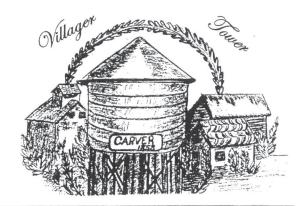
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League of Women Voters

League of Women Voters of Eastern Carver County is hosting a Forum for Carver Council Candidates to enable voters to learn more about the candidates. It will be held Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Church-by-the-River in Carver.

Sheriff's Candidate

One candidate for sheriff of Carver County was present at the council meeting. He expressed his desire to be the next sheriff. He relayed his experience, expertise and why he felt he should be a good sheriff for the county. Questions were asked and answered. Statement was made that the council's support would be appreciated.

Carver Interceptor Project

The engineering firm's representative reported to the council on the progress of the interceptor project on County Road #40, known presently as Main Street West. The council was told that during the winter months, it is anticipated that the road will be passable. The final lift has also been laid from Main Street West, along Broadway to the Depot Park area.

Gilfillan Hvenue

The council held a Public Hearing regarding vacation of a portion of Gilfillan Avenue. Explanation was given that the purpose of the hearing was to discuss the vacation of a part of the original Gilfillan Avenue, not about the ballpark. The attorney was requested to explain the purpose of the Public Hearing. The attorney explained that the portion of the abandoned Gilfillan Avenue needed to be vacated because the ball field is not a permitted use on right of the way of the property. The vacation is a technicality as the city owns the property on either side of the proposed vacation.

A resident had a prepared statement opposing the additional parking in Community Park. It was pointed out that the parking lots shown on a plan were just proposals and not under consideration at this present time. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the process followed to get to the scheduling of the Public Hearing. Claim was stated that residents are not kept informed. Fact was pointed out that the street vacation has been previously discussed at the Park and Recreation Board Meetings, at previous council meetings and the notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the Chaska Herald. Statement was further made that residents also have some responsibility to research the events in the city. Another resident voiced complaint regarding communication being a problem. It was their opinion that minutes are not posted on the website for months after the meeting. It was pointed out that residents can call council members or the staff at any time for information. Question was asked about getting information from meetings faster. The attorney pointed out that the minutes require approval prior to being an official document. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving vacation of a portion of Gilfillan Avenue. The administrator stated that he would draft meeting summarizations for the

"A garden never knows when it's over. "

- Paula Deitz

Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported to the council the responses for the year. The new light rescue is in service as of the end of August and the department would like to put the old light rescue truck up for auction or bid. The council was told that the department has two new fire fighters and they have started class. The chief was asked if the department is at full force and the council was told that the department is at thirty members.

River Side Park

The council was reminded of the January plan for proposed rustic campsites at RiverSide Park. The issues at that time were two properties not owned by the city. The property owners of some of the land are located between the proposed Campsite #2 and Campsite #3 has agreed to sell this property to the city. Identification of this property will be 'Van De Veire Knoll'. The Park and Recreation Supervisor stated that requests for camping are received frequently at RiverSide Park. The acquisition of the property will make it possible to incorporate the rustic campsites into the city park system The Park and Recreation Board members support the property acquisition and dedicating the campsite to the Van De Veire family. Question was asked if this acquisition mean that city ownership was complete. The property closest to the boat ramp is still private property. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the purchase agreement for property acquisition for the three property lots of Block 2 in the said amount. Motion was made and carried with all ayes dedicating the campsite of the original home site to be identified as 'Van de Veire Knoll'.

The Park and Recreation Supervisor reviewed the plans for the proposed rustic campsites at RiverSide Park. The original plan included four campsites along the river side of the park, each containing a parking pad, numbered signage for each site, message boards for reservation information, park rules, etc. a picnic table and a fire ring. The campsites will also have signage along the river side warning of the river and steep embankments. Additional trees will be planted increasing privacy and aesthetics of each site. All new amenities will coincide with the rustic and natural characteristics in place in the current park area. The amount of money to spend on the three campsites was declared. The project is scheduled to begin in 2011 and will be funded by the Park Dedication fund, as well as included in the updated parks dedication fee study. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the construction of three RiverSide rustic campsites contingent on the purchase of property, along with approval of the RiverSide rustic campsite reservation policy. The Park and Recreation Supervisor was thanked for persevering on this project.

Preliminary Levy

The administrator stated that the city must certify a preliminary Levy resolution. The council had reviewed draft budgets and levy totals arriving at a preliminary levy. The proposed 2011 preliminary levy represents a 3.1% increase over the 2010 certified levy. The preliminary levy can be cut after said date but cannot be raised. A Truth in Taxation hearing on the preliminary levy is scheduled for December to determine the final levy. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution adopting the 2011 preliminary levy.

