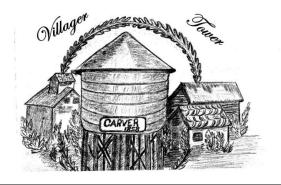
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Christy's Bluff Concept Plan The city council was asked to approve the concept plan presented regarding the Christy's Bluff development. In 2007 a preliminary plat for Christy's Bluff had been approved. The deadline for the submission of the Final Plat had expired. Presently, the proposal submitted changes the layout of the subdivision necessitating a new plat review process. The Planning Commission reviewed the concept plan recommending approval subject to the conditions of the city engineer and planner. The staff also approved the concept based on conditions by the city consultants.

The developer explained reasons for changes proposed for the Christy's Bluff Addition. The revised proposal decreases the density and allows for handling issues of previous concerns by the council. There will also be considerably more minimal impact on the existing trees. It will not be necessary to cut down trees or construct a retaining wall by the cemetery. There will also be better ponding and drainage management. Due to the changes, the lots would be serviced by gravity sewer.

The City Planner and the Engineer reviewed several issues discussing them with the city council. They included items relating to the rights-of-way and the plat. The Right of Way matches the previous preliminary plat. The lot layout however, is different. The newest layout results in the need for additional municipal utilities materials. Recommendation was submitted that the developer's engineer review minimizing the number of accesses adjacent to the Mount Hope Road. There needs to be a review of street names to discuss and decide whether cul-de-sacs should be named 'court', "circle", etc. There was also discussion pertaining to the difficulties providing an access to the Klobuchar property on the south portion of the plat. This item should be reviewed again with the Planning Commission and the council. Additional drainage, utility easements and sidewalk/trail easements may be needed to be reviewed at the time of the preliminary plat.

Outlot ownership should be discussed, along with conservation easements over the bluff areas to be obtained. Two road regarding right-of-way and easements will be required to be discussed. Storm water requirements should be submitted for review. Ponding, flow maintenance required to be reviewed by the Public Services personnel. Sidewalks and trails had issues required to be reviewed. Municipal utilities require work to be done, as well. There are multiple items that require answers prior to approval. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the concept plan for Christy's Bluff along with the comments from the engineer and the city planner.

Strategic Flood Protection Planning

The council discussed the overview of the earthen levee originally constructed in 1968 and improved various items since. Once again, the levee is not certified. The city has researched costs associated with this certification and it is not feasible without any available resources to conduct nor construct a certified levee. However, there is a Non-federal Levee Program that the city participates in. The city plans to submit this program allowing local government units to establish plans to incrementally remedy items identified in inspections. The city will continue to monitor future resourcing for possible grants to get the levee certified. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution establishing long term flood protection goals at the stated budgeted amount.



Concept Plan – Park and Ride

The Park and Ride Committee had been working with the staff, as well as the SW Transit personnel on the design of the Park and Ride site. The presented concept plan was mutually determined to be the best working design for the selected site. The facility consists of a stall parking lot and a transit shelter building. The project is concurrent with the Carver County Community Development Agency's project. Anticipated construction would begin late summer of 2013. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the preliminary plat. The financial aspect of the project was also discussed. The council had three options which included approval, approval with conditions or return to the committee. The staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

An engineering representative presented an overview of the Park and Ride proposed transit station. The design resembled the prairie historic train depot meeting the river. The exterior consisted of tempered arched windows, stone benching, wooden overhang, materials incorporating stones and wood throughout. Security cameras, materials, signage and benches were discussed along with the potential for vandalism. The next step proposed is the presentation of the final design of the transit station for council approval.

Community Development Hgency

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the proposal by the Community Development Agency. The Agency proposes development for the property to be completed in phases consisting of single-family homes, park and ride facility and apartments on the County Road # 11 site. The first two phases would be completed simultaneously, but by different entities. The third phase of the project currently is unscheduled. Phase I involved the proposal for construction by the City of Carver of the park and ride, as well as Ironwood Drive to and from Street two and three. There is a remnant parcel without any current plans. The engineering plans for the streets in this phase are part of the preliminary plat. The engineering plans for the Park and Ride will be reviewed at a later date. The Phase Two proposal involves the Single-Family neighborhood. This phase would most likely be constructed at the same time as Phase I consisting of various lots, and outlots. Phase 3 involves the proposal for apartments. This phase is not scheduled at this time. Prior to the development, the property would require to be platted into a lot or lots and plans for the apartments requiring reviewal.

