

"Dedicated in Loving Memory of William Luecke and Barb Schatz"

Park and Ride Facility

The city council reviewed the City Planners Power Point presentation pertaining to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant. The council was told that the 2009 grant was awarded with funding to be spent in the fiscal year of 2013. There were three components to the grant. The components involved land acquisitions, stall lot and transit shelter and three years demonstration commuter transit service. Each portion of this grant was required to be started by March 2014. The Transit Committee meeting was held to inform the council of the information already discussed and the grant had not been discussed with the council since the Community Development Authority had been told that they had not received their grant.

Question was asked if there was any idea on the numbers of individuals from specifically the Carver area who would be riding the Midwest Transit. There are not any current numbers, however, the Metropolitan Council has estimated a abstracted count of two hundred at a Carver Park and Ride site. Statement was made that the facility would open the area for future development. It was anticipated that area riders who travel to the Chaska and Chanassen sites would possibly transfer to the Carver site instead.

The Transit Station planning for the future the council was told. The council was told that it was a plus to have a transit in your community. Comment was also made regarding land costs were low at this time. It was also stated that this was a growth opportunity. Comment was made that the Chaska Park and Ride site lot was always full and there is talk of expansion. Theoretically the thought process concludes that if the transit station is built, it will bring people into a community. The city attorney pointed out that most of the riders would be traveling from the west and the south of Carver and upon returning to their vehicles they would shop in the area.

The council discussed the Transit Taxing District (Regional Transit Funds) and the joining. The city discouraged joining the taxing district at the present time. The city can join anytime in the future, but once joined, you cannot relinquish membership. The preferred site was also reviewed. The city planner reviewed items required to be accomplished in order for the Park and Ride Transit Station could be operational by March 2014. The city administrator wants to move forward on the project and confirmed the consensus that the Community Development Agency site was the preferred location.

Carver Black Sox Spring Turkey and Ham Bingo

The Carver Black Sox is hosting their Spring Turkey and Ham Bingo coming up on Friday, March 30th from 7 PM to 11 PM. Food and beverages available and lots of fun will be had by all. Cheesy Vegetable Soup will be available for those during the Lenten season. Come out for a night of fun. Bring the kids. It is fun for all ages!!! Bingo and Meat Raffles will be held, so you could also go home with a turkey or a ham for your Easter dinner!!! Can't go wrong.

Bond Refunding

The council discussed with the financial consultant's representative the authorization of General Obligation Refunding Bonds sale. It was explained that the proposed bonds will advance refund the 2015 through 2025 maturities of the City's General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, the 'Prior Bonds'. In an advanced refunding, the bonds are sold in advance of the February 1st, 2014 call date of the prior Bonds being advance refunded. The proceeds of the bonds are invested in government securities and held in escrow. The money in the escrow is utilized to pay interest on the bonds until the call date and to prepay the Prior bonds at the first opportunity on February 1st, 2014. The city continues to make payments on the Prior bonds until the call date. After the call date, the city begins making payments on the bonds. Savings would not be experienced until after that date. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution providing for the sale of the General Obligation Improvement Bonds.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

The council was updated on the staff's work with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services to complete transition to the system. A mutual determination regarding various properties currently under construction was met. Sewer service lines installed to structures will be grandfathered. The resolution of the status of properties under construction now leads to the review of ordinances and appropriate changes addressing the system as associated with the MCES system will be drafted for consideration and adoption.

Municipal Off-Sale Liquor

The administrator explained that he had received two quotes for proposed market study proposals. One local bar owner expressed disapproval of the city's proposal. Removing the ability to sell "off sale" would affect the income of the business. One councilmember expressed their thoughts regarding unwillingness to get involved with 'off sale' for the city nor prepared to pay for a market study. Another council member also agreed. Question was asked if the study could be adjusted to answer certain questions.

