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Carver County Office of Aging

The Carver County Public Health representative provided an overview regarding planning for the aging population in the City of Carver. The county's noted changed for the aging population identified as increasing number of older residents with different life experiences and needs versus present day seniors. The county health department is of the opinion for the necessity to review the opportunities to meet the needs and retain these residents as community members and taxpayers. The county's office is offering assistance to identify and meet these needs. The statistics were reviewed with the percentages of ages and years. Statement was made that the 'baby boomer generation' will be very different from today's seniors as related to family and work life expectations. The profile was presented inclusive of population by age, housing, household income and education levels by ages. In 2015 the 'baby boomer generation' issues include redefining work and retirement, care giving for family members, and housing options for downsizing. The housing continuum has also changed for this generation according to the county's office. The county has started to address some of these issues, suggesting that the planning for an aging population within the county be as a joint effort.

Internship Program

The deputy clerk discussed the communications at the December council meeting pertaining to the creation of an internship program in the administration portion of the 2015 proposed budget. This proposed program defined the major components of the summarized as highlighting the essential function of the position inclusive of composing various city communications, attending and participating in meetings, investigating and developing applicable grants proposed and provide administrative support. The costs were again reviewed. Overall the council was in support of this program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the internship program within the administration program.

Carver Clean Up

City of Carver is making plans for the city's annual clean up day in 2015. The council reviewed the proposal received from Elite Waste Disposal to conduct the 2015 Clean up Day on Saturday, May 2nd in partnership with Carver County Environmental Services, they city provides annual clean up for the residents for curbside hard goods pick up.



Black Sox Bingo

Mark your calendars! Quick go get it and write this down. The Black Sox Annual Bingo will be happening in March, on Friday the 27th. The fun will begin at 7 PM at the Village Hall and will continue until 11 PM. Don't miss the fun! You will be sorry if you do.

2015 Chaska / Carver Occasional Sale Dates

March 19-21
April 16-18
May 14-16
June 18-20
July 16-18
August 13-15
September 17-19
October 15-17
November 19-21
December 17-19



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Carver Fire Department

Submitted by: Dan Meyer

The Carver Fire Department is still talking applications for fire-fighter. Information can be found on the city's web site. Reminder Please make sure addresses in the city and townships are visible and easy to see for emergency responses. "Our mission is to minimize the loss of life and property, to protect and serve our community to the best of our ability through honor, dedication, service and integrity"

Bloodmobile

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Villager Tower

Anyone within the community interested in helping with the "Villager Tower"? Need assistance getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion which has been proving to be quite the challenge in the last year with additional attention required both at home and at work. Is there anyone who would be willing to help collect information to be put in the newsletter, assist with soliciting sponsors, possibly writing some of the articles? Please contact the editor via villagertower@carvercurrent.com. Have been trying to get February/March issue completed for going on three weeks now. Time just is not on my side here. Need help.

Carver Flowers

Submitted by: Annette Hentz
Occasional Sales March 19-21.

7th Anniversary/Grand Re-opening of the Carver Flowers April 16-18 with ribbon cutting by the SW Metro Chamber at 11:30 am on Thursday April 16. Refreshments, door prizes, discounts. Guys' Night Out (tux measurements and orders) April 22-23 and Prom Open House (free boutonniere with paid corsage order that weekend) April 24-25. Chan HS Prom May 9 Mothers Day May 10 Chaska HS Prom May 16

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"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I Can and the wisdom to know the difference." ~~~~~ Reinhold Niebuhr

Zoning Ordinance

The city planner informed the council of the updating of all the city's ordinances while submitting the code online into Municode. The Zoning Ordinance changes have been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Approval had been recommended subject to the city attorney's review. That review has been completed and now being forwarded to the council for consideration. The majority of the changes related to formatting, organization, general updating of processes, definitions, and requirements. The more substantive changes involved the zoning map, height, Planning Commission provisions, table incorporation, zoning district, commercial district, fences, parking, driveways, banners, signs, landscaping, storm water, setbacks and trees were reviewed more thoroughly and identified specifically for the council members attention.

The city planner indicated that she would specifically address concerns brought to the city's attention and ensure that the zoning map is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. This was one of the goals. The property involved in the Conditional Use Permit issue will remain agricultural until redeveloped. The council briefly discussed assessor dwellings units. The city planner advised the necessity for serious considerations being given prior to decisions. Suggestion was submitted that this topic, rental ordinance, and aging commission should be future topics at a Work Session.

