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Carver Fire Department

The Fire Chief extended thanks to the Park and Recreation supervisor for her hard work in the set up for the Vehicle Fair. There was a great turnout for the event. Also the chief reported that the Fire Department personnel had made about eleven stops for the National Night Out Block Parties. Reminder was also given that the department is in the planning stages for their Open House scheduled for October 10th at 5 PM to 8 PM.

Glen at Spring Creek

The Planning Commission was told by the City Planning that Centex Homes sought to replat and redevelop sixteen plus acres of the property platted as Glen at Spring Creek. The area originally was platted and the infrastructure was installed to support a townhome development. However, due to the market conditions that proposal has been forfeited on the said property.

The development did not build the proposed townhomes proposing to replace these townhome pads with twenty seven single family homes instead. A portion of the property on the west side of Sumac Circle would be converted to open space for the Homeowner's Association.

This proposal would also propose to remove the private streets along with the infrastructure associated with Birch Lane, Cedar Drive and Linden Lane, along with three private road stubs of Sumac Circle on the western side of the property. New street and utility infrastructure would be installed to serve the redevelopment. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to hear request presented for the restructuring of the original plat.

The council was told that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the replat request for the Glen At Spring Creek Development and they had recommended approval of the requests. The City Planner further explained that the Centex had been coordinating efforts with the Glen at the Spring Creek Homeowner's Association and the city staff completing replat of existing vacant town home lots. Under this proposal, a portion of the vacant townhome lots would be converted to single-family neighborhood. The remaining vacant lots would be converted to open space. The application requires an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan involving rezoning, conditional use permit and the preliminary plat. If approved, Centex would be submitting a final plat for approval in September. The council discussed several questions asked. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan for Centex Homes relating to partial replat of the Development known as Glen at Spring Creek. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving rezoning at Glen at Spring Creek. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution amending the Conditional Use Permit for the same development. Motion was also made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving a preliminary plat for the development.

River Side Park Camping

Camping opens at RiverSide Park! The RiverSide Park Rustic Campgrounds are now officially open. The grounds feature four campsites situated along the banks of the Minnesota River, each equipped with their own parking pad, fire ring and a picnic table, Camping permits are required (\$15/per night) and are available through the Parks and Recreation Department. Interested in more information? Contact City Hall at 952.448.5353.

Main Street Bridge

The engineer updated the council on the Main Street West Bridge and problems with progress not proceeding as scheduled. The attorney addressed questions explaining events occurring. Contract issues have been worked on resulting in a possible declaration of default. The issues of events with the contractor were discussed by the council and the attorney's representative. Question was asked why it had to be a letter to attorney to attorney to get the process resolved. The engineer relayed that the contractor left the project to allow for installation of gas lines but have not returned. Some sub-contractors have been working. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the attorney drafting letter and forwarding to the contractor and the surety company. A meeting was scheduled for more discussions and obtaining answers.

The city engineer updated the council on the progress on the Main Street project. The general contractor and the concrete subcontractor have completed several items on the project. Because of the most recent work done, the attorney had not forwarded the letter to the contractor or the surety company based on the substantial progress made recently. Carver County has approved additional costs in the bridge removal. Additional costs associated with the project are presently being reviewed.

Emergency Sirens

The fire chief discussed the current emergency siren in downtown Carver that was struck by lightning requiring replacement. The current siren only covers a small area of the downtown area because it only faces one direction, plus the height limits area coverage. It is unlikely that anyone on the trail system or in RiverSide Park would hear the siren.

The recommendation for the new five-cell siren is to be mounted on a sixty-foot pole replacing the current siren. The city planner reviewed this motion and since the site is zoned Central Business District with a maximum height of thirty feet the recommendation cannot be applied. The existing pole is non-conforming and cannot be increased. Since the use of the Public Institutional Zoning District, the city can instruct the staff to prepare a rezoning for this property to the Public Institutional District. The height of the pole would then be conforming in that zoning district. A rezoning hearing would be scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the purchase of the siren pending Heritage Preservation Commission approval.

