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Villager Tower

Many of you have inquired as the status of the "Villager Tower". It has been quite the past year in this household and I apologize for not having enough hours in the day to get the newsletter written and published in the last year. It also appears I am not having the best of luck with the beginning of the new year either. With the new year upon us already, two months having already passed, I am trying my best to rectify this situation and working on the upcoming issue of the newsletter. There have already been several snags as we begin this thirty fourth year of publication.

Presently, I am unemployed which means funds are limited. Many of you are well aware of the counterpart's illness, home maintenance, improvements which should be wrapping up, and my dad falling ill have hindered my efforts. At this time, it doesn't appear that hard copies will be readily available for those who are used to receiving hard copies. We will see how things progress into this new year to rectify that problem. I will be submitting the newsletter to the "Carver Current" site soon. So please accept my apologies for my shortcomings and continue to watch for the upcoming issues.

Please feel free to notify me at villagertower@carvercurrent.com for any submissions you want in the newsletter. Or you can mail them directly, as well. (reference inserted information) Thank you everyone for your understanding and patience.

Attached is the first edition of the thirty fourth year of publication for viewing on the "Carver Current" website.

2015 City of Carver Recap

The utility billing department had updates implemented. The city adopted its Strategic Plan. Name the city park in the Copper Hills Development requested suggestions from citizens. The end result was the name of the park to be "Olsen Park" honoring previous landowners.

The referendum for the school district was passed. The City of Carver began formal acquisition processes for property to construct a new school in Carver. Along those lines, plans were also begun for a pedestrian underpass.

Redevelopment concepts were discussed pertaining to the two parcels of property approximately four acres on Sixth Street for purchase by the City of Carver resulting in the final acquisition of said property in the early of part of 2016.

The First "Edith-Anne Award" was awarded to Andy and Natalie Sieberg in the later part of 2015 for property excellence. This award honors the work of Edith Hermann and Anne Neils Doerr who were instrumental in the creation of the Carver-On-The-Minnesota in the sixties. The organization's mission was to "stop the wasteful deterioration of the typical 19th Century river town." This information bears repeating as of the importance of Edith and Anne to the history and the e community of Carver.

Youth Engagement Program

Council reviewed a program to implement a Youth Engagement Program to assist in the development of young people in the city providing hands-on learning experience about government, volunteerism and public service. This program would give the young people of Carver an opportunity to learn about local government, serve their community, and take charge of their future. Program expectations include a one year term on three advisory committees, three to five hours per month for commission meetings and business, attending seventy percent of the meetings, number of seats to be determined by applications received, evaluations, selections and interviews would be conducted by the city staff and the applicants are required to be Carver residents and attend grades nine through twelve.

Economic Development Plan Update

Christie Hantge, Economic Development Director consultant was hired by the city. She has achieved getting the city included in working with the MN Marketing Partnership to identify development opportunities along Highway #212, developing a concept plan for an industrial park and gathering cost estimates for DEED's (Department of Employment and Economic Development) Shovel Ready Program application.

What is the Shovel Ready Program? The competitions between communities nationwide to attract business start ups, expansions and relocations. Communities are seeking for that something special that makes their community stand out from the rest. The certified shovel-ready sites can give your community that competitive edge. These types of programs are in growing demand among companies and site selection consultants and are an increasingly popular tool for communities to attract new business and industry. Definitions vary from state to state the program generally refers to commercial and industrial sites that have had all the planning, zoning, surveys, title work, environmental studies, soils analysis and public infrastructure engineering completed prior to putting the site up for sale.

The next steps to be taken by this consultant including making decision regarding the Shovel Ready Program application after determining costs, identifying, developing and implementing policies for the economic development incentives.

System Statement

The city planner indicated to the council that the System Statement is a document provided by the Metropolitan Council prior to the required decennial update to the Comprehensive Plan. One of the main components of the statement is that the City of Carver has been designated as an Emerging Suburban Edge. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan must include a housing element and an implantation program to include for affordable housing at various levels.

Spring Creek Levee

The Public Services Director provided an update for the council regarding the Spring Creek Levee Repair. There was a lengthy discussion on the repairs made and where they were made and continuing repairs for maintenance.

Street and Alley Vacations

The city planner indicated that the original plat of the city was recorded in 1857, with lot lines, roads and alleys in an arrangement that disregarded the topographic features of the community. Many of the roads and alleys were never developed for public use. Over the past one hundred years many, if not a majority were abandoned through various vacation procedures. The staff identified various existing segments that exist only as "paper streets" and are not expected to ever be developed into public streets. Various steps are required by statutory process to vacate these. Two separate hearings will be required to achieve these vacations.

