



In Loving Memory and Dedicated to "Aunt" Izene

Izene Wilhelmina Schultz

Long time resident of East Union, born in June of 1914, Izene Schultz passed away September 15th 2004. Aunt Izene and my grandmother, along with Scott Hallin's mother, Beatrice all knew one another. So you can about imagine their surprise when John and I began dating way back when. Of all of John's aunts, Izene was probably the one aunt that I saw the most and our lives intertwined the most. She was my favorite. When we moved into our present home, whenever Aunt Izene needed anything, she would call us. There was one time John went up there to help her with something. He wouldn't accept any kind of payment. Low and behold he came home one night and there beneath the tree was a cube of Mt Dew. She would never admit that she was the person behind it, but somehow it leaked out. No matter how small or big the task, she knew she could count on us to help her out. As the 'golden years' took their toll on this active individual, it was very difficult to watch her cope with the aging process that robbed her gradually of her vitality, 'spit and vinegar' and livelihood. There are just so many wonderful memories of this fine 'lady' there isn't enough time nor space to share them all with you. She was a very special person with a very special purpose in this life. She never had a bad word to say about anyone, she gave and gave and gave. She will be sorely missed by many. Rest in Peace.



Robert Joseph Bachman

Robert Bachman formerly of Carver passed away September 10th 2004. Shawn, Anna and Joseph, along with their mother, Colleen are left behind to go on without him. Sympathies are extended to them all.

Karen Fletcher

Karen Fletcher of Carver passed away September 9th battling cancer. Sympathies are extended to her daughters Lisa and Darla, along with brother-in-law, Jim Fletcher.

Elk Hunter Bailey

Announcement: Elke Hunter Bailey formerly of Carver passed away. A reception had been held locally in her honor to remember her. Sympathies are extended to her children and family.

The Next Place by: Warren Hanson

The next place that I go will be as peaceful and familiar as a sleepy summer Sunday and a sweet, untroubled mind.
And yet....it won't be anything like any place I've ever been.....or seen....or even dreamed of in the place I leave behind.
I won't know where I'm going, and I won't know where I've been as I tumble through the always and look back toward the when.
I'll glide beyond the rainbows, I'll drift above the sky. I'll fly into the wonder, without ever wondering why.
I won't remember getting there. Somehow I'll just arrive. But I'll know that I belong there and will feel much more alive than I have ever felt before. I will be absolutely free of the things that I held onto that were holding onto me.
The next place that I go will be so quite and so still, that the whispered song of sweet belonging will rise up to fill the listening sky with joyful silence and with unheard harmonics of music made by no one playing like a hush upon a breeze.
There will be no room for darkness in that place of living light. Where an ever-dawning morning pushes back the dying night. The very air will fill with brilliance, as the brightly shining sun. And the moon and half a million stars are married into one.
The next place that I go won't really be a place of living light. There won't be any seasons - winter, summer, spring or fall - Nor a Monday, Nor a Friday, Nor December, Nor July. And the seconds will be standing still.....while hours hurry by.
I will not be a boy or girl, a woman or a man. I'll simply be, just simply, me. Nor worse or better than.
My skin will not be dark or light. I won't be fat or tall. The body I once lived in won't be part of me at all.
I will finally be perfect. I will be without flaw. I will never make one more mistake, or break the smallest law.
And the me that was impatient, or was angry or unkind, will simply be a memory. The me I left behind.
I will travel empty-handed. There is not a single thing I have collected in my life that I would ever want to bring except....the love of those who loved me, and the warmth of those who cared. The happiness and memories and magic that we shared.
Though I will know the joy of solitude....I'll never be alone. I'll be embraced by all the family and friend I've ever known. Although I might not see their faces, all our hearts will beat as one, And the circle of our spirits will shine brighter than the sun.
I will cherish all the friendship I was fortunate to find, all the love and all the laughter in the place I leave behind.
All these good things will go with me. They will my spirit glow. And the light will shine forever in the next place that I go...