Report was given to the council that the Heritage Preservation Commission had reviewed the Historic District signs. The commission also gave their submitted approval of rezoning at the Public Services Building allowing for a sixty-foot pole to install a new emergency siren.

Highway #212

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Carver County, MN/DOT, and the City of Chaska personnel have all been discussing the replacement of the orange directional signs located on highway # 212 and the corresponding exit ramps for Jonathan Carver Parkway. The existing signs have directional information for both cities. Agreement was reached to limit signage. The proposal to place directional signs on the mainline of the highway and exit ramps to Jonathan Carver Parkway was the final decision.

Fall Harvest Time

Flashing Yellow Turn Signal An "FYI": The signal lights located at Levi Griffin Road and Jona-

An "FYI": The signal lights located at Levi Griffin Road and Jonathan Carver Parkway, use a new 'flashing yellow turn signal design'. The flashing yellow signal provides more opportunities for drivers to make a left turn. In addition, a national study demonstrated that drivers found flashing yellow left-turn arrows more understandable than a traditional yield-on-green signal. For more information on these new flashing yellow turn signals visit MN/Dot's website.

Right of Way ~ Gellow Light? "Officials installing new traffic lights nationwide that include new

"Officials installing new traffic lights nationwide that include new feature to simplify left turns for drivers: flashing yellow arrows." This article from AOL Auto Staff state: "there are already reports that the lights are creating confusion among drivers." So there are two sides to the issue and just as divided in opinions.

"The flashing yellow arrow does not replace the solid yellow arrow and the meaning. Drivers should always remember: a flashing yellow equals turn with caution."

"Across the country, there has been confusion surrounding the meaning of the flashing yellow arrows, which were approved by the Federal Highway Administration in 2006. Drivers need to know that at a solid yellow left-turn arrow, drivers may still turn left, but they must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Not everyone is aware of the difference."

City Clerk-Treasurer

The council accepted the resignation of the City Clerk-Treasurer by motion formally declaring November 30th the acceptance of the resignation for retirement. The council related that there will be a reception held for the city clerk following the second council meeting in Meeting in November [November 19th].

Iris Valley

Iris Valley is also celebrating its 6th Anniversary.

October 6th Fall Table scape demonstrations 10:30 AM & 2 PM. We will demonstrate easy decorating ideas for centerpieces and table scapes.

Same Day October 6th...Make n' Take event at 11:30 we will have all the

supplies for you to make your own centerpiece; a 7" glass cylinder with glitter leaf adorned with fall florals for 20.00 per person. NOW taking registrations! Space for 15 people.

Boutique & Gifts

110 Eldorado Dr. Jordan

952-492-3360

Email irisvalley@frontiernet.net or call 952-492-3360 to register.

Harvey's Bar and Grill

Harvey's Bar and Grill held their 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Dahlgreen Golf Course on the 28th of September. These events proceeds go to the Carver Fire and Rescue. Thanks everyone and even though it was too late to post, I bet everyone had a wonderful time and raised a lot for the Carver's Fire and Rescue.

1968 Gran Sport Buick Convertible

Looking for a huge project? Looking for a great car to rebuild and restore? Have I got a deal for you. Want a unique muscle car from the 60's? For sale, a 1968 GS Gran Sport Buick Convertible. This is the perfect project to achieve that great investment in the end. The car needs a lot of 'TLC' and work. But the basics are there. It was a two owner car. However, again, it requires a lot of work. There were only 2,454 GS Buick convertibles made. If interested, contact the *Villager Tower* for more information. The vehicle is for sale. Only seriously interested need contact.

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.

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Carver Country Flowers & Gifts



"Wintery Woods" will be Thursday, Saturday, October 18th through 20th. All Chris-tmas and winter "birch-andise" will be 20 % off for the preview weekend only! Come and see the latest trends in décor-birch, burlap, berries and cardinals! Christmas Preview Open

House. Don't miss our annual Christmas Preview Open House! All our new holiday products.

What's New at Carver Country Flowers?

Annette says that they have some new tenants sharing space in their main building and she would like you to know about. Last month, Homestead Memories moved in. They offer antiques and unique country crafts.

