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## *Dedicated in Memory of Nola Galles*

### *Board of Appeal and Equalization*

The council discussed the adoption of a resolution that would give the county the authorization to conduct the Board of Appeal and Equalization process. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing Carver County to be the Board of Appeal And Equalization for the City of Carver.

### *Liquor License Fees*

The city administrator informed the council of the necessity to schedule a Public Hearing to increase the Liquor License Fees per previous discussions in budget meetings. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution notifying owners of the hearing to increase liquor license fees.

### *City Hall*

The city administrator addressed questions regarding the City Hall relocation. It was the administrator's opinion that a new city hall would no longer be necessary until possibly 2010 with the decrease in growth. This would also mean that additional staff would not be required either. Two additional staff requirements prior to that date would not require a new location. Ehlers and Associates had prepared financial options for a new proposed City Hall facility.

Parking requirements were discussed. Comment was made that variances could be granted for parking requirements. Question was asked of the church parking lot being utilized. An agreement could be drafted to use that parking lot. Statement was made that the ordinance parking requirements call for one hundred fifteen parking spots, but there are only fifty one available spaces. The city planner expressed her understanding for the council's frustrations with the ordinances. The city attorney pointed out that the ordinance could be changed but some traffic studies would be required. Question was asked whether or not a Conditional Use Permit could be issued? It was one council member's opinion that the ordinance should be reviewed and updated. An informal vote was requested favoring the school location for a city hall. The council wanted more answers. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay directing the engineer to draft proposal for square footage plans updating the city hall to an up to date functioning city hall. One council member expressed question of why a building could not be constructed on property already owned by the city. Remin-der was given of the necessity for construction of a bridge to access property. The Task Force recommended the school therefore the council was obligated to review their recommendation. Since this was a serious investment, it made more sense to consider an existing structure.

### *Fire Department*

The Fire Department's Open House was again a huge success the firemen reported. They thank all of the folks who came out and helped make the event possible.

The Department is still recruiting new members. Anyone interested in serving their community and giving a little back can pick up an application at the city hall or calling the fire department at 952) 448-2290.

"Release the regrets of yesterday, refuse the fears of tomorrow, and receive instead, the peace of today!"

### *Heritage Preservation Commission*

The Heritage Preservation Commission expressed interest in applying for the Certified Local Government grant to update the design guidelines and requested the council's input. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay to allow the Heritage Preservation Commission to apply for the Certified Local Government grant. These guidelines require updating to allow the commission to review building changes and work requested. The city planner informed the council that it was her hope to have revisions for the Historic District Ordinance to the council very soon.

### *Town Hall*

The Dahlgren Township Board met to discuss three proposed locations for the construction of a new town hall. One lot measured three fourths of an acre and the other two parcels were two acre sites. Fill would be required on the two acre sites and removal of an existing structure would be necessary on the other site. The informal consensus of the individuals in attendance agreed on the two acre parcel on at the Maplewood Road site. Bids for costs would be necessary along with a civil engineer and architectural costs. The two, two acre sites would be reviewed further and another meeting scheduled. Costs, blue prints, design and water management issues would all be researched.

### *Comprehensive Plan*

The Carver County representative from the County Planning and Water Management office was at the Dahlgren Township Board meeting to review the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Dahlgren Township Policy Chapter. They discussed the township land use policy options, transitions areas, orderly annexation, economic development, rail corridor, national resources, golf courses, feed lots, historic preservation and transportation issues.

### *Carver Black Sox Bingo*

Submitted by: Gwen Reimer  
Hey guys, it's that time of the year again. The Carver Black Sox will be hosting their Annual Turkey and Ham Bingo again in the basement of the Village Hall on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM to 11 PM. Food and beverages will be again available to our guests. There are prizes too. If you have any questions, please call Gwen at 952) 448-3422.

### *Carver's Women's Business Group*

"Mom. Mom. Dad. Dad. Santa is Coming. Santa is Coming." On Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM, Santa will be visiting the City of Carver. Be sure to begin your holiday season by coming downtown to the Gazebo Park and visit with Santa. The Fire Truck will chauffeur Santa to the park where he can visit with the little ones. In case of bad weather, the event will be moved indoors into the Village Hall. Don't disappoint those youngins', mark the calendar, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Gazebo Park in downtown Carver.

### *Did You Know...*

....that on Sunday, October 27, 1867 the Steamboat Chippewa Falls arrived at the Carver Levee, loaded with 50 cook stoves for Carver's hardware stores.

