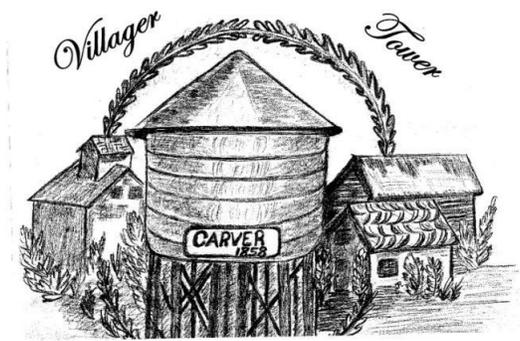


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*Dedicated to My Best Friend - Barb*

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*In Memory of Babe Jacobs*

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### *Planned Residential Districts Ordinance*

The City Planner summarized the proposed ordinance change as part of the ongoing changes updating the Zoning Ordinance. The staff recommended changes allowing smaller lot sizes for single family residential homes than allowed at the present time and do this without imposing all requirements of the Planned Residential District's process. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the ordinance allowing for smaller lot sizes.

### *Fourth Street West Overhead Utilities*

One of the unfinished business topics regarding overhead utilities on Fourth Street West was resumed at a council meeting. The administrator provided some background information. An estimate had been reviewed. Xcel Energy estimated costs for burying overhead power lines. Representative attended a council meeting to discuss the issue further and answer more questions. Requirements to do this type of project were reviewed again, as well as the costs involved. Motion was made and failed to bury the overhead lines along Fourth Street West.

### *Financial Planning*

The representative from Sprinsted was at the council meeting to discuss the approval of the appointment of the company as the Public Finance Advisor. The representative presented an overview of the services to be provided. The company boasted of being a foremost financial advisor due to volume and diversity of transactions handled by their firm. The city faces challenges to discover new approaches to age old questions. Their service approach includes five practice groups focusing on financial, development, human resources, organizational management, etc. The firm is seeking to provide a proactive approach. The firm was going to begin with getting a fresh perspective and insure gathered information will be accurate and up to date. Each step of the proposal will be brought back to the council.

### *Minnesota Highway # 41 River Crossing*

The city planner provided background from previous work sessions. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement evaluated six potential corridors plus the no-build option for the highway prepared by MN/DOT in 2007. Comments had been submitted on this statement. Meetings have occurred since sorting out concerns and preparing the Final Environment Impact Statement scheduled for release this year. The City of Carver has not formally agreed to participating as a member but has been in attendance at meeting involving the topic. An agreement has been presented to the council for consideration. In order to facilitate preparation of the final statement, members have been asked to supplement their original letters providing MN/DOT with guidance as to how to respond to the original comments. A draft letter was also presented to the council for their consideration. Motion was made and carried with all ayes agreeing to membership with the River Crossing Implementation Collaborative. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the forwarding of the supplemental comment letter without any changes.

### *Certified Local Government Grant*

The council reviewed authorizing the execution of the Certified Local Government Grant agreement involving residential design guidelines for non-residential portions of the historic district. The strategic plan involves blending of "historic" and "new" towards a joint vision. Along with a proactive, balanced and manageable growth and development. A grant has been secured, completing an update to the guidelines. The residential areas currently are still subject to original guidelines dated from the early 1980's and are difficult to interpret and use. The work would be required to be completed between now and June of 2014.

The agreement is between the City of Carver and the Minnesota Historical Society. The purpose of the project is to update Carver's residential designs review guidelines that will provide a set of consistent standards for the review of exterior alterations to locally designated properties.

### *Community Park Field # 1*

The city council adopted a resolution dedicating Field # 1 in the Community Park as the "Thon Field". This is to recognize all of Jane Thon's hard work with the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association and her years of service.

Jane has managed the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association for approximately thirty five years of dedicated service to her community. She contributed to the growth of the organization through support, time and efforts. She has impacted lasting impression on the youths and adults in the community by her willingness to donate her time and abilities. The Park and Recreation Board voted unanimously to dedicate the Community Park Field # 1 in recognition of Jane Thon. "Congratulations Jane! Good Job! " Everyone who knows her and has been lucky enough to share her space with her.

Jane was presented with a dedication plaque and this plaque will be posted at the park. She thanked everyone for their continued support throughout the years. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution dedicating Community Park Field # 1 as "Thon Field" in recognition of Jane Thon and all her work with the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association.