The administrator discussed the two plans for the Market Study. A public hearing suggestion was submitted and the opinion that not at least looking at the item would be a disservice to the community. It was the mayor's opinion that a study would offer explanation of the involvement by the city. Question was made about other businesses coming to the community if there not the ability to secure an 'off sale' license. Audience comment was made that it was not their opinion that this was a good idea nor a venture the city should involve themselves with. Public input again was submitted for input. Motion was made and failed for a market study. Comment was made that more information might be wanted but not at the price tag associated with the knowledge. Another comment was that the private sector could be left to run this type of venture. The consensus of the council was that this particular issue was finished.

Main Street Bridge

The council again reviewed the information related to the Main Street Bridge with the city engineer. This bridge had been identified as structurally deficient for several years and eligible for replacement through State Bridge Bond funding. The county has been included in discussions relating to the MCES Interceptor Project. The bridge is historic. Permits required from the Army Corp of Engineers (COE). The corp is the federal agency responsible for considerations of adverse effects to historic properties. The county and the city have worked with the city's Historical Preservation Commission and the State Historic Preservation Organization (SHPO) relating to the removal and the replacement of this bridge.

Discussions had also occurred regarding the lighting on or near the bridge. The council had decided to wait until after construction.

The council was updated that the permit approvals have been received to proceed with the project from the Corps of Army Engineers, as well as the state approval of the plans. Utility relocations will be coordinated after removal of the bridge. The Main Street Bridge is a county bridge, but the city will have associated costs relating to the replacement and other utility and infrastructure projects. State Bridge Bond funding will be received. A joint powers agreement between the city and the county was processed. The city is the acting contracting agency. Question was asked about unexpected or hidden costs. Response was given that there are always risk of change orders for unexpected occurrences in removal and construction. The plan is to have the bridge open in August. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the plans and specifications for the Main Street Bridge and scheduled bid opening date.

Gustavus Adolphus Choir

The Gustavus Adolphus Choir is scheduled to sing at the East Union Lutheran Church on March 30th, Friday night. The choir will perform in the sanctuary as part of their roots tour and part of the college's 150th anniversary as the East Union Church is the original site of the college. Come and support the Gustavus Choir.

Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

Hungry? Can't wait for pancakes or French toast? How about that homemade sausage? Guess what? The Lions are getting ready, making all the necessary preparations and scheduling their Pancake & French Toast Breakfast served with Homemade Sausage. When, you ask. March 25th, Sunday starting serving at 7:30 AM and stopping at 1 PM. Where? At the Carver Village Hall is where you will find all this good food. Just follow your nose smelling all those delicious aromas. Veterans will be admitted free and have a delicious breakfast and good company. Adults can eat for \$ 7.50 at the door, if you are really hungry, you can get a ticket in advance for \$ 6.50. Kids can eat for \$ 3 if they are six years old through twelve. Kids under six, like veterans can have a free breakfast! Remember, 'Give the Gift of Sight', bring in your old prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses to help someone in an underdeveloped country be able to see!

Lion's Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget, the Lion's are also getting ready for the Easter Bunny's arrival! The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance on April 7th. More news to follow! Be sure to check back with the website: Carver Current and watch for the next issue of the "Villager Tower" for updates.

Traditions - Dahlgreen Golf Club

Jacqi - Traditions~Old and New
Jacqi invites you all to be sure to join them for their upcoming events at the restaurant in the Dahlgreen Golf Club.
March 10th is the Grand Opening Anniversary where the "Swinging Country Band" kicks off the celebration at 2 PM.
March 17th is planned for a St Patty's Day BASH!! 70's Rock Night begins at 7:30 PM. There is a 'Special All Day'!!!
Be sure to mark your calendar for the Easter Bruch on Sunday, April 8th and there also will be a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th. Come and introduce yourself and be introduced to Jacqi!

Fifth Saturday

It's here again! It's the FIFTH Saturday! This is an in-store event that occurs whenever there is a fifth Saturday in the month - an extra payday for some, an extra play day for all - and there are some businesses that think that this particular day deserves some celebration. The festivities begin at 9 AM. Throughout the day refreshments, hourly door prizes, special feature and a casual, fun atmosphere to mingle with friends or make new ones is the order of business for the day. Also, a special 5th Saturday discount is offered. Buy a 5th Saturday cloth tote bag for only ninety nine cents and any merchandise you can fit into this tote on a 5th Saturday from participating businesses you receive 20% off. (check with Annette at Carver Country Flowers and Gifts and she'll fill you in on all who is participating locally)

Remember the tote bags can be purchased anytime, but the discount only applies on the 5th Saturday!

