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In Memory of Gwen Reimer

Levee Update

The council heard an update from the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the feasibility study, estimated costs and provide feedback on the levee.

Over the years, the city has been in contact with federal legislators for support for funding of a feasibility study on the existing levee towards certification. The Carver levee is the highest priority on the St Paul District's list for study. The corps discussed with the city the steps necessary for feasibility studies and prioritization steps. The first step is a Federal Interest Determination using existing available information. Reviewing the problems with the existing levee, alternative, rough order of magnitude estimate of cost for improvements. This study would provide a construction path for certifying the city's levee system. The city had successfully met the benefits test for the determination last fall. Moving forward the city needs to enter into an agreement with the Corps. Discussions have occurred between the city and the Army Corps of Engineers. The city staff reviewed the cost increases and the use of the federal funding provided by the corps district. Further discussions are scheduled. Costs were reviewed.

The corps representatives were of the opinion that once the study has begun, a check-in point could be set after determination of the economic date and costs that provide the cost benefit ratio determined. The staff recommended that the city review the feedback from the Corps of Engineers and then discuss any additional information.

At a work session of the council the Corps of Engineers provided an update on the feasibility study process for the Certified Levee Project. Questions were asked regarding the amount of federal money already spent. A summary of expenditures to date will be provided to the council.

Certificate of Appropriateness

The Building Official discussed the Certificate of Appropriateness. Currently, property alterations in the historic district require approval from the Heritage Preservation Commission. Alterations could include routine projects involving sidewalks, plantings, and miscellaneous 'non-structure' related work. The timing of said projects has always been a concern with property owners. With a code amendment, the staff could expedite insignificant alterations in the historic district.

Current language authorizes the building official to review and approve certain actions/alterations. The Heritage Preservation Commission would still review structure related alteration applications. The proposed amendment would reassign the city manager the authority to review and designate action and the building official would determine requirement of a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Heritage Preservation Commission will review and discuss the proposed ordinance.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; But often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

~ Helen Keller

Park and Ride

The city planner informed the council that the Park and Ride Project is nearing completion and would soon be closed out. The purpose of the information is to document the history of the project and to provide the council with the current estimate on the total amount of the unfunded project expenses remaining. A recap of the project history is that the city was awarded a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant for construction of the Park and Ride and then three years of demonstration express bus service. Determination had been made that the city was not interested in pursuing entrance into the taxing district but desired to pursue completion of the project. The city entered into an agreement with the Community Development Agency. A Site Improvement Agreement was entered into with the Community Development Agency regarding the underpass project. Costs involved with projected were reviewed by the council. The Carver Crossing project was also an integral equation in the process. Phase I and Phase II projects of this initial set up is nearing closeout. The Park and Ride Closeout Carver Station was substantially complete and the transit services started in January of 2015. Several punch list items have caused the project to remain open. The county is finalizing project reconciliation to determine final payment. Once the amounts are finalized then the agreement and final payment between the city the agency will be determined.

The city planner summarized the project history providing the council with the current estimate on the total amount of unfunded project expenses remaining on the Park and Ride Close out project. Based on the existing fund balance in the fund the city costs will remain after funds from all other entities are collected and the city costs were reviewed. To close the account the city will have to approve a transfer of funding from the Special Project Capital Fund.

Bluff Ordinance

The Building Official reviewed the Bluff Ordinance with the city council. The official pointed out that staff has worked with property owners along the bluffs to maintain compliance with city code ensuring the integrity of the bluff. One of the major reasons and concerns for regulating is due to the different soil types in the city and the potential for erosion along the bluff. The current code does not specifically allow plantings in the tier one buffer area. Allowing native plantings in this area could help to minimize erosion and enhance the natural character of the bluff. The proposed changes to code would allow planting in the tier one buffer area. The Planning Commission is to consider ordinance amendment with a Public Hearing.

Third Street Bridge Update

The city engineer gave the council an update on the Third Street Bridge deterioration providing photos. He discussed necessary repairs required. Discussion was held regarding removal of the headwall, sloping the riprap and fencing options.

One of the greatest titles in the world is parent, and one of the biggest blessings in the world is to have parents to call mom and dad.

~ Jim DeMint

Command Vehicle

The council was presented with a summary of research from the Carver Fire Department supporting obtaining a Command Vehicle. The item was budgeted in the 2017 budget. The department's recommendation was a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor.

The Fire Chief presented the council with a request for authorization to purchase a 2017 Ford Explorer/Interceptor necessary for the command vehicle response. This vehicle would allow command the ability to have a quicker response along with necessary medical equipment for first responder calls. The purchase had been budgeted in the Fire Department's Capital Fund. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer Interceptor vehicle at designated cost.

Housing Options Legislation

The mayor provided the council with a summary of the initiative by the Housing Options Coalition which would reduce the risk of town-home and condominium litigation. The council will review and consider a resolution regarding this topic.

