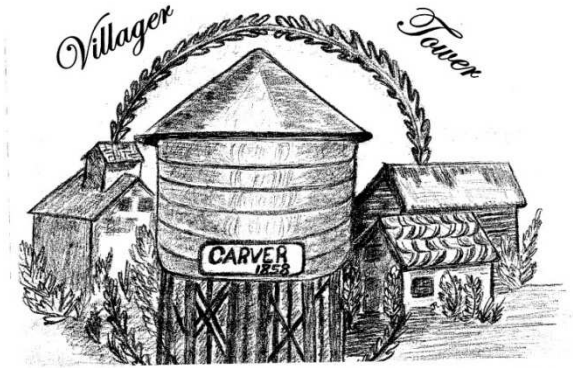


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Dedicated in Memory of Diane Heitz

Carver Liquors

Inquiry was presented to council regarding an exclusive off-sale liquor license. The city does not have said license. The present owner is exploring relocating Carver Liquors. If possible, in the area closer to the development of Fleet Farm proposal site and sell the downtown location. The city attorney discussed zoning issues and if zoning can be met then an application for an off-sale license would be available to pursue.

Animal Ordinance

The city held a public information hearing concerning the animal ordinance. The city was reviewing their existing dog and cat ordinance after the county adopted a new 'dangerous dog ordinance'. The county asked cities to adopt their regulations for dangerous dogs. As a result of this action the city began reviewing the ordinance specifically the licensure program, leashing requirements and waste provisions. The administrator told the council that the proposed ordinance eliminates the city's licensure program for both dogs and cats. Animals would be allowed on private property and consenting property owner. Proposal requires device to pick up and dispose of waste in a city park, trail, street or sidewalk areas. A presentation was given concerning statistics on ownership of pets and licensing statistics. The city has a specific individual through the sheriff's office who responds animal control calls.

One resident inquired about kennel regulations regarding the number of animals that one may have. Presently there is regulation in place. Concern was voiced regarding the amount of animals running at large and individuals were more aware of the fact due to caring for rescued animals. One councilmember expressed agreement with more control where animals are concerned. Question was asked if there were problems with licensing. Comment was made that it would be more important to stress rabies vaccinations. Licensing allows for identification of animal.

Recreational Storage Ordinance

A public information meeting was held with the city council concerning an ordinance relating to the storage of recreational vehicles. Question had been posed to investigate use of a recreational vehicle utilized as semi-permanent or permanent residence. The issue could not be pursued because there is not any existing ordinance regulating the use of recreational vehicles. The proposed ordinance discussed limitations of using RV for camping to seven consecutive days, up to three times per calendar year. Proposed ordinance prohibits full-time residency in a RV. Plus, parking and setback requirements would be established. Storage of units was discussed. Concerns were voiced regarding regulating and owners use of personal property on private property. Several residents voiced opposition to the ordinance removing private personal rights. Responsible use of private property should be expected. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays adopting the ordinance amending provisions relating to storage and use of recreational vehicles.

"Once you choose hope, anything's possible." - Christopher Reeve

Optional Sprinkling Ordinance

The city administrator explained that optional sprinkling regulations were added in the ordinance as a public safety measure when town homes were first constructed in the city. The council had drafted a policy decision that multi-unit townhome structures should contain fire suppression systems. This proved to be cumbersome when the state building code had been adopted. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting ordinance repealing the section relating to the optional provisions of the MN State Building Code.

State of Emergency

The council discussed declaration for Spring Flooding Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Carver. The length of time was reviewed. The levee was discussed to great lengths. Costs were talked about. An evacuation plan was also reviewed. The council made the motion and carried with all ayes adopting resolution declaring the State of Emergency and ordered that the levee system be elevated eliminating or reducing an immediate threat of significant damage to public and private properties by cost effective measures.

RiverSide Park

The council had reviewed plans for the proposed rustic campsites at RiverSide Park in the past. Two parcels of property were not city owned. Originally the campsites included four along the river side of the park. One of the properties has since been acquired by the city. The second parcel is presently being negotiated for purchase. Acquisitions are being handled through the Park Dedication Fund- ing as defined in the Park Dedication Fee Study and the Grant Monies received. The Park and Recreation Supervisor was commended for her persistence in pursuing the acquisition of the properties. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the acquisition of the property.

