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Recipe for Best Ever Cookies

Ingredients :

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup veg. oil
- 1 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1tsp vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup Rice Krispies
- 1 cup chopped Pecans
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 bag chocolate chips

Cream sugars, oil, butter, egg, and vanilla. Blend dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Fold in coconut, Rice Krispies, chopped nuts, oatmeal, and chips. Chill one hour. Form into balls the size of walnuts, flatten slightly.

Bake @ 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

ENJOY!

Note : Store in baggies or containers with a piece of bread in each, this helps keep the cookie moist.



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Jonathan Festival of Garage Sales—Saturday, April 28th

The Jonathan Association is again organizing a community wide garage sale for all of Jonathan. There is no registration fee to participate. 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.

If you are interested in being part of this event, please fill out the registration form on our website @ www.jonathaninchaska.com and mail it to or drop it off at the Karen House, the address indicated at the bottom of the form. Your location will be listed on a map indicating that you are having a garage sale plus a brief listing of any special items you may be selling. If you need additional registration forms, you may pick them up at the Jonathan Association Office (located at the Karen House).



Please note the change in location this year! **The new location is the Kindergarten Center parking lot located at 110600 Village Road.** There will be concessions for hungry garage-salers, maps, and bathrooms available.

We look forward to the 26th year of this Jonathan sponsored event and as always hope for sunshine!

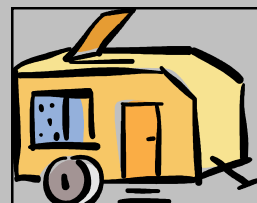


Questions? Contact Kristin at 952-448-1184 or Nancy @ the Karen House 952.448.4700.



~ Attention all Recreational Vehicles ~

April 1st was the day for transition from winter to summer recreational vehicles. Snowmobiles and trailers must be put away and boats, 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.



COVER PHOTO : The Karen House, home of the Jonathan office. Picture taken by Nancy Teske, Gassen on-site property manager.

CHASKA POLICE SAFETY TIPS

By Officers Brady Juell & Mike Kleber,
Special Correspondents

With the milder days of Spring and the heat of Summer, 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, or scooter, 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. 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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Mark your Calendars—
Fourth of July & National Night Out

The annual Fourth of July celebration in Jonathan, always one of the most family-friendly and enjoyable community gatherings in all of Chaska, is well underway in the stages of planning! The Jonathan Board of Directors Activities Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the many 'stations of fun', on **Wednesday, July 4th** on the Karen House grounds!! Please contact the Karen House to volunteer or to find out more information. "We've got the petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, ice cream, a magician, the trinkets table, kool-aid, and popcorn all ready to go again this year," promises Nancy, Gassen on-site Property Manager. "Oh, and don't forget the inflatable slides and Bouncy House, too!" Marsh and Bruce add that the "Kiddie Parade and the Fun Run/Walk" – both longtime favorite Fourth of July traditions in Jonathan – are also planned again this year. "Free T-shirts will be given to the Fun Run/Walk participants," says Marsh. Last year the team of Desmond Alcindor (Neighborhood Six) and Marsh did the judging for the watermelon-eating contest and rumors have it that this fun event for both kids and parents alike will be offered again in 2012. For updates and complete details about this year's "Fourth of July Celebration in Jonathan" activities, location, and times please contact: www.jonathaninchaska.com or call the Jonathan office at: 952-448-4700.



Jonathan residents in ten different neighborhoods gathered together to participate in the 2011 "National Night Out" event, 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 2011. "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." **Jonathan will again reimburse each neighborhood up to \$100** for any associated supplies needed to hold their event. In order to facilitate the various neighborhood activities, the Jonathan Association asks each neighborhood that wants to participate in NNO on **Tuesday, August 7th**, to do the following:

- Designate a captain and a team responsible for planning your neighborhood's event.
- **Register your neighborhood with Nancy at the Jonathan office – 952.448.4700.**
- Notify Officer Julie Janke of the Chaska Police at jjanke@chaskamn.com that your neighborhood is having an event and give her your contact information.
- Visit (www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno) for ideas and register your neighborhood in order to receive a NNO organizational kit filled with how-to materials.
- Keep your receipts for submission to the Jonathan Association Office after the event for your neighborhood's \$100 reimbursement.
- Have fun and get to know you neighbors!