District # 112

The Chaska High School Principal attended the council meeting to welcome the City of Carver to the District # 112 Learning Community. The upcoming opening of the Carver Elementary will bring the district into the city and this is a top priority for the district. The principal relayed that they are excited to be present here to serve and partner with the City of Carver. The mayor thanked the principal.

Library Update

The Carver County Library Director attended the council meeting delivering the library's annual report for 2016. The director also presented an overview of the library's highlights and the Carver Express Library's statistics. Question was asked of the director's opinion of the Express Library. The director stated that the Express Library had been very successful. New opportunities may also include outreach into different areas with the city to include the new apartment units. There is also an opportunity to form an alliance with the new school.

2017 Improvement Project

The city engineer discussed the 2017 Improvement Project was discussed with the council. Concern was expressed regarding the number of trees projected to be lost as part of the project. The property owners will be met with and discussions held on why trees are affected and there are plans to replace most of the trees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the plans and specification, and scheduling bid opening.

Miscellaneous

Councilmember reported on attending the Carver County Community Leaders meeting. Report was given that the county and the State of MN are short-funded for road projects. Therefore, the council will likely increase the wheelage tax and add a county tax. Recommendation was submitted that residents speak with the County Commissioner, Jim Ische.

The city engineer discussed the annual presentation regarding the city's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit. The city has been operating the General Storm Water Permit since 2003. Annually the city is required to hold a public meeting regarding the topic. The storm water utility fees cover the costs associated with the annual report. The annual presentation was scheduled to occur in June.

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Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, a touch that never hurts.

~ Charles Dickens

Village Hall

The City Manager updated the council on the Community Spaces project including the timeline of events, summary of outreach events, residential engagements and an overview of the choices. The new option of new construction of a new Village Hall/City Hall was reviewed.

Proposal # 6 was asked if it was the same as the current footprint for the city hall and village hall. The city manager responded that the proposal was ninety percent of the original footprint allowing for sidewalks, dumpster storage, etc. The plan reviewed allowed for the availability during the planning stages to increase the size of the building if necessary. The proposal also allows time to address other issues.

Inquiry was made as to where the city staff would operate during demolition and construction. The plan had not yet been developed and would require working out as an action plan if the option were chosen. Alcohol policies were asked about. The council would be required to set the alcohol policy.

Question was asked about capacity for gathering space. The city manager advised that the numbers did not exist yet. The square footage on the preliminary draft was approximately forty two hundred square feet for each level. The existing square footage is approximately three thousand square feet. The city manager pointed out that the design would be different than the current layout and would probably include a large event space as previously. The mayor interjected that it could be anything wanted to designate.

Question was asked about the larger events occurring in the new school. The manager indicated the district's policy included in the council packets discussed requirements, such as kitchen crew member on site, tobacco and alcohol free zone etc. Council member expressed acceptance of concept but had concerns of parking in the downtown area. The mayor stated that parking was not necessarily an issue. Motion was made to approve Option 2 but died due lack of second. Motion was then made to select the new construction of the Village Hall. The city manager requested amendment to the motion to indicate 'preferred choice' and not necessarily to move forward with the project. Another motion was made but further discussion held on the concept. Question was asked if it wouldn't be beneficial to get more feedback from residents on the option. Concern was expressed about the size of the hall and hosting larger events in a larger space. There were discussions of desiring a commercial kitchen. Meetings could continue to be held at the Church-by-the-River. By doing so, would it then allow for a larger community space? The city manager clarified that space adjustments could be done and design details reconfigured. Final motion was made and carried with all ayes amending motion to select new construction on the Village Hall site as the preferred option to move forward with. The city manager gave a timeline estimate for recapping details with the preferred option decision. It will be necessary to be thoughtful and thorough forming the action plan for the whole process. He further clarified that this did not mean that the project was approved yet. Referendum information and the financing mechanism would all be relevant in the process.

Building Official

The building official updated the council on issues in the building sector of the city. The building permit has been issued for the Day Care Center proposed. The interior finishes of the Dental office are completed. At the Centra Homes site, the contractor still needs to lay sod, landscaping and driveway work. At the Carver Ridge 2nd Addition two houses are being constructed and three lots remain. Fifteen houses are under construction for Mattamy Homes. Christy's Bluff has a home under construction in the development, sod, landscaping and driveways are needed on two other properties. Riverview Estates has two houses under construction at the time of this report. The building official continues work with homeowners.

Carver County Community Development Agency

The Deputy Director from the Community Development Agency attended the council meeting and provided an overview of the agency. The deputy director also reminded everyone that almost all of the services that the agency provides are free of charge to all county residents and businesses located in the county. The director was thanked for her providing the presentation and creating awareness on the services provided.

2040 Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission and the city council held a joint session to discuss the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The city planner reviewed the guiding principles of the Focus Group which included the Development of Community Cohesiveness through Collaboration, Completion of Commercial and Industrial Development, Support Historic Downtown, Encouragement of Affordable Housing for the Aging and new residents, communication, education, and Transparency and Leverage park and School Partnerships.