"This month, Cedar Crate is moving in! They sell high-end toys and party goods. They don't have everything in yet, but they will be carrying all the hottest things that kids are asking for. And, they have an entire rack of things for Halloween costumes and parties, like pistols and handcuffs, invitations, rubber chickens, and other Halloween props. Have you heard of Magformers? Cuddleuppers? Kidoozie? Farkle? These are just a few of the items they're carrying, so stop in and check them out."

Last but not least, do you know what Flora's bonnet is this month? You better get over there and check it out.

"Open to Business"





Open to Business comes to Carver County...... The Carver County CDA is pleased to announce that it has added a new program to assist new and existing small businesses in the County. The program-- called "Open to Business"-- provides one on one business counseling to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Open to Business consultants work with entrepreneurs to develop a strong business plan, to identify challenges and opportunities, and to tailor solutions. The service is available free of charge to all County residents, and any business located in Carver County.

In addition to consulting, th Open to Business program can link entrepreneurs to financing for a variety of business purposes, including equipment financing, inventory, cash flow/working capital needs and start-up costs. Open to Business has capital available to make loans directly to small businesses, and can assist entrepreneurs in creating an attractive loan package to apply to banks and other lending institutions.

The Carver County CDA has partnered with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) to bring the Open to Business program to Carver County. MCCD, a non-profit community development corporation, brings more than 20 years of experience providing technical assistance and small business loans to entrepreneurs.

Whether an entrepreneur has been in business for 20 years, or is in the early stages of exploring a business idea, Open to Business is available to help. Consultants are available at the Carver County CDA offices (705 Walnut St., Chaska) every Wednesday, and by appointment. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Lee Hall at (612) 789-7337 ext. 17, or E-mail Lhall@mccdmn.org.

Carver Lions

The first and third Wednesdays of the winter months is the Carver Lions Meeting nights at the Village Hall. Now that the huge annual event is over, everyone can take a deep breath and congratulate one another on another successful event and start plans for the next venture in the community. Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun. Great people, great things happen here and the rewards are endless.



Carver County

What is the Carver County Community Development Agency? The Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) is a local government agency administering a number of county-wide programs in the areas of single and multi-family housing, foreclosure counseling, rental assistance and economic development.

Who does the CDA assist?

Carver County is located 20 miles southwest of Minneapolis and is in one of the fastest growing counties in the Twin Cities metro area based on population, housing and business expansion. Our prime objective is to assist all county residents, cities and businesses with all types of housing or economic development services. We can provide information or technical assistance to homeowners, renters, landlords and businesses. If the CDA is unable to assist you, referrals will be made.

Carver County Sheriff's Office

The Carver County Sheriff was at the council meeting to discuss the city's current services. There was a question if additional services were required or should be considered. There was some element of surprise in the increase generated by the opening of Mills Fleet Farm facility. Stats indicate that the city concentration of services centered on daytime Monday through Friday. The conversation continued on the benefits of a 'Town Cop Program'. One reason for the meeting was to weigh in on the flex time or possibility of a part time evening officer. The relationship between the officer and the downtown businesses was important. Further discussion was held on traffic items. For more coverage there might be a possibility of partnering with another city.

Park and Ride Project

The City Engineer provided the City Council with an update on the "Park and Ride Project." The City is planning to construct a four hundred (400) stall parking lot near the intersection of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Ironwood Drive. The project is being funded with grant funds awarded to the City of Carver through the "Congestion Mitigation Air Quality" (CMAQ) program. The park and ride facility would likely be providing bus service beginning in 2014 through Southwest Transit. More information will be available on this project in the upcoming months.

The engineer told the council that upon approval of the agreement between the Carver County Community Development Agency, a draft schedule was prepared based on the timeline associated with the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant process beginning in August/September of 2012 and the Right of Way acquisition process with feedback from the city attorney.

