

"A Little Town is ..."

(author unknown)

- A little town is the only place on earth where people past middle age are called by their first names when they saunter down the street.
A little town is where you don't have to guess who our enemies are, our friends will tell you.
A little town is where everybody knows everybody else's car by sight and also where and when it goes...
A little town is where you drive into the ditch five miles out of town and the word gets back into town before you do...
A little town is where you are run off main street by a combine...
A little town is where the pick ups on main street out number the cars three to one...
A little town is where when you get a wrong number you can talk for fifteen minutes anyhow, if you want...
A little town is where it's hard to walk for exercise because it takes too long to stop and explain to people in cars who stop, honk and offer a ride.
A little town is where city folk say there is nothing to do, but those who live there don't have enough nights in the week to make all the meetings and social functions...
A little town is where everyone becomes a neighbor in case of need...
A little town is where business people struggle for survival against city stores and shopping centers...
A little town is where those same business people dig deep many times to help the countless fund-raising projects...
A little town is where many teenagers say there's nothing to do and then are surprised to learn that their big city peers are saying the same thing...
A little town is where you miss a Sunday at church and you receive a get-well card...
A little town is where someone asks you how you feel, then listen to what you say...
A little town is where knows all the news before it is published...they just read the home town paper to see if the editor gets it right...
A little town is where when all is said and done is a great place in which to live.

Thank God for little towns....and the people who live in them.

Contracting Services

The council discussed policing contracting services for the City of Carver with the sheriff at a work session. Criticism had been heard from the community concerning the visibility or lack of thereof of an officer during evening hours. The program is new and everyone is learning and adjusting to valid concerns. The city needs to identify their needs and the sheriff was of the opinion that more officers were needed during the evening shifts. The council discussed probability of the township and the city sharing an officer. It was a council members opinion that the daytime service was not sufficient in achieving the goals necessary. There was some discussion on hiring an evening deputy on a part time basis. The council discussed budget costs concerning the issue of contracting for additional services in the evening hours. The consensus of the council was to not increase the budget but to reallocate funds.

The council discussed approving the resolution to contract police services. One council member disagreed with the agreement since it was their opinion that the service level had not changed. An evening officer being added was considered an increase in service level. The mayor stated that the system was not perfect but thought the city was moving in the right direction. Motion was made and carried with two ayes and one nay approving the resolution contracting for police services in 2006.

Did You Know...

...that on July 16th 1879 Peter Mortenson pledged his oath of office in supporting the US Constitution and to fully discharge the duties of Constable in the Village of Carver.

...that in 1867 John Snell opened the first known photographic gallery in Carver.

...that in 1870 there were 621 people living in Carver.

Carver Creek WaterShed District

The representative from the Carver Creek WaterShed District was unable to attend the council meeting to answer any questions. The council was told that the county scheduled a Public Hearing relating to proposed changes to the current Carver County Water Rules. These rules deal with the Carver Creek WaterShed area including future growth areas west of County Road #11. The areas discussed are included in the city's draft Storm Water Management Plan and the current county rules are also part of the plan. Motion was made and carried directing the city engineer to draft a letter to the county regarding the proposed water rule changes.

Did You Know...

...that like today, in 1894 the Carver Fire Department was volunteer. It then had a horse-drawn hook and ladder truck, 1000 feet of hose, a hose, a hose cart and one ten gallon Babcock extinguisher that had a hand powered engine capable of throwing two streams of water. Equipment was stored in a firehouse building on the south side of East Fourth Street between Broadway and Oak, with water provided by Carver and Spring Creeks, the Minnesota River, and five public cisterns that were always kept full.

Park & Recreation Board

Volunteers are needed to help organize the Boy's Baseball league for 2006. The Park and Recreation Board are requesting help. One of the jobs of the volunteer is to contact the athletic director inquiring about joining their league in neighboring towns. For additional information contact City Hall, Jane Thon or come to a Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Future Leader's Program and Training

Bob Roepke spoke with the council regarding his efforts of recruiting individual's for a future Leader's Program and Training being offered. This program is part of the Chamber with eight sessions over a nine month period. There is a cost with the program with the goal of building leadership in the communities. Ideally Mr Roepke is seeking to fill a class with fifteen individuals and a session to start the end of September.

