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In Loving Memory

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#### Prosecution Contract

A Carver County representative from the attorney's department attended the council meeting. He provided the council an overview of the value and services provided through the Prosecution Contract with the county's attorney's office. Explanation was also given regarding the costs of participating cities on a three-year case level average. The City of Carver's costs were reviewed.

#### Flood Report Update

The city engineer updated the council on the flood report. Meetings were attended with FEMA. Additional information was given to FEMA. Also additional feedback was provided on the second washout being investigated further. Due to the slopes and compaction on Broadway Street, part of the roadway will be required to be removed and geo-grid reinforcements put into place. Plans were adjusted and quotes sent to contractors.

FEMA deferred Spring Creek repairs to the Corps of Engineers. They need to submit a report on causes of damage to the levee to their division. Additional information was also requested to include hydraulic studies, cross sections and so on. That information was forwarded. This process could take several months. The levee program in the city allows the Corp of Engineer to repair the levee to its original condition. Any other improvements incorporateed such as concrete channels, flood walls or riprap are not part of the program funding with the Corps of Engineers. Therefore, costs for these would require other funding sources.

The engineer informed the council that bids had been opened for repairs on Broadway and Sixth Street. Work is anticipated to be started during the month of November. An alternate bid involved slope restoration. The work is not eligible for FEMA funding on private property. FEMA is reviewing their funding sources. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding the project to Eureka Construction including the base bid and alternate.

## 2015 Enterprise Budgets

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#### Fourth Street

A Public Hearing was scheduled involving the Fourth Street Improvement Assessments. The proposed assessments will be payable over a ten-year period. Notifications were forwarded to appropriate residences.

#### Proposed Assessments

The council reviewed the resolution drafted for the certification of the Fourth Street Proposed Assessments. The engineer went over the council's decision originally for repair to Fourth Street. There had been a Feasibility Report. Public Hearing, walking tour, plans, bidding and construction. The overall project costs were reviewed to include the water main extension, sanitary sewer, street/storm sewer, city and county trail improvements and burying of power lines. There were aspects of the project that were not assessed to property owners in the project area. In order for a special assessment validity, there had to be special benefits to the land from the improvements, uniform assessments and may not exceed the benefit. This was measured by the increase in the market value of the land. The city's determination of percentage was discussed. The appraiser had been contacted to obtain the information necessary for the determination.

Each property received the adjustment determined by the assessment formulated. A councilmember remarked that the results of the project were great and that property owners were assessed approximately thirty percent of the total cost. Question was posed regarding partial payments., The county is not allowed to accept partial payments. However, the city could make that determination but with a policy determined and put into place. Motion was made and carried with all ayes closing the public hearing. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution certifying the proposed Fourth Street Assessment.

### Waste Water Treatment Facility

The engineer provided the council with an update regarding the decommissioning of the wastewater treatment facility. Belair Builders started the work. They will continue work until completion is done.

Heritage Preservation Commission Goals Update

The building official updated the council on the Heritage Preservation Commission goals item. There was a joint effort in the planning process that led to the development of the Heritage Preservation Commission Strategic Plan. New communication tools have been implemented to aid in streamlining meetings for residents and the commission. Residential guidelines have been adopted, signs to outline the historic district and updated maps of the historical district on the website.

2015 Police Services Contract

The administrator indicated to the council that the proposed 2015 contract for police service is a continuation of current service levels involving day and evening coverage times. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the 2015 contract for policing services with the Carver County Sheriff's office.



#### Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The city planner stated that direction had been given to draft an amendment regarding parks in the Comprehensive Plan, previously amended in 2011. The primary purpose of the request involved removal of a proposed community park from the southern portion of an annexed area. Reviewal of the Park Dedication study is coming up associated with the proposed elementary school that could be located in an area west of country road eleven and south of highway two twelve. The three entities involved for neighboring community review involving the amendment plan had no further comments on the item. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Comprehensive Plan Amendment relating to the parks element and authorizing submission to the Metropolitan Council. The Park and Recreation Commission had met to discuss the topic and recommended approval.

#### Future # 212 Design Option

The City Administrator informed the council that there had been an Open House on the Future Highway # 212 Design Option. The item being reviewed involves grade crossing at this time. A lot of discussion was held relating to the hybrid four lane approach. The goal is to get it design ready when funding source is available in the future.

