



Elected Officers

The Mayor at the first official meeting of the 2009 year swore in council members Webb and Newhouse as council members. Congratulations extended to the newest members.

Heritage Preservation Commission 2008 Award

Statement was made that the Heritage Preservation Commission Award has been given three times to date. The award for 2008 is the second presentation for Gregg and Meg Witt for building restorations. The mayor extended thanks on behalf of the City of Carver for their continued interest and investment in the city. The city sees improvement each year thanks to their efforts. Comment was also extended that the downtown restoration looks wonderful.

LyleWood Glen

A representative from the Committee for the LyleWood Glen development was present at the council meeting to give an update on their progress. Homeowners Association has made great strides in resolving debt issues. The water bill was discussed. The Homeowners Association requested that water service be reinstated to the common area and the association would be responsible from this day forward. The common area needs irrigation and seeding in springtime.

The association was of the opinion that the city held a Certificate of Occupancy for a home due to an unpaid water bill. The attorney explained that the city does not have that authority. Dues have been paid and the water bill will have to be assessed against homes in the subdivision because the issue in dispute involves usage in the common area. It was the attorney's opinion that an agreement could be reached with the lenders regarding this issue. The staff was directed to research the issue and comprise a solution.

The attorney also discussed resuming discussions concerning securing structures in the development. Some of the structures have been secured. Statement was also made that at this time there is no recourse for attempting to resolve the unpaid water bill by the developer or the management company.

Highway #41

The council inquired about the overall response to MNDot's choice as the preferred alternative for crossing the river, which will be recommended for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Highway #41 project. The city planner stated that many were relieved that there were still ways to interject modifications the route.

Council member inquired about the River Bluffs Estates development in relation to the present determination of the route to cross the river. At the time of still determining a route, an extension had been granted relating to issues. The administrator was now directed to research the item.

Main Street Bridge

Council member inquired about the engineer's notation concerning the Main Street Bridge replacement. The engineer explained that the design work on the plans will be submitted in January to MNDot for their review. Once they approve, the project would then be put on a waiting list for funding. Bridge bond funding is not available until 2010. He also explained that most of the cost would be a county expense. The council was not surprised to hear that the completion of this project would not coincide with the other project. The balance of the project and the bridge completion can all be scheduled for a later date.

Miscellaneous

The engineer was asked about the work being done on evaluations of the flood plain elevations. This work was scheduled to be completed last year, but nothing has been submitted regarding re-evaluations. Some information has been gathered and would be forwarded to one of the council members.

Question was asked about the date of usage for the new water tower. The answer was not readily available at the time of the question. Completion date on the agreement would have to be referred to. That answer would also be forwarded to the council member.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

The city attorney discussed the amendment to the Carver/Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Agreement. The Metropolitan Council requests delay to the easterly interceptor construction, in order to explore possibilities of construction in the Union Pacific right of way. The attorney reviewed the proposed Amendment #1 involving the Construction Cooperation Agreement relating to the construction of the new interceptor and the lift station. The Metropolitan Council is experiencing difficulties obtaining the required easements in a cost effective way in the area on both sides of the Chaska/Carver border. Therefore, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services wants to split the project into two phases. The proposed amendment involves some technical issues regarding easements, bidding procedures and pre-qualifications of bidders.

The Metropolitan Council will not agree to a deadline by which it must make a determination as to the location of the easterly portion of the interceptor and the lack of a deadline for a decision is a significant concern to the city. The attorney commented that it was to the best interest of the city to get the project moving forward and this amendment would allow the construction of the lift station and the portion of the interceptor funning from the existing wastewater treatment plant to the new lift station. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving Amendment Number #1 to the Construction Cooperation Agreement, Chaska West Interceptor Phase 2, Carver Interceptor.

Annexation

The council discussed approval of the proposed orderly annexation agreement with Dahlgren Township. The city attorney answered questions from the council. There was discussion of whether or not a property was included in this annexation. The property in question was not the entire property. Another discussion involved property that was not covered in the Comprehensive Plan. The city planner stated that the Comprehensive Plan would be required to be updated in the future to include this area. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the joint resolution for orderly annexation between the township of Dahlgren and the City of Carver.

Dahlgren Township received the final copy of the agreement for their approval. After the township votes, the City of Carver will schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the agreement. On motion, opposed by one township supervisor that the agreement be accepted except for any land west of Country Road #43.

The city administrator updated the council on the orderly annexation process. Motion was made and carried scheduling a special joint meeting with Dahlgren Township on February 11th at the Church-By-The-River.

