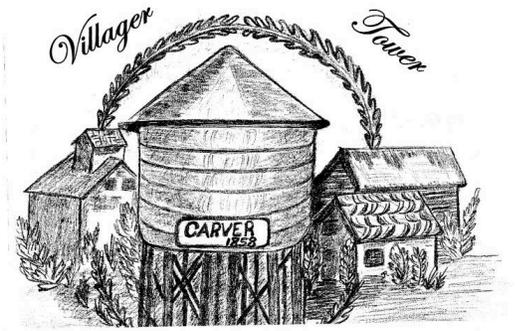


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In Memory of Bill Hartley & Delana Wolff

Tax Increment District

The council was told that request has been made to adopt two resolutions. The first resolution requests scheduling a Public Hearing involving the proposed modifications to the Development Program for Development District # 1. The second resolution also requests a Public Hearing to be scheduled regarding adopting policies and criteria for awarding business subsidies. Tax Increment Financing was explained along with a brief history. A Tax District is established to encourage development that other-wise may not have occurred. The schedule of event for establishing a district was reviewed. The city would be required to adopt a Business Subsidies Policy if the Tax Increment District were approved. Question was asked regarding captured funds and taxes. A separate fund would be necessary to be set up for those funds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the proposed modification of the Development Program for Development District Number # 1 and the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing Districts # 1 – 8 and the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of policies and criteria for awarding business subsidies.

Humor

Here's some humor for you and for those who didn't even catch it in the last issue of the "Villager Tower". A friend phoned to ask what church the writer attends. Found this amusing. Perhaps if the writer were to attend church the error would not have occurred. The calendar last month said that Mardi Gras and Lent were to occur on February 8th and 9th. Apologies extended. However whoever printed the calendar in the writer's possession is the ultimate individual responsible for the error. Again though, perhaps if the writer attended church the writer would have known that this information printed was incorrect. Some good laughs came out of the error regardless and laughter is always good. So Mardi Gras and Lent are in March, same dates, following month. The really humorous fact in all this is that the calendar is celebrating the events twice. It is printed for both months. Someone didn't do their homework nor did they proof it very well. My apologies are extended to all of you. Lent this year is in March on the 9th and Mardi Gras is March 8th.

Local Tragedy

Luthy Sandblasting & Painting is a sponsor of the newsletter, a well known local businessman and has many friends throughout the community. In the first part of the month, tragedy struck the Troy Galles' family. Their home burnt down. There were six fire departments working very hard to put the blaze out. It was not meant to be. The family is presently displaced with their lovable dog, Lily who alerted them to the fire and got them all up and because of their precious pet, they all are here to start the journey of rebuilding. The only tragic loss was the cat, Magic and all of their belongings. Even though this loss is not menial, the realization of the loss of the family would have been far worse. Things can be replaced, people cannot. If anyone is interested in helping Troy Galles and his family, you can contact the Klein Bank and monetary donations are being accepted at the Cologne Branch, Troy and Annette Galles Fire Account.

Her Name Is Lily

There is a lot to be said for the intelligence of an animal. Perhaps we, as people, should pay a little closer attention to the messages, signals and survival skills of the animal kingdom. We could learn a lot.

There is one particular animal being given extra special attention days. She is a dog, mixed breed, named Lily. She's just a little over a year old. What makes Lily so special that she has the honor of an article being written about,



she doesn't bark inside the house. What Lily does is pounces on her? Well, it's because of Lily that many, many families and friends are only planning how and when to rebuild a home instead of funerals for three very special people. Like her predecessor, Malibu you until you respond to her telling you something. If you don't listen, she will persist jumping down and pouncing back up on you. She may not be able to talk, but she is telling you something and you better listen.

When the fire started in their home recently, Lily pounced on her master, getting him up. They all got out safely because of Lily's instincts to alert them and insistent that they pay attention to her alerts. Unfortunately, Magic didn't listen to Lily. Magic was the cat who chose to take a message instead. Now Magic is missing. Fearing the worst. In all the confusion and alarm Lily went missing for a short time during the blazing flames. One has to wonder when she was spotted on the second story deck outside of the burning home if she went back to retrieve Magic. She was seen diving off the deck into the deep snow to escape the flames. We will never know for sure what she was doing back in harm's way.