#### Purchasing Policy

The council adopted a Purchasing Policy to outline processes for purchasing, set financial thresholds for approval and define conflict of interest standards. Also addressed were the miscellaneous aspects relating to city expenditures. As part of the annual review, the policy proposed for amendment allows department heads an area to approve routine purchases. The limits thresholds still require administrative and council final approvals.

#### Snow Removal Contract

The council reviewed the snow plow contract with Ohland Commercial Services for snow and ice removal at the Carver Station for the 204/2015 season. These services are being considered and proposed as a means of maintaining snow removal expectations. The snow removal standards for the Carver Station were based on specifications utilized at SouthWest Transit facilities.

## Service Agreement

The city reviewed the topic of approval of the service agreement with the Carver County Assessor's office providing property assessment within the City of Carver. The contract services are being proposed to be continued by the county's licensed assessors for property parcel's market values.

#### 2015 Safety Training Plan

The council reviewed and is being asked to approve the amendment relating to the Safety Management Program with the MN Municipal Utilities Association. Also to approve the resolution authorizing new member in Regional Safety Group/Agreement establishing the Regional Safety Group. Currently the MN Municipal Utilities Association provides a safety and training program exclusively for the City of Carver's employees. Topics in the training include training required by OSHA ( Occupational Safety and Health Administration ). Currently the opportunity to modify training and compliment it with by joining the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Regional Safety Group. Through collaboration with neighboring cities, a cost saving could be a reality. Neighboring cities were listed. The proposed 2015 training plan provides required training but will also accomplished it through a combination of training provided. The savings was reviewed. Approval of the resolution was recommended.

## Park and Ride Update

The Carver Station is scheduled for opening on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, with service provided by SouthWest Transit. Watch for information on their website : swtransit.org.





#### Carver Flowers

Did you know that Carver Flowers will recycle vases? Annette asks, "Do you have any vases in your basement or garage that you couldn't bear to throw away but really don't need? We recycle vases. We will take clean vases ( we can't use the ones with a mineral ring ) off your hands. Any vase that we can't use, we'll bring to Goodwill."

Carver Flowers also has a new phone number. If you call the old number, it will give you the new number. The new number if 952-448-0078.

Remember, if you are need to send flowers out of the area, be sure to call and ask for Carver Flowers' help. They have their own network of quality florists across the country to place your order and get a timely delivery to your requests. There is no charge for this service to our customers. They will make sure that your order is placed correctly and delivered beautifully.

Carver flowers has recently joined the Twin Cities Wedding Association, giving them lots of new opportunities to reach potential brides. One of the perks is their profile page on their website ( <u>www.tcwedding.com</u>/index.htm ). Know someone getting married soon, please direct to Carver Flowers. Reviews would also be welcomed. "If we did your wedding flowers, we'd love for you to review us online on the same page."

Annette has also extended a personal invitation to each and every one of you and hopefully the word gets out in time,

"You all are invited to my holiday shopping night on Wednesday, Dec 3, 5-8 pm with wine, snacks, prizes, discounts and shopping."

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from Carver Flowers!"

#### Winter Reminder

The City of Carver says, "It's that time of year again." They request that you keep all sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Place trash cans away from curb during snowplowing. Avoid parking on public streets or alleys ( after two inches or more have accumulated ) until the city has plowed the areas.

#### Carver Fire Department

The Carver Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters, If you need more information, contact City Hall or visit the Fire Station. Dan Meyer is the fire chief and you can contact him as well.

## Carver Meet and Greet

The SoutWest Metro Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the unique opportunity to join in on the Carver Meet and Greet at the Cup of Carver location. The business group meets at Cup of Carver every second Tuesday of the month from 8 until 9 AM.

### Long Range Financial Plan

The Springsted representative provided the council with an overview regarding the Long Range Financial Model. This included the Capital Planning, Tax Impact, Revenue and Expenditures and Growth Planning.

#### 2015 Budget

The council reviewed with the administrator the drafted Truth-in-Taxation 2015 Budget and Levy forum for the Public Hearing.