The future land use map continues to be prepared and reviewed by the two entities with the city planner who stated that the planning area and familiarization of the planning boundary, location of existing major road infrastructure, existing development and environmental features on landscape will be done. Also, to be reviewed will be the Metropolitan's Council's requirements for staging of growth on how the city does or does not stage could impact the future land use designations on certain parcels. The two entities began to start identifying areas on the large base map for future commercial development, industrial, high and medium density housing. Identification was made indicating the land use designations and with further discussions can be moved. Some areas will see development within the next five years and others not until well after 2040.

Administration Report

The council was told that the audit had been performed and the report would be sent. The city's liquor sales ordinances are being reviewed to ensure conformity with the Sunday off-sale liquor license change effective in July of 2017. The city's insurance policy is being reviewed verifying coverage. Special thanks were extended to the administrative staff at the city hall for all their support and work provided throughout the year coinciding with celebrating Administrative Professional's Day. All of the hard work by the staff is greatly appreciated.

The council reviewed the application for new sanitation license. The city ordinance allows for three sanitation licenses with the city. Elite Waste Disposal recently sold their business to Republic Services Inc. and service had begun. Republic Services Inc submitted their application with all the required documents for the balance of the year. The staff recommended approval of the new license.

Strategic Plan

The City Manager discussed with the city the Strategic Plan. The council was requested to adopt the 2017 – 2022 plan. The city manager participated at a strategic planning retreat facilitated by HUE Life with preparation of a Strategic Planning Report for the city. The report identifies a vision, developed through the strategic planning process, centered around three core areas which include opportunities, development and identity.

Opportunities involve exceptional recreational venues meeting community needs and attracting visitors. Has services and infrastructure to meet current needs, promote future opportunities and investment. The development aspect is a community having a variety of housing choices for all stages of life with a diverse, vibrant economy with a combination of unique shops, established businesses and industry. Identity encompasses unique history and natural heritage. A community built on trust with value through partnerships and civic engagement. The vision led to the development of seven strategic directions including staffing, communication, infrastructure, parks and amenities, partnerships, planning and interpersonal and economic and housing development. "The vision and strategic directives, along with supplementary information and data, will be used to develop an "action plan" for the implementation of the overall plan." Previously the council requested solicitation of a proposal from HUE Life to facilitate an action planning process for the strategic plan. A proposal had been submitted for a three hour action plan session.

The City Manager discussed the strategic plan topic with the council. It was indicated that the next step was to put an action plan together. Proposal had been submitted requesting a proposal for an action plan session. In the past, the city staff had prepared an action plan for the city for review and discussion. The mayor indicated that Mr Fursman had done a great job with the strategic plan but he also was of the opinion that the city manager and the staff could put the action plan together. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt the 2017 -2022 Strategic Plan for the city.

Not United - Human Trafficking

The Lead Facilitator, Jessica Bartholomew introduced herself to the council and provided an overview of the Anti Child Trafficking United (A.C.T). The organization provides awareness training on juvenile sex trafficking. She also pointed out how this pertains to Carver County and the State of Minnesota and how this organization is addressing the issue. The council was asked to consider two items involving partnering to host a community café dialogue on the topic and partnering on creating trafficking awareness and internet safety within the school, targeting education for the youth.

Corridor Study

The city manager discussed with the council the topic involving the corridor study involving County Road # 11/Jonathan Carver Parkway. The council also reviewed the topic involving a Joint Powers Agreement with the county on the same issue. The council identified the necessity to conduct a long range planning effort for the corridor during the goal setting and strategic planning session. It is anticipated that this corridor will encounter significant development and traffic demands over the next several decades. In order to proactively plan for these demands. The city has reached out to the county promoting this idea of a study. The corridor study uses a combination of analytics, stakeholder input, and direction from policy makers to plan for future intersection development, lane configurations, and other design elements along County Road # 11/Jonathan Carver Parkway. It would take approximately one year to complete the study. The overall cost was reviewed for the study and would be cost sharing of fifty/fifty with the county.

Water Filtration

The Public Services Director discussed the Water Filtration Skid installation with the council. Working with the engineers and having received approval from the State of MN Department of Health a rented water filtration skid had been installed. This functioned as a pilot project to determine if it would treat the city's unfiltered well to meet the summer peak demand. After testing the filtration system and obtaining approval it was recommended by the staff to make the filtration skid system a permanent installation. That would involve burying the above ground piping and addition additional valves, flow meters, control and monitoring equipment.

2017 Watering Restrictions

As summer begins the watering restriction also begin. There is no watering allowed between 10 AM and 6 PM. Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on odd numbered calendar days. Even number addresses on even numbered calendar days. Be considerate and if you need to understand why these restrictions are in place, contact your city personnel.