SHIP Grant

Carver/Scott Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) has been granted the receipt of grant money to be used in its entirety for Parks and Recreation expenditures. The city staff, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Carver County Public Health Department and resident volunteers conducted a Walkable Communities Workshop for the City. In conjunction with those activities, the county health received additional dollars for the SHIP program. A key component of this program is implementing policies, practices, and amenities that create active living communities. The staff had completed the assessment and received the stated amount of grant money. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution acknowledging acceptance and appreciation for grant funds.

Disclaimer

The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

Joint Powers Agreement

The council reviewed with the engineer the Joint Powers Agreement pertaining to County Road # 11 and County Road # 61 with Carver County. Intersection improvement has been the topic of conversation between the city, county staff and the engineers. The council reviewed the most current drafted Joint Powers Agreement reflecting these latest discussion and negotiations. The county will not be proceeding as early as originally anticipated on the realignment project to the north of County Road # 61 to coincide with the city's project. The city would be constructing some of the new alignment work as part of intersection improvements. However, the work would be limited to necessity of accomplishing the transitions to turn lanes. The work would be included in the agreement, along with the city being the acting agent as the county's representative for required Right of Way acquisitions on certain properties to construct the transitions.

The city reviewed the various county and city cost percentages over the time frame and the improvements related to the Freeway Commercial District is still estimated at sixty four percent county share and thirty six percent for the city. Adding some of the county's realignment work in to this project at one hundred percent county costs for roadway will change the breakdown to seventy one percent the county's and the city then at twenty nine percent. The county would pay for any Right of Way acquisition costs to the north of County Road # 61 associated with their original County Road # 11 Realignment Project.

This project would be funded through assessments, water and sewer funds and a negotiated joint powers agreement with the county of Carver. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing execution of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Carver County personnel and the City of Carver for the construction of the intersection of County Road 11 and County Road # 61.

The county representative also discussed the proposed realignment of County Road # 11 between County Road #10 and County Road # 140. This work would be scheduled to begin in 2012 with the completion in the same year or in early 2013. The county will be included in the future at a workshop discussing existing Guernsey Road. A realignment response would be drafted listing any of the township's concerns and the draft would be forwarded to the county.

Transit Grant

The city planner told the council that over the past several years the city had taken incremental steps in advocating transit service to the city. The Comprehensive Plan has identified the necessity to bring commuter transit services to the city. There is also the identification stated for the necessity of a park and ride site near the intersection of County Road # 11 and Highway # 212. A grant application to the Metropolitan Council for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant has been unsuccessful. This funding cycle is open in odd numbered years. The city had applied and was awarded funding for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant for the acquisition of land, construction of a site and three years of demonstration service. The project is included in the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Improvement Program for 2011 - 2014 with a funding year for the grant funds in 2013.

The city planner informed the council that several decisions were necessary as the project moves forward. The staff will be working with the Transit Committee to review options and bring recommendations to the council. One council member had invested a lot of time and effort into this particular issue and asked if the new incoming personnel had any issues with the transit station. Question was asked about the proximity of two transit stations already in place. The planner stated the existing stations are quite full already.

Strategic Planning

The city administrator inquired about scheduling a Strategic Planning Goal Setting session. The council was asked for their input on holding a session. The last session was very informative. The facili-

ator was an important factor in these sessions. Several key names were discussed and the council was receptive to the notion.

14th Annual Carver Fun Run

You know it's warming up when it's time for the motorcycles to do their annual bike ride in the Carver Fun Run! And it's time to start planning and getting those bikes out and ready to raise awareness and funds for supporting the American Diabetes Association's Camp Needlepoint and the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Want to participate too? You can get more information from their website, www.CarverFunRun.org. Enough with the small talk huh? When? Where? What?

Saturday, May 7th. Registration at 10 AM, ride at Noon, \$ 15/per person, includes dinner, prizes and fifty/fifty raffles. The Host Sponsor is the Dog House Bar.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be in Carver on April 19th, Tuesday starting at noon and taking blood until six PM. Contact Linda Schutz to make an appointment for the blood drive. Walk-in are welcome, but appointments are preferred.