#### Certification of Delinquent Utilities

The council held a public hearing regarding delinquent utilities. The city staff attempted to collect unpaid charges for delinquent utilities and municipal fees, but some collection efforts failed. An assessment hearing was scheduled for delinquent utilities and the certification roll was adopted by the city council which will be certified to the Carver County Auditor. These liens will be payable with the 2015 property taxes. There is also an interest rate attached to these assessments, additionally a one time administration fee for each utility account. There were no questions regarding the topic and the motion was made and carried with all ayes closing the public hearing and approving the resolution certifying the delinquent utilities to the county.

Happy New Year



#### Restoration Loan Program

The council discussed the downtown restoration loan program resolution drafted by the Executive Director, Brent Marek, and the city council who comprised the Economic Development Authority approved the creation of the Façade Treatment Loan Program. The purpose of the program was to encourage and provide financial incentives for exterior buildings within the downtown commercial district of the City of Carver.

The Carver Country Flowers and Gifts participated in the loan program, won an award from the MN Preservation Alliance and was a tremendous success. However, there have not been any additional applications for the loan funds. Two significant changes are being proposed as a means to expand the use and impact of the program. First the thought to expand the use of "eligible projects" to provide a greater opportunity for the use of the funds is being considered. Secondly, to develop a "forgivable" program to be changed to the Downtown Restoration Loan Program.

An application cost fee was inquired about. This fee would cover a portion of the city's administrative and legal work involved and demonstrate a vested interest from the applicant. Locations of the "designated area" of the commercial properties was asked about. Properties located outside the perimeter of the designation at this time include the businesses of Casey's, Randy's Automotive and Cup of Carver. Indication was cited that the designated areas should include all commercial buildings in the Historic District. Motion was made and carried with all ayes closing the Public Hearing and approving the resolution amending the Downtown Restoration Loan Program to include all commercial buildings in the Historic District.

### Heritage Preservation Application

An applicant had been denied a request to replace the garage door on the property by the Heritage Preservation Commission. A letter appealing the decision was filed. The existing door is no longer operable, and rotting. Replacement of the door was based on cost considerations. The home recently was a HUD purchase and new owners are in the process of making the home habitable. Numerous repairs are necessary. Conflicting construction dates is what the difference is causing the dilemma of which applicable standard applies. Making the doors operable is the goal with additional improvements necessary. The Heritage Preservation Commission prefers to have the replacement door be wooden material. The Sanborn maps from 1911 and 1928 were referenced, but the final determination of the actual construction of the garage were unable to be determined. This appears to be the first appeal of the board's decision. No matter of the final outcome, the original material is required to be removed. Replacement would not damage other components of the structure. There was discussion of replacement options. Motion was made and carried with thee ayes and two nays to override the Heritage Preservation Commission's decision and allow the proposed Value Series Garage Door.

#### Public Services Department

The council discussed their decision earlier in the year approving the reorganization plan for the Public Services Departments. The reorganization primarily involved the creation of a new Public Services Director position and the transition of the existing public services superintendent into a "field supervisor" position. The superintendent would maintain rate of pay, but the position would become non-exempt. The superintendent's position would also fall outside of the collective bargaining agreement ( non-union ) since it maintains some supervisory status with access to confidential information within the department. Motions were made and carried with all ayes approving the position description for the Public Services Superintendent, approve the position description for the Public Services Director and appoint Brian Skok as the Public Services Director.

#### Benefits and Compensation

The firm, Springsted had completed a compensations and pay equity study as a result of the creation of the city pay scale. The city was entering second year of a two year phasing plan of its pay scale. Union and non-union employees are scheduled for an increase based on this pay scale plan going into 2015. The final phase of the compensation plan would be to develop a pay for performance plan/model beginning in 2016.



## Santa! Santa! Santa is Coming!!!

He will be in town before you know it and before the ink is dry on this newsletter. So you better get on over to the Village Hall in Carver on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at noon because it will be over by 2:30 PM. The Carver Fire Department and the Carver Lions are hosting the event and Santa will be sliding in with his reindeer at about 12:30 PM

on the Fire Truck. Don't forget to grab the camera when you grab the rest of the family land head on out the door. The whole crew asks that you also bring a non-perishable food item for the less fortunate. There will be treats, crafts and a coloring contest too.

