



### *Financial Consultants*

The representative addressed the council at their work session meeting regarding a utility rate study. The recommendation for the 2013/2014 calendar years was to not increase the water, sewer or storm water monthly rates. The total municipal utilities connection fess would increase less than one percent. The consultant was recommending a slight increase in the water connection fees and a decrease in the sewer connection fees for 2013. Question was asked regarding whether or not the Metropolitan Council Fee would be included in the city's sewer connection fee and the answer was 'yes'. The administrator would research for an answer to the question of whether or not the City of Carver was on the same level as neighboring cities concerning sewer connection fees.

The financial consultant representative reviewed the Financial Management Plan with the council.

### *2013 Enterprise Fund*

The administrator discussed the 2013 Enterprise fund reviewing the fund balances for the identified fund and presented the budgets for the municipal utilities and storm sewer funds. Proposal submitted was not to have any increase for any of the stated funds. The gateway structure at Depot Park was briefly discussed. This project was delayed until 2013 allowing for structure redesign. Questions were reviewed regarding the proposed budgets for the Enterprise Funds. The council also discussed the decommissioning of the waste water treatment plan and how this would affect the sewer budget.

### *2013 Prosecution Contract*

The county attorney attended the council meeting to explain and review the 2013 Prosecution Contract. The fees were talked about. Chanhassen does not contract with the county for attorney's services. The Joint Powers Agreement creates a contract between the Carver County Attorney, the Carver County Board of Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota and the City of Carver. The contract provides for prosecution of varying types of violations occurring within the City of Carver. The contract is an annually agreed upon pact.

The council was also told that the county is starting a Veteran's Diversion Program. The program is designed to provide outreach services to eligible veterans.

### *Glen at Spring Creek Second Addition*

Minor changes had been made and presented to the council for the revised final plat application for the Glen at Spring Creek. The council reviewed changes to the resolutions due to plat changes. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving both resolutions approving the final plat for lots, outlots, right-of-ways for Centex Homes for the development identified as Glen at Spring Creek Second and Third Addition.

The council reviewed the discussion involving the vacation of easements in Glen at Spring Creek. The council was told that if the easements were not vacated then these easements would encumber the lots that are being created. Many of the easements requiring vacation are in locations that would preclude the construction of homes on the new lots. Approval of the vacations was recommended.

### *Conditional Use Permit*

The city planner informed the council that the property owner requested an amended conditional use permit for property on Sixth Street West. Amendments involved changing the permitted uses in the building and an extension of time to complete tasks while planning a redevelopment of the project into single-family homes. The Planning Commission had reviewed the request recommending approval. The council discussed residential development on the property. Question was made regarding the auto body shop and operational hours. The hours of operation had been modified. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution with all ayes approving the Conditional Use Permit for the property on Sixth Street West.

### *Siren Repair*

The city is proposing to upgrade the damaged city siren on Broadway. Request has been submitted for the area typically allowed for the types of uses located in a Public/Institutional Zoning District. This zoning district is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance area. The site is city owned and utilized for public purposes. The improvements are conforming with the proposed zoning district and the planned changes to the siren.

The Planning Commission and the Heritage Preservation Commission had reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. Motion was made and approved with all ayes approving resolutions rezoning from central business district to public institutional for the site on Broadway. Motion was also made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance rezoning property utilized for public utilities building to public institutional.

### *Public Works Department*

The council discussed the appointment of a public services worker for the Public Works Department. The council was informed that the existing employee could be absent due to a Worker's Compensation related leave. The staff reviewed a possibility of promoting an existing part-time staff member to full-time versus attempting to fill the vacancy with temporary help. The promoted position would be funded through October of this year. The position could be maintained or released based on staffing and available resources. The proposed position job description had been modified reflecting the impending merger between the Public Utilities and Public Works Departments. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the job description and appointment of the seasonal employee promotion to the position of Public Services employee.

### *Municipal Code Re-Codification*

A motion was required to authorize Municipal Code Corporation to perform a code re-codification for a cost not to exceed a stated amount the city administrator informed the council. He further stated that the re-codification is essentially a legal review of the city's ordinances. The review would also include a legal review for consistency in language and organization, an evaluation of ordinances that are no longer necessary. This process was performed in 1997. The scope of the work would also involve the placement of the entire code of ordinances on a data base. The staff recommended approval.

### *Bloodmobile*

Don't forget about the Red Cross Blood Bank coming in December on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Carver Village Hall at noon until 6 PM.



