

Volume XXIX

Number # One Hundred Ninety-Four

December 2002/January 2003



City Administrator

At the December council meeting, the city's new administrator was introduced to the council and the staff. The city hired James Elmquist. Stop in and say hello.

2003 Council

At the January 2003 council meeting the City of Carver swore in the mayor for another two years, James Weygand will represent the city again as mayor. Council members for four year terms were sworn in as well. Welcome to Cindy Monroe and Paul Andrescik. Wayne Voelker and Mark Chalupsky has been thanked for their service at a previous meeting.

2003 Fire Contracts

The township's representatives talked with the council and the city's attorney concerning the Fire Contracts. The townships questions were addressed by the attorney. The attorney stated that the townships had valid questions since they had not received all the financial and other information. The attorney stated that the fire protection lines are set by response time and probably would not be changed. He further stated that the townships requests were reasonable. A partial agreement had been accepted. One township member commented that there was one problem with the contract. Mr Harris responded that he would discuss the issue with the other attorney.

Another township representative stated that many figures do not calculate. They would like to understand the figures and calculations and formulas. Suggestion was submitted to meet with the administrator. Each township would be represented to address issues and questions.

Public Safety

The city was quiet the deputy reported. Information for the pilot program was being evaluated. The department would like several months of data prior to issuing a report to the city. Suggestions from the city on what type of report and what information was wanted in this report were being requested.

The Sheriff's Department presented the council with a special copy of the department's record of hours of work in the city.

"An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less" -Nick Murray Butler

Public Works Report

The council was told that as a result of closing the Ash Street Bridge a land owner has been denied access to his property. The issue needs to be addressed.

The Fire Station/Public Works Committee held their first meeting and discussions had gone well.

The council was updated on information concerning the residence on Oak Street. Agencies have been contacted to check for substances within the house. This information is necessary before demolition in order so that adjustments can be made in bids for contingencies.

An asbestos study had been completed on the property on Oak Street. The samples were reviewed by an accredited laboratory; Nova's NVLAP. Special handling will be required during demolition. Recommendation was submitted that people should not be entering into the house. Letters were to be forwarded informing residents of this recommendation.

The Ash Street Bridge was briefly discussed. This bridge needs replacement but options need to be researched. This bridge is part of the planned trail system, however, not all of the property has been dedicated at this time for this purpose.

The council reviewed the snowfall conditions with an employee's resignation. A back up person would be necessary. Decision was made by council consensus to put in place a back up individual.

An increase in vandalism occurred in the park over the Christmas season. The Community Park was graffitied badly.

Truth in Taxation

The council continued the Truth In Taxation Public Hearing. Questions were requested. A resolution change reflecting total budget and total levy were discussed. The format had been changed because the League of MN Cities recommended that the resolution reflect total levy. A decision would be necessary on how the city would finance the fire station/public works building. This was necessary to determining the amount necessary for the levy. The financing options were discussed. Motion was made and carried to use the growth factor basis for the new bond issue. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution approving the 2003 budget and the levy for the City of Carver.

"Silence at the proper season is wisdom, and better an any speech"

Christmas Lights

I have been asked by several people to extend "Thanks" to everyone in the City of Carver and Dahlgren and San Francisco Townships for all the wonderful displays of Christmas lights to view and enjoy. There were some great displays all around.

Thank you to each and everyone of you. Look forward to next years displays all about the area. Did you know that MN Valley Electric Cooperative also has a light contest? All of you who have electricity with MN Valley Electric, y'all have to remember to ask next year about qualifications/requirements, etc. Good Job Everyone!!!!

Organization Resolutions

The council reviewed the proposed resolutions considering liaison representation for various commissions and committees.

The following appointments were made by motions.

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Cindy Monroe | - Acting Mayor |
| Jim Weygand | - Planning Commission |
| Cindy Monroe | - Heritage Preservation Commission |
| Mike Webb | - Park & Recreation Board |
| Paul Andrescik | - SteamBoat Committee |
| Jim Weygand | - Community Leaders |

DownTown Improvement Project

The city engineer was asked how long businesses would be inconvenienced during the Down Town Improvement Project. The response given that that inconveniences could be for approximately up to a month and a half. The contractor would do one side of the street and then the other side.

