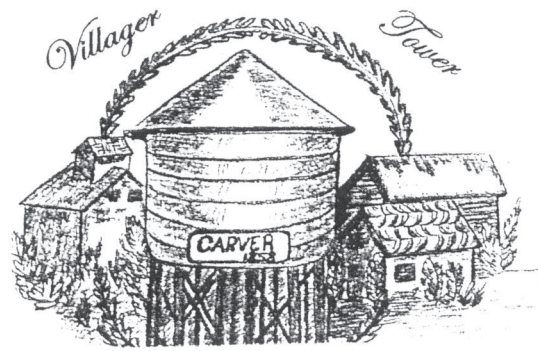


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Dedicated in Memory of Winnie Riesgraf

and

In Honor of "Jake" Jacobs

Announcement

Congratulations to the newlyweds in Carver, Becky and Zim. The two tied the knot on Friday, June 18th. Congratulations to them both and their families!

Get Well

For all of you who know 'Stubby', Gary Diethelm....prayers are needed. Gary experienced a stroke the week of the 22nd of June. He is in the hospital (VA) under physicians care. Anyone who knows Gary knows exactly how he feels about his life and his expectancy of what his life should or should not be. Please pray for his recovery and his family. Thanks.

Get Well Wishes are also extended to Janice Buckentine and her family. Janice is recovering from an accident in May. She is sorely missed and we all wish her a speedy recovery and want her to know that we all are cheering for her and her family. They have been brave in their struggle with Janice's recuperation. Hopefully she will be home soon.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions have once again held their annual elections. They will take on the responsibilities of their new titles on July 1st. Greg Osterdyk was elected President. First Vice President is Brad Bramigk, 2nd Vice President is Randy Hulstrom. Cheryl Peterson will be Secretary, Jon Schuelke, treasurer, Lee Ostlie is the Gambling Manager. The Tail Twister is Bob MacMullan and the Lion Tamer is Chris Jerome. Board members are Cheryl Peterson, Karen Rae Huerd, Bob Steege and Pete Vickerman. Congratulations everyone!

The Lions will again host their Annual Youth Exchange picnic at the Lions Park in Carver too. That event is scheduled for Friday, July 30th at 11:30 AM. The Lions also participated in their Club visit where they joined in with the Mayor-Watertown Dandylions Club. Nine of the Carver members attended this event.

The Lions are busy with preparations for the Annual SteamBoat Event in September. So remember during the summer months the club only meets once a month, the first Wednesday of the month. Be sure to come and check out what they are all planning and need help with. They meet at the Village Hall. Come and join them.

RiverSide Rhapsody Music Festival

The City of Carver extends thanks to all of the businesses who donated to the RiverSide Rhapsody Music Festival held in June. Thanks to: Lisa's Place, Carver Country Flowers & Gifts, Lions Club, Harvey's Bar & Grill, Robbs Electric ResCom Electric Swanson Reality, Bonestroo, Peter Allen Company, Cy's Bar & Grill, Klein Bank, Dahlgreen Golf Course, Hall Insurance, Casey's General Store, John and Kathy von Walter, Collaborative Planning, LLC, Cindy Nash, Realtor Association Realty, and Carrie Newhouse.

Election Judges Needed

Interested in being an Election Judge at the August 10th Primary Election and the November 2nd General Election for the City of Carver? An application is available on the city's website : (www.cityofcarver.com). Judges responsibilities include greeting voters, ensuring voters are at the correct polling place, registering voters and completing other forms, distributing ballots and demonstrating how to use the voting machines. Overall, the judges ensure that the voting process runs smoothly. There is a mandatory training session. Judges often work the entire day, but there are partial shifts available. Election judges must be a US citizen, eighteen years of age or older on election day and Carver County residents. Judges must also state their party preference, Democrat, Republican, Independent, Green or other.

State law permits individuals to be absent from work without penalty to serve as an election judge. The employer must be given at least twenty (20) days notice and can choose to reduce an individual's wages by the amount of compensation received from the city for being an election judge.