### Feasibility Study Proposal

The engineer discussed the Feasibility Study Proposal at the northwest Section of Highway #212 and County Road #11 Improvements and the Resolution for the council's reviewal. The construction of Mills Fleet Farm store is proposed in the Carver Freeway Commercial District at the northwest corner of Highway # 212 and Jonathan Carver Parkway. The proposed development and the surrounding area will require extensions of public utilities and streets to serve the area. A portion of the project is proposed to be financed through assessments; requiring the preparation of a feasibility report. The city is working with Mills Fleet Farm to incorporate Tax Increment Financing on various site improvements associated with the store.

Recommendation has been submitted to create a Freeway Commercial District Feasibility Committee to review and provide direction to the city engineer relating to the report. This committee should include two council members, the city administrator and representatives from the engineering firm. The estimated cost of the study was discussed. If the project goes forward, then the costs for the feasibility report will be assessed to the benefited property owners. If the project does not proceed in accordance to the proposed cost reimbursement agreement between the city and Mills, then Mills would be obligated to reimburse the city for the feasibility report costs. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution ordering the preparation of the report on improvement for freeway commercial district utility and street improvements.

The council discussed the committee responsibilities, time schedules and volunteered to serve on the committee. The study would take approximately one month. One item to be considered in this study would be streetscapes distinctive to the City of Carver. Motion was made and carried with all ayes deciding to have Council members Webb and Monroe to be on the Freeway Commercial district Feasibility report committee.

The council was asked to approve the cost reimbursement agreement with Mills Properties. The city attorney presented history on negotiations with the Mills proposal for the business to construct in Carver. For a venture of this type, there are many details involved for presentation of agreements, etc prior to beginning the work, Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the draft of the cost reimbursement and security agreement between the city of Carver and Mills Properties.

#### Bond Refunding

The administrator reviewed the proposals from the financial firms on bond refunding options. The savings available to the city through a bond refunding will be determined primarily by the interest rate at the time of the bonds are brought to market. The selection of the firm held no relevance in the equation. Motion was made and carried with all ayes selecting Ehlers and Associates for the issuance of bonds.

Ehler's representative reviewed the savings for the city by bond refunding. The city will sell the selected amount of General Obligation bonds. The bonds would then finance the acquisition of the new fire equipment, refund four prior bond issues that will save the city and the taxpayers a large sum of money. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling a special meeting for consideration of reviewing documents needed for issuing bonds.

The council considered adopting the resolution authorizing the sale and establishment of a pricing committee for the refunding of bonds. The city financial consultant reviewed the schedule for sale of the bonds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes changing the resolution to read that the mayor and the city administrator be authorized to approve the sale of bonds and approve the resolution as amended.

Did You Know....

John vonWalter

....that today's *Chaska Herald* newspaper had its roots in a Carver newspaper, the *Valley Transcript*, published in 1861-62. On July 23, 1862 Charles A. Warner purchased the Carver newspaper, printing press, and materials, moving it to Chaska and renaming it the *Valley Herald*.

#### Annexation Request

Approximately ten acres south of Wm Mueller and Sons gravel pit has been purchased on the west side of Jonathan Carver Parkway containing an existing residence with a failing septic system. Existing sewer service to service the property is available. The county currently is reviewing a subdivision plat to split the residence and one acre from the larger parcel. Request has been presented to the council for one acre of the parcel to be annexed.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the annexation resolution of the City of Carver in accordance with the city and Dahlgren Township joint agreement designating the said property located in the orderly annexation area of Dahlgren Township as in need of immediate orderly annexation.

#### Water Recycling Ordinance

The council reviewed scheduling a Public Hearing for a Water Recycling Ordinance. In order for the city to meet their water conservation goals, a proposal that some types of car washes constructed after said date will be required to install measures ensuring that portions of water utilized is recycled before discharging into the sanitary sewer system. The ordinance would not impact private washing of cars on private property unless a fee is being charged for car washing. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling a Public Hearing considering an ordinance adding the section involving recycled water for car washes.

#### Union Pacific RailRoad Corridor

The administrator updated the council on the negotiations with the Union Pacific Rail Road. The railroad accepted the offer of money from Scott County, Carver County and the City of Carver for the corridor. The council was told their share of this approximate amount for the purchase.

