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"Open Book"

The City Council held the Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting at the Village Hall. County representatives explained to the council consideration a meeting called an "Open Book". This involved the cities agreeing to being bypassed in property valuation issues and the county being directly contacted. The city would have until the end of the year to make a decision and would be required to pass a resolution. The county would be given at least two years with this system, if at that time the city would like to participate again in the Appeal and Equalization process it would be turned back to the city.

Spring Creek

The engineer informed the council that as a result of discussions with Xcel Energy and other consultants, it was determined that the costs of burying power lines along the old Highway and the new county road increased significantly. Recommendation was submitted to modify the Letter of Credit reductions and retain money to cover the additional expense involved. Motions were made and carried with all ayes and approving amended Letters of Credits for Glen at Spring Creek development and Spring Creek.

Certified Local Government

The city planner informed the council that the city had been approved to receive an additional Certified Local Government funding to complete the survey project. The council needed to accept the additional funding, formally approve the additional match amount, authorize the execution of necessary contracts and award the project to the 106 Group, Inc. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the additional funding, authorizing the mayor to execute documents and amend and approve the grant agreement and award the project to the 106 Group, Inc. The council approved the contract with the 106 Group authorizing the execution of the contract for an architectural history survey.

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.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

The council participated in a walking tour of the proposed construction area of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services line and review probable improvements with the project. The electric company would be contacted for information relating to burying wires. Questions were asked concerning overlay of right-of-way, driving areas, and boulevards. There was discussions that there should be conversations with the county regarding maintenance on sections of County Road #40, especially within the city and east of Broadway.

Public Works

The public works director informed the council that the city has received some pumps from the Department of Defense. The City of East Grand Forks had been contacted because they have the same pumps. A Public Works Department employee had brought down a set of hoses and fittings for the City of Carver to test the used equipment before spending money on parts. Suggestion was made to thank the department for this gesture of courtesy for quite a valuable offering for testing purposes. Councilmember recommended forwarding a letter of gratitude to the City of East Grand Forks.

Well Number # Four

The city engineer reviewed information on the search for a water tower site. A slide presentation on the proposed location and benefits of the site were given to the council. Location, costs, and construction were all reviewed. The discussions would continue on the site for well number four.

10th Annual Carver Fun Run

The Silver Bullet, Lisa's Place and Harvey's Bar and Grill will again be sponsoring the annual Carver Fun Run. This event is to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes "Send a Kid to Camp" program. This year's run is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th. Registration begins at 10:30 AM at any of the bars in Carver, or next to the Liquor Store. The ride starts at noon sharp! Food, prize drawings, and fun back in Carver around 5 PM. Anything on wheels is welcome. Last year, the run raised almost eighteen thousand dollars. Need more information, you can e-mail CarverFunRun@Yahoo.com or call Lisa's Place at (952) 448-7622.

Fire Department

The Carver Fire Department held its first banquet this month which occurred at the VFW. I would bet that they all had a good time and good food. The personnel are working on their Open House and Steam-Boat Days. Information to follow later.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions have outdone themselves again. They have donated money to the Chaska School District Girls Volleyball Association for their trip to the nationals. Fireworks at SteamBoat Days will also be a scheduled event thanks to the Lions donations. Be sure to thank them when you see a Carver Lion. The Lions also have approved the irrigation system for the Lions Park. A contractor has been hired to install this system. Again thanks to the Carver Lions.

You may also be interested to know that their incoming officers take office in July. Here are the new officers:

President - Bob MacMullan
1st Vice President - Harlen Thaumert
2nd Vice President - Linda Schutz
3rd Vice President - Dean Nelson
Secretary - Cheryl Peterson
Treasurer - John Schuelke
Board of Directors:

Tim Kraig
Jeremy Rich
John Posselt
Lindy Tourangeau

Lion Tamer - Ray Williams
Tail Twister - Karen Rae Huerd

Congratulations everyone!

