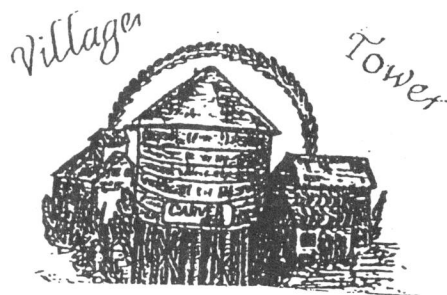


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Dedicated In Loving Memory of Paul Reimer

Paul J Reimer

Submitted by Jane Thon:

Let's start with our sincerest sympathies extended to Gwen and family on their loss.

On Tuesday, January 3rd the Carver community lost Paul Reimer. His commitment to Baseball and to the Youth of Carver will be greatly missed. Paul was very dedicated to the youth of our community and worked hard to ensure that they will have a place to play, for their community and to be proud of Carver. He always had the food stand open for our games. His hamburgers will be greatly missed. They were worth waiting for.

State Senator Ortman

The City of Carver was informed that State Senator Ortman commented that she was proud of what had been accomplished at the last legislative session. There were no specifics, only generalities; she listed several changes in areas made and problems that had been dealt with. An invitation was extended to the council to visit at the capitol or to send a representative. Question was asked regarding education funding. The city was dealing with the Metropolitan Council and directed the administrator to keep the senator informed of issues.

Fire Department

The fire chief requested approval to purchase radios, air packs and hoses to equip newest acquired fire truck. The council was informed that the department has drafted a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. The equipment has been budgeted for this year and should be ordered prior to price increases. Motion was made and carried approving expenditure for equipment.

The chief spoke with the council regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and the necessity for another tanker truck. Availability of a truck was discussed. Reminder was made that the townships require to kept informed of situations. The department has been attempting to achieve replacement life of trucks for twenty five years.

Did You Know

...that Captain Herman Muehlberg (1833-1911) of Carver served in the MN Fifth Infantry during the Civil War and in 1893 was appointed Adjutant General of the State of MN. He was the editor of the *Carver Free Press* newspaper from 1884-1897, which was printed on East Fourth Street in Carver.

Truth In Taxation

Resident inquired about taxes on their home in the older area of the city in comparison to the newer homes in the newer developed areas. Their taxes are the same. The council informed the property owner that the hearing was about taxes not property values. The county assessor could answer questions regarding values on property.

Sanitation Services

The city held a Public Hearing regarding sanitation services within the city to limit these services to only one company within the city limits. The city attorney informed that council that a resolution would be required to be passed and then an hundred and eighty day waiting and planning period before the change could be implemented. There were several companies present to discuss the issue with the council. A representative from the National Solid Waste Association informed the council of their opposition to such an idea because more than one company encourages competitive pricing and service. Suggestion was submitted to form a task force to review the issue weighing the pros and cons. There was discussion relating to truck weights and different types of trucks. Wear and tear on streets was asked about. Another company representative pointed out that there were no citizens present at the meeting demonstrating there was no dissatisfaction with services and questioned policy change idea. The council was encouraged to discuss these issues with the services prior to taking any type of action. It was stated that one company was of the impression that steps had been taken to meet council standards and weight citations had not been issued in either 2004 or 2005. Another company expressed the importance of service given to customers and the company's accountability.

The attorney pointed out the importance of timelines, current licenses expirations and possible necessary amendment required to ordinance. A task force should be formed with two members from the council, the staff and consultants in order to make an informed decision. Two council members volunteered to serve on a task force committee and the attorney would draft a resolution for the council's reviewal.

Did You Know

....that in September 1882 the Carver merchant firm of Peterson and Holms on Broadway added a twelve foot addition to their store, making it the largest General Store in Carver County.

Spring Creek Drive

MN DOT requested both Carver and Chaska to submit a name for the portion of the existing Highway #212 west of the existing Mt Hope Road and east of the new Spring Creek Drive, which will be constructed with the Spring Creek Plat. Both cities will have to agree on a name. The Planning Commission recommendation was Spring Creek Drive. There had been initial discussions with the staff in Chaska and it appeared to not be a problem. The council made the motion, which carried with all ayes supporting naming the stretch of highway Spring Creek Drive.