County Road #11

The Planning Commission discussed the changing of the name of the county road and recommended to the council to approve the name of "Jonathan Carver Parkway" for County Road #11, south of Highway #212. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt the resolution naming County Road #11 (formerly County Road #147) south of Highway #212 "Jonathan Carver Parkway".

Utility Improvements

The council discussed with the engineer the Mount Hope and SkyView Lane Street Utility Improvements issues. There were several incomplete issues requiring attention. The engineer addressed the topics of tree placement and the timing of the assessment hearing. He recommended scheduling the Assessment Hearing at the first October meeting. The council agreed by motion.

The engineer requested rescheduling the Public Hearing for the assessment of improvements in order to allow sufficient time to complete the proper paperwork and meet advertising requirements. Recommendation was submitted to hold the assessment hearing on November 7th. After further review it was determined that there was not enough time to complete the paperwork nor sufficient time to meet advertising requirements. Motion was made and carried with all ayes rescheduling an assessment hearing for the Mount Hope Road/Lime Street and SkyView Lane project.

Water Tower

The council inquired about the completion of the Water Treatment Plant. There were issues requiring completion but they were getting done. There were no safety issues involving residents.

Mr Mark Wallis from Bonestroo discussed the Water Tower Preliminary Design Site Evaluation and Study with the council. The different aspects of the proposed sites was reflected upon, along with the receipt of the soil boring report. Four locations for the new water tower had been evaluated. Bonestroo representatives were recommending the selection of site "C1" since this site was the best location for proposed future growth of the city if the city were to grow north of Highway #212. If growth were not to occur north of Highway #212 then the recommended site was site "B". Both sites chosen were outside of the city limits requiring land acquisitions. The mayor questioned the reasoning for choosing "C1". Explanation was given that this site would give good service due to its location giving good fire flows and cut water main costs. The city planner pointed out that the location would give the city identity. The site was also designated for commercial use. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving site "C1" for the next water tower.

Booster Station

The engineer reported that the Booster Station at the Water Treatment Plan would provide the necessary pressure to growth areas in the northwest part of the city. Bids for this project had been tabulated. The council reviewed the bid results. The low bidder was Magney Construction. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to award the project to the low bidder constructing the booster station in the northwest area of the city.

Main Street Lift Station

It was the engineer's opinion that the city had not received any bids for the Main Street Lift Station and Utility Improvements Project because contactors are too busy. The project would have to be delayed until spring. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to rebid this project.

Did You Know...

...that on June 2nd 1925 Kristina Nelson and two tourists were killed in Carver's beautiful Victorian pavilion in RiverSide Park when a tornado dropped a large tree on the building. Kristina, sixty-eight years old, was a window of Carver Postmaster and druggist John S Nelson.

Test Wells

The city engineer updated the council on the test well drilling occurring for water supply. The original budget was discussed. Originally developed for three test wells with a fourth proposed dependent upon costs. The project was scheduled for four test wells in order to explore for the Jordan in the northwest, to explore for sand and gravel in the southwest and two FIG test wells to determine transmissivity in these two areas. The engineer recommended continuance of the original plans for the proposed testing of four wells.

Heritage Development

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing for the purpose of approving or denying request for high-density residential development in LyleWood Glen Second Addition. The Planning Commission reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning, Conditional Use Permit and Preliminary plat issues. The Heritage Development proposes to develop approximately forty plus acres on the east side of County Road #11 with townhomes and condominiums for residential units. The Planning Commission reviewed the site plan. The developer requested approval for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Commercial High Density Residential to High Density Residential, rezoning the property from agricultural, a Planned Residential District, Conditional Use Permit for townhomes and multi-family homes and the preliminary plat for a development consisting of single-family detached homes, right-of-way, conservation area and related improvements.