Roots Return Heritage Farm

Roots Return Heritage Farm will be updating their Facebook and localharvest.org page soon to let our customers know the status of things on the farm. Weather dependent the farm is looking at an opening in June. Keep watching for updates.



Rental Space Available

Looking for space to set up an office or shop? There is space available in downtown Carver in one of the historical buildings, 208 Broadway Street is available for you to rent. Interested and need more information? Contact Greg at 612.386.9488.



Cup of Carver

It's official....June has arrived. Have you stopped at Cup of Carver for that ice cream cone? Why not? Got more than one flavor? Got more than once scoop? Is it soft ice cream or the two scoop kind? Well you better go and find out what Lori is offering. Summer hours are here, Monday through Friday, 6 AM until 6 PM. Saturday and Sunday 7 AM until 4 PM.



City Planner Update

The city planner updated the council on the various developments throughout the city. A petition for annexation has been submitted for the Olsen property identified as the Hartman Communities. The Hartmann Communities also submitted an application for rezoning, planned residential development and a preliminary plat. A Public Hearing is scheduled with the Planning Commission.

Trinity/MI Homes known as the Butler Property was reviewed with the council. The Metropolitan Council is currently reviewing the Comprehensive Plan amendment changing future land use guidance from medium density to low density residential. A Public Hearing has been held with the Planning Commission regarding the application for the preliminary plat, rezoning and planned residential development.

The Fidely property identified as the Hallblade development has approved the plat. Coordination between the city and the applicant is being done regarding installation of utilities. Release for recording will be done upon completion of the conditions in the final plat resolution.

The plat for Carver Square (Children of Tomorrow Daycare) was recorded and construction has begun.

The Planning Commission reviewed the two proposals submitted for the Sixth Street Property. The preferred proposal recommendation was forwarded to the council. The City Planner requested authorization for the staff to proceed with discussions with Shingobee Builders for the acquisition and redevelopment of the Sixth Street property. Shingobee Builders presented their proposal to the council. Previously the staff and the Planning Commission had authorized preparation of a Request for Proposals pursuing redevelopment. Guiding Principles had been prepared by the Planning Commission.

Both proposals received utilized the tax increment financing to fund the development. The city's financial consultant provided preliminary review of the proposal from a financial perspective. The proposal essentially was the same as the concept plan previously received in 2015 from CCR Homes/Community Asset Development Group. This proposal involved the purchase by the builder of finished building pads and the city demolishing the building, complete environmental remediation and install necessary road and utilities. The new homes would be owner occupied. The total costs to the city for development estimated were reviewed and did not include twin homes to be constructed after sale by the developer. The payment formula was reviewed with sales price paid by the purchaser and balance by the city through grants and tax increment financing. The financial implications of this proposal would require reviewal by the staff and the consultants. This proposal would be utilizing tax increment financing through 2042 meaning that new generated taxes by the project due to increased value of the property would not be available to the city and other taxing entities until approximately 2042. The site is designated as low density residential use in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. This proposal would be consistent.

Shingobee Builders proposal included a two story structure for senior living with capacity for independent living, assisted living, memory care and or skilled nursing care. Square footage was discussed. A market feasibility study prepared by the developer following an agreement to purchase would determine actual types of facility financial viable for the site. Range of monthly rents were reviewed dependent on type of senior living and level of care. With this proposal, there would not be any new road or utility extensions required. Redevelopment would be completed by the developer subject to the terms of a purchase and redevelopment agreement. The developer proposed a purchase price based on the current environmental reports. The property would be delivered to the developer "as is" subject to the various conditions to purchase listed within their proposal. The developer also requested tax increment financing in an unspecified amount. Staff and consultants would require to review the financial implications of the proposal. If the proposal were selected, a Comprehensive Plan amendment would also be required. This amendment would be reviewed as a part of the entitlement process that would be a condition to the purchase in a purchase agreement.

The Planning Commission had deliberated on the pros and cons of each proposal. After significant discussions primarily regarding the community benefits and the development risks the commissioners unanimously recommended proceeding with the Shingobee proposal.

A preliminary review financially for each proposal was provided. Both proposals require additional information to prepare a financial analysis of the redevelopment and the financial impact on the city. Presently, requested action was not to enter into a purchase agreement with Shingobee but authorize the staff to proceed with discussions with an end result towards acquisition and redevelopment of the Sixth Street Property.

The council discussed the Sixth Street Redevelopment project and reviewed the topic from former meeting. Additional questions were asked. A Shingobee Builders representative was present at the meeting and provided an overview noting that the design would be a collaborative product the will be doing a market study as part of the process. The plan is scheduled to begin in fall. The mayor inquired about ownership. The partnership would be between Shingobee and Tom Opatz the Senior Housing Consultant/Operator. Shingobee would build and Senior Housing would manage it. It was the mayor's opinion that there was a definite need for senior housing and hr is looking forward to the partnership. Question was asked about the Comprehensive Care License. This would be researched further and would be the focus of the Senior Housing Consultant. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the staff to proceed with discussions with Shingobee Builders for the acquisition and redevelopment of the Sixth Street property.

