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## Presbyterian Church - Church by the River

Continued - Stepping Back In Time....

"In January of 1913 the bid of Olaf R. Hanson was accepted for building according to plans and specifications, in the amount of \$ 3,660. Ground was broken in spring and in June of that year it was ready for dedication. On Sunday, June 1, 1913, at an afternoon service, the new church was dedicated.

"New members continued to be received and the church thrived....At first the church was furnished with a set of high backed chairs. These were later replaced by pews which came from the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. The stained glass windows were given to the church by Mrs. Hilma Windstrand. The pulpit was made by Charles Franzen, who was a skilled cabinet maker.

"In the fall of 1916 a bell was purchased....two years later, on Armistice Day [November 11th, 1918] this bell was rung so vigorously in celebration of the end of the WWI war that it cracked. It was not replaced [it is still in the bell tower] and continued to call members to services until 1955, when a set of electronic chimes were added.

"April 20, 1919 was another important date, for on that day the two notes were ceremonially burned on a tray, signifying that the final indebtedness on the church building had been cleared.

"After the retirement of Reverend Robert Gale the church began to have severe financial problems. In 1959 an arrangement was worked out with Belle Plaine to share a minister. During the next five years the Belle Plaine congregation steadily grew, but the Carver congregation declined....The 1965 flood took its toll. The river entered the sanctuary to a depth of about three feet requiring much labor and expense....

"A class of six was confirmed in 1966....This was the last class ever to be confirmed in this church....During 1967....the decision was made to close the Carver Church....

"On September 24, 1967, the final service was held in the Carver Presbyterian Church." \* 3

This concludes the Villager Tower's series of turning back the pages of time to share its own wealth of knowledge, a part of the people, a part of the community and the hopes that these little bits and pieces of history touched your lives in some way. If nothing else to demonstrate the value of the living past. Thanks for following this fun and interesting project.

Villager Tower Editor  
Ricki Y. Schultz

\* 3 "The Carver Story" - Lucie Hartley

## Carver-on-the-Minnesota

Reactivation of the organization known as the Carver-On-The-Minnesota is rapidly gaining its foothold within the quaint, charming City of Carver. On April 14th, another meeting saw progression towards organization and functionality. President and fellow offices were filled. These are as follows:

President - George Piper  
Vice  
President - Vicki Orvick  
Treasurer - Robin Kashuba  
Secretary - Angela Nohava

Also two new board members were accepted. They are Pam Larson and Glenda Spiotta.



Pam Larson relayed an overview summary from the Board of Review meeting. The specific parcel of interest to this group pertained to the taxes on the vacant lot on Broadway. It seems that the only use for this property is zoned for park land. It was the overall opinion that the taxes were not realistic.

There was discussion held to have house tours of historical homes during Steam-Boat Days. As well as reintroduce the sale of historical photos of Carver to generate revenue for the organization. There was also discussion of possible availability of the photos year round.

One item on the agenda for the organization is to organize the contents within the church and clean the church.

It was decided that the Carver-On-The-Minnesota should strongly urge the City Council to plant trees. Mr. Piper will talk with the council regarding the suggestion submitted.

**Volunteers** for SteamBoat Days were discussed. Both, Carver-On-The-Minnesota and the SteamBoat Days Committee are seeking eligible participants to volunteer. Every little bit makes it a success. No matter how small the task, it is an important, integral part of the whole overview. Contact Chips Leiverman and/or George Piper.

There was a suggestion submitted to discuss antique lights for the City of Carver.

### Reminder:

Full Membership - \$ 10.00 per year  
Associate Member - \$ 5.00 per year  
Volunteer Member - Volunteer Services  
Rendered

Citizens are strongly urged to come and check out the enthusiasm, fun, work and to get to know one another. You may be surprised. Members or visitors are welcome...

Mark your calendars and plan to come to the Carver House Antiques at 7:30 PM on Thursday May 19th, that's when the group meets again. Don't Forget!



## Steamboat Day Committee

Frey presented report for the SteamBoat Days Committee. Invitations have been forwarded for bands to march in the parade.

Mayor Meyers informed the council that the Lions agreed to put funds into a Steam-Boat Committee Special account administered by the city. A resolution was reviewed by the council. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote approving resolution establishing a separate fund for administration of donations to SteamBoat Committee.