However, what we do know is that thanks to Lily, we all have the son, daughter, grandson, brother, sister, great grandson, etc, etc. Lily may not think anything she did is any big deal, but her owners know she is a big deal and she's "Queen of the House" right now, as should be. Hopefully, sharing this story will help to understand the bonds created between man/woman and their dogs (cats) and all critters we are accustomed to growing to love, cherish and share our space with. Everyone should have a Lily of their own. She's pretty special.

An added note, on the loss of one, there is rebirth of another. The outside cat at Lily's house, gave birth to seven kittens. In six weeks these precious packages will be up for adoption. Want a piece of Lily's world, mark your calendars and in six weeks, contact the "Villager Tower" to make arrangements to adopt a kitten.

Municipal Utility Interceptor Project

Metropolitan Council representative gave the city an update on the interceptor project. The administrator and engineer presented some background information and reviewed the wastewater treatment plant capacity remaining. Question was asked regarding the schedule for the interceptor completion. The costs associated with the interceptor being put in the county road right-of-way compared to construction in the railroad bed. County Road # 40 would not be required to be closed as long, however, the statement passed along was that it could a year or more for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way. The city could not use condemnation until the rail road line is officially closed.

Flooding

The council is keeping a watchful eye on the predictions, reports and data. A citizen inquired about flooding and volunteering to help. The mayor stated that plans are being drafted, gathering information is occurring and people will be welcomed to volunteer. Residents should watch the city's newsletter and their website. (Even betcha' you can monitor 'Carver Current' too for updates) For those without computer access, you could call the city hall for information too.

Latest Flooding Update

The city council has made the decision to raise the levee in the city a minimum of three feet prior to potential flooding this spring. The city passed a resolution declaring a State of Emergency. It was the council's opinion that the spring flooding event has impacted or expected to impact the population causing significant amounts of property damage. The City of Carver Emergency Management Director requested the declaration. The 'State of Emergency' will remain in effect until May 31st unless extended by the council. Earthen clay will be used on the levee. The additional clay would not compromise the integrity of the existing levee the city engineer told the council. This levee is the city's primary protection system but cannot ensure that it will prevent flooding.

Minnesota River Log Jam

You have heard all the buzz about the logs in Carver Minnesota on the Minnesota River and the upcoming spring thaw. Following this saga via the internet, the rumble is that the logs have been removed. There has been all kinds of activities, talk, discussions and speculations.

The official word is:

"The log jam has been removed from the Minnesota River. The remaining logs will float downstream as the ice melts." Question asked repeatedly was why the logs weren't removed from the river. The answer to this questions is that the city was not allowed to remove the logs due to restrictions from the Minnesota DNR.



Minnesota River Bridge

The city attorney relayed to the council that the Union Pacific Railroad spoke with him regarding the MN River Bridge. The railroad relayed that if the SHPO had acted in a more time effective manner in its review the bridge would have been removed in the fall of 2010. It is now the intention of the Union Pacific Railroad to remove the bridge in 2011 having already conducted some preliminary investigation into removal of the logs and flotsam prior to the spring 2011 flooding season. The city administrator reported to the council that there had been a recent flood control meeting and the log jam was still serious. He further stated that there are liability issues and possible damage to the levee. The city attorney relayed that contact has been made regarding the log jam issue. It was pointed out speculations are being made that the 1965 flood level could be exceeded. ' The ground saturation is at 90-95%.