Carver Lion's Pancake and French Toast Breakfast

The Lion's are busy getting ready for their annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast with Homemade Sausage on Sunday, April 10th at 7:30 AM until 1 PM. Hurry, run, the breakfast is delicious!!!!!! Where? At the Carver Village Hall. Adults can eat for \$ 7.50 each, children ages six through 12 can eat for \$3 and kids under six are free. Where else will you find a deal like this? Remember, give the Gift of Sight, as well. Bring your old prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses to be recycled and donated to those in need!

Carver Lion's Pork Chop Dinner

The Lions are also busy working on their Pork Chop Dinner at the end of the month of April specifically, Friday, April 29th at 4 PM until 8 PM at the Village Hall. That menu includes pork chops, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, vegetables, beans, bread, dessert and last but not least a beverage. All of this for \$ 9 per person/adult and kids under five eat free. Again, no where else can you get such a good deal for such a good cause. All the proceeds go back into the community in some way. In conjunction, the Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc will be holding a Silent Auction, with proceeds to benefit the community.



Carver Black Sox Bar Cards

Did you know that you can help support the Carver Black Sox by purchasing bar cards? The baseball teams gets a portion of these proceeds.

Support your local amateur baseball team, the Carver Black Sox. For \$10 per card, with over 45 participating establishments, you can buy 1 drink and get 1 free per visit up to 4 times per establishment. Cards are available for purchase at the following establishments:

Harvey's Bar & Grill
Dog House Bar
Traditions at Dahlgreen Golf Course
Chaska VFW
Cy's Bar & Grill in Chaska
Kelley's Bar in Chaska
Vick's Bar & Grill in Victoria

You can also call Holly Brockoff at 952-368-3504 and leave a message for further information. Cards are good from April 1st through August 31st. Thank you for supporting the Carver Black Sox.

Carver Community Youth Softball/Baseball Association

Current Session Information

Baseball 2011 – Baseball Minor/Rookie First grade. This is a Coach Pitch division. A player who is in Kindergarten for the current season and has played a year in Tee Ball may request to be “moved up” to a coach pitch division.
Baseball Major Division – 2nd/3rd Grade 2011. This is a machine pitch division.

Practices schedules will be communicated following team assignments. Games are planned for Tuesday and Thursdays at 6 PM or 7:15 PM May 17th through July 14th with some schedule changes due to weather or field availability.

Softball 2011 – Softball – Grade 1st/2nd: This is a Machine pitch division. Again, practices schedules will be communicated following team assignments. Games are planned for Tuesday and Thursdays, May 17th through July 15th with some schedule changes due to weather or field availability.

For the following groups: practices schedules will be communicated following team assignments. Games are planned for Monday and Wednesdays, May 16th through July 17th with some schedule changes due to weather or field availability. These divisions will participate in the mid-season June 17th and 18th and the end season Tournament July 16th/17th. These scheduled involve Softball, Grade 3rd/4th, Grade 5th/6th, Grade 7th/8th and Grades 9th/12th.

T-Ball 2011 – This is a Coed Boys and Girls T-ball league, scheduled for two nights a week the month of June. Games are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday at 6 PM or 7:15 PM. Parents are encouraged to help. Rain outs will be scheduled in July.

Anyone who needs assistance with registration, contact Jane Thon from the Carver Community Youth Baseball and Softball Association at ccybsa.reg@gmail.com.

Carver Village Open Air Spring Market

Be sure to come and join in on the fun. Really Cool Vendors Ranging from Artists, Vintage Wares, Antiques, Flowers, Local Produce & Homemade Foods. Only Quality Products! Send in your name, address, phone number and the products you would like to sell. Fee is non-refundable and vendor must be registered seven days before the sale date. These are rain or shine events!

Vendor fee \$35.00 Per Event
Payable to Carver On The Minnesota, Inc., Mail Check to: Open Air Market, PO Box 24, Carver MN 55315

**Mark your calendars now for the Carver Village Open Air Fall Market on September 24, 2011

Time: Saturday, May 21 · 10:00am - 3:00p

Location: Gazebo Park (NE Corner of Broadway & 3rd St) in Carver, MN

Carver-on-The-Minnesota, Inc

Carver-on-The-Minnesota, Inc will be holding a fundraising Silent Auction in conjunction with the Carver Lions Pork Chop Dinner at the Village Hall on the afternoon and evening of April 29th. Donations are being solicited for the auction, and it makes for a great opportunity to advertise goods, events, products, restaurants, services and crafts. Donated items can be dropped off during normal business hours at Carver County Flowers in downtown Carver. Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc is a non-profit organization founded in 1969 and dedicated to beautifying, restoring and improving historic Carver, its nature trails, riverfront, cultural, artistic, historic and educational amenities, its business climate and environment.