Future Plans

News flash from Carver Country Flowers...A 2012 Carver Garden Tour is being planned. This will be a self-directed driving/walking tour of ten distinctive gardens in the City of Carver, Minnesota! WOW! A Carver Walking Tour booklet will be available and your "ticket" to the gardens is a stamp card to be stamped at each garden you visit. There's a surprise at the end, but we'll wait to tell you about that. So stay tuned at Carver Current, Carver Country Flowers and Gifts and the Villager Tower for more information.

Not only will Carver-On-The-Minnesota be hosting the above event, they are also making plans for a Wine Tasting even in the Garden and Garden Market in the Park. So be sure to keep checking back and see what the latest updates are!



Announcement

On February 28th 2012 at St Francis Regional Medical Center at 8:35 AM in Shakopee, Minnesota there was a buzz of activity. It is the Villager Tower's honor to be introducing - Skylar Jo Hagerstrom - Big sister Brianna participated in the happy event with her dad, Robert and mother, Melissa. Skylar weighed in at seven

pounds, thirteen ounces. She is a beautiful tiny bundle of joy proven by her dad who had over a dozen pictures snapped of his girls within the hour and sent to co-workers. Congratulations to Rob, Brianna, Missy and welcome Skylar! Still waiting for dad to come down from the clouds.

Bloodmobile Coming

Bloodmobile scheduled for arrival at the Village Hall on April 24th from noon til 6 PM. Stay tuned for updates.

Oliver

Dianne Strandberg
The Chaska Valley Family Theater's production of "Oliver" is being presented on stage March 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th at 7 PM and at 2PM on March 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th.
Oliver is adapted from Charles Dickens timeless novel. All performances will be presented at the Chaska High School Theater on 545 Pioneer Trail in Chaska.

Ticket prices are: Adults: \$ 15., 17 and under: \$ 10. For tickets and more information go to www.cvft.org. No computer, call 952.250.7205. The Theatre is proud to reprise this popular family favorite. With familiar songs, such as, "Consider Yourself", and, "Food Glorious Food" along with lively dancing and superb acting. "Oliver" is one show that should not be missed.



Dahlgren Township / San Francisco Township

The administrator discussed the city's Fire Department's contracts with the townships of Dahlgren and San Francisco. New contract discussions have been discussed between all the government units. A drafted final agreement was presented for preliminary review by the council.

There are six primary revision within the proposed agreements. These revisions include changing from a three year to a five year provision with an automatic year to year renewal until one party provides written notification of termination; incorporates 'population' into the cost distribution formula; clarifies that equipment and the fire hall are exclusively owned by the City of Carver; the debt service obligation on the structure identified as the Fire Hall/Public Works building shifts to an equal split; the administration fee increases in the charge to the townships; and requires a sixty day notice to the townships of intentions to make capital expenditures in the department. This allows the townships the ability to terminate the contract upon notice, thereby giving the city the opportunity to determine the legitimacy of the purchase.

Council Representative commented on the work completed by the administrator and all entities on this contract were extensive with a positive outcome in their opinion. Question was asked if all the variables in the five year contract were updated annually. The response was that they did. The attorney approved of the agreement. Question was asked about the townships choosing any Fire Department. The attorney stated that the choice is theirs, but change would be difficult.

'Paperless' Council

The council was reminded by the administrator regarding previous discussions to motivate towards paperless meeting format as a cost saving measure for the city. The council was told that by utilizing 'professional PDF' and an iPad the goal can be attained. An iPad would be a 'reader' device for the council and a take-home device. The council could remotely review city business. The pad would be city property as well as the contents on the device. The church building is wireless. A new IT company would be able to assist with the transition. The council was asked for authorization to order the equipment. The devices were accounted for in the 2012 budget. Comment was also made that the city's e-mail should also be included on the iPad. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the staff to make the necessary purchases to go wireless.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Thanks all for your registrations. Girls Softball and Boys Baseball registrations have a deadline of March 15th before a late fee will be applied. T-Ball has until April 15th to register.