## *Carver Fire Department Highlights and*

### *Community Calendar*

*November 2007*

- November 1<sup>st</sup> - Drill Night  
Happy Birthday Judy!
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Carver Craft and Quilt Club
- November 4<sup>th</sup> - DayLight Savings Time Ends  
East Union Church Annual Harvest Festival  
Chicken Dinner
- November 5<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Happy Anniversary Russell & Jackie!  
East Union WorkShop/Conference  
No School
- November 6<sup>th</sup> - Carver's Women's Business Group Meeting  
District #112 - School Board Election
- November 7<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting
- November 8<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting
- November 9<sup>th</sup> - Sally Foster Fundraiser Delivery
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day  
Lions Pancake Breakfast - Veteran's Eat Free
- November 12<sup>th</sup> - Holiday - Veteran's Day Observed
- November 13<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- November 14<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Bob!  
Carver Card Club
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - Mustard Moon Frosty Air Market Sale  
( Thursday, Friday, and Saturday )
- November 16<sup>th</sup> - Black Sox Turkey and Ham Bingo
- November 18<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Zach!
- November 19<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night  
Council Meeting
- November 20<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Lions Meeting
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - No School
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thanksgiving Day  
Happy Birthday Tim!
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Anniversary Loren and Deb!
- November 26<sup>th</sup> - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- November 27<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting
- November 29<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night  
Happy Birthday Ken!  
Carver Forum for Residents
- November 30<sup>th</sup> - District #112 WorkShop Day

## *East Union Elementary School*

Submitted from: East Union Bell

### *Help Our School Earn Extra Money*

The East Union School is again planning to take advantage of opportunities to raise funds by saving Big G Box tops from General Mills, Kemp's "Give 'em Five" milk caps, recycle print cartridge program, used cell phones, Tyson Project A+ labels and Campbell's Soup labels. Thank you for your help in dropping off these items in the south foyer. (Mailing address if easier: 15655 County Road #43, Carver MN 55315)

East Union school is also participating in Target's Take Charge of Education Programs. Parents will need to register their Target Guest Card in order for our school to benefit from Target's program. You can do this by calling 1-800-316-6142 and tell them that you wish for 1 % of your purchases to go to the East Union Elementary school at the address given above and the phone number, 952) 556-6800.

Mustard Seed Nursery located on Highway #212 gives East Union Elementary a 5 % rebate on all purchases designating East Union as recipient (with the coupon) and the consumer receives 5% discount at time of purchase.

Also, Office Depot has a 5% Back to School Reward Program if you designate East Union as your reward school. Ask about this program the next time you are in Office Depot.

The East Union School thanks you for your help. Information passed on is that the latest check from Target was for \$820. Thank you so much!!!!!! The school received \$200 from Kemps milk caps and the school thanks you.  
Keep up the good work.

## *Sally Foster Fundraiser*

Do you know what the Sally Foster Fundraiser event is? Many of you probably do and there are some who have not a clue what this is about. First of all, it involves the students at the East Union Elementary School. Sally Foster is an organization that donates revenue portions to the school for the students who have made efforts to sell items to the parents, grandparents, friends, strangers, etc in the school district. The students will go door to door (relative to relative) soliciting to present the packet of goodies for us to buy. In this instance, the East Union students are selling gift wrap, assorted items, candies, nuts and the like. Guess what they are learning? Public Relations, salesmanship, communications, and oh so much more. The fundraiser deliveries will be coming November 9<sup>th</sup>. So all those goodies you ordered to help out the school will be arriving shortly. Good job kids.

## *Harmony Development*

The Park and Recreation Board were presented with a plan from Tollefson regarding a Harmony development. The developers would like to construct a community center in the development. The developers were seeking input from the city on ownership of this proposal. Question was asked about a school in the area. The school district expressed interest constructing a school, but locations have not been confirmed. The developers were looking at approximately 2012 for the completion of a center and the use of the center as a marketing tool for selling property. Statement was made that if the developer built the center and the HomeOwners Association maintained the facility then the city would not have any control over the issue. Question was asked if the city agreed to ownership at a much later date what would the effect be? If the center were to be used as a marketing tool then acceptance of ownership too far out date wise would not be wise.

Concerns of a Homeowners Association owning a center involved it being controlled by the group, then there was the possibility of competition were the city to decide to construct a center at a later date and the competition of programming, not having access for the Park and Recreation Board. Plus the fact of an association ownership does not create the ambience of community for residents. Another option could be private entities partnering in ownership. The YMCA might be interested in a proposal with the city. Lifetime Fitness probably would not be interested due to the demographics of the area but was not improbable.

The city planner pointed out that one thousand eight hundred homes were proposed for this development. The idea of exploring private partnership was suggested. A Joint Powers Agreement was another option.

## *SkateBoard Park*

The Park and Recreation Board members discussed the new skate park. Suggestion was made that possibly some pieces may be required to be moved for improvement of the flow and age groups. Age equipment requirements were questioned, as well as whether or not adult supervising was or was not necessary.

## *Legacy*

The Legacy donation program was introduced to the Park and Recreation Board members. This program is for city's parks systems. Donations can be accepted for items listed on the application brochure. A specific park can be named by the donator or the city can decide. Uniformity in the park system was attempted to be consistent. Disposal cans were not added since it was considered inappropriate if memorial plaques were going to be utilized.

## *MN Department of Natural Resources Grant*

Permission was requested from the Park and Recreation Board to apply for the MN-DNR Shooting Range Grant for the RiverSide Park. This grant would be used to apply for money to build an outdoor archery range. The grant would be a 50/50 funding match grant. Motion was made and carried to apply for the grant. The requested for the proposal would be presented to the council.

