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A History of New Years

Did you Know?

“In 46 B.C.E. the Roman emperor Julius Caesar first established January 1 as New Year’s day. [Janus](#) was the Roman god of doors and gates, and had two faces, one looking forward and one back. Caesar felt that the month named after this god (“January”) would be the appropriate ‘door’ to the year. Caesar celebrated the first January 1 New Year by ordering the violent routing of revolutionary Jewish forces in the Galilee. Eyewitnesses say blood flowed in the streets. In later years, Roman pagans observed the New Year by engaging in drunken orgies—a ritual they believed constituted a personal re-enacting of the chaotic world that existed before the cosmos was ordered by the gods.

As Christianity spread, pagan holidays were either incorporated into the Christian calendar or abandoned altogether. By the early medieval period most of Christian Europe regarded Annunciation Day (March 25) as the beginning of the year. (According to Catholic tradition, Annunciation Day commemorates the angel Gabriel’s announcement to Mary that she would be impregnated by God and conceive a son to be called Jesus.)

After William the Conqueror (AKA “William the Bastard” and “William of Normandy”) became King of England on December 25, 1066, he decreed that the English return to the date established by the Roman pagans, January 1. This move ensured that the commemoration of Jesus’ birthday (December 25) would align with William’s coronation, and the commemoration of Jesus’ circumcision (January 1) would start the new year - thus rooting the English and Christian calendars and his own Coronation). William’s innovation was eventually rejected, and England rejoined the rest of the Christian world and returned to celebrating New Years Day on March 25.

About five hundred years later, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII (AKA “Ugo Boncompagni”, (1502-1585) abandoned the traditional Julian calendar. By the Julian reckoning, the solar year comprised 365.25 days, and the intercalation of a “leap day” every four years was intended to maintain correspondence between the calendar and the seasons. Really, however there was a slight inaccuracy in the Julian measurement (the solar year is actually 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds = 365.2422 days). This slight inaccuracy caused the Julian calendar to slip behind the seasons about one day per century. Although this regression had amounted to 14 days by Pope Gregory’s time, he based his reform on restoration of the vernal equinox, then falling on March 11, to the date had 1,257 years earlier.”

Now You Know....

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*Carver Lions*

Trust that everyone survived the cold frigid deep freeze in the beginning of the year? Brrrrr...the editor is still thawing out. Well onto more important and more fun topics than the cold spell we are in again. Ninety days and we’ll complain it’s too warm. The Carver Lions and the Carver Fire & Rescue and oops also the Carver Parks and Recreation are hosting the Annual Soggy Bottom Open on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the RiverSide Park. ( see insert ) A portion of the proceeds will be donated to help the families of two Carver residents. Abby Lindall was diagnosed with a brain tumor in December 2013 and Madysen Pederson was diagnosed with bone cancer in December 2012. So be sure to join in, and if you can’t consider donating anyway.

*Carver Fire Relief*

The Carver Fire Relief will also be hosting an “All-You-Can-Eat Chili Feed”! All proceeds from this event will also be divided between Abby and Madysen’s families. You will also find an insert in the newsletter with more information on these youngsters. Please consider supporting this event as well. I can only imagine how overwhelming this has to be to anyone involved. What if it were my child? What if it were my family? How devastating. Even if you don’t know these individuals, consider helping, attend, and get to meet the wonderful people who care in the community to do these types of fundraisers and possibly the families and the young people who it involves. Even if you don’t like chili, the warmth and support alone has to be terrific! I heard from a big fire flaming bird that there will be hot dogs too. Wow...chili dogs! Oh, never mind, those are for the kids. Bet you could get one anyway. Go and try, Be sure to stop at the Village Hall on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM until 8:30 PM and meet the crowd!

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*This issue is dedicated in Memory of Lou Robb & Pat Halloran & Janice Buckentine*

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## *Carver Fire & Rescue*

The Fire Chief informed the council that the Carver Fire Relief has postponed the Steak Fry until October and might be in conjunction with a golf tournament.

The council was told that the Carver Fire Officer selection process was completed. Approval of the selections will be proposed in a resolution for council approval. Firefighter Jeff Primmer will be taking more classes before his appointment as the Carver Fire Marshal with shared responsibilities with Mark Pistulka.

## *Truth-in-Taxation*

The council opened the Public Hearing on the Truth-in-Taxation requirement. The administrator stated the purpose of the hearing was to enhance the public participation in Minnesota's property tax system, to educate the public and encourage public involvement to help local officials in setting spending priorities. Clarification concerning valuation and questions need to be directed to the Carver County Assessor's Office. The school district referendum is not reflected in the proposed statement and may have an effect on the proposed taxes. The 2013 legislature exempted cities from most sales and use taxes and this new exemption begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. The estimated sales and use tax in 2012 for the City of Carver was estimated. The budget reflected savings provided through the new sales and use tax exemption. The city will continue to monitor the sales and use tax saving and will reflect them in future budgets. The council directed the staff by motion to prepare the annual tax levy and budget resolutions.