All volunteers can sign up online at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/>

Select Login

1st time select "Not yet a member? [Registration is simple and free!](#)"

On future sign-in Select LOGIN

Select 'Find a Sign Up'

Enter the email of the Sign Up List's creator:

ccybsa.reg@gmail.com

Select Search

Titles of all programs are listed for you to select one.

Likewise the CCYBSA has reserved the hall on Sunday afternoons for are members to come and practice hitting and throwing. We have opened up an indoor batting cage and you need to reserve a time slot using the directions above.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/>

Also check our web site for other programs and classes being offered: Sliding, base running and pitching.

Jane Thon

President CCYBSA

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.

Community Calendar

March 2012

March 1 st -	Drill Night
March 2 nd -	Happy Birthday Cindy! Happy Birthday Sunny! Happy Birthday Hannah!
March 4 th -	Happy Birthday Addie!
March 5 th -	Council Meeting Happy Birthday Karen! Happy Birthday Bob!
March 6 th -	Happy Birthday Max! Happy Birthday Cheryl!
March 7 th -	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Britney!
March 8 th -	School Board Work Session
March 9 th -	Teacher Workshop (no school)
March 10 th -	Happy Birthday Sandy!
March 11 th -	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 12 th -	East Union PTO Meeting
March 13 th -	Dahlgren Township Annual Meeting Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Andrea!
March 14 th -	District # 112 Late Start SteamBoat Committee Meeting
March 15 th -	Planning Commission Meeting East Union Picture Day
March 16 th -	East Union Breakfast Buddies
March 17 th -	St Patrick's Day
March 19 th -	Council Meeting Drill Night Happy Birthday Rylee!
March 20 th -	First Day of Spring
March 21 st -	Equinox Lions Meeting
March 22 nd -	School Board Meeting
March 23 rd -	Happy Birthday Jacob!
March 24 th -	Happy Birthday Keith!
March 25 th -	Pancake & French Toast Breakfast Happy Birthday Charlie!
March 26 th -	Park and Recreation Board Meeting Happy Birthday James! Happy Birthday Beth!
March 27 th -	Happy Birthday Laurie!
March 28 th -	Happy Birthday Cheryl!
March 29 th -	Fire Department Meeting Night Happy Birthday Lisa! Happy Birthday Ken!
March 30 th -	Black Sox Spring Turkey and Ham Bingo Gustavus Adolphus Choir – East Union Lutheran Church No School Spring Break Starts Happy Birthday Paul!
March 31 st -	5 th Saturday Event

Carver- On-The-Minnesota Inc Silent

Auction Items Wanted

The non-profit group Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc will be holding a 'Silent Auction' in conjunction with the Carver Loins Pork Chop Dinner at the Carver Village Hall on Friday, April 27th, 2012. Auction items, services, event tickets, antiques, etc are now being solicited. It's a great opportunity to showcase and advertise businesses and products, while at the same time benefitting Carver. Donated items are tax deductible and auction proceeds go directly to the benefit of Carver. Donated items may be dropped off during normal business hours at Carver Country Flowers at 109 Third Street East in downtown Carver. Questions, contact John at 952.361.3149 or Annette at 952.681.7582.

Did You Know

...that in the 1800s Broadway in Carver was lined with hitching posts for horses and wagons. Now and then excitement was generated in town when horses became untethered and ran away.

...that many of Carver's platted streets never came to be constructed. In 1857 the Carver Land Company investment group simply placed a grid overlay on a flat map of Carver, not taking into consideration that much of the terrain was elevated, rough, and on bluffs, or low and marshy

For Sale

On fifty gallon aquarium for sale with its stand....that' right, the other one is gone. Great deal. Even has fish with it. Hurry, it's only \$ 75. (Best Offer) A steal really. Call 952.448.5126 or e-mail villager tower@carvercurrent.com.

