

Villagers



Tower

Municipal Utilities

The council reviewed claims, which had been filed concerning the water pressure valves blowing in water heaters in a subdivision. The cause for this sudden problem in one area is inconclusive. The issue is being reviewed by insurance companies. Suggestion was submitted that homeowners contact the general contractors who built their homes to discuss the problem.

The council discussed disposal of bio-solids. The Municipal Utilities Supervisor discussed the hauling of bio-solids to Seneca WasteWater Treatment Plant with Mountain Environmental Services. The Metropolitan Council had also been contacted to ensure criteria would be met. Several farmers had also been contacted to inquire about sludge being spread in their fields. The townships were not in favor of this procedure therefore the counties denied this proposal. Quotes were talked about for the hauling and then there would be an additional charge from the Met Council for dumping. Other cities also face this dilemma. The engineer would forward additional information on this topic to the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the quote from Mountain Environment to haul the sludge.

The Public Utilities Supervisor reported to the council that the generator used at the Water Treatment Plant was unusable and damaged. The quotes received for repair versus new were not much different.

The council reviewed rebids and awarded the project for the Well #3 PumpHouse. Motion was made and carried accepting the low bid from Magney Construction for PumpHouse Modifications bid.

Community Park Well

The mayor inquired about the importance of the sand in the Community Park Well. The engineer stated that the sand had to be removed from the well, otherwise when the irrigation system is installed, the sand will clog it. Either the sand will have to be pumped out or the well digger would have to return or the cavity would have to be enlarged to remove the sand. The Public Works Superintendent reported that the installer of the irrigation system confirmed that the amount of sand pumped through the system was tolerable.

Did You Know...

...that in 1856 casual laborers might earn as much as \$1 per day doing work in the bustling river town of Carver?

City Planner

The City Planner informed the council that the city had received a grant from the McKnight Foundation to support the development of a Comprehensive Plan in order to guide the future growth of the city. Council member complimented the city planner on the great job she had done getting the grant.

Questions were brought up about the progress concerning the "Worm" developments. The plans had not been presented to the council to date, however the developer was moving forward with plans for the property which is located at the intersection of County Road #147 and Highway #212. Then the questions were asked regarding the property labeled the Platinum Development. The city planner explained that this development was looking at two parcels outside the city limits and this development included approximately twenty acres.

Highway #41

The City Planner told the council that MN Dot determined that the alternatives for Highway #41 project would be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. One of the build alternatives would cross in the northeastern part of Carver connecting with the new highway #212 near the vicinity of the realigned old #212 intersecting with the new. This alignment technically on the edge of the historic downtown area could have dramatic impacts on the integrity of the historic district. This alternative would also impact the existing and proposed development in the northeastern section of the city. The Cities of Chaska and Chanhassen were forwarding their opinion of the proposed alignments to MN DOT. The City of Carver was asked for their recommendations. The council discussed their options. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay that the City of Carver council recommend that MN Dot abandon researching the alternative involving the alignment crossing through Carver by the railroad crossing.

State Senator Julianne Ortmann was present at the council meeting to discuss and update them on news events at the state capitol. Ms Ortmann presently serves on the Transportation, Tax and Judiciary Committees. She spoke to the council about the state budget and the shortfall in revenues. The council discussed with Ms Ortmann the transportation needs in the area and the proposed plans for Highway #212. The mayor extended thanks to the senator for her help with the Highway #212 and County Road #147 intersection proposals. They talked about the proposed corridors for the new river crossing and how one alternative proposed would adversely affect the city's historical district. The senator stated that she was aware that this proposal of a new bridge would be a controversial issue.