The council certified its preliminary tax levy in fall, representing a 5.3 % increase over the 2013 levy. Throughout the remainder of the fall the council had additional budget work sessions primarily discussing additional law enforcement coverage and planning services. Decisions reached referenced items facilitating the ability to consider reducing the final levy for 2014. The staff was directed to prepare the final tax levy for consideration. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2014 tax levy. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the 2014 budget.

## *2014 Fee Ordinance*

Each fall the council reviews various fees charged by the city, determining the appropriate fees necessary for the following year. An ordinance is adopted each December setting those fees taking effect the following year after publication of the ordinance. The proposed changes were outlined for the council's review in the following areas: solicitors, variances conditional use permits MCSE SAC, sewer connection charges, water connection charges, storm water area charges and ball fields for tournaments. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution establishing fees for 2014.

## *Copper Hills*

The city planner informed the council that the builders in the Copper Hills development requested rezoning, Proposed Residential District and preliminary plat approval for the second addition. The Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing and recommended approval of the request subject to conditions. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving rezoning. Motion was made and carried approving the resolution approving the preliminary plat.

## *Metropolitan Council Population Forecast*

The administrator provided an update to the council regarding the Metropolitan Council's preliminary forecasts for 2040. Two letters were forwarded to the council. The first letter comprised disagreeing with the new forecasts including concerns with regional assumptions that would impact the county overall. The second letter compiled and highlighted common themes the county outlined by other cities letters. The administrator also conversed with the District Four board member.

## *Conditional Use Permit Amendment*

The city planner provided background relating to the Conditional Use Permit for the structure on Sixth Street. The owner of the property and the proposed purchaser submitted a request for an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit to extend the time frame allowed for completion of certain capital improvements to the property. The staff generally supported the request, providing maintenance of compliance with other provisions in the Conditional Use Permit, in order for the purchasers to develop a plan for the property. A Public Hearing was held by the Planning Commission.

At the hearing statements were documented that the site was not operating in conformance with the conditions of the existing Conditional Use Permit. Those conditions are not the items being requested for remediation at the present time. The testimony heard focused on noise, operating outside established hours, businesses not permitted and storage in areas not allowed. The Planning Commission recommended denial of the amendment. Their reasoning was that it was their opinion that the property would not be in compliance with the Conditional Use Permit with or without the amendment.

The interested purchasers and the property owner were at the meeting. The purchasers intent was to review the outstanding issues with the existing Conditional Use Permit with a goal to create a win-win resolution for everyone involved. An extension was requested in order to review the requirements of the existing Conditional Use Permit.

Overall the council's concerns remained with the outstanding issues in the Conditional Use Permit reminding everyone involved that the original Conditional Use Permit with or without a sale of the property, the conditions remain in effect. The existing Conditional Use Permit requires the property to be utilized for a storage facility.

The staff was directed to prepare a resolution to amend the Conditional Use Permit reflecting a new date providing a three month extension. The resolution would be considered at the upcoming meeting.

The council reviewed the proposed resolution extending the time frame for completing certain capital related improvements to the property's Conditional Use Permit issue until March 17<sup>th</sup> in 2014. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the resolution presented amending the Conditional Use Permit for identified property.

## *Snow and Ice Control Policy*

The Public Services Superintendent told the council that the existing Snow Plow Policy was reviewed and rewritten. Priorities for plowing are now in place, along with bus routes prioritized along with consideration streets with steeper grades. The policy will be reviewed annually. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the snow and ice control policy presented.

## *Standard Operating Procedures Manual*

The Fire Department initiated some minor amendments to the Standard Operating Procedures Manual. These amendments primarily clarified language for the minimum qualifications of membership, office appointment process and administration of minimum call and training requirements. The department also proposed adoption of the Medical Response Guidelines. The guidelines were created by staff at Ridgeview Medical Center as protocol for emergency responders. The city's attorney drafted the changes to the manual. Recommendation was submitted to adopt the amendments.

## *Service Award*

The city recognized and thanked the Public Services Utilities Superintendent, Larry Revering. Larry has served the City of Carver for the past fifteen years. It was stated that "He does a fantastic job as the Utilities Superintendent in the Public Services Department." The council and the staff thanked him for his dedication and hard work. A plaque to commemorate his years of service were presented to him.

## Heritage Preservation Commission Strategic Plan

The city council and the Heritage Preservation Commission members jointly participated in the planning process leading to the development of the HPC Strategic Plan. It had been previously approved by both parties. The Carver Historic District is both a nationally, state, and locally designated historic district was listed over thirty four years ago. The plan includes goals listed as action steps to support the planning areas; enhance the Administration of Preservation Activities; promote training in preservation; create new communication tools for preservation; improve local preservation tools and resources; and create sustainability for preservation. An annual update on the progress has been drafted on the goals and action steps for the council's review.