Athletic Director

The city administrator informed the council of allocated monies for 2006 for the purposes of a part-time, athletic director. The Park and Recreation Board would be required to advertise for this position in order to begin setting up scheduling requirements for the parks as soon as possible. Motion was made and carried to advertise for a part-time athletic director per administrator's recommendation. The administrator questioned whether or not the position should be handled as a consultant rather than a city employee as well as the title to read coordinator versus director. The attorney stated that the individual would be an employee because of the necessity for liability insurance.

Vacancy

Council member submitted a resignation letter to the council. Resignation was accepted by motion. The council reviewed the fact that there were still four applications remaining from previous council member appointment. It was the council's consensus that these applicants should be contacted to inquire interest concerning newest vacancy.

The council interviewed candidates for the council vacancy. Motion was made and carried to appoint Mary Williamson to the council for the 2006 year.

Did You Know

....that in June 1882 Carver Builder Olaf Hanson purchased a lot in Carver and began constructing a family residence for himself on Main Street. Olaf Hanson had a hand in building many of Carver's residences and even constructed such well known Carver buildings as the Church-By-The-River, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Neunsinger Hotel, which once sat on the site of present-day City Hall.

SouthWest Metro Expo

On January 28th at the Chaska High School located on Pioneer Drive will be a SouthWest Metro Expo. Appears that the main theme will involve Bridal, Home, Garden and More. Also appears some businesses expected to be seen involve Oak Ridge, Quality Heating and Air Services, and GlenRosé Floral and you can bet more local businesses will be expected to attend. Advertisement involves the Kare 11 Antique Appraisers, and a Fashion Show. There are plans for a chili cook-off with judging taking place, kids activities, and some prizes listed in advance are a trip to be given away and a wedding package. You can buy advanced tickets from the Chaska Chamber of Commerce for \$3. or wait and pay \$5 at the door. The event is scheduled for 9 AM to 3 PM, again at the Chaska High School on January 28th. You can call the chamber at 952) 448-5000 or go to their website, www.chaska-chamber.org.

Mail Box Etiquette

Your local postmaster and mail carriers have a request for all of you who have mailboxes. I bet you can even guess what it is before I tell you, can't you? It's winter.... What do you suppose the postmaster could ever want this time of year? You know how the fire departments and the cities ask you to keep the snow cleared at the fire hydrants located throughout the city? Well, you know what the US Postal Service has that same request too. So please be kind and shovel in front of the mailbox for the mail carrier to deliver your mail.

Main Street Lift Station

The city engineer and the city council reviewed the bids received and discussed the issue of the Main Street Lift Station and Utility Improvements. Bids received were high. The staff discussed removal of the building and replacing the building with a trailer mounted generator. The council was given the option of accepting the bid and eliminating the building by change order or rejecting the bids to rebid without the building. The attorney stated that without a building the noise level would exceed the noise standards established. Council member inquired about changing the location of the lift station. The issue would be researched further.

The council further reviewed the topic of the bid results and awarding the project or not. The council discussed bidding for separate bids for the generator and removal of the building. Since the cost of the construction of a building was so high it was the council consensus that approving construction was not a good idea. Motion was made and carried rejecting all bids and to rebid the project. The mayor reminded the council that the citizens were told a building would be constructed and it would be a mistake not to do said action. Because of the cost the council was not in agreement. The engineer suggested bidding with the building as an alternate portion of the bid. The council agreed to bid the generators and the building as alternates.

Did You Know

.....that in 1873 the Carver County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds was located along the MN River in Carver in present day RiverSide Park.

Spring Creek Lift Station

The engineer reported that the lift station had been planned for with the capital improvement plan for the areas in the northwest corner of the city limits. This station would accommodate the proposed developments of Spring Creek and the Spring Creek Grove plats. The estimated costs were discussed. The engineer proposed bidding the project this winter and having the system operational by the fall of 2006. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the engineer to draft plans and specifications for the Spring Creek area lift station.