Officer Julie will schedule a visit to your party from the Chaska Police and Fire Departments, and Jonathan will have two antique fire engines circulating the neighborhoods offering rides to children. Keep in mind the earlier each neighborhood registers, the greater chance that visits can/will be made to your neighborhood! If you have any questions or comments, please call the Jonathan office.



Early Spring, Early Gardening
by Ellis Noone

It has been a very interesting winter with little snow and warm temps. Many of you may be concerned about your plants since we had such a small amount of snow cover. Well, you had heard this before but we live in Minnesota. Each season will be different from the rest. Saying that, let me try to give you some constructive action steps you can take so this becomes a pleasurable and rewarding season.



1. **Spring Watering**—When the ground thaws and the danger of frost is gone, make sure you deeply water all of your plants including young trees, shrubs, and perennials. As a former grower for a local nursery, checking the moisture level for plants is critical on how well they will perform in the coming season.
2. **Pruning**- you can prune the dead growth off your perennials to the ground when there is no more frost. Perennial grasses should be pruned down to about 4-5". Be careful with shrubs, spring blooming shrubs such as Lilacs should not be pruned until after the bloom time. Also, pruning shrubs should be accomplished when the growing temps remain steady.
3. **Dividing perennials**- After the perennials start showing signs of growth, and again after the danger of frost is gone, you can dig up the ones you choose and divide with a clean knife or spade. I highly recommend amending your soil as you replant your perennials with 1/3 peat moss, 1/3 composted cow manure, and 1/3 existing soil. A product called Mycorrhizae is a transplant booster and a miracle working product that keeps the plant from going into shock and can increase the root system by 3 times in a season. You can find this product at The Mustard Seed or Halla Nursery.
4. **Containers**- there are different philosophies about saving your planting mix from the previous year. I like to put fresh potting soil in my cleaned out containers because there is no danger of micro-organisms living in the soil from the previous season. Make sure you buy good potting mix from reputable nurseries. I have seen many a plant in gardens that did not have a good mix of humus, topsoil, vermiculite or rice hulls, and other organic materials.
5. **Removing plants**- There is a time when a plant for one reason or another is not performing. If it is tired and sickly or has reached the end of its life cycle, my motto is "toss it" and replant with a more desirable plant.
6. **Purchasing plants** - if the grow tag says "full sun" that means 6 hours or more. If it says "partial shade" it is less than 6 hours. Remember the greatest sun exposure is in the afternoon so be mindful not to subject your more shade tolerant plants to the harmful rays. There are variegated and yellow hostas that can take more sun than others. Make sure you talk to a nursery expert before making a decision of hostas for a more sunny area.



7. **Watering**- Keep your plants evenly moist throughout the growing season. It will be critical to the performance now and throughout the seasons to come. If you like to take treks up north to your cabin during the summer, you may want to purchase "soil moist" to put in your containers. It will keep your plants from dying while your gone. If you are going to be gone for more than a few days, you might consider a kindly neighbor that can come and water for you.

These tips are a few and not all inclusive. If you need plant or design consultation, you can email me at enoone847@hotmail.com. Have a great spring!

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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.

Spring Cleanup Day—Saturday, May 5th

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, May 4th and is for **BRUSH & YARD WASTE ONLY** (any garbage in bags will be left behind)!

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 or 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.

Run for a Cause— Saturday, June 30th

Why the SayHey5k? Just ask the race founder...

