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Carver Crossing Debate

The Carver County Development Agency Director of Housing addressed the council at their meeting regarding the property identified as Carver Crossing. The agency had received approval for a mixed residential development from the City of Carver. The director explained that whether the land is sold to the identified developer or the agency develops the land, the rental property proposed will be considered affordable housing. The mission of the agency is to provide housing opportunities and foster economic development in the county. Currently the agency owns and manages multiple housing units in the county and all are considered affordable. Demands during 2014 were less than a four percent vacancy rate for the first four months and less than three percent for the last eight months for all of the units. Most vacancies were due to turnover regarding maintenance items. There is a waiting list in place and daily turns away individuals due to availability.

The director explained that the same support was given in the City of Savage's case. At that time this individual was the chair of Heading Home Scott Carver that was a ten year plan to end homelessness in both counties. Similar opposition was seen in the Savage project. There is a need for affordable housing and negative impacts need to be dispelled. The agency owns and manages Bluff Creek with no negative impacts. Turnover is normal in any rental situation. Any apartment building under sixty units can be difficult to operate. Stereotyping individuals based on income does not preclude their right to safe housing. Background checks are completed on applicants. Is this a practice done when purchasing a home? Options are available for rental tenant removal.

A current occupant of one of the agency's units also addressed the council and the public. Testimony was provided regarding the positive impact this resource allowed for the situation. Prior to this support there were struggles to find resources available.

An overview of the history/map of the site plan was presented to the council. This included the 2010 and 2012 Community Development Agency Concept Site Plans, as well as the 2016 Site Plan including the sixty eight unit work force housing proposed building. Additional items included are underground parking, playground, grills, patio areas, parking stalls in the front and per the city's request a temporary fire lane.

The proposal will pay the same fees as any other project. The architect representative emphasized the "quality" level of this proposed project identified as 'Carver Crossing'. The project will be the fourth of this kind for the construction company with the repertoire of a custom home building background. Statement was made that this is unique for this type of project. Varying details were reviewed such as traffic, parking, adjacent properties, sizes and the excess space for amenities. The landscape is professionally designed, exterior materials were reviewed. The entire package meets current 'Green Communities' requirements. Energy conservation and sustainability were the focus. Emphasis was given that this project was affordable housing not subsidized housing. The housing is in place to provide housing opportunities. The criteria was reviewed. The representative further stated that four units would be set aside to house individuals who are without permanent housing or who have a disability. Further clarification was given on the Housing Choice Vouchers.

Discussion also included a thirty year commitment monitored by the MN Housing Finance Agency. The agency inspects property annually, ensures proper documentations obtained, and unit inspections are completed. Along with those inspections another firm conducts monthly inspections on a continual basis resulting in the fact that the project is being maintained at a higher level than most market rate apartments. This firm, identified as Steven Scott Management is the largest privately held property management company in the twin cities.

There were lengthy discussions covered involving building management, management coordination with local law enforcement, workforce rental units, property values, real estate consulting firms opinions and studies, and comprehensive housing needs analysis information.

The city planner informed the council that two applications were being considered. An amendment to the existing Planned Residential Development for the discussed property and the preliminary plat for the Copper Hills lot and Outlot B. A history of the property was reviewed again involving the environmental review, public hearings, adoption of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. At one point the site was looked at for possible construction of a new Village Hall. In 2012 a concept plan was submitted to include the Carver Station, along with pending developments. The city purchased a portion of the property in 2013 to construct the Carver Station. Public Hearings were held and notices were sent to surrounding property owners. Single family lots were sold to Mattamy Homes. The Community Development Agency retained ownership of the multiple-family outlot. Purchase agreement was entered in 2014. Complete land use application was submitted in 2015.

Extensive efforts have been done to keep the public apprised of the proposals involving property in the city. The application is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Many questions asked of the council were researched and answered. Lengthy discussions were held reevaluating the processes conducted prior to current decisions in the process.

The council received the hard copy of the document entitled, "Carver Crossing – Too Big, Too Soon – An appeal to the city from the residents and voters of Carver".