SkyView Lane Improvements

The council reviewed the SkyView Lane Street and Utility Improvements assessment roll. There was an issue with one property requiring resolution. Motion was made and carried amending the assessment roll to illustrate a credit issued. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution accepting the assessments for SkyView Lane Improvements.

The council discussed the topic of Special Assessment Deferral Resolution. The city attorney drafted a resolution involving the allowance of residents who met the statutory criteria for the Mt Hope and SkyView Lane Improvement projects to defer assessments. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution accepting deferred assessment policy for the projects.

Hans Hagen Homes

Hans Hagen Homes representative discussed with the council the escrow funds for park dedications for Carver Bluffs West. The Developer's Agreements were reviewed. Request was submitted to release the escrow for Park Dedication to Hans Hagen Homes. The attorney pointed out the discrepancy referring to the resolution stating that Carver Bluffs Central park dedications were paid, but Carver Bluffs West were not part of the Carver Bluffs Central Agreements. The attorney pointed out that the dedication of Outlot "A" had never been made to the city and recently had been sold to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The mayor requested and suggested that Hans Hagen Homes review these issues and schedule resolution with the city attorney.

Municipal Utilities

The administrator reviewed with the council's letters that had been forwarded to property owners regarding municipal utilities connection as required by the ordinance. One owner had not connected but has paid all of the charges. The attorney was concerned about the cost and it was his opinion that it may be more cost effective to pursue the issue later. Motion was made and carried to take action presently to enforce the ordinance pursuing connection to the municipal utilities.

Did You Know

....that in late 1867 hotel proprietor Charles A Blomquist installed a billiard hall in the basement of his recently purchased Carver House Hotel, which once sat on the present-day site of Carver's Gazebo Park.

Metropolitan Council

The council reviewed letters received from the Metropolitan Council. The council also reviewed a drafted letter to the Metropolitan Council regarding issued directed to the city. The city attorney discussed comments pertaining to the interceptor for the city from the Metropolitan Council with questions concerning who would build it, who would fund it and the like. The explanation concerning the hearing request for Dahlgren Township Systems Statement was briefed. The attorney commented on the encounter regarding population numbers in disagreement with the Metropolitan Council's. Motion was made and carried authorizing the attorney to commence litigation against the Metropolitan Council to compel System Statement review hearing unless an acceptable compromise on Carver and Dahlgren Township System Statements can be reached.

Park and Recreation Board

The Park and Recreation Board are seeking volunteers to serve on the board for the park and recreation issues for the City of Carver. There are a lot of things happening throughout the area requiring special attention. Your input is needed. The newest item to be checked out is the trail systems throughout the city and the parks for the new developments. The challenges are well under way. Responsibility assumed as a board member are advisory in nature, advising the city council of issues involving development, management, operation and maintenance of existing and proposed future park areas within the city. If you are interested in being part of this passage of history within your community, please contact Dianne at the Village Hall. She will set you up with an application and give you the times and dates of the Park and Recreation Board meetings. The board meets the second Monday of each month. The board is also seeking to hire a skating rink attendant on a part-time basis. Contact city hall for more information.

Comprehensive Plan Work Group

The Tollefson Developers presented a neighborhood Master Plan to the Comprehensive Plan Work Group and audience. There was discussion of proposal involving approximately 1654 acres with a total of proposed housing units of three thousand plus varying types of housing. The proposal lists ten miles of trails and sidewalks and open space of three hundred thirty four acres. The developer referred to the proposal as a 'Traditional Neighborhood Development'. They are proposing a community center, senior center, major park area, school, athletic complex and retail. The developer reminded that these are conceptual plans. The anticipated timeline is 2008 to begin and approximately ten years to develop. A number of properties have been included in the Alternate Urban Area Review proposal.

Did You Know

....that on MN Statehood Day, May 11, 1858 the Townships of Benton, Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, Farmington, Laketown, San Francisco and Waconia were organized.

East Union Elementary School

Submitted by Jan Wellens

The East Union School students and staff have felt very privileged by the generosity of our community. Many people and organizations have provided money, resources and time through fund raisers, grants and donations to make our school a place where students can grow to their fullest potential. We would like to give back to the community by helping others in need.