## 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



## Carver Lions

The Lions are busy as usual. They are getting ready for the Pancake Breakfast on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at the Village Hall. Decision was made that the veterans will be eating free. The Carver Lions wanted to take this opportunity with the Pancake Breakfast to thank all of the veterans for their service to our country. This breakfast was a deliberate effort to extend and visually show thanks to veterans. So if you are a vet, go have breakfast and accept the Lions thanks to you personally.

The Lions never cease to amaze people eh? Thanks Lions! What would we do without them huh? Be sure to thank them. Are you sure you don't want to be a part of this wonderful giving group that keeps on giving and giving? Can you imagine how good they feel? If you can't maybe you should join and participate in this giving spirit. They are right up on that plateau with Santa and the Almighty Way Above. They meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. Go check them out and get aboard that giving wagon. It can only be good.

The Carver Lions would like to thank everyone for attending, participating and/or helping with the Halloween Party which once again was a success and fun for the youngsters. They also thank everyone for the food and money that was donated for the Carver County Food Shelf.

The Lions are planning ahead for the holidays. They will be delivering poinsettias on behalf of the Women at the Southern Valley Battered Women's Alliance. Thanks Lions.

And don't forget that the Lions ensure that the holidays are visual and heard during the Christmas season. The Lions will be once again decorating the city park, the Village Hall and providing the Christmas music from the steeple at the Church-By-The-River.

## Americorps

Funky Minds announced their pride welcoming Americorps Promise Fellow, Cara Berg to Carver. She will be working with the school district community education and Funky Minds. This is a program that has been referred to as "The Peace Corps, on home turf." Their goal is to help adolescents along a positive path, a learning path that may not have caught their attention otherwise. It is this type of program that shows the younger generation so that they can actually see the difference that they can make in a community. These types of events include such activities as providing food for children overseas, Earth Day clean up and/or just a simple act as visiting the elderly in the nursing homes. Lots of luck to the group on this venture. Encourage the youngsters to visit Funky Minds and participate.

## 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.

## Carver Card Club

The next get together for cards, games or just conversation is scheduled for Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at the Village Hall from 1 to 4 PM. This event is hosted by Evelyn Grimm, another Carver Lion. You can bring a dessert to serve with coffee, just let Evelyn know. She can be reached at 952) 448-9465. Be sure to bring a friend or family member.

## Carver Craft and Quilt Club

On Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM the Carver Craft and Quilt Club will be meeting and having fun until 4 PM that afternoon. Invitations are extended. Even if you don't quilt, the welcome mat is out for anyone to join with their individual projects to work on. You can quilt, scrapbook, knit or bring whatever item you work on. Questions: Call Linda at 612) 987-5454. See you at the Village Hall on the third.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST VETERANS DAY

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM to 1 PM  
Carver Village Hall  
VETERANS EAT FREE!!!!

## Tax Filing

It's that time of the year again. Time to get all your paperwork in order for filing in April. Remember too, this is the last year to file for that Energy Efficient Property Credit. Aren't sure, call your tax preparer for clarification.

## Looking for that Special Gift Idea

Are you looking for something different this year to give as a holiday gift? That something special, homemade, but don't have time. Taking orders for cookie baskets for the holiday season. Have a party coming up at work? Send a cookie basket to the party. Pot Luck invited to? Send a cookie basket of homemade cookies to the host. Need a quick gift. Order a cookie basket. Special orders taken for your particular needs, prices to accommodate your budget, prices vary per quantity, tailor your cookie basket to your requirements, need one for the kids teacher or teachers, basket can be made to fit precisely what you order. Company gifts for vendors? What nicer than a basketful of homemade cookies? Call 952) 448-5126 and place your orders now, before someone else books that time for your basket order.



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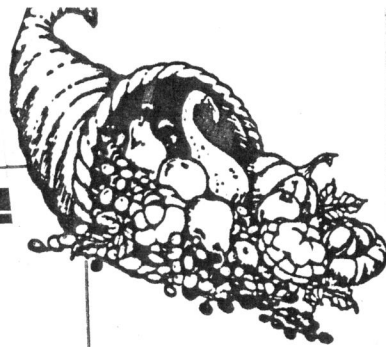


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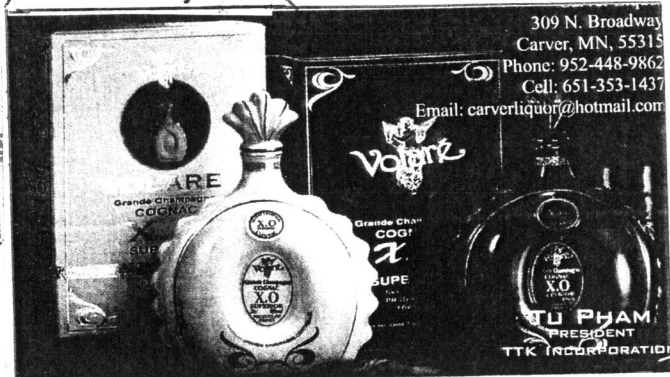
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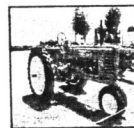
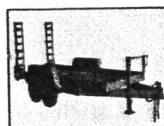
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