Residents Comments

Residents voiced their opinions to the council regarding the proposed Carver Crossing project. It was the opinion of one resident that the council's vote involved more than amending the Planned Residential Development and preliminary plats proposed. It was the future and vision of the city and what residents want for the future. It was an opinion that the project was an experiment for the Community Development Agency and the Metropolitan Council.

Another resident was of the opinion that the Comprehensive Plan involving projected growth is incorrect. The next argument involved the opinion of the data being manipulated to accommodate the end means. Another resident concurred the number calculations projected are all wrong. Another resident utilized the scenario of the township in the numbers equation to demonstrate credibility. Another resident stated that the project was too big in regards to the amendment proposal. Numbers were reiterated, comparisons and definitions all repeated. Request was submitted to reject the project as is and request a revised proposal better suited for the city and put the future back in the residents hands versus the Metropolitan Council's with grant/loan monies. Another citizen recited the city's mission statement. Again the numbers were discussed as being misconstrued to fit the project.

A Southwest Region Community Organizer and Policy Coordinator for the Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICA) addressed the council stating that the organization is of the belief that everyone without exception deserves affordable and safe housing. It was the individual's opinion that the project would provide this for many of the community members. Lifecyle housing is needed throughout the state. This individual has dedicated her life to advocate for others. Allowing opportunities like this for people allows individuals to be successful.

The Director of the Housing for the CAP Agency of Carver, Scott and Dakota counties and the Continuum of Care (COG) for Carver and Scott counties specifically addressed the proposed long term homeless units in the proposed project. The director's role under the HUD's Heart Act is to promote community wide planning and strategic use of resource to address homelessness at a local level. This model is a HUD mandate to better coordinate limited housing resources regarding both state and federal funding to better address homelessness. The CAP Agency is currently the service provider for the units in Savage since its inception. Many services are provided based on the needs of each client. This service model has also been very successful to aid individuals to self-sufficiency. The four units at the proposed project will be identical. The CAP Agency has been asked to and agreed to manage these units if the project is approved. In 2014 the agency received requests from two thousand and five individuals seeking assistance; five hundred and fifty eight of those were homeless; and four hundred and twenty five were until to be served (78 % of the total) due to lack of resources in the area.

A Village Commons veteran wanted to dispel the myth about the type of residents that receive help. This veteran was able to receive assistance, wanted to share the experience. That veteran is now a resident of Carver. Has lived here in Carver for twelve years and plans on staying. It was this veterans opinion that the project would add to the diversity of the housing and add to the spirit of Carver as a welcoming and supportive community.

A Carver County employee asked to voice support for the project. The individual's former role was Scott/Carver Heading Home Co-Chair. The program was to plan for housing in the county. There is a need for rental housing overall. Support was also given as well as respect towards the professionals involved with the project. Additionally, as a former city planner, approval was recommended.

Another resident expressed that the size was the conflict and that it should be built to accommodate the City of Carver not the county. It was the opinion of this individual there was affordable housing in the down town area and that there was possibly more of a need for the seniors. Another citizen was of the opinion that the size was not correct for Carver.

A public interest firm focused on affordable housing president of the Housing Preservation Project reassured that the view of the importance of the need for affordable housing was seen and heard. The focus is working with other organizations to maximize the effectiveness of affordable housing resources. To achieve this effectively is to connect to low income households to opportunity assets, such as jobs, transit, and the like. It was his opinion that this proposal succeeds in this area. The other regions goal met is the diversity community's housing stock. Statement was made that this is a healthy community offering residents choices. However it was his opinion that the city lacks this diversity. Suggestion has been made that it's too soon, that the city is unprepared for this scale of a project. It was pointed out that this has been studied since 2008 recognizing the fact that the community does not have enough affordable housing/rental housing. This point needs addressing and the city made a commitment to do such. Adoption of an Action Housing Plan and zoning for this location to appropriate density. The actions put the city on record as being committed to affordable housing and this is a modest step toward that goal. Residents concerns noted. Therefore a strong management component is extremely important. Therefore, the reason for the ability to hire the type of management due to the scale of the project and these two go together. The last test then is the question of what it will look like in five years. The best evidence is the track record of the other developments.