The council discussed and reviewed the log jam at the MN River Bridge with the city engineer. The engineer responded to the request for his opinion on the impact of the log jam on flood elevations upstream of the railroad bridge. Based on the information provided in a September 2008 drafted report prepared for Scott County. This report discusses indications of a log-jam extending the entire length of the railroad bridge adjacent to Carver's levee and only results in a minimal increase in the existing flood elevation of the river. This is because the log jam floats on the water surface, only blocking a portion of the conveyance at the railroad bridge. This increased flood elevation resulting from the log jam blocking the railroad bridge is not significant enough to increase the flood risk to Carver. However, there are erosion concerns in that the existing log jam is potentially increasing flow velocities at the bridge causing erosion of the city levee. The 2008 report included an analysis of river scour at this bridge as a result of a log jam for the ten year, fifty year and one hundred year flood recurrence intervals. The report shows a significant increase in total depth of the scour for all three recurrence intervals when the log jam is present versus when no log jam exists. The analysis shows that the location of scour extends along the entire length of the bridge including against Carver's levee. It is the engineer's opinion that the presence of a log jam at the bridge creates an additional risk of levee failure at this location. It is the engineer's recommendation that in order to minimize this erosion risk, the log jam must be removed prior to the Mn River spring flood season.

The engineer stated that the city has been working with the Union Pacific railroad on a solution to the problem of the log jam. Question was asked if the Union Pacific would be removing the logs from the river prior to the spring thaw. The city attorney relayed discussion he has had with the Union Pacific personnel regarding the removal of logs. The Union Pacific personnel stated that they would bring in a crane to remove logs before the spring thaw. The administrator would continue communicating with the railroad. The attorney would continue updating the council. The mayor has also talked with the commissioner to assist in helping to ensure the railroad removes the logs.

Employee Reference Manual

The administrator informed the council that the last amended Employee Personnel Policy was in 1997. Updates were necessary due to changes in the employment laws, inconsistent and omission of policy language relevant to present employee / employer issues. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Employee Reference Manual.

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.

"For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe."

- Larry Eisenberg

Moratorium Ordinance

The council reviewed the issue of adopting a Moratorium Ordinance involving Pawn Shops and related businesses. The city attorney pointed out that the city does not have land use regulations regulating pawnbrokers, pawn shops, consignment sales stores, auction establishments and firearm retail outlets. Concern regarding appropriate locations within the city for the studies uses was expressed. The council adopting an Interim Zoning Ordinance most commonly referred to as a moratorium would allow reasonable time to evaluate the studies uses. If an interim zoning ordinance were adopted, the city planner would be directed to prepare the report analyzing the studied uses. These uses would involve the proximity, appropriateness, parking regulations, traffic generation, determination of whether or not the intended business could be permitted or allowed by a Conditional Use Permit, and appropriate conditions and/or performance standards. The city has budgetary line item for revisions to official controls such as zoning and subdivision ordinances. The city is required to revise its official controls after adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. The city planner presently is in the process of the preparation of the official control revisions. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the interim land use controls. The council and the staff discussed consignment sales. It was a council member's opinion that the ordinance was a prudent decision.

Water Tower

The engineer reminded the council that the water tower on Mt Hope Road was constructed in 1987. Generally water towers require painting every fifteen to twenty years. However the water tower has not been painted since construction. This painting has been delayed for two years. Interior and exterior paint is needed. One comment made regarding the color was that it be the same as the new tower. This issue will be discussed further.

The council reviewed and discussed the issue of the water tower requiring painting inside and outside. The last inspection was in 2009. KLM Engineering recommended removal and replacement of both the interior and exterior coating in one or two years. There are also some structural repairs recommended bringing the tank into compliance with OSHA regulations and American Water Works Association Standards and also allow for safer access to the tank. This type of work overall takes approximately five weeks. There are also existing antennas on the tank. These would be required to be removed temporarily. This process requires bids. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the engineer to prepare plans and specifications to repaint the existing water tower and go out for bids.

Main Street Bridge

The engineer pointed out to the council that a permit package had been submitted to the Army Corp of Engineers relating to replacement of the bridge on Main Street in December of 2010. Work being done in Spring Creek triggered the Corp of Engineer's involvement and federal requirements relating to historic structures. Suggestion has been submitted to put flood walls on the bridge.

Fourth Street Bridge

The engineer also updated the council on the 4th Street Bridge project. The wingwalls and slopes over the past few years has been deteriorating. The city has been tracking the changes in the conditions of the bridge.

