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Economic Development Goals and Policies

The council was to review three economic development documents which include goals, policies and procedures; tax increment financing policy and tax abatement policy. The goals, policies and procedures intent is to layout an overall economic development strategy for the city; outlines the goals for development and types of incentives to potentially utilize; and identify potential financial incentives. State statutes grant the city the power to utilize tax increment financing and tax abatement. These policies provide guidance with the goal to minimize the city's financial risk and to leverage public dollars to maximize private sector investment.

The purpose of this document is to establish the official policies and procedures for granting economic development incentives, including cash incentives and exclusive infrastructure assistance associated with projects with the City of Carver.

The general objective the city has identified three primary goals for economic development: job growth in excess of population growth; increasing the share of the tax base from nonresidential growth; and increasing career opportunities. Because Carver's assets and direction for planning for the future to retain a differing community versus other growing suburban areas, economic incentives may not be offered to every business eligible under state statute. Incentives instead will be targeted towards businesses that meet the objectives outlined.

The Economic Development Objectives for the city are working in cooperation with the SW Metro Chamber of Commerce achieving general objectives as stated already. The partnership enables maximizing its resources and developing consensus that best advances the interests of the entire community.

Geographic targets for the city will target market businesses in the southwest metropolitan area seeking to grow and expand. Business recruitment for the city will utilize and focus on recruitment and expansion efforts that are a good fit for the city and for the city serving the industry. The potential success for industry sectors include specialty manufacturing, logistics/distribution, bio-based businesses and information technology.

Economic Development Incentives utilize incentives to achieve economic development goals. Dependent upon the application, one or more incentives may be utilized including infrastructure improvements, property tax abatement, tax increment financing, adjustments to deferred assessments, and loans/grants.

The Economic Development Director, Christie Hantge provided the council with a review of the Economic Development Policies and Procedures including purpose, primary goals, partners and the city's role in the overall process. Discussed also were the geographic targets, industry targets and potential economic development incentives. She also provided a brief overview of the potential Tax Increment Finance Policy and Tax Abatement Policy and the advantages and disadvantages of adopting these policies. The topic may be discussed further in the future to identify some initiatives and guidance through the end of the year.

Form of Government

The city attorney again reviewed and identified the key areas and differences between a Statutory City and a Plan B City. The attorney emphasized that the major differences between the two set-ups is that in the Plan B City the administrative functions are carried out by the Manager rather than the city council. The council may adopt a resolution calling for the Plan B form of government or the voters can call for this form. In either case, it needs to go to a referendum vote at a regular or special election. The attorney outlined the verbiage necessary. The attorney also pointed out that there is a three year minimum trial period and then only after that time can the voters be asked to abandon the Plan B form of government. The next step needed would be if this was the decision to pursue would be that the council review the presented resolution to place the question on the ballot. If the resolution were adopted, it would then go on the ballot for the November 8th General Election. The benefit of this form of government for the residents is that it provides the residents the benefit of a centralized manager to deal with and address concern to. This method makes it more effective for residents to get quicker resolutions. However, at the same time, it doesn't mean that residents forfeit the right to address the council with an issue. The staff was directed to draft the resolution.

DownTown Master Plan Update

The City Planner gave the council an overview of the DownTown Master Plan. The plan will be used as a framework to maintain and develop the historic downtown area. The three main areas under consideration are Broadway Plaza, Old Carver Road, Mt Hope Road (Depot Park Area), and the Broadway Streetscape (6th Street to 4th Street). The next steps include finalizing plans, communicating the plans and obtaining feedback. The plan will incorporated in phases.

The council was told that the draft of the Downtown Master Plan is being submitted for public review and comment. The drafting of the plan was represented by community members, commission members, resident and business owners. The Community Open House was scheduled for end of May. During the month of June the various commissions for the city will be discussing the plan. The downtown planning committee will be considering input and recommended changes at the end of June. The council will review adoption of the plan in July.

South West Metro Chamber of Commerce

The new president of the SW Metro Chamber of Commerce introduced himself to the council, Jeff Filipek. He stated that he is looking forward to working with the local communities. He also encouraged everyone to visit the chamber's website and see upcoming events.

Village Hall

The administrator informed the council that additional structural information requested was to be reviewed. Additional public input was also reviewed by the council. Choosing a preferred scenario or a combination of actions regarding the Village Hall.