Another resident's concerns voiced involved the size of the project and the effect at the school and the implications caused by increase needs at that level. Many individuals opposed and many supported the controversial topic.

As editor of the *Villager Tower*, also a former City of Carver Councilor, I have chosen at this time to ask permission of the author of the "Letters to the Editor" to incorporate their letter into this newsletter as the final note to the discussions regarding the "Carver Crossing". As I too, have a deep appreciation and understanding for the city council position and all the glory and agony it holds for each bearer of that torch. It is a "thankless task"!

"Letters to the Editor"

I am writing this on behalf of Carver the town that I love and the City Council that represents my town, not the controversy that is currently defining us. Until now, I have been a proud resident of Carver for 35 years. Today I am embarrassed by the actions of many of my neighbors, and appalled by the negative attention people have brought to our beloved town.

The fact that grown up adults have turned a fair political process into a disgraceful debate full of temper tantrums and slanderous accusations toward our elected city officials is despicable. I speak on behalf of these officials and thank them for their tireless and thankless efforts. To say they've been under-appreciated and in the line of fire is sadly an understatement.

I have watched Carver change and grow over the years. Many residents initially did not embrace this. But the democratic process takes place regardless, decisions are made, and I place my trust in my City Council that they will make decisions based on what is right for this city.

These are officials who are elected by us. They are also human beings and should be treated respectfully, even if we don't agree with their decisions. This council has done a wonderful job for many years.

The previous developments, in which many of our new and current residents live, were approved by councilors who still serve us. Their decisions were sound enough to provide the housing that has been constructed in the last decade, for which these new residents now enjoy. Now their motives and character are under attack.

They research, they plan, they put themselves in a terrible spot playing punching bag to anyone who chooses, to ensure that they make decisions based on the facts, without a personal agenda. I can't imagine that any of these officials love being hated, but they do what is right, not what is easy. That is the leadership, and the type of people I want making tough decisions and representing my city.

I am not sure where it became OK to insult others, making propaganda that is so ruthlessly demoralizing toward any human it loses credibility. Our council members are not Communists, as has been an accusation by certain individuals. They are Americans, who uphold our country's values and have for years.

I ask, would you allow your children to treat others with this type of contempt, and condone or support these acts? We are not victims to our council, whether we like their decisions or not.

Everyone has a different truth and it doesn't make an opposing view wrong, it just makes it different. And that, is what America was founded on.

Kalli Naglus
Carver”

Carver Crossing

The City of Carver council upon the direction of the city attorney continued their meeting relating to the deliberations and consideration of council action involving the Carver Crossing issue. The public comment is considered part of the meeting. Typical of the city's process, when a project is presented pertaining to land use application and the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval, staff prepares and presents with their reports approving resolutions. The two drafted approving resolutions include an amendment to the existing Planned Residential Development and approval of the preliminary plat. The resolution approving an amendment to the existing Planned Residential Development does not effectively amend the Planned Residential Development. That can only be done by ordinance. Again, this is a standard practice because of assurances that if they were going to approve or amend that the final plat actually was completed. This is accomplished in a two step process. A resolution indicates the council's plan. Assuming the adoption is completed, then the developer returns with a final plat consistent with the preliminary plat approved by the city and the approval resolution for the amendment to the Planned Residential Development, then the city adopts the ordinance that amends the PRD. Zoning and Planned Residential Development are amended in Minnesota by ordinance. However, this would be done concurrent with the final plat. This is consistent with city's practices in plan development for a long time. Adopting the resolution as is or with revisions was the plan of action. Indication was made however, if the council did not support the project, the council was reminded that in Minnesota a denial of a project needed to be made with concurrent findings. Although the public may not be aware of specifics, the council was well aware that they have one hundred and twenty days from the time the application was deemed complete until they could make a decision, meaning they had until late May. The staff submitted approving resolutions, so if the council was inclined to deny, they were advised to table the matter and direct the staff to return with appropriate resolutions. Further guidance would be sought then. Reminder was issued that the council does not have the right to just deny the project at this time. The attorney clarified for the audience that just because the resolutions presented were for approval, this did not mean there was any predisposition by the council. The attorney also clarified that the LCDA grant is not before the city council at this time because the staff is unaware of the council decision at this time. Only if the project were approved would the LCDA grant be reviewed. Both of the draft resolutions incorporate by reference the two staff reports prepared by the city planner, as well as a long list of included documents. It is important to identify the record of decision covered in the resolutions, but also the presentations. A lot of very comprehensive documentation was presented by everyone involved. All needs to be included in the record. Therefore, if there are motions to approve, it must be ensured that motions include the materials. The attorney also pointed out that because there was a bound report as part of the record there was nothing perceived as to the Data Practices Act. The attorney asked if there were any questions.