Carver Vehicle Fair – New Location!

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Climb aboard the big rigs and touch a truck at the Carver Park & Ride Station. Explore heavy equipment vehicles, firetrucks, police cars, recreational vehicles, and more! There will be a bounce house and food available to purchase.




All ages welcome! Free to all! Carver Park & Ride Station, Jonathan Carver Parkway and Ironwood Drive

Carver Current

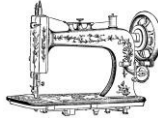
The "Villager Tower" publications can be found at www.carvercurrent.com, along with other important information involving the community from various sources. You can post time sensitive events at the "Carver Current" site, as well. This site is a great way to share information.

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Mending

Are you looking for someone to fix that favorite shirt, skirt, or pants that the seam came undone? Or the favorite jeans that the inner stitching has parted? Or how about that cute little dress you just bought for your daughter, niece or godchild and the seam needs to be re-sewn? Will do mending for you, if interested. Call and see if I can help you out and you won't have to toss out that favorite piece of clothing, or worry about pins popping open when you are out and about. Some things are a simple fix and just need someone to be willing to fix it. Call Ricki at 952.448.5126 and see if I can repair those favorites or expensive items you can't bear to throw away.

Genealogy

Looking at searching that family tree? Like where did my ancestors come from? Curiosity growing? Or maybe you know someone who is looking for someone in their family? Tried to search alone? Cost too much? Don't know where to begin? Ancestry charges \$19.99 per month for six months, as long as you stay in the USA, after that it's an additional \$99. And more if you need to search beyond the USA and this cost may change.

Well, I may be able to help you. If you would like me to help you with your family tree, it would be only \$10.00 per generation for each side of your family, (\$10.00 for your side and \$10.00 per generation on spouse's side). You can't go wrong.

All that is required from you, your full name, date of birth and place of birth, parent's names and dates of birth. If you have any other names that you think can help, you can add them.

I will take it from there. Give me a call or e-mail and we'll get started. Contact Rose Keown at 928.764.3630 or rosekeown@frontiernet.net and we'll begin the process and find your heritage.

SHOPS OF CARVER



The Good Junk Garage** 109 1/2 3rd Street E.	Sweeter Times** 200 Broadway N
Carver Flowers 109 3rd Street E.	Sweet Repeats 208 Broadway N
Stages 109 3rd Street E.	Ms. Mac's Antiques** 300 Broadway N.
Sassy Kat Boutique** 221 Broadway N	Farm Girl Junk** 300 Broadway N.
	Studio H** 308 Broadway N.

**These businesses are occasional shops that are typically open the third weekend of the month, check each shops Facebook page for open dates

Don't forget July's Softball Tournaments in Carver.....

Community Calendar

July 2017



- July 3rd Council Meeting
Drill Night
- July 4th Independence Day (4th of July)
- July 5th Happy Birthday Doug!
- July 7th National Strawberry Sundae Day
- July 8th Happy Birthday Hunter!
- July 9th Happy Birthday Donna!
Happy Birthday Dan!
- July 10th Parks Commission Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Officer's Meeting – Fire Department
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
SW Metro Chamber Meeting
Carver-On-The-MN Meeting
- July 12th Happy Birthday Maria!
- July 13th Happy Birthday David!
- July 14th Happy Birthday Paul!
Happy Birthday Barb!
- July 15th Happy Birthday Krissy!
Happy Birthday Tony!
- July 17th Council Meeting
School Board Meeting
Drill Night
Happy Birthday Doug!!
- July 19th Lion's Meeting (Stick's Tavern)
- July 20th Carver Concert Series
Planning Commission Meeting
- July 22nd Happy Birthday Becky!
- July 23rd Parent's Day
Happy Anniversary Doug and Aletta!
Happy Anniversary Karen and Jerry!
- July 24th Fire Department Meeting Night
- July 25th National Hot Fudge Sundae Day
Happy Birthday Janelle!
Happy Birthday Marvin!
Happy Birthday Kaylie!
- July 26th Happy Birthday Bonnie!
- July 27th Oklahoma Opens – Chaska Valley Family Theatre
Happy Anniversary Tony and Jane!
- July 29th Happy Anniversary Dan and Carol!

Carver Events

June events for Carver - Friday, June 2nd at dusk at the Community Park will be Star Light Movie Series. You can view a free movie under the stars on the big screen. Pack up the kids, blankets and picnic basket and come watch the feature,

The Black Sox are hosting Family Day, Saturday, June 3rd at 12:45 PM at the Community Park. Kids will get the opportunity to practice with the team and receive a free hot dog and soda. Can't beat that deal huh kids? At 2 PM the Black Sox will be playing the Cologne Hollanders. Kids are free and the adults pay at the gate a whole two dollars. Now where can you find family fun for that rate?