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## Deputy Clerk

The administrator discussed the reorganization of department with the impending upcoming vacancy due to retirement of the City-Clerk-Treasurer position. The staff is proposing Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant title reorganization appointing the city administrator as the city's statutory Clerk-Treasurer. The administrator would then perform basis statutory duties, manage city investments and serve as the direct supervisor for the Utility Billing Clerk, Bookkeeper and a new "Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant" to the administrator. Along with appointing/hiring a Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the city administrator. This position would perform many of the traditional clerk duties but also providing support services in administration on personnel and union related matters. This position would be a "confidential" employee and would not be part of the collective bargaining unit. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the position description for Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assist to the City Administrator. Motion was also made and carried with all ayes approving the hiring process for the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant position to the City Administrator.

## Safety Management Program Contract

The city was told that the Safety Management Program Contract required renewal. The contract amendments involved October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 coinciding with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association fiscal year. The contract amendment was available for the council's review.

## 4th Street Project

The council reviewed concept drawing, provided feedback and directed the staff to forward to the affected property owners for comments regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Street project. Improvements relating to the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and 4<sup>th</sup> Street West from Broadway to Elm Drive had been identified, as well as a Feasibility Study conducted. The Army Corp of Engineers have been involved and reviewing options regarding the restoration and replacement of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street bridge which is considered historic and experiencing continual slope instability along with other deteriorating factors relating to the structure. Solutions, alternatives, recommendations and improvements were all reviewed by the council.

## Fourth Street West Reconstruction Project

The council was told by the administrator that the improvements to the Fourth Street Bridge, and Fourth Street West from Broadway to Elm Drive were identified as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. A feasibility study was completed to review these improvements and the estimated costs were updated. The engineer stated that the condition of the bridge warranted removal. Burying power lines on both Fourth and Sixth Streets were reviewed. The council consensus was that it would be prudent to review the numbers involved.

## Historic Downtown Carver

The council was informed of a new directional "Historic Carver" sign has been placed on Levi Griffin Road in an effort by the city to generate more traffic from the new commercial district to the downtown area from Mills Fleet Farm site.

## Carver County Commissioner

The Carver County Commissioner discussed with the council and gave an update on county projects. The council was told that the county approved their 2013 Preliminary Levy and it was the lowest budget in the past four years. Also reviewed were county road and bridge project progress. The trail on the Union Pacific railroad bed is scheduled to be paved in 2015. The commissioner also discussed progress of the fiber optic installation. A council member inquired about the ability of County Road # 11 being drivable over winter. It was anticipated that it would be drivable. Questions were asked about the budget for the fiber optic project. Question was also asked regarding Mills Fleet Farm and the Tax Increment Financing.

## 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 Highlights

November 2012

- November 1<sup>st</sup> - Drill Night  
Happy Birthday Judy!
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Conferences/ No School
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday Deb!
- November 4<sup>th</sup> - Day Light Savings Ends  
East Union Lutheran Church Annual Harvest Festival Chicken Dinner
- November 5<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Happy Anniversary Russell and Jackie!
- November 6<sup>th</sup> - Election Day
- November 7<sup>th</sup> - Carver Business Council Meeting  
Lion's Meeting
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day
- November 12<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting  
Veteran's Day Observed  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- November 13<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- November 14<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Bob!
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting
- November 16<sup>th</sup> - Carver Black Sox Turkey Ham Bingo  
Happy Birthday Janice!
- November 17<sup>th</sup> - Iris Valley Tablescape Event
- November 18<sup>th</sup> - Lions Pancake Breakfast  
Happy Birthday Zach!
- November 19<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night  
Council Meeting
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Thanksgiving Break  
No School  
Lions Meeting
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thanksgiving Day  
Happy Birthday Tim!
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren!
- November 25<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Doug!
- November 26<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- November 29<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night  
Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Ken!
- November 30<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Taylor!

## Annual Carver Senior Citizen's Luncheon

The Carver Lions are sponsoring the Annual Carver Senior Citizen's Luncheon at the Carver Village Hall on December 12<sup>th</sup> and you are invited to come and participate and socialize with local seniors. Social hour will begin at 11:30 AM and Lunch will be served at noon. After lunch, will be more socializing, drawings for prizes and an opportunity to play cards or dominoes. Reservations are re-quired, so be sure to give Lee Ostlie a call at 952.448.4743 and if you need a ride be sure to tell Lee when you call to make your res-ervation. So remember, by December 8<sup>th</sup>, call Lee and make your reservation and let him know if you also need a ride.

