

Land Use Fees

The City Planner was asked to review the revisions to the city's Fee Ordinance relating to Land Use Matters.

The city planner stated that a public hearing is required on any changes with fees on land uses and can only go into effect at the beginning of the year. The Planning Commission was also told that the financial firm for the city had updated the utility rate analysis each year determining whether or not the rates should be increased or decreased.

The city planner also reviewed with the Planning Commission the city's municipal utility connection charges. The members were told that next year will be the first full year that the city will be connected to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services system. She further explained that the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Sewer Availability Charge will go directly to the Metropolitan Council. The city's sewer connection charges will be utilized for improvements and maintenance.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the amendments involved in the land use issues. There were not any comments or questions. Motion was made and carried recommending approval to the proposed land use fees ordinance.

The city planner reviewed the land use related fees determining the appropriate fees necessary for the following year as is done each fall. An ordinance adopted annually setting those fees was reviewed. The Planning Commission recommended approval. The proposed changes to fees included increasing the fee collected passed along from the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, decreasing municipal utility sewer connection charges and increasing the municipal water connection charge.

Planning Commission

The City Planner told the Planning Commission that it would be possible that the commission would be reviewing soon the concept plan for the Community Development Agency and also begin reviewing the zoning ordinance. Proposal was submitted to hold two monthly meetings to expedite the review process. Discussion was held on the length of time required to conclude the review.

East Coast Disaster Relief

The mayor inquired about the relief efforts for the east coast. The Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department had shipped supplies and inventoried some equipment that was sent to the disaster area for their use to the New York area for their Fire Department.

Bountiful Basket

Bountiful Basket would appreciate donations for its first annual fundraiser, "Neighbors that Care ~ Share." The first one thousand dollars will be matched by the Carver-Hennepin County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Bountiful Basket exists due to food donations and volunteers that assist four hundred families each month. The people served are primarily from the communities of Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver, East Union and Victoria. A one dollar donation will help purchase from our food banks about nine dollars worth of food that would be purchased at the grocery store. Anyone interested in donating, please make checks payable to Bountiful Basket and mail to 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska MN 55318 or you can donate on line to: bountifulbasket.foodshelf.org.

East Union Elementary

The East Union PTO meets the second Monday of the month. PTO is a great way for involvement in the school at East Union and parents are encouraged to participate. This organization supports the school through fundraising for classroom improvements and volunteering for special events fostering connections between families, students and the staff. The POT officers for the 2012-2013 school year are Cherri Perschmann, Co-President, Karen Leonard, Co-President, Matt Wright, Secretary and Sharlet Wentzell, serving as treasurer.

Here's a real deal for you. While you are out holiday shopping, you can also support your school, the East Union School. December 9th, when you shop in-store, East Union receives a percentage of all East Union sales at the Eden Prairie Barnes and Noble on Sunday, December 9th. Present your Barnes and Noble voucher slip or just tell the cashier that you are with East Union Elementary for your purchases to count towards our book fair.

Then, there's the online deal from December 9th through December 14th. If you can't make it to the mall, you can shop online from Sunday, December 9th to December 14th, Friday. You have to enter a code. That code is "10935377". On the payment page for your purchases, there is a prompt; "Check if this is a Bookfair Order". When you click on it, you will get a payment screen where you can enter your book fair ID number. This book fair IZD number is the same provided by your organization for in store shopping. For existing accounts, form the Checkout Screen, click on the Change button on the upper right of the pay tab. This will bring you to the full payment page where you can enter your book fair ID in the space at the bottom of the page. East Union thanks you for your support.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is presenting the Minnesota Premier of *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre presents the Minnesota Premier of *It's a Wonderful Life*, A musical based on the film by Frank Capra. Book by Susan Kern and Jerry Lowe. Lyrics by Susan and Philip Kern, Orchestrations by Steve Parsons.

Performance dates: Dec. 8,9 @ 2:00pm.

Enjoy pie (from Perkins) after the performance on Dec. 2nd.