Question was asked what impact these vacations will have on the property owners. The process is more a formality to go through the legal transfer of ownership and the responsibilities. Motions were made and carried with all ayes approving the resolutions scheduling a Public Hearings for various road and alley vacations.

DownTown Parking

The city has been receiving parking complaints in the downtown area. The city will switch from parallel white lines in a crosswalk to a zebra crosswalk so the blocks are more noticeable. MNDot requires parking at least twenty feet from the curb. Therefore the city will paint yellow along these curb areas. These changes will make parking requirements more obvious. Tickets will be issued for illegal parking.

Carver Fire Department

The Carver Fire Department is seeking applicants for fire fighters with the department. To fill out an application, contact City Hall or go to the city's website to download an applications.

The Fire Department approved the Standard Operating Procedure Manual that outlines rules, processes, and policies followed within the department. Significant sections of the document include minimum membership requirements, general orders, general operations, member conduct and a variety of other regulations customarily found in a "personnel policy".

County Road # 61 and Highway # 41

The governmental units of Carver County and the MN Department of Transportation in partnership with the Cities of Chaska and Chanhassen have been working to identify the transportation improvements involving County Road Highway # 61 and State Highway # 41. These roads are major connections in the transportation corridors within local communities.

Long term improvements will reflect regional transportation needs. The focus of these efforts to establish the best plan of action will begin with the downtown Chaska area and then the broader picture of effects of local communities. Recommendations are expected to be completed in early 2017. In addition to the long term improvements will be three construction projects defined in the efforts to plan. The structural condition of the bridge over the West Chaska Creek area may be required to be completed prior to the final decisions. Reconstruction of county roads 61 and # 140 to Highway 41 will have to be researched and finally the improvements from the river into downtown Chaska require attention as well. Computer access to the website involving information for this project is available: highway4161.com

Tap Room - Brewer Ordinance

The city attorney drafted an ordinance relating to a Brew Pub or Brewer Tap Room license. There have not been any requests at present. Consideration for the ordinance is so that the city will have the ordinance in place should an application be received. The city attorney provided background information on the related topic. If the city adopted the ordinance in the future, some general miscellaneous liquor code revisions would be required. The city planner also included a draft ordinance regarding zoning towards breweries and taprooms. The topic would be discussed further and requested input from the public.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions offered assistance with purchasing a fire extinguisher system to be used for fire prevention training. This was presented to the Lions from the Grant Committee. Three demo units will be available. The Lions were interested in assisting the department with the purchase. The process will be pursued.



Do you know what the Lions contribute to the community you live in? Did you know that there are about one million plus members in the world? Did you know that the Carver Lions consist of sixty four members? Some of the projects that the Lions support are the "Leader Dog for the Blind", "Can-Do Canines", the MN Hearing Foundation, Lion's Eye Bank, Diabetes Foundation, and the Project New Hope. These services are offered at no charge and these projects are supported by fundraising projects and gambling funds. Local community events are also supported by the Carver Lions. Funds are also donated in the local area including the Fire Department, the Black Sox, the Carver Youth Baseball/Softball teams and the Lions also sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Party and the Senior Lunch. Food for the blood drives is also donated by the Lions. Local community projects relating to the Carver Lions support include the tennis courts, fence and the cemetery, painting the gazebo and restoration at the Church-by-the River structure. Future projects could include bleachers at the Lions Park. Scholarships have also been given to local high school seniors.

The Lions appreciate the support given to their members and organization. Continued support is requested. The Lions can help with plants. The city is expected to tell the Lions when and where they need help. The Lions help is greatly appreciated by all.

If interested in becoming a member, the Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of every month except June, July and August. Temporarily, the group is meeting at the Chaska American Legion. Social hour is at 6 PM and the meeting starts at 6:30 PM. The second meeting of the month they usually serve a meal. There is dues expected and anyone is welcome, it is not limited to Carver residents. City staff can also provide you with contact information.

Marvin Grimm will be serving for a one year term as the District Governor in the 5M2 District (central Minnesota) Marvin will be in charge of sixty four clubs. Congratulations! You can be assured that Marvin will be representing the City of Carver and promoting the city whenever the opportunity arises.