## Market Analysis Study

The council reviewed the work plan as a result of the Economic Development Committee for the proposal solicited from the McComb group to perform a market analysis study. The objective of the study was to evaluate the shopping area location, identify competitive shopping areas delineate a trade area for the shopping area, identify trade area demographics, and estimate the trade area spending potential. These findings of the study will assist the city in developing the economic development strategies. The cost of the study unbudgeted would be funded from administrative fee proceeds that the city received as part of the Presbyterian Homes conduit financing deal. The economic development committee recommended approval of the proposal. Motion was made and carried with all eyes accepting a proposal from the McComb Group to perform a Market Analysis Study not to exceed stated amount.

## Adam Circle Pond

The council was updated by the staff on work done by a property owner in the city draining and utility easement around storm water pond near Adam Circle. The city staff identified the recent grading work conducted by the property owner during storm water system inspections. Public Services, the Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District and city engineering representative conducted the site investigation. A letter was drafted based on the review. The city attorney also reviewed the matter providing direction for the city to proceed to accomplish remediation and potential reimbursement according to city code. Based on feedback, the property owner was contacted regarding the unauthorized grading work done and the city would be doing some surveying work to collect field assessment to review abatement options. A recommendation in the future would be submitted.

## Park Plans

The council discussed the item of park plans directing the staff to prepare a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, update to the Park Dedication Study and the Park Capital Improvement Program. The city had recently adopted the Economic Development Work Plan inclusive of working with the school district for the site of an elementary school within the City of Carver. One of the tools utilized to develop a school is to coordinate with the school district in the planning and development of the park amenities associated with the school.

The staff prepared preliminary analysis to show from a budgetary perspective how acquisition and development of said park could be moved into the next several years. In order to proceed the following items were required; A Comprehensive Plan Amendment was necessary to move the site of the school from the proposed Tollefson site to a different location; the Park Dedication Study requires updating to reflect the changing nature, but also for standard periodic review; and a new Park Capital Improvement Program would be prepared and adopted. The recommendation was submitted to proceed with the planning items. Direction from the council was necessary.

## East Union Lutheran Church

East Union's annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled to be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Items for the Silent Auction are being requested. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

The Retired Fire Fighters of Carver, Second Alarm donated gift cards for members in need at the church.

## Man Caves Wanted

Nonprofit Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc. is looking to conduct a Man Cave Tour and Craft Beer Tasting event on the afternoon of June 14, 2014, rather than hold its annual Carver Area Garden Tour and Wine Tasting event. So far we have four committed hosts and are looking to find a few more hosts to make the event happen. Suitable Man Caves should be in Carver or the Carver area. Man Caves might include such special places as workshops, wood shops, hobby shops, home theaters, horse barns, home bars, truck and car garages, sports rooms, craft shops, electric train rooms, man gardens, art workshops and galleries, collectable rooms, grilling patios, and so on. Profits from the event go entirely to the betterment of Carver on many levels. If you have a special Man Cave to share and want to volunteer to be part of the event, please contact John von Walter at 952-361-3149 or Annette Hentz at Carver Country Flowers at 109 Third Street East in downtown Carver or by phone at 952-681-7582 by the morning of February 4<sup>th</sup> 2014.

## 2013 Carver

## Heritage Preservation Award

Carver City Council member Cindy Monroe is the recipient of the 2013 Carver Heritage Preservation Award for her restoration of the J. A. and Dorothy Skoog House at 220 Third Street West in downtown Carver. The award is given annually for the year's best preservation work in the Carver Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During October and November nominations were solicited from Carver citizens. At the December meeting of the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission the 2013 nominations were reviewed and the commission selected the year's best preservation work or contribution to the Carver Historic District. Cindy Monroe will be presented a plaque at the Carver City Council meeting at the Church-by-the-River. She will also receive a traveling sign of recognition which will be placed on the restored property for a year.



Among Cindy Monroe's restoration projects were repairing a decayed and sagging summer kitchen porch, replacing rotted siding, replacing a missing double hung window that had been boarded up for years, and scraping, priming, and painting the entire house, garage, and carriage house. Prior to this year's restoration work new roofs had been installed on all the buildings. The house was constructed in 1896 and decorated in an elaborate Eastlake/Queen Anne Victorian Revival style, including porch brackets, pierced and scrolled decoration, gable-end fish scale shingles, roof cresting, and an Eastlake porch balustrade. The house was probably built by Carver master builder Olaf Hansen, who owned a frame building two doors to the west, and who was one of the premier builders in Carver County in the latter 1800s and early 1900s.

The home's first owner was Carver businessman Johan Alfred Skoog, who was born in East Union in Dahlgren Township on January 1, 1861, the son of Swedish-born Lars and Mary (Bryngelsson) Skoog. In the spring of 1858 his parents and older siblings emigrated from Sweden with his grandfather, arriving aboard the sailing vessel *Minona* which was chartered by a group of relatives, neighbors, and friends of the Skoogs in Sweden.

The Skoog family settled on a farmstead in East Union and when the Civil War broke out J.A. Skoog's father, Lars Skoog, enlisted in Company M of the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery Regiment. J. A. Skoog's father served as guardian to young Peter Broberg, the only survivor of the Swedish immigrant Daniel Broberg family of Kandiyohi County, who were killed by Dakota Indians on August 20, 1862 during the Dakota Uprising. J. A. Skoog and his brother Andrew Skoog owned a general store which once sat just to the south of the present day Carver post office site on Broadway. J. A. Skoog later came to own the store alone, and was a director of the Carver County Fair, held then in Carver's Riverside Park, and served as Carver's mayor.



## Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association

Registration is now open for the CCYBSA ( Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association ) for T-Ball, Softball and the Baseball season in Carver. These programs provide children with an opportunity to have fun, to develop physically and socially and to learn basic fundamentals of the sport of baseball and softball.

Here it is January and you know spring is upcoming soon when the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association is gearing up for spring with registrations! So there is hope, the snow will be going away soon. Researching their postings on line, it appears that the baseball/softball registration deadline has been extended through March 21<sup>st</sup>. It states that you register for the grade you are currently in this school year.

They have Minor/Rookie 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Major Division 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, pee-wee, baseball, T-Ball and different levels of softball. T-Ball registration is open until April 15<sup>th</sup>. All the information is on line at the city's website. What if you don't have a computer? Call the City of Carver. I am certain one of the office staff would help you. You can go to the local library. I would be almost certain that the school personnel would also assist if asked. I did see reference that if you needed help with registration to contact Jenny Trebiatowski at 952.594.1011.

Some general information is that games are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 PM or 7:15 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup> with some schedule changes due to weather and field availability and this schedule appears to apply to minor/major. Then for Softball it appears that the games are planned for Mondays and Wednesdays, May 14<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>, also with schedule changes due to weather and field availability. These divisions of the softball teams will participate in the mid-season tournament on June 16<sup>th</sup> and the end-season tournament scheduled for the third week in July. Their notes read that this format is in the development stages. The T-ball is scheduled until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The notes also state to check out the 'Open Gym' on Sundays. There will be batting cages, pitching, t-ball hitting stations, and softball base running/sliding clinic. Boys are welcome to participate in the open dates to practice. Check out the city's website for accurate details. Again, no access to computer, check with the library, school, friend or the city.

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### Carver Current

The "Villager Tower" publications can be found at [www.carvercurrent.com](http://www.carvercurrent.com), along with other important information involving the community from various sources. You can post time sensitive events at the "Carver Current" site, as well. This site is a great way to share information.

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### Village Hall - Free - Tot Time

The Last Friday of each month beginning January through April there is Tot Time Open Play ( Free ) in the Village Hall gym for ages one through five at 9 AM until 10:30 AM. Be sure to come and check it out. This is a Park and Recreation hosted event. February's Tot Time Open Play is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Carver Black Sox

Mark your calendars early and keep April 11<sup>th</sup> open for the Spring Bingo event sponsored by the Carver Black Sox.

They are planning for the Friday, before Good Friday/Easter weekend for 7 PM at the Village Hall. You can win an Easter Ham on special games. I didn't know that. Did you? The three 'B's' are available. Bet you don't know what that is either? Burgers, beer and last but not least, Bingo will all be available on April 11<sup>th</sup>! Don't plan anything else.

The Black Sox's also open their season the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM playing the St Croix Falls team. Their League Opener - Home is scheduled at the Woody Swanson Field for Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM against the Watertown team. Brian also wants you to know that the Carver Black Sox will be hosting an invitational tournament with Cologne on the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Wonder if all the snow will be gone by this time this year? What a wonderful thought, regardless, softball, baseball, outdoors, warmth is around the corner!!!! If you are able check out the team's website, it says "Their 2014 Preliminary Schedule is posted".

### SouthWest Metro Transit Proposal

The council reviewed the SouthWest Metro Proposal for the Carver Station Service. Background information was reviewed. A grant had been awarded in 2009. The expected completion is estimated to be the fourth quarter of 2014 and the first quarter of 2015. SouthWest Metro is a public transport provider for Eden Prairie, Chaska, Chanhassen and now soon to be Carver. The SouthWest Transit formed in 1986. Presently, they operate approximately one hundred sixty trips per day with sixty one buses. The major routes are downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota. They operate one of the regions oldest reverse commuter programs. There are seven Park and Ride locations. They offer seasonal and special services.

The council reviewed the schedule overview presented. Eastbound Schedule would span from 6 AM to 9 AM from the Carver Station. The downtown coverage would be twenty minute frequencies; U of M coverage, thirty minute frequency and Eden Prairie coverage, thirty minute frequency. All routes would stop at the East Creek station in Chaska and there are not any planned express trips ( no stops ). The Westbound Schedule would be 1 PM to 6 PM with downtown starts and finishes at 1:20 PM and 6:20 PM. The coverage frequency of U of M and Eden Prairie would be thirty minutes. Stopping at East Creek in Chaska.

The route maps were reviewed by the council, and the overall service costs were also reviewed. Specific costs would be determined as the completion neared.

### Organizational Appointments

An outline was presented to the council for the organization appointment positions for 2014. The appointments were discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution of organizational appointments for 2014.

