

In Memory of Mabel Swanson

Lucie Hartley Proclamation

The mayor, James Weygand, read the resolution/proclamation for Lucie Hartley to the audience at a council meeting. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution. The document expressed recognition and appreciation of Lucie Hartley for her lifelong dedication and service to the City of Carver.

Mabel Swanson

Mabel Paulina Swanson was born in Dahlgren Township on March 16th, 1914. She died November 10th, 2003 in Shakopee, MN.

What are we gonna do without our stabile, knowledgeable elders? Those who teach us, guide us, keep all us youngsters in line?

Carver has lost still another icon, pillar of strength in our small community. Mabel and Woody were familiar faces seen in the Carver Café in days gone by. Everything changes. Progress and time keeps marching forward. Sometimes it's frightening, sometimes it's exhilarating. But at times like these, it's sad. It's a jolt of reality. We aren't here forever. We laugh, we joke, we pretend, we ignore and we face each day as a new challenge. But in the end, it all comes back to the same thing, we are not immortal.

One person remembered Mabel as the woman whose husband was the custodian at the Carver School. He worked a regular job days, so Mabel would come to the school for him during the day and when a teacher had to step out of the room, Mabel would sit with the kids in the classroom. Another remembered Mabel helping in the city hall with events. Another reminisced about card playing, Second Alarm events, meetings, and fishing. She so enjoyed her family, playing cards, sewing, reading, embroidery and the outdoors.

Those left behind to carry on the legacy is her sons and daughters-in-law, Doug, Dennis and Tracy and Darrel and Barb Swanson; daughters, Dorene and Jack Murphy and Dianne and John Lenzmeier. Mabel had seventeen grandchildren and was Great Grandma to twenty three great grandchildren. Sympathies are extended to the family.

Church-By-The-River

A church member informed the council that a grant application had been submitted to the Thrivent Financial Lutherans organization for exterior landscaping work at the Church-By-The-River. Six families had also volunteered their help.

Center Point Energy representative, Ms Connie Hargest, was at the council meeting to present an award of Community Partnership Grant for the Heritage Preservation Commission. A check was presented to the city toward landscaping that had been done at the Church-By-The-River. This project coincided with the Center Point's criteria for city beautification. The council was also told that this organization also awards grants for safety equipment to Fire Departments. The city was urged to apply again next year. The city extended gratitude for the donation.

Did You Know?

...that in the winter of 1855-56 Carver established its first school, which was designated School District #1 in the Minnesota statewide numbering system. The Carver district retained its prestigious number until 1958 when Minnesota revised its numbering system.

River Boat Captain Carving on Broadway

The Heritage Commission was informed of the deterioration occurring to the Carver tree stump carving of the River Boat Captain carving at the south end of Broadway, across from the present Fire Hall. It is considered a unique attraction. A former SteamBoat Committee had commissioned the carving. The issue would be researched further.

By Kathy Guenther:

Residents may have noticed that the RiverBoat Captain is no longer in its original place. He was carefully bound and moved by the Carver city employees to further assess his condition. Not only was he tipping badly to the west, but upon closer inspection it was found that cracking due to the elements had allowed water into the trunk of the carving, resulting in even more deterioration and rot. The future of the RiverBoat Captain is uncertain at this time.

The city and Heritage Preservation Commission are looking for information on the history of the carving. Originally the carving was commissioned by a former SteamBoat Committee. In honor of our Carver River Boat Captain, anyone with any information on his history is urged to share this with the residents via the "Villager Tower" and city officials.

In the meantime, our "Captain" is resting safely out of the elements until his future is determined.

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Just in case he can't be saved, remember let's preserve him in words. Do you know how he came to be, who's idea he was, who promoted the carving, who did the carving and when it was done? Let's share 'his' beginning - who out there has this information? Submit it to the Villager Tower to be shared.

Carver Ridge

The council discussed the Carver Ridge area lift station improvements. The majority of the project is completed. The inspection staff is reviewing final construction costs. A Public Hearing needs to be scheduled in order to review assessments for the benefited property owners. The council decided on Option I for preliminary cost summary, acreage split by motion.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief informed the council of soliciting bids for a new truck to replace the truck donated by the DNR fifteen years ago. The Fire Department has the money to cover the purchase. Motion was made and carried to purchase the pick up truck from Lenzen Chevrolet/Buick. The old truck would be returned to the DNR per the original agreement.

