

## W I N T E R 2015



### The Jonathan Association

111000 Bavaria Rd

Chaska, MN 55318

952-448-4700

[www.jonathaninchaska.com](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com)



# Jonathan Neighbors..

### JONATHAN STAFF...

We are proud to announce our new on-site staff at the Karen House and would like to introduce them to you ...



**CARLA  
GRUENHAGEN**

Property Manager

*I am an experienced Director with Gassen Management. My credentials range from portfolio management, company trainer and accounting specialist. I am responsible for managing strategic partnerships with clients and employees. I began my career with Gassen Management as a Property Manager in March 2010 and bring over 25 years of real estate experience. I look forward to being part of the Jonathan Association and helping make the Jonathan a wonderful place to call home.*



**CARRIE  
MAASS**

On-Site Manager

*I have been working at the Karen House since September 2014. I have been in customer service for almost 20 years. I enjoy working with people and love working at the Jonathan because I come from a small town and love the small town feeling that is associated with the job. I look forward to getting to know the area better and meeting more residents in the future.*



**VERN  
PHILLIPS**

On-Site Maintenance

*I have been working in maintenance for over 35 Years. I was hired full-time at the Jonathan Association in late December and have loved my experience here so far. I love working outdoors and look forward to spring/summer and getting the trails in excellent condition, along with keeping all of the common areas up to standards! I look forward to meeting more residents on my daily routes.*

# COMING SOON...



New Jonathan Website!! In January the board approved an upgrade for The Jonathan website. This upgrade will provide easier navigation in finding items that you are looking for that pertain to the Jonathan Association. Check it out... current events, arc application, covenants, pay your dues online, and much more can be found on our website! Please take a look:

[www.jonathaninchaska.com](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com)

## WANT TO BE HEARD??

### VOLUNTEER

Interested in volunteering for any of the Jonathan Association Committees?? Or.. Running for the Board of Directors. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh minds to create a diverse board. And it's a great way to get your views heard.



## EVENTS

\*Festival of Garage Sales

Saturday, April 25th

\*Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 2nd

\*4th of July Celebration

Saturday, July 4th

\*National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4th

\*Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 24th

\*Cocoa & Coasting

Saturday, December 12th

\*all dates are subject to change

# PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

Did you know.. That you can now pay your dues online with credit or debit card at  
**[www.jonathaninchaska.com](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com)—PAY DUES ONLINE**

There are also other ways to pay your yearly dues:

1. Drop off at the Karen House—11100 Bavaria Rd. Chaska, MN 55318
2. Mail Directly to Gassen—6438 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
3. Mail in your check to the address listed on your coupon!
4. Go to [www.gassen.com](http://www.gassen.com), log into your account to pay!

\*There is a small fee to use credit or debit card.

**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ACCOUNT # ON ANY PAYMENTS: 647-109\*\*\*\*\***



## Contact Information

**We want to hear from.... Y O U!!!**

In an effort to reduce cost and communicate better with our residents, we would like you to provide us with your updated contact information. Please email your Name, Address, Phone Numbers and Email Address...

**Please Email Us Your Contact Info at:  
[WWW.JONATHANINCHASKA.COM](http://WWW.JONATHANINCHASKA.COM)**

*Thank you...*



## MAIL STATIONS...

**Do you know your Neighbors???**

Everyone gets their mail daily... what a great opportunity to meet a new neighbor. The Jonathan mail stations are provided with bulletin boards for your convenience. This can be a FREE place to advertise any of your neighborhood events or maybe something for your business.. But it can also be a place to meet your neighbors; post weekly recipes, have a book exchange, or plan a neighborhood gathering.

The Jonathan Association is looking into keeping the mail stations clean and safe. If there is anything that needs attention at your mail station at any time, please call the Karen House 952-448-4700 to report.







## GARDEN PLOTS..

If you've been thinking about growing vegetables, fruit or even some flowers, consider a Jonathan garden plot. 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 Road and Hundertmark. The Registration Format, Plot Map, and Garden Rules are 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 first come first serve basis—they go fast.