# Village Hall Public Forum

The Village Hall held an Open House during SteamBoat Days festivities. The administrator drafted a presentation involving the work that had been done. The council was asked to schedule a public forum to discuss issues with the public involving the Village Hall. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling a public forum in October.

The city council was told by the administrator that since a public forum had been scheduled for a regular council work session that they may want to schedule a different date for a work session. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to reschedule the work session.

#### Fire Department Updates and Reminders

Carver Fire Department has a new light rescue truck and will be getting a new rescue engine that is expected to arrive in January 2011. Please check your house numbers and make sure they are visible from the road. Check your smoke detectors and make sure you have a CO alarm within 10 feet of every bed room. The Carver Fire Department still has two positions open for volunteer fire-fighters. Please go to the City Hall or visit the Fire Station for more information. You may also contact Chief Dan Meyer at 952-448-2290 ext 200 or email <a href="mailto:dmeyer@ci.carver.mn.us">dmeyer@ci.carver.mn.us</a>.

Carver Card Club

Fall is upon us. The first get together to play cards, games or just have a conversation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th at 1 PM until 4:30 PM in the basement of the Village Hall. The Card Club is hosted by Carver Lion Evelyn Grimm. If anyone would like to bring a favorite dessert to share, please contact Evelyn at 952.448-9465. Be sure to bring a family member or a friend.

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#### Sanitation Licenses

The council discussed the Sanitation licenses for the city. One of the companies submitting a quote was scrutinized by the council. Statement was voiced that the city should not license one company. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay approving three sanitation licenses. Further discussion was held for city owned areas and approving or denying quote for collection for these sites. The quote from one firm was not inclusive of all fees causing concern about additional hidden monthly charges If the firm did not live up to the agreement the council concluded that the license could be revoked. Motion was made and denied approving quote from one firm. Motion was made and carried to table the approval decision of collection in city owned areas.



The Carver Fire Department was the benefit of the Harvey's Gold Tournament that was held at Dahlgreen Golf Course in October.

This was a shot gun tournament held by Laura and the gang at Harvey's to support the Fire Department. Please be sure to thank them for supporting the community.

The Fire Department also held an Open House the first part of October. The event was well attended and the kids had fun. Those who had information booths were Excel Energy, the National Weather Service, Carver County Sheriff's Department, Carver County Dive Team, Minnesota State Patrol and Ridgeview EMS. There were live drills, kid bouncer, coloring contests, Fire Truck rides, food and beverages. Thanks to all who attended.

Carver-On-The-Minnesota

The old Carver-on-the Minnesota, Incorporated nonprofit organization is being reconstituted after many years of dormancy. Created in 1969, the organization was instrumental in getting historic Carver professionally surveyed and ultimately getting it placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The organization laid some of the groundwork for creating the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission, for donating the Church by the River (where city council and commission meetings are held) to the City of Carver, for donating the land for Gazebo Park to Carver, and for founding what evolved into today's Steamboat Days festival. Those interested in becoming a member, please contact John von Walter at email jvonwalter@embarqmai.com or at telephone number 952-361-3149. This is not a City of Carver sponsored or affiliated organization, but rather a separate nonprofit organization to have fun and to raise funds to benefit Carver in such areas as trails, signage, landscaping, special events, arts, holiday events, business development and creation, Min-Riverfront development, historic preservation. promotion, education, etc.

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Youth Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

The Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Youth Association thanks all the volunteers who helped with the program during the past summer. There were three hundred thirty (330) youths playing Softball, Baseball and T-Ball. Special 'thank yous' are also extended to Jackie Melchior for an excellent job running the Food Stand, to the Lions for their support and to Nick Gestach for keeping our fields chalked and ready for the games and to our umpiring crew. To keep a program running, we need all of you! That also includes parents, grandparents and friends. Thank for coming to our games.

Be sure to watch for e-mails, posted notices and the city newsletter for upcoming meetings as we prepare for 2011.

Did You Know

....that in 1880 Civil War veteran John Sundine had a Carver store at the corner of Broadway and West Main Street which stocked dry goods, groceries, hats, caps, boots, shoes, and also served as a notary public office.

# Zoning Ordinance Revisions

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. The issues the commissioners will be reviewing over the next several months are repealing and adopting a new section regulating signage, amend regulations involving storm water management, storm water, urban runoff pollution control, create new zoning districts, amend regulation for off-street parking and amend regulating off-street loading facilities.