Traditions Restaurant

Traditions Restaurant at Dahlgreen Golf Course is getting ready to celebrate their Grand Opening Anniversary on March 12th. There is a swinging country band scheduled from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. There is an Indoor Putting Contest starting at 2PM. Remember the Breakfast Buffet that begins at 9 AM and is over at 1 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Come and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast of choices.

Mills Fleet Farm Property

The council discussed the naming of the backage road at the Mills Fleet Farm property project. Two council members will be researching historical names for the property.

The city attorney relayed to the council that another aspect of the Mills project involves the negotiating agreements with owners of three properties for site improvement agreements. Councilmember inquired about bonding covering the city's share of street and utility improvements once the agreement is signed. The attorney stated that there was more to project before bonding would be considered. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving entry into and execution of site improvement agreements with the property owners.

Mills Fleet Farm

"A Mills Fleet Farm is moving closer to becoming a reality in Carver!" The mayor has stated. The council entered into agreements to facilitate the construction of street and utility improvements providing access to the store. The mayor has also stated that construction is scheduled to begin on the road this spring. A public hearing is scheduled to create a tax increment district that would assist the ability for the store to move forward with the project.

Freeway Commercial District

A continued Public Hearing was held regarding the Feasibility Study/Freeway Commercial District. The city council and the staff had reviewed the feasibility report at the council work session. The report reviewed construction of street and utility improvement serving the new Mills Fleet Farm store and adjacent properties on the future backage road west of County Roads #61 and 11. This project would be funded through assessments, water and sewer funds and negotiated joint powers agreement with Carver County. Streetscape issues associated with the project are being reviewed by the Feasibility Task Force Committee. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans for the Freeway Commercial District Utility and Street Improvements.

Maps

The engineer reviewed with the council the process the city has utilized for updating the base maps reflecting new utilities installed in recent developments and projects. Utility maps have progressed from hard copy mylars that were updated by hand to electronic means called AutoCad and GIS basemaps. Approximately six years ago the city updated the electronic basemap system to include basic utility information such as pipe size, material, elevations, etc. and the links to record plans. There is a fee collected for this basemap updating. There are two options for updating the basemaps. Motion was made and carried with all ayes directing the city engineer to update the utility basemaps to the web base application and prepare the utility and MS 4 modules at the estimated cost.

East Union Lutheran Church

The Lenten services and worship during March and April will be each Wednesday at 7:15 PM. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. The church as always would like to offer their chili/soup supper before worship, but volunteers are needed as hosts.

The church announces that their popular pre-worship chili suppers return at 6:15 PM throughout Lent. Various families and groups will host the event and the confirmation youths will act as servers and clean-up personnel. Volunteering for this event with another family is a great way to make a connection! There are still volunteers needed, so please call the church office to sign up at 942.448.3450. If there are no hosts volunteered, there will be no pre-worship meal served. So be sure to call and volunteer.

"Too many people miss the silver lining because they're expecting gold."

- Maurice Setter

"Welcome" Pot Luck for Pastor

The East Union Lutheran Church welcomes a new pastor on Sunday, March 13th, immediately following worship. There will be a Pot Luck Meal in Pastor Tom Stutelberg's honor. The congregation requests that individuals bring a dish to share as the congregation meets and greets Pastor Tom on his first Sunday at East Union Lutheran Church. The installation of Pastor Tom will be held on March 27th. His first official day in the office will be March 7th and he will be presiding at the Ash Wednesday service on March 9th.

Methodist Hospital

Methodist Hospital Volunteer Opportunity. The Methodist Hospital Hospice will provide training sessions this spring for new volunteers. Volunteers give respite care to caregivers who are caring for terminally ill loved ones in their private homes. Commitment is a maximum of four hours per week. Training is four sessions long. If interested, please contact Libby Swanson at 952.993.5381.

Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is planning on opening an office at St Andrew's Lutheran Church at 13600 Technology Drive in Eden Prairie. Dr Tom Johnson, an ordained Lutheran minister who will be available to see clients on Tuesdays starting at 8 AM. Dr Johnson also runs his own holistic health clinic, the Aslan Institute. To make an appointment to see Dr Johnson at St Andrew's, call LSS intake at 612.879.5320.