Plots measure all the same at 20 x 30. Plots are \$25 per lot. Check or money order are the only accepted FOP's at this time.

*Gardening*

***"There is no gardening mistakes, only experiments!"***

***- Janet Kilburn Phillips***



## JONATHAN TRAILS...

The Jonathan has 40 beautiful miles of trails. Please take advantage of your dues and take a walk. Please remember, it is in fact winter and we are contracted for the trails to be plowed at 2" or more, so please be CAREFUL when walking the trails.

### **A Walk a Day Keeps the Doctor Away...**

With so many fitness trends buzzing around these days it's easy to get caught up in the hottest or newest exercise trends. Many of us forget that we already participate in one of the easiest and safest exercise programs every single day. I'm talking about going for a good old fashioned walk.

Walking provides a myriad of health benefits such as:

- Decreasing blood pressure
- Improving blood lipid profile
- Lowering the risk of obesity
- Reducing the risk of coronary heart disease and some cancers
- Enhancing mental well being
- Reducing the risk of osteoporosis
- Reducing the risk type 2 diabetes

**Walking**



It's easy to see why walking is the most popular form of physical activity for adults in the US, but are you getting enough? The American Heart Association recommends walking for at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week for a total of 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. You will even experience health benefits if sessions are broken in to shorter 10 or 15 minute segments. Another great way to track your daily physical activity is to wear a pedometer and shoot for around 10,000 steps each day.

Walking is good exercise for just about everyone, but the most effective programs incorporate things you enjoy. Remember to make physical activity a part of your daily routine and a healthier lifestyle will be just a few steps away.

For more information about walking please visit:

[www.startwalkingnow.org](http://www.startwalkingnow.org).

Matt Lynner, CSCS

QuikFit Personal Training

# REMODELING? ....PAINTING?

Complete an  
**Architectural  
Application**  
to get your project  
approved!

Stop at the Karen House  
or visit  
[www.johnathaninchaska.com](http://www.johnathaninchaska.com)



What is the warmth of *Summer*, without the  
cold of *Winter* to give it sweetness...  
-John Steinbeck



## WALK YOUR DOG...

PLEASE BE SO KIND AS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG...  
THERE ARE DOGGY POTS LOCATED ALONG THE TRAILS IN  
OUR COMMUNITY.. WE PLAN TO INSTALL MORE THIS SPRING  
ALONG WITH MORE GARBAGE CANS. PLEASE USE THEM AND  
BE COURTEOUS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR!

### LEASH LAW REMINDER...



City of Chaska has a city ordinance  
to leash your dog on all trails.



### WHAT DO MY

#### ANNUAL DUES COVER...

- Spring Clean-up.. One time pass to pick up bagged leaves, bundled twigs and deliver to Athletic Park.
- Fall Clean-up.. 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 and snow removal.
- Lawn care for vacant or foreclosed properties
- Boulevard tree removal/replacement if necessary
- Large tree/limb removal as necessary on Jonathan common properties
- Pond treatments and aerator maintenance on Jonathan Property
- Tot lot maintenance and replacement (as necessary) for 19 Jonathan tot lots
- Landscaping maintenance for Neighborhood Monument Signs, Silo, Obelisk, Gazebo and Neighborhood islands
- Bus Shelter & Mail Station maintenance
- Free Community Events: Annual Festival of Garage Sales, 4th of July Celebration at the Karen House, National Night Out, & Cocoa & Coasting Sledding Event
- FREE copies and faxes at the Karen House
- FREE subscription to the Jonathan Neighbors Newsletter
- Liability Insurance for common areas.

## Letter From Your Neighbor...

I have volunteered to help with the newsletter and thought to make it more personal with stories- your stories.

I will begin with my story- true one. This last November 22, my husband Leo and I took our granddaughter Abby out for a special night for her birthday! When we returned around 11:30 pm- the 1<sup>st</sup> red flag appeared. Our overhead garage door was open (we always keep it closed when we are gone). As Abby and I entered the house, the 2<sup>nd</sup> red flag appeared-my 5'x7' red carpet in the entry way was gone. We still had no idea yet what had happened.

