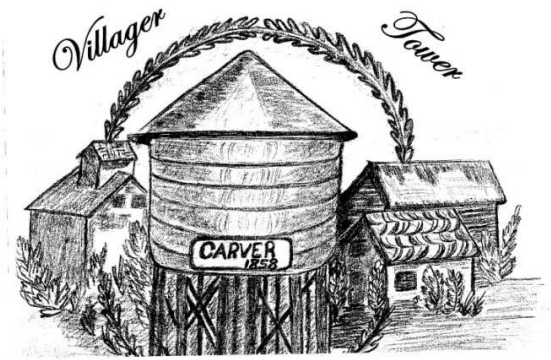


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Preliminary Budget 2012

A proposed budget power point presentation was presented to the city council on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. Several items were discussed involving upgrading tennis/basketball court at the Lion's Park, adding planters by the downtown area benches, Market Value Homestead Credit changes and fiscal disparities. The council consensus was to review the Financial Management Plan prior to continuing with discussions on the budget.

The administrator briefly reviewed the procedures taken to determine the 2012 Preliminary Budget/levy amounts. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2012 Preliminary levy. Thanks were extended to the personnel who did all the work done on the budget.

Financial Management Plan

A financial consultant representative reviewed the updated Financial Plan with the council. Discussions were held regarding future city projects, as well as equipment needs. Statement was made that the city should have an assessment policy so that future assessments can be equitable to property owners.

Steam Boat Days Princesses

Fourteen girls participated in the competition for Steam Boat Days Princesses. Baylee Cummins, Chanhassen High School Junior was crowned 'Miss Carver'. Leah Shanahan was crowned 'Jr Miss Carver' and attends Chaska Middle School West. "Little Miss Carver" attends Guardian Angels and is Cela Watkins. Congratulations to the winners and all of the participants. The winners all reside in Carver. The girls rode in the parade on the float. They will be conducting fundraising and community services throughout the year.

Technology Referendum

The Eastern Carver County School District School Board approved an allotted amount of money for capital projects levy to fund technology for the schools in the district. Voting will be held on November 8th. If successful, the levy authorization will continue for ten years. To learn more visit the district's website at www.district112.org.

Target

Target - Take Charge of Education - East Union Elementary has received a substantial amount of money already.

Target donates one percent of 'Red Card' purchases back to schools. Do you have a Target Card? Have you designated East Union Elementary as your school of choice? (Take Charge of Education is a school fundraising initiative that offers families, teachers and community members an easy way to designate an eligible K-12 school of their choice nationwide and have Target donate an amount equal to one percent of their 'Red Card SM. (Target, Visa Credit Card, Target Credit CardSM and Target Check CardSM) purchases made at Target and Target.com*. In addition, Target donates half percent of all Target Visa Credit Card purchases made everywhere else Visa credit cards are accepted) excerpt from Target.com web page.

To enroll: Cardholders can visit Target.com/tcoe, call 1.800.316.6142 or log on to kiosks at Target stores and select East Union Elementary School.

Count your age by friends not years. Count your life by smiles not tears.

Carver Country Flowers

What's Been Going

On?

We've been delightfully busy the past few weeks, with much wedding work and, sadly, funeral work. We so much appreciate our customers who continue to support our local business. Thank you! (Check out our Facebook page for photos of our work, and be sure to "Like" us while you're there! If you're a satisfied customer, perhaps you wouldn't mind leaving us a positive review.) www.facebook.com/carverflowers

Our Harvest Preview Open House last month was fantastic - and yes, we still have lots of Fall and Halloween merchandise left. Our Plush Pumpkins were big sellers, as well as our BOO-tiful Bugs (jeweled spiders) and, of course, our favorite Lori C. Mitchell Halloween Kids collectibles.

Our Garage Sale, although down from two tables to one, is still going on in the shop. And so is the Carver On The Minnesota Used Book Sale - as a matter of fact, we had to pick up two more bookshelves to hold the book donations we've gotten so far. Please stop by and check it out!

What's New?

Plush Pumpkins

Our Plush Pumpkins which we have carried in six sizes (from 2" to 8" and in five colors (Bittersweet, Chartreuse, Harvest, Mertlot and Carrot) have been an absolute hit! As a matter of fact, we had planned to reorder for this upcoming weekend. But as stated previously, we got so busy with wedding and funeral work that we procrastinated in getting our order in for more. Then we found out they are taking two weeks to fill reorders, well, that's not soon enough for the upcoming sale weekend. So we have about twenty left.

What's Up Ahead?