Alternative Urban Review Area

Township representatives from Dahlgren attended the meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan study area and Alternative Urban Review Area on the joint meeting agenda. A San Francisco township resident requested to be included in the Alternative Urban Review Area study. The City of Carver Planner commented that the city should include more land in the study because additional requests were being received daily. Two options were presented to the city council. Option 1 included land in Dahlgren Township while Option 2 was inclusive of both townships. The city planners recommendation centered on Option 2 with the reasoning that the final plan could always be scaled back from the study area. Option 2 included land from County Roads #45 and #40 to Maplewood Road, west to County Road #43, and south to Highway #212, across Highway #212 at County Road #43 for about half of these sections to County Road #147. The statement was made that it was thought that with the new highway, the land on the north side of Highway #212 would be considered prime industrial property.

Question was asked if the township could be included in two Comprehensive Plans? The township has the designated areas in their Comprehensive Plan as prime agricultural land. It was the city attorney's opinion that this was possible. It was the township's opinion that the amount of land proposed to be included in the study is considerably larger than necessary. City council member questioned the acreage being included in the study. The city planner was not certain but approximated about four thousand acres. The amount considered is larger than the City of Carver. Council member stated understanding the reasonings for the amounts being studied, but still questioned why so much at this time. Statement was also made regarding being amazed that the city was looking at an area six to seven times larger the present city. The attorney pointed out that this land could be put into Urban Reserve versus all of it considered for housing. The township representative requested written confirmations from township residents to be included in the Alternative Urban Review Area so that they would be included in the circle of knowledge. Motion was made and carried selecting Comprehensive Plan 2 with input from San Francisco Township. Council member added in this plan there were expectations of seeing a lot of urban reserve land for this area. Motion was made and carried updating the Alternative Urban Review Area with the approved and proposed parcels, along with residents to contact Dahlgren and San Francisco Townships in writing requesting to be included in the study.

A meeting for the Carver Comprehensive Plan Work Group and Alternates was held. The city planner chaired the meeting. The group considered actions to be taken to 'Achieve, Avoid and Preserve'. The captions discussed at this particular meeting included Industrial, Historical, Commercial, Township, Development, Green Spaces, Schools, Recreation and Transportation. The issue to be discussed at the August meeting would involve Commercial and Industrial. At the scheduled September meeting the issue to be reviewed would be Green Spaces and Recreation and for October; Development. The group scheduled their meetings for the fourth Monday of each month.

Resident Commercial Uses

The Planning Commission held a public hearing concerning the uses of residential dwellings for commercial purposes. Several requests have been received to use historic homes for businesses in the city. The Heritage Preservation Commission drafted an ordinance regarding this issue for the Planning Commission's review and recommendations. Audience participation statements were in agreement with concerns. Question was asked about types of businesses proposed in the historic district. Concerns were given about parking requirements, noise restrictions, retail types of businesses versus office types of situations. Traffic and parking are major concerns. Conversion of historic homes makes it difficult to convert back to original status upon vacation of businesses. Defining the boundaries of the commercial district would be a possibility. Business applicants are required to apply for Conditional Use Permits. These permits have restrictions/conditions and enforcement must be reviewed. The proposed ordinance was only an extension of alternates the applicants would still be required to justify their actions to the Planning Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission and the city council. The proposal was tabled until further research was done on the issues.

Carver Bluffs West

The Planning Commission reviewed the request from Hans Hagen Homes for approval of the final plat for Carver Bluffs West consisting of approximately twenty two and a quarter acres including twenty single-family lots, six outlots and the right-of-way. The final plat met the Planned Residential Development plat and zoning as approved in February. The conditions were reviewed for approval. The board reviewed the engineers comments which included grading, utility plans, pond configuration and grading along with water run-off concerns of adjacent property owners. Grading has been done to the site. Issues reviewed were the trail, creation of bluff areas outlot clarifications and park dedication. The General Manager of the developer repeated the willingness to work with the city and acceptance of reasonable solutions especially pertaining to bluff issues.