### Surface Water Management Plan

The city engineer provided the council with an overview of the Surface Water Management Plan resolution. The Carver County Watershed Management Organization updated their Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and local governments associated with the watershed organization is required also to update their plans to be consistent with the county, along with general requirements specific to the states statutes and rules. The engineer had been authorized to update the plan. These updates had been distributed and reviewed. Comments had been received and the updates were made. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution to update the Surface Water Management Plan.

### Security Agreement

The council reviewed the law enforcement topic providing law enforcement during rental events in the Carver Village Hall. Historically the Carver County Sheriff's Office contracted for services for police security at rental events, The amounts were discussed and increased for the 2014 year. The staff recommended approval.

## Carver Country Flowers

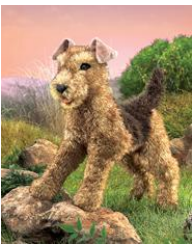
Want to save an additional ten percent on all your favorite products?

Carver Country Flowers has created their very own "VIP" program for all of you who want to shop and save at the same time. The more you shop, the more you save!

Annette says it's easy. At the sales counter in the Carver Country Flowers Shop you will find the VIP box to start. Then each time you make a purchase, enter the date, receipt number and the amount spent (excluding sales tax). When you have completed six transactions, you have earned store credit equal to ten percent of the total of those six transactions, usable on your next shopping trip. Who wouldn't want to save ten percent on the things you need anyway? Annette says that the best of all, when you have completed one VIP card, you can start another one and save all over again! Ask for your VIP card on your next visit. (PS: the program is for in-store purchases only)

There will be Valentine's Day's special hours for Carver Country Flowers and Gifts & Formal Wear. The hours are Thursday, February 13, 10 AM until 7 PM, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to 6 PM and closed on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

"Valentine's Day isn't just about flowers!" Annette says. "There are many other gifts that express a loving sentiment. We have Valentine's Day greeting cards, Abdallah chocolates, luxury soy candles, Thymes fragrances body products, photo frames and many other gifts.



### Coming Soon!

Annette also wants you to know that "one of the hottest items for children (and adults) – Folkmanis puppets. Yes, they're PUPPETS! But they are cuddly and darling and would make great gifts. Annette is going to give this line a try, so she has ordered the critters. Pictures are on her website on the community events format. You can sign up for e-mails and she will send you news. If sales go well, she will

add to the collection. She says there are many available. She will consider special orders. Stop in and check them out.



"Many customers collect the charming Lori C Mitchell kids (and her other creations). In the past we've put them out by season." The shop has decided to keep ALL of these collectibles, regardless of the season, in the shop all the time. So, if it's summer and you would like to pick up a Halloween kid, we'll have them in stock. Valentine's characters are on order and should be arriving soon.

And don't forget. If you need formal wear, you will be able to find that too at the Carver Country Flowers and Gifts store.

February 13<sup>th</sup> is Valentine Guy's Night Out...5 PM until 7 PM. Where? Well Carver Country Flowers of course. Some guys want to pick out their Valentine's Day flowers personally, and can't get to our shop during our normal business hours. So Annette is setting aside the evening before Valentine's Day just for these guys. Place your custom order the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> and either pick it up or have us deliver it on Valentine's Day. Or, if you see a pre-made design in our cooler that you want, purchase it and either take it home with you, or again, Annette says they will deliver it on Valentine's Day.



## Community Calendar

February 2014

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|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 1 <sup>st</sup>  | - | Soggy Bottom Open                                                                                                       |
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | - | GroundHog Day                                                                                                           |
| February 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | - | Happy Birthday Darrel!<br>Drill Night<br>Council Meeting                                                                |
| February 5 <sup>th</sup>  | - | District #112 Late Start                                                                                                |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup>  | - | Adult & Child CPR/Fire Station                                                                                          |
| February 7 <sup>th</sup>  | - | All-You-Can-Eat Chili Feed!<br>Zinghoppers! [ Chaska HS Auditorium ] 6:30 PM<br>XXII Olympic Winter Games, Sochi Russia |
| February 9 <sup>th</sup>  | - | East Union Lutheran Church's Annual<br>Spaghetti Dinner<br>Happy Birthday Bonnie!                                       |
| February 10 <sup>th</sup> | - | Dahlgren Township Board Meeting<br>Happy Birthday Adam and Tommy!<br>Officer's Meeting Night [ Fire<br>Department ]     |
| February 11 <sup>th</sup> | - | Heritage Preservation Commission<br>Meeting                                                                             |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup> | - | Lincoln's Birthday                                                                                                      |
| February 13 <sup>th</sup> | - | Ash Wednesday<br>Happy Birthday Maddie!<br>School Board Workshop Meeting                                                |
| February 14 <sup>th</sup> | - | Valentine's Day                                                                                                         |
| February 15 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Kim!<br>Happy Anniversary Dwight and Janet!<br>Happy Birthday Katie!<br>Susan B Anthony Day              |
| February 16 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Tom!                                                                                                     |
| February 17 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Bob!<br>Happy Birthday Bruce!<br>No School<br>Drill Night                                                |
| February 18 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Merva!<br>President's Day<br>Washington's Birthday<br>Council Meeting                                    |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup> | - | US Marines landed on Iwa Jima ( 1945 )                                                                                  |
| February 20 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Tom!<br>Planning Commission Meeting                                                                      |
| February 21 <sup>st</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Peggy!                                                                                                   |
| February 22 <sup>nd</sup> | - | Tot Time – Open Play<br>Happy Birthday Sandra!                                                                          |
| February 23 <sup>rd</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Faye!                                                                                                    |
| February 24 <sup>th</sup> | - | Fire Department Meeting Night<br>Park & Recreation Commission Meeting                                                   |
| February 26 <sup>th</sup> | - | Home and Garden Show/Minneapolis<br>Convention Center                                                                   |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Dad!<br>School Board Meeting                                                                             |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup> | - | Happy Birthday Skylar!                                                                                                  |