DownTown Improvements

The engineer reported to the council that the majority of the downtown improvement project was completed. There were some issues still being worked on. A Public Hearing needs to be scheduled to review assessments. The council discussed the availability of the Tax Increment Funds and which option should be approved for assessments.

"There is no wisdom greater than kindness"

Carver Creek 7th Addition

The council discussed the Conditional Use Permit allowing grading within the fifty foot setback of the bluff lots in the Carver Creek 7th Addition. The city planner reminded them of the approval of the final plat with the Conditional Use Permit contingency. The site had been physically reviewed determining that previous agricultural activities had already disturbed the area. The city planner recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit allowing grading with conditions. The conditions included requirements of the engineer and the attorney: no trees larger than a six inch diameter to be removed; a detailed landscape and erosion plan are to be provided; and drainage calculations are to be submitted. One citizen was of the opinion that houses should be placed so that the bluff and the setback are not disturbed. Question was asked if grading would be an improvement. Future deck construction was a concern. The city ordinance allows a ten foot encroachment into the bluff setback. The engineer expressed concern about grading when done in the bluff setback. One council member interjected his desire of saving as many trees as possible. The city attorney commented that the plan was not feasible and the bluff line should be surveyed and marked prior to the start of grading. The developer stated their intention of following the engineer's guidelines.

Motion was made and carried adopting the amended resolution approving the Conditional Use Permit for grading in the Carver Creek 7th Addition. The developer was to stake the bluff line. The city staff is to review the work. The council requested that this Conditional Use Permit periodically be reviewed and to add the Conditional Use Permit to the Developer's Agreement.

Municipal Utilities -

Water Treatment Plant

The municipal utilities supervisor explained to the council that the third high service pump was bid as an Alternate and was not included with the remainder of the project at the time of award. Due to last summers high pumping rate, the city would be hard pressed if one of the pumps quit. With the rapid growth, the city discussed the purchase of a third pump. Motion was made and carried approving the purchase of a third high service pump for the water treatment plant.

The mayor stated that there was a need to schedule meeting to discuss water storage and well needs. The council consensus was to schedule meeting for the 20th of November. The council discussed funding for the water treatment plant. Financial consultant stated that revenue sources, water rate increases and connection fees have been reviewed. Before a grant is approved, request was made to assure stable revenue source. Motion was made and carried stating the city's intention to implement the water rate study recommendations accounting for debt financing for a new water treatment plant and other water system improvements as part of the city's fees resolution to be adopted for fees beginning on January 2004. Question was asked regarding growth stopping or decreasing. Calculations for payments used was conservative in planning and submittal.

Refinancing Strategizing

Ehlers Financial Consultants representatives talked with the council about finances. They discussed the 1994 refund of Improvement Bonds. Some of the city bonds could be reissued at a lower interest rate and could be paid down using prepaid assessment money. The net savings were reviewed. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution providing for the sale of General Obligation Funding Improvement Bonds.

Then the financial representative explained to the council that the water treatment plant financing with PFA funds would have significant savings versus the conventional loan. Suggestion was made that water connection charges should be increased four and half percent per year. Recommendation was made for a three percent increase annually for water rates and to incorporate a six dollar water treatment charge into the rate.

Key financial strategies were discussed with the council. Training involved four work sessions. The fee was talked about and the fee could be incorporated into a future bond issue as a planning item. The administrator was of the opinion that a strategic plan was necessary recommending consideration of the work shops. The issue would be reviewed again in the future.

The council made and carried a motion adopting the resolution providing for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds and pledging for the security there of Special Assessments and ad valorem taxes.

