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In Memory of Mark Austad and Ann Henry

Positive Connections

Positive Connections in Chaska is hiring!! That's right. There are job openings out there. And this one is rewarding! Positive Connections is looking to hire School Bus Drivers for the 2011-2012 school year. This is a perfect opportunity for retirees, homemakers, and people who enjoy making a difference. No experience necessary, but you must have a clean driving record. Call 952.361.0899 or check them out online at positive connections chaska.com. Get on the Bus with Positive Connections.

Carver County Fair

The council was told that the Carver County Fair Board requested permission to display a sign at the fair since this is the Carver County Fair's 100th anniversary. A sign hanging in the council chambers that announces the dates of one of the first Carver County Fairs had been held in the Village of Carver. Question was asked if this sign could be displayed at the Carver County Fair this year. The council consensus granted permission to use the display at the fair.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

The council held a Public Hearing regarding the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program necessary to meet the conditions of the city's permit. The annual report required by the MN Pollution Control Agency is ready for submission. A power point presentation was given to the council displaying how the city has been operating under the General Storm Water Permit since 2003. Annually a Public Hearing is required allowing the public to comment on the existing program and the progress reaching measurable goals. Questions and answers were given.

Main Street Bridge

The council held a Public Hearing on the Main Street Bridge Improvement Project. The engineers were present at the meeting to answer questions. The city engineer stated that a permit is required from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Main Street Bridge to be replaced. The Corps of Engineers were evaluating the project pursuant to their responsibilities of the National Historic Preservation Act. The corps is required to consider ways to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse effect to historic properties. Question was asked about the width of the proposed improvement. The engineer responded that it wouldn't be much wider than the existing bridge; however, intentions are to include a sidewalk. Parking was questioned. The Public Hearing was closed by motion.

Levi Griffin Road

The city had received bids for the Levi Griffin Road. The low bid received was from Ryan Contracting Company. The project includes extending municipal utilities to MN DOT's Truck Facility located at the intersection of County Roads # 11 and #61. The county's approval is also necessary per the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution accepting the bid from Ryan Contracting Company as the low bidder for the Levi Griffin Road.

2010 *A*udit

Representatives from Abdo, Eick and Meyers were at the council meeting to review the 2010 Audit. There was an on-site audit, management letter and reviewal of the financial aspects of the audit. The team discussed the Ratio Analysis capturing a few ratios from the city's financial statements which give additional information for trend and peer group analysis. Recommendation was submitted that the council receives, at least, a quarterly financial report. The administrator stated that the a monthly report had been started. The auditors were thanked, relaying that they were considered partners since they have worked together for years to get the city fund balance to the recommended levels. The city was told that this was their only client showing growth.

Summer Patrol Hyreement

The administrator reviewed with the council the programmed amount for the 2011 budget for additional patrol coverage during the summer months. The primary goal for the summer coverage was to provide additional law enforcement during the time of the year that typically shows increase in vandalism and miscellanyeous disturbances. The patrol would focus on forty hour week during the evening and nighttime schedule. Corporal Trick was introduced who provides program services relating to crime prevention at the Carver Scott Educational Cooperative. The council considered a subcontract with CSEC, "Program Agreement Subcontract"; the cooperative does not need the program during the summer months, however the Sheriff's Department is obligated to provide for summer months, therefore, the city has budgeted for a night summer patrol officer. The council and officers discussed various locations throughout the city. The mayor requested extra attention be given to neighborhood parks after dark as that seems to be prime vandalism times. Motion was made and carried with all ayes entering into the program agreement subcontract with the Carver Scott Educational Cooperative to sublet patrol services from the Carver County Sheriff's Office.

1898 Plat Map

The mayor publicly thanked the Hartley Family for their donation of an 1898 plat map of the Village of Carver. The council adopted a resolution acknowledging acceptance and appreciation for the donation.