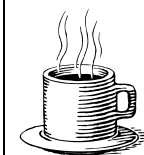


Matt approached me shortly before the Highway 41 bridge closed and my Dunn Bros coffee shop would be experiencing a 70 percent drop in revenue. I informed him I had 15 minutes and no money to help support his function. 2 hours later, a vision born, and a commitment of action to help promote our downtown and engage neighboring communities (Carver, Victoria, etc.) - the SayHey5k had my attention, support and financial backing.

The SayHey5k is the avenue to get involved in our area and actually be a part of it. The participation of downtown business is unparalleled and the notoriety this event brings is unmatched. Putting every dollar back into downtown rectifies our belief in community and proves that together we build sustainable attraction and engagement, which leads to a sustainable downtown. We are in the processing of working on partnerships with the cities of Chaska and Carver to route the race between the cities and igniting attention and promotion through the promotion in the SW area, as well. The proceeds from this race will benefit downtown Chaska with specific dollar contributions guided by the City of Chaska, Chaska Historic Society and the Downtown Business Alliance. Get involved...live community...be part of something big.

Back the Cause of the SayHey5k and mark the last Saturday in June To participate in your community.

I encourage you to check out the website at www.sayhey5k.com, register and spread the word. OUR Chaska needs YOUR participation!



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A New Jonathan Neighbor - New Church Plant is Community Focused

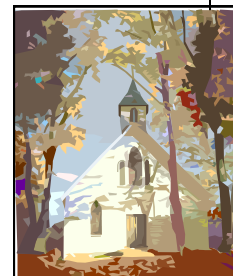
Westbrook Community Church was recently 'birthed' in the Jonathan community by a core group from

Westwood Community Church. Opening its doors in September 2011, Westbrook follows strong a tradition at Westwood, which was planted 16 years ago as the offspring of Wooddale Church of Eden Prairie.

Westbrook is led by a veteran staff, including Kevin Sharpe, who comes with more than 20 years of pastoral ministry experience. The Westbrook vision reads: "By receiving all that God wants to give us, and giving his blessings away, we will create a caring community where all can **belong, become** like Christ and **be a blessing to the world.**"

This mission stays true to the concept that people are the church. The church is a community of people living life connected to each other, sharing in relationships, serving those in need, and encouraging each other to love God. Community outreach is at the core of who Westbrook is, and during the past six months, the church has been involved:

- Westbrook hosted a citywide pancake breakfast during the Carver Steamboat Days and donated proceeds back to the community.
- A team from Westbrook joined forces with Urban Homeworks last fall to renovate housing for those in need in downtown Minneapolis.
- Westbrook partners with Love INC by offering a 'Loads of Love' ministry serving approximately 30 families per month with laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dishwasher detergent and dish soap.
- Westbrook participated in the Hunger Initiative with nine other area churches, which culminated in more than 1.2 million meals packed for distribution in the Horn of Africa.
- A group of families from Westbrook served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House in



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
Clover Ridge Elementary School

Our services are at
9:15 and 10:30 am

If you would like more information
email us at
info@westbrookonline.org

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Minneapolis. Families were able to share not only a nourishing meal, but also love and laughter as we provided an April Fool's themed menu and participated in caring conversations.

If you are looking for a church home that follows Christ's example by serving others, please join us! Westbrook meets weekly at Clover Ridge Elementary School, located at 114000 Hundertmark Ave, at 9:15 and 10:30 am, with children's programming

offered at both times. Visit online at www.westbrookonline.org

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Our outgoing Board President and Activities Chair! Nate Bostrom and Linda Frey's terms on the Jonathan Board of Directors came to an end this year. Both have been consistently dedicated and thorough in serving their fellow Jonathan neighbors with commitment through their time and energy given.



Nate has served on the Board for the past four years, (the last three as President) and has been an enthusiastic leader in community service. He has lead many projects and always aims to strengthen the sense of community in Jonathan. Under Nate's leadership the Board has worked to improve the quality & add new methods of communications including the creation of "event reminder postcards". He has delivered added value via the partnership with Boy Scout Troop 589, which has provided many volunteer benefits to the Jonathan



homeowners. Nate has worked to pursue an equitable distribution of resources by implementing the "2039" Plan directives. Additionally, he has worked to upgrade the value of common area properties, including: Henry Creek Park, Juliet Park, Clover Ridge Boulevards, the Apple Barn and initiated the renovation and restoration of the Lake Grace Pavilion.