Zoning Ordinance

The city planner requested authorization for work to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the residential district. Motion was made and carried with all ayes directing the city planner to present proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission for the residential districts.

"Wisdom is considered a sign of weakness by the powerful because a wise man can lead without power but only a powerful man can lead without wisdom" - Mark B Cohen

Municipal Utilities

The Municipal Utilities Superintendent reported that a lot of water has been pumped in 2002 and thereby, a lot of water had also been treated at the wastewater treatment plant. It was also stated that the new well should be operational by the heavier watering season.

The engineer reported that several meetings were held with the adjacent property owner to the water tower where the city has tentative plans to construct the water treatment plant. Various issues discussed were time schedule, scope of the project, assessments, land surveys, purchase of land and appraisals, as well as the right of entry agreement. The schedule and funding were the big issues, but the placement of sewer and road paving were two issues to be resolved yet. One option was the authorization of the design of the water treatment plant for 2003 construction including sewer & water extensions. A second option was to design the water treatment plant in the summer of 2003 and construct in 2004 and the fund the project with either the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund or conventional bonding. The engineer recommended proceeding with this project with either option. The attorney interjected that in order to construct a water treatment plant, sanitary sewer is necessary at the site. The attorney's opinion was that the engineer should be directed to update the Mt Hope Road Feasibility Study.

The cost of updating the Feasibility Study was discussed. The engineer estimated the cost to complete the study. The Public Works Director inquired if the study would be inclusive of Lime Street and Hidden Bluff. The engineer stated that the 1996 study did not include these areas. The council continued discussions regarding the scope of the project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes instructing the engineer to update the 1996 Mt Hope Road Feasibility Study with the amount not to exceed \$1500.

The council then discussed the type of water treatment plant that would best serve the City of Carver. The Municipal Utilities Superintendent strongly preferred the gravity system over the pressure filter. Operation and maintenance costs of either system were equal. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to build a gravity filtration water treatment plant with construction to occur in 2003. Motion was made and carried directing an appraisal be completed on the property on Mt Hope Road.

The council reviewed the update on the Water Treatment Plant. The council discussed design costs. Inquiries were made regarding the operation and maintenance costs. The O & M costs on the gravity type plant would be approximately one thousand dollars annually more than a pressure filter plant. Each system's life expectancy was approximately fifty years. The filter plant would require disassembly and sand-blasting requirements several times during that time frame. Security was discussed. The design and costs of the plant were discussed. Touring of a similar plant could be arranged. One council member expressed concern regarding the exterior appearance of the building as not to be offensive to the neighborhood. Concerns of adversely affecting the new development were discussed. Aerator hook ups for future use were questioned. The engineer would research the pros and cons of the aerator issue.

Proposed Fire Station/Public Works Building

A two and a half acre parcel may be for sale adjacent to the proposed Fire Station/Public Works Building. It was the mayor's opinion that it may be a good idea to pursue purchasing the property. Comment was made that the City Hall may be outgrown at some point in the future. Or this might be a good site for a business.

An invitation was extended to the council to join in the tour of the New Scandia building. The proposed construction in Carver would be similar to the New Scandia structures. The engineer would arrange for the members interested.

The council was told that the meetings for the project were going well. Several issues will require council approval. Two of these items included the security system and the name of the building. The council then briefly discussed signage for city buildings. It was the opinion of the Municipal Utilities Superintendent that signage for all city buildings should be uniform. Council member commented that the signage issue should be passed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The council was brought up to speed on the New Scandia tour update. The council was told that Carver's building would look slightly different than the New Scandia site, especially the location area. Another council member stated that it was beneficial to tour the site. However it was the council members opinion that Carver should bid several different ways. The cost differences should be examined between floor and ceiling heat.

The committee is tentatively scheduling Design and Development Approval for February 14th.

