

September / October 2014  
Number Three Hundred Five

### First Annual Carver Fall Bike Tour

The East Union Church has partnered with St Nicholas Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department to support the First Annual Carver Fall Bike Tour taking place Saturday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. The East Union Church parking lot is one rest stop along the eleven, eighteen and twenty four mile loops. Each organization benefits in many ways by this event, so please spread the word. If you have computer access, you can go to the website: [www.cometocarver.org/carver-fall-bike-tour](http://www.cometocarver.org/carver-fall-bike-tour).

### East Union Country Fare

Fall is quickly approaching when it's Country Fare time at the East Union Church. Come join everyone for handmade crafts, collectible items, baked goods, quilted items, garden produce and naturally homemade desserts on October 4th. Just wouldn't be an East Union event without those homemade desserts by those wonderful bakers! The doors will open to the public at 10 AM and will close the doors at 2 PM. Lunch will be served during that time too. It's a fund raising event!

### Nineteenth Annual Chili Feed

Help a Kid campaign! The Nineteenth Annual Chili Feed in Carver sponsored by the Carver Second Alarm ( Carver Retired Fire Department ) is coming up October 26<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, at 11 AM until 5 PM at the City Hall, the proceeds to benefit Children with Birth Defects. Advance tickets are \$ 7 and at the door are \$ 9. ( or whatever your Heart Feels ) is appropriate to give! There is a Silent Auction and a Meat Raffle planned for the day's events as well. If you are interested in obtaining advance tickets then run right over to Barb Swanson Real Estate and Lenzen Chevrolet-Buick!

### Carver Country Flowers

Hoping Annette is feeling better. She has announced that the homecoming season is upon us and of course with the timing of this newsletter, Chanhassen dates got missed and just barely catching Chaska High School homecoming arriving on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Annette would be more than happy to provide anyone interested in a corsage and/or boutonniere.

Annette says: "We're known for some of the best corsages and boutonnieres around! And our prices are competitive. Be sure to stop in and let us help you create the perfect corsage/boutonniere set for you.

The shop is also all decked out for fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving. We have some brand new items we know you'll love and we've brought back some of last year's favorites.

"This year we also have a Pre-Halloween Clearance Sale going on. Some of our previous years' merchandise marked down 50% before Halloween!"

Witches' Night Out  
"From Rags to Witches" -Thursday, 10/2 - 6-8 pm - Wine, appetizers and Halloween discounts  
All Fall/Halloween is 20% off that night; come dressed as a witch to get 30% off!

### Water System Update

The city engineer and the Public Services Utilities Superintendent provided an update to the council regarding the city's water system. Current operations and future improvements in the city's water system were reviewed. The update included an overview of the timing of the next well ( # 5 ), past studies and the location of the proposed newest well, the future water treatment plant property, interim water treatments, other water system items and the next steps required.

The timing of the new well has been affected by the overall water demand which has been slower than originally anticipated along with the HomeOwner's Association using less water for irrigation systems. The new water tower had assisted with water demand in peak periods. Moving forward, new growth is anticipated with the developments in Copper Hills, Christy's Bluff, and Klingelhut. Based on this anticipated growth the staff recommends building the new well in the beginning of 2016.

The future of the Water Treatment Plant property is to attempt keep the site as close as possible to a future collector road for access. Consideration to purchase land and coordinate early with the County was advised, as well. Future issues with the collector road could affect costs.

Complaints of brown water and water quality complaints have been received by the city. These complaints have increased with the use of well number four. Water quality levels can also change in the aquifer. An option might be an interim package plan and building at the well pump house.

Upcoming water system improvements that would be recommended would be well #5 in 2016, well #6 in 2022, well #7 in 2026, and well #8 in 2030. The City will continue to rely on wells to cover water storage needs until storage needs increase to make construction of water storage costs effective. Other immediate issues include repairs on well #1.

The next steps include authorization by staff to begin discussions with property owners on the purchase of the land for well number five. The staff will continue to monitor the complaints received on water quality in the northwest area of Carver. The staff will review funding for an interim treatment plant with the financial consultant and review this with the council. Locations for a future treatment plant locations will also be reviewed by the staff.

### 2013-2014 Goals

The council had received an overview regarding the Water Supply Plan. The Comprehensive Facilities Study had also recently been completed and the staff is working on a timeline for the council's review of this. The outstanding items on the goals issue include the Downtown Master Plan and a meeting will be scheduled. The recreation study is to be presented. Trail maintenance plan is being worked on, as well as the Development Standards. The budgeting process has begun for the 2014 - 2015 goals and will be scheduled in January of 2015.