River Side Park

The Park and Recreation Board held a public work shop with the "Friends of Minnesota Valley" regarding the future development of River Side Park. The representative from the "Friends of Minnesota Valley" addressed the guests at the public work shop. This organization participates in community organizing, planning activities, habitat restoration projects and the like which will benefit the Minnesota River and the watershed related to the river. This organization offers several programs while working with communities that assist in protecting, restoring and enhancing their natural resources. This particular meeting the representative showed slides pertaining to restoration of natural resources in parks particularly in flood zones. The group reviewed aerial photos of RiverSide Park. The Park and Recreation Board were asked what their vision was for the park. If a precise and clear plan is established for the park there are grants available. These grants are usually 50% cost-share types. However, these costs to the city involve the materialization of improvements. The grant resources possibly available include Metro Greenway Grant, Local Trail Connection Grant, Regional Trail Connection Grant, and the National Trail Connection Grant.

The US Fish and Wildlife representative stated that there are two kiosks proposed for the park site. These kiosks are planned for completion next summer. They also commented that there are plans for an Interpretive Center with an anticipated completion date of 2006. There are negotiations taking place involving the purchase of private property for a proposed hiking/biking trail, which would connect the Carver/Chaska trail. All of these plans must be clearly stated and included in the Comprehensive Plan for the city.

There were also discussions concerning hunting, camping and the like with emphasis on natural resources. Determination was made that presently there were two major expenses for projects that involved a trail, an observation deck and plantings. There were also discussions regarding the obtaining of services from possibly college students for assistance with landscaping of the area. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan Committee consult with the Park and Recreation Board prior to finalization of the Comprehensive Plan so that the inclusion of a trail system proposal be included from River Side Park to the east side of Carver Bluffs

Did You Know...

...that Carver's Spring Creek was called Little Creek as recently as 1928?

Turkey and Ham Bingo

The Carver Black Sox are sponsoring the Turkey and Ham Bingo Night at the Carver Village Hall on Friday, November 12th, from 7 PM to 11PM. You can get a bingo card for just a quarter. Food and beverage will be available for you. Be sure to come and join in on the fun. There will be drawings. The prizes were donated by local businesses.

Carver Tax Service

Submitted by: Cathy L. Steigerwald, E.A.

All the ghosts and goblins will be coming out soon, but I can think of something that might scare you even more. What's that? A letter from the IRS or the MN Revenue that you don't quite understand or, worse yet, is asking you for money you don't have! If you are having any tax problems with the IRS or MN Revenue, this is a great time of year to take care of them. Since penalties and interest may be accruing, it's always best to tackle them as soon as possible. I know how scary these things can be, but many times, issues are easier to resolve than you might think, it's just knowing the right way to go about it. If you need help, give me a call at 952) 240-5279. I can represent your interests and help you through the process.

Street Lights

The council discussed street lighting on Mt Hope Road and SkyView Lane. They also talked about assessing the project and when the assessment processes should be done. The council consensus was to have the assessment hearing next year. They discussed the interest rates involved with bonds being bought and the possibility of the process of presale authorization. It was said that getting the city rated should be done. Most cities the size of Carver do not have a rating, however with the growth that the city is experiencing the city should consider obtaining an investment grade rating.

The council discussed Xcel Energy's installation previously of street lighting and currently maintains the lighting in Carver. The Mt Hope and SkyView Lane project had been scheduled for design, installation and maintenance of street lighting. However, Xcel Energy had made the decision to forfeit this venture eliminating their former outdoor lighting department in 2004. Xcel Energy still offers a form of their past maintenance program, but installation is now the owners responsibility. There is a company that the city has been working with who is also working with other Xcel customers in similar situations. It was the engineer's opinion that conduit and wiring should be installed prior to winter. One council member stated that lights should be installed now, not to go through winter without. The types of lights were briefly discussed. Motion was made to get bids for installation of the conduit and then obtain quotes for lighting to discuss at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

The council made the motion and it carried with all ayes to schedule a special meeting to canvass the votes and declare the election results on November 3rd 2004 at 6 PM.

NeighborHood Watch

Carver Creek Subdivision residents met with the Sheriff's Department to propose and formulate a NeighborHood Watch Program. The city received a request to pay for signs indicating that this program is in place in the neighborhood. Motion was made and carried to approve participation in the NeighborHood Watch Program and authorize payment of signs. The council asked that the group bring a report of how the program is working in approximately six months to a year.