Question was asked if the old fire station would be available for rent after the new building was built. Another individual inquired about the sale of the Fourth Street East garage possibilities. The council would need to have discussions regarding long term plans for the fire hall building, public works building and the city hall.

Bluff Ordinance

The Planning Commission had reviewed the Bluff Ordinance and submitted their recommendation to not adopt the bluff ordinance changes. The DNR's recommended set back was 30', however the city's set back is 50'. The City Planner explained that the reason for this depth was because the city is more susceptible to erosion. It was one council member's opinion that the Planning Commission should review the bluff issue as a whole. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote with all ayes to deny the proposed ordinance amendment. One suggestion submitted was to ask the Planning Commission to review the ordinance. Another suggestion was to ask the Carver County Soil and Water District review the issue, but this was debated.

"What really matters is what you do with what you have" - Shirley Lord

General Obligation Bond Sale

Ehlers and Associates representative reported on the bond sale process. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution providing for the sale of General Obligation Fire and Public Works Facility Bonds, Series 2003A.

Building Inspector Recognition

The City Administrator reviewed services done by the Building Inspector, Tracy Salzl. The new building inspector complimented her work, especially recognizing her excellent record keeping practices. Council representative submitted personal compliments recognizing her work. Motion was made and carried with all ayes issuing a Certificate recognizing Tracy Salzl's work for the City of Carver.

Church-By-The-River

Progress on the work being done at the Church-By-The-River was reviewed about. Report was given that the Lions are working hard and doing a good job on the project. The work is coming along nicely. Question was asked if plans still were to move the meetings to the Church-By-The-River site when work was completed. Those plans were the same to date. The Lions were to be asked when anticipated completion would be and when it would be ready to use.

RiverSide Park

The Park and Recreation Board held discussions with the representative from the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the possibility of purchasing RiverSide Park and obtaining land located west of Carver County #45. The refuge manager explained to the Park and Recreation Board in order to begin the process of the sale of the park site would require an appraisal of the park. After the appraisal, the service would offer the city a fair market value of the land. With the possible sale of the land the city would then use the purchase to obtain other land.

Question was asked what the plans were for the park? Plans were the same for the park, except no motorized vehicles, biking on the trails and possibly moving of the boat ramp. The monitoring of the gate was discussed by the board. Regulations regarding the Weapons/Hunting in the city limits were briefly discussed. The board's opinion was that no firearms shooting be allowed in city limits. The refuge manager was asked about regulating activities in the park. The concept of 'good neighbor policy' working with the city would be concept materialized for the issue. The board recommended that the city council approve the US Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct appraisals for River Side Park.

"AS WE GET OLDER....

Grant me the serenity to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the one I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. "

Soccer Field

Jen Jaeger who is the Club Administrator for the Chan-Chaska Soccer Club was present at the Park and Recreation Board Meeting to discuss field usage for the Multi-field (Soccer Field). The Board reviewed presented information about the organization. Ms Jaeger explained their interest in the Bluff Park field and inquired about the possibility of allowed usage of this park. Allowing the use of this park would in return bring the game to the Carver Community, intergrating local kids with the surrounding communities. They would also plan on provisions of new uniforms and equipment. Surrounding community's field's usage was discussed. Minnetonka has the majority use of surrounding field's. One board member was of the opinion that it would not be a problem with the club using Bluff Park field. Suggestion was made to a one year agreement with the club. The board submitted recommendation to the city council allowing the Chan-Chaska Soccer Club use of the Bluff Park field.

The Board discussed information for pricing and specifications for Combination Soccer Goals. Suggestion was made to purchase one set of Combination Movable Soccer Goal and two sets of 12' Soccer Goals. Motion was made by the board to recommend to the council to purchase one set of combination movable soccer goals and two sets of 12' soccer goals.

Park and Recreation Board

The City of Carver web site was discussed by the board. The board would like to create a link to the web site. The site is still being worked on by city staff.

The board discussed the conversion of the old Fire Station into a youth activity center. Suggestion was also made to utilize the upstairs of the Village Hall as part of city hall. Suggestion was also submitted to utilize the Church-By-The-River as a library.

