

I have been asked on numerous occasions, to repeat some of my favorite recipes from the past few years, for those of you who might have missed them. Well, this week I am going to repeat a recipe that has been a big hit with my family, and their friends, since the first time I served it. It is very EASY to prepare and the note at the bottom of my original recipe says "Men really love this one". Truer words were never spoken!

## HOT CHILI DIP

- 1 - lb ground beef**
- 1 envelope Chili-O-Seasoning Mix (1-3/4 oz. Size)**
- 1 - 6 oz can tomato paste**
- 1 - 3 oz pkg cream cheese (softened)**
- 1 cup water**
- 2 Tablespoons green pepper, chopped fine**

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Fiesta Mex*

**Brown beef and pepper. Drain off fat. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until it thickens. Serve warm with Doritos or Taco Chips. Serves 8.**

**HELPFUL HINTS:** You can prepare this ahead of time and refrigerate it until ready to serve. Warm in 350 oven or microwave until heated through.

When we have luncheon parties at City Hall, we use this dip to make Nachos. Each lady brings an ingredient, like melted cheese, tomatoes, green onions, sliced black olives - whatever they like with Nachos, and I bring the Hot Chili Dip, and Clerk Sharon Crabel almost always brings 2 huge bags of taco chips.

Gina Carr's Mom, Nancy, says that she and her husband like to put this dip on hot dogs for Chili Dogs (I think you could add a can of drained hot chili beans to the dip and make some really special Chili Dogs.)

As you can see, this is a most versatile recipe, and you may even discover other ways of using it. I can only tell you that when I make this I always double it, and very often make a triple batch. You can always freeze the leftovers, but I doubt that you will have any.

**Food for Thought:** Sometimes a smile happens in a flash, but the memory of it can last a lifetime.

**Pray for Peace!**