Quilting Group

The East Union Lutheran Church has a Quilting Group who meet on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Parish Center from 5 PM to 9 PM. Interested in joining the group contact Evelyn Grimm at 952.448.9465 for more information.

Carver Card Club

Carver Card Club will no longer be meeting at the Carver Village Hall. Please join the club the second Wednesday of each month at the Chaska Community Center in the "Lodge" to play cards.

District # 112

Eastern Carver4 County Schools (District #112) will begin the 2011 - 2012 budget development process with the assumption that state aid will not increase in the coming biennium. The School Board is asking for four budget scenarios be developed to estimate the impact of possible state funding action ranging from no increase in aid to a reduction of 1.5 %, 3 % and 5 %.

If legislators were to keep state aid at the current level, the District will need to reduce the budget due to projected increases in costs such as insurance, energy and personnel. If legislators were to cut aid varying amounts are necessary to reduce the budget.

The budget process begins with a committee of staff and parents from each school creating a list of possible reductions in expenditures or increases in revenue. That list will be forwarded to a budget committee comprising four district administrators and four principals. The budget committee will make the preliminary lists of cuts public when the list is completed in March.

Parents can find more budget information on the District's website at www.district112.org. click on the 2012 Budget Process button at the top of the page. You'll find an e-mail link there for any questions or comments you may have as the process goes forward. Don't have access to a computer or do not have an e-mail, contact the administration office at the school. (We all need to remember that not everyone has access to computers)

SteamBoat Committee Meeting

The SteamBoat Committee is getting geared up to start planning for 2011 SteamBoat Days Event. March 9th will be their first meeting of this year. Please feel free to come and join in.

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."

- Scott Hamilton

Tax Season

Submitted by: Cathy Steigerwald

Aaaaaaaack!! It's time to do your taxes and you really DON'T want to spend your precious time off preparing them yourself, so how do you find the right person to help? First, find someone with experience and knowledge to do the job right the first time. Most reputable tax professionals guarantee their work, offer e-filing of returns and are available after tax season to answer any questions that might arise. They also are a "registered tax preparer" with the IRS and take continuing TAX education EVERY year! They are also members of professional tax associations, such as the National Association of Tax Professionals, the National Association of Enrolled Agents, the AICPA and other such organizations. These are great references to find a professional in your area to help. But there is GOOD news! You have until April 18th to find a tax professional and file those returns this year!

Carver Community Youth Baseball

Softball Association

Submitted by Jane Thon

Deadline to fast approaching to avoid a late fee. March 15th for Softball and Baseball. April 15th for T-Ball. The 2011 ball season is here. It is that time of the year to get your child registered to play ball in Carver. We will be offering, T-Ball, Girls Softball, 1st grade through High School and Boys Baseball through 3rd grade.

The link to get to the registering system is:

-Key in <http://carver.govoffice.com>

-Right hand side of screen under "Important Links"

-Select CCYBSA Baseball/Softball/Tball

-Select link on page to Registration System

When entering the website, on the Left hand side is a description of all the divisions we are offering, on the Right hand side is our Welcome Page. From time to time, messages will be posted here.

If you have any questions, please drop a note to ccybsa.reg@gmail.com and someone will respond to you. If you don't have a computer or access to a computer, call the City of Carver for information on how to get ahold of CCYBSA member.

If anyone knows of a youth who has not signed up because of financial reasons, please contact us via e-mail address listed above. Confidential arrangements will be made.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

The next Blood Drive in Carver is scheduled for April 19th at the Village Hall at Noon until 6 PM. Walk-ins are welcome, but preferably an appointment should be made. Volunteers are needed. The Red Cross is looking for callers who can set up appointments with established donors. There are not any cold calls. These donors are expecting call to schedule an appointment for them. The time involved is approximately three hours. Also needed is a Canteen Organizer to set up the schedules for the workers from a list of volunteers, pick up supplies, and oversee the canteen on the day of the Blood Drive. The time involved with this task is approximately six hours. If you are interested in volunteering your time to this cause and to the community, contact Linda Schutz at 612.987.5454. This is a great opportunity, a wonderful experience, very fulfilling, self gratifying and last, but not least, fun. Not to mention very, very rewarding. Call Linda. Be sure to come and donate blood too.