A four point administrative plan was presented for this fund. The plan was discussed.





## Lioness News

Winners of Carver Lioness Bullhead Feed drawing for \$ 50. saving bonds were:

Lee Ostlie - Carver  
Jeff Schmidt - Green Isle

Thankyou's extended to Carver County Bank and First National Bank of Chaska for donating the savings bonds.

Thanks also extended to all the businesses and all the willing helpers. As usual their kindness made the event possible.

Thanks are also extended to supporters who participated to help make the Bull Head Feed a success.

Thanks from the Carver Lioness

Carver Lions and Lionesses donated monies to the medical program, entitled, Journey For Sight.

On April 11th, the Lioness expressed interest in the Youth Exchange Program. There is a tentative possibility of participating with a foreign student through the Youth Exchange Program.

Jean Amrhein, Lioness Associate held a Lioness forum at the Village Hall on Saturday, April 23rd with four other Lioness Clubs to exchange ideas.

The next SteamBoat Days Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend for ideas, input and volunteers.

## City Council News

## Minnesota Community Project Improvement

Dan McLeod, Minnesota Community Improvement Project Coordinator gave a slide presentation on April fourth pertaining to community improvements done by volunteers. Since a town meeting was proposed, Mr. McLeod agreed to participate at that time. The town meeting was to be scheduled.

On April 11th, discussion was held regarding the proposed Town Meeting. May ninth was scheduled for this meeting. Mr. McLeod was thought to be a good opener to the meeting. Several already completed community projects would be pointed out. Discussion was held regarding a survey being distributed for citizen input at this meeting.

## Reuters, Inc.

Commissioner Swanson thanked the city at the April 4th meeting for the use of the Village Hall for the public hearing regarding the Reuters, Inc. waste site. Use of the hall may be requested again in the future.

Fire Chief Riesgraf did not have any information regarding the topic, since it had been tabled until the next Carver County Planning Commission meeting.

## Water and Sewer Improvements



On April 4th, citizen expressed concern regarding street problems to their property. Street design was discussed. The water is not flowing as it should. Rectification was discussed. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one absent directing Frey to correct and do the work on Fifth Street per recommendations.

## Siren

On April 4th, Mayor Meyers asked Fire Chief if there were any objections to replacing the telephone line used to sound the siren with a radio signal system. Due to costs, there was not any objection. And the Fire Department could set off the siren, also. Permission was requested to purchase used equipment, in order to sound the siren. Council consensus was for the mayor to make the said purchase.

## Assessment Abatement Procedures



On April 4th, the Public Hearing for the revised Assessment Abatement Procedures was held. Knudson [HRA] reviewed the revised procedures. There were not any questions or comments. Motion was made and carried with four ayes approving revised procedures.

Knudson asked for council's recommendations regarding opening and closing dates for taking applications for abatements. Decision was left to Knudson who designated that it would be left open for forty-five days and he would inform residents of dates.

## Public Hearing



On April 4th, the Public Hearing on Ordinance # 252, Sewer and Water Connection fees was held. City Administrator read the drafted ordinance, explaining some portions.

Several citizens express objection which included opinion that the ordinance was not equitable to other core city property owners who had paid, as well as objected to additional hook-up charge for each water and sewer. Another citizen inquired about what the engineers had recommended. Citizen was not certain if \$ 200 per unit for hook-up, plus assessments were enough of a fee. It was stated that the additional hook-up benefited the city in additional revenue. Also, installation to a new home was not paid by the city. Another citizen stated that he hoped that the fees were strong enough to enable future expansion of the system. Motion was made and carried with four ayes closing the Public Hearing. The City Administrator was directed to check neighboring communities for hook-up fees. Councilman Hanson inquired about maintenance and pumping of the septic tanks of new installations. City would take on that responsibility was the response.

## Munitech, Inc.



On April 4th, Fire Chief Riesgraf told the council that the water had been hooked up in the Fire Station.

Bob Polston told the council that hydrants had been flushed, but there is a problem because of the fast flow and inability to control the flow. Control with hoses and pumps was asked about. Fire Chief stated that this type of system could be arranged.