City Planning Consultation Contract

The council was informed that the present City Planner had resigned from her position with McCombs Frank Roos Associates. The administrator discussed with the council interest in contracting the present city planner on an individual basis as an independent contracted service. The motion was made and carried accepting the proposal for services on an independent contracted service with Cindy Olness as a city planning consultant.

Chaska/Carver Cooperative Agreement

The Park and Recreation Board and the city Council held a special joint meeting to discuss and approve or deny the recommendation pertaining to the proposed joint recreation agreement between the cities of Chaska and Carver. The agreement appeared to remain the same, with the exception that patron cards would not be available to Carver residents. The group had concerns regarding the wording relating to scheduling and determination of availability of field usage. There was discussion also about golf programs and benefits to residents. Discussion was held to meet with Tom Redman for clarification purposes prior to council final approval. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay recommending that the council accept the Joint Recreation Agreement between the Cities of Chaska and Carver.

Dahlgren Township

Proposal for a barn construction project talked with the township board. The Conditional Use Permit has not been applied for yet. A recommendation will be made when the paperwork is in place. Requirements on a wood lot were asked about. A wood lot requires a public road frontage. Three lots on a two and a half acre parcel needs a road to the three lots. A public road would be required to be built to township specifications and privately maintained. The County Planning and Zoning would give them all the information they need.

Did You Know...

...that in 1889 the Carver Sporting Club offered a \$10 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those exploding dynamite cartridges in the water to catch fish on the Minnesota River?

Heritage Development

The Heritage Development representative was at the Township Meeting to inquire about development of the east side of the property on County Road #147. The township's position regarding annexation since plans needed to be begun for the future development of this development. The developer needs an Environmental Assessment WorkSheet or an Alternate Urban Area Review study. This can't be done until they have a concept and need to be able to include this property in the study so as not to find at a later date that this parcel cannot be annexed for whatever reason. The township chairman pointed out that the Tollefson Development is doing the Alternate Urban Area Review study without a concept. The Heritage Development was more confident about this property because it is included in the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carver. There was an inquiry about processing this and then request annexation or grant the city the authority to be the Responsible Governmental Unit to conduct the Environmental Assessment WorkSheet.

The township chairman asked for the timetable of annexing this property. The response given was that it would not be the next phase. It was probable to be more in 2006, which would be the next phase, and then the third phase would involve the township property. Presently the developer was requesting that the City of Carver be given the authority to conduct the study on this parcel. There is approximately one hundred acres. The developer was also told that a resolution had been passed by the township involving a fee to be charged per acre for land annexed out of the township to cover the lost tax base. The township board made the motion to allow Heritage Development to move forward with the study. The township would not have any financial responsibility pertaining to the preparation of the Alternate Urban Area Review or the Environmental Assessment WorkSheet.

Township Property Development Proposal

Another developer was present at the Township meeting presenting inquiries similar to the Heritage Development personnel on the proposed parcels in another portion of the township. This development included mainly commercial property. Proposed plans involved commercial parcels along the interchange with residential parcel behind. The old highway would be utilized as a service road and the developer planned to build a new road, which would be their responsibility. Request was also made for the City of Carver to be the Responsible Governmental Unit for an Alternate Urban Area Review study. The proposed property involved one hundred forty acres and was asking to go ahead with an Alternate Urban Area Review. Statement was voiced that this action would not hold the township to annexation possibilities. There was also discussion of the fee attached by resolution involving annexing property. The developer would be allowed to proceed with the Alternate Urban Area Review. The township would be discussing an Orderly Annexation Plan.

Did You Know...

...that some early German and Swedish settlers were so poor that they were unable to pay all of their local taxes due. In lieu of tax payments, they often worked on public

Third Annual Carver Village Carver Lions Christmas

Count down is on....we are into November... That's right, it is just around the corner for the Third Annual Carver Village Christmas. This year's schedule is for December 4th and the 11th. The fine-tuning is about all wrapped up and the final touches are being put on. Santa is getting his gear all ready to come to Carver December 4th. Are you ready? Kids excited? Got the warm clothes laid out for the hay ride? Tastes buds tasting the hot chocolate? Well, what are you waiting for? Go get the stuff ready.