An application can also be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to interested people. Contact Patty at the City of Carver at 952-448-5353.

Church By The River



On Tuesday, June 1st, twenty-five 5th grade students attended the Eastern Carver County Schools' annual Lincoln-Douglas debates. The students debated in the lovely, historic Church by the River in downtown Carver. When they weren't debating, students spent time exploring Carver on a history walk and making rubbings of the historic plaques on building in the Carver Historic District, and creating a large mural at Funky Minds.

City Election Filing Notice

The City Clerk will be accepting affidavits of candidacy for two (2) council member positions. The two council members will be elected for four (4) year terms from January 1st, 2011 to December 31st, 2015.

Also taking affidavits of candidacy for one (1) mayor position. The mayor will be elected for a four (4) year term from January 1st, 2011 to December 31st, 2015.

Interested individuals may file at the City Clerk's Office, Carver City Hall, 316 Broadway, phone, 952.448.5353, starting at 8 AM, Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010 until 5 PM on Tuesday, August 17th, 2010.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Norwood Young America fundraiser is occurring on July 7th at 4:30 PM until 8 PM. Please come to the Norwood Young America Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. A percentage of the sales is going to the Relay for Life. The event is hosted by the West Union Church Relay Team.

Relay for Life of Norwood Young America scheduled for July 16th and 17th from 5 PM to 5 AM at Central High School. Would like more information, visit their website: www.RelayForLife.Org/-nyaMN "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back."

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

Although every Relay For Life is different, there are certain traditions at all Relays, no matter where they are held. These traditions help participants celebrate, remember, and fight back.

2009 Audit

The city auditor from Abdo, Eick and Meyers consulted with the council regarding the 2009 audit. The auditor suggested that the fund pertaining to the "Clean Up Day Fund" be put into the General Fund item and be budgeted. Comment also was made concerning the 2002 Improvement Bonds having an adequate balance for pay off. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the 2009 Audit.

The council discussed the resolution authorizing Improvement Bond Funds for the Storm Water Fund., The council reviewed the fact that the 2004 Street and Storm Water Improvements were conducted on SkyView Lane and Mt Hope Road. The project had been financed through a General Obligation Bond. The principal and interest for the project were scheduled for payment with additional tax levy and special assessments. Reviewing the 2009 audit, discovery was made that the revenues for the project had not been appropriately distributed to the Storm Sewer Fund. Transfer was recommended to the Storm Water Fund. The transfer based on the principal and interest scheduled for the bond issue. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing transfer of general obligation improvement bond funds to the Storm Water Fund.

The administrator explained to the council the resolution being presented for consideration regarding the General Obligation Bonds issued by the city in November of 2002. The bonds were originally issued to finance improvements on Fourth Street. Sufficient funds are available for payment for the existing debt on the issue. By calling this a bond issue, the city will avoid having to make an annual principal and interest payment to service the debt. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing the call of the outstanding General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2002.

Seal Coating

The council reviewed the 2010 Seal Coating and (road) Crack Milling. There were budgeted monies for seal coating in 2010. Quotes had been received. These initial quotes were higher than anticipated. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding the seal coat project to the lowest quote.

Sammy's Hide Out

Sammy's Hide Out owner attended the council meeting to discuss noise concerns. The council was updated on the owner's plans to acquire a decibel meter monitoring the noise levels and they have constructed a bar on the deck to control the noise levels. Alternative ideas talked about were a cover over the deck but that would not work because then it becomes non-smoking. A sprinkler system required would be costly. The owner is of the opinion that noise is coming from other events and blame is being put on his establishment. An awning would be another alternative. The council was told that fundraisers are being held to offset upgrades required. A recorder along with the decibel unit was a possible solution. A plan is to be worked out.