Club Officers 2015-2016

PRESIDENT – Tim Craig
1ST VICE PRESIDENT – John Posselt
2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Tim Shanahan
3RD VICE PRESIDENT – Open
TREASURER – Cathy Elke
SECRETARY – Bob MacMullan
SECRETARY ASSISTANT – Laura Niesche
LION TAMER – Cindy Hagen
TAILTWISTER – Harlan Thaemert
MEMBERSHIP – Randy Sefkar

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1ST YEAR)
Eric Watkins
Sandy Bellig

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2ND YEAR)
Bill Buckingham
Mark Asmus

GAMING MANAGER
KRIS FASCHING

GAMING ASSISTANT
Lee Ostlie

COMMITTEE APPOINTEES:
SCHOLARSHIP – Jim Weygand
PUBLICITY / CLUB REPORTER – OPEN
WEBMASTER – Greg Osterdyk
VISION – STUDENT EYEGLASSES – Lori Jerome

Donna Riesgraf



“The Carver Lions Club recently rallied to help long-time volunteer Donna “Ma” Riesgraf. Riesgraf recently told Carver Lions Marvin and Evelyn Grimm that macular degeneration was interfering with day-to-day activities. In short order, the club had rallied to purchase her an LED magnifying lamp.”

The Chaska Herald reported:

“Lions Club president Tim Craig noted that if the purchased hadn’t been approved by the club, several members had offered to purchase the lamp themselves. That’s the kind of respect garnered by Riesgraf, whose volunteerism dates back to the Fire Ladies auxiliary in the early 1960s. She bakes treats for community events, is a member of the Carver Second Alarm and, over the years, has served as an elections judge, Girl Scout leader and blood bank volunteer.”

Only good and goodness can come from all this giving! Make note and start helping others and see the rewards you may reap someday without expecting it. Go Donna!!!!!! You are really appreciated by so many who have been touched by you in their lifetime.

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## DownTown Master Plan Update

City Planner provided an update on the DownTown Plan, identified in the Carver Strategic Plan. The purpose is to facilitate the connection of the community to the river and enhance the experience of residents and visitors. The DownTown Plan Committee identified potential redevelopment sites, gateways and infrastructure improvements. The committee is seeking input from citizens, introduce draft plan for public feedback, through social media, review plans with governmental committees for recommendations, and review gathered information.

## Rental Licensing Ordinance

The building official provided the council with a summary report on the Rental Dwelling Licensing Task Force. The history was covered, the Task Force selection, members and meeting and discusses were reviewed.

The council reviewed the draft ordinance provided. Question was asked about single family homes renting being included in the process. Rental issues counts were inquired about. The exploration of the item was a valuable process, it was determined. The ordinance would provide standards/expectations for rental properties. If there is not any ordinance in place, then the city has no means to enforce. The license is the trigger for the right to inspect.

The Task force was asked about their concerns encountered. The concerns involved costs, minimal complaints and historic structures creating discrepancies that couldn’t be met. There was comment regarding the possibility of implementing a rental ordinance. The information will be valuable in the future. The council consensus was that the adoption of the ordinance was not necessary at this time but would be reviewed in the future if necessary. The individuals who participated on the Task Force were thanked.

## Disclaimer

The “unapproved” minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

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“A smile is happiness you’ll find right under your nose.”

..... Tom Wilson

## Park and Ride Project Property

The administrator discussed the piece of property just over an acre north of the Carver Station. This property was obtained through the Park and Ride Grant process. Because the parcel is considered a remnant, the city is required to go through a public land sale through a federal process. Additionally the intension of the use of the property would be for a park site. The final result of the situation was that the city will be able to keep the property and utilize the parcel for the school-city park site.

The property acquisition for the elementary school and park were discussed with the city attorney. The attorney indicated that this was previously approved and executed an Option Agreement with Carver 212 Development giving the city the right to acquire approximately thirty two acres. If the city chooses to exercise the option, it must provide an “Exercise Notice”.

The administrator has had discussions with the school district who has agreed to acquire the property with the city as tenants in common Joint Ownership Agreement. There are not any definitive plans as to the development of the school site. The agreement requires appropriate plans and developers agreements be executed and provides a mechanism so that if agreements are not met the property will be severed into two equal parcels. Tentatively the school plans to begin construction as early as this summer in 2016. If this option is exercised presently, it allows for a much simpler planning and approval process.