The City Planner reviewed the request concerning rezoning. The zoning district is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance of high density residential. She further stated that the city may authorize changes from the strict requirements of the underlying zoning district after determining that the proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the general purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and the project complies with the requirements. The developer has requested variances from the standard zoning requirements, which the Planning Commission reviewed. The developer has chosen to pursue bluff protection within the Planned Residential Districts' requirements option. The board was told that Outlot 'D' would require a Conservation Easement. The city planner explained that the requested dwellings were a conditional use. This conditional use would mean the city would address any adverse impact of the land use and determine additional requirements necessary to reduce these adverse effects.

The board listened to the city planner's explanation of Preliminary Plat, which provides a layout of lots and blocks for future sales and ownership of specific parcels. This plat approval gives the property rights by State law. This plan includes both public and private streets. Challenger Lane would be extended and shared with the Centex development to the north. Sidewalks were included, a trail along the county road with an additional trail connecting the county road to the property on the east side. The Park and Recreation Board recommended payment in lieu of land dedication was preferred for this particular development. There were additional items needing to be addressed, which included appropriate easements, ownership and maintenance of common areas and homeowner's association documents.

An overview of the proposal was presented to the Planning Commission. The development consists of approximately forty plus acres with ten acres of open space including wetlands. There were proposed to be two hundred twenty one condos and townhome units. Extra precautions were being taken to protect the woods and bluffs. A Homeowners Association was also proposed to be put into place for the development.

The Planning Commission discussed costs of these units and if these units were being built in other communities. The answer was no, however the design is now being proposed in other communities. Colors of the units, parking and landscaping were all reviewed by the Planning Commission. Removal of trees was discussed. The members preferred that no more trees be removed, but expressed the desire to see more screening by additional landscaping. One member inquired about the trails and the garden area in the center of the development. The trails within the development would all be private and maintained by the association, along with the proposed garden, which would also have an irrigation system. Parking and street widths were discussed. They reviewed and discussed the Conservation and Utility Easements.

Proposed Bus Garage

There was a discussion regarding the proposed bus garage that occurred at the school board meeting of District #112. It appears that there were a number of issues involving this proposal, which the school board was unaware of inclusive of the necessity of a municipal sewer system that in the township does not exist. There is no policing available in the township. This site is zoned agricultural, along with a resolution disallowing buildings without residences on the property. Land values differ in the township versus the city. The school board was also unaware that the proposed site is located on a gravel road. Water drainage would also have to be retained on site versus run-off. The issue was tabled at the school board meeting. Notification would be forwarded to interested individuals in attendance when the discussion would be pursued.

Council Vacancy

The city council is experiencing an unexpected vacancy due to employment relocation for one of its members. An appointment by the city council will occur until December 31st 2006. The term for the vacancy is to December 31st 2008. The State Law requires that if more than two years remain in the unexpired term, the city must hold a special election to fill the vacancy at or before the next regular city election in November of 2006. The city accepted applications for this vacancy.

SteamBoat Days

-Credit to Mary Williamson

The City of Carver extended thanks to everyone supporting the city's annual event, 'SteamBoat Days' celebration. They also thanked everyone who donated to the 'Victims of Hurricane Katrina'. Money collected was turned over to the American Red Cross on the 12th of September. The Carver Lions also donated all of their hard earned tips to the cause.

It was stated that the year's event had come and gone and all accounts report success. Question was asked how success is rated or how you gauge success - by the turnout and comments throughout the weekend and before. The SteamBoat Committee also extended their gracious thanks to each and everyone participating in what the committee defines as an 'important thread of tradition in their city'. Their next meeting for 2006 events will be held in January.

SteamBoat Days Raffle Winners

Stars & Stripes Quilt from HazelNut House	- Russell Goetz
Mystic Lake Package from WKP	- Justin Chadwick
Dahlgreen Golf Package from Dahlgreen Golf	- Wayne Voelker
Artificial Christmas Tree from Vickerman	- Dan Sarsland
Digital Camera from Swanson & Associates	- Merrie Lindquist
BBQ Grill from Lisa's Place	- Mary Robinson
\$100 Savings Bond from Klein Bank	- Tom Larson
\$50 Gift Certificate from Silver Bullet	- Mary Robinson
\$75 Gift Certificate from Carver Depot	- Joanne Weygand
\$50 Gift Certificate from Harvey's	- Lorraine Clemmens
\$50 Gift Certificate from Carver Liquor	- Vern Olsen