## Carver Lions

When do the Lions have their meeting? The first and third Wednesday of the month. Where? Village Hall. Come and see what you are missing. What are you missing? Being part of the community, giving back to the community, standing up and being recognized as a leader for the community, having fun, meeting new people, renewing old friendships, making others lives better, and being a part of a wonderful group of giving people. Did I make that up? Not on your life. Go on, get to the meeting and see what you are missing. There are some really, really great people in this organization. Everyone is welcome.

The Lions are planning and working on the "Children's Christmas Party". It is scheduled for December 1st at the Carver Village Hall from noon until three in the afternoon. Hosted by the Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department. Photos with Santa will be done, there are crafts and goodies. Participants are also asked to please bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf during the season of giving.

Santa will arrive by fire truck at 12:15 p.m. There will be holiday craft projects, lots of sweet treats, coloring contest, raffle drawing and photos with Santa. This event grows every year. Last year the line for Santa was very long; so this year will be the number system so that you can work on your projects, eat your snacks and have fun until your number is called. Please remember to bring a food shelf donation!

## November

Thanks to the Internet, research and sharing, the Internet would like to share some facts about November. "November is the eleventh month of the year so says the Georgian calendar. In the early Roman Calendar, however, it was the ninth month. The Roman Senate elected to name the eleventh month for Tiberus Caesar and since Augustus' time, it has had only thirty days. Originally, there were thirty days, then twenty nine and then thirty one." Bet you didn't know that did ya'?

"November comes between the fall and winter months. The leaves are almost completely gone from the trees and the rest have lost most of their color. The Anglo-Saxons referred to November as the 'wind month' and the 'blood month' ~ probably because this is the month they killed their animals for food."

"November is the month that so many activities come to a halt. Crops harvested. Farmers know at this time if the year was or was not successful. Football is the main sport of the month. Usually the weather is beautiful."

"November is also known for election days on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November. Veteran's Day is celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth of Thursday in the month."

Children's Book Week is celebrated in the month of November. The topaz is the birthstone. The chrysanthemum is the flower of the month and last but not least, the legendary, "Gales of November" on Lake Superior. November 10<sup>th</sup>, the remembrance of the lives on the *Edmund Fitzgerald*.

"Some more fun facts about the month are Thanksgiving is a holiday to celebrate in remembrance of the pilgrims and in order to give thanks in the United States. In Canada the Thanksgiving celebration is to celebrate on the second Monday of October. The reason for the earlier date in October is their earlier harvest occurring farther to the north. The Canadian holiday comes from different traditions although it is now meant to convey thanks for their harvest."

"Let's not forget that November also is the end of daylight savings time. "Clock confusion ticks away again", a writer for the National Geographic News tells the world. He writes, "Why do we spring forward? Does daylight saving time really save energy?" There are some states who do not participate in daylight savings. Most Americans began daylight savings back in March of the year. Now it will end on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 AM when most Americans will fall back as daylight savings ends."

## The Carver Black Sox 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, and plan on going to The Carver Black Sox Turkey and Ham Bingo !! It's fun for all ages !!!

## Traditions Old & New

Jacqi at Traditions ~ Old & New at Dahlgreen Golf Course would like everyone to know that the restaurant is still open. The hours are Thursday through Sunday 11 AM - 8 PM (the kitchen closes at 7 PM - Sunday).

Winter Hours, effective November 11<sup>th</sup> are Friday 4 PM - 8 PM, Saturday, Noon - 8 PM.

Weekend Special and Breakfast Buffet coupons are available. Happy Hour is 4 PM to 6 PM during business hours, \$ 3. For 16 oz Can Beer ( Domestic and Microbrew ), and \$ 1. Off all Cocktails and Wine.

## 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 sharing information. What is the website again? [www.carvercurrent.com](http://www.carvercurrent.com)

## Carver Lions Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

Be sure to mark your calendars and come to the Carver Village Hall on November 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday for the Carver Lions Pancake & French Toast Breakfast served with Homemade Sausage. The Lions will begin serving at 7:30 AM on Sunday and you can eat until 1 PM. Adults: \$ 7.50 at the door, \$ 6.50 with ticket. Ages 6 - 12: \$ 3.00. Under 6: Free. Veterans admitted FREE! And don't forget, Give the Gift of Sight! Bring your old prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses to help someone in an underdeveloped country to be able to see!