The 4th and 5th graders at East Union School made fleece blankets for the Nursery Crisis Center and scarves to donate to the CAP Agency which will benefit others who are in need or crisis during this winter season of giving.

Carver Lions

The Lions organization commitment to the sight conservation is that the Lions provide thousands each year with free quality eye care, eyeglasses, Braille-writers, large print tests, white canes and guide dogs. Are you aware that the Lions organization worldwide are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired? This service began with Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the association's 1925 international convention. Today, in addition to the Lion's international SightFirst program, the Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation throughout countless local efforts.

Did you know that when the state began cutting programs that the Carver Lions began participating in a very important program because of their involvement sight conservation? The State Patrol used to transport eyes for transplants and now some of your local Lion's periodically transport this precious cargo to the University of MN from BellePlaine for patients who need these important donors gifts. The eyes are used for cornea transplants and sometimes for research for eye diseases. Three transporters who periodically will make this important cargo transport are Marvin Grimm, John Posselt and Lowell Peterson. Amazing what goes on when some of us are away at work huh? So many things going on that we know so little about and how important so many things are that we sometimes take for granted. Thanks Lions! Good job always and ever ongoing.

And did you also know that the Lions are also involved in a variety of other activities to improve their communities and help people in need, such as assisting the hearing impaired, providing diabetes awareness and education materials, working on environmental projects and developing youth programs. So much to be done and so little time. Think with more hands, one could help speed up the process? And now don't you just want to be a part of this organization that does so many great things for others? Member they meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. Why don't you go and see what other fantastic things these people do? I bet it would be well worth your time. See ya' there.

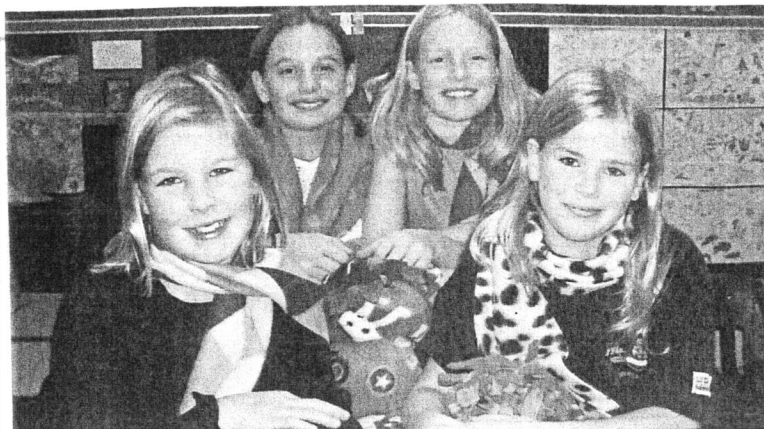
Right now they are tentatively making plans for their annual Pancake Breakfast which will benefit still another. Can't imagine the self gratification these people have to be experiencing. The date will follow when you can come and help with the breakfast or just come and eat and visit.

Lotties

Did you just get engaged over the Holidays? Congratulations!

Don't know where to start with the big plans? Let me help.

My name is Charlotte Sandeen, a long time resident of Carver and I own Lotties Invitations and Bridal Accessories. Lotties Bridal offers personal assistance with wedding invitations and bridal accessories. Included with the variety of invitations I am able to offer, I also offer the following: RSVP cards, Announcements, Programs, Thank You cards, Save the Date cards and Maps. Some of the additional items I can offer are personal wedding Gifts, Favors, Wedding Ensembles, and Decorative Accents. With some of the gifts and wedding ensembles that I offer, I can do personal engraving. You can take advantage of my services by setting up an appointment with me so we can get together and find out how I can assist you with your big day. Now if you are not getting married but know someone who is, I do offer gift certificates so then they can pick out their own Toasting Flutes, Ring Bearer pillows, cake tops, pens, serving sets, Unity candles, guest books or anything else that they would like to choose from. So please just remember Lottie's Bridal, Your premiere source for wedding invitations and bridal accessories. Lottie's Invitations and Bridal Accessories 300 3rd Street West, Carver, MN. 952-457-9540, www.lottiesbridal.com and e-mail address - lotties13@hotmail.com.