*Happy Valentines Day !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

## Financial Consultants

The financial consultants recommended that the city review and close inactive developer accounts. Some accounts display inaccurate meanings. Some accounts have escrow available to offset unpaid amounts, Some require to be written off as uncollectible debts. Escrows are funds provided and held by the city to ensure performance of obligations under agreements. The council reviewed the presentation outlining refunds, uncollectible debts and the amounts remaining in the accounts following reconciliation completion.

## 2014 Annual Clean Up Day

The council reviewed the proposal presented by Elite Waste Disposal for the 2014 annual Carver Clean Up Day. The date established for the event is Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event is in partnership with the Carver County Environmental Services where the city provides an annual clean-up day for residents for a curbside hard goods pick up. The city is anticipating receiving a grant from the Carver County Environmental Services that would be allocated to the 2014 budget for the cleanup program. Recommendation was submitted to approve as presented. The flyer created outlines what can or can not be included in the event.

# Zinghoppers

Submitted by : Heather Brands  
 Zinghoppers! ~ Live Music and Science Concert for Kids! A Screen Show Adventure  
 Celebrating Science  
 Chaska MN ~ February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ 6:30 PM ~ Chaska High School Auditorium

Zinghoppers, an award-winning, internationally touring musical group for kids, is set to entertain our young ( and young at heart ) with a science themed concert adventure at the Chaska High School auditorium in February. The high-energy, educational show, sponsored by Eastern Carver county Community Education, includes amazing science experiments, screen show and interactive music written and performed along with the kids.

“We are a preschool party rockers and our mission is to educate, entertain and engage kids” said Kitty Norton ( DJ Kitty ), who stars in the show alongside her husband Jack Norton ( J-star ). The team, who are joined on stage by a cast of characters including Funky Possum, Coconuts the Kangaroo and Ola Da Donkey, are EMMY Award winning children’s songwriters and PBS TV series hosts who got their start in the pre-school classroom.

The Minneapolis husband and wife team are both trained pre-school educators and musicians who now perform an average of five hundred concerts internationally each year. The group, who have been described as “Barney meets the Black Eyed Peas” by the *New York Times*, have an EMMY Award winning television series of short form music videos that is seen by over two million people daily in over one hundred seventy five counties and are being broadcast on over one hundred PBS member stations nationally. And if that wasn’t enough, *Parent Magazine* named the Zinghoppers the “#1 Kids Entertainers in Nashville” for the past four years.

This “must see” live music and science concert for kids promises to be a high-energy, entertaining and educational good time for all. The show is set for Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the Chaska High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$ 8 for students and \$ 10 for adults and advance purchase is recommended by ordering online at [www.112performing.org](http://www.112performing.org) or by calling 952.556.3516.



## Traditions ~ ~ Old & New ~ ~

Jacqi from Traditions wishes y’all a Happy New Year. She says also thanks for your support as they kick off their 5<sup>th</sup> year at the Dahlgreen Golf Club. They look forward to serving everyone in the 2014 year. Their weekend specials include Beer Battered Tilapia, Cheese Ravioli, and Jack Daniels Apple Roasted Pork Loin. Jacqi is also promoting their Valentine’s Day Four Course Wine Dinner. She asks that you please Menu-reserve by February 1<sup>st</sup> to save \$ 10 per couple.

Their winter hours are Friday and Saturday ~ 4 PM to 8 PM. The kitchen stays open until 9 PM based on Business/Reservations. There are homemade specials offered. Happy Hour is 4 PM to 6 PM.



*February 14*

Four Course Wine  
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## *Donated Street Signs*

“Nonprofit Carver-on-the-Minnesota Inc has donated signs to the City for the entrance to Riverside Park. Located on both sides of the bridge trestle over Main Street East, the signs are visible from the stop sign on Broadway and Main Street. Take a look next time you drive by.” Kristy says.

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## *Informational Public Hearing*

An informational public hearing is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Church-By-The-River on Monday to discuss adopting ordinances relating to snowmobiles. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the means for the public to offer feedback on proposed changes to the ordinances in the City of Carver. The informational hearing is to promote open discussions on changes impacting the public.