Congratulations ■

Tenth Annual Chili Feed

It's that time again....all you can eat chili. The Village Hall will be hosting for the Carver Second Alarm (Retired Carver Department) their Tenth Annual Chili Feed on October 30th from 11 am to 5 PM. Proceeds are donated to organizations treating Children's Birth Defects. A Silent Auction is being planned. They request that you "Help A Kid". Advance tickets are \$5.00. At the Door the charge is \$6.00 or (better yet) whatever your Heart Feels like donating to the cause. How about that huh? You can purchase your tickets from Lenzen Chevrolet-Buick (right off of Highway #212 in Chaska) or Swanson Insurance in downtown Carver right on Broadway. Or you can call 952) 448-4914 (evenings). Don't wait too long. It'll be here before you know it.

So you know and want to buy all your tickets at once. Here is your chance. You will be able to buy your raffle ticket for the oil paintings, your holiday house tour tickets and our Taste of Christmas tickets all at the Chili Feed. Can't beat that now can you?

Original Oil Paintings

Remember, you can still buy raffle tickets from local businesses in Carver for the two original oil paintings created during the Arts Celebration in June. Local artist, Suzanne Thiesfeld created a scene of present day Carver and Reid Gayle created the scene from the 1800's of Carver. They are both on display in the HazelNut House. The drawing for these two creations will be held in December at the Taste of Christmas festivities in the Church-By-The-River. The proceeds from this raffle will be donated towards the restoration of Depot Park. Go check them out and buy some tickets. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Chili Feed.

Carver Village Christmas

Plans are in the making and underway for the Third Annual Carver Village Christmas. Santa and his reindeer have marked their calendar to schedule their stop in town on Saturday the 3rd of December. So you better mark your calendars too. Linda said, 'it's never too early to start that wish list!' Wonder if she started hers? Have you Linda?

The house tours and Taste of Christmas are all scheduled for the 10th of December. They, (the fine ladies) are working very hard to line up homes from all over the city and some 'out in the country' homes too. There are rewards for opening up your home to the guests. Poinsettia plants and free tickets are being offered to those who graciously open their homes for the people who need to see other creativity in motion. The schedule for the home tours are from 3 to 6 PM. Seven beautifully decorated holiday homes are scheduled thus far for the house tours. Cost of the house tour tickets is \$15. Maps will be available at the Church-By-The-River. The Taste of Christmas festivities are planned for 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church-By-The-River. Tickets will be available for both events at various locations in Carver. If you are interested in participating in the home tours, contact Barb Swanson at Swanson and Associates at 952) 448-4580. Arrangements need to be made soon, so hurry and call so you can be included on the map. Proceeds for these events go back into the community, by the way.

Tickets for Taste of Christmas can be purchased at the HazelNut House, Potted Fig, Objects and Arts, Swanson and Associates and Klein Bank in Carver. The cost of the tickets is \$25 per ticket. Advance tickets need to be purchased in order to place orders with the caterers.

Halloween Party

There is just never a dull moment in the community is there? The Carver Lions are busy making preparations for their Annual Halloween Party scheduled for October 29th, 2005. I'll just bet that's Saturday night at the Village Hall. The time, 5:30 to 7 PM.

The Lions are looking for volunteers to ensure that hosting the festivity will ensure the kiddies have fun playing the carnival games and all the other fun things planned for them. You can contact Karen Rae Huerd at 952) 890-6160 if you are interested in helping.

Youngsters 6th grade and older are asked to participate along with the adult volunteers. All youth volunteers who come 'in costume' will be registered into a special cash prize drawing. So be sure to come and check it all out and help at the same time. The little people thank you.