Some technical issues will be required to be resolved with the property owners. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing entry into a tenants in common ownership agreement.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the proposed change in the Future Land Use Guidance from Commercial and High Density Residential to Public for the proposed parcel use of an elementary school and park. The proposed site would also serve as a buffer for future commercial use adjacent to residential neighborhood. The trail plans remain intact permitting accessibility by pedestrians. The underpass construction proposal was also reviewed. Access by vehicles was determined to be good, as well. Question was asked when the preliminary plat would be submitted for review. Indication was given that these plans are in very preliminary stages and that the school was still in design mode for the entire project. Traffic volume was questioned. Motion was made and carried by the Planning Commission members with all ayes recommending approval of the Comprehensive Plan future land use guidance from high density residential and commercial to public to be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for review and approval of the Comprehensive Plan’s amendment.

## Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The city planner updated the council on the necessity for the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan involving the plan for an elementary school. The property discussed is designated for high density residential and commercial land uses. The proposal in place presently involves the construction of an elementary school and a park.

The proposed area is adjacent to existing residential development providing a buffer between development and future commercial development. The city’s trails plans remain in place so that it is pedestrian accessible. It also is at a controlled intersection. The affected jurisdictions were copied on the amendment. The county responded and those discussions will occur in the future.

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## THE OCCASIONAL SHOPS OF CARVER 2016 Sales Dates

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| January 21st-24th  | July 21st-24th      |
| February 18th-21st | August 25th-28th    |
| March 17th-20th    | September 15th-18th |
| April 21st-24th    | October 20th-23rd   |
| May 19th-22nd      | November 10th-13th  |
| June 16th-19th     | December 1st-4th    |

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## *Metropolitan Council Reform*

Meetings have occurred regarding metropolitan governance of metro cities to make reform to the Metropolitan Council. The county approached the council on the issue of the metropolitan council and has been requested to support with reform principals platform. There has been increased concern with the lack of accountability from the Metropolitan Council, especially regarding its scope of authority and involvement in regional issues. A number of leaders recently developed these reforms to update the metropolitan governance structure that holds this unit accountable to the regional constituency of those impacted by its decisions.

The twin cities' local government coalition joined together to improve the Metropolitan governance reform and developed a 'Statement of Objectives'. This coalition "supports the need for regional planning, collaboration and coordination, but seeks to expand local government representation on the Metropolitan Council. The Coalition's objectives for its collective effort to improved governance are:

To articulate a vision of responsive and effective metropolitan governance—as represented by a Statement of Belief and Principles for Reform of the Metropolitan Council

To align local government interests behind a reform effort—through formation of a broad coalition of metropolitan Cities and Counties—and a common position.

To be prepared for any efforts—legislative and otherwise—to reform the governance structure and functioning of the Metropolitan Council. The Coalition's Statement of Belief and Principles for Reform."

There was lengthy documentation relating to the beliefs of the coalition and principles for the Metropolitan Council reform. There would be many advantages to take the time, if interested to read through the documentation. Where can one find this information? In the council packet from the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February on the City of Carver's website.

## *Village Hall*

The building inspector updated the council at a work session concerning the status of the report for structural services for the village hall. The final decision was that the existing beams do not have sufficient strength to meet current design codes especially regarding snow loads. There is water and ice damage to the roof. The solutions were discussed. The repairs would be costly. The council would be required to establish the best route to pursue involving the verdict of the building's future. Determination was made at the council meeting that the city hall structure was unsafe and closed the Village Hall until further analysis are performed. The council will be reviewing options on the next phase for the Village Hall and the scenario for the future.

## *Black Sox Spring Bingo*

Due to circumstances out of anyone's control, the Black Sox were forced to have to cancel their annual Spring Bingo fundraiser for this year. The Black Sox do however, ask you to come and support the team at home games this upcoming spring at the Woody Swanson Field. The Black Sox open up the baseball season on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a home game against St Louis Park at Woody Swanson Field in Carver. Then again they play on Sunday at 2 PM at the same field versus Montrose. Again at the Woody Swanson Field their Crow River Valley League season begins Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> versus Glencoe. The fall bingo will be back this fall and they are in the process of putting together all the details. Watch for updates. Check out their website and you can also schedule your calendar to watch them play ball!

## *Sixth Street Property Purchase*

The council discussed the property purchased on Sixth Street. Authorization was given for the development of a Request for proposals to select a redevelopment partner for the site. The schedule to be followed was discussed. The Planning Commission develops guiding principles for redevelopment, then makes recommendations on drafted request for partnership and then the council would approve the request for distribution. Redevelopment should be discussed and guided by the Comprehensive Plan for low density residential development.