The ADA improvements were reviewed by the council relating to the Village Hall. Building use changes require full ADA improvements. Costs were discussed. Discussion was also held regarding possible sale of the building. Discussion had been held contemplating remodeling into office space in the 2014 Master Facilities Plan, also discussed was a new building. The historic schoolhouse on Oak Street is being considered for leasing as a plan of action. Proposal terms for a Contract for Deed was thrown out for consideration as an option for the city, as well. Reviewal of detailed plans and estimated costs of a "preferred scenario" will need to be determined whether or not to move forward. Public comments were heard by the council.

One opinion given at the meeting related to a vote to tear down or shut down the hall would be a huge mistake. Renovation was a favorable alternative. Another opinion voiced was that the city cannot just forfeit the building without a plan for a new one. A recent fundraising event was held in Chaska and it was considered that each day opportunities are lost and missed in Carver. Suggestion was submitted to use monies for the Chaska Park and Recreation Program be diverted back to the need for a hall as a greater need. Comment was also made that the Lions contributions and work should not be forgotten nor discounted by the city. Comment was made that a referendum could also be considered for the Village Hall. Question was asked if the new school has a gym to be accessed. The administrator pointed out that the school district has rental policies. However, traditional events with alcohol could not be allowed in that circumstance. Another citizen voiced that their hope was that the city would not move away from the Village Hall that both short and long term considerations need to be reviewed. Another citizen voiced concern that there is not any plan presently for the hall and if the present hall is left abandoned, bringing business into the city will not continue. The council stated that there has not been any decisions made to date regarding the hall, discussions and plans are still on the table.

Some council input included wanting a community gathering spot in the downtown area, concerns with space and costs required, option considerations for better usage of space, renovation of existing building requiring ADA requirements and possible demolition and rebuilding option. Some favored usage of the schoolhouse also. Costs are a concern for the council members. Other usages for the building is another option. Another opinion involved a resale scenario if money is invested into building. What is economic value at the present time is the issue at hand for one council member.

Downtown parking is presently an issue. There also is the question if the city can afford to build a new building presently due to other priorities presently. It was an opinion voiced that residents have been funding growth and it is time for growth to start funding the city. It is to the council's best interest to be consistent with the process to make a decision on the best place for a community meeting site for the most economical cost. Liability issues were a concern for the council member. Over the years many different events occur in the structure. The building official indicated that the ADA requirements will be affected only once the changing the use of the building begin.

Based on earlier comments and proposals the council debated options. Motion was made and tabled regarding exploring the option of the school house as a short and longer term solution with four ayes and one nay. Further discussion took place on the issue at hand. Motion was made and failed with two ayes and three nays to research further into proposal or soil boring report and an appraisal of the current conditions if the city invests monies from the standard scenario. The administrator reminded the council of any acquisition of the schoolhouse could potentially include some relocation costs, Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay to reconsider the denial of the last motion. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay amending the prior motion to substitute the requirement in the original motion for an appraisal to a broker's opinion of value.

The city received a proposal to prepare a "Broker's Opinion of Value". This topic all relates to the Village Hall. And although continued discussions of alternates are beneficial, there is concern the presented information as relating to new or repurposed building concepts are all too generic and broad. Costs have been identified based on formula calculations as opposed to identification of community expectations and overall project scope. An exercise to develop vision, scope and specific costs as related to the options that will both directly and indirectly advance conversations on the future of the Village Hall.

The council solicited a proposal from the international planning, architecture, engineering, interior design, and program management firm, Leo A Daly to conduct and facilitate the necessary information for the village hall for stated amount.

The firm informed the council that the outcome of this vision will inform two – three conceptual solutions satisfying the important community needs. The firm will review previous reports and will form the foundation of this vision and master plan, they will not re-review nor re-conduct analysis already done. Resident survey currently conducted will be integrated. City personnel and city residents participation will be incorporated as well into the arrival of the vision.

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.....and spiders"

Pedestrian Underpass

The easement acquisition for the pedestrian underpass was discussed with the council. The attorney firm identified as Hoff, Barry and Kozar handled negotiations for easements to complete the County Road # 11 Trail Project the council was told by Ms Shelley Ryan. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the permanent trail easement and temporary construction easements for the pedestrian underpass.