In May of 2011, Justin Hartley, grandson of Lucie Hartley presented the city with an 1898 plat of the Village of Carver belonging to Lucie. The map shows property belonging to many of Carver's Founders and noteworthy residents including Alex Jorgensen, L. H. Griffin, Riesgraf, Anderson, Hebisen, Bristle, Goetze, and Gilfillan.

The plat also shows locations of buildings, such as Carver City Hall, Masonic Lodge, Depots, stock yards, elevators, plow works, mills, churches, hotels, banks and Ladlee Street (street next to the City's Public Square). The city gratefully accepts the generous donation of the 1898 plat and acknowledges also the generous donation of the frame for the plat by Gregg Witt.

MN DOT Truck Station

The City of Carver has held meetings with MN Dot regarding providing utility services to the new Truck Station located in the Chaska limits. The council was presented with four agreements from the city engineer necessary to provide utility services to the facility located outside the corporate limits of the City of Carver. City staff and consultants will have to prepare A Comprehensive Plan Amendment based on recent discussions with the Metropolitan Council staff. This work would begin on the amendments after approval of the agreements.

The extension of utilities was included in the Freeway Commercial District Utility and Street Improvements. MN Dot would be paying the costs for extending utilities east of County Road # 11, as well as a portion of the costs associated with extending utilities west of the county road, along with additional fees. This project will be funded through assessments, water and sewer funds and a negotiated joint powers agreement with the county. Some properties will have deferred assessments dependent upon future annexation. MN DOT would also be responsible for costs associated with their connection to the city's system. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving entering into the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Chaska and the City of Carver regarding utility service contingent upon approval by the City of Chaska and MN DOT. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving entering into a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Carver and MN Department of Transportation for the construction of sewer and water services contingent upon the approval of MN DOT. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the agreement regarding reimbursement for extension of municipal utility services. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the contract for utility services between the City of Carver and MN Department of Transportation.

Public Utilities Department

The council reviewed and discussed replacement of the Public Utilities vehicle. The department has been using a 1991 model with approximately one hundred and forty four thousand miles. The transmission had been replaced, the interior displays signifycant wear, including a large hole in the driver's side floorboard. The proposed replacement was reviewed and discussed. The amount was budgeted in the funds for a replacement. The administrator stated that the proposed purchase had been discussed with department head determining that the vehicle could be operated on a shared usage basis. Based on primary function and overall features, it was also determined that the vehicle should be outfitted with a plow, along with other mechanical systems.

Question was asked about a detachable plow. The Public Works Superintendent stated that the truck was too light for plow compatibility. It was recommended that a heavier truck be purchased if snow plowing was expected to be done. The mayor was of the opinion that the vehicle should be utilized by multiple departments. Council consensus was that the purchase should be for a ³/₄ ton truck to be utilized also for snowplowing.

Quotes have been received from two dealerships for both a three quarter ton and one ton truck for the replacement vehicle in discussion. Both of these sizes would handle a snowplow. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the purchase of a three quarter ton vehicle not to exceed stated amount.

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Steam Boat Days Carver SteamBoat Days is scheduled for 2011 on September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11th in downtown Carver. Once again this year, the committee is excited to announce the "The Johnny Holm Band" will entertain the crowds again on Saturday Night! Time is running out to post the events for September. Please submit any news to be published by July 20th for the Villager Tower to get the word out. Thank you.

## "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook"

- William James

#### 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.

East Union Gardens

"More Veggies, Please!" may be the sounds you will hear next fall in the East Union "Country Café" lunch room. Students, teachers, cook, and custodian are working in collaboration to grow their own vegetables. Through grants from District #112 Food Service, Lowes, MN Valley Electric Coop and Randy's Landscaping, the East Union Gardens were made possible. The High School Shop Class constructed five raised gardens and Randy Worm provided leveling and dirt.

Now help is needed with the gardens over the summer months. Request is posted for sign up for one or more time slots to come and check the gardens over the summer months. Each slot consists of three to four consecutive days. This includes waters and pulling weeds. The hose will be available. Dependent upon weather, the gardens may require watering more than once during a shift, possibly daily.