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## *Artist Help Wanted*

Nonprofit Carver-on-the-Minnesota, Inc., the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission, and the Carver Park and Recreation Commission are working together to create, fund, and build trail monuments around Carver that commemorate and promote its history. The brick and steel framework for the first of these monuments is already in place at the south end of Broadway near the tugboat, awaiting a double-sided graphics panel. One side of the panel will face northward on Broadway Street and feature historic photographs and text depicting Broadway's architecture and history. The other side of the panel will face toward the Minnesota River with graphics, photos, and text to describe Carver's founding and steamboat era. Hopefully the monument will be fully completed in April.



One key photo we are missing is that of Carver's first building, a claim shanty/hotel built on the riverbank by Carver's Norwegian founder, Axel Jorgenson, in the winter of 1851-1852. Called the Hotel Luksenborg by Jorgenson, it survives to the present at 309 Oak Street, having been moved to its present location around 1860 and incorporated into a stable in the 1880s. The claim shanty hotel also served as the first schoolhouse for Minnesota School District #1 until 1862. While there is no known photograph of the primitive building, we do have a good written description and its dimensions, which have helped us render a crude drawing of the building. We are looking for an artist to do a *pro bono* signed rendering of the simple building in pen and ink, watercolor, acrylic, or oil painting. This rendering would appear in a future book on the history of Carver and, if approved by the three monument groups, would appear on one panel of the Broadway monument. If interested and able contact John von Walter at by email at [jvonwalter@embarqmail.com](mailto:jvonwalter@embarqmail.com). or 952-361-3149.

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## *Carver Lions*

The article for the Lions needs a new spin with the new year and new issue. Do you know when the Lions meet? Do you know what they do? Do you know who benefits from the hard work that the Lions do? You do. The community does. Senior citizens, churches, people in need, total strangers, kids, families...need I go on? Do you know how rewarding their efforts are? Well come on down and find out. You are missing out on an opportunity of a lifetime. Now is your chance. Come on down to the Village Hall either the first or third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall ( city hall ) and you won't be turned away. And remember, too, if you have unused eyeglasses, the Lions have a very good use for them. They see that people who need them and can't afford them have access to new eyewear.

And don't forget on February 1<sup>st</sup> is the sponsored Soggy Bottom V event at the RiverSide Park and on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February along with other local organizations is the All-You-Can-Eat Chili Feed to benefit two local families!!!!

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January 16-18

February 20-22

March 20-22

April 17-19

May 15-17

June 19-21

July 17-19

August 21-23

September 18-20

October 16-18

November 13-15

December 4-6

*Occasional Shops Sales 2014*



# Soggy Bottom V

## An 18-Hole Golf Tourney In The Snow!



A portion of the proceeds will be donated to help the families of Carver residents, Abby Lindall, after she was diagnosed with a brain tumor in December 2013, and Madysen Pederson who was diagnosed with bone cancer in December 2012.

### Saturday, February 1

### 11:00am - 2:00pm

### Riverside Park, Carver

300 Main Street East



Bring one golf club, hockey stick, or whatever else you would like to hit a tennis ball with. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the park. Heated tent & bonfire! Ages 12+. Under 18 years of age requires parent/guardian supervision.

**Registration Fee: \$25.00/person**

**Includes 18 holes, a Soggy Bottom Stocking Cap, and all you can eat chili!**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



Refund Policy: A full refund will be given if event is cancelled by the Parks & Recreation Department or Carver Lions. A \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged for cancellations requested by individuals prior to the event date. No refunds will be made on or after event date. As lawful consideration for being permitted to use the City of Carver Parks and Recreation and Lions Club services and facilities, I on my own behalf, and on behalf of any minor children or whom he or she is legally responsible, hereby assumes the risk of any liability resulting from such use, and agrees that the City of Carver and any and all of its agents, employees, elected officials, and volunteers (collectively "the City") shall be held harmless and exempt from liability for any injury or disability which the participant(s) listed above might incur as the result of participation in the use of services and facilities of the City of Carver, due to the passive or active negligence of the City. This release of liability of the City does not include any injuries that the participant(s) may incur as the result of willful, wanton or intentional misconduct by the City. I also understand that occasionally, photographs may be taken during program participation for publication. By signing below, I verify I have read, understood, and agree to the terms of this Release.

Adult/Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail forms to: Carver Parks & Recreation, PO Box 147, Carver, MN 55315 or drop at City Hall. Checks payable to: City of Carver.



# The Carver Fire Relief is hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Chili Feed!

The Carver Fire Relief supports the members of the Carver department. The Carver Fire & Rescue, which is composed of all-volunteers, provides fire, medical assistance, and emergency services to the City of Carver, Dahlgren Township, and San Francisco Township. As volunteers, they commit countless hours to helping our community and keeping it safe. Now, two of its members need the communities support.



