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2030 Comprehensive Plan

The City Planner reviewed former background information pertaining to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to the council. This plan had been adopted in 2008. It was at that time that the goals and policies of the city were established. Recommendation has been to periodically review this plan ensuring continuance of reflective current values of the community. At this time the goals and policies for land use and housing were reviewed. A future work session would be utilized for review of the remaining goals and policies of the Park and Recreation Board, as well as the Future Land Use Map. The city planner will at that point will take feedback and recommendations from the council to update the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Approval from the council will then be required.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief attended the council meeting highlighting some important items from his report to the members. Currently the department is seeking four firefighters for open positions. They are seeking, specifically, individuals that would be available during daytime hours as a first priority. The department is working on Standard Operating Procedures changes, grants and the Capital Improvement Program, along with truck maintenance. The fundraiser results were discussed with the council and donations continue to be received. Several other departments participated in the fundraiser to show their support.

Carver County Commissioner

The Carver County Commissioner attended the meeting providing updates to the council. Commissioner Ische had participated in a radio program called "Norwood Young America Talk" that highlighted the Carver Park and Ride project. Individuals in the western section of the county were excited and looking forward to the opening of the facility in Carver.

The commissioner then updated the council on the Carver County Highway project involving the bid for the #101 interchange and the estimated cost. A roundabout is sketched to be part of this project near the area identified to many as the "Tri-Y". Hennepin County will be rebuilding the portion of old Highway # 212, identified presently as County Road # 61 from Eden Prairie to the west and will build the last County Road # 10 and # 7 over the county line to complete the project. The Waconia/Mayer area of construction is considered a major reconstruction project to include wide shoulders.

In Watertown a new bridge is planned and this bridge will remain open during construction with restrictions for larger trucks. Normal maintenance programs will continue. The extension of River Bluff Trail is slated.

The commissioner answered questions. "Right of way" prices continue to be a struggle for the county. The expansion of the Highway #212 project west of Carver is not in the MnDOT twenty year plan to go from two lanes to four lanes. The trail near Fleet Farm is in the plans to be extended to Victoria's trail system.

Did You Know

Did you know that March 3rd is 'National Anthem Day'? The national anthem of the United States is the Star-Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key. National Anthem Day celebrates this special song and the history behind its creation. The song became the official national anthem of the US on March 3rd 1931.

2040 Population Forecast

The city planner presented the council with an update from the Metropolitan Council's Population Forecast. The Met Council released the revised population, household and employment projections for 2040 after receiving comments from various communities. Summary of the revised forecasts for Carver County were presented which included comparisons to the adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan projections as well as the original 2040 projections from the fall of 2014. These revisions were significantly increased while the employment projections were modest increases.

The city council expressed concern regarding the employment number used by the Met Council for determining transportation policies. This concern should be included in the response letter. The staff will review and prepare a drafted response letter to be reviewed by the council along with the addressing the drafted Thrive 2040 plan and the revised projections. The county will be copied because a coordinated response will be included from the county.

Staff Values

Goals/Action Plan Update - City Staff Values document was presented to the council. The staff had been directed and asked to develop and identify city staff values. The entire staff had the opportunity to provide the input with their own values. These values were then scaled down to a core set of values that had been shared. These values and statements will then characterize the services to be provided to residents and define staff working together on a daily basis in daily operations.

Recreation Program Analysis

The council reviewed the proposal from Springsted to conduct a recreation program analysis. The council had identified a study of recreational programs and facilities as a goal. The objectives were to include identifying a baseline of existing programs to include participation levels and costs, comparisons of programming to other jurisdictions, identify the willingness of others to partner with the city for programming and the functionality of existing facilities as well as their uses.

Springsted is a women-owned business certified as a Women's Business Enterprise by the City of St Paul. Their headquarters are in St Paul with additional offices located close to clients throughout the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic States. There are also regional offices specified.

The organization would develop a project plan, review background information, meet with city officials and develop findings.