The development at this time requests rezoning from agriculture to residential and public institutional, a planned residential development and preliminary plat for development. Annexation of the site took place in December of 2012 with an automatic agricultural zoning. A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning Commission Meeting in February.

Village Hall

The council reviewed restoration projects of the Village Hall. The council was told that the remodel project done in the early nineties was after many years of service requiring some updating and restoration. Recently the Lions Club members completed the repainting portion having done a terrific job. Quotes were solicited for professional installations of new ceiling tile. In order not to disrupt rentals the Public Services personnel will remove the old tile in sections and the contractor will install new during hours that are not of any conflict.



Carver Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported to the council that a member committee had been creating a "Standard Operating Procedures" manual for the Carver Rescue and Fire and Rescue Department. The council reviewed the manual providing guidance for the expectations of the department. The commission had recommended approval.

The Standard Operating Procedures Manual overview was given to the council at their most recent meeting by the city administrator. The analysis had addressed some issues. The next step is the presentation of the final version to the city for approval.

Fire Department personnel would also like to remind homeowners to ensure that addresses are on both sides of the mailbox. Sometimes one doesn't realize that responders may come from both directions. If the address and/or house number is not immediately visible it may delay arrival in the case of an emergency.

Communications Plan

During the city's goal setting sessions during the year, decision was made of the necessity for developing a Communications Plan. The council reviewed the topics to be included in this plan and they were involving a guiding vision and principles, media relations, significant incidents, existing tools and future strategies, excluded communications and online setting. All departments had reviewed the draft, as well.

The city administrator reviewed the drafted Communication Plan. The importance of the guiding principles were explained further. The plan's intent is to be proactive rather than reacting in city's communications. The next topic covered the overview of the significant incidents that must be communicated articulately for the administrator to take appropriate action. Also reviewed were excluded areas of communication. Again the next step to be taken is for the final version of the Communication Plan to be approved by the council.

RiverSide Rhapsody

The council reviewed the performance agreement for the band scheduled for the 6th Annual RiverSide Rhapsody Music Festival at RiverSide Park. The dates planned are for Wednesdays, June 12th, June 19th and June 26th. This event is funded by donations and budgeted through the Parks and Recreation department.

Minnesota Food Share

Did you know that March was Minnesota Food Share month? Donate non-perishable food items to the local food shelves this month. Please show your support for Minnesota Food Share month by donating non-perishable foods items to 'Bountiful Basket Food Shelf'. All proceeds to 'Bountiful Basket' benefit families of Eastern Carver County. Some suggestions are tuna, cereal, canned fruit, soup, jelly, peanut butter, canned/boxed meals, and canned vegetables. Looking for more information and have computer access: www.bountifulbasektfoodshelf.org or call at 952.556.0244.

Bountiful Basket is located at 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska MN 55318.

Carver Lions

Do you know you wanted to attend the Lions meeting? Had the wrong night? Need to know when? The first and third Wednesday evening of the month at the Village Hall. No one will be turned away. They just received credit for helping to upgrade the Village Hall. A paint party. Bet you wished you had been there?

The newest venture the Lions are planning and getting ready for is the Carver Lions Pork Chop Dinner in April. I believe the date is the 26th and it will be from 4 to 8 PM. Keep watching for more details.

The Lions are also still collecting gently used eyeglasses if you wish to donate them to the Lions. Don't know where to deposit them? If all else fails, drop them at City Hall. If memory serves me right, saw a collection box at Harvey's and Casey's. The staff at the City Hall would be happy to tell you where to find the collection boxes, as well. They can be reached at 952.448.5353.



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# Surface Water Management Plan

The city engineer is looking for authorization to update the Local Surface Water Management Plan so that it is consistent with the Carver County Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and modifications are necessary to the city's rate control policy. The county's Watershed Management Organization updated their Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan requiring local governments to update their local water management plans so that they are consistent with the county, as well as general requirements and specific MN Statutes and Rules. The county must have the final plans for the Metropolitan Council. This process requires hearings and notifications of plan changes to neighboring communities.

The council was told that the county's updates provide for more protection of ravine and stream areas which has been a priority goal of the City of Carver. The two agencies requirements now overlap and it was recommended that the city adjust their rate control requirements to maintain a consistent standard of ravine and stream protection adjusting the overlap. The scope of the work involves updating the city's plan to comply with the county's plan and make modifications to the city's rate control policy involving modeling, mapping and appendices in the original report.

