

COMMENTARY



PHOTO BY UNSIE ZUEGE

The exterior of 80 West 78th Street is complete. Inside, workers are currently fine-tuning the electrical and plumbing systems.

# Meet a new good neighbor

Chan's Goodwill Store will open Nov. 3

BY LORI BLATZHEIM

A Goodwill store is coming to Chanhassen. It is located at 80 West 78th Street, near Haskell's Liquor Store. The Goodwill is scheduled to open in early November 2012.

But did you know Goodwill is more than a store? It is an international organization dedicated to helping people.

There are 150 autonomous organizations of Goodwill across the country and every one operates their business differently.

The mission of Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota is to assist people with barriers to education, employment and independence in achieving their goals. The people of Goodwill believe that every person, regardless of his or her background or barriers is capable of and deserves to participate in the world of work.

The net profits of running the Chanhassen store will go directly to reaching this goal.

How will Goodwill benefit the people of Chanhassen?

We tend to think of Goodwill as only a store. It is a place where we can buy clothing and items to use in and about the home. Some of us have made donations to Goodwill but have never paused to look inside the building or enter the premises to really see what is inside. I have news—shopping at Goodwill can be fun.

**DID YOU KNOW GOODWILL OFFERS:**

- Bargain days during which certain items cost less
- A weekly silent auction where people can bid on items of unusual interest
- Merchandise is frequently changed. Clothing is recycled every three weeks.

**IT'S ALSO A GREAT PLACE FOR THE ETSY-MINDED (ETSY IS AN ONLINE CRAFT SITE) AND THE CREATIVE SHOPPER.**

- It's a great source for imaginative costumes.
- Find items that can be repurposed — turn a piece of pottery into a vase or wrap a gift in a scarf.
- Redecorate your home with low cost framed art, table

cloths, lamps.

■ Find furniture for an apartment, a student dorm room or a young couple in their first house.

■ Buy appropriate clothes for a person starting a new job. The Goodwill stores of today are not what you think.

**CHAN'S OWN GOODWILL**

The Goodwill being built in Chanhassen is attractive. The colors blend well, the landscaping is thoughtfully designed to compliment the surrounding area. Goodwill has met certain the building specifications to reflect the Green Movement. Mary Kaufman is the general manager of the Chanhassen Goodwill Store.

The public is invited to the preview opening from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2. Admission is \$7 for the event is per person. The store opens to the general public on Saturday, Nov. 3.

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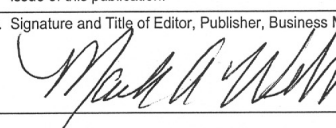
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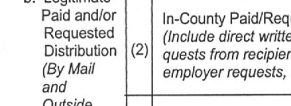
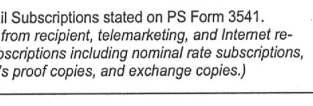
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