All performances will be held at the Chaska High School Theater, 545 Pioneer Trail, Chaska

Tickets: Adults: \$15.00 17 and Under: \$10.00

For tickets go to www.cvft.org or phone: 952-250-7206

Dianne Strandberg

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Iris Valley

Mark you calendar for the event at the shop in Jordan known as Iris Valley. On December 6th, Thursday from 4 PM to 8 PM is the Holiday Open House event. Come shop in your finest holiday attire and receive a special prize, invite some girlfriends and spend a night with the fine ladies at Iris Valley.

2013 Budget

The administrator informed the council that the Truth-In-Taxation meeting was scheduled and reviewed the information that would be discussed with property owners pertaining to budget numbers and explanation of various items.

Carver Fire Department

News flash from the Carver Fire Chief, Dan Meyer: there are discussions about a possible Soggy Bottom Golf event in January. Dan would like you to remember to change the batteries in your fire and CO alarms. Also, just as important, make sure that your home addresses are legible on your homes so that rescue personnel can find you in an emergency immediately. Time is the essence in an emergency situation. Help out your rescuers. The department personnel also extend holiday greeting to you all as well!

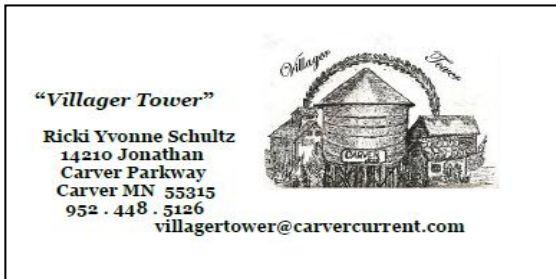
Thanks
Chief Meyer

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Don't forget about the Red Cross Blood Bank coming in December on the 18th at the Carver Village Hall at noon until 6 PM. To make an appt. visit redcrossblood.org or call 612-987-5454; appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome.

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 sharing information. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com



Carver Lions

When do the Lions meet? The first and third Wednesday of the month. Where? Village Hall. Come and see what you are missing. What are you missing anyway? Being part of the community, giving back to the community, standing up and being recognized as a leader for the community, having fun, meeting new people, renewing old friendships, making others lives better, and being a part of a wonderful group of giving people. Did I make that up? Not on your life. Go on, get to the meeting and see what you are missing. There are some really, really great people in this organization. Everyone is welcome.

Don't tell anyone, but each and every Carver Lions wish to extend holiday greetings out to each and every individual throughout the community!!!!

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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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Annual Carver Senior Citizens Luncheon

You are invited to the Annual Senior Lunch sponsored by the Carver Lions. Social at 11:30 AM and lunch will be served at noon. After lunch, there will be more time for socializing, drawings for prizes and playing some cards or maybe even dominoes. That is, if our guests decide to stay for these events. Remember, however, you must call for a reservation and the deadline for making reservations is December 8th and call Lee Ostlie at 952-448-4743. If you need a ride, when you call Lee, let him know that you may also need a ride to the social event.

Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2013 Project Financing

The staff had been directed to prepare a debt service estimate for costs associated with the completion of the 4th Street Bridge Project, burying the power lines on 4th Street and 6th Street and trail connection from Carver Bluffs Parkway to 4th Street. The Council reviewed the costs associated with each project and presented scenarios involving varying combinations of the projects. Excel Energy and the engineer have talked about power lines in the Community Park, this could change some of the costs and eliminate some overhead lines.

Alternate Energy Systems

The city planner informed the council that in the recent years advances have been made regarding alternative forms of energy production. Advances have resulted in products allowing for the production of energy from systems mounted either on a home or commercial building or on land associated with them. The city's ordinances were last updated at a time when technology to individual homes was not available. Interested parties have contacted the staff regarding these uses. Speculation is that more interest will be shown in pursuit of this technology as it continues to improve and installation costs decrease. The city planner anticipates conflicts between these uses and other nearby uses could arise if adequate performance standards are not in place. Furthermore, these uses are not adequately addressed within the existing regulations. Adoption of an interim ordinance is being requested so that the issue can be researched and appropriate regulations enacted. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting ordinance adopting interim land use controls.

Freeway Commercial District

The council held a special meeting to discussion the special assessments for a Freeway Commercial District. A Public Hearing was held on the Mills/Levi Griffin Road Project. A homeowner commented that the process on the Levi Griffin Road Project had gone well recommending that the city create a marketing campaign for the Freeway Commercial District from cost savings on the project. A council member stated that the marketing concept was a good idea but funds from the construction project could not be utilized for this project. Homeowner is commandeering other property owners to discuss marketing ideas.