#### Carver Lions

"Slow when it Snows" is the latest cliché. The Carver Lions promote the saying and ask you to remember to slow down when it snows. Obviously, it helps to saves lives when you slow down. The Carver Lions are pushing the message and ask that you "like it" on Facebook.



They also have announced the date for their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Carver Lions Soggy Bottom Snow Golf event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM.

And here is the broken record again this month. The Carver Lions are always looking and accepting new members. Come and join them at their meeting. Check them out first and see what you are missing. They are a great group of hardworking caring individuals. They get a lot accomplished in the community and little credit. Now is your chance to just get your feet wet and not be totally time consumed. Winter schedule is back in place for meetings: the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall in evenings. Unused eye glasses are still in demand and being collected by the Lions, as well. Come on by and come and check out the group and see what they are planning next for the community.

#### Retired Fire Fighters

The Carver Fire Department have reported that Ronnie Riesgraf is not doing so well and is under the care of hospice. Active and retired firefighters from both, Carver and Chaska departments went and visited with the former Fire Chief. Ron was presented with shirt with the Carver logo reading "Chief Ronnie" with all of his family to share in the glory! This event was a surprise so everyone was surprised,

Another retired fireman is not his 100% self either. Leon Goetz is not feeling up to par. So please everyone, please keep the two firefighters in your prayers.

#### Carver Fire Department

The fire department is still searching for firefighters. An application can be gotten from the department or contact city hall. The department also requests that with winter here and the snow now piling up, make sure that the fire hydrants are clear of snow and debris. Also, please note and check there are still addresses around the city and the township where the address identifications are hard to locate! Make sure that they are clearly marked so if you ever need help, time is wasted trying to locate you when you need help immediately. Time is precious in an emergency!

#### Hnimal Impound Contract

Animal impounding services are annual contracted by an agreement. The City of Carver has utilized the services of CountrySide Veterinarian and Feed out of Norwood/Young America. Animal control is a function of the sheriff's office but the agreement for actual impounding services is between the contracted city and the service provider.

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## Carver Station ~ Cleaning Services

The city and SouthWest Transit were seeking to collaborate cleaning services for the new Carver Station. SouthWest's existing cleaning crew, used for all of their facilities would provide the same cleaning services for the Carver Station. The three year service agreement providing for daily cleaning services Monday through Friday at the Carver Station. The daily cost was discussed. A separate fund to track costs for services would be necessary for the operation of the Carver Station. The council reviewed the Cleaning Services Agreement. The final analysis and recommenddation was approval of the presented agreement.

#### City Planner

The City Planner updated on the council on several items that the city is involved in. The Developer's Agreement and the recording of the plat is being coordinated with the developer for RiverBluff Estates 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. The Parks and Planning Commissions have reviewed and completed the Park Dedication Study. The Metropolitan Council has approved the Comprehensive Plan Amendment pertaining to the parks component. All units of government have reviewed the fees charged by the city for the annual fee schedule/ ordinance review. The zoning ordinance is being reviewed for editing.

The Livable Communities Demonstration Account Grant for the land acquisition and pedestrian underpass related to the Carver Crossing project has been recommended for funding by the Met Council Livable Advisories Committee. Final action is expected in January 2015 after other Metropolitan Council committees review and approve for final action. To finalize the CLG grant for Design Guidelines project the final reports have been submitted. An anticipated application by the Ron Clark Construction for an apartment development is expected to be submitted. A bus tour has been scheduled for January for the Savage project for the public and decision makers.

Transit service start-up is being coordinated with the Metropolitan Council for the new Carver Station. The city's CMAQ funding has been de-federalized and the staff is negotiating a service plan with SouthWest Transit.

#### Land Purchase

The council discussed the city entering into a land purchase agreement with the Trinity Lutheran Church for the acquisition of the parcel located at the current Depot Park site. Part of the 2015 improvements on the MN Regional River Bluffs Trail from Carver to Chaska, a new trailhead location is designated to be constructed at the Depot Park site as part of this project. The church has agreed to sell the property, clearing ownership and the established usage of the area allowing the project to move forward and reach completion. The city attorney is drafting the agreement. The county and the city will pay for the purchase equally. Approval was recommended. The council also reviewed the Trailhead Concept Design.