### *Storm Water*

The engineering firm provided the council and the public a brief presentation on the general history of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ( NPDES ), urban stormwater, education and compliance status with permit conditions. The city has been operating under an NPDES Phase II permit from the MN Pollution Control Agency since 2003. Annually a Public Hearing must be conducted educating the public and allow input on the existing Stormwater Management Plan, as well as the progress made. The city collaborates with the Lower MN River Watershed District and the Carver County Watershed Management Organization.

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When you throw dirt, you lose ground. ~ Texan Proverb

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## Carver County Development Agency

The city planner told the council that the final plat for the Carver County Community Development Agency is in substantial conformance with the preliminary plat approved previously. There are numerous technical issues remaining as outlined by the city engineer. The applicant request credit against Neighborhood Park Dedication requirements for proposed improvements to be made to Outlot A. The council reviewed the proposed improvement plan. This plan would be refined prior to execution of the Developer's Agreement.

This plat is unusual in that the various infrastructure improvements being completed by different entities during the same time. The complexities associated with this project required a draft resolution for the council to review. Motion was and carried with one abstention and all ayes approving the final version of the resolution for the final plat for the development by the Carver County Development Agency.

## Facilities Master Plan

The council discussed that the city would be seeking proposal from qualified firms assisting in the development of a Facilities Master Plan to accommodate the growth and development of the city through 2030. The selected firm would work closely with the 'Facilities Committee' to determine future facility and space needs for the City Hall, the Fire Station and the Public Services in the city.

## Levee Easement Agreement

The council was presented with a summarization from the city administrator involving the acquisition of the former Union Pacific Rail Corridor. There was a partnership between Carver County, the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, the Metropolitan Council Parks, Scott County, and the cities of Carver and Chaska. A number of goals for the city were facilitated because of the acquisition. The list of benefits were reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to enter into a Levee Easement Agreement with the Carver County Regional Railroad Authority.

## Christy's Bluff

The final plat application for Christy's Bluff was submitted for council review and approval. The adjoining property is owned by the city. In order to plat roads and lots on the property city owned, the city must join the plat to enable the existing driveway to be utilized as a public street and for the developer to construct the gap area between. The plat is in conformance with the previously approved preliminary plat. All costs are the developer's expenses. After the development is completed the city will attain ongoing maintenance and operations costs related to the streets, utilities and storm water infrastructure within the development. The Planning Commission reviewed the issue recommending approval.

## National Night Out

The 2013 National Night Out is presently scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evening. Nationwide it's the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night out event.

## Disclaimer

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## 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](http://www.carvercurrent.com)

Follow the seasons. Follow your heart. Lead by example. Lead with love, alongside simplicity and courage, embracing duty, shunning fear

~ Terri Guillemets

## Community Calendar

August 2013

August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> – Carver County Fair  
August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - Cologne Fire Department Relief Association 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire House Drive-Inn & Fundraiser  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi [ Pow Wow ]  
August 17<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup> – 2013 Minnesota Renaissance Festival  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - Occasional Shops Sales  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> through Labor Day – MN State Fair  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Stiftungsfest

September 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> - Carver SteamBoat Days

August 1<sup>st</sup> - Drill Night  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Anniversary Lindsey and Gordon!  
Happy Anniversary Keith and Amanda!  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday Willie!  
August 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Scott!  
August 5<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Sid!  
August 7<sup>th</sup> - Carver County Fair begins  
Lions Meeting Night  
Happy Anniversary Tim and Peggy!  
August 8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday John!  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Darren and Andrea!  
Happy Anniversary Rob and Missy!  
August 12<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Open House – Cologne Academy  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Bonnie!  
August 13<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
August 14<sup>th</sup> - SteamBoat Days Committee Meeting  
Happy Birthday Russell!  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - FireHouse Drive-Inn  
Wacipi  
Happy Birthday Michelle!  
August 17<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Volksfest Business Expo  
Renaissance Festival begins  
August 19<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Drill Night  
Happy Birthday Hailey!  
Happy Birthday Sarah!  
August 20<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Jack!  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> - State Fair Begins  
Happy Anniversary Vicki and Mark!  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Stiftungsfest begins  
August 24<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Kari!  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
August 27<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Jerry!  
Happy Birthday Ben!  
August 29<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night

### "Villager Tower"

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## Carver Lions

Better late than never is the cliché. In June officers were elected as they always are in the month of June. The officers elected reign for the 2013/2014. The Carver Lions new president is John Lenzen. Cheryl Peterson has been chosen as Secretary. Cathy Elke is the Treasurer.

Also make note that this year is the Carver Lion's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Congratulations Carver Lions!