Budget Amendment

The administrator informed the council that periodically an amendment of the general fund budget reflecting financial considerations that become apparent throughout the year are done. The council reviewed the memo and resolution detailing the proposed budget amendments. The city has not yet been charged for the Chaska Parks and Recreation Program for any services and will delay until the programs are up and running to its full potential. The administrator recommended that the cities mutually agree to the programming in the short term due to the Village Hall situation. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution to amend the 2016 General Fund Budget.

Leadership Award

The League of MN Cities is accepting nominations for the CC Ludwig Award and James F Miller Leadership Award. These awards are the League's highest individual honors and presented annually to honor outstanding service.

The C.C. Ludwig Award is considered to be the League's highest honor for elected city officials. Recipients are chosen for their vision, statesmanship, and unwavering commitment to the public good. The award was established in 1962 and is named for Clarence C. Ludwig, who served as the League's executive director from 1935-1959.

The James F. Miller Leadership Award is considered to be the League's highest honor for appointed city officials, and is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership in public service and dedication to the community. Formerly known as the LMC Leadership Award, the name of the award was recently changed to honor former executive director James F. Miller, who retired in 2015 after 22 years of service to the League.

The judge's criteria is:

Service above and beyond what is required by the nominee's position. Contributions to improved municipal government throughout the state of Minnesota through involvement in national, state, county, municipal, professional, or other public organizations or agencies. Significant improvements in Minnesota cities throughout the state attributable to the nominee's service. Admiration and respect of the general public for the nominee, and the nominee's success in raising the prestige of city government service. Selfless conduct focused on the greater good of all Minnesota cities, not only the nominee's own city.

The mayor told the council that he wanted to nominate the City Administrator for the James F Miller Leadership Award for his efforts regarding the Carver Crossing. The balance of the council was asked for their support in the nomination which they did. Motion was made and carried with all ayes nominating Brent Mareck, City Administrator for the James F Miller Award.

Carver Current

The "Villager Tower" publications can be found at 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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Miscellaneous

Regarding transit operations there will be some route changes scheduled effective in May. Grant reporting and monitoring are being completed also relating to transit operations. The brewery ordinances are being prepared for future council meeting. Draft plans for the downtown plan have been reviewed with neighboring property owners. Reviews were held with various commissions also.

A request for proposal for the 6th street redevelopment property is being prepared. Terracon is preparing the Limited Site Investigation regarding the property.,

The project budget for the Local Council Development Area grant is being monitored and grant reporting completed.

Reporting is in the process for annual reports on boundary changes to the US Census Bureau.

Fire Department

The Fire Department thanked Calvin Wilson for his twenty plus years of service as a devoted fire fighter member. Two other fire fighters have been transferred to other cities and each were devoted firefighters as well. Thanks to Matt Lewellen and Tim Carroll. Four candidates are being processed by the department.

The city council thanks Calvin Wilson for his service with the Carver Fire Department and presented him with the recognition/appreciation plaque.

The department hosted a Spring Safety Event. The sheriff's office and Greg Gowan ran the Bike Rodeo event. The Children's Hospital personnel handled the Bike Rodeo event along with the certified child safety seat technicians. There were many community partners involved with planning and staffing the event and thanks are extended to those individuals.

The Carver Fire Grant Committee is working on a grant through the MN DNR for some firefighting equipment and the group will also be working on updating the fire department capital improvement plan.

The council reviewed an amendment to the Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures regarding used fire helmets. Each member is issued a protective helmet. Recommended life of this protective helmet is ten years. Used helmets are not recommended for hygiene reasons. Absolute necessity is protocol. The proposed policy amendment due to personal nature and hygiene related characteristics, fire fighters shall be allowed to purchase one helmet approved by the Fire Chief during service time. A reimbursement schedule was reviewed by the council and discussed by the department. Retiring with at least twenty years of service would not be reimbursed. The cost of the purchase was discussed.

Carver Lions

Remember, the Carver Lions only meet once a month during the summer months. They are busy with plans for the summer months giving back to the community. There is the summer concerts, the foreign exchange picnic and there's the movie in the park and family fun night flyer floating in the air throughout the village and then there is always their involvement with Steam-Boat Days. Sometime in July watch for more information about "Zootopia". Back to School, movie in the park and fun night on August 26th at the Community Park in Carver. The fun will begin at 4:30 PM with the movie at dusk (8:15 PM). The best part of the whole event, it's FREE! See you there.