SteamBoat Days Committee

The SteamBoat Days Committee is officially engaged in making the next Steam-Boat Days more fantastic than the last. They meet the second Wednesday of the month. If you need, want more information, they have a website set up for all of us with computers to peer into/onto. Go to www.carversteamboatdays.org. The committee just announced that they have finally nailed down an official logo for their event, SteamBoat Days. They also are asking for your help with the event. The event can't go on without all the efforts of everyone. So be sure to call and volunteer to help with the event.

The March wind roars like a lion in the sky, and makes us shiver as he passes by.

Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar May 2007

- May 1st - Happy Birthday Texan!
Happy Birthday Barb!
Carver's Women's Business Group Meeting
- May 3rd - Drill Night
Sandpaper Art
- May 4th - Happy Birthday Darrin!
- May 5th - Cinco de Mayo
Dahlgreen Golf Course Spring Opener
- May 6th - Nurses Day
Carver Fun Run
- May 7th - Council Meeting
- May 9th - SteamBoat Committee Meeting
Card Club
Car Cruise
- May 12th - Quilt/Craft Club
- May 13th - Happy Birthday Nola!
- May 14th - Park and Recreation Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
East Union 5th Grade Band Concert
- May 15th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Tim!
- May 16th - Tea Party
- May 17th - Old Log Theater
- May 19th - Armed Forces Day
Happy Birthday Scheryl!
Open Air Market
Annual Clean-Up Day
- May 21st - Drill Night
Council Meeting
Happy Anniversary Leon and Scheryl!
- May 22nd - Planning Commission Meeting
Baseball Camp
- May 26th - Happy Birthday Ellie!
- May 28th - Memorial Day
Dahlgreen Golf Course - Memorial Day Sweepstakes
- May 30th - Happy Birthday Craig!
- May 31st - Meeting Night
Happy Birthday Karalyn!

Call city hall or township for Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting night

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Dahlgreen Golf Course

Get those golf clubs out of the closet, the golf course will be opening! The course has all kinds of new exciting events to offer you. Go to their website and check them out. May offers 'The Spring Opener' and the 'Memorial Day Sweepstakes'. June has 'The Dahlgreen Classic'. Then there's the new Willows Bar and Restaurant. They've remodeled. Questions, call, 952) 448-7463.

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Carver Car Cruise-In

Carver Car Cruise is scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month from May through August you can come into town and look at all the old classics! The event is being planned in conjunction with Turtle's Bar in Shakopee. Shakopee cruises are the first and third Wednesday of the same months and same times. From 3 PM to 6 PM these fancy old classics will be parked on Broadway for you to see up close and personal. You can even talk to the owners. Interested in the oldies but goodies? Come down and check it out. Park on the side streets and come look! Can't come one night, then plan on the next trip. I bet, if you even ask really, really nice, you can get them to go by the station and really get some authentic oldie photos! Photo op! Business op! Come on down and get an autograph, get an education, be part of history, make some history. Pick out your favorite? You can cruise on in with your classic, stylish street rod or if you don't have one, you can just come and check out the other guys. When you come into town, Broadway is reserved for the car cruise participants.

Carver Village Open Air Market

The Carver's Women's Business Group proudly presents the Carver Village Open Air Market event of the 2007 year. At the Gazebo Park in downtown Carver on Saturdays May 19th, June 23rd, July 21st, August 25th and September 22nd from 10 AM to 3 PM in the park you will find an Open Air Market. You will be able to see antiques, vintage goods, artists, farmer's produce, homemade foods and lots of other good things. Circle all these dates on all of your calendars so you won't forget to come down to the Gazebo Park and check this out. Purchase is not mandatory, but the ladies guarantee you will want something that appeals to you, even if it is only a big juicy red apple, or nice plump peach or may-be sweet corn for the kids coming home for dinner. Come on down, check it out, at least.

Carver Quilt and Craft Club

Interested in working on your favorite project all day? Come join us May 12th (Saturday) from 10 AM to 4 PM in the lower level of the Village Hall where there is a party going on. Come and join us? Bring your project and don't forget your lunch too. We are doing scrap-booking, beading, quilting, needlework, whatever your project is, that's what we are doing. Join in with the group and have lots and lots of fun with the others while we all work on our projects. Sound fun? Then come on, load it up and get it down to the hall. Call Linda Schutz at (612) 987-5454 for more details. This is our second group meeting and were look forward to it's growing.