The owner requested items for variances to conditions in a city's resolution. The mayor pointed out that the city could only support two of the items with support from neighboring units. The owner also requested tenting the deck for the SteamBoat Days event. One council member was of the opinion that it shouldn't be an issue with the agenda of events scheduled. The administrator commented and suggested drafting a resolution for approval by all parties involved.

Free Kitten



There is this adorable little kitten looking for a good home and she needs a good home to go to. Looking for an adorable kitten to love, cuddle, and learn from? The fluffy little ball of fur is free. The only requirement is that you will love and take care of the little kitty. Oh yes, you will also need to name her. You can contact the "Villager Tower" - 952.448.5126, leave a message and the owner of the adoptee will contact you. Please give the little fur ball a home.

Municipal Utilities

A request has been placed with the City of Carver to connect city wastewater to a parcel in Dahlgren Township. A septic system was being put at a home in the township. The City's wastewater system did run next to the property. The city planner stated that the city's policy was to not connect properties outside city limits to utilities. Typically properties were required to be annexed prior to obtaining city services. If properties were allowed to connect to city services then it would discourage future annexation requests. The city planner also commented that changes may be required to the Comprehensive Plan and the Sewer Plan. The decision made was to have the staff work with requestor and invite them to a future council meeting.

City Planner Report

The Administrator was asked to contact RiverBluff Estates regarding future project planning and the fees that are owed to the city. LyleWood Glen needs mowing and the Public Works personnel are working on that issue. Question was asked regarding the truck station and status of project. The city planner stated that it appears that MN/DOT will not be pursuing a connection to the municipal utilities.

Council Meetings

The council discussed a regular "special" meeting each month. Motion was made and carried with all ayes for scheduling a second meeting on the third Monday during the months of June, July and August as work sessions.

2011 General Fund Budget

The council was presented with a preliminary schedule for the 2011 General Fund Budget process for the council's review.

Union Pacific Abandonment

The council reviewed the issue of the Union Pacific Abandonment – Section 106 Review – Mitigation for Adverse Impact to Historic Resources. The council was asked to review the proposal from the Heritage Preservation Resources as a result of abandonment of the Chaska Industrial Line. The council was asked to provide guidance to staff and consultants as to what items are acceptable to the city for mitigation. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting mitigation items: 1) Minnesota River Bridge – concur that the bridge should be removed, 2) Main Street Bridge – agree to purchase the bridge for \$ 1 from the Union Pacific, 3) Acquisition of corridor – request a donation of the parcels within the City of Carver currently owned in fee title by Union Pacific to be donated to the city, 4) Depot Park track/Caboose – request that the Union Pacific leave the track in place adjacent to Depot Park, but leave it to the city's future discretion as to whether the caboose remains in its current location or is moved to this location and the staff should cooperate with the Union Pacific to recognize their options.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Interceptor

The city engineer updated the council on the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor – Segment A. The contractor has encountered deep pockets of saturated, soft silty solid during the installation

Of the gravity pipe below County Road #40. The depth and extent of the soft soils is greater than anticipated during the design. The council member inquired about soil samples having been taken prior to the beginning of the project.

The council was asked to approve or deny the pay request to SM Hentges for the Carver Interceptor, Segment A. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving payment for request for the Carver interceptor Segment A. The pay requests information was valuable.

Softball Field - Community Park

The council held an information discussion regarding a Softball Field at the Community Park. The Parks and Recreation Supervisor related that the staff and the park board had created plans for a new softball field in the "green field" area at the Community Park. An increase in field usage was noted and the need for additional playing area for the regular season games, practices and tournaments was necessary. There are many games being played in the "green field" consisting of bases anchored in the grass and moveable backstop. This improvement has been included in the amendment to the 2002 Park Dedication Study. The project costs were to be paid with the Park Dedication Fund currently holding adequate balance. This field would be utilized by kids and adults. Parking was asked about. There is additional parking being planned for in the future, but at the present time the parking lot is adequate. There was no opposition to the proposed improvement.