Carver Depot Park Caboose

The Park and Recreation Board representative says that the contractor has been quite busy painting the caboose at the Carver Depot Park. In case you haven't been paying attention. For those of you who have been paying attention, know that it looks pretty sharp and that the roof is green and the exterior is now yellow like sunflowers and the trim is green and white too. Don't know the correct color connotations, sorry guys, but it's sure looking really good. The board would like to see the window panes installed before it gets too cold and they have been ordered. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the restoration project, you can bet that they won't turn you away, right Paul? Interested? Stop at the Depot and ask who to contact or call the city hall and find out what members to call to help in the project. Lookin' good! Keep up the good work.

Did You Know...

...that in July 1873 Carver brick maker John Helgeson dispatched a shipment of 100,000 bricks to Minneapolis.

Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

October 2005

- October 7th - Happy Anniversary Kari and Guy!
Happy Birthday Megan!
October 9th - Happy Birthday Linda!
Happy Birthday Laurie!
October 11th - Happy Birthday Ryan!
Happy Anniversary Paul and Gwen!
October 15th - Happy Birthday Andrea!
October 19th - Happy Birthday Annette!
October 21st - Happy Birthday Larry!
October 25th - School Board Candidates Forum
Chaska High School @ 7 PM
October 26th - Happy Birthday Carl!
Happy Birthday Kate!
October 29th - Lions Annual Halloween Party
Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad!
October 30th - DayLight Savings Ends
October 31st - Halloween
Happy Birthday Phil!

Disclaimer

The 'unapproved' minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purposes of reporting news in the "Villager Tower" and creating the contents of this newsletter for the purpose of informing residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

For Sale

Trucks For Sale: 1990 International, 2-Ton Truck with hoist and flatbed, 360 Diesel, 5 Speed, \$2500.00. 1986, GM 1-ton, 350/Gas, 4 speed, \$2000.00. 1967 GMC ½ Ton, 3 speed, two wheel drive, \$1800.00. Contact John @ 952) 448-5126.

1974, ½ ton Chevrolet for Sale. Contact Rich through the "Villager Tower" @ 952) 448-5126.

For Sale, 1993 Ford Temp GL3-2, 185 thousand miles, maintenance up to par, price cut, \$1000. Contact Annette through the "Villager Tower" @ 952) 448-5126.

Carver Baseball/Softball Youth Association

Anyone interested in serving on a committee to evaluate the Boys Youth Baseball and bringing this program back into the Carver's Youth Group? If you are interested, please contact Jane at jcthon@gmail.com

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions would like to remind you that they are still collecting eye glasses throughout the community. This is an ongoing project for the Lion. Once a year these collected glasses are picked up and taken to be categorized and then they are given to those who need glasses. You can find the drop off boxes at the Carver Depot, the Village Hall and Harvey's.

The Lions would also like to update you on their project at the cemetery. The archway has been replaced, along with sections of the brand new replicated fence. Thanks to the Lions the fence is a replica of the original fence at the Mt Hope Cemetery in order to retain it's historical appearance. Segments of the old fence will be utilized locally at historical homes where the Heritage Preservation Commission members will designate where it would be most useful and needed. So sections of the old fence will be found throughout the city. Thanks to the Lions. Be sure to go and check it out.

Remember, new members are always welcomed too. They meet at the Village Hall the first and third Wednesday of each month. Don't be shy.

Did You Know...

...that in October 1897 John J Farrell bought out his partner and became the sole owner of the Carver Creamery. The creamery was located on the east side of Broadway between Fifth and Sixth Streets in Carver. Farrell was later elected President of the National Buttermaker's Association and President of the Carver County Agricultural Society, as well as a candidate for the US Senate.

November 2005

- November 1st - Women's Club Meeting
November 2nd - Lion's Meeting
November 3rd - Drill Night
November 4th - District #112 Workshop Day
November 7th - Council Meeting
November 8th - Election Day
November 11th - Veteran's Day
November 14th - Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Bob!
November 15th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
November 16th - Lion's Meeting
November 18th - Happy Birthday Zac!
November 21st - Drill Night
Council Meeting
November 22nd - Planning Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Tim!
November 23rd - Happy Anniversary Loren and Debi
Fire Department Meeting Night
November 24th - Thanksgiving Day
November 28th - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
District #112 Work Shop Day
November 29th - Happy Birthday Ken!