President	John Lenzen
1st VP	Evelyn Grimm
2nd VP	Tim Craig
3rd VP	John Posselt
Secretary	Cheryl Peterson
Treasurer	Cathy Elke
Board Members	Gayle MacMullan, Jon Schuelke, Lori Jerome, Brad Bramigk
Membership Chair	Randy Sefkar
Tailtwister	Bob MacMullan
Liontamer	Chris Jerome
Vision-Eyeglasses	Lori Jerome
Scholarship	Brad Bramigk
Gambling Chair	Lee Ostlie/Kris Fasching

Events that the Lions have sponsored hosted involved Food and Beverages at Riverside Rhapsody. They donated and served 700 hotdogs to participants at the annual Lions District Defeat Hearing Walk Fundraiser at the MN Arboretum

Hosted the annual Youth Exchange Picnic at Lions Park. The event was attended by 36 exchange students from 20 different countries. Thank you to all the Funky Minds kids and Anna for all your help with this event. Wonderful weather, everyone had a great time.

Lions donated money to the City Park and Recreation to replace the fencing at Lions Park. They also donated funds for future Steamboat firework Donated was also made to the City to help fund the improvements at Lions Park to the tennis and basketball courts

Lions are working on upcoming Steamboat Days events

## Carver Community Baseball/Softball Association

2013 was a successful season and many good memories were made. Below is the standings out our year end tournament. Plans are already being made for 2014. Watch for more news in the following months

### High School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria - Jensen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carver Red-Guenther
- Consolation Carver Blue-Thon

### 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blue-Schwichtenberg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Bergquist
- Consolation Victoria Endres

### 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carver Red-Ryan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Duffing
- Consolation Chaska Gold Wacker/Grothe

### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Poncin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chaska Purple Wacker/Heyer
- Consolation Carver Blue-Sustacek

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year End Celebration and games were on Friday Night

Submitted by Jane Thon

"The aim of every artist is to arrest motion, which is life, by artificial means and hold it fixed so that hundred years later, when a stranger look at it, it moves again since it is life."

~ William Faulkner

## SteamBoat Days

Well summer is almost only a memory in our finest pages of the mind for 2013. When one starts getting serious and finalizing the plans for the big Carver event, the grandeur of the summer breeze, picnics, boating, vacations, lazy hazy days and rolling out of bed later than usual is all she wrote. That's right, the committees, people, groups, sponsors, vendors and volunteers are finalizing the last minute plans for SteamBoat Days right around the corner. The first day of the event begins September 6<sup>th</sup>. Although we all know that many city wide garage sales begin on Thursday, but officially the kick off is Friday. Most of the other events begin officially at 4 PM. The food vendors, the Lions Beer Tent, kid's games and activities, the Medallion Hunt first clue, water fights and music of course doesn't start until nine. Saturday is the car show and fireworks along with the other events. Sunday is a Pancake Breakfast at the Village Hall and the parade. Did you hear who the Grand Marshall is?

So many events and so much to do. Check out all the details on their website: [www.carversteamboatdays.org](http://www.carversteamboatdays.org).  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CarverSteamboatDays](https://www.facebook.com/CarverSteamboatDays)  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SteamboatDays>

## Carver Country Flowers

### Fairy Garden Accessories

Carver Country Flowers says, "We weren't really sure we wanted to get into Fairy Garden accessories, even though we have had a Fairy Gardening class in the past and we sometimes carry the miniature plants. But we've gotten so many inquiries, both in person and by phone, that we decided - Ok, we'll carry some Fairy Garden accessories. So...our stock just came in. If you have a fairy garden that needs some new accessories, check us out. If you're a fairy garden virgin, we have a sample indoor garden we planted as a demo."

Annette at the Carver Country Flowers would like you to know that if you know anyone engaged, please be sure to direct them to a new local website: [www.minnesotabrides365.com](http://www.minnesotabrides365.com). There is some great information for bridal couples. Carver Country Flowers is listed as a featured vendor under 'Flowers' and also has a profile under 'Formal Attire'.

Annette is also having a Harvest Preview Open House scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 5 PM. Check out her website for more information.

Remember too that the Occasional Shops vendors are busy getting ready for their weekend sales. And don't forget that you can find two antique occasional sales right inside Carver Country Flowers establishment - Homestead Memories and Retro Revival.

Then there is also the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Bring your 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday fabric tote bag with you ( or buy one anytime for 99 cents ) and anything you can put in the bag on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday is 20% off.