Adjacent property owners reiterated concern regarding the continued water erosion issue experienced on their property. It was their contention that this issue has still not been resolved, addressed nor corrected. The actions taken to alleviate this were discussed. Comment was made that the numbers may be working on paper, but these numbers were not working in reality. The unusual wet spring was blamed for inability to correct the problem properly. It was their opinion that the planted vegetation has now been given time to settle in and should correct the problem as planned. Concrete water system was questioned as a possibility to channel water away from the property? Response was given that this method was avoided for various reasons and the vegetation should alleviate the issue.

Speed and turnarounds for the Fire Department were issues to still be discussed in the addition. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the final plat for Carver Bluffs West providing that all conditions were met with the City Planner, Engineer and attorney, as well as minimizing the wetness problem with the adjacent property.

The council reviewed the request for approval of the final plat of Carver Bluffs West. The City Planner explained the original plans for this plat with the sewer coming up County Road #40 through Dahlgren Township on private property. An agreement could not be reached with the property owner, therefore the sewer line would have to be constructed elsewhere. Approval for the final plat was being requested.

The General Manager discussed an outlot planned to be dedicated to the city, but the Planning Commission suggested dedication to the Home Owner's Association. However, there was question of the association or the developer having the ability to take this type of action. The City Planner reviewed park dedication fees which will be cash-in-lieu-of-land. Two outlots were excluded from the calculations to determine payment since they will be subdivided into lots in the future. The council was told of the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The council discussed park dedication fees pertaining to outlots, open space and ownership issues. Comment was made that this should be brought to the attention of the Park and Recreation Board. The engineer talked about the utilities in the area. The city attorney interjected his opinion. It was also pointed out that some of the land was unbuildable due to the topography. The General Manager stated that property used for other intended uses in the future which would benefit the city would mean that the developer would expect park fees refund. There was also surprise in the fact that land being dedicated would be expected to also pay park dedication fees. The council made a motion approving the resolution approving the final plat for Carver Bluffs West.

The city planner reminded the council that the Comprehensive Plan amendment, rezoning, planned residential district and preliminary plat had all been approved in February. And that the final plat had been approved in August. One of the conditions of these approvals involved the Met Council's approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Property cannot be rezoned until and unless it is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Met Council had approved the amendment, therefore, the city could enact the zoning ordinance amendment which was conditionally approved in February. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the ordinance rezoning certain property platted as Carver Bluffs West to Planned Residential District.

LyleWood Glen

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The council discussed the recommendation from the Planning Commission for LyleWood Glen formerly known as the Heritage Development. The change being requested was Exhibit 'C' specifying the change in the architecture of the townhome units.

Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution approving the final plat of twenty two single family lots, ninety three town home lots, outlots and right of way for the development now being referred to as LyleWood Glen.

River Bluff Estates

The council was reassured that the grading being done in River Bluff Estates was going according to the plan. The developer has bid the street and utility work. Per the Developer's Agreement the engineering firm worked on the lift station design. Inquiries were made to the Metropolitan Council pertaining to the possibility of the development being connected to their system, but the time is not right. Motion was made and carried approving the plans and specifications for the River Bluff lift station and schedule the bid opening.

The council discussed the tree removal by the developer's contractor prior to installing a tree preservation fence on the project. Due to conflicts with a tree preservation line shown on the landscape plan and the grading plan, tree removal was stopped but some trees were removed landscape and grading plan limits. The engineer showed the council slides of tree removal on the site. The council discussed the amount of sand, gravel and trees removed, as well as the amounts of material brought back in. It was the city's opinion that trees were removed that should not have been and told the developer's representative such. The developer proposes to plant some new trees replacing those mistakenly removed. The building inspector expressed his thoughts on the restoration plan. He further stated that the purpose of the trees that were not to be removed were for screening purposes and in order to restore this effect the correct types of trees need to be replanted. Motion was made and carried that tree restoration of this area be done with any amendments that the building inspector designates to be done.