Friday, June 16th at 10 AM until 10:45 AM at the Lions Park in Carver is "Kids YOGA in the Park". This is a free event. Yoga instructor Missy Goff will lead the kids through an interactive story while doing yoga poses and stretches.

The fun continues with the Archery Camp on Tuesday through Thursday, June 20th through 22nd at 12:30 PM until 3 PM at RiverSide Park. You can learn proper archery techniques shooting with both compound and recurve bows. Be sure to register at the Chaska Community Center for this event. Then also at the RiverSide Park June 27th through the 29th is the Outdoor Cooking Camp. Registration is also necessary at the Chaska Community Center. In July at the park will also be Family Archery and S'mores event. For more information contact the Chaska Community Center.

The Carver Vehicle Fair will be held on June 21st at the Carver Station. (reference insert) Also the Carver Concert Series begins. June 15th at the Gazebo Park in downtown Carver at 7 PM until 8:30 PM will be entertained by "Funkwire".

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure; but, scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

~Joseph Addison

National Dairy Month

By: American Dairymen

"June is National Dairy Month. National Dairy Month started out as National Milk Month in 1937 as a way to promote drinking milk. National Dairy Month is a great way to start the summer with nutrient-rich dairy foods.

"It was initially created to stabilize the dairy demand when production was at a surplus, but has now developed into an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions the dairy industry has made to the world. It is a good time to take a moment and acknowledge the contribution the dairy industry has made to the US.

Milk and milk products have played an important role in America's history since 1611, when the first cows were brought to Jamestown, Virginia. The milk bottle was invented by Dr. Hervey Thatcher in Potsdam, New York in 1884 and it was not until 1895 that commercial pasteurizing machines were introduced. Another key development in the growth of the dairy industry has been the important research and experimentation which has resulted in improved methods of selection, breeding and feeding of cows.

"...the first official account of ice cream in the New World comes from a letter written in 1744 by a guest of Maryland Governor William Bladen and records show that President George Washington spent approximately \$200 for ice cream during the summer of 1790. President Thomas Jefferson was said to have a favorite 18-step recipe for an ice cream delicacy that resembled a modern-day Baked Alaska. In 1813, Dolley Madison served a magnificent strawberry ice cream creation at President Madison's second inaugural banquet at the White House.

"Until 1800, ice cream remained a rare and exotic dessert enjoyed mostly by the elite. Around 1800, insulated ice houses were invented. Manufacturing ice cream soon became an industry in America. Wide availability of ice cream in the late 19th century led to new creations. In 1874, the American soda fountain shop and the profession of the "soda jerk" emerged with the invention of the ice cream soda. In response to religious criticism for eating "sinfully" rich ice cream sodas on Sundays, ice cream merchants left out the carbonated water and invented the ice cream "Sunday" in the late 1890's. The name was eventually changed to "sundae" to remove any connection with the Sabbath.

"Ice cream became an edible morale symbol during World War II. Each branch of the military tried to outdo the others in serving ice cream to its troops. In 1945, the first "floating ice cream parlor" was built for sailors in the western Pacific. When the war ended, and dairy product rationing was lifted, America celebrated its victory with ice cream. Americans consumed over 20 quarts of ice cream per person in 1946.

"In the 1940s through the '70s, ice cream production was relatively constant in the United States. As more prepackaged ice cream was sold through supermarkets, traditional ice cream parlors and soda fountains started to disappear. Now, specialty ice cream stores and unique restaurants that feature ice cream dishes have surged in popularity. These stores and restaurants are popular with those who remember the ice cream shops and soda fountains of days past, as well as with new generations of ice cream fans."

This information from the internet and published by the American Dairymen.



Chaska Valley
Family Theatre

Opening July 27th at the Chaska Community Center Theatre is Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma". Then will again put on their performance on July 28th, July 29th and July 30th, August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. For more information you can go to their website at cvft.org. Don't have a computer, call 952.250.7206 for information.

Carver Black Sox

Be sure to check out the Carver Black Sox at the Community Park on June 3rd. If you can't make it that day, check out their schedule below and try to get to one of the games. Support the local teams.

The city announced that the Home Team Dugouts received upgrades. The Carver Black Sox's dugouts at the Community Park received new roofs. The city also extends the invitation to come out and cheer on the Black Sox and while you are there check out those upgrades!. Go Team! You can also check out their website and find out who the players are and how they are doing.