Remember that also on the fourth, there is music planned along with the 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 Thiesfeld at (952) 292-8479. The group planning these events are still taking names to be added to the house tours. So if you would like to show off your new home, old home, historic home or just share in the house tours, please call Barb or Suzanne. They still need more homes to add to the tour.

So, hey, all you newcomers, here's your chance to show off your new homes.....call. These events admission 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.

Then to top your Carver Village Christmas event, you can participate in the "A Taste of Christmas" in the evening at the Church-By-River. This event will also be on Saturday the 11th. The semi-formal event will begin at 6 PM. You will be entertained, have beverages, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and each participant will be receiving an envelope stuffed full of 'goodies'. Come and find out what's inside the envelopes. You can purchase your tickets for the home tours and the 'Taste of Christmas' from the HazelNut House, The Potted Fig, Objects and Art, Barb Swanson Realty, Swanson Insurance, The Depot, or City Hall. The house tours tickets are \$10. and the "Taste of Christmas" tickets are \$25. (Remember, proceeds are donated back into the city for city improvements.) Thanks are extended to all those sponsoring these events and they are the Carver Lions, the Carver Fire Department, Women's Business Club of Carver and Local Businesses.

Did You Know...

...that on June 28, 1850 a steamboat for the first time navigated up the Minnesota River as far as the rapids just above Carver. The steamboat, the *Anthony Wayne*, was piloted by Louis Pelon and carried one hundred fourteen prominent citizens from St Paul and seventy citizens from St Louis?

The Carver Lions first of all wish to say 'thanks' to everyone involved with the Halloween Party held at the Village Hall. From those who did the planning, to decorating, to working, to helping, to volunteering, to attending. Thanks everyone. It was a huge, no, **IT WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS!!!** Thank you everyone who made this possible. There were one hundred forty four youngsters who participated in the event. There were fantastic costumes for the youngins'. But there were also great costumes worn by adults who came too. That was really cool! Everyone had a great time. There was also two hundred pounds of food collected for the local food shelf. Again, many many thanks to everyone. See you all again next year!

Remember, the Christmas Lighting Contest is coming up again. Get those decorating ideas stirring in those heads of yours. It should start right after Thanksgiving and go into December when they judge the efforts of everyone. Not much competing going on is there? (tsk-tsk) For more information call city hall.

And of course, remember too, the Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. They meet at the Village Hall. You won't get a personal invitation delivered to the door, so be sure to come and check them out. The more the merrier they say! And they do such great things for everyone. See ya' there!

She's a Granddaughter

Sarah Elizabeth Kahler was born October 9th. Sarah has a four year old brother, Scott and a year old sister, Allyson. Her mom and dad is Gary and Kay. The little seven pound bundle from Little Falls is the granddaughter of Janet (nee Kahler) and Dwight Schultz. Congratulations guys! All of you. How many is that now Dwight?

Tentative Agenda

City Council - City of Carver
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions, Requests
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Public Safety Report
- 7) Municipal Utilities Report
- 8) City Engineer Report
- City Planner
- 9) Public Works Report
- 10) Administrator's Report
- 11) Other Business
- 12) Adjourn

Did You Know...

...that on Sunday, April 7th, 1889 the Hertz Brewery of Carver burned down. The building, owned by the widowed Mrs Berthold Hertz, was a total loss. Mr Loe, proprietor of the building, lost everything but some furniture and household goods he had in his quarters on the premises?