Carver Fun Run

You just know warmer weather is right around the corner when the city starts a buzzin' about the infamous Carver Fun Run. Well it's comin'! The council was asked to close said streets during the event scheduled for Saturday, June 7th for the 17th Annual Carver Fun Run. The Zuhrah Shrine Cycle Corps and the Red Knights MC MN Chapter Seven will be sponsoring this event supporting the Shriner's Hospitals for Children and other charities. Stay tuned for more details.

HAPPY EASTER

Carver County Trail Policy

The city reviewed the paperwork involving the county's process for creating a document establishing policies concerning determinations for appropriating costs for participants utilizing by Carver County funding standalone cooperative trails construction projects with MnDOT, municipalities and other agencies. This document will establish cost policies consistent with regional and county plan for trails. Trail funding sources can include federal, state, regional and Parks and Trails Legacy Funding grant programs. Additionally, local funding from the county and/or municipality is often used to supplement or match grant funded projects. Development of trails with unique circumstances may occur that will not be covered by the policy. In those situations a joint powers agreement will be necessary to further define cost participation. Construction and maintenance. The city's response to this document involved references to Orderly Annexation issues, city/township equality and fees, Right-Of-Way acquisitions, funding and revenue, linking regional trails versus destination regional trails, trail turnback and maintenance agreement provisions. The staff requested that the county address the city's concerns in this plan.

Employee of the Year Program

The council reviewed the Employee of the Year program presented for review. Currently the city does not have an Employee Recognition Program. The guidelines and nomination criteria were reviewed by the council. The Personnel Committee recommended approval of the program. A nomination form would be reviewed at the end of the year by this committee and the administrator who would not be eligible for the award.

Carver Country Flowers Prom Open House

Weekend # 1

Carver Country Flowers from 10 AM until 5 PM has their Prom Open House Weekend # 1 starting April 10th. Annette invites you to come and shop her beautiful "Corsage Bar" all laid out with all of your options, flower choices, leaves, wristlets, ribbons, corsage lights and jewel embellishments. If you order and pay for your Prom Corsage on April 12th you will receive a traditional coordinating Boutonniere Free! Just can't beat that deal! Prom Open House Weekend # 2 is scheduled for May 1st at 10 AM until 5 PM.

Then to coordinate for the guys going to prom on April 10th is Guys Night Out #1, Thursday and Friday from 5 PM until 8 PM at Carver Country Flowers. Shop her catalogues for fifty unique styles of tuxedos and two hundred color selections for accessories to match your date. Measurements and confirmations of your tux order is all taken care of. Plus you get a forty dollars off retail suggested price for your tuxedo rental with coupons from Chanhassen and Chaska High Schools prom packets. (Coupons are also available and/on Jim's Formal Wear website). Prom is right around the corner. Chanhassen's date is April 26th and Chaska's date is May 17th. Order early to get the style you want. Guy's Night Out #2 is scheduled for May 1st!

Were you even aware that Carver Country Flowers offers men's tuxedo and accessory rentals from Jim's Formal Wear, the largest formal wear network in the country? There are fifty unique tuxedo styles, covering the latest fashion trends by designers like Calvin Klein, Tony Bowls, Ralph Lauren, Andrew Fezza and others? Prom Specials is offering forty dollars off. Wedding Special is that the groom's tux is free. So if you are planning a wedding, tuck that in your memory bank too.

Another wedding tidbit is that there is additional forty dollars off retail price for every rental, special ring bearer savings and nationwide fitting which is convenient for your out-of-town groomsman or dads.

POST SCRIPT

On the topic of prom: Annette says, "Sometimes we're a little slow to catch up on a trend." We have been asked in the past about 'Prom Garters'. This year, WE HAVE 'Prom Garters'! There are lots of colors to choose from. They are also in animal prints, if you are interested. So if you are looking this year for Prom Garters', stop in after April 1st and the entire display will be in place for you to check out.