Linda has also served alongside her fellow board members with much energy and active participation. As the Chair of the Activities Committee, Linda has helped organize and oversee the Festival of Garage Sales, The Fourth of July Festivities, National Night Out Events and The Cocoa & Coasting Sledding Party. Linda has been responsible for bringing much excitement to these social events and celebrations! She has also actively been involved in The Spring Cleanup Day, Christmas in May-Chaska and the now Annual "Little Dance in Chaska" (Pow Wow). **Thank you Nate and Linda** for so generously sharing your skills, talents and time with your Jonathan neighbors over the past few years! We appreciate all of your volunteer efforts!



(Kristin Alcindor served as Secretary on the Jonathan Board in 2011)

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.



Many Thanks to....
by Kristin Alcindor

Blast from the Past continued

Jonathan was to become the first "new town" in the United States. This Federal guarantee supported the ambitious project to build Jonathan in a rural part of Carver County Minnesota. Henry McKnight assembled the brightest and the best urban planners, businessmen, government leaders, and architects to move forward with building this new town in America.



Save the Date : Drugs, Community, & Family Town Hall

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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

In addition: Please check out the "Neighborhood Equity Analysis" report (Resources/Documents) on the website for a complete breakdown of Jonathan services in your neighborhood.



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

It's always obvious and unavoidable when we are in an election year. For many of us, the ad's, the left or the right, the debates, the candidates, it's all already old! What you may not know is Jonathan

has a Romney connection that dates back to its inception. Jonathan was the first 'New Town' in 1970 with a HUD guarantee, signed by then HUD secretary, George Romney. Here's more about the New Town Movement: In one way, the planned city has always been a part of civilization. Records exist of plans for new towns back as far as the ancient Egyptians. Most of the "planned towns" in history were based on providing for military, trade, or harbor needs. The idea of planning a city for the needs of the people who would live there didn't crystallize until the end of the 19th century when Sir Ebenezer Howard, an Englishman, first suggested a series of "garden cities" north of London. However, it was another 50 years, at the end of World War II, when these garden cities really began to flourish. The world was moving into a new era of rapid urbanization. The problems of pollution, traffic congestion and the impersonalized isolation of urban sprawl were growing.



HUD Secretary George Romney signing Jonathan's HUD guarantee to become the first 'New Town'

The concept of creating new towns spread across Europe with the creation of planned communities to deal with these problems. These "new towns" sought to plan in advance the design and growth of cities. Some of the key features were:

- Pedestrian friendly walkways separated from vehicle traffic to promote the safe movement of people between neighborhoods, schools, and shopping
- Architecturally innovative housing
- Community owned land to create activity areas and a sense of openness
- Community works of art
- Close proximity of commercial and industrial parks for people to live close to where they work,
- A development philosophy to respect the land



Interest in the new town concepts of Europe began to surface within the U.S. government during the presidency of John F. Kennedy due to the efforts of Robert Weaver, chief administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency (HHFA). An economist with a long-time interest in comprehensive urban planning, Weaver recommended to Congress that the federal government provide mortgage insurance for the purchase of land designated for new community development.

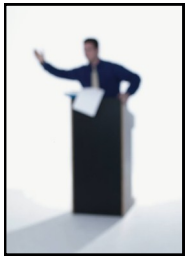
The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was signed into existence in 1965. George Romney, the Governor of Michigan (and father of presidential candidate, Mitt Romney), was eventually appointed as HUD secretary. Henry McKnight, a Minnesota Senator and real estate developer, was a friend of George Romney. McKnight was concerned with the problems being generated in the United States by uncontrolled urban sprawl. He had traveled extensively in Europe and had seen the success of their new towns. He was determined to bring the fresh idea of the new town urban planning concepts to America. The development of Jonathan continued to receive support under the Nixon administration through the federal guarantee of financial assistance as part of Title IV of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. **cont. on pg. 13**

A Resident's Letter

By Marsh Halberg

Let me start with a couple of confessions.....