The council was also told that the county will be required to be called to understand the handling of the proposed action by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This organization plans to adopt updated rainfall data relating to the statistics changes in the one hundred year storm depth. These matters all relate to one another and reflect future changes if necessary. These modifications would also involve a cost. Those costs were discussed by the council. Storm water utility fee funds would be utilized for these costs. The staff recommended that the council proceed with updating the Surface Water Management Plan to address the new county's plan, along with addressing the overlap.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the updating to the local water management plans addressing the County's plan, as well as addressing the overlap in the city and county requirements not to exceed the stated amounts.

#### Carver Current

Need to know where to look for events in the community before the newsletter comes out? Then be sure to check out Dan's website, Carver Current 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



East Union Elementary School

The East Union students are invited to bring a costume of their favorite book character to wear at the end of the school day on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Then on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, conferences will be held at the East Union Elementary School along with a book sale. Also on the 14<sup>th</sup>, will be East Union Spring Pictures.

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Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Harvey!

There is going to be an Open House Honoring, Harvey Galles' 100th Birthday on Saturday March 16th 2013, at 2 PM until 4 PM at the West Union Lutheran Church [ 15820 Market Avenue Carver MN 55315] Please no gifts instead share a favorite memory with Harvey. Be sure to mark your calendars and come and say hello to Harvey and wish him a 'Happy Birthday'.

Carver Country Flowers & Gifts

### Announcements

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, she will be celebrating her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Carver Country Flowers and Gifts opening in historic downtown Carver. She has a lot of celebrating going on and it is only befitting that we all celebrate with her, don't you think. Once again she will be serving refreshments to celebrate her milestone!!!! Well earned and congratulations Annette. You can also enjoy, she says, a 20 % discount on items in the shop, ( exclusive of consignments merchantdise and tux rentals, we'll get to that announcement in a minute here. ) So mark your calendars everyone and on the 21<sup>st</sup> go back to the shop and enjoy some more of Annette's celebration refreshments! What a gal huh?

There are also April highlights too! More on that in the next issue, but watch for news about her 'Prom Open House Weekend' and the 'Guys Night Out'.

Carver Country Flowers & Gifts now offers men's tuxedo and accessory rentals from Jim's Formal Wear, the largest formal wear network in the country. With 50 unique tuxedo styles, covering the latest fashion trends by designers like Calvin Klein, Tony Bowls, Ralph Lauren, Andrew Fezza and others, you're sure to find the perfect tux for your event. These tuxedos and accessories are the best quality product in the industry, so you can rent with confidence that you will get a luxurious, comfortable tuxedo. Jim's also has the best and most accurate selection of accessory colors in the industry, with over 200 colors to choose from (for vests, ties, pocket squares, etc.). Call us at (952) 681-7582 to schedule a consultation in our shop. We'll help you select the perfect tux for you from our detailed catalogs. With our accessory color swatches, we'll help you match any prom date or bridesmaid dresses perfectly. At your in-store consultation, we'll take your measurements, confirm your order and submit it to Jim's. We recommend you place your order as early as possibly to assure your first choice in tux style, as orders are filled by Jim's in the order submitted - but at least a week in advance. (there is a small service fee for last-minute orders.) Tuxedos generally arrive Thursday afternoon before your event (we'll call or text you if your tux happens to come in earlier). We encourage you to try it on here, to assure a proper fit before you leave. Once your event is over, we ask that you drop your tux off in a timely manner so that we can return it to Jim's for cleaning (and any repair that may be needed) for Jim's next rental customer.

In anticipation of Chanhassen HS and Chaska HS Proms (May 4 and May 11 respectively) we're offering "Guys Night Out" special evenings for tux fittings and ordering. Mark your calendar for Thursday & Friday, April 11 & 12, 5:00-8:00 PM. With coupon (available on Jim's Formal Wear web site or in-store at Carver Country Flowers), get \$40 off your tuxedo rental. Wedding bookings also get the Groom's Tux FREE\*, special Ring Bearer savings and nationwide fitting for out-of-town groomsmen. (\*see store for details) Annette Hentz, MNCF, CF **Carver Country Flowers & Gifts** 109 3rd St E - PO Box 156 Carver, MN 55315 (952) 681-7582 http://www.carverflowers.com/ The ONLYMinnesota Certified Florist in the Minneapolis Southwest Metro Area Named 2010 Retail Florist of the Year by the MN State Florists Assn Find us on Facebook and Twitter as CarverFlowers