#### 2015 Fee Ordinance

Annually the council reviews various fees utilized during the year throughout the city and determines the appropriate fees necessary for adjustment for the upcoming year. Each December an ordinance is adopted setting those fees set into place on January 1st. The proposed fees scheduled to change include the municipal utilities connection charges. The details of the utilities costs and fees were discussed. Park Dedication Fees were amended to remove one future community park. Because land increases thereby estimated acquisition costs also increase. This also was discussed. Recommendation was submitted to combine Community Park and Destination Trail fees into one fee. Sewer utility fees increased determined by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. Those fees thereby increase within the city, as well. There has not been an established fee for a Wine License in the past. The state statute dictates that the fee shall be one half of the fee for an on-sale license. The cost of that fee proposed was also reviewed by the council.

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."

#### Lenzen Property Hoquisitions

The council had authorized the staff to review the possibility of purchasing the Lenzen properties including the Sixth Street West site, the Oak Street site and the Dahlgren Township site. A series of closed meeting were held discussing negotiations, preparing appraisals, conducted a Phase 1 Environmental Study and had the building assessment report prepared. A drafted agreement had been prepared and presented to the owner contingent upon the council's approval. After a response deadline on the agreement the city subsequently withdrew the contingent offer. Notification by the staff was given that negotiations for the property had not resulted in an agreement and consequently the city was no longer interested in the parcel in discussion.

The city had entered into a "Stay of Enforcement" Agreement regarding the conditional use permit on the property on Sixth Street. All the items were reviewed involving the conditional use permit. It was agreed to not lease or rent any portion of the property other than to those entities currently leasing and identified in Exhibit A of the "Stay of Enforcement" agreement. If the city did not acquire the property after two hundred seventy days the existing Conditional Use Permit would be revoked. The owner agreed to waive the right to a hearing before the city council or challenge the revocation in district court. The existing Conditional Use Permit expires on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

The City has the ability to take enforcement measures should the property continue to maintain operations/uses/businesses that require a Conditional Use permit on or after February 2, 2015. In addition, should the terms of the permit, as outlined in the stay of enforcement agreement be violated the City has the right to immediately terminate the permit.

### South West Transit

The City of Carver had previously been awarded Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds to operate transit services to downtown Minneapolis and the University of MN for a three year demonstration period.The funds must be matched in local funds not to include fare revenue. The total project funding also includes items to operate the transit services, such as staff time, maintenance and utilities. Earlier this fall, the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding was converted to a regional funding source that provided benefits to both the city and the Metropolitan Council. This could also mean that service could be extended beyond the three years if the funding remained available to the city and that the city could negotiate directly with SouthWest Transit to provide these services.

The staff had negotiated a transit service schedule and agreement. The level of service is designed to utilize the available in approximately three years. Both, the city and the SouthWest Transit personnel will regularly review the service levels recommending periodic adjustments dependent upon usage levels. If the agreement is approved, service is scheduled to begin on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The staff recommended approval of the agreement with SouthWest Transit for transit services. The council reviewed the agreement.

#### Tot Time

There is Open Play Tot Time at the Village Hall for the ages of one through five on the third Friday of month from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. The event is free. There are some toys provided. You are welcome to bring your own, but nothing that scratches the floor.

Blood Mobile

Red Cross Blood Drive Tues Dec. 16 noon-6pm Carver Village Hall To make an appt on linewww.redcrossblood.org By phone- 612-987-5454 Walk -ins welcome but app



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Linda also extends their "Holiday Wishes" to everyone!