Sanitation

The city reviewed the license renewal stipulation with a sanitation company pertaining to complying with road restrictions in order to continue working within the city. The sanitation company has not complied and the six month license is about to expire. Inquiry was made to waiver road weight restrictions as is done for the school buses. It was decided that in order to enforce preservation of the streets, the weight restrictions should be adhered to. It was the opinion of the operations manager of the sanitation company that if smaller trucks would have to be used, then cost increases would have to be passed onto the customers. One council member commented that another company be allowed to apply for the license who could meet ordinance requirements.

The Operations Manager for the sanitation company requested license extension. Smaller trucks would be utilized in spring during road weight restrictions. Motion was made and carried extending the license as long as weight restrictions are met.

"Hold Fast to Dreams"

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die.
Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams go
Life is a barren field frozen with snow."

- Langsten Hughes

Heritage Development

The council was required to review four proposals regarding the Heritage Development. The Heritage Development proposes the development of property located east of County Road #147 for single and multiple family land uses. The present proposal involves Phase I site of thirty eight acres. Another issue required to be addressed involves an additional street out of the development onto Sixth Street West. There was a lengthy debate regarding the necessity of a road in this development.

The council made three motions adopting resolutions. The first resolution involved adopting the amended Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the Heritage Development. The second approved rezoning from agricultural to residential. The third resolution approved the Conditional Use Permit for town homes. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the resolution approving the preliminary plat with a road.

The city planner and engineer both reviewed the proposed road layout for the Heritage Development. The city required a road with a trail be included in the Final Plat in the south-east corner of the development as part of the Preliminary Plat approval. The plan was prepared and the council was asked to review the plan and approve the road layout.

The council discussed the trail. The attorney suggested including in the Developer's Agreement that working with the city be a requirement pertaining to the trail proposals to cause as little damage as possible to existing trees in the area. Comment was made that the walkway along Sixth Street and SunnyRidge Drive is five feet wide. The trail development should also be reviewed with the Park and Recreation Board.

Recreational Partnership

The Park and Recreational Board reviewed the Recreational Partnership proposal offered by the City of Chaska with Tom Redmond. This proposal included offering the same recreational programs at the same rate to both cities; same membership rates; resident rates for the two Chaska golf courses; continuing management and operation of existing programs; and creating a "Good Neighbor" partnership.

The City of Chaska would also be interested in working with residents to utilize Carver's Village Hall to promote and provide recreational activities that residents might be interested in participating in. A survey was circulated for input of interest. Most of the results were positive. Financial obligations involved need to be researched. Motion was made and carried recommending proceeding with the possibility of the recreational partnership proposal with the City of Chaska's Community Center.

Did You Know?

....that in 1857 farmers could sell bushels of corn to merchants in Carver for sixty cents per bushel, but often the cash-short merchants had to pay in goods rather than money.

Miscellaneous

The Park and Recreation Board requested scheduling a workshop with the City Planner to review the updated portion of the Comprehensive Plan prior to council final approval.

The Park and Recreation Board talked about the purchase of a caboose to place by the water tower in Depot Park. One board member presented photos of cabooses available for purchase. Further discussions will take place.

The council was told that the Chaska Chamber of Commerce would like to see Carver businesses join the Chamber. However, the Chamber thought it appropriate to discuss issues with the council first. An invitation should be extended to the Chamber of Chaska to come to a meeting.

The Heritage Preservation Commission is making attempts to obtain Certified Local Government Status for the city's historic district.

Trail Proposals

The Park and Recreation Board had a lengthy discussion concerning the number, locations and types of trails to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. The Board had lots of questions with this issue for the city planner and the city engineer. There was some discussion concerning the Lions Park trail proposal. The board also reviewed information pertaining to 'Recreation Grants' available for targeted trails. The administration would submit the application for grant for targeted trail systems. Motion was made and carried requesting the administrator submit a grant application to the 'local trail connections program'.

Park Dedication Fees

The city planner submitted the list of park fees currently utilized by nearby communities to the Park and Recreation Board. Park fee dedications should be based on improvements and determination of these fees should be based on growth calculations. The city planner proposed that the city review the park fee dedication policy along with adoption of the updated and amended Comprehensive Plan. Future determination of park fees would be based upon the level of service, specific land acquisition, development goals, and future population growth projections. The board had lots of questions. One question, in particular pertained to the ten percent park dedication requirement of developers in new developments. How was the percent of land dedication determined. The city planner would have to clarify the answer to the Park and Recreation Board.

"Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

- Henry VanDyke

Ice Skating Rink

The Park and Recreation Board discussed an ice skating rink. The size, location and cost of an ice skating rink were all reviewed by the board. One board member stated that the board has an opportunity to acquire an insulated 'warming house' for the rink at a reasonable cost. It was the board's consensus that this was a good opportunity. The board made and carried motion to purchase the 'warming house'. The board also made the motion to purchase the lining for an ice skating rink if financially feasible.

Heritage Preservation Commission Ordinance

The council discussed amending the Heritage Preservation Commission Ordinance as had been done with the Planning Commission pertaining to the non-voting member. Motion was made and carried amending the verbiage to the Heritage Preservation Commission regarding voting members and non-voting council liaison. Motion was made and carried appointing two new members to the commission.

Carver Bluffs West

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding Carver Bluffs West preliminary plat. No decisions were made since the rezoning of the property needs to be taken care first. However, there was a discussion held. The proposed development consists of single-family lots, outlots, and right-of-way on approximately twenty two acres. Some concerns about the development were reviewed. They included parking, the turn arounds, traffic, speed limit, trail concept, time frames, Park dedication, erosion controls and landscaping.

The council discussed the Carver Bluffs West development platted on twenty two acres with approximately twenty one homes. The plat has been withdrawn due to an issue with the slope of the road.

Dahlgren Township

Dahlgren Township hosted the County Township Dinner at the VFW in Chaska in October. This is an annual event through the County Township Association involving eleven townships. Each year they take turns hosting the dinner, which takes place annually, usually at the end of October. Next year Hancock Township will host the event. Menu and place is the decision of the hosting township. There were approximately two hundred and forty guests this year. In November there will be the state-wide convention of the township association held in Duluth. Some of the Dahlgren Township board members will be attending workshops in Duluth. At the convention they will be voting for nominating the leader of the year.

The township board held discussions on current and future repairs for several roads in the township.

Several board members attended the 2003 Carver County Elected Leaders Summit at the Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska.

"Every blade in the field
Every leaf in the forest
Lays down it's life in its season
As beautifully as it was taken up"
- Thoreau

YellowStone Raccoons

The 4-H YellowStone Racoons are planning to have their Christmas meeting on November 18th. The group will be going to the Eden Prairie Mall to buy presents for their immediate families, gift exchange and a snack will follow.

The 4-H group has completed the bench to be donated to the city in honor and memory of Bev Swanson. The members built the bench with the help of Harley and Chris Thon. They will be staining and varnishing the bench.

The YellowStone Raccoons want to also take this time to wish everyone "Season's Greetings".

County Road #147

The council held a discussion pertaining to the new County Road #147 work. Discussion at this time is that the newest portion of the construction of County Road #147 is not planned to be opened until spring. There was a question about correlation of road work and fire hall construction time line. Response was given that the fire hall completion date was anticipated to occur around March and the road opening planned for April. The timing should be close.

Comment was made that the new County Road #40 design is hazardous due to the curves. The engineer was of the opinion that guardrails would be installed.

"Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment "

RiverBluff Estates

Klingelhut Development requested a six month extension for the RiverBluff Estates development. This would mean that four approving resolutions for this project would have to be amended to approve the extension. There was also the situation involving SkyView Lane residents and the street issue. However, it was one council members opinion that these issues were not related.

The developer explained that proposal of this project at start was when his company had time, but not approvals. Now that approvals have been attained, his resources are busy with other projects. Motion was made and carried directing the staff to change time frame to six months.

Carver Youth

Softball/Baseball Association

The CYBSA wishes at this time to extend a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to all.

SkyView Lane Street Improvements

An informational meeting was held with the residents of SkyView Lane, the city engineer and city personnel. The engineer reviewed informational items with the audience and the content of the Feasibility Study regarding street and utility improvements for SkyView Lane. Sidewalk construction was not included in the study. A decision would be required whether sidewalk would be included in the final project. The sanitary sewer line is proposed to be installed down the center of SkyView Lane. The new development known as River Bluff Estates could hook up to this line. The developer probably will not make any major contributions since the existing sewer line is in the back lots of Eagle Ridge first addition.