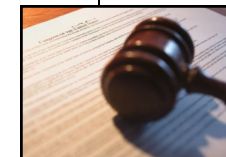
First, I have lived in Jonathan for 30 years and I've always been a huge supporter. Open space, trails, protective covenants and a sense of community for around two hundred dollars a year? Sounds like a "no brainer" to me. Secondly, I am embarrassed when, after the hubbub at the annual meeting, people outside of our community ask, "What the heck just happened in Jonathan?" We appear a little dysfunctional when we can't even run a smooth annual meeting. Okay, I get it – transparency in public business is valuable.



So what happened at the annual meeting to cause all the commotion?

At this year's annual Jonathan meeting, ten residents showed up with approximately 30 voting proxies and moved to kick the entire board of directors out of their positions. That would seem like no big deal with over 3000 households in our community. However, like most annual company meetings, most people don't attend. (Think of the "State of the City" Chaska council meeting, your annual church board review, the youth athletic program board of director's meeting...Did you go?...probably not). Since there was no warning that someone would try to oust the board, people did not know that it was important to attend. The forty votes in support of removing the board out-voted the twenty-five other residents in attendance at the meeting, so the board was kicked off. Jonathan had to limp along for a few weeks without a board until a notice could be sent to all residents announcing the need to elect a new board to run our community. On March 27th the second meeting was held and the same small group appeared with proxies and two lawyers. Now, knowing what was going on, a "Pro Jonathan" group of hundreds of our residents appeared in person and with additional proxies, to resoundingly re-elect the original board members up for election, so they could carry on their work. I view the attempt to oust the board as mean-spirited and anti-community. You may not. It's a matter of perspective.

What is the solution?



The Association by-law that allows residents to kick off sitting board members needs to be modified. This most recent motion to remove the directors felt like an ambush. It was also unclear if the people that were nominated to replace the sitting board had even been asked if they wanted to run. Several named candidates withdrew their names saying they had not been asked nor did they want to run. Submitting

candidates who don't even know they are being nominated is irresponsible and discourteous to the sincere candidates and all voting members. As such, a motion to remove directors should require prior notice of the motion to the membership. This would allow people to be on notice of the importance of their vote. Secondly, candidates should only be nominated who state in writing or in person that they want to serve. Third, the number of votes needed to remove a director should require hundreds of votes not just dozens.

So where do we go from here?

Most people really don't want to get involved in association matters. This indifference is not reflective of Jonathan's viability. Individuals are just too busy and/or don't care about most volunteer organizations. I understand – that is their right.

For supporters, I hope you will thank a new board member for their hard work. Running an association can be a thankless task. These are good, qualified people who are willing to put in long hours volunteering to keep Jonathan the very special place it is. **Cont. on page 11**

Jonathan's Progress



Spring is here and hopefully this weeks predicted freeze won't damage too many of our plants or shrubs!! Unlike last winter with record snowfalls, this winter brought record breaking mild temps and very little snow! As welcome as all of that was, many mom's were disappointed when the 3rd annual Cocoa & Coasting event was postponed, hoping for snow, and finally canceled due to no snow! All of the prizes are safely stored and will be used this year—we can't have two winters in a row like that can we?

Projects are well underway for 2012—Jonathan trails have already had Spring trimming of trees and shrubs, to ensure safe and hazard free jogging, biking, or walking. Also, all monument signs received a fresh dose of Red Cedar mulch, which will last 3-4 years. They look so neat and Ellis, Jonathan's gardener, will continue to pay attention to plant health, ensuring a beautiful welcome as you drive home each day!

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 28th. It again promises to be festive this year as the Kindergarten Center on Village Road will be the go to site for maps, food, and restrooms as necessary. Details are available at www.jonathaninchaska.com.