Click on this link to sign up using VolunteerSpot. http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/892345633879362024

Questions? Please contact your organizer, Jan Wellens, at wellensj@district112.org

Temporary Levee

The city engineer reviewed with the council the actions taken regarding the temporary levee. Fill had been placed on top and adjacent to the existing levee as part of the preparations in March to flooding possibilities. Since that time, the staff has discussed the permanency of this fill due to increased flooding occurring and higher water elevations progressively occurring. FEMA discussions were also held on the notations. Agents from FEMA recognize the rationale and have forwarded this observation to their supervisors. However, regulations state that if the fill is not removed, FEMA will not pay for original placement.

Further discussions were held. The mayor stated that additional measurements of rain is predicted. It was his opinion that it did not make sense to remove the temporary levee. Six months from the Declaration of Emergency is the deadline to complete the levee removal work to be completed to be reimbursed from FEMA Question was asked of how long it would take to remove the temporary levee and the answer was two weeks. That being dependent upon the railroad having removed tracks. The council was reminded that payment would be made for work already completed. The council reviewed estimated costs that would be incurred if removal was not done. The council was of the opinion that further research should be conducted. Question was asked ~ 'what if another emergency were put into place?' Would an extension change the current dates? Response was that it would be a separate incident therefore the work completed in May would still have to be restored to pre-disaster condition within the six month time frame. The mayor stated that the temporary levee should remain until questions could be addressed on the national level.

Question was asked about the railroad dates to complete their work. The contract has not been signed and the projected date was the end of June. Rain predictions, anticipated bridge closures were discussed. Plastic and restoration were briefly talked about.

Did You Know .....

....that a moveable bandstand stored at the south end of Broadway was hauled up to Third and Broadway for weekly Saturday night concerts during summer months in the latter 1800's and early 1900's.

American Red Cross

Submitted by: Linda Schutz.

Did you know that only 38 percent of humans are acceptable blood donors?

Did you know that only 6 percent of those acceptable, actually donate blood?

THAT makes blood donors verrrry special people!

(Come on everybody- there are more gas pumps in the world than that - think of yourself as a people pump!)

Did you know that the blood donation guidelines continually change - you can donate from the age of 18 until 100!!!

Cancer? If you have been cancer free for 5 years, you can donate again.

Been out of the country? You still may be eligible depending where you traveled.

I checked out our (City of Carver) ranking as percent to goal donations today. Carver ranks 3,542 out of 17,673 drives. That's pretty good for a tiny town! But we have room to move up the scale. I think our percentage was influenced by blizzards for the last two December drives. UGH!

Did you know that our region needs 1,000 blood donations PER DAY.

Did you know that the American Red Cross isn't just a Dracula? LOL! The Red Cross helps families in need following disasters such as :

When your house burns down, Red Cross is there. If there is a tornado, earthquake, flood... Red Cross is there. If you have a family member in the military- Red Cross is the only way to contact that soldier if there is a family death or emergency. Swear to God - the Army confirmed this for me when my son was enlisted. The Red Cross can find that soldier, no matter where in the world, faster than the military can. Very cool. The Red Cross also offers many life saving classes.

So why am I sending you my 'rant'? I want to encourage ALL of you to donate blood.

Did you know that when you donate a pint of blood you are saving the lives of FOUR people? Blood donations are separated into 4 life saving components.

If you are able to donate at the Carver blood drive August 16th please call or email me. Just put it on your calendar now and 'Get 'R Done!' If you don't live in the Carver area - check out your own area! Just google American Red Cross and they will connect you with your local blood drive.

Did you know that the Red Cross is in dire need of blood donations in the summer months (lots of accidents) and during the holiday season? But they will be happy to accept blood at anytime. Blood only has a shelf life of about 80 days.