The Board discussed the possible use of Surveillance Cameras in the parks to control the problems of vandalism. Results were discussed by using this type of method to monitor park activities. Maintenance and types of cameras to be used were all reviewed by the board members. This issue was to be researched further.

The Village Hall gym would be used on Saturday mornings for area youths. Volunteers were needed. The gym would be open from 8 AM to Noon. Interested in volunteering? Watch on the Village Hall bulletin board for contact name to volunteer.

Butch's Auto, Inc

Hey, need your car fixed? Engine making funny sounds? Transmission slipping? Brakes squealing? 'Service Engine Light' on and you don't know why. There is someone in Carver who can help you. He does general maintenance, brakes, transmissions, engines, and works on all models of cars old and new. The person you want to ask for is Butch Krohn. He can be reached at 952) 361-5500. Got any questions, need repairs, give him a call and see if he can help you.

Snow Mobile Ordinance

The proposed snowmobile ordinance was briefly reviewed by the Park and Recreation Board. Suggestion was made that the ordinance should be forwarded to the Snowmobile Association for their input.

The council reviewed and discussed the proposed revised SnowMobile Ordinance amendments. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amending the section relating to the city code on snowmobiles.

River View Estates

Motion was made and carried three ayes, one absent and one abstention to recognize River View Estates final plat to be initially null and void and re-approved post September 1st, therefore falling under the jurisdiction of the Carver County Soil and Water District. The council discussed the motion. One council member inquired how this motion would benefit the city. Response was given that there are bluff issues with this development and the stated motion would clarify the city's opinion. City liability was questioned. It was the attorney's opinion that this was no guarantee that the county level would take on this project. The attorney advised not passing the development against city ordinance, but did not see this particular motion causing any civil liability. One council member wanted to research the issue further before asserting his opinions by motion, therefore abstaining from voting.

Annual Clean-Up Day

The administrator informed the council that the Annual Clean up Day for the city was scheduled for May 17th. The service is funded by a grant from Carver County. The council was asked to approve this use for the funds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the funding the city annual clean up event with funds from the Carver County Grant.

Carver Tax Service

Hey it's that time of the year! Member Cathy Steigerwald has opened her new business on main street, right next to the Beauty Salon or Olson Insurance office.

Cathy offers income tax and accounting services to individuals, trust and small businesses. Along with those services, she offers also electronic filing and various fast refund programs.

It's the tax season, so she's open full time. Services are available year round though. Looking for someone to help with those tax returns, call Cathy at 952) 240-5279 and schedule an appointment. Her website address is carvertax@mn.rr.com



Carver Lion, Ron Young

Are you aware that Ron Young is a Carver Lion and as of late has been battling to stay healthy and strong? Are you also aware that he is currently residing in Friendship Manor in Shakopee for rehabilitation purposes? If not, you are informed now.

Ron looks forward to visitors, local news from friends and family, as well as mail. He is in Room #207. Take a moment to stop in and say 'hey friend!' Take some time to stop in and chat with him. The days are long and lonely sometimes!

Also, due to weight loss, he can't wear his glasses, so he depends on Nurses Aides' and/or visitors to read to him. Eye/visual services are not offered in-house. Therefore the fitting for glasses has not been possible. Maybe you could help make arrangements and/or transport Karen and Ron to the eye doctor to get fitted for glasses so he can read to pass the time? Hey there's an idea huh? Got time? Know someone who could help in this venture?

Ron is doing good. On occasion he gets to come home and visit for short periods of time. You know that's got to be refreshing and a different environment to enjoy for awhile. He enjoys these adventures.

He does a lot of cat-napping and needs you to come and visit to fill his days. Too much sleep is not good either, you know! Ron said, "If I'm cat-napping, WAKE me UP!" So feel free to wake him, if you come and he's cat-napping.

PS If you are local and planning to visit Ron, remember, invite his wife, Karen to join you on your way over. Karen doesn't drive.