Letter has been received regarding fire insurance classification. New classification will be effective on June 1st, 1988.

There were not any rocks present in the last two hydrants the Fire Department had used.

One quote was received on polyphosphate equipment, but installation was not quoted. Direction was given to obtain quotes for installation.

Water tower overflow problem has been located and corrected.

Hydro Engineering, Jeff Arnst, Marjorie Hanson and the City of Carver appeared in Conciliation Court. The judgment was that Hydro Engineering and the city share in the cost of paying Arnst. The mayor stated that it was his opinion that the city did not have liability. City Administrator was directed to request performance bond and proof of insurance before working within the city. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to pay half of the judgment.

Water leak has been detected on County Road # 40. Hydro Engineering will repair the leak.

The contract with Munitech, Inc. expires August 1st, 1988. City Administrator suggested discussion be held whether or not to rehire this firm or hire an operator for the system.

## In Case of an Emergency

Water and Sewer Emergencies:

Munitech has 24 Hours a day answering:

472-2718

Or Call:

Pat - 448-5353

Or:

Ken - 448-5353



## Dogs



Citizen expressed concern on April 4th regarding a pit bull in his neighborhood. The dog is allowed to run on the dike area. An attorney's opinion was that the leash law does not relieve the city of liability. It was the citizen's opinion that a stronger ordinance be drafted. The mayor directed that a letter sent to the dog owner.



## Building Permits



Citizen has presented request for variance to the Planning Commission to replace the current mobile home with a similar one. These homes do not meet minimum width requirements per the Zoning Ordinance. When fee is paid, the City Administrator will schedule a Public Hearing on the issue.

Citizen requested a building permit to construct an addition. Set back requirements were met on the site plan presented to the Planning Commission. Motion was made and carried with four ayes granting the building permit.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of a building permit on vacant lot at the corner of Lime and Seventh Street.

Notification was made that part of an alley vacation in Block # 75 granted in 1982 had not been recorded at the county. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of four ayes and one absent approving resolution ratifying vacation.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes approving the building permit with the stipulation that the contractor comply with conditions in ordinance regarding hook-up fees.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving building permit for property on County Road # 147. There was further discussion regarding construction due to the slope and the water drainage.

## Discrimination

### Lawsuit



Jonathan Lewis, city attorney discussed on April fourth that the discrimination lawsuit was scheduled for trial in May. Nicklaus had requested a summary judgment, but it was denied. Legal fees were discussed for former mayors of the cities of Young America and Carver. Mr. Lewis interjected that if the council did not support former mayors, that it would be very difficult to elect individuals for office. Mr. Lewis would check percentage of bill to be paid by the two cities.

## Gillfilan Avenue



On April fourth, Mr. Lewis explained why Gillfilan Avenue is city owned. This street is on the original plat and has never been vacated. Adverse possession is not applicable due to permission to use the street.

The agreement between the city and the owner was discussed. In 1976, the owner had agreed to maintain and record the agreement on his deed, but did not record this. Suggestion was made to forward a letter stating damage incurred by not holding up to the responsibility to his contract by adding road maintenance agreement to his deed. Letter is to be written.

## Maier Stewart and Associates

City Administrator had spoken with Hydro Engineering and Maier Stewart on the number to be put in the blank on the Certificate of Substantial Completion. The council agreed with one hundred and eighty days for items to be completed on the punch list. This one hundred and eighty days is from the date of November 4th, 1987.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for water and sewer system.

Austin Huffman [Hydro Engineering] told the council that most of the items on the list had been completed. A letter received from Maier Stewart stated that all driveways disturbed during the project have been restored. Letter also stated that battery back up alarm system for the main lift station is not necessary per MPCA [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency]. Therefore, it was not grant eligible.

Maier Stewart stated that pumping of Step Station # 7 would be a warranty item. Details of problem and bill should be forwarded to Hydro Engineering.

Austin Huffman told the council that the conduit which needed to be replaced will be completed soon, assuring them that the material used would work.

Change Order regarding rock necessary for the project was discussed. The firm felt that part of the project had been done satisfactorily. Motion was made and carried with four ayes approving the change order with a net reduction of the contract.