Carver's Annual 2014 Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 3rd is the scheduled date for items that will be needed to be on the curbside by 7 AM! The event is for residents curbside pick up. Accepted items will be mixed solid waste, individual items under fifty pounds. Yard waste in recyclable or compostable bags and bundled brush. Materials unacceptable include appliances, electronics, hazardous materials, air conditioners, water heaters, concrete, bricks, tiles and shingles, as well as items over fifty pounds. If you are not sure if items you have to dispose of are acceptable or unacceptable contact the city personnel or Elite Waste Disposal and they will help you save a lot of grief. If you have items that are over fifty pounds or unacceptable you can dispose of them at the Carver County Environmental Center in Chaska. For hours of operation you can call them at 952.361.1835.

Carver-on-the-Minnesota

The nonprofit group Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc. is holding a silent auction in conjunction with the Carver Lions Pork Chop Dinner at the Carver Village Hall, 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 25.

Auction items are now being solicited and can include such items as event tickets, dinner certificates, antiques, artwork, craft work, household goods, services, novelty baskets, craft beers, lawn and garden items, sporting goods and liquors.

It's a great opportunity to showcase and advertise businesses, products, and business locations, while at the same time benefiting the Carver area," states a press release from John von Walter with Carver-on-the-Minnesota. Donated items are tax deductible, and auction proceeds go directly to area benefit.

The current focus of the nonprofit is on historical markers and kiosks along trails, area heritage tourism, local economic development, and the rebuilding of the lost Victorian Pavilion in Riverside Park, destroyed in a 1925 tornado.

Donated items may be dropped off during normal business hours at Carver Country Flowers and Gifts, 109 Third Street East, Carver. For questions or item pickups, contact John at (952) 361-3149 or Annette at (952) 681-7582.

Carver Black Sox

Spring Bingo

Friday, April 11th- 7

pm

Carver Community

Hall

Burgers, Beer and Bingo

Win an Easter Ham on special games!



Harvey's Special Notice

Thanks to all who came to celebrate my 8 year anniversary!!

M-F Happy Hour 3-6 Drinks specials and .35 cent Wings

M-F Lunch Specials don't forget we always have a Burger and Fries for only \$4.50!

Coming soon, Monday Mug Night and Taco Bar, (kids can still eat free per one paid adult)

Wed- \$1.50 Burgers & Ladies Night

Thurs- Steak Dinner

Friday- Fish Fry thru Lent, then back to our Prime Rib Dinner 5-10

\$1.00 drinks from 9-11 PM

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\$2.75 Bottles & Rails .35 cent wings

Sat 9-11PM

\$2.00 Captains, Bottles and Rails

\$3.00 Bomb Shots

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Community Highlights

April 2014

April 1 st	Happy Birthday Joe!
April 2 nd	Carver Business Council Meeting Carver-On-The-MN Meeting Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Kelly!
April 4 th	Happy Birthday Wayne!
April 7 th	Council Meeting Drill Night
April 8 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
April 9 th	SteamBoat Committee Meeting
April 10 th	Carver Country Flowers – Prom Open House Weekend # 1 School Board Work Session
April 11 th	Black Sox Spring Bingo
April 12 th	Happy Anniversary Kerry and Brad!
April 13 th	Palm Sunday Happy Anniversary Karen and Aaron!
April 14 th	FD Officers Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Birthday Ava!
April 16 th	Lions Meeting
April 17 th	Maundy Thursday Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Cheryl!
April 18 th	Good Friday Happy Birthday John!
April 19 th	Carver Lions Easter Egg Hunt
April 20 th	Easter Happy Birthday Scott! Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle!
April 21 st	Drill Night Council Meeting Happy Birthday Jim!
April 22 nd	Earth Day Happy Birthday Al! Happy Birthday Kitty!
April 23 rd	Administrative Professionals Day
April 24 th	School Board Meeting
April 25 th	Carver Lions Pork Chop Dinner Happy Birthday Aaron!
April 26 th	Chanhassen Prom Night MN Landscape Arboretum Carver Black Sox Home Opener Arbor Day
April 27 th	Carver Black Sox League Opener – Home Planning Commission Meeting
April 28 th	Park and Recreation Board Meeting FD Meeting Night
April 30 th	Vietnam War Ended (1975) Happy Birthday Ron! Happy Birthday Arlan! Happy Birthday Greg and Rachel!