Council member indicated the necessity for further discussions pertaining to signs in the commercial district should also be done. The Mills Fleet Farm sign would be grandfathered in. New signs were discussed and it was indicated that the fifty foot restriction was an adverse limitation affecting businesses in the future. Several scenarios and various proposed conditions were discussed. After a lengthy discussion the council came to an agreed size and the proposed decisions were made and submitted to the ordinance.

The definition clarification was requested for 'R3'. The city planner explained that this was a high density residential district largely compatible with the city's density residential guidance in the Comprehensive Plan. Generally the others are identified as medium density and low density but there is also an overlap on all. 'R3' allows for different uses other than the other density districts, but they are all on a continuum, so there is again an overlap. Examples that would be permitted include churches and daycare facilities. The requirements would be what is outlined within the city's Comprehensive Plan. This would typically also be seven and half to fifteen units per acre.

Council member asked for clarification on 'R3' without a Planned Residential development as to how that changes the current process and opportunities. The planner responded that it was anticipated that the city would review a 'R3' zoning district request for some time. This type of zoning would more than likely be west of the present Fleet Farm site involving approximately forty acres. The site would be dually guided for high density residential uses, along with industrial use. Therefore, in the future for development, it would be drawn up into multiple lots that would/could include industrial lots and high density residential usage which would be considered a more typical application. Currently, high densities are outside the city limits. Many variables would determine the process necessary in the future.

Statement was made that the Planned Residential Development aspect was to allow the developer and the city more flexibility. Without the "PRD" in place, the flexibility also vanishes. The city planner stated that the developments would be submitted as straight zoning. A proposed plat would be the first step the city is alerted of. All the property annexed into the city is labeled agricultural, resulting in a public hearing in order for the property to gain initial 'R3' zoning classifications.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Zoning Ordinance presented inclusive of changes identified.

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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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Carver Meet and Greet

The Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce announcing a unique networking opportunity in Carver...the "Carver Meet and Greet". This event is held every second Tuesday of the month from 8 AM until 9 AM at the Cup of Carver site in downtown Carver across from Casey's. Stop in. Check it out. Have a great cup of coffee or some hot chocolate or just water.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are busy planning for their March and April events upcoming. On March 29th there will be a Sunday Brunch at the Village Hall (reference insert). In April there will be the Lions' Pork Chop Dinner. And we cannot forget the Easter Egg Hunt. That is scheduled for the 4th of April at the Community Park. Search for those eggs begin at 10 AM. If the weather is not cooperating, it will be moved to the Village Hall. The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. Interested in joining, stop in and check them out.

My Appliance Source



The 5th Annual Bone Daddy Classic will be occurring on May 2nd at My Appliance Source. Their schedule will have grilling beginning at 8 AM, Judging will start at 2 PM and end at 3 PM and Demo Grill Pickup will be from 5 PM until 6 PM.

Pre-Season Pricing Specials! All Day, Hog Dogs and Soda for \$ 2 all day long and Ribs for \$ 2 All day. All the proceeds from food sales go to benefit the Shakopee High School Baseball Team. Registration will begin on March 11th at 9 AM! All Grills are on sale! - Exclusive Event Pricing. Demo grills at a one time low price. Check out their website, stop in or call them.

Carver Crossing

The city council was reviewing the amendment to change property to Planned Residential Development and the Preliminary Plat for the property identified as Carver Crossing.

The Zoning Ordinance/Subdivision Regulations questioned if the proposed use of the property was allowed under the zoning district identified as R-2/Planned Residential Development? Did the building and the site plan meet standards related to setbacks to property lines, lot size, maximum building height and parking requirements, etc. Outlot B, Copper Hills currently is zoned R-2/ PRDZ and has been since 2013. Approval was approved as mixed-residential development consisting of single-family homes and apartments allowed under the zoning. Site Plans meet requirements. Determination was made that the existing zoning district and PRD permit the number of housing units proposed, but that an amendment to the PRD is necessary to incorporate by conditions a specific site plan for development of the proposed identified block 'Carver Crossing'.