The city engineer informed the council that six companies submitted bids on the River Bluff Estates Lift Station project recommending accepting the low bid from Barbarossa and Sons, Inc. The developer would bear the majority of the cost and the city would be responsible for the balance of the cost due to oversizing of the project. Motion was made and carried accepting the low bidder.

City Garage

The council was reminded of their authorization for the administrator to sell the city garage. One bid had been received for the purchase of the structure which was less than the estimated worth recommending rejection of the bid. The property is zoned R-2 limiting usage and it is also a non-conforming lot size. Motion was made and carried with all ayes rejecting the bid. The appraisal was discussed. It was one council member's opinion that the property was not worth the estimated value. Another member's opinion was to advertise the sale further. The council would continue reviewing the issue.

The city administration pointed out to the council that the closing for the bids on the Fourth Street East Garage had passed. One bid was received. The individual expressed intent of the building was for storage. The administrator recommended approval of the bid on the building. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay accepting the bid for the garage.

Miscellaneous

The council reviewed information regarding Highway #41 over the Minnesota River. The update was reviewed. The mayor would like to see this issue on the agenda in the future and possibly a state representative to comment on the issue, as well.

The council reviewed the issue involving the Danco Company. A motion was made but denied to proceed with arbitration with the Danco Company after a lengthy discussion.

The council reviewed the employment agreement with the City Administrator. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the employment agreement with the administrator.

The council scheduled a special session for bonding issues. The council also scheduled two work session meetings for budgetary related issues.

The council was told that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing concerning Zoning Ordinance revisions and reviewed the application for the Final Plat of the Carver Bluffs West development. The council was also updated that the Heritage Preservation Commission opposed some Zoning Ordinance revisions proposed for the downtown area.

The mayor stated that Fire Station/Public Works Facility open house had been held. Approximately twenty to thirty families had participated in the event.

The city scheduled the Truth in Taxation Hearings by motion for December 6th 2004 with the continuation date, if necessary set for December 13th.

SealCoating

The city had budgeted a specific amount for sealcoating within the city for 2004. Bids have been received for this work. There were also two alternates on the quote for consideration. One alternate was to fill cracks in Carver Bluffs area prior to sealcoating and the other involved filling cracks and sealcoating on Broadway from 6th Street to the dead end. The city engineer recommended the first alternate involving filling cracks in the bluffs but not west of portion 6th Street for stated cost as the project was based on unit prices and there could be some variation from the estimated quantities and the final quantities. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the bid from Pearson Brothers for the stated amount.

Mount Hope Road/SkyView Lane Improvements

The city engineer reported to the council that some of the storm sewer on the project will be jacked across the Union Pacific Railroad bed near the old water tower park area. The railroad had forwarded final exhibits for the city's requirement to accept a resolution agreement for permit processing with the Union-Pacific Railroad. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution with the railroad.

The engineer gave an updated report on the project.

PumpHouse Modifications

The council was told that there were three bidders for the Well Number #3 PumpHouse Modifications project. The engineer explained that the low bidder was Magney Construction, however, upon receipt of an itemized breakdown, it was realized that the electrical work exceeded the estimate. It was also discovered upon further investigation that the one electrician bid this project for all three bidders. It was the engineer's opinion that it would be in the city's best interest to rebid the project. Motion was made and carried rejecting all of the bids and re-advertise this project with a bid opening date of October 12th.

Did You Know.....

.....That an 1881 Minnesota River flood in Carver flowed into the old Village Hall and "toward the hillsides".

Comprehensive Plan Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met. A presentation was given targeting aiding cities to plan for growth taking into account the consideration of the community's natural resources and areas. Attending this meeting were also representatives from the DNR, the MN Valley NWR and Friends of the MN Valley. The functions of the Open Spaces were discussed. These functions include Natural Resources Protection, working lands, outdoor recreation, public health and safety and community character. The group also looked into how to conduct a Natural Resources Inventory. Basic information for conducting the Natural Resources Inventory included a base map (political boundaries and roads), aerial photos, topography, plant communities and wildlife, soils, water features (lakes, wetlands and water sources), flood plains, natural areas/open spaces, other community specific information (gravel resources, failing septic systems, etc.) It was also pointed out that there were grants available for these studies. The committee also discussed the development along the #212 corridor. Commercial development was essential for the city. The Comprehensive Plan was in need of an ordinance to save the trees. Green spaces were needed to be added into the Comprehensive Plan, along with safety and transportation issues.