"A community grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they will never sit."
....Greek proverb

Union Pacific Railroad

The city attorney told the council that it appeared that the Union Pacific right of way property was originally conveyed to the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway Company on May 1, 1875 by two private individuals with the last name Griffin. The tract index at the Carver County Recorder's Office showed no encumbrances or easements of record as burdening the Union Pacific right of way property from 1875 forward to 2008. There is no easement of record against the Union Pacific right of way property in favor of the City for the Levee.

The City lots where the Levee is currently located were platted in 1857. The Plat shows not only the lots and blocks in the Plat, but also the streets and other areas dedicated to the public. Specifically, the Plat contains an area marked "Levee" just south and east of the southeastern most lots and blocks in the Plat in the area adjacent to Mile Post: 36:17, which Levee description follows along the entire embankment of the Minnesota River. The grantors of the Plat specifically state on the face of the Plat that they "donate all the land designated on said Plat as streets, alleys, avenues, Public Square, Courthouse Square and Levee to the use and benefit of the public." Unfortunately, it appears that since 1857 the River has migrated from its original position such that the River itself now encroaches across the area originally platted as the Levee and onto the lots in the Plat in the area of Mile Post: 36:17. As a result, there remains no dry land once designated as "Levee", benefiting the public in the area of Mile Post: 36:17.

Because there is no easement in favor of the City for the Levee, the City has no property interest of record in the Union Pacific right of way property. The City does have permission from the Union Pacific to maintain, improve and use the Levee on the Union Pacific right of way property indefinitely; however that permission is revocable at any time. Mr. Harris gave some arguments the City can make in an attempt to gain a specific property right in the Union Pacific right of way property, or to defend its Levee if the Union Pacific or subsequent property owner demands ejection or otherwise attempts to cut off the City's use. The update given to the council was for informational purposes only and no action from the council was required.

Liaison Appointments

The council discussed liaison positions for 2009. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution amended with liaison position for 2009. The Heritage Preservation Commission liaison reported that they met with a consultant who will be drafting the updated design guidelines for the historic district.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief gave the council an update of projects. This included the finalizing departmental inspection sheets that will be forwarded to business owners, daycares and multi-unit housing structures. The Fire Department will be conducting on site visits in 2009 with each to complete their fire safety plans and reviews. The chief also talked of the new emergency management plan, which is proposed for late March, and public education classes being finalized for 2009. Question was asked how the site inspections would affect historic structures. The procedures were explained.

The new Emergency Management Plan is scheduled for late March and Public Education Classes are being finalized for 2009. Council member requested a comprehensive list of mandated and non-mandated issues handled by the Fire Department. The fire chief stated that he would compile the requested list.

Carver Fire and Rescue First Annual Steak Fry

REMINDER: The Carver Fire Department has invited you to come and share in their first Annual Steak Fry at the Village Hall on January 31st, Saturday at 4PM until 8 PM. Adults will eat for \$10 each, Kids price is \$6, or you can get a Hot Dog Meal for \$3 for those who don't really like steak. Mark your calendars, Saturday, January 31st from 4 to 8 PM.

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.

Positive Connections

School Bus Drivers wanted. Positive Connections is accepting applications for School Bus Drivers for Chaska School District #112. Cur-rent licensed drivers welcomed. Classroom and behind the wheel training provided by experienced Driver Trainers. Offering competitive wages and a comprehensive benefit package. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 952.361.0899.

RYS Creations

RYS Creations will be conducting business as an administrative assistant doing the work that managers choose not to do, nor have the expenditures to hire a full-time office person, but need the administrative paperwork completed. 'Administrative Assistants' replaced 'secretaries'. Along with this title change came job responsibility changes, as well. Many companies are beginning to outsource this work, saving money.

Thus is the introduction to the concept to the futuristic-minded management personnel who require to have their office work completed, but don't have enough work to justify a part or full-time individual. Or you have special needs, need the expertise of an administrative assistant? Give me a call at 952.448.5126. I have different packages, different programs, set up to coincide with your specific needs at reasonable costs. I have more than thirty seven years' experience in the office environment and am very good at what I do. Give me a call and we'll get your office work in order, save you money and time.

Trouble composing letters, memos, reports? Want someone to calculate employee timecards? Looking for an individual to straighten out your filing needs? Many of those time consuming tasks can be done cost effectively and save you time. Need a plan created, need a project researched, need a business plan or card? Give me a call and we'll talk. Incidentally, I am also a public notary. So in case on a weekend, or maybe an evening, you have a legal document you need to get notarized. The banks, businesses are all closed. Can't wait. Need it now. I can help you out with that too in the evening or on the weekend. Look forward to hearing from you. References are also available.