Questions were asked about developer using SkyView Lane during construction for the new development. It was explained that presently there are not any connection between the first phase of River Bluff Estates and SkyView Lane. There are questions concerning access issues to Highway #212 and Chaska's future developments in the area. The connection to SkyView Lane will be addressed when the Outlot is platted in the future.

Resident stated their opinion that the city's connection fees are higher than adjacent communities. Residents are told that cities have to anticipate growth. Residents asked why they have to pay for anticipated growth. It was the opinion of some residents that the city was catering to the new developments. The engineer explained that connection fees are put toward payments of future wells, water towers, water and wastewater treatment plants, trunk mains and other sewer and water system improvements that the existing system requires because of growth and new connections. These connections are reviewed annually and updated. The SkyView Lane issue was dictated by the condition of the existing road. If the road is to be torn up, then that is the time to reconsider municipal utilities upgrades. Therefore, the new development had no bearing on the decision making.

Resident inquired about the developer building a lift station regarding River Bluff Estates. Connections to SkyView Lane or Eagle Ridge First Addition were asked about. The residents were of the impression that their assessments were paying for benefits to the developer. The engineer explained that a lift station is being constructed with the development of River Bluff Estates. The existing sewer line on Eagle Ridge Addition is not deep enough for the north end of SkyView Lane to connect to, but deep enough for a force main for the new development to connect to. Either line will be accessible for the developer. The city can only assess the benefit of the improvements to the property owner.

If the residents do not agree with the assessments, they can appeal. There is a procedure which must be adhered to under the Chapter 429 process that the residents will receive prior to the assessment hearing explaining the process.

Another resident inquired about the water main currently in the road. This water main is along the north side of the road in the 10' drainage and utility easement along the boulevard of Eagle Ridge First Addition. The main is large enough to service SkyView Lane.

The residents were reminded that the issues discussed were for informational purposes on how the project would affect their property and that the meeting was not a public hearing. There were still issues that required resolving.

The city engineer reported to the council that the feasibility report had been presented and a Public Hearing had been held on the SkyView Lane Street and utility improvements. Various options for sewer locations had been discussed. There had been public information meetings held to review and update residents reviewing survey results and other issues. If the council wanted to authorize preparation of plans and specifications, there was a resolution available for consideration. It was anticipated that this project would be combined with the Mt Hope Road street and utility improvements. Some final decisions and discussions were necessary regarding the splitting up of the sanitary sewer into two areas or one area and the sidewalk issues. Clarification was made that if the council adopted the resolution, the project could still be detained for whatever reasons. The council questioned sidewalk and sanitary sewer placement. Question was posed whether or not a sidewalk was necessary on SkyView Lane. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans for SkyView Lane street, utility improvements with no sidewalks on SkyView Lane and the sewer running one way.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are happy to report that the annual Halloween party was a huge success. There were 147 children who attended the party. Plans are already in the works for next year. Next year will be the 20th Annual Halloween Party. Plan on attending next year to share in even more fun. But, for now, thanks to everyone!

November 15th the Carver Lions celebrated their 30th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary Carver Lions! A party is planned in celebration of the event. There will be social hour, dinner and a program. The emcee for the event is former District Governor Jerry Schmieg from the Victoria Lions Club. This is quite an accomplishment and congratulations are extended to each and every member.

This year, again, the Carver Lions will be sponsoring the Holiday Light Contest! Start planning! Start checking who's naughty or nice, oops, wrong event....Who's your competition? Where are my lights? Who borrowed my ladder? Where do you get the details? From a Carver Lion or the Village Hall or watch for upcoming information in the 'Carver Quarterly' newsletter.

A heads up...sometime this winter the Carver Lions are planning a Pork Chop Dinner at the Village Hall. Details are being worked on. It's still in the planning stages. Once again, watch for flyers at local businesses and in the 'Carver Quarterly' newsletter from the City of Carver.