"Happy Thanksgiving"

Did You Know...

Reminder...John VonWalter puts together all the "Did You Know" historical pieces and deserves the appropriate credit for this work and time and effort in researching these pieces of history for you all to enjoy. Good Job John. Thanks

The Lighter Side or the Brighter Side?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think "Well, that's not going to happen."

Have you noticed, since everyone has a camcorder in the car these days, no one talks about seeing UFO's like they used to.

You know, when you're sitting on a chair and you lean back so you're just on two legs. Then you lean too far and you almost fall over, but at the last second, you catch yourself? I feel like that a lot of the time.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world IS Weird and people take Prozac to make it seem normal.

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very loose resemblance to the first.

There is a theory which states that, if every anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

How is that 'one careless match' can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire.

Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment and he says, "I wish you'd have come to me sooner."

You read all about these terrorists - most of them came here legally, but they hung around on these expired visas; some for as long as 10-15 years. Now, compare that to Blockbuster. You are two days late with a video and those people are all over your. Let's put Blockbuster in charge of immigration.

"I shall pass this way but once. Therefore, any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

- William Penn

Comprehensive Plan Committee Work Group

The Comprehensive Plan Committee Work Group held a meeting to discuss the systems statement and the Metropolitan Council requirements. Processes and the next steps to go to from here were talked about by the work group. The group reviewed a future land use map and the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives. The group discussed the 'systems statement' received from the Metropolitan Council. This 'Systems Statement' showed how changes in the council's regional system plan specifically effect the communities through transportation, water resources management and regional parks. The work group has sixty days to submit changes to this 'Systems Statement'. There will be more meetings scheduled in order to update the 'Systems Statement' and the 'Comprehensive Plan'.

SteamBoat Days Thank You

By Greg Witt:

Many thanks to the people who helped with this year's SteamBoat Days Car Show. I'd like to thank Butch Krohn for all his hard work in organizing the "Swap Meet in the Park" and his relentless distribution of flyers, my dear friends from Waconia Paul and Trish Hayes for their help at the registration table and beyond, and Greg Hayes, John Bartlett and Mike Curry for their logistical maneuvers during the show.

A big thank you to Carver's own Jon Nelson for volunteering his DJ services along with Paul Schultz and Mike Frieze from the Carver Public Works Department and the many others that I know I am forgetting.

I'd also like to thank all the participants for coming and showing their support to our community celebration! The support is growing every year. With a little bit of 'tweaking' I am confident this show can become a 'must do' event. In the four years it has grown from thirty four vehicles to eighty nine this year.

I was most impressed with the caliber of vehicles participating this year. A special thanks to Jim Sletton for bringing his Top Fuel Nostalgia dragster and making it roar for us! (love the smell of that alcohol and nitro mix). We also had one of eighteen 1966 Dodge Coronet 426 Hemi 'post' cars, along with and a slough of other quality and rare vehicles. The date ranged from a 1929 Packard to a 2003 supercharged Mercury Marauder. Talk about the ultimate family cruiser!

Congratulations to the winners! The winners were all judged by participants and spectators. First place went to Don Mekelund with his 1970 Oldsmobile 442, second place to Dean Christopherson and his 1953 Chevrolet Nova SS convertible, and Todd Miller and his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible.

On the down side, we had some cars show up whose owners didn't feel the need to reach into their pockets for the meager \$5.00 entry fee and some of the participants had to endure poor acumen from spectators that seemed to think it is 'okay' to touch our beloved metal objects, along with the fear of being hit with an occasional bicycle or skateboard. I personally promise those issues will be addressed and improved upon for next year's event.

If anyone is interested in getting involved with organization of the car show or any other part of the SteamBoat Days event, please feel free to get a hold of me at (952) 448-6839 or e-mail greggwitt@mn.rr.com or any other hardworking member of the SteamBoat Days Committee. Thanks again!