Kids Garage Sale

Kids will be selling their toys and other items at the 2nd Annual Kids Garage Sale. Everyone is welcome at this indoor garage sale. Shop for great things at discounted prices. Stop in and check out the deals, Saturday, February 21st at 9 AM until Noon at the Carver Gymnasium.

Kids bring in your toys and other children's item to sell. Each family may reserve one table and is responsible for bringing their own change/cash box. Child must be present during sale times. Kids check in and set up begins at 7:45 AM. Take down at Noon.

This event is Free, however, PRE-REGISTRATION is required. Please register by January 31st, 2009. Call Kristy Mock at 952.448.2290, ext #2 to register.

Senior Dinner & Dance

Friday, March 20, from 4 PM until 7 PM at the Carver Village Hall. Come and dance to the old time music! Enjoy the one man band, musician, Gary Martens. He will provide the music to keep your feet moving. Show up ready to polka, waltz, and dance the evening away. Enjoy coffee and a meal. Early Registration Fee: Only \$5.00 (\$ 6. at the door)

Starving Artist's Fair

Saturday, March 21st from 10 AM until 2 PM in the Carver Gymnasium. Check out local artists displaying their work at this unique art fair! You can browse or buy - stop in and take a look. Artists Wanted - Do you paint, sculpt, draw or create? If you are an artist and would like to have a display. Table rent for the event is only \$10. Artists must register by February 29th. Call Kristy Mock at 942.448.2290, ext 2.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
.....Margaret Mead

Park and Recreation Board

Three Park and Recreation Board member were appointed to the board, they are Kerry Peterson, Mickey Webb and Erik Pershmann. The 2009 chairperson is Erik Pershmann.

Ice Skating Rink

The Park and Recreation Supervisor reported to the board that the rental usage for the skating rink has increased this year. The board was also informed that the BroomBall League returned and there has been a number of rental hours reserved.

Parks

Park and Recreation Supervisor noted that Field Allocation information and request forms for outdoor fields have been forwarded to appropriate personnel who use the fields. Question was asked pertaining to bluff park usage and it is being used. The Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association representative discussed 2009 needs. The urgent need for a Boys Coordinator was also reviewed with the board. The present representative is unable to conduct all of the aspects related to the growing association and requires assistance, especially with the Boys aspect. Park needs were also reviewed.

The board discussed field conditions and maintenance of fields. The maintenance is done by the Pubic Works Department. There was possible use of the East Union fields and contacting the individual to reserve that field.

DW Auto / Truck Service

Announcement from Dean Wolf. DW Auto/Truck Service has moved to a new location. You will find the same reliable care and service at 12850 Chestnut Boulevard, Shakopee MN 55379. Services offered include, general repair, exhaust bending, Over the Road service, mobile tire truck, towing and Budget truck rentals. Service hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 5PM and Saturday, 8 AM until 2PM. Call for an appointment at 952.445.1709. Be sure to check their services out.

East Union Elementary Carnival

The East Union Elementary School is preparing for their carnival. Carnival Committee Chairpersons are needed to volunteer for the Food, Games, Prizes, Silent Auction and Tickets. If you are interested in helping out, contact Jackie at 448.9861 or Kjersten at 442.8808.

There will be raffle tickets sold as well. The proceeds will benefit the East Union Elementary School. The Raffle Prize is Mia, the 2008 American Girl Doll of the Year. The prize includes doll, outfit and book valued at \$90. The tickets are \$2.

The drawing will be held on February 6th, 2009 and you don't have to present to win. For more information, contact Jen Fox at 952.448.3811 or e-mail jennifermfox@comcast.net.

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

"The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said"Peter Drucker

Carver Fire Department Highlights

and Community Calendar February 2009

- February 2nd - Council Meeting
February 3rd - Carver Business Group Meeting
Happy Birthday Darrel!
February 4th - Carver Lions Meeting
February 5th - Drill Night
February 6th - East Union Carnival 5 - 8 PM
February 9th - Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Annual Board of Audit Meeting (Dahlgren Township)
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Brenna!
February 10th - Happy Birthday Adam!
Happy Birthday Tommy!
February 11th - Special Joint Meeting
Dahlgren Township & City of Carver
Carver Card Club
District #112 Late Start
February 12th - Lincoln's birthday
February 13th - Happy Birthday Maddie!
February 14th - Valentine's Day
February 15th - Happy Birthday Kim!
Happy Anniversary Dwight & Janet
Happy Birthday Katie!
February 16th - Drill Night
Happy Birthday Tom!
Happy Birthday Bob!
Presidents Day
February 17th - PTO Meeting
Council Meeting
Happy Birthday Bruce!
February 18th - Carver Lions Meeting
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Merva!
February 19th - School Board Meeting
February 20th - Happy Birthday Tammy!
February 21st - Kids Garage Sale
Happy Birthday Peggy!
February 22nd - Happy Birthday Sandra!
Washington's birthday
February 23rd - Chaska Blood Drive
Happy Birthday Faye!
February 24th - Planning Commission Meeting
February 25th - Ash Wednesday
February 26th - Fire Department Meeting Night
February 27th - Happy Birthday Dad!