Then there is the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Trek on the weekend of August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an annual event featuring antique shops, flea markets, garage sales, cafes and all kinds of fun things to do all along Highway 212 from Glencoe to Chaska. Maps are available the week before the event.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6 PM at the Carver Village Hall will be the Red Cross Blood Drive. If you are interested in making an appointment you can do it online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Or you can call Linda directly at 612-987-5454. Walk-in's are welcome but appointments are preferred.

The Red Cross depends on 17,000 donations every single day of the year in order to keep a healthy stock of 36,000 units available each and every day

## Depot Park

The Depot Park playground has been installed and now open. The new playground for the downtown area includes swings, a slide, and a merry-go-round.

## *St Nicholas Church*

Submitted by Patrick Dempsey

St Nicholas Church festival is the same weekend as Steamboat Days – Sept 7 and 8.

You can link to our church webpage for the list of activities, but some of the highlights are:

Country Store/Garage Sale – Sat 9am, Sun 11am

Mexican Food - Saturday 11am

Chicken Dinner - Saturday 4pm

Carver Creek Bluegrass Band - Saturday 5:30pm

Silent Auction - Sat/Sun 11am

Memphis Pork Lunch - Sun 11am

Beer Garden - Sat/Sun 11am

Kids Games Sat - 12N, Sun 2pm

Bingo Sun - 2pm

Pancake Breakfast – Sun 8am (village hall lower level)

5K Fun Run/Little Steamers 1K – Sat 8am (Community Park)

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/CarverSteamboatDays5kRunWalk>

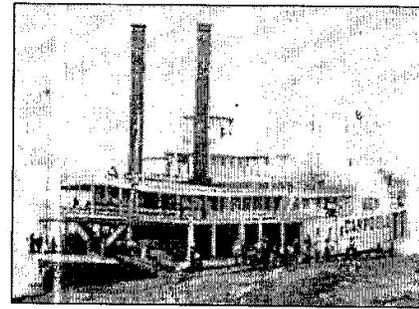
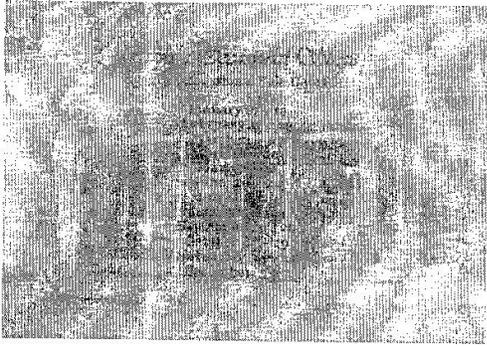


## *Steam Boat Days*

Are you ready for the fun? Have you got everything taken care of so that you can only enjoy the fun filled days coming up in September? Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 SteamBoat Days festivities begin! City wide garage sales will begin in the morning. The vendors will be setting up and officially open for business at 4 PM, including the Lions Beer Tent. Kids games and activities will be starting at 4 PM as well. The first clue will be released for the Medallion Hunt. You can't miss the Carver Fire and Rescue Water Fights. The kids waterfight will begin at 5:45 PM followed by fire departments. Friday's music entertaining the crowd will be 'Diamondback' starting at 9 PM.

Saturday the festivities continue. Garage salers will be up bright and early to open their yards for your searching for that precious treasure. The vendors and Lions tent will open for business at 11 AM. Clues for the Medallion Hunt will be at 10 AM, 2 PM and 4 PM. The Car Show will open in a new location at 11 AM. The main stage will present "The Way Back Whens" at noon until 3 PM. The infamous 'burn out' will be at 4 PM. Don't want to miss that. "Black Water Alley" will croon the crowds from 4 PM until 7 PM. One can't forget nor even think about missing the fantastic fireworks show that the event displays! They are scheduled to begin at 8:15 PM. Then at 9 PM the Main Stage Music will be "Boggie Wonderland". Along with all the city planned events, don't forget to stop by at the churches for their presentations. Trinity Lutheran is on the Third Street Hill and St Nicholas is on top of Fourth Street. ( separate side bar for St Nicholas )

The grand finale is Sunday! To start your day, stop down at the Village Hall at 8:30 AM for a Pancake Breakfast. They will be serving until noon. The vendors and the Lions Tent will open at 11 AM. The Kiddie Parade starts at 12:30 PM > The winner of the Medallion Hunt is announced at 12:55 PM and the Grande Day Parade begins at 1 PM. The Grand Marshall is Chris Frederick. There you have it. Come one, come all, visit with old friends, make new friends and share in a fantastic event that occurs only once a year!



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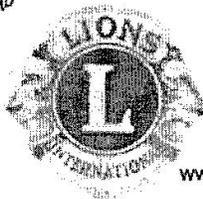
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