The city engineer discussed the studies related to the Alternative Urban Area Review and the Comprehensive Plan updates. Further explanation was given that in order to plan for streets, sanitary sewer, water and storm systems to serve the Alternative Urban Area Review and the Comprehensive Study area that several studies would be required to be completed. Council member inquired as to what study the council was waiting for that was approved in 2001. The response given was the Surface Water Management Plan which the draft was complete and had been submitted to the required agencies for approval.

Another council member questioned why these studies were being done for the Tollefson development group with the city acquiring the costs. The city planner explained that these studies would be required regardless in order to update the Comprehensive Plan, but the development group of Tollefson would bear some of the costs. It was pointed out that the Alternative Urban Area Review was being paid for by the Tollefson developers. The city attorney also pointed out the necessity for the city to spend these amounts in 2005 or 2006 and by doing this early, then the Tollefson groups would pay approximately one third of the Comprehensive Plan study. Further pointing out that by the developer group paying a third of this cost, then the city is not committing to annexing the property; that decision would be made by a council at a later date.

Questions were asked about doing all the studies at the same time and shouldn't the water supply plan be done first to eliminate areas where possibly there wouldn't be an adequate water supply. The engineer answered questions commenting involvement of test wells. Question was asked if these test wells are done around the freeway corridors.

Inquiry was made asking what the purpose of and Alternate Urban Area Review. The attorney stated that the size of the development would require an Environmental Impact Study and Alternate Urban Area Review is an alternate more comprehensive study of the area. The council held a lengthy discussion involving the Alternate Urban Area Review, Comprehensive Plan, water supply and distribution.

The city's financial consultant representative talked with the council about what other cities are also doing to recover costs participating in these types of studies through future development. Suggestion was submitted to draft an agreement with Tollefson developers to recover costs. Council member commented on concerns that these costs would be passed onto future housing making these costs higher. The financial consultant stressed that fees necessitate fairness and relate directly to actual costs. The present requirement was authorization to proceed with studies. The financial consultant would draft a resolution for approval based on the motion passed and these studies should be inclusive of a minimal cost to future homes. Motion was made and carried to proceed with the five studies for the Comprehensive Plan and Tollefson's Alternate Urban Area Review and that the studies be paid by a loan from the municipal utilities capital funds to be paid back with fees with the city not to proceed until an escrow reimbursement agreement has been established and entered into with said developer for 100 % of the Alternate Urban Area Review and it's prorated share of the studies needed for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

River Side Park

The Park and Recreation Board met on site at the RiverSide Park to discuss potential implementations and development of programs that would benefit the city and its residents. Mr Kevin Bigalke, the Director of Conservation Programs for "Friends of the Minnesota River" was also present at the Park and Recreation Board's meeting. The "Friends of the MN River" is a non-profit organization.

Mr Bigalke explained the goals of the organization and how they operate. The group participates in community organizing, planning activities, habitat restoration projects and such that benefit the Minnesota River and its watershed. They offer several programs working with communities to assist in protecting, restoring and enhancing their natural resources.

The Park and Recreation Board were reminded that the RiverSide Park area was a "great resource" to the city and could be an even greater one with a plan that would incorporate a balanced usage of the park involving both physical usage and passive usage. Mr Bigalke told the group that this organization could aid with making them aware of workshops available that address the envisioning/designing of a park and possibly even aiding in seeking funds and possibly grants for improvements scheduled to be undertaken. Flooding of the area was discussed. It was the organizations outlook that flooding was part of nature, so you work with the flooding and develop it within the confines of what 'Mother Nature' allowed. The first initial step was to comprise a plan. The organization could supply photos of other communities with similar circumstances. Community input was encouraged. Policing was discussed, zoning, Comprehensive Plan allowances, etc. A community meeting and date when scheduled would be posted on the cities website and included in the city's newsletter for residents.