Based on various project memorandums and agency approvals required by spring of 2013 for the CMAQ funding, the city can meet the deadline and should request a grant extension. The Community Development Agency is interested in beginning development of their residential property in 2013 and requested the city to explore options relating to proceeding with the collector road improvements in 2013 as an assessment type project similar to the steps taken pertaining to the Levi Griffin Road. This assessment option is required to be reviewed with MnDot to ensure it would be allowed as part of the CMAQ Grant funding.

Flu Shot Clinic

A Flue Shot Clinic is being offered at the Carver Village Hall gymnasium on October 9th from 4 PM until 7 PM for individual 19 and over. Those interested are asked to complete pre-registration forms and turn into the City Hall personnel by October 5th. The cost for the shot will be insurance billing availability with preregistration. Or \$ 25.99 the day of the event. If you have any questions, you are asked to call Walgreens at 952.941.8666. Registration forms are available on line or at City Hall.

Ghosts / Goblins / Headless Horsemen

Municipal Code Codification

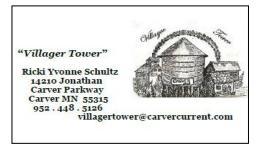
The administrator explained that re-codification is basically a legal review of the city's code of ordinance. This review includes a legal review for consistency in language and organization, as well as an evaluation of ordinances that are no longer required. This was performed last in 1997. The scope of the work would also involve the placement of the entire code of ordinances on a searchable online data base. The city was also told that the attorney has recommended this procedure for several years. Question was asked whether or not this procedure could be done by the staff, as well as the costs associated with this procedure. Statement was made that sometimes the re-codification costs are good but the updates are costly. This should be researched prior to approval of conducting the process.

Carver County Leaders

The administrator explained to the council that the Carver County Elected Leaders Program (ACCEL) originally began through a partnership between Carver County and Ridgeview Medical center. The group was facilitated by the University of Minnesota's Extension Service with the focus on Leadership Development. Discussions in 2007 between Carver County and the program design team reviewing and revitalizing the program. The county saw the value in the Leadership Development component, but also wanted to utilize this group as a vehicle for more collaboration. The Association of Carver County Elected Leaders formed in 2008 with the vision of the working together making all county communities better places to live, work and play. Recently the ACCEL has been working through ideas to improve participation and organization of the group. The idea changing the organization's name and establishing formal by-laws was one result of this work along with recreation of the mission and goals of the organization. This is presently only an informational issue. Mention had also been made that each member of the unit should have one vote on formal action items. The city's consensus was that the present liaison to the group should be the voting member as well.

Carver Current

Be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the Villager Tower, as well as others. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, contact Dan to submit.



It's another great way for transmitting information all over. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com

Positive Connections

Are you looking for that perfect job to be available for the kids, work hours that coincide with school hours? Driving school bus will give you that and some income at the same time. Training will be provided to help you secure a school bus endorsement. Applications are being taken now, come and apply in person and see if this is the perfect job for you.

NOW HIRING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR We are looking for seasonal part time school bus drivers for afternoon route shifts from 1:45-4:30pm And afternoon athletic trips about 2:00pm to 6:00pm. No experience is necessary however; you must be able to pass a pre-employment drug test and DOT physical. No DUI's or Felonies allowed. Must be able to pass permits for class B License which consist of school bus, general knowledge, passenger, and

air brake endorsements. We will train, \$13.45 an hour to start / DOE. Please apply in person at Positive Connections School Bus, 460 N Hickory Street, Chaska, MN 55318