Fundraiser for Charlie Pearson

May 3rd 2014 is a fundraiser for Charlie Pearson at Turtle's in Shakopee. Recently Charlie was diagnosed with cancer. Charlie is Bob Pearson's son. Bob and Marcia are former residents of Carver. If interested in helping Charlie be sure to check out the insert and follow links.

Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner

The Carver Lions are not known for sitting idle. They are busy planning and preparing for the Annual Pork Chop Dinner to be held on Friday, April 25th. Come to the Village Hall at 4 PM to start dinner or later but before 8 PM when it's all done. They will be serving a pork chop, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable, beans, bread, dessert and a beverage. There will also be prize drawing and you don't need to be present to win. The Carver-On-The-MN Silent Auction will be taking place too. Tickets are \$ 8 in advance, \$ 10 at the door, Kids under 5 can eat free. You can contact Dean at 952.221.2884 for advance tickets.



2014 Carver Lions Annual
Easter Egg Hunt

**Hey Kids
Ages 1-10
Join us!**

Saturday, April 19, 2014
10 a.m.
Community Park
(6th St and
County Road 11)
in Carver

Please be on time.
NO PETS!

Bring a bag or basket for
your Easter eggs!

* In case of rain or snow, the hunt will be moved to Carver City Hall, downtown Carver.

Twins Home Opener

Spring is certainly supposed to be here. Catch that ride to the Twins Game! The Twins home opener is April 7th. SouthWest Transit *Twins Express* will be providing service from Chaska, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie directly to Target Field on specified dates. For more details and if you have computer access, the City of Carver has the flyer for you to download. Summarization is that there are three locations with three different times. Return trips also have variations for those who want to leave early, departure times at game end or extra innings and when the fireworks end. You can purchase a "Go-To Card" if you plan on going to more than one game. Exact change is required, drivers do not carry cash. You can purchase ride tickets in advance at the Southwest Station in Eden Prairie. Disabled Veterans ride free at all times. You can also go to SouthWest's website, www.swtransit.org or call 952.949.2287.

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Carver Current

The "Villager Tower" publications can be found at www.carvercurrent.com, along with other important information involving the community from various sources. You can post time sensitive events at the "Carver Current" site, as well. This site is a great way to share information.

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February 20-22
March 20-22
April 17-19
May 15-17
June 19-21
July 17-19
August 21-23
September 18-20
October 16-18
November 13-15
December 4-6

Occasional Shops Sales 2014



Bloodmobile

"Give something that Means Something." Looking to help out? Donate blood! Your opportunity is coming up, April 22nd starting at noon at the Carver Village Hall. Schedule an appointment please. You can call Linda [Schutz] Young at 612.987.5454 or visit www.redcrossblodd.org. The bloodmobile will be done at 6 PM.

Fourth Annual Bone Daddy Classic

The Fourth Annual Bone Daddy Classic is coming back again at Appliance Sales and Service on May 3rd at 8 AM until 4 PM. Registration open April 2nd at 9 AM. If you wish to compete then register online at MyApplianceSource.com.

The grills fire up at 8 AM and you are invited to come and see the 'Best Egg Heads' compete. Of course, all grills will be on sale at low pre-season prices. Jim says, "New this year. 'Like' us on FaceBook to be registered to win a Weber Spirit Grill."

Positive Connections

Positive Connections is hiring part-time school bus drivers for the Chaska Garage. This is an ideal opportunity for college students, retirees, stay-at-home parents, self employed individuals, and people looking for a second job or a little extra income.

There is a \$ 250 sign on bonus, \$ 500 sign-on bonus (for fully licensed school bus drivers). Must be able to pass pre-employment drug test and DOT physical. No DUI's or Felonies. No experience necessary, must be able to pass permits for Class B License which consist of school bus, general knowledge, passenger and air brake. We will train. \$ 13.65 an hour to start/ DOE. Training begins weekly.