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 8:00 am on Friday, May 4th or Saturday, May 5th. Contact the Karen House for details, as some restrictions apply OR go to our website for details.

A great opportunity to give back to the community awaits all Jonathan residents via the upcoming "Christmas in May-Chaska" service event on May 19th. Please think about getting involved in this worthy effort. For more information or to be a volunteer, call 952.361.5350.



Jonathan's 4th of July celebration will again take place at the Karen House on Wednesday, July 4th. A postcard will be mailed with details in June.

More evidence that Spring has arrived—two friends, Isobel and Charlotte, out walking their dwarf rabbit.....of course! It was a first for me to see so I had to share. Meet Puff Oliver, a cute and cooperative little rabbit!



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

The Jonathan Association Board of Directors will hold their May meeting on May 8th, 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

Resident's Letter—continued

For the third group that has complaints – I would suggest that you please channel your energy in a positive way. Jonathan costs a family household sixty-four cents a day. That's it – sixty-four cents. Work with the Association in a constructive relationship or channel your energy into causes other than attempting to overthrow Jonathan. Go fight for world peace or end hunger or...to be blunt – just move. Don't try to destroy something just because you don't appreciate it. Most of us really like it here.

There is a long discussion about the history and value of Jonathan that can't take place in this short article. Besides, I have to go get ready for another one of our community-sponsored events - the Jonathan Festival of Garage Sales...

Marsh Halberg

(Marsh is a long time resident who is a past president of the Association)



GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

Surprisingly, it's 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 plots available for your gardening pleasure! This is 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 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—they are going fast! 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 has arrived early.....SPRING! Happy Growing Gardeners!



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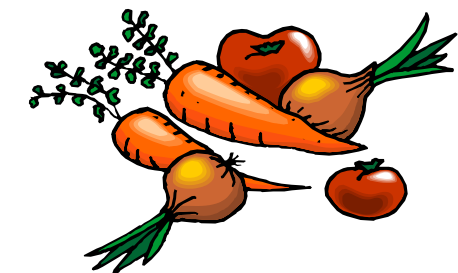
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Jonathan's News & Views



Throughout Jonathan's 23 neighborhoods are located a large number of ponds, and these bodies of water come in all shapes, sizes, and...depths.

With the exception, naturally, of Lake Grace (a man-made lake) most of Jonathan's neighborhood ponds are the handiwork of Mother Nature. "These are natural groundwater collecting areas," points out Board member Mark Perry. "The water collects and disburse as nature intends and needs it to."



While beautiful in their own way, the ponds don't guarantee a specific depth or shoreline. "The weather, rainfall or snow melt play a major role in the life of these ponds," says Perry. "While some Jonathan ponds seem to go on forever with the same size and depth, others are much more susceptible to heat waves and rainfall levels." Thus, some ponds appear to dry up (or fill up with cattails and

reeds) and "go away." Homeowners have at times in the past requested that Jonathan make the effort to dredge out and "restore" the ponds in their neighborhoods, in hopes that a deep hole full of rippling water will again return to the scene. However, this is not the policy of the Jonathan Association, nor is it an approach that would be condoned by the Minnesota DNR. Basically, the natural cycles of the local environment will determine the present and future status of each Jonathan neighborhood pond.

With respect to the pond aerators that Jonathan has installed in some neighborhoods, those aerators will remain in effect as long as there is a pond that needs – and has enough depth to support – an aerator. When and if a pond becomes too shallow to support the Association will remove the equipment and monitor the depth in subsequent years. In the Clover Ridge neighborhoods there exists a substantial amount of large areas and, because these are protected by the Minnesota Jonathan Association will not be installing any pond aerators large bodies of combined marsh and open water. The Board continues to maintain the common property areas as affordably and strategically as possible, and this approach includes our many neighborhood ponds.

by Nate Bostrom, Jonathan Board President 2009-2011

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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



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.