Harvest Time



October 2012

Community Calendar Happy Birthday Denny! October 1st **Council Meeting Happy Birthday Elaine!** Happy Birthday Corey! October 2nd Happy Birthday Tim! Happy Birthday Todd! October 3rd **Late Start Carver Lions Meeting** October 4th **Drill Night** October 6th Iris Valley 6th Anniversary Celebration Happy Anniversary Kim and John! October 7th Happy Anniversary Kari and Guy! Happy Birthday Megan! Happy Birthday Joy! October 8th PTO Meeting Columbus Day **Dahlgren Township Board Meeting** Happy Birthday Sarah! October 9th Flu Shot Vaccination Clinic **Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Linda!** Happy Birthday Laurie! **Happy Birthday Carol!** October 10th **Carver Fire Department Open House** October 11th **School Board Work Session** Happy Birthday Ryan! Happy Anniversary Art and Janet! Happy Anniversary Steve and Tiu! East Union Breakfast Buddies Event October 12th **Happy Birthday Donnie!** October 13th **East Union Country Fare** Happy Birthday Sonjia! Drill Night October 15th Council Meeting Happy Birthday Andrea! Carver County League of Women Voters October 16th October 17th **Carver Lions Meeting** October 18th **Planning Commission Meeting** October 18th & 19th **Education MN Conference** No School Carver Country Flowers "Wintery Woods" October 19th Happy Birthday Annette!!! Happy Birthday Larry! October 21st Park and Recreation Meeting October 22nd Happy Birthday Brandon! Happy Birthday Stephen! School Board Meeting October 25th **Fire Department Meeting** Happy Birthday Melissa! Happy Birthday Carl! October 26th 17th Annual Second Alarm Chili Feed October 28th **East Union Church Halloween Event** October 29th Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad!



Eastern Carver County School District

Halloween

Happy Birthday Phil!

October 31st

The school board has elections on the November ballot too. There are three positions being filed for by five local residents. These terms are four years and will begin serving January 7th, 2013. The five candidates are: Larry Doran of Chaska; Jim Leone from Chaska and is an incumbent; Amy Logue from Chaska, Heather Nelson, also an incumbent residing in Chaska and the last resident is Jeff Ross also from Chaska.

The Early Childhood and Family Learning Centers have moved to the high school location on Pioneer Trail. Preschool, Family and Community Education Programs offer preschool, early childhood programs and community education. They can be reached at 952.556.7200 by telephone. By computer, their website is www.ce4all.org.

The 'Welcome Center' is available for new residents as well. The district's 'Welcome Center' offers convenient, one-stop school registration for students in preschool through high school. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3:30 PM for District 112/Eastern Carver County Schools, Central Registration, District Education Center on 11 Peavey Road in Chaska at 952.556.6112. You can e-mail them at welcomecenter@district112.org.

Then there is the new Integrated Arts Academy in District # 112 this school year. "The enrollment exceeded their expectations. The Integrated Arts Academy serves students in grades 9 through 12 with a focus on three areas: Horticultural arts. Culinary Arts and Visual Arts. Students will learn core high school content through these subject areas and can even earn college credit. The graduation requirements of the IAA are the same as the District's two comprehensive high schools.

"The district developed unique partnerships with the MN Landscape Arboretum and Hennepin Technical College to provide hand-on experiences for IAA students. For more information, contact the school at 952.556.6200 or www.iaa.district112.org."

For more information on the district check out the fall edition of the *Community Report*. If you have access to a computer, go to the district's website and download its full edition of the *Community Report*.

Carver Second Glarm 17th Annual Chili Feed

CARVER SECOND ALARM will be hosting the 17th Annual Chili Feed on SUNDAY October 28th, 2012 at Carver City Hall. All you can eat Chili, garlic bread and sweet goodies will be served from 11 AM to 5 PM. There will also be a Silent Auction and ongoing Meat Raffles throughout the day. Tickets presold \$7.00 at door \$8.00. Call John Lenzen at 952-448-2850 or Barb Swanson 952-448-2830 for advance tickets. Proceeds benefit children around the world who suffer with birth defects. If anyone has a Silent Auction item to donate, you can contact Leon or Scheryl Goetze at 952-448-3755 or John Lenzen at 952-448-2850.

East Union Country Fare

East Union Lutheran Church of Carver is holding their Annual CountryFare on Saturday, October 13th, from 10 AM to 2 PM, featuring a quilt raffle, handmade crafts, collectible items, baked goods, garden produce, and a delicious lunch. Please join us! For more information call 952-448-3450 or visit www.eulc.org

East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Lutheran Church is planning their annual Halloween Event to be held on October 28th, Sunday at 4 PM until 6 PM. There will be hay rides, food, hot beverages and trunk-or-treating. It is packed full of fun and laughs. A fun time for all to be had. All ages are welcomed, along with costumes being encouraged and welcomed. You can decorate your vehicle and hand out treats or just come and join in on the fun! This is all happening at the Parish Center at the East Union Lutheran Church.