New members are always welcomed to join the Carver Lions. Looking to fill that void in your life and do good things for others. The Carver Lions is where you want to be. They meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. Come and see what they are all about.

The Carver Lions extend 'Seasons Greetings' to each and everyone!

Villager Tower

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all their support throughout the year again. This year we have people submitting more items to the newsletter for print. Thank you. As always, the people responsible for making the paper possible have been more than generous in sponsoring the newsletter. An extra thanks to all the businesses who contribute. Without their help, you wouldn't have a newsletter. Therefore, when you think about going to the store to buy what you need, stop and think if any one of the businesses have what you need. Or if there is a service you need done, consider the supporters of the newsletter you are reading. Thank you.

Also, welcoming aboard is Kathy who has generously offered to help to edit the newsletter. Thanks Kathy. If you are interested in helping with the 'Villager Tower' give me a call. There are lots of small details requiring attention prior to production. Call 952) 448-5126. If no answer, leave a message. I will get back to you. Free help is never turned away.

P.S. There will not be a December issue of the "Villager Tower". Publications will resume in January of 2004 which will begin our twenty second year of printing. Congratulations to everyone who has helped with newsletter over the years. There are a lot of behind the scenes help.

"Happy Holidays from the 'Villager Tower'"

Ellie Thaemert

Ellie is long time resident of the City of Carver who moved to Chaska's senior citizen's complex. Many of us in town know Ellie well. Her husband Lawrence did the septic system cleaning for many years. Then their son, Greg took over the family business. Greg, however, has sold the business and gone back to sunny California. The reason for this announcement is to let people who know Ellie that she recently became ill and was hospitalized. Presently she is recuperating at St Gertrude's HealthCare in Shakopee. Anyone wishing to visit her is welcome to do such. Or if you just want to send Ellie a card, a short hello or give her a call that would be super too. She's in Room #402. Mailing address is 1850 Sarazin Street, Shakopee MN 55379. You can call her @ 952) 233-4433.

Did You Know?

....that on Saturday, October 11th, 2003 the US Fish and Wildlife Service branch of the United States Department of the Interior over saw the planting of 350 sapling bur oak trees along the Minnesota River just northeast of Carver's RiverSide Park in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Partnering with Great River Greening, a non-profit ecological organization, the Wildlife Service oversaw the efforts of a host of individual and organizational volunteers in preparing the area and planting the young trees, which had been grown from native acorns harvested in the area. The area was planted to restore native hardwood trees in the once-farmed floodplain that lies in the section of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge area located between the cities of Chaska and Carver. Next year a nature trail will connect the two cities and the Wildlife Service will install informational kiosks at each end of the trail, one near the Chaska ball park, the other at the east end of Carver's RiverSide Park.

Fire Department and Community Calendars

November 2003 Birthdays

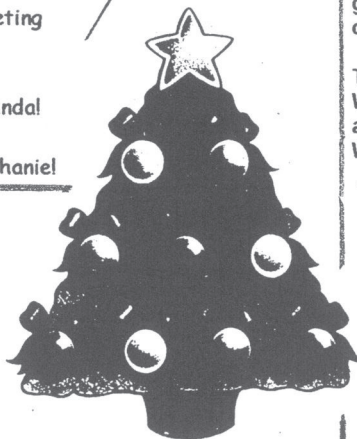
November 22nd - Happy Birthday Tim!
November 23rd - Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren!
Happy Thanksgiving
November 29th - Happy Birthday Ken!

December 2003

December 1st - Council Meeting
December 4th - Heritage Preservation Meeting
Happy Birthday Pattil
Happy Birthday Shayla!
Happy Birthday Aletta!
Fire Drill Night
December 6th - Happy Birthday Tommy Lee!
Second Annual Carver Village Christmas
December 8th - Park and Recreation Board
Township Meeting
December 15th - Council Meeting
Fire Drill Night
December 17th - Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol!
December 20th - First Day of Hanukkah
December 22nd - Happy Birthday Sandy!
First Day of Winter
December 23rd - Planning Commission
Fire Department Meeting
December 24th - Christmas Eve
December 25th - Christmas Day
December 29th - Happy Birthday Miranda!
December 31st - New Year's Eve
Happy Birthday Stephanie!