Thanks for taking the time to read this - pass it on to others. Let's get everyone in the country to: GIVE BLOOD! Have a wonderful day! Linda Schutz, Co-coordinator City of Carver Blood Drive 612-987-5454 (*Remember - August 16th is 'Get 'R Done' day!*)

#### Budget Schedule and Strategies

The administrator reviewed the proposed preliminary schedule for the 2012 budget have been prepared for review. The purpose of the preliminary schedule provides benchmarks for progress and initiate discussions on general goals and priorities for the 2012 budget. The development of these goals and priorities assist in preparations of a quality preliminary budget for the city's review. Several topics were submitted for advance research. They were the Fourth Street reconstruction project, a grant writer, staffing plan for the next five to ten years and a trail from Carver Bluffs Parkway up County Road # 11 and along Fourth Street.

The Vehicle Fair

Coming Soon! The Vehicle Fair at the Community Park in Carver. When? Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM until 8 PM. Kristy says, "Come and Climb aboard the big rigs and check out the State Patrol Helicopter."



The Carver Fire Relief proudly presents their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament at the Community Park site on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

New this year is Co-Rec. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the games, company, visit with old friends, make new friends, see neighbors and have a beverage. Don't forget the famous delicious burgers too. Always a good time. Be sure to stop by over the weekend. You won't be sorry.

Fifth Saturday

Submitted by: Annette Hentz

It's amazing how quickly times flies especially when you have a once – every – three month event, and you can't believe how quickly it pops back up! Yes, our next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! Event is Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.



The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday starts at 9 AM with a free design class (topic not yet decided ). Throughout the day we have refreshments and hourly door prizes. There is always a specially featured floral product (likely something fabulous for only five bucks). It's a casual, fun atmosphere to mingle with friends or make new ones. We also offer a special 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! Discount – bury our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! Cloth tote bag for only 99 cents, and any merchandise you can fit into it on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! Is 20% off! (Tote bags can be purchased any time, but the discount only applies on 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday!)

Be sure to come and check out 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! At Carver Country Flowers and Gifts

Named 2010 Retailer of the Year by the MN State Florist Assn 109 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East PO Box # 156

Carver MN 55315 952-681-7582

www.carverflowers.com

Carver Black Sox

Donations are always welcomed and accepted and would be greatly appreciated. These donations go towards the Community Park Baseball Field and the equipment shed currently in planning stages along with trying to obtain an electronic scoreboard for the park. The baseball fields are not only utilized by the Black Sox but also by the boy's baseball programs throughout the communities.

If you would like to help in supporting any of these projects with the baseball field, contact City Hall to find out who to get in touch with. Go Black Sox !!!

Red Cross Blood Drive

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Noon to 6 PM Carver Village Hall Volunteers Needed ~ Phone Callers Phone Callers are needed to help set up appointments for the blood drive. Linda will provide you with a list of donor contacts ( no cold calling ~ these donors are expecting your call and they are all very nice!) Calls are to be completed by August 5<sup>th</sup>. Time spent is about two to three hours. What a great way to volunteer! From your own home at your own pace! Please call now! Linda Schutz ~ 612.987.5454 "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength." - Ralph Sockman

Need Your Help - Donor Needed

New Liver Needed for Randy Tufts Submitted by: <u>Mary Tufts</u>

Randy, who is my husband, is in need of a liver transplant. He was officially placed on the active list April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Some close friends/adopted wayward teens/now adults, have expressed an interest in being a living donor, however for various reason they do not qualify. This makes us feel truly blessed and their offers are very touching. The transplant department does not help find a living donor. It is up to the patients and their loved ones to find a living donor.

Randy does not have several years because several other vital systems are already compromised. As a nurse explained: the liver is part of a team, so if part of that team goes fubar, than other organs as part of the team also become fubar. This is what has happened to his kidneys with all the stones he has had through the years plus the latest ordeal he has been experiencing to the present date. However, his pancreas and other organs are now also very much compromised. Therefore, my husband is in dire need of help, and a living donor is his best survival chance. I am reaching out for help to save my h

usband, friend, companion, step-dad to my kids, and love of my life. More of Randy's story can be found at: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/randytufts

We are desperately trying to get the word out and seek help from someone willing to be a living donor. Please share this request wherever you can post it, churches, work places, friends, etc. There are scholarships available for transportation, lodging and meals for donors, in state or from out of state, and possibly for time off work. This process is completely confidential. Unless a donor applicant or approved donor wants us to know who they are, we will not be told.