## *Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association*

**Notice:** The Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association is NOT a part of the Park and Recreation Program that has been merged with Chaska. The CCYBSA is its own organization and will remain Carver based but is open to all who want to sign up.

Questions have been asked about how to contact and register with CCYBSA for T-Ball, Baseball and Softball. If you have computer access the organization has their own website, as follows: ccybsa.siplay.com. On the left hand side of the page you will find "Welcome", read and follow the instructions. If help is needed, click on the "contact us" help. Someone will be in contact with you.

There has been and will be a "Pitching Clinic" held at the Victoria Elementary Gym. This is in conjunction with the 3CV League communities for girls attending 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grad in the coming school year. If you have any questions, you can contact Brian Boche from Chaska.

There are positions open on the association's board. A Baseball Coordinator is needed for spring and summer of 2016. An Equipment Coordinator is also needed. Below is a detailed description.

### **Baseball Coordinator**

The Carver Community Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CCYBSA) is looking for an energetic and organized person to serve as baseball coordinator this spring and summer. This person will help organize the skills assessment for baseball that will take place in March. Following the assessment, this person will help organize the teams for coach pitch, machine pitch, and the 5th and 6th grade team. This person will coordinate with the Association Board on practice and field assignments for the 2016 season. This person will plan and hold a short meeting for coach volunteers for baseball. This person will also attend the Crow River League coaches meeting in early May as the association representative to plan baseball games with the other teams we play for machine/kid pitch and the 5th and 6th grade team. This person coordinates with the association board and equipment coordinator for equipment needs. This person will also coordinate with the uniform coordinator and coaches for uniforms and end of the year celebrations. This person will also send emails out as needed to communicate with parents and coaches before and during the season. The past year's coordinator, Mike Rafferty, will still be involved as t-ball coordinator and will help train in the person that agrees to serve as the baseball coordinator. You will also be part of our board and attend our meetings.

The baseball coordinator will receive a stipend/payment after the season for serving as coordinator.

### **Equipment Coordinator**

The Carver Community Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CCYBSA) is looking for an energetic and organized person to serve as the equipment coordinator for this spring and summer. This person will help inventory the equipment for the Tball, baseball, and softball teams. This person will work with the Association Board and coordinators to place orders for any equipment that needs to be replaced. This person will help prepare equipment bags before the season for the Tball, baseball, and softball teams. This person will monitor the equipment needs during the season to determine if additional baseballs, softballs, or other equipment need to be refilled.

This is a great way to help your community and ensure that the kids have a fun summer.

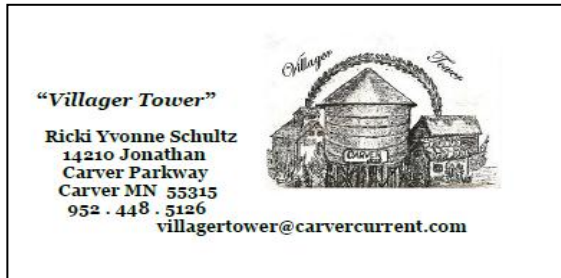
Thank-you in advance for considering these as many hands makes our organization run smoothly.  
CCYBSA Board Members

Registration for CCYBSA ends April 1st. Need boys in 5th/6th grade. Girls 7,th grade and above

**"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month"  
.....Theodore Roosevelt**

## Carver Current

Be sure to check out the "Carver Current" website for all kinds of news and the *Villager Tower*. There is a lot of interesting information. If the Villager Tower can't meet your deadline, Carver Current site can. Just another to share information. What is that website again? [www.carvercurrent.com](http://www.carvercurrent.com)



## St Nicholas - Prayer Garden

St Nicholas Church in Carver has invited everyone to become a permanent part of the Prayer Garden in Carver. This purchase would be a commemorative brick or bench and would leave a lasting legacy in honor of loved ones or a gift from your family.

"The Prayer Garden came about as the result of pure 'Miracles.' We are asking for your help to multiply those Miracles. We still have some work to do to complete the Prayer Garden which includes: purchasing statues, lighting, concrete work, Stations of the Cross, the Resurrection Chapel, the Rosary Walk, landscaping and other miscellaneous items. We are committed to completing this project in honor of our dear parishioner, Eldie Meyer. His heart was very much in this project as he volunteered to help in so many ways; may he rest in peace."