And you 'wanna' know a secret? Ron knows you are all reading this, because Karen takes the "Villager Tower" over to him and reads it to him. So now, he knows that you know and no excuses are accepted. "Hey Ron, the "Villager Tower" says 'eh! Think of you daily! Checking up on Karen too; neighbor!'"

Tentative Agenda

February 17th 2003

Tuesday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions, Requests and Communications from residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) Public Safety
- 6) Public Works Report Municipal Utilities
- 7) City Engineer/Planner Reports
- 8) Administrative Services
- 9) Liaison Reports
- 10) Other Business
- 11) Adjourn

Congratulations!!!!

Do you know who's Grandpa AGAIN!!!!? It's that Dwight again!! On January 17th, at 11:30 AM David Aaron decided it was about time to give Grandpa, Dad and his brother some competition. The 8 lb 4 oz boy told mom, Yvonna that lunch was going to wait. I'm sure dad was at work? Paul works for the City of Carver. Was Ryan and Maria with Grandpa Dwight and fiancée, Janet? Forgot to ask that? Ryan is David's brother and Maria is his sister.

Them Schultz's eh? Have to create all this attention and cause such a scene. (I'm sure that's the last thing they wanted but we are going to milk this now!) Little David decided he wasn't going to be upstaged by Grandpa, you know. Grandpa is planning on walking down the aisle on February 15th to marry Janet Kahler, also a resident of Carver. So Congratulations to the newlyweds too. And did you know also, that on the 15th, is Dwight's niece's birthday, Kimberly Kay? His mother's birthday is the 18th. That would be Merva. Paul's birthday was just the 27th of January. Grandma Sandra's birthday is the 22nd of February.

So in conclusion, Congratulations and Happy Birthday to *(all them Schultz's)* everyone involved. (And I wonder why the stork doesn't give me all the updates huh?) What a production huh?

Bloodmobile

On February 10th, you can go to the Chaska VFW. From 12:30 PM to 6:30 PM to give blood.

Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association

On February 15th from 9 AM to Noon at the Village Hall, downstairs registrations will be taking place. Information is posted at the City Hall and at the Post Office. Watch the electronic sign for news flashes as well. Applications are available at City Hall. The CCYBSA is looking forward to another great season. Don't forget to go register!

*Warm the hearts of those who
make a difference in your life"*

Open Gym

On Saturday mornings, February 8th and 15th upstairs in the Village Hall, there will be an 'Open Gym' sponsored by the Park and Recreation Board for youths to play ball. Chaperones are needed. Additional dates for 'Open Gym' will be displayed on the electronic sign. If you are interested in volunteering, call city hall at 952) 448-5353.

Highway #312/#212 and County Road #147

Ms Lisa Freese from MN DOT was introduced to the city council. Ms Freese is a member of the Highway #312/#212 Technical Committee. Carver County's Assistant Engineer, Bill Weckman was also at the meeting. The council was told that the #312 alignment has been in the planning stages for approximately thirty years. She further explained that the work north of the area was mostly completed. Preparations were now being done for the highway through the remainder of Eden Prairie, Chanhassen and Chaska for the next phase. The project is in a preliminary design phase and will go out for bids to complete the final design. This plan is a 20 year plan. Even though there are no funds presently, the committee wants to have plans in place when funds are available.

The council pointed out that the City of Carver has some concerns regarding the plans since it appears that the County Road #147 connection will be difficult to #312 exchange. The city is attempting to promote more businesses into the community, the appearance of the forecasted #312 exchange is going away from the community. The response by the MN DOT representative was that the Highway #41 crossing is also a concern for the project. Councilman stated that in reviewing the City's Comprehensive Plan his question was where the connection to the #312 exchange would be since this was the first time they heard of it moving north and west of the County Road #147. Ms Freese stated that there would be no direct access to the road except at designated distances. Council member questioned the difficult access from the county road to either #312 or #212. Another council member expressed his hopes of MN DOT working with the City in the alignment with the county road. The administrator and the city engineer would be working with Ms Freese addressing the city's concerns and questions.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Starting this month, the Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding a 6 PM "Casual Praise Service" every third Sunday of the month (except April) for residents of the community and surrounding areas. Easter Sunday in April is the one exception in 2003. The service is available to offer people the opportunity to worship who can't make it to the morning service or prefer a more relaxed, casual environment or atmosphere. Communion and contemporary music is also being offered at this service.