Fire Station/Public Works Facility - Open House

The Open House for the Fire Station/Public Works Facility was scheduled to begin at five on the 16th of October on County Road #147. Well, you know what, some couldn't wait for the clock to change to 5PM. They were lined up at four. People were so anxious to participate in the activities. They eagerly joined in on the truck rides, aerial rides and toured the facility. It was reported that within the first hour four hundred and fifty little red hats for the kids were handed out. Needless to say, they ran out. I bet there were some sad little faces until they diverted their attention to possibly an aerial ride or go down the road in that big red truck with the sirens. There were lots and lots of people sharing in the event. The second alarm retirees were even there too. It was said that John Lenzen and Tom Larson were busy making delicious food for everyone and I am sure others too. Hope everyone remembered to thank all of the people who made this wonderful event possible. There was food, snacks and the Lions served beverages. And one must not forget the music played by the 'Tuxedo Band'. They played country, rock, 50's and 60's for everyone. At midnight the band was done playing. Things were winding down. At about 12:30 AM the clean up crew began picking up and people scattered quickly then. The last person to trail out must have looked back and thought, "That was sure fun. Thanks everyone!"

A special thanks is given also to the Chaska Fire Department who was on standby during the festivities for Carver. They all do these types of helping one another out, called 'mutual sharing' so that when events are taking place, people are still safe and secure because another department will step in temporarily.

Again thanks to everyone and it was a successful event, as well as a lot of fun.

Did You Know...

...that until the March, 1851 signing of the Traverse des Sioux Treaty the Dakota (Sioux) Indians used the area around Carver for trapping, hunting, temporary lodging, and travel by water. The ratification of the treaty opened the area for settlement to non-Native Americans?



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Carver Fire Department and Community Highlights

October 2004

Happy Birthday Phil !

November 2004

- November 1st - Council Meeting
- November 2nd - Election Day
- Ovary Club Meeting
- November 3rd - Lion's Meeting Night
- November 4th - Drill Night
- November 8th - Park & Recreation Board Meeting
- Dahlgren Township Meeting
- November 11th - Veteran's Day
- November 12th - Black Sox Turkey & Ham Bingo
- November 15th - Council Meeting
- Drill Night
- November 16th - Heritage Preservation Meeting
- November 17th - Lion's Meeting Night
- November 22nd - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- Happy Birthday Tim!
- November 23rd - Planning Commission Meeting
- Happy Anniversary Loren & Debbie!
- November 24th - Fire Department Meeting Night
- November 25th - Thanksgiving Day
- November 29th - District #112 WorkShop Day
- Happy Birthday Ken!

Historic Buildings Fire

Submitted by : John VonWalter

Two of Carver's historic buildings on Third Street East were damaged by fire on the night of October 10-11, 2004. Fire broke out about 9:45 p. m. Sunday night in the attic area of 121 Third Street East, a rental property owned by Judy Bakken. The fire quickly spread to the eaves, attic, and roof of the adjacent brick home of Randy Clay at 117 Third Street East.

Quick work by neighbors, friends and Carver Fire personnel insured the blaze was called in and that the buildings were cleared of residents. Speedy and efficient work by the Carver Fire Department, aided by the Chaska Fire Department, accounts for minimizing damage to Clay's house and confining fire damage to the upper second story, attic, and roof areas of the Bakken property. Both properties incurred extensive water damage, but overall damage to the Bakken property is much more severe. It is fortunate that the fire occurred when it did, as it could have been much worse three or four hours later when it would likely have been noticed at a more advanced stage, and when the occupants would have all been home sleeping. Moreover, a calm, windless night kept the fire confined and made it easier and safer to fight.

The brick Greek Revival home of Randy Clay, known as "The Goetz House", was built in 1867 by Carver merchant Edward Goetz, who was also a mason known for building fine Carver County brick farmhouses. Already work is underway to repair fire and water damage on the building.

The Bakken property, known as the "Carver Tenement", was built about 1865 as a 4-unit rental property, or "tenement", as such buildings were called in the 19th Century. Its owner and builder was Captain Herman Muehlberg, who served in the Minnesota Fifth Infantry during the Civil War, and who later was a Carver County Commissioner, editor of the Carver Free Press newspaper, and Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota. Judy Bakken hopes to rebuild and restore the historic building, and cleanup is currently underway.