### What is 5th Saturday!?

Even more announcements from Carver Country Flowers and Gifts ~~~ 5th Saturday! is a periodic in-store all-day event that occurs every time there's a fifth Saturday in a month (roughly quarterly). A fifth Saturday is worth celebrating! It means an extra payday for some, an extra play day for all! So we created a day of special activities here at Carver Country Flowers & Gifts, and we call it 5th Saturday!

So, just what special activities are going on? Well, the day begins with a FREE floral design demo at 9:00 AM. You can learn a new technique that you can use at home, or learn about special flowers, or just be entertained!

We always have refreshments. And we always have hourly door prizes! Your chance of winning is greatest if you come early, because that way your door prize slip might remain in the bowl for up to 7 drawings - or you might win one before that!

We always have some special fabulous deal on a feature flower generally a bouquet of something great for only \$5.00 (always an incredible value).

We might introduce you to a new product line. Or we might have an educational but entertaining activity planned.

Finally, there is the discount! On 5th Saturday! only, anything you can put in your 5th Saturday! fabric tote is 20% off! Tote bags are only 99 cents, and can be purchased on 5th Saturday! or anytime between events. Once you've purchased your tote, bring it back to subsequent 5th Saturday's and get the 20% discount each time!

Stay for 5 minutes or 5 hours! It's up to you! Bring a friend, or meet a new one.

AGENDA for the next 5th Saturday!: March 30 Free Floral Design Class

9 AM – 5 PM

*Special Floral Product Promotion -* (RSVP is appreciated ) Special floral bouquet for only \$5.00. (\$15.00 value) Quantities will be limited.

Discounts? Did we say discounts?

Purchase a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! fabric tote bag for only 99 cents, bring it with you to this and all future 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! events, and anything you can fit into the bag you get at 20% off! This offer is good only on 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday's (consignment merchandise is excluded). *New Product Introduction* 

Carver Country Flowers & Gifts now offers tuxedo rentals for Proms, Weddings and other formal events. Learn more! Door Prizes

Door prize drawing every hour, beginning at 10 AM.

You do NOT need to be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone or email.

Refreshments Fun

NEW THIS YEAR: Carver Junk Company will also be open on 5th Saturday, so you can shop both places when you come to town!

Carver Blood Drive

Tues April 23 noon-6pm To make an appointment online: www.redcrossblood.org or call Linda at 612-987-5454

Walk ins welcome but appointments are very much preferred.

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| March 1st               | Happy Birthday Annette!                                             |
| March 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Happy Birthday Cindy!                                               |
|                         | Happy Birthday Sonny!                                               |
|                         | Happy Birthday Hannah!                                              |
| March 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Council Meeting                                                     |
| -                       | Happy Birthday Addie!                                               |
| March 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Lions Meeting                                                       |
|                         | Carver-on-the-Minnesota Meeting                                     |
|                         | Happy Birthday Karen!                                               |
|                         | Happy Birthday Bob!                                                 |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Happy Birthday Max!                                                 |
| _                       | Happy Birthday Cheryl!                                              |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup> - | Drill Night                                                         |
|                         | Happy Birthday Brittany!                                            |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>   | No School                                                           |
| March 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 2013 Home, Landscape and Lifestyle Expo                             |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Daylight Savings Begins                                             |
| No. 1                   | Happy Birthday Sandy!                                               |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>  | PTO Meeting                                                         |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Dahlgren Township Board Meeting                                     |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting<br>Township Annual Meeting |
| March 13th              | SteamBoat Committee Meeting                                         |
| march 15                | Happy Birthday Andrea!                                              |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 100 <sup>th</sup> BirthdayParty for Harvey Open House               |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>  | St Patrick's Day                                                    |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Council Meeting                                                     |
|                         | Drill Night                                                         |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Lions Meeting                                                       |
| -                       | Happy Birthday Rylee!                                               |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Spring Equinox [ First day of spring ]                              |
| March 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Carver Country Flowers 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary                  |
|                         | Weekend Sale                                                        |
|                         | Occasional Shops weekend sales                                      |
|                         | Planning Commission Meeting                                         |
| Mr. I and               | School Board Meeting                                                |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Black Sox Annual Bingo                                              |
| March 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Spring Break Begin until March 29 <sup>th</sup> /No                 |
|                         | School<br>Happy Birthday, Jacobl                                    |
| March 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Jacob!<br>Palm Sunday                                |
| March 24                | Happy Birthday Keith!                                               |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Passover Begins                                                     |
|                         | Park and Recreation Board Meeting                                   |
|                         | Happy Birthday Charlie!                                             |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday James!                                               |
|                         | Happy Birthday Beth!                                                |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Laurie!                                              |
| March 28th              | Fire Department Meeting                                             |
|                         | Happy Birthday Cheryl!                                              |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Good Friday                                                         |
|                         | Happy Birthday Lisa!                                                |
| March 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Easter Egg Hunt                                                     |
|                         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in Carver                                  |
| Manch aset              | Happy Birthday Paul!                                                |
| March 31st              | Easter Sunday                                                       |