Carver Lions

The Lions are preparing for the two upcoming events. In March will be the Annual BullHead Fish Fry and in April is their Pancake Breakfast. Watch for information on these two events.

The Lions had a fantastic turnout for their January 29th meeting with their guest speaker, Henry Oertelt who is a Holocaust Survivor. There were over three hundred people in attendance. Standing room only almost. It was exciting to have so many guests. There were students who asked Mr Oertelt questions. The Lions extend a huge thank you to everyone. They hope that everyone went away from this evening with more information and understanding. They also extend their thanks to Mr Oertelt who was kind enough to speak with everyone.

Carver Lions Keith Wickenhauser also relayed that anyone who has ideas for SteamBoat Days should contact him or let him know. You can find Keith or leave a message for him at Harvey's Bar and Grill. Also if you are interested in volunteering for the BullHead Feed or the Pancake Breakfast, you can sign up with him. Good help is always welcomed.

The Lions are growing and it's a good way to get to know more people. So be sure to make time to come and see what the Lions are about and new members always welcomed.

Annual BullHead Fish Fry

On March 7th at the Village Hall, you are invited to share in the BullHead Feed, Friday from 4 PM until 8 PM.. The tickets may be purchased in advance for \$5.50/each or \$7.00 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the local business in Carver. After the BullHead Feed you are invited to Harvey's Bar and Grill for cocktails.

East Union Spaghetti Dinner

The East Union Lutheran Church Youth Group is sponsoring the East Union Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, February 9th at 4:30 PM to 7 PM at the East Union Parish Center. Proceeds benefit the Youth Group. The cost of the dinner is \$6. for adults and for children ten and under the cost is \$3.00. Donations for the 'Silent Auction' will be accepted at the Parish Center prior to the 9th. Many items have already been donated, some include, elk meat, Chan Dinner Theatre tickets, gift certificates, Bait Bucket, Tackle Box and Tackle, Holasek Greenhouse certificate, Chaska Community Center pass, Halla Nursery 'Fica' tree certificate and more. Be sure to come and have a delicious dinner and bid on the donations.

Hymn Festival

The East Union Lutheran Church held their second annual hymn festival on February 2nd. The festival was titled, "Hymn through the Generations". Dr David Scherwien was the guest organist. He is Pastor David's brother in law. They had festival adult and youth player's soloists. Original writings were by church members. The guest trumpet player was Ralph Schwartz. Mr Scherwien is known nationally for his specialty and passion for congregational songs. The hymn festival will embrace the millennial movement of the generations at worship. Gathering, word, sacrament and sending....

Second Alarm Chili Feed

Sunday, February 23rd the Eighth Annual Second Alarm Chili Feed will be held at the Village Hall from 11 AM to 5PM. Tickets can be purchased from Swanson and Associates in advance. The cost for the Chili Feed is \$5 in advance, \$6. at the door. The dinner is also, all you can eat. There will also be a 'Silent Auction' held at the Chili Feed. If you have items to donate, contact John Lenzen at 952) 448-2850. The event is sponsored by the Carver Second Alarm (Carver Retired Fire Department personnel). All proceeds benefit the Children's Surgery International (formerly Operation Smile).