Fortunately none of the occupants of the buildings were injured, and currently family and friends are helping them with housing and other needs. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but faulty electrical wiring is part of the focus of the investigation

The "Villager Tower" and staff wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

As the election is only a day away and now unacceptable flyers are being passed around defacing candidates. I ask that everyone can base opinions on what candidates can do for our city. If candidates want to start defacing one another, then the first one they need to look at are themselves and how they stand up according to standards they seem to uphold others to. Defacing candidates is dirty politics and if candidates have to stoop to this level of campaigning, we all should really think twice about what they really stand for and why it is so important and what it means for them to put others down. I ask that everyone pray for God's will in the City of Carver election coming up tomorrow, November 2nd 2004.

Prayerfully speaking,

A concerned City of Carver Resident.

Dear Editor:

The term 'dirty politics' has sunk to a new depths in the City of Carver. What is really sad and repulsive is that someone made a conscious effort to commit character assassination against another. For people who claim to be Christians, is this really something that one could be proud of? This is acceptable behavior? This is the examples we show our young people? I am appalled, ashamed and extremely annoyed with the ignorance of this type of behavior displayed by alleged grown adults.

This trash distributed attempts to discredit and question the capability of an incumbent councilor? What does this say about the author(s) of this incriminating dissertation? Shame on you!

It is my opinion that a public apology be given to the residents of the City of Carver and surrounding communities who received this incriminating garbage as well as to the individual attacked who never asked to be desecrated in such a fowl manner that is inexcusable. The bottom line reads: "Proven, responsible and experienced leadership without criminal history." How hypocritical, condescending, and righteous can you get? This certainly does not display responsible or experienced leadership...it displays selfish, self-motivated irresponsible behavior that maybe is not legally criminal but do you know the definition of emotional or verbal abuse? You owe this man and the residents a public apology for subjecting the public to these unacceptable and irresponsible actions. I cannot believe this individual has been subjected to this type of public humiliation for no justifiable reason whatsoever!

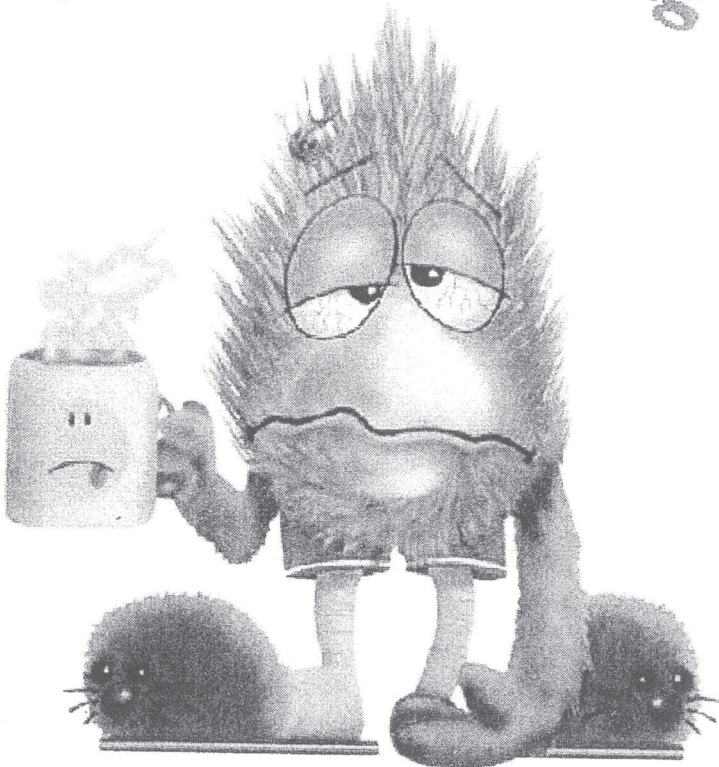
Non resident subjected to receiving this trash!

PS - If I could vote in the City of Carver this individual would have received my vote for the simple fact that obviously this person is far more responsible than the competition if they feel that threatened by this individual.

*Get Well to Karen Young !
Karen is staying at St Gertrudes
in Shakopee room # 210.
She welcomes any and all
who wish to visit !*

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