Pictured left to right, Ellie Schneiderhan, Nicole Johnson, Madelaine Schwinghammer and Tegen Thon

Carver's Women's Business Group

Submitted by: Linda Schutz

The holidays in Carver grow bigger and better every year. Santa's visit was a well tuned success for the little ones and their families once again. Santa's presence was again made known by arriving by fire truck, courtesy of the Carver Fire Department. Goodies were passed out to the kids that visited with him in the park gazebo area.

Santa's reindeer were on hand for petting. Their keeper was also available to answer all the questions. A friend of mine (from Florida - 43 years old) inquired very shyly, "Is there really such a thing as a reindeer?" "Yes Lorrie, reindeer really do exist!"

The horse drawn hay wagon is always well attended. Imagine riding around our quaint little town to the sound and cantor of the hooves of those big horses, "clip, clopping" on the asphalt. There just isn't anything like it! Christmas memories in the making and past memories resurfaced to warm one's heart and put that beautiful smile on people's faces.

The house tours were great. There were nine residents participating and welcoming guests into their creations. It was the chance for us all to step back in time and experience the holidays as it was in the historic days. We also had new homes which were located in the bluffs to bring us full circle. Carver yesterdayand today.

The Taste of Christmas event at the Church-By-The-River was a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, eat great food and listen to the best music ever! Chuck Sells, (a local Carver resident) and his friends filled the air with music and dance.

Thanks go out to:

The Carver Fire Department for providing the Santa visit and treats for the kids.

The Lions and the Garden Club for making the Gazebo and Park so beautiful this holiday season.

The Carver Fire Department and Lions for formally agreeing to co-sponsor these events.

St Nicholas Church and the Girl Scouts for providing the craft and bake sales

The nine homeowners that graciously opened their houses for our tour. Chestnut's in Chaska for catering the 'Taste of Christmas'.

Carver Liquor for working with us to provide the wine and beer.

Chuck Sells and his band for the top notch dancing music.

The local businesses that donated door prizes and/or coupons to be put in the prize envelopes for the 'Taste of Christmas'

And Most Importantly....I, Linda, would like to thank all the members of the Carver Women's Business Group that worked so hard to put all these events together.! Thank You.

All the proceeds from these events will be donated back to the City of Carver. Looking forward to the holidays next year and all the events of Christmas in the Village of Carver.



Carver Lions

We Serve



Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Youth Association

Submitted by Jane Thon

Again, it is the time of the year to be planning for Softball and Baseball next summer. Boy's we are working at getting our teams back in CARVER. Watch for further updates and please contact Jane or call the City Hall and let them know you are interested in helping with this project.

Girls and T-Ball players - Information and registration's will be out between the 25th of Jan and Feb 15th.

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- January 1st - New Year's Day
January 3rd - Council Meeting
Carver's Women's Business
Group Meeting
Happy Anniversary Stan and
Bonnie!
January 4th - Lions Meeting
January 5th - Drill Night
January 6th - East Union School Awards
Assembly
January 7th - Happy Birthday Leon!
January 9th - Park and Recreation Board
Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board
Meeting
January 10th - East Union Site Council (8:15
AM)
East Union Parent Teacher
Organization (6:30 PM)
January 16th - Martin Luther King Day
Drill Night
East Union school - no school
January 17th - Council Meeting
Heritage Preservation
Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday David!
January 18th - Happy Birthday Eric!
Lions Meeting
January 23rd - Comprehensive Work Group
Meeting
East Union School - No School
(Teacher WorkShop)
January 24th - Happy Birthday Troy!
January 26th - Fire Department Meeting Night
Happy Birthday Rich!
January 27th - Happy Birthday Paul!
Happy Birthday Patty!
Happy Birthday Paul!
January 28th - SouthWest Metro Expo
January 29th - Happy Birthday Shawn!
January 31st - Happy Birthday Trish!



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