Carver Fire Department and Community Calendar

February 2003

- February 2nd - GroundHog Day
Happy Anniversary Merva and Andy!
- February 3rd - Council Meeting
- February 5th - Lions Meeting
- February 6th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Drill Night
- February 8th - Open Gym - Village Hall
- February 9th - East Union Spaghetti Dinner
- February 10th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- February 12th - Lincoln's Birthday
SteamBoat Committee Meeting
- February 14th - Valentine's Day
- February 15th - Carver Community Youth Softball/Baseball
Association Registration
Happy Birthday Kim!!
Happy Birthday Katie!!
- February 16th - Casual Praise Service/Trinity Lutheran Church
- February 17th - President's Day
City Hall Closed
Drill Night
- February 18th - Council Meeting
4-H YellowStone Raccoons Meeting
Happy Birthday Mervall
- February 19th - Lions Meeting
- February 22nd - Happy Birthday Sandra!!
Washington's Birthday
- February 23rd - 8th Annual Second Alarm Chili Feed
- February 25th - Planning Commission Meeting
- February 27th - Fire Department Meeting
Happy Birthday Glen!!

Happy Belated Birthday Phawn!!!!!!

I Can't Believe You Made It!

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have....

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick up truck on a warm day was always a special treat. Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid.) We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. Our parents knew that all the neighbors would watch out for all the kids. No cell phones. Unthinkable! We played dodge ball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it. We ate cupcakes, bread and butter and drank sugar soda, but we were never overweight. We were always playing outside. We shared one grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this. We did not have PlayStations, Nintendo 64, X-boxes, video games at all, 99 channels on cable, videotape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, internet chat rooms...we had Friends! We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By Ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside of us forever. Little League try-outs and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment...The teams actually kept score and the winning team was allowed to be excited and the losing team learned to be good sports about it and learned that in life - sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. Some student weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade... Horrors! Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Almost no one went to "pre-school" and when we graduated high school, we all knew how to read, use proper grammar and do basic math. We all learned how to count out change without a calculator to tell us the amount. The worse problems in school were tardiness and chewing gum in class. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, Imagine That! If you misbehaved-your parents spanked you and no one arrested them for doing that! We also learned that when a parent said "NO"; they actually meant that and our lives would not be ruined forever by being denied every little thing we wanted at any given moment. New toys were received on birthdays and holidays...not on every trip to the store. Parents gave us gifts out of love...not out of guilt. This generation has produced some of the best risk takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you are one of them. Congratulations!

Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our OWN good!!!!

- Author Unknown -

Sponsors:

Harvey's Bar and Grill

Carver MN

*Breakfast Served on Saturday And Sunday
Daily and Evening Specials*

Best Burgers Around

Excellent Quality Food

At an Excellent Value

Grill Closes at 10 PM

Happy Hour 4 - 6 PM

Phone 952) 448-2289

Cathy L. Steigerwald, E.A.
Enrolled Agent/ Owner

Carver Tax Service
Experienced, Professional, Affordable

Tax return preparation
Individuals
Estates, Trusts
S-Corp, Partnerships
Bookkeeping services

221 Broadway
Carver, MN 55315
Phone: 952-240-5279
Fax: 952-368-6059

John Waldvogel
Judy Waldvogel

952-448-6163



300 Cty. Rd. 40 E.
P.O. Box 150 • Carver, MN 55315 Fax 952-448-7671

Butch's Auto Inc.

Car & Small Truck Repair

No Jobs Too Big or Small

(952) 361-5500

220 3rd Street East
Carver, MN 55315

Tidy Disposal

Mark's Sanitation Co.
Mark Johnson
President

Compactor & Rolloff Boxes
Residential & Commercial Services

(952)873-2636 (612)328-3264

SW Home Improvements

DRYWALL (START TO FINISH)

PAINTING (INTERIOR ONLY)

LANDSCAPING

HANDYMAN SERVICES

TONY SANTOCONO

TONY SANTOCONO (612)518-1936

BRAD WILL (612)670-2549

E-MAIL US AT SWHIMPROVEMENT@CS.COM

**Minnesota
Valley** HEATING
AND AIR

952) 645-2082
Fax (952) 556-5814
5310 Pine Cone Lane
Carver, MN 55315

**New Construction and Remodels
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION
Free Estimates**

Gas Furnaces ■ Air Exchangers ■ Refrigeration ■ Humidifiers
Electric Air Cleaners ■ Boiler Systems ■ Infloor Heat

Carver Lions



We Serve