**"YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET  
ANOTHER GOAL OR TO DREAM A NEW  
DREAM"**  
CS LEWIS

## *Carver County Declaration Update*

The city engineer provided the council with an update where the president had declared MN a major disaster due to the storm that had occurred. Initially eight counties were identified as eligible within the designated time frame. Two types of Federal Aid were available to the MN communities. Public Assistance Aid which is assistance for emergency work and repair/replacement of disaster-damaged facilities and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which is assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

FEMA reimburses seventy five percent of the approved costs. Legislation signed by the governor in 2014 indicates that the State of Minnesota will pay the non-federal share. Carver County was later added in the disaster declaration. Once the Applicant Briefings are completed on the original eight counties, then FEMA will contact the other counties to set up Applicant Briefings.

The staff forwarded to the county the information related to private property damages from the disaster per the county's request. The information for private properties had been tracked at the city hall. The county forwarded the information to the state. It is unsure whether the state will contact the county or residents regarding their damage.

## *Copper Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition - Final Plat*

The city planner indicated that the updated resolution had been provided to the council. If the updated Westwood Plans addressing the items from city personnel necessitate revisions to the lot lines or easements, then the final plat will be revised by the developer and submitted for amended approval by the council. If an off-site easement is required then a separate easement document will be required and provided for review and approval prior to the release of the Final Plat recording. The additional information was due to attempts to meet watershed district items. This may then also necessitate some revisions to their plan and change their plat. The goal is to get approval so as to allow grading to be done this year. The Final Plat application for the Copper Hills Second Addition had been submitted for review and approval. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution amending approval on the final plat for the development identified as Copper Hills Second Addition.

## *MN River Bluffs Regional Trail*

The administrator provided the council with an update regarding the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail System Pedestrian Bridge. Design plans are underway for the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail Corridor between Carver and Chaska with construction occurring in 2015. Upgrades to the trail include paving, trailhead construction at Depot Park and the addition of a pedestrian bridge on the First Street levee easement over Spring Creek. The county's construction plans are that the proposed trail bridge will be a single span, and sit on concrete. The Heritage Preservation Committee requested railings to match the railings on the current bridges. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the concept plan for the trail system.

## *Well Repair*

The city engineer indicated that the pump at Well Number One was inspected recently as part of the standard maintenance operations. Repair work is anticipated every seven to ten years based on the water quality in the aquifer. After inspection, determination was made that repairs were necessary to the pump, motor and drop line. Recommendation was submitted to approve proceeding with the work to repair. Motion was made and carried approving and accepting the bid from Traut Wells for repairs.

## *2015 Capital Improvement Plan*

The city engineer is currently conducting a feasibility study on the reconstruction of Oak Street, Fifth Street East and Sixth Street East. The project will also include the creation of a trail connection from Broadway to the Lions Park. The total cost of the project will be determined with the completion of the feasibility study. Financing options would be reviewed in 2015.

## *Public Services Director*

The staff reviewed possible reorganization option within the Public Services Department with the impending retirement of Larry Revering the Public Services Utilities Superintendent. With the merger of the two departments of Public Utilities and Public Works the department has functioned with two supervisory positions. The proposed reorganization creates a new position of Public Services Director. This position is expected to perform increased duties relating to scheduling, budgeting, capital planning and project management. Additionally the new position will also be responsible for operations and maintenance of the city's infrastructure, as well as the administration arm of the department. The minimum qualification for the position to include a bachelor's degree in the related field and five years experience. The creation of the Public Services Director position effectively eliminates the public services utilities superintendent position and transitions the existing superintendent's position into a more field supervisor. Approval of the reorganization was recommended.

## *Community Calendar*

*October 2014*

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Lions Meeting Carver Business Council Meeting Happy Birthday Denny! Happy Birthday Corie! Happy Birthday Elaine!
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Witches Night Out Happy Birthday Tim! Happy Birthday Todd!
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Yom Kippur - Sundown
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	First Annual Carver Fall Bike Tour East Union Country Fare World Animal Day
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Daylight Savings Begins
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Drill Night Council Meeting
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Megan! Happy Birthday Joy! Happy Anniversary Kari & Guy!
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Sarah!
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Linda! Happy Birthday Laurie! Happy Birthday Carol!
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Chaska High School Homecoming Happy Birthday Ryan! Happy Anniversary Steve and Tiu! Happy Birthday Beth!
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Don!
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Columbus Day Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Fire Department Officers Meeting US Navy Established ( 1775 ) Happy Birthday Sonjia!
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Andrea!
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Planning Commission Meeting Boss's Day Occasional Shops Weekend
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Tim!
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Annette! Happy Anniversary Linda and Ken!
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Drill Night Council Meeting
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Larry!
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Steve! Happy Birthday Brandon!
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	United Nations Day
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Birthday Melissa!
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Feed Happy Birthday Carl! Happy Birthday Kate!
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Fire Department Meeting Night Park & Recreation Board Meeting
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad!
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Halloween Happy Birthday Phil!