Did You Know.....

John von Walter

....that in 1880 Swedish immigrant Andrew Ahlin owned and operated two brick yards along Carver County Road #40 north of Carver Creek. Ahlin's brickyards produced local buff-colored brick for the local and export markets, with his 1880 annual production at 500,000 bricks.

Lions Easter Egg Hunt

That big ole' Easter Bunny is pushing Old Man Winter so hard with his hind feet that the water got past him while he was pushing. The new mayor was so busy watching the bunnies backside and taking care of the water coming while the other Lions were busy getting All ready for the bunny and the eggs. See it is true...a whole community is needed to make things go right. Well the Lions are still planning the 2011 Carver Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Carver Community Park on Saturday, April 23rd. He got winter pushed farther away. He gained his foothold. There is still that chance that the rain man will sneak in the back door when no one is looking. The egg hunt in that case would be held in the Village Hall. So get ready, think positive, join the league, think warm and get your kids and their baskets together and ready for the Easter Egg Hunt! It will begin at 10 AM on Saturday, April 23rd.



Carver Black Sox Turkey and Ham Bingo

Be sure to come and join others on April 15th at the Village Hall. It's the Carver Black Sox Annual Turkey and Ham Bingo Fundraiser night on Friday. The fun is scheduled to start at 7 PM and even though shop closes up at 11 PM, that does not mean by any means the fun is over. Food and beverages are available for the event. Be sure and be there.

McDonald's

Remember the first Tuesday of the month from 4 PM to 8 PM that 10% of the proceeds go towards the East Union Elementary School. So id you want to help out your local school and have funds donated to the school? Be sure to stop at the Chaska McDonald's for supper.

Carver Current/Villager Tower/Sponsors

Remember, the Carver Current website. Information is regularly posted with what is happening throughout the community. There is lots and lots of valuable information available on this website (www.carvercurrent.com) What is really nice about this website is that it is so 'user friendly'! You can also post information if you are interested. It's a great way to let people know about upcoming activities in our community.

It's the thread tying the community all together. The more news and the more the news is spread the more informed the community is informed.

Also, please utilize the businesses locally who sponsor the "Villager Tower". Especially now that they are more visible through the Carver Current site. These businesses are very reputable, credible businesses and by supporting our local businesses, we help to keep them available and working. Many, many of our local businesses are still struggling due to the downturn in the economy. At one point or another over the past twenty years local businesses have sponsored the newsletter. So, if you are looking for a specialized skill you need check the newsletter for options, e-mail or call the "Villager Tower" for recommendations. The Carver area has many talents willing to serve you from flowers, landscapes, photography, construction, brick work, painting, recreation, daycare and on and on. You name it, someone locally can help. Community businesses are not strangers. So please, next time you need a service, call and utilize our local businesses. We all need to get back to helping one another and supporting our back yard persay. Thanks! Our businesses thank you.



Boutique & Gifts

Iris Valley

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It's not often that you come across a store that truly has something for everyone. Iris Valley Boutique & Gifts is currently located in the Jordan Brewery in beautiful downtown Jordan, Minnesota. The shop features a boutique area filled with jewelry, handbags, fashionable clothing, hats and belts. You will love the large selection of jewelry, including earrings from Silver Forest of Vermont, Kameleon Sterling Silver, and gorgeous costume jewelry. You will find everything for your home decorating needs as well. Framed art by artists Billy Jacobs and Bonnie Mohr. Clean burning Beanpod candles made from real soy beans. Beautiful Silk floral designs using the "Light Garden" custom made for your decor. Iris Valley meets all your gift giving needs with greeting cards, a baby boutique and inspirational gifts. We also feature hand made chocolates locally made by Themed Elegance, Inc.