Car Show Director, Gregg Witt

Arts and Treasures for the Holidays Shop Hop

The Chaska Area Chamber is working out details to coordinate an 'Art Shop Hop'. The details are not all secured, but the dates have been scheduled. Arts and Treasures for the Holidays Shop Hop has been slated to happen November 17th, 18th and 19th from 10 am to 6 PM. This will involve chamber member businesses in Chaska and Carver. Guests are invited to shop and hop from business to business featured and to register for a prize drawing at each location. There will also be cuisines served at these businesses. At this point of print businesses inclusive in the 'shop hop' will be Objects and Art, The Potted Fig, The HazelNut House and Mill HouseGALLERY. The public is encouraged to come and check out the creations of various featured arts at each location and ultimately purchase these creations of art. More details to follow.

Harvey's Bar

Have you checked out Harvey's Bar website? WOW! You should check it out if you have access to a computer. If you don't have access to your own computer and internet, stop by the library and go to : www.harveysbarincarver.com It is really an impressive site. Lunch specials are posted, the menu is posted. Just lots and lots of information. So the next time you are hungry and unsure what you want, before you go to the bar, check out the website and examine the menu for what you might be in the mood for and then go order it or order it and bring it home to the solitude of your own candlelit dining room, kitchenette. Yea, that's it, that's the ticket. Good job Keith and Dee!

Spring Creek

The council discussed the Spring Creek restoration proposal. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat for the Spring Creek Addition, but the creek restoration project was an ongoing discussion. The city council needed to determine whether or not they would be interested in proceeding with the creek restoration and if so, how much funding the city would be willing to contribute. The engineer had met with the developer. Costs were reviewed and the amount coincided with the Park and Recreation Board's amounts approved. The developer would review proposed changes forwarding original bids to the engineering firms office for review. If the city commits to the said amounts approved by the Park and Recreation Board then the developer discussed covering costs above that agreed amount. Motion was made and denied adopting the resolution approving the final plat for Spring Creek Addition. There was discussion regarding the booster station which without this the homes would not have water pressure. The engineer pointed out that no 'Certificates of Occupancy' should be issued before the booster station is complete as the pressure would be necessary for fire protection. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution amending approval of the final plat for Spring Creek Addition with one item regarding landscaping to be reviewed again by the appropriate committees.

Mt Hope Cemetery

The city council discussed policies regarding artificial flower placement at the cemetery. The caretaker stated that these flowers place on the gravesites are left until the fourth of July at which time they are removed. After that length of time the caretaker maintains that the are disintegrating, weeds have grown up around the arrangement and grass mowing and trimming are done. The administrator was directed to check other cemetery policies. The present ordinance perhaps should include date restrictions, along with description of allowable receptacles or containers to hold the artificial arrangements.

School Board Elections

School Board elections are scheduled for November 8th 2005. There are six candidates who have set their sights on the seats for the school board and only four positions to be filled in the District #112 School District. The candidates are John Bell, Rod Franks and Sally Stuckey, all from Chanhassen, Craig Cook and Michele Helgen both from Chaska, and Diane Koban from Victoria. The Eastern Carver County League of Women Voters is planning on hosting a School Board Forum on Tuesday, October 25th at the Chaska High School. This forum starts at 7 PM.

School District #112

The school district invites residents to subscribe to their weekly online newsletter, 112Online. The brief update is from the Superintendent, David Jennings, and includes information on student successes, school board decisions and upcoming events. To subscribe, go to the schools website at www.district112.org click on "subscribe to 112Online" on the left column. (remember, if you don't have a computer, you can use the library's computer and they will help you if you need assistance).

Carver Black Sox

The Carver Black are having their Turkey/Ham Bingo on November 18th from 7 PM to 11 PM at the Village Hall. Be sure to come and join in on the fun, especially if you enjoy BINGO! Cards are twenty five cents per card. Kids are welcome with their parents. Food and beverages will be served. Fun to be had by all, all you have to do is come and join in. See ya' there! Don't forget to check out their 'new' website for more details!

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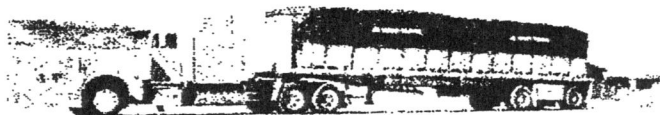
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