If you have computer access, you can go to the website ([www.bricksrus.com/order/fosn/](http://www.bricksrus.com/order/fosn/)) and read more information and purchase what you would like.

## Recreation Services

The council reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the controversial topic of the recreational services. A process had been initiated at the goal setting and strategic planning session designed to study the city's in-house recreation programming and facilities. The purpose of the study was to identify the baseline of existing programs inclusive of participation levels and costs. Compare and identify partnering with other jurisdictions. Analyze the functionality of existing facilities and usage. These needs were identified. The staff researched three program options.

The proposed memorandum of understanding drafted highlighted key items. The memorandum would be a thirty-seven month term to begin in December of 2015 and could be terminated by either party with a one-hundred and twenty day notice. Use of the community center, town course, Par 30 and the curling center. A minimum of twelve recreation program be provided, and facilitation of community events. The Carver staff would retain coordinating field and facility scheduling.

CHASKA will advertise program offerings in Carver within the quarterly City of Chaska Recreation Program Guide. CHASKA will also provide space within their recreation program guide for notices /announcements related to Carver based youth organizations and athletic associations such as Funky Minds and Carver Community Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CCYBSA).

CHASKA shall provide resources to plan and execute the following free events in Carver: Vehicle Fair; Movie in the Park; Outdoor Concerts and Flexible Events.

## Community Calendar

The community calendar will resume in future editions. It was this editor's opinion to skip for this issue so that the issue could actually be printed.

## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theater is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These are dedicated group of individuals that make up the community theatre and provide audiences with affordable, high quality live theatre experiences. You can look up and get more information if you have a computer by going to [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org). Their summer camp scheduled presentation is "Dragon Fly" and summer presentation is scheduled "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown". Check their website out for more information.

## Dahlgren Township Memorial Park

In the fall of 2014 one of the Dahlgren Township's resident had a tragic accident. A group of individuals approached the township board regarding construction of a Memorial Park in his name. Approval was granted to have the park on the site of the old town hall which burned down, on Dahlgren Road west of the golf course. The township also desired to include recognition of original settlers, as well, along with recognition of original board members.

"The township came into existence in April of 1863 and was originally named Liberty. ON April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1864 an election of officers was held. Elected were Charles Luedloff, Chairman, Henry Paulson, Supervisor, Charles Aue, Supervisor, Julius Wolf, Treasurer, Paul Wolf, Town Clerk, John Skone, Assessor, Charles Sorenson, Justice of the Peace, Ernest Goetzen, Constable and Michael Hesse, Constable. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1864 the state auditor suggested the name Dahlgren to honor a distinguished admiral in the Navy. The town board agreed and the township was renamed. The first post office was established in February of 1872 in Dahlgren. A second in East Union opened in April of 1873. The Dahlgren rail station opened in 1872. "

This park will be a great addition to the township and residents. Plans are simple to start, a small garden, bench and sign. Future visions include picnic table and canopy, additional landmarks, trees, plants and the like. The East Union church is planning on selling paving blocks to purchase to engrave pioneer family names to place in the park. There will be three lines with eighteen letters each at \$100. each with 100% of the proceeds raised going to the park expense. Monetary donations would also be welcomed. More information can be found at the township's website, [www.dahlgrentownship.com](http://www.dahlgrentownship.com).

## Lions Easter Egg Hunt

Kids grab your baskets, watch for that Easter Bunny and be sure on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> you come to the Carver Community Park to participate in the annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt. They will begin promptly at 10 AM. The alternate plan is still in the works, so pay attention to the weather and check on the computer if you have one or ask someone who can help to check the city's website for the alternate location in case of bad weather.

## Carver-on-the-Minnesota

At 7 p.m. on April 13, 2016 Carver on the Minnesota, Inc. will hold their Quarterly Meeting event at the Church by the River at 109 Main Street East in downtown Carver. The event presentation, "Preparing Your Bike for the Upcoming Biking Season" will be co-hosted by Michael's Cycles in Chaska and will feature all sorts of information on choosing a bike, sizing a bike, maintenance, etc. Bring your questions. The event is free, with Carver on the Minnesota furnishing snacks and beverages.

Due to the indefinite closing of the Carver City Hall Gym and Banquet Room, the Carver Lion's Pork Chop Dinner will instead be held at the Carver Fire Dept. on Jonathan Carver Parkway during the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 29, 2016. Carver on the Minnesota's Silent Auction, usually held in conjunction with the dinner, will not be held this year. Instead the organization will hold a raffle for some great prizes.