Fourth Street Bridge

The city engineer introduced their bridge specialist to discuss the city's bridges with the council. The two gentlemen presented background on work on the 4th Street Bridge and possible funding options. The projected project cost was discussed. The bridge is considered structurally deficient and has a sufficiency rating making it eligible for state funding. If state funds are used for the project, and since the bridge is a historic bridge, then a review of the project is required by the State Historic Preservation Office. The preliminary feedback indicated that the State Historic Preservation Office is working with the Heritage Preservation Commission concerning removal and replacement of the bridge. The bonding bill cycle for bridges is next scheduled for 2012. Suggestion was submitted that the administrator schedule a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office to discuss the city bridges. Suggestion was also made that special legislation might be option.

Did You Know

..... John vonWalter.....

....that in 1908 John J. Farrell, owner of the Carver Creamery, was the mayor of Carver.

City Hall

The administrator drafted a chart displaying information and decision history collection concerning the proposed city hall. The purpose was to initiate discussion to specify goals and objectives to assist the staff in creating a work plan for this project. The Community Development Agency will not be scheduling ground breaking for their new facilities until approximately 2012. The administrator requested direction from the council on their ideas for the next step. One council member was of the opinion that the topic should remain on the back burner at this time. The mayor's opinion was to continue to explore possibilities. Other opinions stated were agreeing that the council should get involved and waiting another year looking from a different perspective to include a combined City Hall and Public Works garage so that a new fire station would not be required. Public meeting and forums was suggested. Residents should be more involved.

SteamBoat Days

SteamBoat Days is coming and will quickly be here. The dates for the events are September 10th, 11th and 12th. The Committee is excited to announce that the Saturday Night Headliner will be none other than the "Johnny Holm Band"! Can you believe it? In down town Carver? What a bonus! You can, if you have a computer, check out the events and updates on their website at www.Carversteamboatdays.org. Or you can come to the meetings. Want to be part of the planning, come to the meetings. The meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall and meetings begin at 6:30 PM. (July 14th) It is also a good way to meet other residents of the community, along with being part of planning the big city event!

The committee has been working on an event called the "Mini-Expo" to be held on Saturday, September 11th. Call Lori Osterdyk for more information at garagesale@carversteamboatdays.org. Remember there is the Car Show, 5K Race/Walk, City Wide Garage Sales, Miss Carver Princess, Music, Parade, Softball/Kickball Tournament, Vendors, Street Dance, Fireworks and visiting.

Firemen's Softball Tournament

The annual Firemen's Softball Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of July 9th through the 11th. Come one, come all, enjoy the games, good company, good food and get to know neighbors and see old friends! Best burgers in town once a year! Need more information, talk to a firemen, or contact the city staff or just ask a resident. You would be surprised how many people will have an answer for you. See you all there!

Minnesota Twins

Do you like the MN Twins? Like to go to the games? Don't want the hassle of driving downtown, the drive, the traffic, the parking? There is a solution for you..... Cuzzy's Brick House (formerly Pauly's) in Chaska is offering bus rides to their Cuzzy's Bar & Grill in downtown Minneapolis, close to Target Field for home games. So you can take a bus ride right here an hour prior to the game and arrive back an hour and some after the game! What a deal! The cost of this luxury is only \$10 per person. Included in this price, is a free drink of your choice, drawings on the bus ride, go with a group, no hassle, no fighting traffic and no trying to find parking. Sounds like a winning deal all the way around. (Game ticket price not included). Where do you sign up? Stop in or call Cuzzy's in Chaska at 952-448-5594.

Disclaimer

The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

Scott County Fair

Mark your calendars for the Scott County Fair coming up right around the corner. The opening day for the Scott County Fair in Jordan is July 28th through August 1st. Summer is here! More to come with other events too.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.....

....it is learning to dance in the rain

Belle Plaine BBQ Days

The Belle Plaine Community and Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to come and celebrate with them at their 52nd Annual BBQ Days Celebration on July 16, 17, and 18th! "It is one of the greatest town festivals in Minnesota. Our success is due to the incredible number of volunteers."