The city planner stated that the sign ordinance requires updating and is not compliant presently. The process will be difficult and the commissioners will review general provisions to signage appearance, illumination, temporary outdoor advertising, banners, streamers, billboards and within the historic district. The board discussed wall signage and display billboards. The city planner reviewed temporary outdoor advertising signs and she stated that the initial proposal would allow these on weekends (Thursday through Sunday ) and may not be located within the right-of-way with requirements for size and material. These types of signs could be allowed without a permit to limit staff time. Question was asked what the consequences would be for not abiding by the ordinance. The answer would be that the signs would be removed by the city. Enforcement would be handled by either the administrator or designated individual. Garage sale signs would fall in this category. The sign ordinance will also be reviewed and discussed with the Carver Business Group for feedback. The city planner reviewed banners stating changes to limit no free standing banners and also stated that a provision would be added that if up more than seven days Heritage Preservation Commission approval would be necessary. The commissioners discussed time limits, the number of days and inquiry was made as to how many banners the city sees up. The planner stated that there were quite a few banners on weekends and typically they are up longer than time limits allow.

The Planning Commission reviewed non-residential zoning district section where signs are permitted in strip shopping centers. Question was asked if the ordinance was modeled after a specific city. The draft was modeled from many different models. More samples could be made available. Commissioner stated that most shopping centers have more restriction on their signage than what most cities require.

The city planner reviewed residential zoning districts section. Christmas decorations were asked about and if they would be considered under illuminated signs section. The city planner responded that in certain cases these types of lawn decorations could be interpreted as being a sign if they convey a message. Sale signs would fall under what section? Te attorney and the city planner are still discussing sale signs. Question was asked if the commissioners were interested in viewing any samples of any parts of the sign ordinance. The board would like to review subdivision signs and section size. The city planner would supply samples to review changes.

The Carver Village Christmas Submitted by: Linda Schutz

Saturday December 4 Noon - 3 PM at the Village Hall

Santa will arrive by fire truck at 12:15.

Holiday craft projects, coloring contest, raffle prize drawing, sweet treats, and photos with Santa (photo's are optional and a small fee does apply).

The line was very long for the Santa visits last year so this year, we will have a number system in place to cut down the wait time. This gives families a chance to have fun until their group number is called. Sponsored by Carver Lion's and the Carver Fire Department.

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

#### 2010 Elections

The General Election on November 2nd and the judges have been trained, the gym will be turned into a polling place and residents of the city will be voting for many judicial offices, state offices, county offices and the City of Carver offices. In the City of Carver residents will be voting for Mayor and Council Members. There are three candidates for mayoral position. They are Greg Osterdyk, Kenny Schultz and James Weygand. There are five candidates for council positions and they are Brad Bramigk, Glen Henry, Mike Parker, Ĉindy Monroe and Mary Williamson. The absentee balloting period begins September 17th. Voters who are unable to make it to their polling place on Election Day can visit the Taxpayer Services Department at the Carver County Courthouse in Chaska to vote absentee during regular business hours Monday through Friday through November 1st, 2010. For more information, you can check out the county's website, www.co.carver.mn.us.

# Park and Recreation Department

The Park and Recreation Department Supervisor announced that individuals should watch for a new information kiosk on the downtown Levee Trail and 3rd street marking the entrance to the United States Fish and Wildlife trail system. The USFW Rapids Lake Unit and Visitor Center is located three miles south of Carver. The trail from this Visitor Center connects with the Carver's Levee Trail, leading to RiverSide Park where the USFW trail again pick up and takes you to Chaska. Enjoy a fall walk on the local trails.

The new softball field at the Community Park is almost completed the supervisor announced. Additional trees and plantings will be added around the fence lines. The field will also include team benches, bleachers and picnic tables. This field will be ready for use in the spring of 2011.

#### Craft N' Cook

Kristy invites you to join your friend on this non-school day with activities at Carver Hall and Gym on Thursday, October 21st, for ages 6 through 13 from 7:45 AM until 12:45 PM for \$ 20.00 per person.

# Parent's Night Off Babysitting

Parents get a night out while the kids play at the Carver Hall and gym on Friday, October 15th for ages 4-12, from 5:30 PM until 10 PM for \$13. Per person.