The mayor indicated that he had a number of questions. However, first he wanted to thank everyone for their participation whether opposed or not to the project. A special thanks were given to the administrator and the city planner for their hard work and quick responses to everyone. The council was also thanked. The mayor also stated that this has been the most difficult thing he has had to encounter in his seventeen year tenure.

The mayor asked the Community Development Agency about the developer's involvement or what the vision for the other two sites in the future was. The response was that there were not any specific plans at this time. The concept plan was strictly a placeholder at this time regarding future sites.

Questions directed at the Ron Clark Construction was the question can the building be sold based on the configuration of the finances. If so, when? The representative stated that yes the building could be sold however, there are mortgage restrictions for the first ten to fifteen years in regard to severe penalties if it is paid off. If sold in the first thirty years, the property would still be bound by the financing items discussed for MN Housing Finance Agency, the long term use restrictions, etc. Financial items were discussed further. If the project were approved, the firm would like to begin in June based in the time to proceed through the city's process. Occupancy is anticipated for June or July of 2016.

Questions were asked regarding random inspections, evictions and varying scenarios resulting in types of evictions.

Long term strategy questions were asked about, how many buildings that Ron Clark holds and future plans. The representative stated that the Savage project is operational, New Hope is looking at a planned June occupation, as well as an application forthcoming in the area for another project. The goal is for one project every one to two years. There is not an exit strategy because this is not how they conduct business. One side of the group does "for sale product" and the other group does "build it and hold it". The plan for Carver Crossing is to build and hold it. Question was asked about demand study. This aspect was explained to the audience. Question was asked about seniors qualifying and calculations for their current assets. Indication was given that a formula was in place to determine meeting requirements. Parking questions were also discussed. Question was asked if the project were smaller would the project be viable. This aspect had been examined.

The council inquired as to the SouthWest Transit's routes and current offering and the city contracts with SW Transit. The routes were discussed. There is not any local service. Further clarification was requested involving the density topic.

The city planner indicated that the entire development is reviewed. The Planned Residential Development is a certain amount of acreage for the entire development. The Comprehensive Plan guidance is utilized for the entire acreage, calculating the minimum and maximum number of units on the entire package. If another firm were to submit a proposal with a smaller number, requirements would still be required with minimum and maximum density numbers on the remaining parcel. Therefore, at some point the necessity to determine if there was enough land left to meet the minimum would be required. If not, the city would have to deny the smaller proposal or do a Comprehensive Plan amendment to reduce or change the density across the whole area. Traffic impact was questioned. The engineer reviewed that scenario with the final determination that traffic could be accommodated.

The question was asked about the School District's review of the proposed project. The city planner explained that any time there is proposed development, the plans are forwarded to the district. At this time there were not any comments. The administrator further stated that the superintendent and the staff had met reviewing future projects in preparation for future enrollments.

Question was posed regarding the loan from the Met Council pertaining to the property and repayment responsibilities. The city attorney indicated that the LCDA grant is not before the council at this time and would be premature. It has been reviewed. The money in question would be a loan to the developer. There were triggers under which the loan had to be repaid and these triggers included losing the tax credits. Assuming that the project proceeds, the loan would be well secured with the mortgage on the property. Therefore, there would be an ability for that to be repaid. The grant clearly states that if the money is loaned to the developer, the city is only obligated to repay the loan if it actually collected it. If the developer becomes insolvent and the money cannot be collected, the city is not obligated.