Black Sox

Are you ready? It's time for the Black Sox annual Spring Bingo Event. The date is March 22<sup>nd</sup> this spring. It will be held once again at the Village Hall. So Friday night on the 22nd bring your dabber, your coins, your winter blues and come have nothing but fun. Food and beverages are available. The Bingo will begin at 7 PM and end at about 11 PM. Bingo is for all ages.

The Black Sox will also begin their first practice on April 7th at 1 PM at the Woody Swanson Field. See spring is almost here. Winter will end, even though it doesn't feel like it. Keep focused on coming to bingo and the Black Sox beginning their next ball season! Stay focused. Time will fly. And then we'll complain because it's too hot! No win situation.

Parver's Occasional Obhops 2013 Occasional Sale Dates January 17 - 19

February 21 - 23 March 21 - 23 April 18 - 20 May 16 - 18 June 20 - 22 Juhe 20 - 22 July 18 - 20 August 22 - 24 September 19 - 20 October 17 - 19 November 14 - 15 December 5-7





Spring Make N Take- Saturday, March 16th 10:30 am, or call to schedule another time.

Creat an amazing centerpiece for Spring, and learn ways to change it out for other seasons. Project includes 18" wheebarrow, flower pick, bird, nest and bow. During the class you will learn how to make your own bow. Cost is \$25 per person, we have supplies

for 20 people. Please email us at

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irisvalley@frontiernet.net or call to sign up!

Spring has sprung at Iris Valley! We have some great looking clothes, jewelry, purses and home decor to help keep the cabin fever away! Stop in and check us out .....

50% Off selected clothing and home decor great deals, who can't use a little something new.

Cost is \$25 per person, we have supplies for 20 people. Please email us at inisvalley efrontiemet.net or call to sign up!

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### Sixth Street Utilities

Xcel Energy notified the City of Carver and residents affected of an upcoming project involving the area of Sixth Street West. Plans are in place to construct an overhead electrical facility from the new substation west of County Road # 11 continuing along the north side of Sixth Street West to Broadway Street. The Chaska substation had been retired from service.

The city had discussed burying the new power lines however the cost made this option extinct. The city had also investigated their option to include these costs with upcoming bonding for bridge, utility, street and trail improvements. The Community Park did not want any additional power line obstructions either.

Currently, lines exist on both the north and south side of Sixth Street West. The council reviewed possible changes with the pole locations. Some items reviewed was there any benefit to the poles on one side for the future? Do both sides allow more visibility for the trail? Has the park board ever reviewed the item? Type of lighting was reviewed. Other trail lightening was reviewed. Do power poles impact the integrity of the trail? Requirements for placement of the poles was reviewed.

At the most recent council meeting the city councilors elected to bury utilities on Sixth Street West after listening to the Xcel Energy representatives and the residents. The council authorized the buriel of new utility lines on Sixth Street West after originally electing to decline the estimated costs associated with the burying of lines. These lines are necessary to establish the connection to the new substation on Dahlgren Road. Staff will be researching financing scenarios to be discussed in the near future. Xcel Energy was also authorized to study the costs for burying power lines on Fourth Street West.

### Mobile Phones and 911

Dan Meyer, Carver Fire Chief Submitted article: The "Villager Tower" doesn't have the room to print the entire article, but will print a synopsis with the links to find out more information. Will also submit the article to "Carver Current" and see if he can post the article in full for all of you.