Carver County Community Development Agency

The council will be reviewing a request received from the Carver County Community Development Agency to be annexed. The Community Development Agency owns approximately a thirty six acre property located in Dahlgren Township. Proposal to develop property includes single family homes, apartments and a park and ride. An annexation petition has been submitted to the city. This means that the city will extend city services to the parcel. Municipal utilities fees will be required, a road will need to be constructed and a feasibility study will be possibly required.

The council will also be reviewing the Concept Plan for the Community Development Agency property. The Planning Commission reviewed the plan and recommended approval subject to the engineer's and city planner's comments.

Fourth Street Project

The council will be holding a Public Hearing regarding reconstruction of Fourth Street including a trail along Jonathan Carver Parkway from Fourth Street to Carver Bluffs. The items that require reviewal involve power lines being buried on Fourth and Sixth Street, parking, proposed improvements and trail construction. The engineer will need to prepare plans and specifications on improvements and staff will need to prepare a resolution reflecting action decided upon. Improvements on Fourth Street West from Broadway to Elm Drive have already been identified. A feasibility study had been completed.

Carver Black Sox

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carver Business Group

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2012 Carver Heritage Preservation Award

Eric and Shelley Rudolf are the recipients of the 2012 Carver Heritage Preservation Award for their restoration of the circa 1858 Dr. William A. Griffin House at 400 Oak Street in downtown Carver. The award is given annually for the year's best preservation work in the Carver Historic District.

Among the Rudolfs' projects were a new roof, replacing mid-1900s crank out windows with six-over-six-pane double hung windows, replacing damaged steel siding with wood lap siding, new exterior trim boards, exterior paint, deck lattice work and a turned-post balustrade. Unseen from the outside are many interior improvements: new wiring, new plumbing, new air conditioning, new furnace, sinks, cabinetry, and much more.

Built about 1858, it was the home of Dr. William A. Griffin, a physician who came to Carver from New Hampshire in 1857. Dr. Griffin was the first regularly practicing physician in Carver County. Griffin quickly took a position of prominence in Carver and in Carver County, serving as the moderator at Carver's first town meeting in 1858. Griffin was one of the leaders of Carver's 'Gold Rush', when gold was purportedly discovered in Spring Creek in 1858. During the Civil War he was the Examining Physician for Carver County soldier recruits. Griffin served as Carver's first justice of the peace, as Carver town treasurer, as Carver postmaster, and as mayor of Carver. In 1862 Dr. Griffin built a Carver drug store that probably survives today as Harvey's Bar & Grill.

Other early owners of the house were German immigrants Martin and Anna Maria Steger who arrived in Minnesota in June 1852, and were among Carver County's earliest settlers. Martin Steger was born in Bavaria in the German States in 1822 and served in the 4th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry regiment during the Civil War. During the Steger era part of the house is said to have been used by Catholic missionaries to celebrate Mass prior to the construction of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Carver. In the 1870s the Stegers ran a saloon in the lower level of the house.

During the renovation many items were found in the walls that reveal snapshots of the from the building's early owners. From the Dr. Griffin era was a letter from B. Spencer in Connecticut, probably a member of his wife's family, a medical dictionary, an antislavery article, an 1861 YMCA catalogue of books, a Minnesota legislature book from 1861, a book of Minnesota laws from 1862, medicine bottles, a woman's reversible brooch, and much more. From the Steger era there were a number of items testifying to Steger's Civil War service and the building's use as a saloon. Among them were part of a soldier's cap, a brass Civil War uniform button, several invoices in Martin Steger's name for beer, whiskey, wine, kummel (a liqueur), tobacco, a barrel's wooden spigot, a handle from a keg dolly, and an 1873 book that appears to be an ongoing liquor tab ledger complete with items that named patrons bought by the pint, half pint, case, and keg, as well as bitters and cigars.

More information about the history of other buildings in the Carver Historic District can be found by following the History of Carver links on the City of Carver website at www.cityofcarver.com or by going to the Carver Current website at <http://carvercurrent.com>.