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| "CYBSA wants to wish everyone a Happy Holidays. Registration<br>will open Jan 10 for the 2015 season." |                                                                 |
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| December 1 <sup>st</sup> -                                                                             | Happy Birthday Chelsea!                                         |
|                                                                                                        | Council Meeting                                                 |
|                                                                                                        | Drill Night                                                     |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                               | Information Seminar – WeCAB                                     |
|                                                                                                        | <b>Carver Business Council Meeting</b>                          |
|                                                                                                        | Carver-On-The- MN Meeting                                       |
|                                                                                                        | Carver Lions Meeting                                            |
| December 4 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                             | Happy Birthday Patty!                                           |
|                                                                                                        | Happy Birthday Shayla!                                          |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                             | Santa Claus at the Village Hall                                 |
|                                                                                                        | St Nicholas Day                                                 |
| <b>D</b>                                                                                               | Happy Birthday Tommy!                                           |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                             | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day!                                   |
| December 8 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                             | Officer's Meeting                                               |
| December oth                                                                                           | Dahlgren Township Board Meeting                                 |
| December 9 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                             | Heritage Preservation Commission                                |
| Meeting                                                                                                | Hanny Pinth day Vatalyn!                                        |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Happy Birthday Katelyn!<br>PTO – East Union Elementary          |
| December 10 <sup></sup>                                                                                | Happy Birthday John!                                            |
|                                                                                                        | Happy Birthday Cody!                                            |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Happy Birthday Aletta!                                          |
| December 15 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Council Meeting CANCELLED                                       |
| December 15                                                                                            | Drill Night                                                     |
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| December 16 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Hanukkah                                                        |
|                                                                                                        | Manner's Day – East Union Elementary                            |
|                                                                                                        | American Red Cross Blood Mobile                                 |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Carver Lion's Meeting                                           |
|                                                                                                        | Happy Anniversary Carol and Ken!                                |
| December 18 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Planning Commission                                             |
| December 19 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Happy Birthday Jim!                                             |
| December 21st -                                                                                        | Forefather's Day                                                |
|                                                                                                        | First Day of Winter                                             |
|                                                                                                        | Happy Birthday Destini!                                         |
| D 1                                                                                                    | Happy Birthday Riley!                                           |
| December 22 <sup>nd</sup> -                                                                            | Parks Commission Meeting CANCELLED                              |
|                                                                                                        | Meeting Night – Fire Department<br>Happy Birthday Sandy!        |
| Decombon o th                                                                                          | Christmas Eve                                                   |
| December 24 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Happy Birthday Stan!                                            |
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| December 25th                                                                                          | No School through January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2015<br>Christmas Day |
| December 25 <sup>th</sup> -<br>December 26 <sup>th</sup> -                                             | Happy Birthday Mike!                                            |
| December 28 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Happy Birthday Linda Rose!                                      |
| December 29 <sup>th</sup> -                                                                            | Happy Birthday Miranda!                                         |
| Determiner Ly -                                                                                        | Happy Birthday Sharon!                                          |
| December 31st -                                                                                        | New Year's Eve                                                  |
|                                                                                                        | Happy Birthday Stephanie!                                       |
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The *"Villager Tower"* publications can be found at <u>www.carvercurrent.com</u>, 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.



#### WeCAB

Introducing WeCAB serving Eastern Carver County. If you have a computer, their website is: ww.WeCAB.org. You can e-mail them at info@wecab.org. Information seminars have and are being held. The last two will be in Carver and Victoria. December 3<sup>rd</sup> will host the WeCAB personnel at the Church-by-the-River at 3 PM. Then the last one will be at Victoria at the St Victoria Church in the Elstan Hall at 3:30 PM.

The WeCAB program provides safe, affordable and flexible supplemental transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores or food shelves, churches and volunteering or social events to those without transportation. The program depends on volunteer drivers and other volunteers who provide assistance through flexible volunteer hours to fit their schedules and busy lives.

WeCAB is now serving Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska and Victoria. If you live and travel within these four cities, we can take you where you need to go! For traveling outside the Eastern Carver County area, you may call Smart Link at 952.496.8341. This service is available seven days a week, as drivers are available. Saturday, Sunday and Monday trips must be reserved before 1 PM on Friday. Reservations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Call WeCAB at 844.743-3932.

If you would like to use WeCAB, plase call, leave a message that you like to register to use WeCAB's supplemental transportation service and leave your phone number. A rider registrar will contact you and make plans to meet with you to explain the program and the way it can work for you. Once you are registered then all you need to do to use the program is call and make a reservation. Dial the number (844.743.3932), press # 2 for Eastern Carver County, Press # 1 to schedule a ride, Press # 2 to register to be a new rider, Press # 3 to register to be a volunteer driver.