"Teaching children How to use cell phones and smart phones in an emergency...

by Michael Banks, RPLI

"What number do you call in an emergency?"

Luckily most school-age children will enthusiastically respond, "9-1-1!"

Next question: How do you call 9-1-1?

Answer: Pick up a handset and press 9-1-1, or pick up a wireless phone and hit 9-1-1 [SEND], right?

Look at your phone: Does it have a dial pad or a glass screen? Maybe calling 9-1-1 isn't that easy today."

Michael Banks, RPL, is a communications training officer with Wadsworth (Ohio) Police Department.

He has worked in public safety telecommunications for 17 years as a telecommunicator, training officer, instructor

and CAD system administrator. He entered the field after a few years as an EMT and continues to provide EMS part time. Contact him via

e-mail at mpbanks@gmail.com.

Learn More

• http://www.staceysays.com/2012/07/

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http://www.pewinternet.org/

Reports/2012/Smartphone-

Update-2012/Findings.aspx

• http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr061.pdf

2013 Home, Landscape and Lifestyle Expo

SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2013 Home, Landscape and Lifestyle Expo at the Chanhassen High School on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10 AM until 4 PM. This is a one day expo and will host a wide variety of exhibitors with products and services for homeowners to help improve their home and lifestyle, inside and outside.



# MN Fallen FireFighter Memorial

The Architect Leo A Daly was named finalist for Architizer A+ Award. This is a coveted award and honors innovation and impresssive new structures in architecture. There are five finalists in the memorial category on form, function, and innovation. The winner will be announced in spring of 2013.

"The International architecture/engineering firm LEO A DALY provided design, project management and cost estimation services to create the new memorial while Westwood Professional Services was responsible for survey and civil engineering. The firms partnered on a pro-bono basis with the Minnesota Fire Service Foundation, which provides support and resources to fire departments, firefighters and their families throughout Minnesota."

"Since 1881, 207 Minnesota firefighters have died in the line of duty. Their names have been inscribed on columns throughout the memorial, located on the south side of the State Capitol grounds. As part of the memorial dedication, each firefighter's family received a Minnesota State flag that has been flown over the State Capitol. In 2011, the Minnesota Fire Service Foundation launched an initiative to move the Minnesota Fallen Firefighter Memorial from the baggage claim area at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport and create a larger, more accessible and interactive memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. The new memorial gives families, friends, co-workers and community members a permanent location to pay tribute to these men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"The Fire Service successfully raised \$720,000 to fund the memorial through donations from the public, Minnesota businesses and, primarily, from the state's firefighting community. "This has been a joint effort between firefighters, the business community and the public," said George Esbensen, President of the Minnesota Fire Service Foundation. "We've seen support pour in from all across Minnesota, and we're particularly proud of the way many of the fire departments across the state have contributed to this important"

### Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc .

Carver on the Minnesota, Inc. will be holding a fundraising silent auction in conjunction with the Carver Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner at the Carver City Hall on the afternoon and evening of Friday, Apr. 26, 2013. Donations are being solicited for the auction, and it makes for a great opportunity to advertise goods, events, products, restaurants, services, and crafts, while at the same time bettering and serving the community. Donated items are tax deductible and can be dropped off during normal business hours at Carver Country Flowers and Gifts at 109 Third Street East in downtown Carver. Item pickups can also be arranged by calling John at 952-361-3149. Carver on the Minnesota, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1969 and dedicated to beautifying, restoring, and improving historic Carver, its nature trails, riverfront, cultural, artistic, historic, and educational amenities, its business climate, and environment. Among current goals: Reconstructing Riverside Park's Lost Victorian Pavilion and facilitating trail monuments and informational kiosk signage.

# Searching for an Old Friend

Looking to reconnect with an old friend and need your help. Looking to connect with Duane Williamson who grew up in Shakopee. Moved to Chaska. Have searched the web with no luck, as well as the phone books. Does anyone know Duane to send him a message and have him get in contact with an acquaintance searching to reconnect and reminisce old times? It is extremely important to the acquaintance. The Duane being sought is 50ish and probably resides locally. You can

e-mail the editor at the Villager Tower and the connection will be made. So Duane if you are reading this or anyone knows Duane, someone from your past would like to get in touch with you. Contact: <u>villagertower@carvercurrent.com</u>.