Community Highlights

- December 1st - Happy Birthday Chelsea!
- December 3rd - Council Meeting
- December 4th - Happy Birthday Patti!
Happy Birthday Shayla!
- December 5th - Lions Meeting
- December 6th - Iris Valley Holiday Open House
Drill Night
Happy Birthday Tommy!
- December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 9th - Hanukkah
Happy Birthday Katelyn!
- December 10th - PTO Meeting
Dahlgren Township Meeting
Happy Birthday John!
Happy Birthday Cody!
- December 11th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- December 12th - Carver Lions Senior Lunch
- December 13th - School Board Meeting
- December 14th - Happy Birthday Aletta!
- December 17th - Council Meeting
Drill Night
Happy Anniversary Carol and Ken!
- December 19th - Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Jim!
- December 20th - Planning Commission Meeting
- December 21st - First Day of Winter
Happy Birthday Destini!
- December 22nd - Happy Birthday Sandy!
- December 24th - Christmas Eve
Happy Birthday Stan!
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 26th - Happy Birthday Mike!
- December 27th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Meeting Night - Fire Department
- December 28th - Happy Birthday Linda!
- December 29th - Happy Birthday Miranda!
Happy Birthday Sharon!
- December 31st - New Years' Eve
Happy Birthday Stephanie!

December 2012



January 1st 2013 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Carver's Occasional Shops

Generally, during the third weekend of every month, the "occasional shops" in Carver are open. Some shops offer antiques, some vintage pieces, some crafts, about everything imaginable and fun for all who participate! These shops are open only three days every month with new finds and themes each month. The last opportunity in 2012 is the weekend of December 6-8.

Researching the internet and individuals in the city to learn about these Occasional Shops in Carver became quite a challenge: Nature of It; The Vintage Cottage; Seasons in Carver or S.A.R.A (Salvaged and Reusable Art; Ms Mac's Too; Mustard Moon; Not So Shabby; Carver Junk Company; The Vintage Cottage, Homestead Memories, Good Junk Garage and The Temperance Arts and Gifts (reference additional insert). Please accept my apologies if these are not correct or I have not found all the shop names or do not have all the information. However, it appears that as November 2012, S.A.R.A. and Mustard Moon are not any longer an Occasional Shop opportunity in the City of Carver. If you do not have affiliations with 'Facebook', it is difficult to get complete information, this editor is discovering.

Also read in some of their advertising that you can call ahead and make an appointment. Customers have requested some of the store owners to stay open late. Stop and check them all out.

Carver Black Sox

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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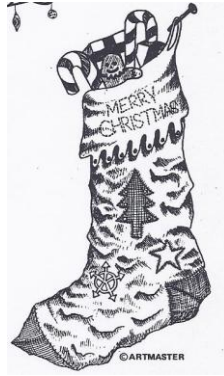
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Carver - On-the-Minnesota

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Carver Country Flowers and Gifts

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Carver - On-the-Minnesota, Inc.

At 6:30 PM - Jan. 7, 2013 at the first Carver City Council meeting of the year the non-profit Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc. will address the Council with a petition and some architectural drawings for the rebuilding of a tornado-destroyed 1890s Victorian pavilion once located in Carver's Riverside Park. Stay tuned for more information....



The Temperance Arts and Gifts

Looking for that special Christmas present? Looking for that unique no one else will find gift for someone special? The Temperance Hotel at the south end of Broadway, you will find the Temperance Arts and Gift Occasional Shop with some pretty unique items. Their flyer reads: "A gathering of local artists sharing our talents with you and soon classes, too." They have handmade Holiday decorations, crazy quilted stockings, beautiful personal name tags, knit mini ornaments, jewelry and chainmail, brilliant jams, knit and crochet original designs. Just remember, Christmas is right around the corner and order early for those personalized items and give the ladies time to create their magic for that special gift. Their hours are not limited to the three day events. Call Sara or Tamara at 612.619.2329 and inquire about their hours and/or make an appointment. They have sweaters, scarves, hats, afghans, quilts and cross stitch, pottery and cards, paintings and prints. The ladies love special requests too. They would be happy to help you find that special gift. Stop in and see them.