# Spring Safety Event

## Children's Minnesota Car Seat Checkup



4 out of 5 car seats are misused.

Utilize our FREE service to make sure yours are installed properly

### Appointments Required!

To schedule a car seat check, please contact:

**Esther DeLaCruz at (651) 207-2008**  
[cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com](mailto:cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com)

Certified child passenger safety technicians will check for recalls and ensure all child safety seats are installed by manufacturer specifications. Each seat check takes 20-30 minutes.

Please bring all manuals for your vehicle(s) and seat(s).

**Saturday, May 21 9 a.m. - noon**

**Carver Fire Station - 801 Jonathon Carver Pkwy, Carver, MN**

## Bike Rodeo

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!



Please bring your bike, helmet (if you have one), and a parent or guardian.

- Bike obstacle course
- Safety Tips
- Helmet fitting
- Snack & Refreshments
- Bike safety checks by a professional bicycle mechanic

**FREE!**





**CCYBSA**  
Carver Community Youth  
Baseball/ Softball Association

# PLAY BALL!

# Carver

## TBALL - BASEBALL - SOFTBALL



**Register Online by April 1st!**  
**T-Ball Deadline April 15th!**

**[www.CCYBSA.SI.PLAY.com](http://www.CCYBSA.SI.PLAY.com)**

\*\$100 Volunteer Fee will be charged at time of Registration.

Once family volunteer hours are completed, fees will be refunded Mid-Season or End Year.

**\$25**  
MVP Card

- 2016 CCYBSA Fundraiser - MVP Cards in addition to the Registration Fee!

This Fundraiser is to help with Field Maintenance and Bathroom updates. So your family can continue to enjoy the fields and their amenities. Each family will be charged \$25 for 1 card during registration. You can keep the card for your family or sell it to a family member, neighbor or friend to re-coup your investment. Additional cards are available to purchase at time of registration.

### Boys & Girls T-Ball

Grade - K Ages 4-5 \$35\*

### Boys Grades 1-6 Baseball

Grades 1 & 2 - \$75\*

Grades 3 & 4 - \$85\*

Grades 5 & 6 - \$135\*

### Girls Grades 1- 12 Fastpitch Softball

Grades 1 & 2 - \$60\*

Grades 3 & 4 - \$80\*

Grades 5 & 6 - \$80\*

Grades 7 & 8 - \$85\*

Grades 9 -12 - \$85\*

**CARVER  
BALL IS  
STILL  
HERE!**





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Lutheran Church  
in Chaska**

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*Food that makes cents*



Are you looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollar?

**Fare For All Express  
at Crown of Glory  
Lutheran Church  
in Chaska**

**Save up to 40% on groceries!**

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 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska, MN 55318  
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### 2014 Dates

May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28,  
 September 25, October 23, November 20,  
 December 18

## What type of food is for sale?

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**Regular Pack** - \$20: Save an extra \$1 by combining the Produce & Meat Only Pack.

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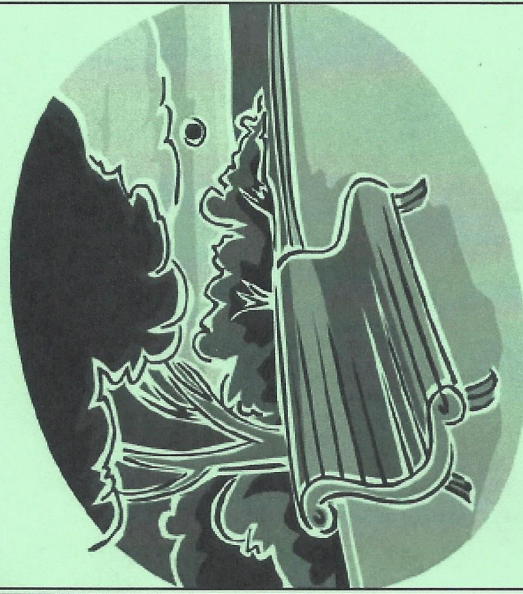
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# Dahlgren Township MEMORIAL PARK



*Buy a Brick  
and Be a Part  
of the Legacy*

THE IDEA FOR DAHLGREN TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL PARK WAS BORN WHEN OUR NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND, DENNIS LENZEN, PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 19, 2014.

