10 of your rental charge. Appreciate your cooperation as this saves time and money!! The garden plots are a Jonathan amenity therefore you must be a resident of Jonathan in order to rent a plot. It is located off of Bavaria Rd and Hundertmark. Consider reserving your plot in 2013 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. 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. Thank you for participating and we look forward to more delicious crops in 2013!!



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Jonathan's News & Views



The prize for most dramatic improvement has got to go to Neighborhood One's Trailhead Park! The brick paver steps and



Trailhead Park—BEFORE

landing lend to years of enjoyment along with the recycled milk jug benches. Each year different annual plantings will be in the center raised area on the platform and the lower area has perennials planted. The combined talents of Meadow Green Landscape, Ellis Noone of Gardens by Ellis and Barrie Anderson of A



Trailhead Park—AFTER

Gal and a Shovel, all made this beautiful new destination or resting place a real JOY! The lilac trees planted behind the benches suffered from transplant shock, however, we are continuing to water until the first freeze and anticipate healthy



Barrie and Ellis hard at work planting perennials!

trees come Spring! So plan your next walk, run, or ride to take you through to



Dianne Erickson of Waybury Apartments—out for her daily stroll on the Jonathan trails

Neighborhood One between Arboretum Way & Village Rd. and check it out. After all, it's for YOU!

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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



George Bender was the first local farmer to sell his property to the "New Town" of Jonathan. His grandfather, Christian Bender, homesteaded this land in 1854 and he was formally given title to it in a deed personally signed on August 1, 1861 by President Abraham Lincoln. The "Jonathan in Chaska" silo, located on the original Bender farm at Hwy 41 and Hundertmark Rd. was dedicated in October 2001.



In May 1972, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) George Romney visited Jonathan to inspect the progress of HUD's "New Communities" Program in Minnesota's first New Town. A Jonathan apple tree was planted to commemorate the visit. George Romney was the former governor of Michigan, and his son Mitt Romney was elected governor of Massachusetts some thirty years later and went on to be a Presidential candidate in 2012.



Kathleen "Kacie" Brown, born in December 1969 was the very first "native born" Jonathan citizen. Kacie's parents, Bill and Maggie Brown, had moved into Jonathan in October 1968. The Browns were Jonathan's first residential home buyers.

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