*Madyson is the loving daughter of Ryan and Amy Pederson. In December of 2012, Mady began complaining of pain in her shin after a long night of dancing. After several reassurances that there was nothing to be concerned of, 7 months later, Mady was diagnosed with **Adamantinoma**, a very rare bone cancer.*

*Mady has a passion for life and a very positive attitude. Kindness is her second nature and she is always willing to help anyone out and would do anything for anyone.*

*Mady is also a competitive dancer. Although she cannot dance right now due to her treatments, she is convinced that she will be able to return.*

*Her prognosis is good. The doctors say there is a 70 to 80 percent chance that she will remain cancer free and once her bone regenerates and heals, she hopes to dance again.*

*Mady still has to undergo two more surgeries in 2014, but she will continue to be positive, hope for the best, and always keep smiling!*



*Abigail is a sweet 10 year old with a love for animals, friends, family, school, and rainbow looms. Abby is the daughter of Nate and Susan Lindall.*

*Last summer, Abby began to measure herself daily on her growth chart only to become disheartened that she had not grown. Her shoe size and height had not changed in 2 years.*

*After enduring numerous meetings with doctors and specialists, an endocrinologist was finally able to explain that Abby had a 2cm brain tumor attached to her pituitary stalk and wrapped around her optic nerve.*

*Because of the placement of the tumor, only half of it was able to be removed with surgery. While it was determined to be benign, the remainder of the tumor will need to be removed by laser, **Craniopharyngioma**.*

*Abby is still facing 8-10 weeks of tests, procedures, and treatments in Jacksonville FL. She will then need 4 MRI's a year to insure the tumor is not returning. She is one tough girl with a huge heart.*



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

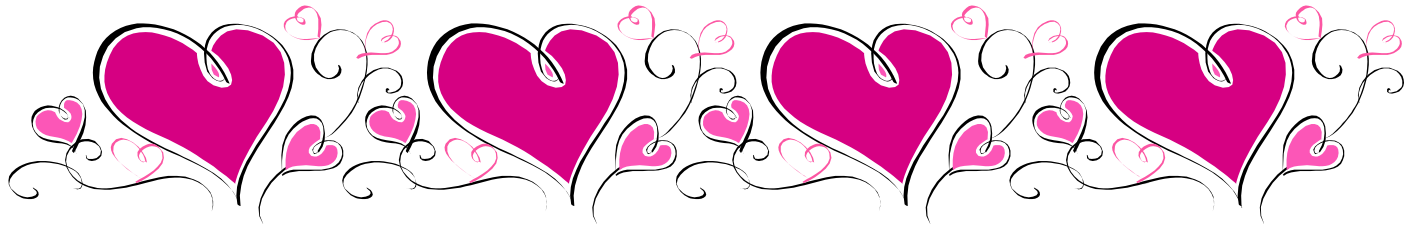
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316 Broadway Carver, MN 55315

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**\$8.00 Adults**  
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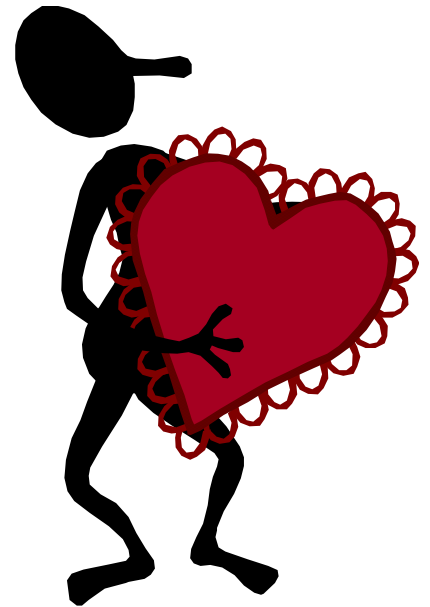


**East Union Youth  
Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction**

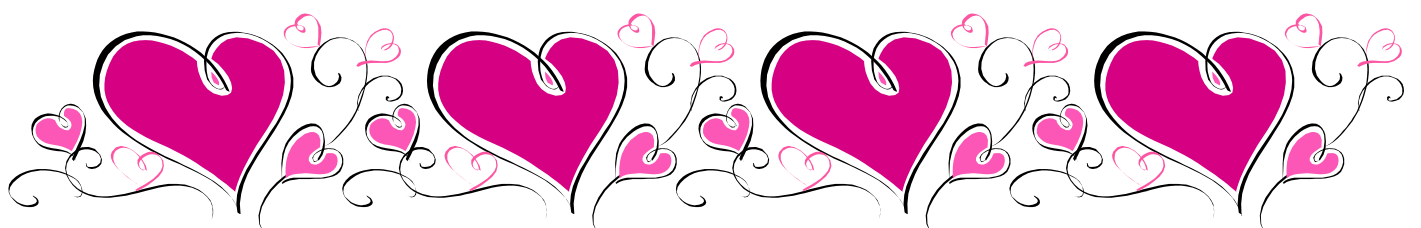
**East Union Lutheran Church Parish Center  
15180 County Road 40  
Carver, MN 55315**

**February 9, 2014  
4:00-6:30pm**

**Prices:  
Adults \$10.00  
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**\*Need not be present to win at the Silent Auction\***



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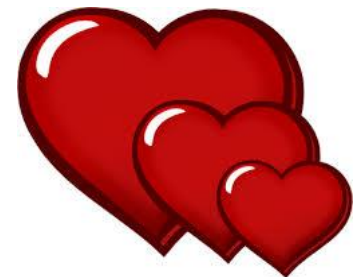
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