Always watch where you are going. Otherwise, you may step on a piece of the Forest that was left out by mistake.
- Pooh's Little Instruction Book

Carver Card Club

May is the last Card Club get together until September. The next Card Club day is scheduled Wednesday, May 9th at 1 PM to 4 PM in the lower level of the Village Hall, hosted by Carver Lion Evelyn Grimm. Anyone interested in bringing their favorite dessert to serve with coffee, let Evelyn know at 952) 448-9465. Bring a friend and/or family member.

Affordable Trimming

There's still time, even if you don't have time to get that clean up done. Give Pat a call, maybe you can afford to have her do what you don't have time to do. Maybe she's more affordable than you think. The winter leftovers aren't going to go away along. The bushes are still stuffed full of leaves. They also may require some trimming. Then there's the grass that needs air. Those leaves aren't going to rake themselves away. Spring has been waking up. Pat can be there to help you when you can't get all these yard chores done. She can give your yard a whole new outlook. And then you can have more time to just gaze upon your luscious yard. Give her a call. Set up an appointment and see what she can do for you. She won't charge you for an estimate. Just pick up the phone before it's summer time, but then maybe it's never too late, call Pat 952) 448-7656.

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball

Association

-Jane Thon

As I write this notice, we have over 200 youths registered. If anyone is looking to watch the youths of Carver play ball this summer, Monday thru Thursday games will be played at the Carver Community fields and at the Carver Community fields and at the Lions Park field. Please stop and see some great games. We have girls Softball, Boys Coach Pitch Baseball for 1st and 2nd grade boys and T-Ball.

For our Fundraiser this year, our youth will also be selling Heggies Pizza. Your support is greatly appreciated. We have been asked if we can have any Adults or High School youth that would volunteer to run the concession stand for the Carve Black Sox games. If you can, please contact Jean Amrhein at 952-448-5145

The following Dates have game times of 2 PM: Sat 5/12, Sat 5/19, Sun 5/20, Sat 5/26, Sun 5/27, Sat 6/2, Sun 6/3, Sat 6/16, Sat 6/23, Sun 7/1, Sat 7/14. On Sat 6/30, the game time is 12 Noon.

Did You Know...

....that in 1882 Carver had three doctors, one lawyer, a real estate and loan office, a flour mill, a grain elevator, six general stores, a carding and feed mill, two drug stores, two brick yards, two hardware stores, two lumber yards, one grocery, one brewery, two watch makers, two carriage makers, one photographer, two harness makers, one tailor, one veterinary surgeon, two boot and shoemakers, one milliner, one bakery, five saloons, and two hotels.

Park and Recreation Board

Programs

The Park and Recreation Program for pre-school is scheduled for May 16th at the Village Hall. The little tykes from three to five years of age are invited to come to the Village Hall on Wednesday at 10 AM and participate in a Tea Party just for them. For the youths age six to ten there are two events scheduled in May for their age group. First on May 3rd at the Village Hall is the Sandpaper Art event from 4 PM to 5 PM. They are invited to come and create a masterpiece. Then there's the Baseball Camp scheduled for the 22nd, 24th, 29th and 31st at the Community Park. The times are scheduled for 6:30 PM for an hour. The focus will be to improve skills on batting, catching and pitching. The Senior Program extends their invitation to seniors to go to the Old Log Theater in Excelsior and meeting at the Village Hall to depart at 10:45 AM on the 17th of May. The play is "over the Tavern".

Tentative Agenda

City of Carver Council
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions and Requests
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Municipal Utilities Report
- 7) Building Inspector Report
- 8) City Planner Report
- 9) City Engineer Report
- 10) City Attorney Report
- 11) Administrator Report
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn

Never make your home in a place. Make a home for yourself inside your own head. You'll find what you need to furnish it - memory, friends you can trust, love of learning and other such things. That way it will go with you wherever you journey.

- Tad Williams

To All Moms:

Happy Mother's Day