## Iris Valley

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, be sure to go to Iris Valley in Jordan. Tablescape demos will be occurring on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> for Holiday Make n' Take Event. Iris Valley will be hosting a Holiday Tablescape demo at 10:30 AM and 2 PM for make-n-take centerpiece at twelve. Decorative glass tree ornament set on a glitter snowflake with green garland and red ornament balls to add more flair. The event is \$ 20 per person including all the supplies. Maximum of fifteen people allowed. You can call or e-mail to sign up. [ Phone: 952.492.3360 or [irisvalley@frontiernet.net](mailto:irisvalley@frontiernet.net). Payment will be necessary at the same time. This is non-refundable once you have signed up. All decked out for the holidays!

## Mark your Calendars!

Oct 31 - Trick or Treat 3-5

Nov 2 - Ladies Night Out - 4-8 15% - 50% Off storewide

Nov 3 - Taste of Home Cooking School- Prior Lake

Nov 8 - Savvy Soiree 4-8 - Fashion Show & Demos

Nov 17 - Holiday Decorating Demos 10:30 & 2:00

Make & Take Centerpiece - 12:00

Nov 23 -24 - Black Friday & Saturday Sale 10-5

Free Holiday serving dish with a \$50 purchase

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Election information from the Dahlgren Township. There will be an election of town officers on November 6<sup>th</sup>. One officer for the position of Supervisor "A", one officer for the position of Supervisor "C", one Treasurer and one town question will appear on the ballot. Sample ballots for Dahlgren Township can be viewed at the township's website. If you don't have computer access, call the library, county, township and ask for help. The county's website also has up to date election information. Again if you have computer access, their website is: [www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/prts/elections.asp](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/prts/elections.asp)

"After the state's redistricting was finalized, Dahlgren Township was split by the new congressional district lines. Therefore, the township has two voting precincts. The resolution is posted on the township's website. Both precincts still vote at the combined polling place at the East Union Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 15180 County Road # 40, Carver MN."

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## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Chaska Valley Family Theatre is delighted to present Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man." A timeless classic, this musical is sure to appeal to all age groups with its belief in the power of music.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre announces auditions for Meredith Wilson's "Music Man".

Auditions will be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Chanhassen High School, 2200 Lyman Blvd. Chanhassen. Callbacks will be Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Children (ages under 14) should arrive between 5:30pm – 6:30pm either evening. Adults may arrive at 6:30pm either night. Vocal auditions will be followed by a simple dance audition. Please visit [cvft.org/auditions/](http://cvft.org/auditions/) for specific roles and information. Performances of "The Music Man" are March 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at Chanhassen High School Theater.



### ABOUT MEREDITH WILSON'S "THE MUSIC MAN"

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### ABOUT CHASKA VALLEY FAMILY THEATRE:

Chaska Valley Family Theatre 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 17<sup>th</sup> year, CVFT continues to enchant audiences of all ages.

For information or tickets, contact Chaska Valley Family Theatre online at [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org) or by phone at (952) 250-7206.

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## Thanksgiving Day

The Thanksgiving holiday....how does one go about writing about Thanksgiving that has not already been said? Make it interesting enough so that one will read on about it? What can one say that hasn't already been hashed over and over? How about this?

"They spent two months at sea to reach a strange new world and barely survived once they got here." ? Or, "Did you know, lobster, seal and swans were on the pilgrim's menu." ? Or even, how about, " Did you know that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated for three days.?"

Did you know that according to History.com, the celebration was to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and Governor Bradford called for a religious fast? Or during the American Revolution the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year? Did you know that the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition that New York was one of the first states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday? Here's a fact, I bet you didn't know about. Sarah Josepha Hale, the author of countless other items, wrote the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" also launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday for thirty six years. It was President Lincoln who finally heeded her request in 1863 in a proclamation. However, then it was the last Thursday of the month. It was celebrated that final Thursday in November until 1939 when Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the *Great Depression*. This was met with passionate opposition and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the Fourth Thursday in November.



Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, it's roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatist, who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition and millennia, in ancient times, the Egyptians. Greeks and Roman feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.

Now the last interesting fact found that we'll share is that the Internet states that the in November 1621 after the Pilgrims' *first* corn harvest proving successful, the Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag Chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American's "first Thanksgiving" – although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at that time – the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that the Governor sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts.

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# Carver Lions Club



## PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

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