Below is June's Carver Black Sox Schedule:

Game Info	Sat, 6/3/17	2:00 PM	Cologne-Black Sox Family Day	<u>Woody Swanson Field</u>
Game Info	Sun, 6/4/17	2:00 PM	Brownton	<u>Woody Swanson Field</u>
Game Info	Fri, 6/9/17	6:30 PM	@ Union Hill Bulldogs	<u>NEW PRAGUE MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD</u>
Game Info	Sat, 6/10/17	4:00 PM	@ TBD	<u>NEW PRAGUE MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD</u>
Game Info	Sun, 6/11/17	1:30 PM	@ TBD	<u>NEW PRAGUE MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD</u>
Game Info	Wed, 6/14/17	7:30 PM	@ Waterville	William J. Grose Field
Game Info	Sat, 6/17/17	2:00 PM	Winsted Wildcats	<u>Woody Swanson Field</u>
Game Info	Sun, 6/18/17	5:00 PM	@ Hamburg Hawks	<u>Hawks Park</u>
Game Info	Tue, 6/20/17	7:30 PM	@ Cleveland	LeCenter Park
Game Info	Sat, 6/24/17	2:00 PM	Plato	<u>Woody Swanson Field</u>
Game Info	Sun, 6/25/17	Cancelled	Mayer	<u>Woody Swanson Field</u>
Game Info	Tue, 6/27/17	7:30 PM	@ Shakopee Indians	Schleper Field-Tahpah Park

Steam Boat Days'

I realize that summer is just beginning and I really am not trying to rush things, but please anyone who has anything they wish to submit for SteamBoat Days now is the time to start composing. I only have a small window of time to print your information, since the newsletter is only published monthly.

St Nicholas Church

The St Nicholas Church is putting together their July Multicultural Festival. It will take place on July 15th and July 16th. Watch for more details in next month's issue.

East Union Lutheran Church

Continued support is given for Heidi Gusenius and her family. Heidi continues her battle again Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. The church and other continue to hold them in their prayers and support. You can follow Heidi's journey through her CaringBridge site.

Carver Lions

"Interested in becoming a member of Lions Clubs? Just stop by a meeting and they will get you started. Membership is open to men and women." When are the meetings you ask? They meet the first and third Wednesday of the month, except June, July and August. The Lions will be meeting at Lenzen's Barn for their June 19th meeting. July and August meetings will be held at Dahlgreen Township's Golf Course Stick's Tavern. New officers will be elected this month. Watch for upcoming issues for news on new officers.



Carver Parks

Did you know? Do you know that the City of Carver currently enjoys almost fifteen hundred acres of parks and permanently protected open space? The City of Carver would also like you to know that the open space "...has been identified as an item that sets Carver apart from most Twin Cities communities. As growth of the city occurs, continued protection of those natural resources, such as bluffs and wetlands, will be enhance the open space network that already exists." The city would also like to announce that the community parks, campsites and trails are all open. Where are the parks you ask? Most of us may know, but remember there are new residents in the community that are not fully orientated yet or don't receive utility bills or live in Dahlgren or elsewhere. As a longtime resident, even I was surprised when it is displayed as was in your insert from the city.

So where are the parks? There is the Community Park; an address identified as 800 6th Street West where there are two playgrounds, Rock Boulder play area, two volleyball courts, three softball fields, baseball field, skate park, ice rink, warming house, park shelter, restroom, paved trails and most importantly, the Home of the Carver Black Sox Baseball Team.

Riverside Park, 300 Main Street East has four primitive campsites, archery range, horseshoe pits, boat launch, USFW Trailhead, portable restroom, and the home of the Soggy Bottom Golf Tourney. The campsites are available for rent.

Lions Park, 700 Mt Hope Road, has one softball field, one tennis court, one basketball court, a playground, park shelter and restrooms.

Bluff Park, 102 Carver Bluffs Parkway, one softball field, three soccer fields, park shelter, restrooms and USFW Trailhead.

Gazebo Park, 307 Broadway, of course the gazebo, landscaped gardens, free Little Library, and Home of the Carver Concert Series.

Overlook Park, 704 Riesgraf Road is a park that is a natural area with a trail leading to the bluff overlook.

Last but not least is the Depot Park, 308 Old Carver Road East (also identified as County Road # 40) where you will find covered picnic tables, barbeque grills, the historic caboose (thanks Carver Lions and others) the water tower, the trailhead to Carver Bluffs Regional Trail and portable restroom.

The Carver trails map can be found on the city's website. There is a network of trails in Carver that are accessible for running, walking and biking. There is a trail linking Carver and Chaska along the old Union Pacific Railroad.

Also the shelters and the Gazebo are all available for rent along with campsites. If you are interested in renting, contact the City of Carver for an application.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball

Association

The youth group is well under way playing, learning and having fun! The schedule is on line if you have a computer. Just go to www.ccybsa.siplay.com and scroll over to 'schedule', click on it and you can find when, where and who is playing whom. Go support the group and have fun with them.

Canoe Trip and Picnic

You are invited join Carver on the Minnesota for their FREE (though donations are always appreciated) 2017 Summer Solstice Canoe Trip and Picnic! The Fifth Annual Minnesota River Canoe trip is a 3-4hour canoe trip on the morning of June 18th, and a picnic on the historic Minnesota River between the Jordan boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park.

See flyer inserted in the newsletter for more details and information.