Donation schedule: WeCAB needs to be sustainable into the future. Therefore, riders are encouraged to offset the expense of their rides by contributing on a sliding scale. The suggested donations for in-service area rides are:

Single person with a monthly income of:

 \$973 or less
 - voluntary contribution

 \$974 - 1459
 - \$ 2.50 one way ride

 \$1460-1945
 - \$ 3.50 one way ride

 \$1946 +
 - \$ 5.00 one-way ride

Married with combined monthly income:

\$1311 or less - voluntary contribution \$1312 - 1966 - \$ 2.50 one way ride \$1967 - 2622 - \$ 3.50 one way ride \$2623 + \$ 5.00 one way ride

WeCAB is a 501 ( c ) 3 3 non-profit organization, partially funded under contract with the Metropolitan Agencies on Aging, Inc as part of the Older American Act Program.

#### Traditions ~~ Old and New

Traditions ~ Old and New Restaurant located at Dahlgreen Golf Course.

Weekly Features include Prime Rib Dinner, Pasta & Seafood Specials,Green Burrito, Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Clubhouse Melt, Quesadilla Burger, Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl and More!!

Visit us Sunday December 7th for our Holiday One Stop Shop Santa Brunch Buffet 10 AM until 2 PM.

We are also available daily for Private Events - Reserve your Holiday Parties Now!

"Merry Christmas everyone" from the Carver Fire Department, City Hall personnel, City Council personnel, Carver Lions, Carver Black Sox and all the commissions personnel and especially the "Villager Tower" and of course, "Carver Current". Thank you to everyone throughout the community for your support of the newsletter and your patience.

Student Transportation of America, Inc.

Student Transportation of America is growing and needing to hire drivers in the Chaska area .

Hiring Bonus up to \$ 1,000.00 Group Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Coverages Available Paid Training and Holidays Flexible Schedule, Average 20 – 30 hours/week Charter and Extracurricular Trips Available Tell a friend or family member....\$1,000.00 Referral Bonus

Student Transportation of America, Inc is the nation's third largest provider of school bus transportation services in North America. We are seeking school bus drivers to transport children to and from school each day on established routes.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone seeking a flexible schedule such as retirees, stay-at-home parents or college students. Bring your kids to work with you and save on day care costs!

Experienced bus drivers that have a CDL are preferred, but we will also provide PAID training for good drivers without school bus experience. Candidates require a clean driving record, and must be able to pass a DOT physical, pre-employment drug test and criminal background check.

Walk-in interview welcome! Please apply in person: POSITIVE CONNECATIONS School Bus ( a STA Company ) 460 Hickory Street Chaska MN 55318 952.361.0899

EOE



Be sure to stop in Chanhassen at the neighborhood boutique, Iris Valley, for their all day event from 10 AM until 5 PM.

They are having their Holiday Open House with in store specials and lights, snacks will be served, as well. On December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM until 7 PM the Jordan boutique will be having their Holiday Open House evening gala event with in store specials, appetizers, drinks and lot of laughter. Be sure to stop and join them!

Cup of Carver

Lori says: "We have it all for you today. Coffee..check! Yummy bakery ...check! Hot mugs \$10...check! Cold tumblers \$8...check! GIFT CARDS...\$15 for \$10..check!!! Shop local!!!!"

Start your Christmas Shopping at Cup of Carver! First you get a hot cup of coffee or whatever your flavor is, then you get your BBF a

mug from the store and give the hubby a gift card so that you can return and get more liquid yummy's. Then once you have your tummy warmed, you can set out for more shopping or not. Thanks Lori!

Chaska Valley Family Theatre "H Christmas Carol"

"A Christmas Carol – the Broadway Musical" is now playing through Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Chaska High School Auditorium. For more information, go to their website (cvft.org) or call, 952-250.7206 for more information. The production runs under ninety minutes, with no intermission. Evening performances and matinee performances on the weekend,









## **Carver Village Christmas**

Carver Hall Saturday, December 6 Noon - 2:30pm

Santa arrives by fire truck at 12:30pm. Treats, Crafts, & Coloring Contest \*Remember to bring your camera to take pictures with Santa.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation. Sponsored by the Carver Lions Club and the Carver Fire Department It's not the fanciest accessory. Nor the most expensive. But to someone in need of lifesaving blood, it's the most important.

# Carver Community Blood Drive

## **Carver Village Hall**

# Tuesday, December 16, 2014

## 12:00 – 6:00 pm

## **Appt/Info:**

## Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767),

Visit <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> and Search Sponsor Code Carver Village or Linda 612-987-5454 **American Red Cross** 

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