Access to a computer, then check often the Lion's Website – www.carverlions.org



Orderly Annexation

The city attorney indicated that the council previously submitted resolution to the state regarding the annexation of the property within the township identified as the 'Dental Parcel'. The Administrative Law Judge for the state has issued an order requesting additional information relating to the annexation primarily as related to the tax reimbursement provisions. The city entered into an orderly annexation agreement with Dahlgren Township. The procedure involves tax reimbursement fee be paid when parcels are annexed. In the past these have been approved. Presently additional information is being requested on how the tax reimbursement is calculated and what the tax history is on the property. This has been a recurring issue. The township has responded. The city is waiting on that Administrative Law Judge's response. The city expects to receive an updated order from the Administrative Law Judge.

The council reviewed the complications associated with the order annexation of property identified as the 'Dental Parcel'. The property consists of approximately eight and a quarter acres within the boundaries of the township. After a lengthy discussion of the whole process and the problems associated with the orderly annexation the end result was the finalization of the annexation.

The council was updated on the 'Dental Parcel' property. The staff is reviewing the preliminary plat and site plans for annexation with conditions. The city attorney discussed some general background information regarding annexation issues with the City of Carver and other surrounding cities which as a result is impacting items within the local progress. There were two annexation orders at the same time. One involved the new school parcel and the other with the dental parcel. The school parcel was approved and the dental parcel received a conditional approval. The attorney provided a summary of the history regarding annexation. In 2005 the Metropolitan Council System Statement mandated planning for urban densities in Dahlgren Township. The city agreed to do the planning for urban density development in the township east of County Road # 43. An orderly annexation agreement also known as the joint resolution with the township for the Comprehensive Plan approval. The Township demanded a set amount per acre for tax reimbursement payment for annexed parcels as a condition to entering into the Joint Resolution. The city was opposed to tax reimbursement payment. The Joint Resolution with tax reimbursement payment provision executed in February of 2009. The city's support from developers to fight the payment had evaporated with the collapse of the new construction housing market in 2009. Since 2009 six separate annexations of land from the township to the city with payment of the set amount per acre had been approved by the Office of Administrative Hearing ranging from one acre to eighty eight acres in size. There had not been any prior indication of any objections to the reimbursement payment. The reimbursement issue arose from an incident last year with a dispute objecting to the reimbursement amount. That issue is still pending and currently under appeal. Realization arose that this may affect the city looking to annex for the school property. Therefore the city and the school district moved forward and acquired the property. The reasoning for that decision was constituted by the split of an existing tax parcel and requirement of the taxes being paid in full for the year at closing. Because the taxes were paid at closing and the governmental entities then owned the property it became exempt beginning in 2017. The orderly annexation with Dahlgren Township provided that the property was exempt and fee not required. It was the staff's belief that the annexation may not be approved.

At the same time the city annexation process was occurring involving the dental parcel. The process to date was also summarized by the attorney. The resolution to annex adopted, property owner paid tax reimbursement, the Office Administration Hearing issues an order requesting additional information, and township attorney responds to request. The annexation was approved with conditions involving contingency that the township refund the reimbursement if there is an appeal to the district court and makes both governmental units responsible for the administration costs. Presently the status is that there is a motion before the Office Administration Hearing clarifying the amount of the tax reimbursement payment actually paid and the deadline to appeal the decision to the county district court in May and if no appeal and refund (or escrow) of tax reimbursement payment, there is not any annexation.

The city attorney pointed out that this present issue and the way it is handled by the city will be very important and instrumental for future annexations within the City of Carver. Annexation is now a statewide issue and not unique to this situation. The issue presently is small but larger parcels in the future could result in large impact.

The appeal process for the dental parcel presently to move forward is that an appeal must be filed by the date designated and the township must deposit said amount with the county district court. The township is discussing the issue and the attorneys have been conferring. The township attorney is recommending appeal. The township is also discussing temporary measures to escrow the money for future annexations. Their decision will become important affecting the future growth of the city.

The Carver County District Court is the first step in the process and ultimately will be resolved by the MN Court of Appeals. The city's attorney is also recommending that the council appeal. The city needs to determine their position and offered three alternatives. Alternative one is that the city never favored said team reimbursement amount and forced into the Joint Resolution agreeing with the Administrative Law Judge position of the township not entitled. Alternative two involved the city's concerns regarding the legal basis for the township's imposition of reimbursement payment but the two entities entered into a joint resolution and the contract should be respected by the law judge and the judge is statutorily obligated to approve the annexation. The last and third alternative is that the tax reimbursement is authorized by statute and the joint resolution should be enforced.