The organization has a few extra equipped canoes to use on a first-come-first-served basis. If interested, contact Ken Forner to reserve one. Or bring your own canoe or kayak. For more information and to make reservations, please contact us by June 12th 2017 at 952.368.3052 (office) or e-mail Ken at kenforner@visi.com.

"Change is the end result of all true learning."

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2017 Graduation

By: Ricki Yvonne

It's that time of the year again. It happens every year for young adolescents throughout the land. We don't pay attention unless we are directly involved. Otherwise the day usually held in June passes unnoticed.

For the young students it is the major stepping stone in their lives. The world revolves only around them for a very short time. They are the center of attention whether they want it to be or not. The major events in early lives are baptism, holy communion, confirmation, sixteenth birthday and then graduation. Graduation day probably being the most impact that a young individual really pays attention to this early in their lives. Their excitement is contagious.

They are about to embark into the big world for the first time getting their real first taste of total independence. Little do they realize at this point that this taste can turn bitter quickly. Realities of adulthood about to set in. Not to diminish this important event and excitement, only a dose of reality. Every step taken forward is success rather than not moving at all.

For some individuals it will be a beginning, for some the end and for still others a very confusing time in their life full of disappointments. Some know exactly where they are headed and what they want next, others aren't always so certain and then there always those scared silly. Some go on to marvelous success, some stumble into success and some feel that they fail miserably when in actuality they don't. We all make an impact in this world no matter how large or how small someone might believe. Each individual success can only be measured by the individual living that momentum. Only those living their own life know their own failures, defeats, achievements, successes, downfalls, pit falls and benefits can only then continue to chart their next step in their own journey establishing their own goals.

So what is the point? Live your life to the fullest. Answer to yourself. Don't look backwards, only move forward. Measure each step as success, learning experience and learn from your mistakes, don't let them suck you under into defeat. Because way down the road



into the future and after all of life's ups and downs, stepping stones into the future, you will reflect back and go "Wow" I achieved far more than I ever imagined or thought. Congratulations to all graduates in 2017



and into the future.

Summer Food Program

School is out, but still serving nutrition. Free Lunch this summer for children 18 and younger. There will be Free bag lunches available at Riverview Terrace Park June 12th through August 25th (no food 7/3 and 7/4). Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM (first come – first served). Free bag lunch and fun activities for all kids 18 and under. Does not have to reside in Park to receive a free lunch. Hungry, need companionship, need to know people care stop at Riverview Terrace and eat and make friends.



June Monthly Feature

Zodiac Sign

Gemini

May 21st – June 20th



June's Birthstone

Pearl – symbol purity

Greeks believed pearls were hardened tears of joy from Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love

Flower of the Month

Rose and Honeysuckle

Pink Rose – Perfect Happiness

Red Rose – “I love You”

White Rose – Innocence and purity

Yellow Rose – Jealousy or decrease in love

Single Red Rose – “I REALLY Love you”

1 Single Rose – exemplifies the meaning of single color



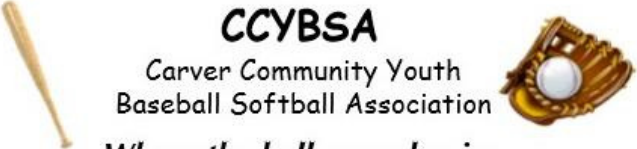
Bouquet means sincere gratitude



Honeysuckle – Strong symbol of everlasting bonds of love



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Family Day

Saturday,

June 3rd

Carver Community Park

The Carver Black Sox will be playing Cologne at Carver Community Park at 2:00p.m.

Kids Practice with the players at 12:45 and get a free hot dog and soda. Adults \$2 (pay at the gate), Kids are FREE! Hope to see you there!



CARVER CONCERTS

THURSDAYS 7PM
CARVER GAZEBO PARK
307 BROADWAY, CARVER MN

JUNE 15 *Funkwire* **JULY 20** *After Five* **AUG 17** *Resimators*

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Join Carver on the Minnesota for our 2017 Summer Equinox



Canoe Trip and Picnic!

— The Perfect Father's Day Outing! —

Carver on the Minnesota is hosting our fifth annual Minnesota River canoe trip and picnic. This is a FREE event, but donations are always very much appreciated.

Join us for a 3-4 hour canoe trip and picnic on the historic Minnesota River between the Jordan boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park.

You can drop off your canoe(s), and/or kayak(s) at the Jordan boat landing, and we will keep an eye on them while you take your vehicle to the put out location at Carver's Riverside Park. From Riverside Park we will transport you back to the Jordan boat landing to begin a fun and memorable river trip to Carver.

The trip will take place Sunday, June 18th, beginning at 8am, and ending at approximately noon. Boats need to be dropped off by 7AM, and transportation from Riverside Park will depart at approximately 7:30 AM. The event will take place rain or shine, but would be canceled for dangerous weather or river conditions.

For more information and to make reservations, contact us by 6/12/17.

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