Community Calendar

April 2011

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| April 1 st - April Fool's Day
Happy Birthday Joe! | April 19 th - Passover
East Union PTO Meeting
Red Cross Blood Drive |
| April 2 nd - Happy Birthday Kelly! | April 20 th - Lion's Meeting
Happy Birthday Scott!
Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle! |
| April 4 th - Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Happy Birthday Wayne! | April 21 st - Happy Birthday Jim! |
| April 6 th - Lion's Meeting | April 22 nd - Good Friday
Spring Break
Happy Birthday Kitty!
Happy Birthday Al! |
| April 7 th - Drill Night 6:30 PM | April 23 rd - Lion's Easter Egg Hunt |
| April 10 th - Lion's Annual Pancake Sausage Breakfast | April 24 th - Easter Sunday |
| April 11 th - Dahlgren Township Board Meeting | April 25 th - Park and Recreation Meeting
Happy Birthday Aaron! |
| April 12 th - Heritage Preservation Commission
Happy Anniversary Kerry and Brad! | April 26 th - Planning Commission Meeting |
| April 13 th - SteamBoat Committee Meeting
Happy Anniversary Karen and Aaron! | April 27 th - Administrative Professional's Day |
| April 14 th - School Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Barb!
Happy Birthday Ava! | April 28 th - Fire Department Meeting
East Union 1 st Grade Orientation
School Board Meeting |
| April 15 th - Black Sox Turkey & Ham Bingo | April 29 th - Lion's Pork Chop Dinner |
| April 17 th - Palm Sunday
Happy Birthday Cheryl! | April 30 th - Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg!
Happy Birthday Ron!
Happy Birthday Arlan! |
| April 18 th - Council Meeting 6:30 PM | |
| April 18 th - Drill Night 6:30 PM
Happy Birthday John! | |

Did You Know

There are approximately 270,000 species of flowers; honeybees prefer yellow and blue ones
The average life span of a small cumulus cloud is about 10 ~ 15 minutes
Ancient Romans believed that white roses grew where tears fell as Venus cried over the loss of Adonis
California is the source of nearly sixty percent of all USA grown fresh cut flowers
Bees must collect nectar from 2,000,000 flowers to make a one pound comb of honey
Scientists have confirmed that some of the first flower fossils date back over ninety million years

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Happy Easter

The 14th Annual **CARVER FUN RUN**

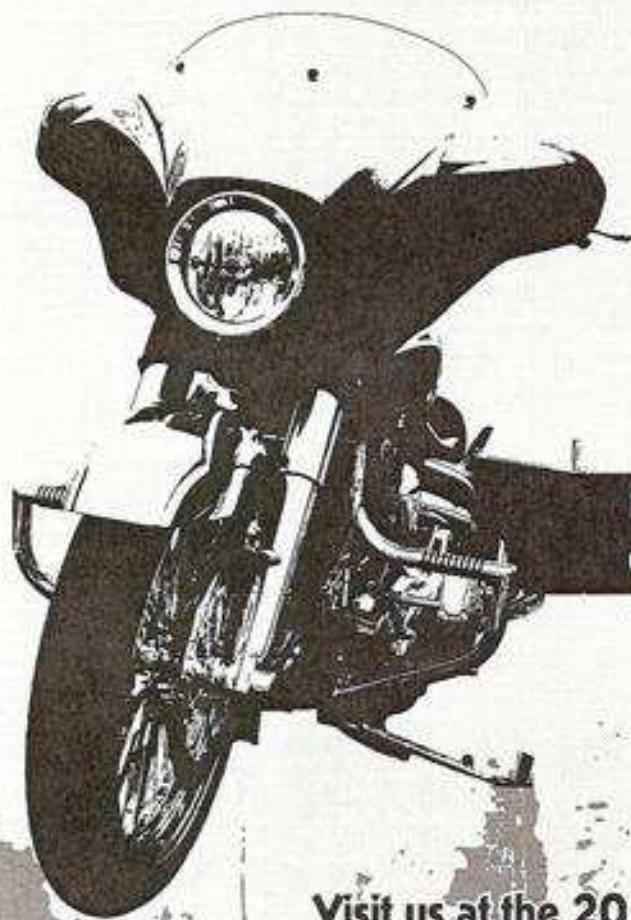
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- Registration begins at 10:00 AM
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**More info at www.CarverFunRun.org
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Saturday May 21st 3-7 pm

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