The Park and Recreation Board discussed growing demand for field usage in Carver with the representative from the Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association. Scheduling for next year's summer sports activities were touched upon. Suggestion was submitted for the Park and Recreation Board members review the Mission Statement of the Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association. The board members were also invited to attend an associations meeting in order to prepare for handling the demands of the growth of youths and the associations role in the community.

SteamBoat Days Car Show

By Greg Witt

Thanks to all the hard work by everyone involved in making this year's SteamBoat Days Celebration a success. To all the volunteers that put in countless hours behind the scenes, and to all who came and helped fill our streets and have a good time. On my behalf, I'd like to thank my good friends Paul and Trish Hayes for bailing me out at the registration table of the car show, Jim Michel, and my wife, Meg for the organizational assistance. Harvey Brower at GRAPHTEC SIGNAGE for his artistic talent, and the others who helped keep things under control at the "Pavement Roast".

The SteamBoat Days Committee is always looking for volunteers to help organize this event, so if you are interested in getting involved and having some fun while doing so, we would love to hear from you.

Get Wells Wishes

Karen Young was scheduled for corrective surgery on the 29th of September at the Burnsville Hospital. She will be in rehabilitation for a couple of months. So when you have a free moment, be sure to take the time and go visit her or just maybe give her a call. She would really enjoy that.

If you need more information, call Tom at 952) 448-4962 and leave a message. Get well Karen quickly. If you don't have time to go visit, maybe you can just call her and say hello.

Did You Know.....

...that in 1856 there were but fifteen houses in Carver.

Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

October 2004

- October 1st - Happy Anniversary Paul and Yvonnal
- October 4th - Council Meeting (6:30 PM)
- October 5th - Ovary Club Meeting
- October 6th - Lion's Meeting
- October 7th - Drill Night (6:30 PM)
Happy Anniversary Kari and Guy I
- October 10th - Ninth Annual Second Alarm Chili Feed
- October 11th - Columbus day
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Dahlgren Town Meeting
Happy Birthday Ryan!
Happy Anniversary Gwen and Paull
Public Workshop/RiverSide Park
7PM - Church-By-The-River
- October 15th - Happy Birthday Andrea!
- October 16th - GRAND OPENING
Carver Fire Department/ Public Works Facility
- October 18th - Council Meeting (6:30 PM)
Drill Night (6:30 PM)
- October 19th - Heritage Preservation Committee Meeting
Happy Birthday Annette!
- October 20th - Lion's Meeting
- October 21st & 22nd - MEA - No School
Happy Birthday Larry!
- October 23rd - Carver Lions Halloween Party
5 PM - 7 PM - Carver Village Hall
- October 24th - United Nations Day
- October 25th - Comprehensive Plan Committee
Happy Birthday Carl!
- October 26th - Planning Commission
- October 28th - Fire Department Meeting Night
- October 29th - Happy Anniversary Glen & Joycelyn!
- October 31st - Daylight Savings Ends
Halloween

First National Bank

The First National Bank branch in Carver is now open which many of you probably already know by now. The address is 304 North Broadway in Carver, the phone number is 952) 361-5902. The website is: www.kleinnet.com/chaska. The Carver branch is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Thursday and Friday have extended hours and close at 6 PM. Saturday morning you can find service to be available from 9 AM until noon. How about that? Those of us who don't get into town until after five can now get some banking done in Carver. The First National Bank, also has branches in downtown Chaska, the Chaska Commons on Highway #41 north (by Target) and in Shakopee. Welcome to the bank personnel to our fine community.

East Union Country Fare

The East Union Church is holding it's annual Country Fare on Saturday, October 2nd from 10 AM to 2 PM at the church. This is a fund raising event. The members sell handmade crafts, collectible items, garden produce, baked goods, and homemade des-serts. There is also a quilt raffle. You can come to shop and then stay and have a Swedish Meatball Dinner. If you would like more information you can contact, Diane Vollum at 952) 448-3039. Don't be bashful, go see what it's all about. You just might find that treasure you've been searching for.