League of Women Voters

The Carver County League of Women Voters has scheduled a forum for candidates running for the Carver City Council at the Church-by-the-River on Tuesday, October 16th from 7 PM until 8:30 PM.

Carver Black Sox

The Carver Black Sox are asking for your prayers, thoughts and support for their teammate, Luke Sand's speedy recovery. Luke was involved in an accident resulting in a brain injury.

The Carver Black Sox are also preparing and planning for their annual Turkey/Bingo.

Like to play bingo? How about forty games of bingo? "When?" You ask.

The Carver Black Sox formally invite all of you interested in playing bingo and having fun to come to the Village Hall on Friday, November 16th at 7 PM. You can play bingo until 11 PM. There will be food and beverages served. There's a meat raffle, as well. So be sure to mark on your calendars, November 16th for the Carver Black Sox's Turkey and Ham Bingo.

Carver Fire Department Open House

On Wednesday, October 10th from 5 PM to 8 PM Carver Fire and Rescue will be holding their annual open house event. Fun for the entire family including: fire truck rides, kids bounce house, a fire extinguisher demonstration, free food and refreshments and much more!



2012 Carver Heritage Preservation Award

The City of Carver and the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission are pleased to accept 2012 nominations for the annual Carver Heritage Preservation Award, to go to the year's most outstanding historic preservation effort in the Carver Historic District. Previous awards went to the Kelzer family for their restoration work on the circa 1870 Andrew G. Anderson House at 208 Main Street West, to Craig Norby for restoration of the 1898 Charles L. Dauwalter House, and to Gregg and Meg Witt for restorations of the 1925 gas station at 200 Broadway, the circa 1895 Swanson-Johnson Grocery Store building at 204 Broadway, and the circa 1865 Denny-Hammerlund Hardware Store building at 208 Broadway.

The award will go to the owner(s) of properties who make the year's best effort at preserving or restoring the exterior of any store, house, barn, or structure located in the Carver Historic District. The award may also be given for historically sensitive enhancements to the Historic District, including additions, porches, outbuildings, or the infill of empty lots.

After nominations have been received, the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission will view nominated properties and decide the annual award winner by a majority vote of commissioners present at the November HPC meeting. While the award is intended to be an annual one, there may be some years when no significant preservation effort took place, or when no property has been nominated. The award, a plaque, will be presented by the Mayor of Carver in December at a Carver Holiday Party, or the first practical Carver City Council meeting thereafter. A temporary sign may also be placed for a year outside the annual award-winning property, but only if so desired by the owner.

Anyone can nominate a property for the 2012 award by using the form and returning it to the Carver City Hall by 4:30 p.m. Monday, November 12, 2012. Contact the city for a form to be completed.

*Nominations must be for a City of Carver Historic District Property (see the City of Carver website (http://www.cityofcarver.com/), "History of Carver" link for listed properties. Nominations must be returned to the Carver City Hall by Monday, November 12, 2012 at 4:30 PM

Halloween Origins

Where, when, how, why? Where did Halloween come from?

According to 'wikipedia' or the history.com site you can find all kinds of interesting facts relating to the origins of the October 31st festivities. One says it's a time of celebration and superstition. That it originated from an ancient Celtic festival. To ward off ghosts the people light bonfires, and wore costumes. Then there's the Pope who designated November 1st to honor saints and martyrs. The name then being identified as All Saints' Day. Then the festivities transformed for children activities. But even adults celebrate the day with parties, costumes and sweet treats. So it really for only kids? The event is celebrated world wide we are told. Also known as 'All Hallows' Eve' . If you research further you will learn all kinds of interesting information about the day.

What will you do October 31st?









CCYB5A

Carver Community Youth Baseball Softball Association



Where the ball game begins

Find us on line at: www.cityofcarver.com

Questions? Email us at: ccybsa.reg@gmail.com