Other items relating to the property were also reviewed in length. Municipal Utilities would be the developer's responsibility, along with surface water. Road improvements were completed in the past and were adequate to accommodate the proposed development with no additional improvements required. The county reviewed and approved the plans. The developer will be required to construct a trail along the northern boundary of Outlot B, Copper Hills. Construction of a playground on tie is planned and payment for park dedication fees will also be required. A detailed landscaping plan was provided and requirements are met.

The Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant will be the partial funding element for this proposal. This grant coincides with the grade-separated crossing beneath Jonathan Carver Parkway.

The options of the proposal are to adopt the resolution or deny the application. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing reviewing all of the items relating to the proposal. Their recommendation was approval subject to conditions.

The Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) and Ron Clark Construction/Carver Crossing Limited Partnership have jointly submitted land use applications for an amendment to the existing Planned Residential Development allowing for the construction of multiple family dwelling and associated improvements along with the preliminary plat.

Property history includes previous actions by the city allowing for the development of multiple family housing. The Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2008 provides for inclusion of affordable housing in the community required under Minnesota Statutes including the city's allocation of regional affordable housing needs. The description of the request was covered. In order to construct a multiple family dwelling this outlot is necessary to be platted into lots and the existing planned residential development needs to be amended to incorporate the proposed site plan for the multiple family use. Copper Hills is a multiple phase mixed use project commenced by the Community Development Agency. The first two phases of the project are being completed simultaneously by different entities. Phase one involved the Carver Station Park and Ride and this is substantially completed. Phase two pertains to the single family neighborhood under construction. As part of their portion of the construction of the mixed use development constructing the southern section to the property boundary. Phase three is regarding the multiple family dwellings application under consideration. Outlot B, Copper Hills will need to be platted, and site plans for multiple family dwellings will need to be reviewed. Phase four involves multiple-family dwelling and if the current applications are approved, Outlot A, Carver Crossing. This development requires platting, site plans and residential use reviewed. Multiple documents were reviewed at length.

The public was present submitting input to the council on the issue including a petition. Tours were conducted for the public to review. Multiple meetings were held among varying citizens. Previous city actions relating to the property were discussed. Discussion was reviewed regarding the city's adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2008 specifying the land use for the property and the entire city and future annexation areas. Goals were established. Required by MN Statute, the Comprehensive Plan included "a housing element containing standards, plans and programs for providing adequate housing opportunities to meet existing and projected local and regional housing needs, including but not limited to the use of official controls and land use planning to promote the availability of land for the development of low and moderate income housing." In 2013 the city adopted the ordinance rezoning the property discussed.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing recommending an amendment to the existing Planned Residential Development. The property was annexed in 2012. Property was zoned R-2/PRD in 2013. As required by ordinance, the applicant proposed to amend the PRD including the site plans and preliminary plat proposed allowing for the development of a portion of the outlot. This process is the same process as utilized for rezoning but the review is limited because of density. The applicant was not requesting a change in the density. The R-2/PRD zoning is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance of Medium Density and High Density that exists for the property.

The Planned Residential District requirements were reviewed to great lengths pertaining to this property, along with all the other requirements. The Planning Commission also held a Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Plat. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the preliminary plat subject to conditions. The staff recommended approval subject to conditions.

A Market Study pertaining to the property was also conducted. The council reviewed the "Comprehensive Market Analysis Full Narrative Report, Research and field work" conducted by the firm in 2014.

"The project consists of sixty eight affordable rental units in a three story, new construction building. The rental units would primarily target households earning sixty percent of the area median income (AMI). Four units would be set aside for households dealing with long-term homelessness. A 2006 report prepared for the Metropolitan Council cited the need for 51,030 additional affordable housing units across the seven county Twin Cities area in the 2011 to 2020 timeframe. Based on that report, the City of Carver would need to provide ten of the total units and neighboring Chaska would need to provide seven hundred and eighty nine. Considering the need for affordable housing in the Twin Cities and Carver/Chaska, and the relative proximity via Highway #212 to area employment that pays low and workforce wages, we believe the construction of affordable housing would be appropriate on this site and benefit the city."



Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc.