As we entered the house, it was aware to us that we were victims of a burglary. My husband immediately grabbed his phone and called the police. Our Chaska police, detective, and crime lab did a thorough job till 2:30 in the morning. Early the next day, they questioned the surrounding neighbors for any info they might have. All had their doors shut and blinds pulled and never saw a thing.

From this episode, something good has come out of it. Half of my neighbors have agreed we need to be more of a community and watch out for each other. Some have put in alarms, others have put up motion lights but most of all, and we are more alert to each other's property.

Judy Grosch~ Neighborhood 1

## Chaska Police Department Neighborhood Watch

In the past year there have been several reported burglaries in the City of Chaska, including at least one in the Jonathan area. What can you do about this? You, as citizens are the "extra eyes and ears" in the City of Chaska and can assist us in many ways.



Recently, a Neighborhood Watch group member from Maxwell Lane called in to report a "suspicious incident" occurring by her home. The officer that responded said, "It was the best witness report I've gotten". Needless to say, the vehicle was located and two suspects were arrested and charged with 5<sup>th</sup> degree possession of a controlled substance. They did NOT live in Chaska.

### It's Simple and It Works!

#### Benefits of Neighborhood Watch:

Receive notifications of incidents in your area by e-mail

Participate in a yearly Crime Prevention Meeting that is **ONE** hour and National Night Out and receive a sign to post at the entrance of your neighborhood.

Sign up for Nixle at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and receive important police messages by text or e-mail

Sign up for our weekly informational newsletter called "411" at <http://lists.chaska.net/mailman/listinfo/411newsletter>



## CHASKA POLICE SAFETY TIPS!

Chaska Police Department

Did you know?

The police department does vacation house checks when you are out of town?

You can have your car seat installed or checked to make sure it is safe?

You can register your bicycle in case it is lost or stolen and recovered so we can return it to you?

You can purchase a bike helmet for \$10?

Your dog needs to be registered with the City of Chaska if it is over 6 months old? Your dog needs to be on a leash? You need to keep your dog from barking? You need to pick up deposits left by your dog?

Do you know the curfew is 10 PM for anyone under 16 EVERY day of the week? Midnight for 16 & 17 year olds?

There is a noise ordinance that is enforceable 24 hours a day?

We have a Safety Camp July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> for youth entering 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade that is only \$30?

Please call Officer Janke at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at [jjanke@chaskamn.com](mailto:jjanke@chaskamn.com) for more information.



# Chaska Police

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*Safety isn't expensive... it's PRICELESS !!!*

## These Are The 10 Safest Places In Minnesota

### 2015 Edition:

1. City of Hibbing
2. City of Lakeville
3. City of Lino Lakes (tie)
3. White Bear Township (tie)
5. City of Farmington
6. City of Chaska
7. City of Minnetonka
8. City of Maple Grove
9. City of Plymouth
10. City of Sartell



**THINK  
SAFETY**  
it couldn't hurt

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## Letter from your Neighbor

Good day my Jonathan neighbors. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and welcome to a new year filled with wonderful experiences with family, friends, and neighbors.

My name is Ellis and I am a neighbor of yours. I have lived in Neighborhood One for seven years and have really enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the Jonathan community.

It has been my pleasure getting to know my neighbors during this time and feel so privileged to have a relationship with many of them. There are times that I have especially needed them when I was out of town and asked them if they could keep a watch on my home or at other times, could they water my plants while I was out of town, or simple things of greeting one another and seeing how they are doing.

It is my hope during this coming year that we as neighbors, will intentionally get to know one another more and be mindful and interactive, always reaching out and caring about one another.

So hopefully I will meet you along the way in the coming year and being your gardener for the common grounds, I look forward to seeing you as I beautify our neighborhoods.

Blessings,  
Ellis

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Smallest Town in Minnesota**