The issue of the Rental Ordinance was addressed. Would this be required to be in place in advance prior to approval of the project? The attorney indicated that the city has addressed the issue in the past. There is not any statutory requirement at this time. This issue can be revisited at any time. This rental licensing and inspection ordinance can be reviewed and adopted at any time in the future.

Councilmember requested reviewal of the land use application process again. The city planner obliged the request. Question was then asked if anything presented at this time changed the staff's recommendation. The city planner indicated that there was not.

The attorney's direction was requested. The mayor stated that overall this has been a very difficult process. Concern was expressed regarding the comment relating to manipulation of numbers. The city council is required to make a decision for the community. "He was told a mayor needs to represent the voice of the people. In his seventeen years on the council, he has always believed you should be able to be born, raised, and die in Carver and never have to leave if you do not want to. This includes all types of housing, along with life cycle housing. The city did a study several years ago with the Moravian Homes and at that time there was a need for zero for senior housing. Comments about the number one need now being senior housing. He appreciates the input and opinions given....this project is an opportunity and a way to put diversity into the community. What are people afraid of? The city is hoping to get the next school for the district to be built in Carver. This type of housing is needed. What is the future of Carver? He left the future was to open our homes and our lives."

One councilmember voiced his experience in difficulty of hiring employees needed for the jobs. Carver County is an expensive place to live. Most of the people working in this area do not reside in Carver County. Chaska is the city that has the most available employment. One of the arguments was that jobs were needed first and then affordable housing. If you are going to bring businesses in, then you need to have people to work in these businesses. We have a community that is too expensive to reside in. At some point the decision is necessary to allow the people that work here, take care of us, serve us and also have the opportunity to live here. Fifty percent of the employees in the school district do not live in Carver County. The project is not too large for the area, unless you only look at the City of Carver. However, most of us that live in Carver, do not work in Carver. This project is needed for the whole region, not just Carver.

Another council member voiced agreement with the two previous testimonies. Adding it is important to also remember that the application meets the requirements for the property. It is a well designed plan and structure that will compliment the area. The same comments were made twenty years prior that the development was too big. It would be difficult to visualize the present city if the development had not been approved then. This project is necessary.

Another councilmember also voiced their opinions of the topic at hand and personally researched this topic over many, many hours. The concerns and questions were heard. Everything was examined under a microscope. Funky Minds founder was quoted, "Community will rise up to your expectations." Whether the move is forward on this project or others, it is important that people are welcomed into the community, share with them and engage them at many different levels. Lastly, the council cares immensely about the city. This is an important, but not light decision for any of the council to make.

The last councilmember to speak their mind thanked the staff for answering everyone's questions throughout the entire process. Respect is given to other that have a vision for Carver and there are those that have other visions and each require the respect for whatever vision it is. The population over the time has gone from five hundred to four thousand plus. Increase in crime is the possible biggest fear? The mayor indicated that the policing issue should not be addressed with the city deputy, but emphasized that the city has a plan for future growth for all sizes of developments, whether this be single or multi-family housing in terms of police coverage. This plan is with the Sheriff's Office and that office has been in place for quite some time. There is a funding mechanism for this as well. Individuals felt that their voices were not being heard. They were heard, it was that the council was not able to answer previously. Further comment was made of those community members afraid to speak publicly due to the stigma repercussions they felt would occur. It was this council member's vision for Carver of BIG. Carver can be the biggest town in Carver County due to land size. "The vision in his eyes, is being able to help people live, work and retire here." The school district can handle the growth. Carver needs a school, grocery store and retail development. "The question then is, what comes first? – the chicken or the egg? He feels we can create what is going on in the egg and what Ron Clark and Scott Steven do in regards to security checks to be performed. All kinds of other housing developments could be considered, but most people would not pass criminal background checks. There are many things about this project that are positives. ...he was reminded why he was elected. It was to give voice to the people that weren't being heard. Long time people of this community are looking for a place like this to call home. Carver can be their home now."

The city attorney then provided further clarification. The official packet a small change was required to the wording and references to the record must include the entire record. Due to so much additional information presented, the city planner will prepare a supplement list to include additional documentation presented.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution with the record based on finding and documentation provided approving the amendment to the planned residential development for Carver Crossing. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution with the record based on the findings and documentation provided approving a preliminary plat for a development identified as Carver Crossing.