Did You Know....

...that Carver once had two brickyards which produced buff-colored brick that is hard to distinguish from the more common Chaska brick. While some Carver buildings were built of Carver brick, much of the Carver brick was shipped to Minneapolis and St Paul.

A Living Nativity

I heard a rumor in one of the church bulletin that there are plans to have a Living Nativity for 2005. Preparation needed for such an event does not make it feasible for 2004 they said. Something to get involved in and look forward to. Wouldn't that just be too cool? If you are interested in this type of a great goal, contact the East Union Church to volunteer to help make costumes and build the set.

I hope they will share updates with us all and keep us posted on their progress. What a wonderful idea and what a superb way to bring it home to people. It should be a truly special event to share in.

Home For the Cure

This is just another reminder and another means of getting the information out to as many as possible. There is a house being built in Carver which is a very special house. You will find this special house in the Carver Ridge Subdivision. The developer is Jeff Martineau. The special house can be found at 931 Ridge-crest Drive and is listed on the "Parade of Homes Tour" This special house was built with love and hope and will be auctioned off. Sealed bids will be received until October 8th. All the proceeds from this special house will go to benefit Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Jeff's daughter has been struck with this terrible disease and he's attempting to do something to help the cause instead of feeling sorry for himself. His generosity should be applauded. Remember, donations are tax deductible. Checks can be sent to Families of SMA at PO Box #581051, Minneapolis MN 5545-1051. If you have questions or wish to make a bid, call 763) 512-5918.

Carver Lions Annual Halloween Party

Found that special costume for the youngsters? Ready to volunteer so that those lil' ones have a good time? It's time again, the Lions are getting ready to host the party for the kids. Volunteers are needed at the Village Hall from 5 PM to 7 PM on October 23rd (Saturday). This year, all youths who volunteer and dress up in a costume will be entered into a special prize drawing. If you are interested in participating to make the lil' ones have a wonderful time, contact Karen Rae Huerd at 952) 890-6160.

The kids to participate in the drawings, games, prizes and treats will be 5th graders down to preschoolers. Remember for the safety of the preschoolers and the kindergartners, parents or adults please accompany them. Admission is \$2.00 and a food item for the Food Shelf. See ya'll there.

Grand Opening

If you were unable to attend the 'Open House' for the Fire Department/ Public Works Facility then the City of Carver cordially invites you to attend the Grand Opening of the new building. This Grand Opening is happening on Saturday, October 15th from 5 PM to midnight. Come between five and seven and you can have rides on the fire engines, aerial ride, station tours, food and refreshments. From seven until midnight you will be entertained by a live band, enjoy food and refreshments. The Grand Opening is co-sponsored by the Carver Lions Club, Lenzen's Chevrolet-Buick and Harvey's Bar and Grill. Be sure to come and check out the fun.

Ninth Annual Second Alarm Chili Feed

On Sunday, October 10th mark your calendars to come to the Village Hall from 11 AM to 5 PM for a scrumptious bowl of chili. The purpose of the chili feed is to donate the proceeds to organizations treating children's birth defect. You can buy your tickets in advance for \$5. Any Second Alarm member will sell you an advance ticket. Or you can buy them from Lenzen-Chevrolet Buick, Swanson and Associates office, Harvey's Bar and Grill, Lisa's Place, or the Silver Bullet. If you wait and don't get your ticket in advance, it will cost you an additional dollar which is all that bad either, since that's means one more dollar to be donated for a child in need. When you go, you will also be participating in a silent auction and meat raffle event. Carry out will also be available.

The Second Alarm is made up of retired fire fighters from Carver. Past donations have made numerous operations possible for third world and less fortunate countries' children. The Second Alarm thanks everyone for their support and help. Be sure to come and enjoy the festivities.