## 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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If you are a dependable and safety-minded individual seeking a great part-time driving position, then this is just the opportunity for you.

Student Transportation of America is seeking part-time School Bus Drivers in Chaska, MN.

**School Bus Driver – Part Time (Transportation)**

Your benefits will include:

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- \$250 Sign-On Bonus
- 5 Paid Holidays
- 30 hours guaranteed weekly
- Extra work readily available
- Free Training available to assist you in obtaining your Class B CDL if you do not already have one
- Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance
- Flexible Spending account
- 401k

## Carver Lions

Bears worth repeating.... DID YOU KNOW? Since 1917, Lions clubs offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. DID YOU KNOW? The Carver Lions were founded in 1973?



And here is the broken record again this month. The Carver Lions are always looking and accepting new members. Come and join them at their meeting. Check them out first and see what you are missing. They are a great group of hardworking caring individuals. They get a lot accomplished in the community and little credit. Now is your chance to just get your feet wet and not be totally time consumed. We are entering fall and the Lions are back to two meetings a month, the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall in evenings. Unused eye glasses are still in demand and being collected by the Lions, as well. Come on by and come and check out the group and see what they are planning next for the community.

## Cup of Carver

Every day, twice a day, I drive by the Cup of Carver and they always appear to be quite busy. Still wondering if they also serve up Hot Chocolate. Yea, I know stop in and find out. Timing is the key and the timing is not working. Have been tossing around the idea of how to comprise some reviews. Anyone game to submit your reviews of the new establishment? What do you think Lori? How is it going?

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The season for Jet-Black is wrapping up, but be sure to give Don a call and schedule for spring of 2015.



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# Carver Fire 2014 Open House

Tuesday - October 7<sup>th</sup>

5 to 8 pm

Carver Fire Station

Free Chili and Hot Dogs

## FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES:

Fire Truck Rides, Sparky's Spray House, Bounce House, Parks and Recreation Coloring Contest



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## **“Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!”**

- **Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half.**
- **On average each year, three out of five home fire deaths result in fires where there are either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.**
- **In one-quarter (23 percent) of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound.**

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**Carver County Sheriff's Dive Team:** Meet real Police Officers and learn about safety.

**Ridgeview and Hennepin County Ambulance:** Paramedics will give tours of the ambulance and show all the cool stuff they have to help people who are sick or injured.

**Center Point Energy:** Stop by their booth and learn more about pipeline safety and sign up for a free carbon monoxide detector.

**National Weather Service:** A display of the newest weather forecasting equipment and information on advancements in weather forecasting and research technology.

**Hennepin County Medical Center Burn Unit:** Learn about burns and spin the wheel for prizes



**Missing Children of MN:** Get great tips on how to keep your children safe at home, in school, and the internet

**Carver Fire Home Safety:** There are dozens of smoke alarms with many features available to homeowners.

**Sprinkler Demo Trailer:** Learn the difference between sprinkler vs non sprinkler rooms and how smoke alarms save lives.

**Swanson Insurance and American Family Insurance:** Stop by the Insurances booth to get information on coverage's that can protect your family.

Nineteenth Annual

# CHILI FEED ♦♦ All-You-Can-Eat

*Proceeds to benefit*

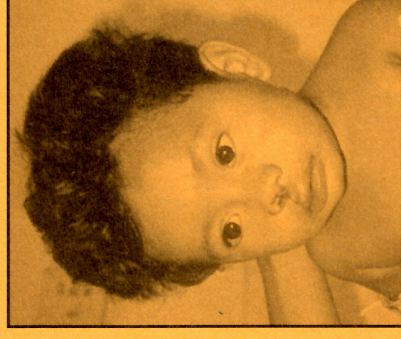
*Children with Birth Defects*

**Sunday, October 26, 2014**  
**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Carver City Hall**

**Help a Kid! Advance Tickets: \$7.00 At the Door: \$9.00**

*(or Whatever your Heart Feels)*

*Silent Auction & Meat Raffle will also be held.*



**Sponsored by CARVER SECOND ALARM  
(Carver Retired Fire Dept.)**

*Tickets available at:*

**Lenzen Chevrolet-Buick** Chaska 952-448-2850

**Barb Swanson Real Estate** Carver 952-448-2830

**EAST UNION**



**COUNTRY  
FARE**

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
10a.m. – 2p.m.**

**East Union Lutheran Church**

**Invites you to our annual fund raising event**

- Handmade Crafts
- Collectible Items
- Baked Goods
- Quilted Items
- Garden Produce
- Homemade Desserts

**Luncheon 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**