Copper Hills 2nd Addition

The council was asked to consider a motion adopting a resolution approving the extension to the Final Plat for Copper Hills 2nd Addition. Mattamy Homes requested an extension to allow them additional time to record the final plat and execute Developer's Agreement. The property is located west of the Copper Hills development with sixty three single family lots. Last spring's extreme wetness delayed the developer's opening. The developer will be completing the remaining sections of Ironwood Drive and Hartwell Avenue. Mattamy Homes is still committed to the project and confident in its successful addition to the city.

Bloodmobile

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tues April 21 noon-6pm
Carver Village Hall
to make an appt on line –
www.redcrossblood.org
by phone- Linda @ 612-987-5454



Carver Interceptor

The council discussed the downtown utilities and street improvements for the Carver Interceptor. Motion was heard to schedule a Public Hearing to review the supplemental assessment for Oak Street North. In fall a Public Hearing had been held regarding assessments for the downtown utility and street improvements for the Carver Interceptor. Reviewing the proposed assessments for the 2015 street improvements and discussions with property owner the determination was made that the original assessment approved for property was incorrect based upon the distribution of costs for other properties. A discussion was held regarding the assessment and solution. Recommendation was submitted to schedule another Public Hearing approving a supplemental assessment for the error discovered

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Fire Department

The council reviewed the submitted Capital Improvement Plan from the Fire Department. The committee spent a lot of time reviewing different options for purchases of equipment. Recommendation was submitted for approval.

Discussion was held to replace the boat for the Fire Department requesting authorization for the purchase. The issues were discussed regarding the present equipment. Donations have been received to contribute to the purchase cost. Recommendation was submitted for approval. An all terrain vehicle is also necessary for the department and the council discussed the topic. The current vehicle is old and difficulty getting proper part for proper repairs is the major issue presently. The replacement costs would be utilized with the capital improvement fund. Again recommendation for approval was submitted.

Community Park

The council reviewed the quote received for new playground equipment and installation at the Community Park. The project is scheduled for the summer of 2015. The Public Services personnel would remove the old tot lot equipment at the Community Park and the manufacturer would install the new equipment. The park improvements were included in the Parks and Recreation 2015 budget. The park board approved the quote.

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 pickup.

2015 Chaska / Carver Occasional Sale Dates

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



New Occasional Sales in Carver

From Annette's Corner News Flash:
Occasional Sales seem to come and go. Rekindled Company, which replaced The Vintage Cottage a year or so ago, is moving to a new location, so that space needs a new shop!

The building that used to house Funky Minds is now Studio H, a new Occasional Sale

And the little space between the Carver Hair Salon and the insurance building is now Sassy Kat Boutique.

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Carver Current

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Villager Tower

Anyone within the community interested in helping with the "Villager Tower"? Still looking for volunteer for assistance getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion which continues to prove to be quite the challenge. Anyone interested in helping putting the newsletter together? Please contact the editor via villagertower@carvercurrent.com. Have been now working on the March/April issue for timely publishing. Time just is not on my side here. Need help.



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 Lions Pork Chop Dinner

The Carver Lions extend an invitation to each and everyone out there to come and join in to enjoy pork chops, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable, beans, bread, desert and beverage. There will be a drawing for prizes! And you don't even have to be present to win. There is also a Silent Auction scheduled sponsored by Carver-On-The-Minnesota.

The Pork Chop dinner is scheduled for April 26th at the Carver Hall at 4 PM until 8 PM. (see insert)

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 on Friday, April 24, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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.

Happy Easter Everyone!
Happy Mother's Day!

East Union Lutheran Church

Rummage and Bake Sale

The East Union Lutheran Church is hosting their annual Rummage and Bake Sale on the 16th of April through Saturday the 18th of April. Thursday the Rummage Sale will start at 8 AM and will be ending at 4 PM. Mark your calendars, get ready and go get some delicious desserts, breads or whatever good homemade goodies you will find at church. That's guaranteed too that it will be delicious!