Recommendation for the appeal are due to the overall global consequences because without a resolution to the Office Administration Hearing objections then future annexations are jeopardized, the township could terminate the joint resolution making future annexations much more complicated and the significant impact on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan that the city have spent extensive time and money on. The city attorney recommended the city's involvement in this appeal and process. The attorney requested authorization for the appeal and will continue to consult with the township's attorney and report to staff the progress. The administrator re-requested summarization of the costs for litigating the appeal by the city attorney. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the city attorney to prepare the appeal. The city attorney discussed some general background information regarding annexation issues with the City of Carver and other surrounding cities which as a result is impacting items within the local progress. There were two annexation orders at the same time. One involved the new school parcel and the other with the dental parcel. The school parcel was approved and the dental parcel received a conditional approval. The attorney provided a summary of the history regarding annexation. In 2005 the Metropolitan Council System Statement mandated planning for urban densities in Dahlgren Township. The city agreed to do the planning for urban density development in the township east of County Road # 43. An orderly annexation agreement also known as the joint resolution with the township for the Comprehensive Plan approval. The Township demanded a set amount per acre for tax reimbursement payment for annexed parcels as a condition to entering into the Joint Resolution. The city was opposed to tax reimbursement payment. The Joint Resolution with tax reimbursement payment provision executed in February of 2009. The city's support from developers to fight the payment had evaporated with the collapse of the new construction housing market in 2009. Since 2009 six separate annexations of land from the township to the city with payment of the set amount per acre had been approved by the Office of Administrative Hearing ranging from one acre to eighty eight acres in size. There had not been any prior indication of any objections to the reimbursement payment. The reimbursement issue arose from an incident last year with a dispute objecting to the reimbursement amount. That issue is still pending and currently under appeal. Realization arose that this may affect the city looking to annex for the school property. Therefore the city and the school district moved forward and acquired the property. The reasoning for that decision was constituted by the split of an existing tax parcel and requirement of the taxes being paid in full for the year at closing. Because the taxes were paid at closing and the governmental entities then owned the property it became exempt beginning in 2017. The orderly annexation with Dahlgren Township provided that the property was exempt and fee not required. It was the staff's belief that the annexation may not be approved.

Proposed School and Park

The city planner informed the council that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment had been approved by the Metropolitan Council. The staff is coordinating with the School District consultants pertaining to the development of the site plan. The applications have been filed for rezoning, site plan and plat. The Planning Commission will be scheduling Public Hearings. An annexation resolution was adopted and approval of the annexation by the Office of Administrative Hearings is done.

The city planner provided the council with an overview of the plans for the new elementary school and the surrounding parking lots, fields, wetlands and potential location of a future shelter. The plans will be presented to the Planning Commission for review and then the council will be reviewing the topic again. The groundbreaking is scheduled for the beginning of July this year.

Tax Forfeit Properties

The city planner informed the council that the county has advised that work towards 2016 tax forfeiture land sales is being done presently. There are three parcels within the City of Carver. These three parcels are not buildable for zoning purposes. The staff reviewed the parcels recommending that there is not any use for them. The three parcels were identified for the council. The city can approve the parcels for public auction recommending that the property sales be limited to adjacent property owners since they are not buildable. Resolution for the auction were reviewed.

Notation was made that the county may not accept the recommendation submitted by the city. The city attorney pointed out the reason why there is the necessity for Homeowner's Associations so that parcels of this type are not owned separately by the developer. The attorney further explained the difference between public use and public purpose requiring payment of fair market value. Resolution revision was requested by the council. The city would purchase one of the parcels containing the monument sign for the neighborhood. Motion was made and carried with all eyes adopting the resolution to purchase tax forfeited property in Carver Ridge neighborhood.

Administrative Intern

Previously the council had approved the proposed creation of an Internship Program in the Administration Department. This intern would take direction from the administrator and the clerk. Recommendation was made to approve the intern position. The duties to be performed were reviewed.

The council discussed and reviewed the job description amendment for supervision change for the administrative assistant. The proposed change to streamline administrative and customer service functions. Supervision for the assistant position would move from the building official to the city clerk.