McDonald's Dining

Reminder that the first Tuesday of each month during the school year, dine at McDonald's and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to East Union Elementary School from 4 PM to 8 PM. So be sure to mark your calendar and dine at McDonald's and help your local school. Thanks.

For each petal on the shamrock, This brings a wish your way – Good health, good luck and happiness for today and every day.

- Author Unknown



Lions Easter Egg Hunt

It's true. The winter season is nearing it's end. Old Man Winter and the north wind 'Terrible' have to admit defeat. Take a deep breath and smile wide. The Easter Bunny if putting on his boxing gloves to push the last of winter out of the midwest. The Carver Lions are in cahoots with the Easter Bunny. Just ask them! They are planning the 2011 Carver Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Carver Community Park on Saturday, April 23rd. Winter doesn't have a chance anymore. The forces are gaining their foothold and pushing hard. So much effort has been pushing winter out that there might be that slight chance that the rain man will sneak in the back door when no one is looking. The egg hunt in that case would be held in the Village Hall. So get ready, think positive, join the league, think warm and get your kids and their baskets together and ready for the Easter Egg Hunt! It will begin at 10 AM on Saturday, April 23rd.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are busy planning all kinds of events. Do you want to be a part of those planning stages? Then come on down to the Village Hall either the first Wednesday of the month or the third Wednesday of the month and get all the details of what they are all planning for the community in the upcoming months. April 10th will be a Pancake Breakfast, the 23rd of April is the Easter Egg Hunt and then on the 29th of April will be the Pork Chop Dinner. They are and will be busy, so come and join all the fun. Also, don't forget to bring in all the used eyeglasses for the Lions to recycle and donate to those in need and give the gift of sight. Want to contact a Lion, ask the staff at City Hall or if you have a computer, go to their website.

The Carver Lions also participated in their Mid Winter Convention in Mankato. For the third out of four years, one of our very own Carver Lions' member has one First Timer of the Year at the Mid-Winter Convention. Congratulations to Eric Watkins!

Park and Recreation Board

The Park and Recreation Board has two new members. They are Courtney Johnson and Tom Ryan. An additional board member is expected to be approved at the upcoming council meeting. The applicant is Jim Weygand.

The Park and Recreation Board programs going on in March are as follows. Dancing Feet for ages three and four are held on Mondays at 5 PM, March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Wednesdays in March (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th) at 6:30 PM be sure to check out Hatha Yoga Winter II. Last Friday of the month, March 25th, if Tot Time Open Gym for ages one through five at 9 AM until 10:30 AM. Monday, March 28th "Girls Just Want to Have Fun!", a non-school, hang out day. Then there is the Carver Black Sox teaching Baseball Skills Camp on March 5th, 12th and 19th.

Did You Know....

....that on Nov. 23, 1871 construction the Minneapolis-St. Louis Railroad Depot at Carver was completed.

Carver Village Open Air Market

The market will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Downtown Carver in Gazebo Park. If interested in having a sale or display booth for art, photography, antiques, crafts, foods and preserves, etc., contact Mustard Moon on Broadway in Downtown Carver during occasional sale dates, or email: ohmustardmoon@msn.com

East Union Elementary - Minnesota

Twins

Family Day with the Minnesota Twins – The East Union Elementary school has arranged for receipt of Twins tickets for students and their family members. Tickets are limited, so orders will be processed on a first come, first serve basis only. Orders unable to be filled will be returned with payments. Contact East Union Elementary School with questions, Ask your students attending East Union for information. These orders must be returned by March 16th. The game scheduled for tickets is the April 23rd, 12:10 PM game at Target Field....Twins versus Cleveland Indians.