GRAND RE-OPENING
Celebration

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTY WITH US ON
Thursday - Saturday,
APRIL 16-18, 2015

Carver Flowers

After seven years as a small business in Carver, we've re-Branded and re-organized our shop and are ready to celebrate with a big community party! Stop by and say 'hello', see the changes in the past few months, shop the awesome spring products.

"Come and join us for a weekend of fun activities:

Thursday, April 16, 11:30

The Southwest Metro Chamber will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Followed by Refreshments and Shopping

Special Occasion Discounts all weekend

Register for Daily Door Prize drawings

Saturday April 18, Noon

Enjoy the music of the 5-sibling, Carver-rooted group known as: Carver Creek in the Gazebo Park.

Carver Creek Bluegrass, the 5-sibling, Carver-rooted, song and Instrumental band, will be playing in

Carver's Gazebo Park on Saturday, April 18th from Noon until 1 PM. The group is Sponsored by Carver Flowers, as part of their 7th Anniversary and Grand Re-Opening celebration.

Carver Creek Bluegrass



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A Cup of Carver

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### What's New?

From Lori:

#### Loyalty Program

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our Loyalty Program.

Still have your punch card? That's okay. We want to make it as easy

for you as possible. Next time you are at the coffee shop, sign up for

our Loyalty Program and let us track your drinks for you. Buy 10,

get your next drink on us...any size, any drink! Make sure to give us your name when you are ordering to

ensure you get credit for all your drinks!

#### Ice Tea and Cold Press

Yes! It's that time of year! Weather will be warming up and cold press and ice tea are ready to go

We've added new tea flavors like Blueberry Fields, Green Tea with Pomegranate, Rhubarb Oolong

and Minnesota N'Ice Tea. Check them out!

#### Pretzels

Need a quick snack? In addition to our bakery, we have now added stuffed pretzels to our menu! Pizza, Spinach/Feta and Grilled

Cheese. We pop them on our pannini press and they are hot and ready to go in 6 minutes. They hit the spot!

#### Rumor has it....

Anybody out there like ice cream? I'm talking about a good old fashioned ice cream cone topped high with good old

fashioned ice cream. It is my FAVORITE and this summer you will be able to enjoy it at A Cup of Carver. Watch for

updates on when you can get your sweet treat as well as our extendedhours for summer!

#### We love dogs!

Although we aren't able to have your friendly companion in the actual coffee shop, we will have an area outside set up for your pets.

Once the snow clears, we will have tie outs, water for your pooch and don't forget to grab a treat for them inside



## Community Calendar

|                      |                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Happy Birthday Texan!<br>Happy Birthday Barb!<br>May Day                                           |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Shakopee Prom Night                                                                                |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Happy Birthday CarolAnne!                                                                          |
| May 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Drill Night<br>Council Meeting                                                                     |
| May 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Darrin!<br>Happy Anniversary Krissy and Lee!<br>Happy Birthday Jim!<br>Cinco DeMayo |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Lions Meeting<br>Carver-On-The-Minnesota Meeting<br>Carver Meet and Greet                          |
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Cassie!                                                                             |
| May 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Madison!                                                                            |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Chanhassen HS Prom Night<br>Happy Birthday Chris!                                                  |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup> | Mother's Day<br>Happy Birthday Traci!                                                              |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup> | Officer's Meeting<br>Dahlgren Township Board Meeting                                               |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup> | Heritage Preservation Meeting                                                                      |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Breauna!                                                                            |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup> | SteamBoat Committee Meeting<br>Late Start                                                          |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Tim!<br>Happy Birthday John!                                                        |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup> | Armed Forces Day<br>Chaska HS Prom Night                                                           |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup> | Bear Awareness Week<br>Happy Birthday Matt!                                                        |
| May 18 <sup>th</sup> | Drill Night<br>Council Meeting                                                                     |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Anniversary Erin and Luke!                                                                   |
| May 20 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Scheryl!<br>Lions Meeting                                                           |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup> | Happy Birthday Tiffany!<br>Planning Commission Meeting                                             |
| May 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Happy Anniversary Leon and Scheryl!                                                                |
| May 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Shavout ( Begins at Sundown )                                                                      |
| May 25 <sup>th</sup> | Memorial Day<br>No School                                                                          |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup> | Fire Department Meeting Night<br>Parks and Recreation Board Meeting                                |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Keith!                                                                              |
| May 30 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Craig!                                                                              |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup> | Happy Birthday Karalyn!<br>Happy Anniversary Bruce and Bonnie!                                     |