Christmas Preview

Open House

Our Christmas Preview Open House will take place the weekend of *October 20-22*. While we will still have some Fall/Halloween merchandise consolidated to a smaller area, we will take down the Harvest Tree decorations, and replace them with Christmas decorations – as well as put up the second Christmas tree. Our full line of Frasier Fir products (with some new ones, like potpourri and a lovely pinecone reed diffuser) will also take prominent position, since it's such a big seller for us each holiday season. We have some new things we think you'll love – like our pinecone candles and poseable elves in two sizes. You'll definitely get the feeling of Christmas starting that weekend. And Preview weekend only, all Christmas merchandise will be 20% off, so stock up early for savings!!

5th Saturday!

These every three-month events sure help to mark the passing of time. Our next 5th Saturday! event will be *Saturday, October 29*. Besides a Halloween Clearance Sale, we'll have our usual 5th Saturday! activities, so mark your calendars and tell your friends. We'll have more specifics in next month's newsletter.

Fire & Rescue Open House

On Wednesday, October 12th at 6 - 8 PM at the Carver Fire Station come and meet the local firefighters, take a ride on a fire truck and watch them in action during safety demonstrations. Food and beverages will also be provided during the event. Enter the 'Kid's Coloring Contest'!

East Union Elementary School

Alert parents. Have you noticed the 'Parent Portal' on the website for the school? You have the capability of updating your pertinent information for your children. The district's hope is that all parents keep this information current. If you have any questions, you can contact the office at the East Union School for children attending that school.

Fall conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th from 4 to 8 PM, Thursday, October 27th, same time and Friday, October 28th from noon until 4 PM. Be sure to sign up for your parent conference on "volunteer", "Spot.com" Slots are filling up fast.

On Thursday, October 6th from 10 AM until 2 PM, the phone system equipment will be upgraded at the East Union School. No one in the building will be able to call out or receive calls. Voice mail will also be down, but e-mails will function. The staff at the school requests that you call prior to the 10 AM time frame or after 2 PM.

Breakfast Buddies is Friday, October. 14th from 8:30 AM -9:10 AM. Critters and Company will follow at 9:30 AM. The theme this year is 'Sorry is Good, Change is Better'. We hope to have a good turnout.

No School Friday, October. 28th Teacher Workshop 8:00-12:00; Conferences 12:00-4:00.

A quick note from the Health Office: An ongoing health concern last year was the continued presence of head lice. I think we all were frustrated with the problem. They're still out there..... Our district health services coordinator has asked all of the nurses to send an alert to parents. Keep checking your kids, let your school know if an infestation occurs. I appreciate your cooperation in helping me stay on top of this. We've attached information from the State Health Dept. As my granddaughter would say, "Why did Noah let them on the ark!?" Thanks, Kitty

Earn \$5 to Spend at the Book Fair! The school is in need of volunteers to help with the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences. For every shift you sign up for, you earn a \$5 gift certificate toward merchandise at the fair!



Chaska Valley Family Theater announces that "IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS – THE MUSICAL" will be playing December 2nd and 11th.

Performances of "White Christmas" will be held December 2nd – 11, 2011 at the Chanhassen High School Theater. For show times and tickets, visit www.cvft.org or call 952-250-7206.

About Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. The dazzling score features well known standards including Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, How Deep Is the Ocean and the perennial favorite, White Christmas. Under the artistic and musical direction of Bill Coldwell, Katy Jarvis, and Joan Nelson, this CVFT production promises to be a show everyone will enjoy!

About the Chaska Valley Family Theatre:

Chaska Valley Family Theatre was formed in 1995, with a mission to provide high quality, affordable live theater featuring local talent, with an emphasis on family involvement. Now in its 16th year, CVFT continues to delight audiences of all ages. For information or tickets, contact Chaska Valley Family Theatre online at www.cvft.org or by phone at 952-250-7206.

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.



Annual Costume

The Carver Lions are proud to announce their annual Costume Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at the Village Hall from 5 PM to 7 PM. Admission: \$ 2.00 plus a food item. Preschool and Kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult.

For Preschool through 5th Grade there are drawings for cash, prizes for costumes, games, prizes and treats.

The Lions are also looking for volunteer workers to help host the carnival games at the annual party. Seeking also youths in 6th grade or older, as well as any adults who would like to help making this year's party special for our community's youngsters. All youth volunteers dressed in costume will be entered in a cash prize drawing to be held at the end of the evening. Anyone interested please e-mail Julie at juliekpeak@gmail.com.