Fire Hydrants

City of Carver -Residents and businesses are reminded to clear the snow away from fire hydrants near their property. During the winter months, hydrants can become buried under snow and ice making them very difficult to find.

Precious time is lost when our crews respond to a fire but have to first locate the hydrant, and then dig away the snow while the fire continues to burn.

It takes only five to seven minutes for a house to become completely engulfed in flames, so when we are responding to an emergency, every minute counts. It really can mean a matter of life or death.

Taking a few moments to remove the snow after every snow-fall will ensure hydrants are visible and accessible to fire-fighters; the time saved in not having to search for and dig out hydrants could mean the difference between life and death in a fire emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation ~
Carver Fire Department

Did You Know

....that in 1897 Louis Griffin was installed as night watch constable in Carver "and his duty was to keep tramps and rubbish out of town". The *Weekly Valley Herald* newspaper noted on June 17, 1897 that "but very few of these night swarms have been here since he has been on duty".

....that Carver pioneer attorney Frank Warner was married to Jane Mitchell, the first White woman in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, who arrived there in 1852.



2010 Census

The 2010 Census is coming to your community!

Every ten years, we conduct a census of our population. The census count not only determines your community's representation in Congress, state legislatures, and local government—it's also used in distributing about \$300 billion annually in federal funding of public programs in: education, community health care, public transportation, housing, and community development.

Thousands are needed for temporary jobs ~ The 2010 Census offers excellent opportunities for people in many walks of life. Being a census taker is an exceptional opportunity to earn good pay in a temporary, part-time job and at the same time help your community and nation.

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For more information about Census jobs, please visit our website at www.2010censusjobs.gov or contact us at 1-866-861-2010.

Valentine's Day

Submitted by: Carver Flowers

Valentine's Day is Around the Corner!

This year, for the first time, Carver residents have a resource right down the street for Valentine's Day flowers, cards, stuffed animals, balloons and gifts. *Carver Country Flowers & Gifts*, located inside Treasure Chest Antiques at 109 3rd St. E, has everything you need to let that dear friend, lover or spouse know you're thinking of them on Valentine's Day.

If you can plan ahead, you can save! And in this economy, who doesn't want to do that? If you order and purchase your floral gift prior to February 1, you'll save 15% on that arrangement. Order and purchase by February 8, and that floral arrangement will cost you 5% less. The earlier you plan, the more you'll save.

In addition, if your gift requires delivery, here's how you can also save on that. If you request deliver of your gift on Friday, February 13 (maybe surprise that special someone with a gift at work that says, "I couldn't wait to tell you how much I love you!" you'll save an additional 5% on your arrangement. Call them at 952-681-7582 to place your order!

They have traditional Valentine's designs for every budget. Check out some of their designs at www.carverflowers.com/1001.htm. They'll also have "last minute" pick-up designs in their floral cooler. For your convenience, *Carver Country Flowers & Gifts* will be open the week before Valentine's Day (Monday, February 9 – Thursday, February 12) from 5:00 – 7:00 pm., and all day (8:00 am – 7:00 pm) both Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14.

Breaking News:

Most of you know that Al & Annette Hentz, the owners of *Carver Country Flowers & Gifts*, have been operating their shop in addition to their primary jobs, in the hope that they could build up the business over the next year or two to allow one of them to quit their day job. Well, Annette was just made a casualty of our recent economic climate; her "position has been eliminated" at her primary employer. Al & Annette would like nothing better than for *Carver Country Flowers & Gifts* to BE Annette's primary job. They're asking for your help. If you'd like to maintain a local full-service florist in downtown Carver, then please remember them whenever you need flowers or gifts for any occasion. If you have friends or family in Carver or Chaska (remember, Chaska no longer has a florist) who are not aware of *Carver Country Flowers & Gifts*, please pass the word on.

Carver Lions

The Lions are preparing for their Mid-winter convention scheduled for February 13th through the 15th. They are talking about the Spring Pancake Breakfast. Dates have not been scheduled, but they are tentatively planning in March. Watch for advertisements. Anyone is always welcome to come and see what the group is all about. Their meetings are the first and third Wednesday evening of the month. Looking to see you there.



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