2004

January 1st - New Year's Day



"A smile on a loved one's face is a decoration that stays up all year round!"

Tentative Agenda

December 1st - Monday Evening 6:30 PM
Church-By-The-River

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) Public Safety
- 6) Public Works Report
- 7) City Engineer/Planner Reports
- 8) Administrative Reports
- 9) Liaison Reports
- 10) Other Business
- 11) Adjourn



History Books

For those of you who are not aware, there is a history book floating around locally that is for sale. The history book is about the Scott-Carver Thresher's in Jordan. One founder resided in East Union and the other was from Jordan. There's a lot of local history in the book. If interested in purchasing a book, titled, *"Stepping Back in Time..."* for \$25/each you can contact, Ricki Schultz at 952) 448-5126 or talk to the gals at the beauty shop. It makes a nice Christmas present.

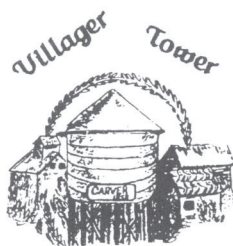
Did you Know?

....that Carver resident Levi H Griffin was appointed the first Sheriff of Carver County in 1855 by the Governor of the Territory of MN, Willis A Gorman. Levi Griffin ran a stagecoach line, operated a ferry boat making MN River crossing, was the proprietor of the Carver House Hotel in Carver, and with his wife Eliza (maiden name Torrey) parented Eliza Griffin, born in 1855, the first white child born in Carver.

....that during the Sioux Uprising of August and September of 1862 that many Minnesota farmers and settlers fled from the threat of Indians to Carver and took refuge in the homes of Carver residents, awaiting steamboats to take them to safety down river at Fort Snelling. During the thirty seven days of the Sioux Uprising 500 citizens were killed, as well as perhaps sixty Sioux (Dakota) Indians. On December 26th, 1862 in Mankato, thirty eight of the Sioux condemned a the most serious offenders were hanged.

....that in 1880 Louis Suelter of Carver developed the Beta Grape, which he named in honor of his wife Beta. The grape was well adapted for Minnesota's cold climate, produced large quantities of fruit, had good disease resistance, and was well-flavored. Local nurseries continue to carry the grape which makes great juices and jellies.

The 'Did you Know' trivia information was kindly supplied by John von Walter of Carver. Thank you John. It worked out very nicely for fillers and was quite interesting. I hope others find it just as interesting. Words are such powerful tools and can be preserved forever. Thanks!



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The Second Annual Carver Village Christmas

December 6th 2003



Come join the community of Carver for a day of family fun and an evening of elegant entertainment.

Santa arrives at the Gazebo	2 PM
Horse Drawn Hay Rides At the Gazebo	1 – 3 PM
Taste of Christmas (\$25.00) *	6 – 8 PM
Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, Wine & Music at the Church-By-River	

Hot Chocolate, Cider, Coffee	
Food Drive (Bring a donation to the Gazebo)	1 – 3 PM
Carolers, Music and Good Cheer!!	



* Taste of Christmas" tickets may be purchased at the Carver Depot, Swanson and Associates, Potted Fig, Hazelnut House, and Objects & Art-Mustard Moon
Call 92) 292- 8479 for more details

**** Taste of Christmas** – Menu: Imported Cheeses and Fresh Fruit



Smoked Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce

Spiral Ham

Shrimp Cocktail

Hot Artichoke Dip

Green Funk (Dangerfield's House Specialty –

Spinach, Artichokes, Cheese, Garlic Baked French
baked bread loaf)

Variety of Fresh Baked Breads

Desserts

All Proceeds go Toward Carver Depot Park Improvements

This event is graciously provided by the Carver Lions, The Carver Fire Department, and local businesses.

Hors d'oeuvres Buffet Catered by Dangerfields of Shakopee.

Gary and Bonnie of Carver Liquors have chosen the perfect wines to compliment the food.

PS: The Hazelnut House, Potted Fig, Olio's, Objects'n art/Mustard Moon, Treasure Chest Antiques and Funky Minds are all open for business and welcome holiday shoppers!!