Please apply in person at: Positive Connections School Bus, 460 North Hickory Street, Chaska MN 55318

Cup of Carver

Watch for updates



Carver Community Youth Baseball/softball Association

There is no report at this time, but almost certain that as soon as the snow is all gone, the sun shines and the temps warm, the balls will be flying, the kids running, hitting balls and playing and learning. Check out their website for what is going on.

Carver Lions

As stated previously, the Lions are always on the go. Never stop planning, doing and preparing. They are getting ready for the dinner (see insert). The meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of the month. Come and check them out and join them in the fun and gratification they experience.



Easter Traditions

By: Ricki Yvonne

Have you ever researched the history of Easter? We know that it's a Christian holiday. We know that the Easter bunny is part of Easter, but do we know why? Have we asked? Questioned? Investigated? Did you know that Easter traditions have been around for centuries? The internet is full of different interpretations and explanations. One site said that the most prominent secular symbol of the Christian holiday, the Easter bunny reportedly was introduced to American by the German immigrants who also brought stories of an egg-laying hare..hmmmmn?

Many traditions have survived and flourished over the centuries. It is said that the most visible symbol is the bunny with Easter eggs. Some other symbols also include chicks, lilies, sunrise services and new pairs of clothing. There are a whole bunch of interesting facts on the internet for the meanings of these symbols. The eggs represent the beginning of new life and a whole lot more. Bunnies and chicks are representative of the rebirth of Earth. Spring is when the Earth is literally reborn. Did you know that the hare is legendary because it's believed to never close its eyes. Rabbits are born blind. The hare is the symbol of fertility linked to the Greek goddess of fertility, rabbits are more fertile than hare.

Now what could the lily represent? Believed to be as pure as Christ, symbol of purity of the new life that comes from being resurrected. The white lily didn't gain popularity in America until the 1800's. Native American lilies were summer flowers. There's also a Bermuda white lily and is the most popular flower for Easter decorations presently.

Member the new Easter outfit? This is supposed to symbolize new life. Shed the old and welcome the new. Sunrise services are an event people cherished in the days when humankind woke up to the crack of dawn. A way to welcome the light after a long, dark winter.

Last, but not least why do we have Easter egg hunts? It was said that these egg hunts and egg rolling are two of the most popular egg-related traditions. An egg hunt involves hiding eggs outside for children to run around and find on Easter morning. Eggs are rolled as a symbolic re-enactment of the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb. Well we certainly has deviated from that tradition huh? Doesn't really explain much either does it? Researching a little more came across the following explanation that it has pagan tradition associated with the hunt. One story goes that many elements of ancient history is that eggs were decorated and offered as gifts and to bring blessings of prosperity and abundance in the coming year common in Old Europe. As Christianity grew people took to hiding the eggs and having children make a game out of finding them. This would take place with all the children of the village at the same time in everyone's gardens and beneath fences and other spots. Then it goes on with more sinister ideas but you'll have to research that on your own. Just thought it would be fun to touch base on some of the highlights of why on Easter we do what we do sometimes.

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Happy Easter from
the Editor of the
Villager Tower



* Information found on internet from several different sights searching Easter traditions.

Fundraiser for Charlie Pearson

Donations can be made directly to the family at www.gofundme.com/7a957k

**Turtle's 1890 Social Centre
112 South Lewis St
Shakopee, MN**

Come out and show your support!

A benefit is being held for Charlie and his family on **May 3rd** at Turtle's 1890 Social Centre in Shakopee, MN. Charlie was recently diagnosed with metastatic ocular melanoma. Visit his Caring Bridge site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/charliepearson to read more about his story.

Let's get together and celebrate the amazing guy Charlie is and raise lots of money to help his family during this difficult time.

Silent Auction, Free Beer 7-9, DJ AND Live Band! Doors open at 7pm.

Tickets are \$20 at the door.

Date: 05/03/14
Time: 7pm-Midnight

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Friday, April 25
Carver Hall
Serving 4:00pm - 8:00pm



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