Third Annual Carver Village Christmas

That's right, it just about that time of the year again. This year's Third Annual Carver Village Christmas is scheduled for December 4th and the 11th. They are still fine tuning the events. Santa has been notified and his calendar is marked to be in Carver that day. So did you mark yours yet? Well, go ahead, we'll wait a minute. Go mark that calendar!

You're back, okay.....also on the fourth, there is music planned and hay rides. The hayrides are free to everyone. They will give rides from noon until 3 PM. There will also be Hot Chocolate, cookies for your enjoyment. It would be nice, too, if when you come, bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf. Now on the 11th of December, the Carver Village Christmas will be featuring home tours; all adorned in holiday dazzle, sparkles, etc, etc. If you are interested in showing off your special decorated home for others, call Barb Swanson at (952) 448-4580 to get added to the schedule or contact Suzanne Thiesfield at (952) 292-8479. This event will require tickets and tours will occur at 3 PM to 6 PM. If you are in the City of Carver fire district, you are encouraged to participate in this tour. Later that evening invitations are extended for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at the semi-formal event. Keep watching for information in the city's newsletter and the 'Villager Tower'. All proceeds from the events are used for city improvements. The Carver Village Christmas is sponsored by the Carver Lions, Fire Department, Women's Business Club and local businesses.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions have enrolled two more new members. Welcome to Jack Huerd and Linda Schutlz. Congratulations!

The Lions also extend their thanks to everyone for supporting the beer tent during SteamBoat Days, along with the countless time spent preparing and participating in the wonderful event. It was again successful thanks to everyone!

Don't forget, the Lions have resumed their normal winter meeting times, the first and third Wednesday of each month. Everyone and anyone is Welcome to come and see what the organization is all about. Please come and join in on the fun!

Quilt Raffle

Yvonne Mullen of Minneapolis was the lucky winner to take home that Beautiful quilt that Linda made. Yvonne also belongs to the South Metro Quilter's Group. The sole purpose of the Quilter's Group is to make quilts for charity. They are either auctioned off or given to charities. Congratulations to Yvonne! Wonder what Linda will create for next year? Thanks Linda for your generosity and talent. Have you seen her shop? I got to look on the internet finally. She sure has got some talent there. It's worth your time to check it out. Again thanks Linda.



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Did You Know....

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...that the two oldest Carver newspapers held in the Minnesota Historical Society's archives are the "Carver County Democrat" (May 17, 1859 to August 1859) and the "Carver Valley Transcript" (February 5 1862 to July 23 1862). The "Carver Free Press" (January 3 1864 to May 13 1897) is another 19th Century newspaper that was published in Carver.

.... that Carver resident Luther L Baxter organized a MN state militia company called "The Carver Grays". His militia was combined with the "Scott Guards" of Scott County, which was commanded by Captain H B Young. In late 1861 the two combined militia units became Company A of the Minnesota Fourth Regiment, which served in the Civil War, with Baxter advancing to the official rank of major, though later he came to be called "colonel" by the Carver townspeople.

....that Carver resident Joshua P Torrey (born 1832) sold lumber and was a steamboat builder living at Oak and Fourth Street East in the 1860's and 1870's. In 1868 he built a steamboat for Captain George Houghton who lived a block south from him on Oak and Third Street East in Carver.

....that Carver resident Chaires Klatt, an immigrant from Prussia in the German states, is reputed to have put his last three cents into the Sunday collection plate in thanks for his safe arrival around 1880 at his new home in Carver and for his apprenticeship with his uncle, Carver brick mason Henry Pintz.

.... That in 1877 the Honorable John M Troll opened a saloon at Oak and Third Street East in Carver. In 1857 he had been a representative in the Territorial Legislature of Minnesota.

.....that at the Pioneer Store of Carver County in 1889 one could buy thirty two bars of soap for one dollar. The store sat on the present day Carver Post Office site and was regarded as the best General Store in the county. Owned by Holmes and Wommer in the 1800's, it was torn down in the 1980's under contested circumstances.

Dear Lord,

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

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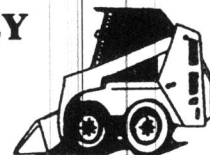
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