#### Greg Osterdyk

In a flash....someone's life is changed forever probably every second somewhere in the world. Many of us do not understand this 'poof ....our lives are changed' until it happens to you. That's what happened in our corner of the world in Carver at the closing of our annual festivities. A candidate with plans, ideas, agenda, and probably a schedule to do many things even that evening were changed in an instant for him, his daughter and his wife and probably even more family members and flowing over to friends. Over the past month, listening, reading and hearing Greg update everyone it is clear that this incident will not, did not stop him in his tracks. It only set him in a new direction. It was interesting to see the positive attitude shine, the perseverance sustaining and the persistence ruling his thinking and stamina. You are commended Greg and hope more people can learn from your experience. Somehow I don't think there is a whole lot out there that can stand in your way. Your achievements credit you. By now, due to all the media attention, many have to realize that you are not only involved in SteamBoat Days, but you are also presently the President of the Carver Lions, President of Carver Bluffs Homeowners Association and a candidate for the upcoming election in Carver, along with partnering at your place of employment. Somehow it wouldn't be a surprise if you were continuing to juggle all these responsibilities at the same time as recuperating. Credit given where credit due! Look forward to hearing other endeavors you decide to take on. Wishing you well and a speedy recovery!!!!

#### Community Calendar

October 1st - Happy Birthday Elaine!
October 2nd - Happy Birthday Todd!

Happy Birthday Tim!
October 4th - Council Meeting

October 6th - Carver Business Meeting

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night

Happy Anniversary Kari and Guy! Happy Anniversary Kim and John!

Happy Birthday Megan! Happy Birthday Joy!

October 8th - Happy Birthday Sarah!
October 9th - Happy Birthday Linda!
Happy Birthday Laurie!

Happy Birthday Carol!
October 11th - Columbus Day

Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Park and Recreation Board Meeting Happy Birthday Ryan! Happy Birthday Janice!

Happy Anniversary Tiu and Steve!

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Donnie!

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Card Club SteamBoat Committee Meeting Happy Birthday Sonjia!

October 14<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting
October 15<sup>th</sup> - Parent's Night Out
Happy Birthday Andrea!

October 16th - National Boss Day October 18th - Drill Night

Public Forum - City of Carver October 19<sup>th</sup> - East Union PTO Meeting

Happy Birthday Annette!
October 20th - Lions Meeting

October 21st & October 22nd – MEA – No School
October 21st - Craft N' Cook
Happy Birthday Larry!

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Steve! Happy Birthday Brandon!

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Annual Halloween Party October 24<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Gary and Kay!

October 25<sup>th</sup> - Council Work Session Happy Birthday Melissa! October 26<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Carl!

Happy Birthday Kate!

October 28<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night
Planning Commission Meeting

October 29<sup>th</sup> - No School Happy Anniversary Dad and Mom!

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Happy Birthday Phil!

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

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#### Carver Lions

The Carver Lions thanks everyone who helped during the annual SteamBoat Days event. The turnout was fantastic. The fireworks were phenomenal and the event was terrific, except for one serious mishap putting the Lions President in the hospital. However, he is recuperating well and a speedy recovery is ensuing. 'Can't keep a good man down'; is that the saying? The Lions have resumed their winter schedule of two meetings per month, the first and third Wednesday of the month. Be sure to come and join in and see if you want to become a member. See what's on their agenda for this year.

Remember too, if you travel to northern Minnesota, stop in and say hello to Lowell Peterson at the MN Veteran's Home. A phone call would be nice too...or maybe just drop him a note. (MN Veterans Home, 45 Banks Boulevard, Silver Bay, MN 55614, toll free number 877.729.8387).

Don't forget the Lions Annual Halloween Party! The party is scheduled to occur at the Village Hall on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, from 5 PM to 7 PM. The Youth Costume party expects tickets to enter the ghostly halls along with a non-perishable food item for the food shelf and a bag full of ready to have fun junkets! Want to help, call a Lion. Don't know who to call? The gals at the city will steer you in the right direction.

The Lions completed their summer project of supplying and spreading the mulch for the Southern MN Battered Women shelter. Thanks. They have also scheduled the date for their Pancake Breakfast. So plan to come and have pancakes, french toast and homemade sausage on November 14th from 7:30 AM until 1 PM at the Village Hall. Remember to bring your old prescription glasses and sunglasses for recycling for the needy. The cost to eat this delicious breakfast is mere \$7. At the door for adults.

The Lions have also joined the 'Adopt a Highway Program'. The Lions are planning to do their fall clean-up on October 16th in the morning. The Lions have adopted a three mile stretch of County Road #11. Thanks Lions.



# Carver Country Flowers

CONGRATULATIONS ANNETTE! Carver Country Flowers on Third Street in downtown Carver has just been named the 2010 RETAILER OF THE YEAR by the Minnesota Florists Association at their Annual Conference! How wonderful is that huh? Good for you Annette and may smiles and sunshine glow throughout your day!!!! Top of the mornin' to ya' gal!







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