Carver 2nd Alarm - 16th Annual

Chili Feed

The 16th Annual Chili Feed by the Carver 2nd Alarm are planning to serve between 11 AM and 5 PM. A meat raffle and silent auction will also be held. All you can eat, chili, French Bread and Homemade Bars, Cookies and Desserts. Advance tickets are available for \$5.00 or \$ 7.00 at the door. Proceeds will benefit children with special needs surgery through the Smile Network. Advance tickets can be purchased from Second Alarm members or contact John Lenzen at 952.448.2850 or Barb Swanson at 942.448.2830.

Carver Community Youth

Baseball / Softball Association

Another year has come and gone and plans are already in the works for 2012. One of the issues the association is working on is

"How does Carver offer baseball to our youth". Anyone interested in being part of this group and willing to help expand their program, please send an e-mail to ccybsa.reg@gmail.com indicating that you would like to be contacted to help accomplish this.

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 transmitting information all over. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com

"Villager Tower"

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Fox Sale

Those aquariums are calling your name. You couldn't get a better deal. Still available, two forty to fifty gallon aquariums for sale with the stands. Interested? Come on artists, use your imagination. How about using one or two for a terrarium or maybe remember the 'Coal Gardens'? They are here for the taking, Great buy. One or two aquariums for \$75. Each. Call 952.448.5126 and leave a message, we'll call back or e-mail: villagertower@carvercurrent.com.

"Your success and happiness lie in your...resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." - Helen Keller

East Union Country Fare



Saturday, October 15th from 10 AM until 2 PM, head out for the East Union Lutheran Church Country Fare. It is their annual fund raising event. There is a luncheon served, there are handmade crafts, collectable items, baked good, a quilt raffle, garden produce and homemade desserts.

East Union Lutheran Church

Love Inc Informaton

The 6th Annual Blessed Bee Winter Wear Drive is underway. Can you help? The Blessed Bee Thrift Store in Chaska helps hundreds of families each fall by providing them with coats, jackets, hats, mittens, gloves, boots...even blankets....donated by people like you who no longer have a need for them. Can you spend a few minutes sorting through your closets? The greatest need is for toddler through teen age apparel and the preference is for washable items.

Donations can be brought to the East Union Church or you can bring them directly to the Blessed Bee by October 15th. You will find the Blessed Bee on the corner of Audubon Road and County Road # 61 (old highway # 212) in Chaska. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Civil War Veterans

Memorial Plaque

This year, 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. More than seventy members of the East Union Lutheran Church served in this conflict, including many Carver residents. More than thirty Civil War soldiers are buried in the church's cemetery.

The East Union Church would like to honor these brave men with a memorial plaque similar to the one on the front of the church that honors the WWI veterans. Anyone interested in contributing to the project contact the East Union Lutheran Church.

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, home-makers, 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 positiveconnectionschaska.com. Get on the Bus with Positive Connections.

Carver Interceptor Project

The council was updated by the city engineer on the Carver Interceptor Project. Segment A included the signing on the street, striping work, shoulder work, and restoration. The council discussed the west portion of County Road #40. Starting the work on the Segment B was talked about briefly.

Carver Fire Relief

The proposed pension increase was discussed. The administrator reviewed with the council that the Carver Fire Relief manages the pension provided to members of the The City's Fire Department. The association is not an organization of the City of Carver, rather it is a separate organization comprised of members of the Fire Department and run by a Board of Trustees elected by the membership. The mayor, the city administrator and the fire chief are all members of this board. Motion was made and carried with all ayes increasing the annual pension benefit for the Carver Fire Relief Association per year of service by stated amount.

Did You Know

....that in July 1998 the Carver Fire Department executed a controlled burn of the old Carver Creamery building, once located on Broadway at the north end of the present day Robb Electric complex.

....that in 1855 there were 119 steamboat arrivals at St. Paul from the towns along the Minnesota River, including Carver.

Volleyball Court

In the Park Dedication Study, two volleyball courts have been designated at the Community Park as a planned improvement. The Park and Recreation Board Supervisor pointed out to the council that there are not any volleyball courts in the city. The Park and Recreation Board would be able to accomplish this project with in-house cost savings to the city. This project could also be completed by the fall of this year. There would not be any lights at the courts. Seating was questioned. Picnic tables and/or benches were talked about. Possibly a shelter were all in the plans

Question was asked if there were requests to use the indoor gym/ courts. The supervisor stated that an indoor league to be started was on the wish list. Suggestion was made to install lights on the outdoor courts to form leagues. Motion was made and carried with

all eyes to approve construction of the community park volleyball courts.