There are several criteria to meet to become a living donor (see below for more info). I believe even if you are not a match for Randy you might qualify to help another transplant patient. Waiting for a deceased donor can take several years and the survival rate lessens than receiving a portion of a living donor's liver. Randy does not have several years because several other vital systems are already compromised. As you may know, the liver is the only organ that regenerates. Typically one half (or smaller portion) of the donor's liver is harvested and replaces the recipient's complete liver. Therefore, because of the regenerative properties of the liver, six months to one year after surgery, BOTH the donor and recipient have grown a full sized liver. That is more than a second chance for anyone needing any kind of an organ transplant. About 1400 patients every year die waiting for a new liver.

Some have asked what it takes to qualify. It varies from patient to patient. Rather than listing all the criteria information, I am imploring you to check out the following websites/links from the U of MN Medical Center Liver Transplant Dept. and please consider becoming a living transplant donor. This process is also completely confidential, unless a donor applicant or approved donor wants us to know who they are, we will not be told.

http://www.uofmmedicalcenter.org/Specialties/LiverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/LivingliverTransplant/Livinglive

http://www.uofmtransplant.org/Adult/KidneyTransplant/LivingKidneyDo nor/c\_605511.asp -- This link has an application

http://www.livingdonorsonline.org/liver/liver.htm

http://www.asts.org/ResearchEducation/LivingLiverDonation.aspx (copy and paste to your browser address bar if this did not produce a click-able link) This is a video re: the donor process, you may have to download and install a plug-in for Firefox.

If you would rather speak with a real live person rather than doing the internet research you can call the numbers below: People who are interested in learning more about donation should contact: 612-625-7010 or 800-328-5465.

Community Calendar

#### July 2011

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|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| July 1st              | -    | Canada Day                                              |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>  | -    | Independence Day                                        |
|                       |      | Fourth of July                                          |
| July 5 <sup>th</sup>  | -    | Council Meeting                                         |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Doug!                                    |
| July 6 <sup>th</sup>  | -    | Lions Meeting                                           |
| July 7 <sup>th</sup>  | -    | Drill Night                                             |
| July 8th              | -    | Happy Birthday Hunter!                                  |
| July 8th              | thro | ough Sunday July 10 <sup>th</sup> – Softball Tournament |
| July 9 <sup>th</sup>  | -    | Happy Birthday Donna!                                   |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Dahlgren Township Board Meeting                         |
| July 12th             | -    | Heritage Preservation Commission                        |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Maria!                                   |
| July 13th             | -    | Happy Birthday David!                                   |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Happy Birthday Paul!                                    |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Barb!                                    |
| July 15 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Happy Birthday Krissy!                                  |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Tony!                                    |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Happy Birthday Myrtle!                                  |
| July 18th             | -    | Drill Night                                             |
|                       |      | Council Meeting                                         |
| July 22 <sup>nd</sup> | -    | Happy Birthday Becky!                                   |
| July 23rd             | -    | Happy Anniversary Dough and Aletta!                     |
|                       |      | Happy Anniversary Karen and Jerry!                      |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Happy Anniversary John!                                 |
| July 25 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Park and Recreation Board Meeting                       |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Janelle!                                 |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Marvin!                                  |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Planning Commission                                     |
|                       |      | Happy Birthday Bonnie!                                  |
|                       | -    | Happy Anniversary Tony and Jane!                        |
| July 28 <sup>th</sup> | -    | Fire Department Meeting Night                           |
| _                     |      | Happy Birthday Diane!                                   |
| July 29 <sup>th</sup> |      | Happy Anniversary Dan and Carol!                        |
| July 30th             | -    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday! Event                         |

#### Carver Current

Remember to be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the *'Villager Tower"*. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, be sure to submit that to him and he will post it for you.