The council discussed approval of the Memorandum of Agreement - ASFCME 2789 amending the Collective Bargaining agreement and accept changes to the Employee Reference Manual adopted by the City. As part of an annual review process the changes were approved to the Employee Reference Manual. The proposed Memorandum of Agreement updates the existing collective bargaining agreement reflecting recent changes made to the manual.

Dahlgren Township

The August Township Meeting required a date change due to conflict with the meeting held at the courthouse. The township meeting at the East Union Church in August will be held on August 15th.

Carver Concert Series

The Thursday's Carver Concert Series at Riverside Park are scheduled for 7 PM all summer. Be sure to come and join in on all the fun. The first concert is June 16th and featuring BZ Girls. The next concert is scheduled for July 7th and then the last concert of the summer is August 11th.

East Union Church

Watch for the East Union Church's Ice Cream Social scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 10th from 4 PM to 6:30 PM.

There will be an announcement made for a Sunday dedication this summer for Earl Olander's foot stone by the dedicated Oak Tree by the church. Watch for this announcement and be sure to be included in this historical event.

The East Union church is also asking for people to come and join the team to play in the Chaska Softball League. All games will be played on Monday evening at the Chaska Lions Park from June through August at 6 PM, 7:15 PM or 8:30 PM. Contact the church for more information if you are interested.

Then the church is planning for their annual Country Fare scheduled for October 8th. More information will follow.

Carver On The Minnesota

You are all invited to join Carver on the Minnesota for our Free Canoe Trip and Picnic! The organization is hosting their fourth annual Minnesota River Canoe trip and picnic. The canoe trip is a three to four hour event and picnic on the historic Minnesota River between the Jordan boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park.

Can drop off your canoe (s), and / or kayak (s) at the Jordan boat landing, where the organization members will keep an eye on them while you take your vehicle to the Riverside Park location. From there, transportation will be provided back to the Jordan landing to begin the fun and the memorable river trip to Carver.

All this fun will occur Sunday, June 19th, beginning at 8 AM and ending at approximately noon. Boats to be dropped off in Jordan at 7 AM, transportation will depart Carver at approximately 7:30 AM. Event will take place rain or shine, but would be cancelled for dangerous weather or river conditions. For more information and to make reservations contact the organization by June 13th, call Ken Forner at 952-368-3052, or e-mail kenforner@visi.com



Roots Return Heritage Farm

The roadside farm stand is tentatively scheduled to open this summer. They will be offering several types of fresh and dried vegetables and herbs. In the future the stand will be offering fruits and cooler-dependent produce. Their products are organic grown methods and integrated pest-management with no synthetic inputs. They rotate cover crops each year to build the soil, reduce erosion, grow healthy plants and improve pollinator and wildlife habitat.

The tentative grand opening is scheduled for July 12th. The stand can be found at 14525 Country Road # 40 in Carver. Watch for updates on opening, could be closer to initial harvest time due to weather/seasonal growing conditions.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

To check what the Carver Community Softball / Baseball Association is up to and the times of the games and who and where they are playing, check out their website for any and all information. (www.ccybsa.siplay.com) CCYBSA states: "Children have an opportunity to develop physically and socially, and learn the fundamentals of Baseball, Softball and T-Ball."

"If you can't do great things, do small things in a great way. Don't wait for great opportunities: Seize common, every day ones and make them great!"

Carver Special Events

Carver's Vehicle Fair is planned for June 22nd at the Carver Community Park. You're invited to climb aboard the big rigs and Touch a Truck. There will be heavy equipment vehicles, fire trucks, police cars, recreational vehicles and more. A Life Link helicopter is also scheduled to be at the park. All ages are welcome and it's free to all which is the best part. The fun will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8 PM.

July has the Archery Camp scheduled, another event registration required through the Chaska Community Center. The event will be held at the Riverside Park. Watch for more information unless you want to sign up, contact the center for more information,

Then in August there is the Carver Camp Out planned for Friday, August 5th. Everyone is invited to join in for family friendly camp out in Carver. You bring your own tent, camping chairs and overnight gear and the rest will be provided for you. The activities planned are archery, party pizza dinner, bonfire and S'mores, lawn games and a movie under the stars. Saturday morning breakfast is also planned for participants. Guests are expected to arrive at 5 PM. Registration is required. Where can you register? Contact the Chaska Community Center.