Building Official Appointment

The Building Official position has been vacant since April of 2011. An employee has been serving as the 'Interim Building Official' since that point in time. The Personnel Committee reviewed the employee's qualifications and interviewed regarding the open position. Plans were that the appointment for the Building Official for a full-time building inspector position would remain vacant indefinitely while the 2012 budget provides funding for a part-time position. The city has operated with the position description of 'Building Inspector' but not a specific position for 'Building Official'. The administrator created a proposed position description accurately defining the duties and responsibilities of the building official. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the position description for the building official. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to appoint Mark Pistulka to the position of Building Official with a performance appraisal to be conducted by the Personnel Committee and the Administrator at the completion of nine months.

Carver Fire Department

The Fire Chief told the council that the Fire Department had applied and has been awarded a grant from the MN Department of Natural Resources "Fire Assistance" program. The grant funds would be used to assist paying for a 'skid unit'. A skid unit has the capability of carrying emergency equipment, supplies, a fifty gallon water tank and pump and a patient transport system. The costs and the dividing of payments by matching funds were reviewed. If the cost is less than anticipated, any funds not used could be used for purchasing other fire equipment. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the purchase of a skid unit and related equipment.

Utility Cart

The council discussed the utility cart with the Public Works Director. The present cart has been in service for five years used for the downtown watering, field dragging, park inspections, pesticide spraying, garbage pickup in the parks and other miscellaneous projects. A Kubota has been offered to the city for approximately half the cost of the new utility cart. The existing cart is utilized non-stop through the spring, summer and fall work as much as eight hours per day. An additional cart would provide the Public Works Department with the equipment necessary to efficiently perform other maintenance projects. The 2012 Budget project asked to add two seasonal staff positions. An additional cart would provide the added labor with the necessary equipment and resources to achieve the work. Purchasing the equipment outright is more efficient than renting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the purchase of a utility cart.

Did You Know.....

....that in 1880 J. M. Nye & Company was making buff-colored Carver brick near the intersection of Broadway and Fifth Street in Carver. In that year Nye advertised, "We make the finest brick in the market, come and see them". In 1880 the Nye Company was producing 300,000-500,000 bricks annually.

....that in Jan. 1868 firewood was coming into Carver by sleigh in large quantities, selling for \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cord.



Carver Black Sox's Turkey and Ham Bingo

Like to play bingo? How about forty games of bingo? "When?" You ask.

The Carver Black Sox formally invite all of you interested in playing bingo and having fun to come to the Village Hall on Friday, November 18th at 7 PM. You can play bingo until 11 PM. There will be food and beverages served. There's a meat raffle, as well. So be sure to mark on your calendars, November 18th, go to the Carver Black Sox's Turkey and Ham Bingo.

Fourth and Sixth Street Bridges

The city engineer reviewed the previous authorized prepared feasibility study relating to the reconstruction of the Fourth Street bridge. Other areas identified also requiring improvement as a part of the Financial Management Plan and Capital Improvement Plan included the Sixth Street bridge. Planning costs for the Sixth Street improvement had been identified but a feasibility study had not been conducted. The engineer reviewed the history of the Fourth Street bridge and some of the measures taken. There has been extensive discussions held with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Corps of Engineers regarding the options and the bridge.

Comment was made regarding Sixth Street discussions not being remembered occurring. The Public Works Director stated that the Sixth Street bridge is in very poor condition and requires a lot work every spring due to underground springs. Discussion was held repeating the process for the 4th Street Bridge as done for the Main Street Bridge. The city is in a tight situation concerning the Fourth Street reconstruction and when that work can be done dependent upon the work of the Main Street Bridge approval.

Question was asked about the width of the bridge. It was thought that the bridge could not be made any wider nor would parking be allowed. The engineer stated that the original bridge was only twenty feet wide. The city had added panels to widen the bridge is part of the present wing wall problem. The city requires time to collect means for payment options for such an improvement.

The purpose of the discussion was to inform the council of the situation. Repair of the bridge was estimated to take approximately three months. Question was asked about the two projects being staggered so that one or the other areas would be open while work was being done on the other area. Comment was made to conduct a public forum for residents to give their opinions on the proposed projects.

Bullying Play - "Lockdown"

A powerful learning opportunity is being offered by *Climb Theater* (www.climb.org) This event is being sponsored by the Chaska Police Department, the Carver County Library and the Chaska Human Rights Commission. It is also FREE! That's right, NO CHARGE! FREE! The play is an hour long. It's benefits priceless.