It's a great vehicle for transporting information all over. What is the website again? <u>www.carvercurrent.com</u>

"Villager Tower"

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### Iris Valley

Iris Valley Boutique and Gifts who have moved to their new location at 110 Eldorado Drive in Jordan will be holding 'Happy Hour" on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 PM. You are invited to come and joint Iris Valley staff at their new store location for cocktails, appetizers and shopping. They love their fabulous new location and want to show it off to you!

Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 8 PM there is 20% off store wide and other great specials for this night only. Bring a friend that has never been to Iris Valley and both will receive a free pair of earrings. You will also qualify for the Friend Gift Basket giveaway. See you there!

"Levi Griffin & Stewart & Mills

Day"

"Whereas, Levi Griffin was Instrumental in the development of the City of Carver as an entrepreneur and civic leader. And Whereas, in 1955 Stewart C Mills, along with his sons Stewart Mills Jr and Henry Mills opened the first "Fleet Wholesale Supply" in Marshfield, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, What began as one "Fleet Wholesale Supply" store has transformed into thirty-one "Mills Fleet Farm" stores throughout the upper-midwest; and

Whereas, Mills Fleet Farm has chosen to invest in the City of Carver for their thirty-second store, and

Whereas, "Levi Griffin Road" will provide access to the Mills Fleet Farm Store in Carver, representing how our city's history has provided a path to our community's future;

And Whereas, without the commitment and efforts of Mark and Sam Lano, Oppidan, The Darril Peterson Trust, JCP Holdings, United Properties and the Carver County Board the Development of Levi Griffin Road would not be possible;

Now Therefore, I, Greg Osgterdyk, Mayor of the City of Carver, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2011, as:

"Levi Griffin \* Stewart C Mills Day"

And urge all citizens to commemorate the leadership and ingenuity of Levi Griffin and Stewart C Mills and to celebrate the contributions of all those responsible for the development of Levi Griffin Road and Mills Fleet Farm in the City of Carver."

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Hissociation

Come out to one of the parks and see our youth playing ball. Tuesdays and Thursdays we have one hundred ninety plus T-Ball and Baseball games at Community Park and watch our girls play the other nights of the week. The girls Year End tournament is July 15th through July 17th. Our 1st/2nd grad girls play on July 15th at Pioneer fields in Chaska. Thanks to the new field at the Community Park, we are able to have eighteen games on Saturday July 16th and will be the host for the 4th/5th grad girls. The rest of our girls will be playing at the Pioneer Fields in Chaska. All of Sunday's games will be played in Chaska weather permitting. Our Boys Baseball teams will be finalizing their games the week of July 11th. We have many parents and coaches that need to be THANKED for all the time they give to our youth as without them we would not be able to offer these programs. Thanks also to the many employees of the City that keep our fields in playing order. With all these workers and volunteers Carver should be proud.

We also are working on offering Baseball in Carver next year for our boys past the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Tom Ryan and our staff have been meeting with Chanhassen and Chaska to see what our options are. So if you want to keep baseball in Carver your support is and will be greatly appreciated. Have a great summer – Jane Thon, President CCYBSA

Carver Gions

The Lions Club has an International Convention being held in Seattle in July. Locally, the Carver Lions are getting ready to host their annual Youth Exchange Picnic at the end of the month in July. There are twenty eight exchange students from around the

world participating in this years program. The Lions have been hosting this event for the past twenty five years plus. The students spend six weeks at their host families, then one week at camp. To complete their exchange they visit the local communities. In Carver, they are taught how to play baseball and enjoy a picnic lunch. The Lions invite city staff and fire department personnel who speak for the students. They all have a good time.

The Lions are also busy preparing for SteamBoat Days coming up as well. Remember, during the summer months, the Lions only meet the first Wednesday of the month. Be sure to come and join them and see what all the fuss is about and be part of their contributions to the community. Everyone is welcome.