Silent Auction Items Wanted

The nonprofit group Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc. will be holding a 'Silent Auction' in conjunction with the Carver Lions Pork Chop Dinner at the Carver Village Hall, Friday April 24, 2014 from 4 PM to 8 PM. Auction items are now being solicited and can include such items as event tickets, dinner certificates, antiques, artwork, craftwork, household goods, services, novelty baskets, craft beers lawn and garden items, sporting goods, liquors, etc. It's a great opportunity to showcase and advertise businesses, products, and business locations, while at the same time benefiting the Carver area. Donated items are tax deductible, and auction proceeds go directly to area benefit. Current focus is on historical markers and kiosks along trails and in parks, area heritage tourism, and local economic development. Donated items may be dropped off during normal business hours at Carver Flowers and Gifts at 109 Third Street East in downtown Carver.

For questions or item pickups contact John at (952) 361-3149 or Annette at (952) 448-0078

Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Our Deadlines have been updated from the posters. Keep the registrations coming in.

Baseball and Softball -- Deadline for registration -- March 22nd

T-Ball -- Deadline for registration-- April 26th

Our goal is to make sure everyone gets the message and one of our coaches asked that we send this out weekly.

You also will get notified via the Distract 112 Peachjar, GA Email, St John's is sending out our flyer, Cologne Academy, Community Facebooks, and other communications we are notified of.

We are looking for the boys who had requested that we offer a 5th/6th grade baseball team. Please get your friends and let's make a team. We are halfway there. Let's keep the registrations coming in and start a new tradition.

The Carver Hall is open one more Sunday afternoons for open practice. Times are listed on the Home Page. Follow the signup instructions on the Home Web page to sign up for the batting cage.

March 22nd is reserved for the boys baseball tryouts.

We will notify all when the fields will be open to practice on. Until then we request you to NOT use the fields. You can use the batting machine at the Community Park once your coaches have a key to get into the shelter to get the key for the machine. You can also practice pitching in the nets. Use the park for your advancement. Click the links below to see our flyers. Remember the deadline has been changed.

(Reference inserts for two items below)

[Flyers2015 Baseball-TBall.pdf](#)

[District 112 flyer in PDF.pdf](#)



"The Flag does not fly because of the winds that blow it,
The Flag flies because of each Soldier's last breath blowing past,"
"For those who have fought and died for it,
Freedom has a taste that the protected will never know."
"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him,
But because he loves what is behind him."

~ G. K. Chesterton

Community Calendar

April 2015

April 1 st	April Fool's Day Lion's Meeting Carver-on-the-MN Meeting Happy Birthday Joe!
April 2 nd	Happy Birthday Kelly!
April 3 rd	Good Friday
April 4 th	Happy Birthday Wayne! Lion's Easter Egg Hunt
April 5 th	Easter
April 6 th	Council Meeting Drill Night
April 8 th	East Union PTO Meeting SteamBoat Committee Meeting Happy Birthday Kerry!
April 12 th	Fire Department Officers Meeting
April 13 th	Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen! Carver Meet & Greet Heritage Preservation Meeting Happy Birthday Ava!
April 14 th	Tax Day
April 15 th	Lions Meeting
April 16 th	Holocaust Remembrance Day Planning Commission
April 17 th	Happy Birthday Cheryl!
April 18 th	Happy Birthday John!
April 20 th	Council Meeting Drill Night Happy Birthday Scott! Happy Anniversary Wayne & Michelle! Happy Birthday Jim!
April 21 st	Earth Day
April 22 nd	Administrative Professionals Day Happy Birthday Al! Happy Birthday Kitty!
April 24 th	Lion's Pork Chop Dinner Arbor Day
April 25 th	Happy Birthday Aaron!
April 27 th	Park and Recreation Meeting Meeting Night – Fire Department
April 30 th	Happy Birthday Arlan! Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg! Happy Birthday Lili!



"Happy Easter"



Sunday, March 29

9:00am - 2:00pm

Carver Hall

316 Broadway

Sunday Brunch

Hosted by the Carver Lions Club

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Ages 6-12: \$8

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deadline is
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Baseball/ Softball Association

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Registration for the 2015 girls in-house fast pitch league is now open. Girls in grades 1 - 12 can register to play in the 3CV League (Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska & Victoria).



The 3CV league encourages girls to learn the sport of fast pitch softball, have fun, play to the best of their ability and practice good sportsmanship and team building. We do not "rank" our teams nor do we report scores after each game for tracking.

Check out our websites for more information or to register your daughters to play in the 2015 summer season. Any questions, please e-mail. We encourage girls to register in their home community but understand if that does not work.

**Registrations close
March 15, 2015!**



Victoria Community:

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Carver Community:

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