Climb Theater will be performing a powerful play called "Lockdown" which deals with bullying incidents and shows how these incidents affect the bully, the target, and the bystanders. The desired audience for this presentation will be middle school ages students. This play is not recommended for children under Sixth Grade or above Ninth Grade. Parents are welcome to attend. We hope that after viewing this performance kids will challenge themselves in the way that they view "bullying" and what they can do to stop it from happening to other kids!!!



You can come and see this play, November 3rd. The Play begins at 3 Pm and ends at 4 PM. Bus transportation will be provided to children who live in the cities of Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver and Victoria. Bus transportation will be provided by Positive Connection to take children home at the conclusion of the play. The play will be performed at the Chaska Community Center. Registration form is required and seating is limited. Contact the Chaska Police Department for a form, or go on line to chaskamn.com and got to the link 'police'.

Community Calendar

October 2011

- October 1st - Happy Birthday Elaine!
October 2nd - Happy Birthday Tim!
Happy Birthday Todd!
October 3rd - Council Meeting
October 5th - Carver Lions Meeting
October 7th - Drill Night
Yom Kipper / Sundown
Happy Anniversary Kari and Guy!
Happy Anniversary John and Kim!
Happy Birthday Megan!
Happy Birthday Joy!
October 8th - Happy Birthday Sarah!
October 9th - Happy Birthday Linda!
Happy Birthday Laurie!
Happy Birthday Carol!
October 10th - Dahlgren Township Meeting
Columbus Day
PTO Meeting / East Union
October 11th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Ryan!
Happy Anniversary Janice and Art!
Happy Anniversary Steve and Tiu!
October 12th - Fire and Rescue Open House
Happy Birthday Donnie!
October 13th - District # 112 School Board Work Session
Happy Birthday Sonjia!
October 14th - East Union Elementary Breakfast Buddies
October 15th - East Union Church Country Fare
Happy Birthday Andrea!
October 17th - Council Meeting
Drill Night
October 19th - Carver Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Annette!
Happy Anniversary Rose and Ken!
October 20th - School Not in Session - MEA
October 21st - School Not in Session - MEA
Happy Birthday Larry!
October 22nd - Annual Costume Halloween Party
Happy Birthday Steve!
Happy Birthday Brandon!
October 23rd - Carver 2nd Alarm 16th Annual Chili Feed
October 24th - Happy Anniversary Gary and Kay!
October 25th - Planning Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Melissa!
October 26th - Happy Birthday Carl!
Happy Birthday Kate!
October 27th - District # 112 School Board Meeting
October 28th - No School - Workshop
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Fire Department Meeting Night
October 29th - Fifth Saturday!
Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad!
October 30th - Daylight Savings Ends
October 31st - Halloween
Happy Birthday Phil!
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2011 Carver Heritage Preservation Award

The City of Carver and the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission are pleased to accept 2011 nominations for the annual Carver Heritage Preservation Award, to go to the year's most outstanding historic preservation effort in the Carver Historic District. Previous awards went to the Kelzer family for their restoration work on the circa 1870 Andrew G. Anderson House at 208 Main Street West, and to Gregg and Meg Witt for restorations of the 1925 gas station at 200 Broadway, the circa 1895 Swanson-Johnson Grocery Store building at 204 Broadway, and the circa 1865 Denny-Hammerlund Hardware Store building at 208 Broadway.

The award will go to the owner(s) of properties who make the year's best effort at preserving or restoring the exterior of any store, house, barn, or structure located in the Carver Historic District. The award may also be given for historically sensitive enhancements to the Historic District, including additions, porches, outbuildings, or the infill of empty lots.

After nominations have been received, the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission will view nominated properties and decide the annual award winner by a majority commission vote at the November HPC meeting. While the award is intended to be an annual one, there may be some years when no significant preservation effort took place, or when no property has been nominated. The award, a plaque, will be presented by the Mayor of Carver in December at a Carver Holiday Party, or the first practical Carver City Council meeting thereafter. A temporary sign may also be placed outside the annual award-winning property, but only if so desired by the owner.

Anyone can nominate a property for the 2011 award by using the following form and returning it to the Carver City Hall by 4:30 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2011.

(CUT HERE)

NOMINATION FORM, 2011 CARVER HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD

Address of Nominated Property _____

Owner(s) of Nominated Property (If known) _____

Nominator Name (Optional) _____

Reason for Nomination _____

Date _____

*Nominations must be for a City of Carver Historic District Property (see the City of Carver Website (www.cityofcarver.com) "History of Carver" link for listed properties. Nominations must be returned to the Carver City Hall by Monday, November 7, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

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