Chaska Valley Family Theater

The Chaska Valley Family Theater proudly presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" March 18th through 26th. The theater is based out of the Chaska Community Center, the Chaska High School and the Chanhassen High School. "Cinderella" will be presented out of the Chanhassen High School Theater. If you would like further information, you can contact the theater at 952.250.7206, or check out their website at www.cvft.org and look at their newsletter, "Encore".

East Union Elementary School

The East Union School is planning for their "Breakfast Buddies" event on Friday, March 18th. It is from 8:30 AM until 9:10 AM. You are invited to come and enjoy doughnuts and coffee. This event will showcase the first through third grades. Everyone is invited. Following the event is the East Union Talent Show at 9:30 AM.

The East Union Student Council is planning their annual All School Talent Show. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Between March 15th and the 17th, each homeroom will host their own competition, picking one winner from each class where the students will conduct the voting. The seven winners will then compete in the All School Celebration with appearances by American Idol judges impersonators. The final competition will be held March 18th. The student council will be making advertising posters, emceeing the final talent show, drafting the programs and ballots.

East Union Elementary School Carnival

Greg Lange, Principal at East Union Elementary extends his thanks to all of the families and the PTO who helped to make the East Union Carnival a success. Also thanks are extended to all of the families who attended and contributed to the event with all their donations.

Share the Spirit

Don't forget to Join Fresh Seasons Market partnership helping schools earn money with "Share The Spirit" program. Save your receipts from Fresh Seasons Market until April 30th. Each dollar spent during the promotional period will earn points for your school and you can double those points shopping on Tuesdays.

Plan Ahead - Carver Black Sox

Turkey and Ham Bingo

Mark your calendars and keep April 15th open so you can come and join in on the fun at the Village Hall. It's the Carver Black Sox Annual Turkey and Ham Bingo on Friday the 15th of April. The fun is scheduled to start at 7 PM and even though shop closes up at 11 PM, that does not mean by any means the fun is over. Food and beverages are available for the event. Be sure and be there.

"In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary"

- Encourage Businesses and New Building in the Carver Historic District

Help Wanted Positive Connections

Applications are still being taken at Positive Connections for school bus drivers in the Eastern Carver County School District, formerly District #112 / Chaska School System for the 2010 - 2011 school year. The hours are flexible, good company, check coming in and the summer off, unless of course, you would also like to drive for charters. If you are interested or you might be interested, please stop in at 460 Hickory Street in Chaska and fill out an application .

Rob Hagerstrom
rhagerstrom@posconinc.com



460 Hickory Street
Chaska, MN 55318

952/361-0899
Cell 952/210-7854
Fax 952-448-4135

Scream Town

Scream Town representative presented request for a Conditional Use Permit to the Dahlgren Township Board of Supervisors. The facility would like a larger advertising sign. The counties specifications are necessary to follow according to MN Department of Transportation unless a waiver were received. Additional dates were requested for rain cancellations, flexibility of hours, the facility currently closes at 11 PM. Expansion plans are being considered to have summer use for Boy Scout outings, family reunions, graduation parties and the like. A permit would be required from the county for each event scheduled. Facility would like to add a walking and hayride trail, and additional parking space. Comment was made that if any of requested additions were approved then MN DOT requests a bypass/turn lane be constructed on Highway #212. There were many residents present at the meeting in opposition of any expansion to the current attraction. The current situation has concerns. The item will be discussed further at the upcoming township meeting.

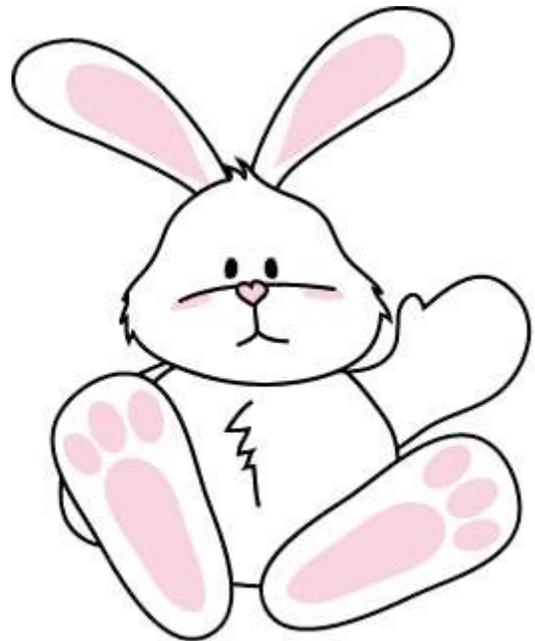
Join the Carver Lions for the Pancake and French Toast Breakfast Served with Homemade Sausage!