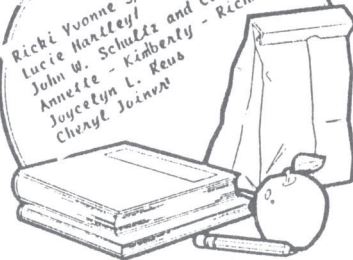
Council considered a resolution deferring hook-up to utilities for certain parcels in town. Councilman Wendland said that the resolution should state that the deferment does not include levied assessments. Motion was made and carried with four ayes tabling decision until the resolution could be rewritten.

Stewart discussed the amendment to the Step III Engineering Contract. The mayor inquired about overseeing the budget. Stewart responded that the budget was prepared for an orderly progression of the project. The city had been notified that the contractor was behind schedule. The late completion of the project added to engineer inspection costs. Questions were asked. Services still to be provided were talked about. These costs were included in the present request submitted. Detail of additional information was requested, in order to talk with Ehlers and Associates. Stewart would compile this information.

Frey reported that everyone requesting connection to water had been serviced. Request was made to forward letters requiring remainder to be connected within ninety days. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to send notices.

### Staff

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## Trivia Questions

- 1) What is the largest organ in the human body?
- 2) Which planet travels around the sun every 248 years?
- 3) What is statistically, the safest age of life?
- 4) What is one of the only fruits that has to be picked green and allowed to ripen after?
- 5) What is the difference between a martini and a Gibson?
- 6) What was erected overnight in August of 1961?
- 7) Who was famous for this quote "Come up and see me sometime"?
- 8) What is the largest living relative of the hog?
- 9) He was born in Minneapolis, and, at his death, his estate was valued at more than 1.75 billion. Who was he?
- 10) The twin cities' first children's show began in 1949. Its star is still an announcer at KSTP. Can you name the program and the star?



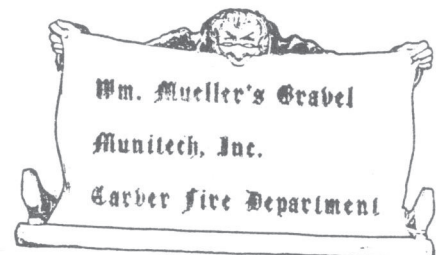
## Tentative Agenda

Submitted by the City of Carver

May 2nd, 1988 Monday Evening  
Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Minutes
- 3) Approve Claims
- 4) Petitions from Resident
- 5) Variance Request
- 6) New Park Complex
- 7) Maier Stewart
- 8) CDBG Update
- 9) Public Works Report
- 10) Deferment Resolution
- 11) City Administrator Report
- 12) Other Business
- 13) Adjourn

## Sponsors



Maier Stewart, & Associates

Sahlgren Golf Course

## Board of Review



The board of review met on April 11th.

One businessman spoke to the Board regarding a place of business in the flood plain. Since flood plain jurisdiction prevented additions or replacement then the State should not be allowed to dictate increases. Since this was a valid complaint, he should address the issue to the State Commissioner of Revenue. It was said that it would also be advantageous for the city to also forward a letter relating to the topic.

The vacant lot on Broadway was discussed. The property was designated as park land. Request was made to lower valuation. Notation was made that if the lot were sold, then, valuation would increase again. The Carver-On-The-Minnesota organization has intentions of donating the property to the City of Carver. Councilman expressed that they should donate the land at this time. It was considered more appropriate for the organization to present the property to the city as a completed park. Fair land value zoned as parks was asked about. Token value would be acceptable the council was told. Motion was made, not carried to change the valuation. Motion was made and carried with all ayes tabling the issue until more information was received.

Several other citizens questioned valuations. Explanations were given. Findings to some questions would be given to the council at a future meeting.

## Trivia Answers



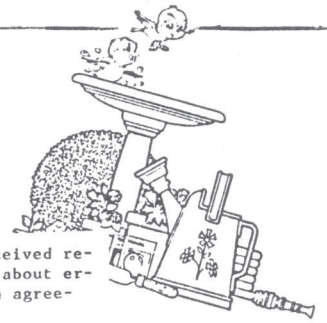
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| Jimmy Valentine      | 10) |
| Jim Jr. Jamboree     | 9)  |
| Getty                | 8)  |
| Hippo                | 7)  |
| Mae West             | 6)  |
| Berlin Wall          | 5)  |
| Gibson - Pearl Onion | 4)  |
| Martini - Olive      | 3)  |
| Banana               | 2)  |
| Ten                  | 1)  |
| Pluto                |     |
| Skin                 |     |



## Disclaimer

The preliminary unapproved minutes from the City of Carver's council meetings were referenced to compose the Villager Tower.