Bar-B-Q Days started its celebration in 1959, where the Chamber voted to sponsor the celebration and gave it the name it still has today. Since 1959, it is estimated that a total of over 270,000 pounds of roast beef has been prepared for the event. The first year, 800 pounds of beef was roasted and they had 50 pounds left over. Today, we prepare NO LESS than 7,000 pounds of beef; enough to make about 18,000 beef sandwiches. That's a lot of beef! The biggest change that Bar-B-Q Days encountered was the relocation of the event from downtown Belle Plaine to South Park. With this change, the number of people attending the event has increased over the years."

Community Events Calendar

July 2010

July 1 st	-	Canada Day Drill Night
July 4 th	-	4 th of July
July 5 th	-	Happy Birthday Doug!
July 6 th	-	Council Meeting
July 7 th	-	Business Group Meeting Carver Lions Meeting
July 8 th	-	Happy Birthday Hunter!
July 9 th	-	Happy Birthday Donna! July 9 th through 11 th - Firemen's Softball Tournament
July 12 th	-	Park and Recreation Board Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Birthday Marie!
July 13 th	-	Happy Birthday David!
July 14 th	-	SteamBoat Committee Meeting Happy Birthday Paul! Happy Birthday Barb!
July 15 th	-	Happy Birthday Krissy! Happy Birthday Tony!
July 16 th	-	through the 18 th - Belle Plaine BBQ Days
July 17 th	-	Happy Birthday Myrtle!
July 19 th	-	Drill Night
July 20 th	-	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
July 22 nd	-	Happy Birthday Becky!
July 23 rd	-	Happy Anniversary Doug and Aletta!
July 24 th	-	Happy Anniversary John!
July 25 th	-	Happy Birthday Janelle! Happy Birthday Marvin!
July 26 th	-	Happy Birthday Bonnie!
July 27 th	-	Happy Anniversary Tony and Jane!
July 27 th	-	Planning Commission Meeting
July 28 th	-	Happy Birthday Diane!
July 29 th	-	Scott County Fair through August 1st Meeting Night Happy Anniversary Dan and Carol!



I Remember

I Remember

A boy not quite a man

Saw a sign that said, "I want You"

I enlisted, intending to see the world

I remember

Basic and advanced training

The DI, marching, KP, the rifle range,

Spit-shined boots,

And finally graduation as a private

Hoping my family was as proud as I was

I Remember

Getting orders

Writing to tell my parents

I was going to a country

I never heard of and barely able to find on a map

I Remember

Arriving by troop ship and finding my assigned unit

Hearing the sounds and sensing the smells of war

Not knowing then, one more smell I would experience

I Remember

Meeting a nice guy

We had much in common and became good friends

We had the same first name

We both came from a small town

We both missed our families and girlfriends

We shared our letters from home

We talked much of our hopes, dreams and fears

I remember

While on patrol, not far from camp

We came under fire

We dug in as best we could

It seemed like an eternity

Moved a short distance to better return fire

There was an explosion

Looked back, realized something was very wrong

Went back, took him in my arms

Yelled "medic" but knew they wouldn't

be able to help

For a moment the silence was deafening

as if time stood still

As he breathed his last, sensed the smell

of death

Tried to dry my tears because men aren't

supposed to cry

Sarge yelled, "Move out"

Left him, never to see him again but

today only a memory

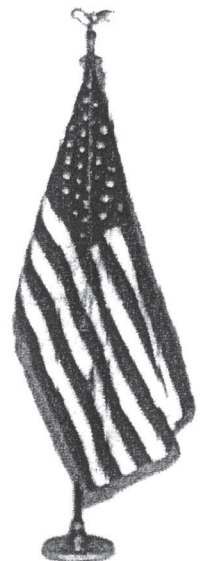
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To Remember Them

Ralph Hanson



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