Also for sale are four collectible plates. "Faces of Nature Collection" by Julie Kraemer Cole is available. There were eight in the entire set. We have four available. Pictures below. These are amazing collector's plate celebrating the natural and spiritual beauty of the American West. The pictures feature magnificent native American vistas, each with nature's faces hidden within the landscape. The technique of partially concealing images within a scene.

Plate Four, "Wolf Pack of the Ancients"; Plate Six "Wintering With the Wopiti"; Plate Seven "Within Sunrise"; And Plate Eight, "Wambli Okiye"



Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are busy making preparations for annual Pancake Breakfast (see insert), the preparation of the Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Park and their Annual Pork Chop Dinner scheduled for April 27th. (watch for more information) The East Union students also received their dictionaries from the Carver Lions for the fifth year.

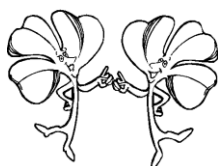
Be sure to come and check out the Carver Lions who meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. You might be surprised and really want to join and participate in all the fun and good things that they contribute to the community. Remember too, don't throw the discarded eyeglasses in the corner or in the trash, give them to the Lions to recycle for someone who needs to see. Drop off sites throughout the community. Check with city hall where to take them.

It's Easter at Carver Country Flowers!

Stop in to see our Easter displays - lots of eggs, bunnies, baskets and vintage dye cuts! Many (but not all) of these items can also be found on this web site. Access to a computer, go to Carver Country Flowers and Gift shop and check out the website for all kinds of information and look over our ever-changing list of Easter products. If you find something you'd like to purchase and you live locally, you can buy it online and either pick it up at the shop or we can deliver it. Or, you can use the e-commerce product listings to "browse" online, then come in to shop in person. If you live out of the area, we're working on setting up a UPS account so we can ship your purchases to you. (Stay tuned.)

Klein Award

Congratulations John Lenzen! John has been the recipient of the Klein Award, in case you hadn't heard. John owns the Chevrolet-Buick dealership in Chaska on Chaska Boulevard (old highway # 212) and has been a long, long time supporter of the Carver community and also is a Carver native. He has been recognized with the George C Klein Service Above Self Award. (joins the ranks of another Carver native, Lucie Hartley) Another interesting fact about John that even , I, the editor was unaware of, along with the fact being an important piece of history for Carver, is that John is a founding member of the Carver Lions. He has also always been very supportive of the newsletter. So job well done again, John, thanks for your never ending support in the community and keep up the good work. A round of applause please for John.



Honors

Speaking of awards and honors. Another of our very own Carver natives, Audree Sells (Suzanne Thiesfeld's mom) was the MN winner of a national contest in 1990 by the "Good Housekeeping" magazine called "If Quilts Could Talk". The name of her quilt was just as unusual as her quilt, the *Chaska Herald* reported. Audree's quilt's name: "And Jack's Mother Threw the Magic Beans Out the Window". This particular quilt is registered with Library of Congress in the Folk Art Department. Reference the *Chaska Herald's* newspaper, the week of March 8th to see the other awards Audree holds.

Carver Current

Be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the *Villager Tower*, as well as others. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, contact Dan to submit. It's another great way for transmitting information all over. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com

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Don't walk in front of me
I may not follow
Don't walk behind me
I may not lead
Just walk beside me and be my friend





Carver Lions Club



PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Served with Homemade Sausage

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

Carver Village Hall

Serving 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50 at the door, \$6.50 w/ticket

Ages 6-12: \$3 Under 6: Free

Veterans Admitted Free!

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to help someone in an underdeveloped
country be able to see!*



Breakfast Buddies

East Union Elementary School

Friday, March 16, 2012
8:15 – 9:10 a.m.

P.S. We will be starting earlier to accommodate more people.

Come enjoy
Doughnuts and
Coffee

Showcasing Grades 4th & 5th Grade.

Family members, students, friends, community members, School Board members, and District Office personnel are invited to join us for this event.

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