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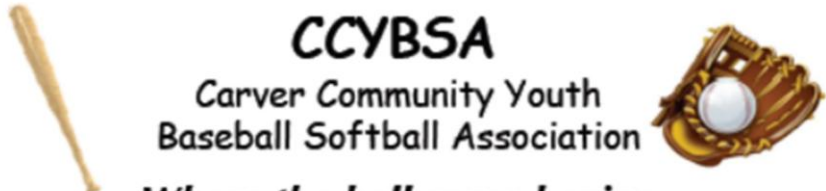
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Love INC

(Love In the Name of Christ)

Love INC and EULC

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) of Eastern Carver County brings 23 churches of all denominations together to help those living in and around Chanhassen, Chaska, Victoria, Carver, and East Union. When a person or family seeks help from Love INC, we match up volunteers from partner churches to meet their needs or call on other local agencies to do so. We work in partnership with CAP, Carver County, PROP, and other local agencies to help support and lift up those in difficult circumstances.

EULC's Involvement

Jesus said we will always have the poor among us, and that is certainly true of eastern Carver County. Thank you for your generous and ongoing donations of cash and other donations. A steady supply of these things helps ensure that everyone who needs help can receive it.

EULC has committed to a specific ministry is to gather personal care items (shampoo, soap, toilet paper, facial tissue, shaving cream, razors, cotton balls, etc.), which we deliver periodically to the Love INC warehouse in Chaska. We also have periodic special donations, such as a few weeks ago when Love INC director Doug Peterson spoke at EULC, and our members donated a mound of supplies and more than \$150 cash.

We recently gathered a small group of volunteers to help in specific ways. We always are looking for more, and you can volunteer as much or little as you like. At EULC, Sandy Hitzeman is our Love INC contact. Contact her (samronhitzeman@blackhole.com) for information or to see when our group will gather next. See also <http://loveincecc.org/>.

Christmas Is Coming—and You Can Help

You can help neighbors who have nothing extra to spend on Christmas—even for food. Love INC is coordinating a project to pack and bring complete Christmas dinner packages to local families. For just a \$35 donation, you can provide a family with enough food to prepare a nice Christmas dinner for up to eight—meat, fresh fruits and vegetables, beverages, bread, even a pie. Send your cash donations to Love INC, 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska, or join others on December 22 to pack the meals themselves. We will deliver the food packages directly to two homes. To sign up, click http://loveincecc.org/downloads/Food_for_Christmas_e-flyer_2012.pdf.

Creating Partnerships

Love INC always needs people who can give a ride, do house repairs, share a meal, teach computer skills, be a friend, help with a budget, play with kids, fix a car, listen and talk, and more!

Love INC enables individuals, churches, schools, businesses, and service organizations to pool their resources and outreach so our neighbors in need can receive support, care, and encouragement.

Blessed Bee Thrift Store

Associated with Love INC is the Blessed Bee, located at 2450 Chaska Boulevard, Chaska, in the Cities Edge Building (just west of Audubon Road).

A nonprofit organization in partnership with Love INC of Eastern Carver County.

Staffed entirely by volunteers.

All goods for sale have been donated.

All proceeds benefit our neighbors in need.

We accept gently used household items. All items must work and be clean and usable. We accept dishes, glasses, silverware, utensils, pots and pans, tablecloths, curtains, sheets, bedspreads, bath and kitchen towels, collectibles, antiques, knick-knacks, small furniture, books, CDs, DVDs, lamps, and small appliances.

We also accept clean used clothing, no holes or tears, and not outdated. Spring/summer clothing is accepted February–July. Winter clothing is accepted August–January.

We do not accept the following:

- Mattresses, box springs, large furniture, strollers and car seats, or electronic equipment.
- Shoes, maternity clothes, uniforms, underwear, robes, adult pajamas, and clothing with corporate logos.

Making a Difference

As we demonstrate Christ's love to our neighbors through Love INC and the Blessed Bee, we will see exciting results: Families in need receive immediate and long-term help. Church members use their gifts and talents in hands-on ministry.

Churches of all denominations work together, showing the unity of the Body of Christ.

Individuals, families, and communities will be transformed.

Thank you for supporting Love INC.