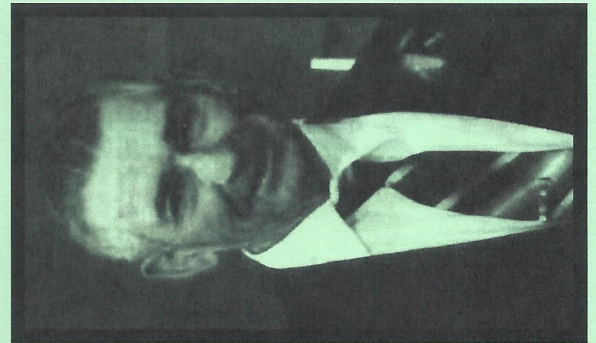
IN APPRECIATION OF WHAT DENNIS MEANT TO DAHLGREN, WE ARE WORKING TO ESTABLISH A PARK TO HONOR HIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR TOWNSHIP.

DENNIS WAS A HARD-WORKING LIFETIME RESIDENT OF DAHLGREN TOWNSHIP AND WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO LEND A HELPING HAND.

OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS PARK A REALITY BY OCTOBER 2015.

IT IS A WAY FOR US TO CREATE A LEGACY. THE PLANS TO START WILL BE SIMPLE. ADDITIONAL TREES, LANDMARKS, ETC. MAY BE ADDED TO THE PARK FOR MORE MEMORIAL TRIBUTES IN THE FUTURE.

**PLEASE DONATE TODAY**



## Order Form

| CHARACTER LIMITS                                          | Without Graphic | With Graphic  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4x8 Brick \$100                  | 3 lines of 18   | 3 lines of 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8x8 Brick \$200                  | 6 lines of 18   | 3 lines of 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8x8 Brick \$500 Donor Perk Level | 6 lines of 18   | 3 lines of 18 |

Graphic: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: (L or R/ T or B) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PAYMENT TYPE:** CHECK OR ORDER ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD  
• Make check payable to: **Dahlgren Township**

**Return this form to:**  
**Dahlgren Township**  
**c/o Rayma Smith**  
**5820 Dahlgren Road**  
**Chaska, MN 55318**

**TOTAL**  
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DAHLGREN TOWNSHIP IS EXCITED TO HONOR OUR LONG-TIME RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS BY ESTABLISHING DAHLGREN TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL PARK.

LOCATED ON DAHLGREN ROAD, WE HOPE TO BUILD A BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN COME TOGETHER TO REMEMBER ALL THOSE THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO US.

HELP US MAKE THIS PARK A REALITY. BUY A BRICK PRINTED WITH YOUR NAME, BUSINESS, THOUGHT OR MESSAGE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FUND THE BUILDING OF THE PARK.

THE PARK WILL INCLUDE A FENCE, SMALL GARDEN, BENCH AND SIGN. WE HOPE TO EVENTUALLY RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS TO INCLUDE A PICNIC TABLE AND CANOPY FOR RESIDENTS TO ENJOY.

Bricks Provided By:



## BRICK OPTIONS

### 4x8 Bricks

- 3 lines of 18 character personalization
- Graphic available on the Left or Right side with a 3 line, 10 character/line limit *(includes spaces and punctuation)*



### 8x8 Bricks

- 6 lines of 18 character personalization
- Graphic available on the Top or Bottom with a 3 line, 18 character/line limit *(includes spaces and punctuation)*



## ORDERING PROCESS

For your convenience, attached to this brochure is an order form. Fill out the attached portion and drop off at or mail to:

Dahlgren Township  
c/o Rayma Smith  
5820 Dahlgren Road  
Chaska, MN 55318

OR

To order online, please visit:  
<http://thatismybrick.com/dahlgren>

## GRAPHICS & LOGOS

That's My Brick! can create a truly unique brick for you or your company. All approved images can be found at: [thatismybrick.com/dahlgren/graphics.php](http://thatismybrick.com/dahlgren/graphics.php)

NOTE: Adding an image reduces the character limit for the 4x8 to 3 lines of 10 characters and for the 8x8 to 3 lines of 18 characters.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions? Please Contact:  
[dahlgrenpark@yahoo.com](mailto:dahlgrenpark@yahoo.com)  
952-368-4493

**2016 Carver Lions Annual  
Easter Egg Hunt**

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

**Saturday, March 26, 2016  
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 Church by the River, downtown Carver.**