Sunday, April 10, 2011

**Carver Village Hall
Serving: 7:30AM – 1:00 PM**

Give the Gift of Sight!

Bring your old prescription eyeglasses & sunglasses to be recycled and donated to those in need!

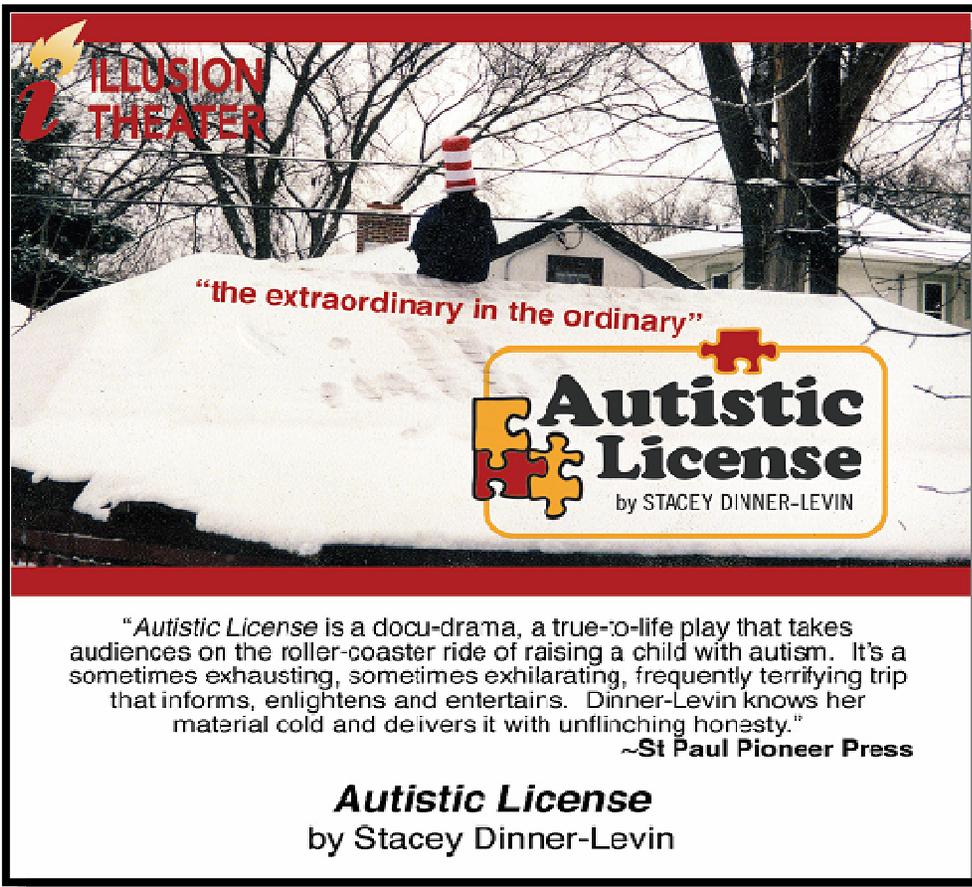


CARVER LIONS CLUB PORK CHOP DINNER

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011
Carver Village Hall**

**Serving 4:00-8:00 p.m
Pork Chop, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,
Applesauce, Vegetable, Beans,
Bread, Dessert & Beverage**





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Tuesday, April 12, 2011
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location:

**Eastern Carver County Schools
Chanhassen High School Theater
2200 Lyman Blvd
Chanhassen, MN 55317**

Admission: *Free of Charge!*

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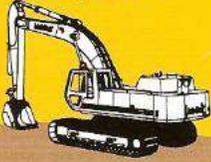
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