Another August event planned is the Games and Clicker Tricks which is a four week course. This event will be held at the Carver Lions Park. Again, contact the Community Center for more information if you are interested in participating.

The last August event to be held at Riverside Park is Geocaching for S'mores. This event requires registration and must be accompanied by an adult.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Chaska Valley Family Theatre is celebrating their 20th Anniversary season this year. Congratulations everyone!

July 29th through August 6th, the theatre presents "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" (revised). ..."is a fresh approach to the all-time 1967 classic. Sally Brown joins Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Schroeder and Snoopy in this version. Two new songs, Beethoven Day and My New Philosophy, have been added to the twelve wonderful numbers of the original version, such as My Blanket and Me, The Kite, The Baseball Game, Little Known Facts, Supertime and Happiness." Directed by J C Lippold.

Then Camp One: August 8th through the 13th; Camp Two: August 15th through 20th at the Chaska Community Center presents Dragonfly Theater Arts Camp directed by Charlie Title.

Fairs

Summer is upon us. Are we already planning ahead? Or haven't even realized the events will be here before we know and it then summer will be over? There are all the local cities events that I didn't get all the dates looked up. But our summer July kick offs begin with Belle Plaine's Barbeque Days on July 15th, 16th and 17th and then we have the Scott County Fair on July 27th through the 31st. The following weekend is the Carver Scott Threshers Show, August 5th, 6th and 7th. Then we take a breath and can head over to the Carver County Fair starting on August 10th and ending on the 14th. No more wrap that event up and the Renaissance Festival opens August 20th with their themed weekends and goes through to October 2nd. While that is going on once again in Shakopee the ads state is the great and grand MN State Fair opening August 25th through Labor Day, September 5th. Correct me if I am wrong, I believe once again the competition for on for Jordan and Carver competing for the public attendance on the same weekend, September 9th, 10th and 11th? Carver has Steamboat Days and Jordan celebrates Heimatfest, along with the Renaissance Festival.

And last but not least, summer is officially over. Wait a minute, we just began summer. So there you have it. Have a fun and great summer.

Community Calendar

July 2016

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| July 4 th | 4 th of July |
| July 5 th | Council Meeting Happy Birthday Doug! |
| July 6 th | Lions Meeting Carver-On-The-MN Meeting Carver Business Council Carver Concert Series |
| July 7 th | Happy Birthday Hunter! |
| July 8 th | Happy Birthday Donna! |
| July 9 th | Happy Birthday Dan! East Union Church Ice Cream Social |
| July 10 th | Parks Commission Meeting |
| July 11 th | Fire Department Officers Meeting |
| July 12 th | Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Proposed Opening of Roots Return Heritage Farm Happy Birthday Maria! |
| July 13 th | Happy Birthday David! |
| July 14 th | Happy Birthday Barb! Happy Birthday Paul! |
| July 15 th | Happy Birthday Krissy! Happy Birthday Tony! School Board Meeting |
| July 16 th | Happy Birthday Doug! |
| July 17 th | Council Meeting |
| July 18 th | Drill Night Planning Commission Meeting |
| July 21 st | Happy Birthday Becky! |
| July 22 nd | Happy Anniversary Doug and Aletta! |
| July 23 rd | Happy Anniversary Jerry and Karen! |
| July 25 th | Fire Department Meeting Happy Birthday Janelle! Happy Birthday Marvin! |
| July 27 th | Happy Anniversary Tony and Jane! |
| July 29 th | Happy Anniversary Dan and Carol! |

THE OCCASIONAL SHOPS OF CARVER 2016 Sales Dates

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| January 21st-24th | July 21st-24th |
| February 18th-21st | August 25th-28th |
| March 17th-20th | September 15th-18th |
| April 21st-24th | October 20th-23rd |
| May 19th-22nd | November 10th-13th |
| June 16th-19th | December 1st-4th |

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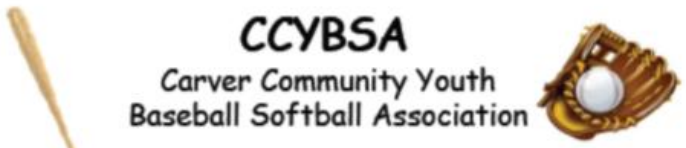
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