May 2015

**2015 Carver Lions Annual  
Easter Egg Hunt**

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

**Saturday, April 4, 2015  
10 a.m.  
Community Park  
(6th St and  
County Road 11)  
in Carver**

Rain or Shine\*

**Please be on time.**

**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.



## Carver Community Baseball / Softball Youth Association

Submitted by: Heide  
Thank you everyone for the early registrations. If anybody is interested in playing on the 5th/6th grade Baseball team, we still have some spots open. If you would like to play up, let us know. We are working on forming the Girls and Boys teams now. T-Ball registration will close shortly, so if you have not signed up yet, please do.

## Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are busy planning for their upcoming events. They just sponsored the brunch, onto the Easter Egg Hunt and then the Pork Chop Dinner on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. If you are interested in joining, stop in and check them out. Everyone is welcome.

“Your attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world. Constantly color your picture gray, and your picture will always be bleak. Try adding some bright colors to the picture by including humor, and your picture begins to lighten up.”

>> Allen Klein

## Carver Flowers

### Area Proms

Carver Flowers is preparing for the area proms occurring in May. Shakopee's prom is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chanhassen Prom Night, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Chaska's Prom Night is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Carver Flower's for Prom are expected to be on display by April 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday. Corsage purchases and tux rental begins then. There are special dates, as well. April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> is "Guy's Night Out". Open in the evening until 7 PM for the guys who can't get to the shop during daytime hours. April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> is "Prom Open House". An opportunity for couples to get a free boutonniere with the order and to purchase that corsage during the Open House event. And don't forget, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Carver Flowers will be open until 1 PM on Mother's Day. Carver Flowers will then be closed on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their Mother's Day!



**Friday, April 26**  
**Carver Hall**  
**Serving 4:00pm - 8:00pm**



## **CARVER LIONS**

# **ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER**

*Enjoy pork chops, sauerkraut,  
mashed potatoes, vegetable, beans,  
bread, dessert & beverage.*

*PRIZE DRAWINGS!*

*Need not be present to win.*

*Carver on the Minnesota Silent Auction*

**Tickets:**

**\$8.00 in advance**

**\$10.00 at the door**

**Kids 5 & under eat free!**

Call Dean at 952-221-2884 for tickets.



# BENEFIT DINNER FOR

# DON TRIMBO

Sunday, April 19th

1:00 – 6:00 P.M

at the

## Carver Village Hall

316 Broadway, Carver MN

Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Potato Chips, Dessert & Drink  
\$10 Adults/\$5 Kids (10 and under)

## Silent Auction

If you would like to make a donation,

please contact us at [952-448-6579@ctrimbo@gmail.com](mailto:952-448-6579@ctrimbo@gmail.com)

To make a cash donation, go to Community bank Chaska C/O Donald Trimbo Benefit

**We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the event:**



Don Trimbo has been battling major health issues for 30+ years. Don is a Vietnam veteran and a wonderful person. Don is diabetic and has atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). He has gone through many surgeries to repair veins and blood circulation. 5 years ago, Don lost one of his legs due to infection and his inability to heal. He continues to have issues with his other leg despite being on the highest antibiotics possible. Don has been in St. Gertrude's medical center since September 2014. Please consider a donation for our silent auction or a gift of cash. All of the proceeds will go to help Don with his mounting medical and handicap application expenses.

*Carver on the Minnesota  
2015*

# *Carver Community & Business Expo*

**Saturday, April 11**

**9:00am - Noon**

**Carver Gym**

**Open to the Public**

**Free to all!**

**Learn more about community organizations & businesses in Carver.**

Please register your business online at [www.cityofcarver.com](http://www.cityofcarver.com).

Reserve your spot today!





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