## Miscellaneous



On April fourth, Councilman Wendland told the council of complaint received regarding flushing of hydrants. Mayor Meyers spoke with the individual about erosion due to flushing. It was considered that Munitech could reach an agreement with the individual.

Fire Chief Riesgraf told the council that rural contract rates to townships has been increased to \$ 45 per unit for 1989. This change is consistent with what other departments are charging for the same service.

Knudson [HRA Executive Director] told the council that there was not any activity in the CDBG to report on April fourth.

Council reviewed a proclamation for April second through ninth to be Community Development week in Carver. Motion was made and carried with four ayes adopting the proclamation.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes approving an excavation permit per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Council agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission discussing proposed Subdivision Ordinance. City Administrator was directed to schedule the meeting.

Frey reported that three current Park and Recreation Board members agreed to continue on the board. Priorities for the board were established.

City Administrator reported that Lundeen Corporation would like to begin audit in May, but they'd requested that some information be forwarded, in order to do some preliminary work.

City Administrator requested permission to attend a seminar. It was stated that as long as the budget was not overspent, permission was not necessary, but the council should be informed.

Cycling club has requested permission to use Riverside Park as a rest area for a trip. There were not any objections.

The Cable TV issue will be checked for the next meeting.

City Administrator told the council that the Minnesota Zoo would like to have a 'Carver Day', but the city would be liable for advertising. It was decided to put this issue on the agenda for the Town Meeting.

One quote had been received for reroofing the Fire Station. Frey will attempt to get another.

Village Hall drains were discussed. It was suggested that the drains be cemented shut versus tearing up the floor to replace the trap.

There are still problems on Mt Hope Road with mud. City Administrator was directed to take care and have the problem corrected.

Frey suggested that a ditch be put on Fourth Street. He was directed to get estimates.

Ess has not put grates on culverts as directed. Ess requested letter from the city asking that these grates be put on.

Lions Club donated equipment and labor to the Lion's Park and questioned whether or not matching funds were available from the state. The City Administrator was directed to draft a resolution of thanks.

## Notice Announcement Bloodmobile



The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Chaska, May 25th, Wednesday. Specific time and location has not been finalized at this time. Notices will be published later in the news, posters, radio and church bulletins.

Area Representative, Eric Huckle and Community Chairman, LaVonne Larson are reorganizing to alleviate the long wait from four o'clock on. There will be more beds and nurses. Donors will be notified the least busy time is between 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM. You made the last November draw the largest in recent times. Please help again this year. The need for blood goes on day after day and every hour on the hour. Some of us think in terms of our own need. Fine let's do that. Are you certain none of your family or friends will need blood in the next two months? It is so easy to say I will wait until next time. The patient needing blood does not have that luxury. Mark May 25th on your calendar. Also, Sue Cross, Nurse Recruiter is in need of two more volunteer nurses. Call 448-5208.

Connie Bondeson Community Red Cross Bloodmobile Reporter





CDBG

### GET A FREE HOME ENERGY CHECK-UP

If you are a customer of NSP or Minnegasco you can qualify for a free Home Energy Check-Up visit. The Check-Up includes a residential energy audit of your home and gives you advice on how you can save energy and money through energy conservation improvements. In addition, you will receive up to \$30 worth of energy supplies so that you can begin making energy saving improvements immediately. Depending on the improvements your house needs, you may receive a caulk gun and caulk, a hot water heater insulation jacket, window treatment kits, a door sweep or a number of other energy saving materials.

The Check-Up program is provided by the Carver County HRA. The Check-Up visit will be performed by a State certified energy auditor.

To get a Check-Up visit for your house call the HRA at 448-7715.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE IS STILL AVAILABLE

The Carver County HRA is still taking applications for the Carver Home Improvement Program. Homeowners in the core city are eligible to apply for assistance to finance necessary home and energy conservation improvements. Depending on household size and income, homeowners may be able to qualify for a deferred payment loan. These loans require no repayment of principal or interest if the recipient owns and occupies the home for 10 years. If the home is sold or the owner moves out during the 10 year period, only the principal amount of the loan has to be repaid - no interest is charged.

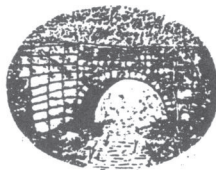
You can stop by the HRA office at 308 N. Broadway or call 448-7715 for more information.

### ASSESSMENT ABATEMENT PROGRAM RE-OPENED

Last week all core city property owners should have received a letter from the City announcing that the Assessment Abatement Program had been re-opened. The program pays municipal water and sewer assessments for low and moderate income homeowners.

When the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development monitored the program, they determined that certain eligible applicants may have missed the opportunity to participate in the program. Some of the program's original rules were later modified or waived. These changes were not widely publicized to the residents of Carver. As a result, people who were not eligible under the original rules may have been eligible once the rules were changed. The re-opened program is attempting to find those people who did not apply in 1986 because they thought they were not eligible.

If you participated in the program in 1986 and already had your assessment paid you can disregard this letter. If you applied but were rejected because your income was too high, you still will not be able to qualify for the re-opened program. However, if you did not apply in 1986 because you thought you did not meet the program rules, you should inquire at the HRA office to see if you can now qualify for the program. Call Scott Knudson at 448-7715 for more information.



Cheer ♥ Bear ♥ Wishes ♥ All ♥ Mom's ♥ The  
Bestest ♥ Mother's ♥ Day, ♥ Especially  
Mine ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ Happy ♥ Mother's ♥ Day,  
Mom, ♥ I ♥ Love ♥ You ♥♥♥♥

## Carver Fire Department

Submitted by the Highlights

Carver Fire Department

### Notice

## Fire Insurance Rating

ISO Commercial Risk Services, Inc. has notified the city of their evaluation of the fire insurance classification for the City of Carver. They advise that the protection class has improved to six.

Formerly Class 9 applied; the new classification will result in a decrease in the fire insurance rates for many insured commercial properties. The new rates will be effective June 1st, 1988.

The effect on residential properties is usually about twenty-five percent for homeowner types of policies.

The above estimates apply only for insurance companies using ISO rates. However, numerous insurance companies use other than ISO rates, so that the effect of the change in class may be different for their policy holders.

The city classification applies to properties with needed fire flow of 3500 gpm [gallons per minute] or less. The private and public protection at properties with larger fire flows are individually evaluated and may vary from the city classification.

For further information or if you have any questions contact the City of Carver.

May 1988

- Drill Night 6:30 PM - May 5th, 1988
- Mother's Day - May 8th, 1988
- Drill Night 6:30 PM - May 16th, 1988
- Armed Forces Day - May 21st, 1988
- Victoria Day [Canada] - May 23rd, 1988
- Meeting Night 8:00 PM - May 26th, 1988
- Memorial Day
- March in Memorial Day
- Parade - Chaska - May 30th, 1988

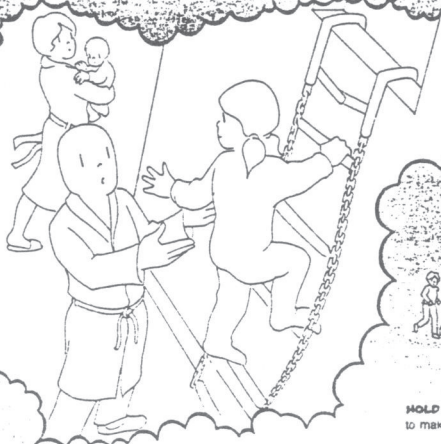
## PREPARE A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

A fire escape plan is your strategy for getting everyone out alive, in case of fire.

PLAN TWO ESCAPE ROUTES from every room.



POST THE PLAN where it can be easily seen (such as on your refrigerator).



CHOOSE A MEETING PLACE outside (tree, lightpost, etc.).



HOLD REGULAR FIRE DRILLS to make sure that your plan works.