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In Honorable Memory of Michael Kalkes and Audree Sells

Thank You

We would like to thank the Community of Carver and especially the Steamboat Days Committee for choosing us to have the privilege and honor of serving as Grand Marshals of the 2017 Steamboat Days Parade on Sunday, September 10. Thank you to the surprise visitors (Boni & Laura) who tracked us down to let us know we were chosen for this great honor. A special thank you to John Lenzen for his generosity in providing the float and vehicle to pull it and thank you Gene Raser, for driving the float vehicle. Thank you to our nephews, Brodie and Connor for passing out the "Goetze" candy (thank you to our daughter-in-law, Jacque for the suggestion). To our family and friends - Thank you for your love and support - and providing the 'surprise' (to us) face fans. To the Community of Carver - thank you for your support. Also, thank you to the Nick Mason and the Chaska Herald for the nice article in the paper - to which we've received many wonderful compliments. Last, but not least, Thank you to all who took time to offer congratulations by making a phone call, sending a card or text, by verbal congrats and / or by attending the parade. This honor will remain with us forever.

Steamboat weekend was a fantastic weekend - the weather was great and lots of people joined in the festivities. It was so wonderful (almost over-whelming) to see so many family, friends and acquaintances at the parade. This was a very humbling experience for both of us. We are truly blessed and thank each and every one of you for your love and support. You ALL have touched us in a very special way.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,
Leon & Scheryl Goetze

Drone Regulations

The city council reviewed information presented by the city attorney regarding drone regulations. The attorney's summarizations were that there are allowances and limitations for drones. He advised that federal laws regulating drones have not been completely established and recommended that the city withhold adopting an ordinance regulating drones at this time.

Miscellaneous

The city manager presented the council with compensation data collected from surrounding cities for the council's review and consideration.

The council was provided by the city manager with an overview of the drafted 2019 general fund budget.

The city manager presented the council with a sample sign for placement in bluff and storm water areas. Council consensus was that the city should move towards a uniform style for signage.

Disclaimer

The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

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"The important thing is not to stop questioning."

- Albert Einstein

Intern Update

The city management intern presented the council with an update on projects completed during the summer tenure. An application for the Legacy Grant through the MN Historical Society had been submitted. Even though the grant was denied it was suggested that the city reapply in October. The historic district walking tour guide has been updated. Creation of an interactive map of the historic district was completed and available on the city's website. A list of former city council members has been compiled, dating from the present back to 1857. The 2017 Edith Anne Award for property excellence project has been facilitated. Completion of a Facilities Inventory for Carver, Chaska and the School District # 112 has been completed. Work was done jointly with the City of Chaska's intern. The mayor extended thanks to the Carver intern complimenting her as a wonderful addition to the staff. Her future plans include a return to Gustavus College and studying in Northern Ireland.

City Hall Project

The city manager provided the council with information regarding a Reimbursement Resolution for the Broadway City Hall Project where the city would be reimbursed with future bond proceeds for expenditures incurred in advance of construction. The mayor commented on the brilliant use of monies providing opportunity without commitment. Council member inquired about public services storage allocations. This was an option. The mayor pointed out that by utilizing this option it did not commit at this time to building but offers the city the option to finance a future project. It would be considered a finance tool for future savings. All projects have to be reviewed and approved at a council meeting. Agreeing to the option does not obligate the city to any project. The resolution would not lock the city into any type of financing. The city manager explained that the city would have the authority to pay itself back when financing is secured if the money were spent presently. It would be more cost effective also than three different bond calls. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution establishing procedures related to compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

Temporary Relocation

The city manager discussed with the council the proposed relocation of city hall offices to the Public Services/Fire Department structure on Jonathan Carver Parkway. Question was asked if construction plans were available for review including the number of cubicles and the main level proposed doors. The city manager stated that the walls and sheet rocking involved the two office spaces upstairs for the Fire Department and the Public Services personnel. The number of cubicles have not been determined. Cost effectiveness is the primary goal of all personnel involved. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing construction costs for the temporary relocation of city hall offices to the Fire Station/Public Services Building.

Scavenger Hunt

The Funky Minds representative proposed to the Parks Commission a citywide scavenger hunt on the parks trails. Participants would use the Carver's trails and parks to find landmarks around town. The group also proposed the idea of placing fairy doors around town where people could leave notes and painted rocks. The commission supported the idea of the scavenger hunt for landmarks. Cleaning of items left behind were a concern however.

Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures

The council reviewed and discussed the updated and reformatted version of the Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department presented by the city manager. Specific details for the revisions were reviewed. Discussion was held on response time. The department and the city have worked together drafting the procedures. The department members were commended for their efforts with the city and the relationship built as a result. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Standard Operating Procedures for the Carver Fire Department.

The monthly Fire Department report was given to the council. The department received the matching grant from the MN DNR Rural Fire Department Volunteer Assistance Grant Program. The grant monies would be used to purchase radios and pagers. The department extended gratitude to Cathy Elke for her great job with paperwork related to the training grants. The department was able to receive reimbursement for bills in excess of the original grant award thanks to her work. Training is an important factor of the fire service.

Building Inspector Update

The building inspector presented his monthly report to the council. The newly constructed daycare facility was issued a final certificate of occupancy. The latest development concerning the Carver Ridge 2nd addition was that there are three remaining lots at the time of this report and two homes were under construction. Over at Copper Hills, the M & I contractor has three homes under construction and Mattamy is finishing the remaining two homes in this development. One home is being constructed at Christy's Bluff. Riverview Estates is constructing three homes. Construction is underway at the Trinity Lutheran Church site.

Administration Report

The city clerk/treasurer presented to the council highlights of the previous month for the Administration Department. The administration continues to work on proposed changes to the city's 2018 fee schedule. The original schedule will be extended to accommodate the rate study being performed. The city manager anticipates presentations on the Enterprise Budgets and the corresponding rate study findings by mid-October. Preliminary analysis discussions would occur prior to those presentations. The new fee ordinance would tentatively become effective in the beginning of January.

Safety Data Sheets discussions were held and how to proceed with the Job Hazard Analysis requirements for OSHA. Areas affected are city hall office personnel, the Fire Department and the Public Services personnel.

Staff participated in the tour of four city halls for ideas for the City Hall Project. The cities visited were Cologne, Waconia, Victoria and Winsted.

Edith-Anne Award

The mayor stated at a council meeting that the Edith-Anne Award honors the work of Edie Herman and Anne Neils-Doerr who were both instrumental in stopping the deterioration of the City of Carver. This award keeps their memory alive while recognizing those that contribute to the beautification of the city. Properties anywhere within the city limits are eligible for the award. The nominated properties are then toured and evaluated and then one is selected to receive the award. The criteria used for evaluation includes overall attractiveness, a high level of maintenance standards and the enhancement of visual aesthetics. The award this year was presented to the Staunton family.

Parks Master Plan

The Public Services Director updated the Parks Commission on the Parks Master Plan with Stantec. The Parks Commission members discussed options proceeding with choosing to interview with other firms for a new Parks Master Plan contract. The director pointed out that they will not be able to produce the numbers necessary for changing the park dedication fee for next year. Motion was made and carried with all ayes directing the staff to schedule interviews with other firms to conduct the Parks Master Plan.

2017 Street Improvement Project

The city engineer updated the city council on the street improvement project progress. Expectations were for completion of curb and gutter on the two blocks of Broadway, along with bump-outs, shaping, work on the sidewalks, and conduit for street lights all to be completed for the opening of Steamboat Days. The council's expectations were for completion by September 8th period.

The city manager discussed specifications of a chain link fence on the 3rd Street Bridge. The city engineer coordinated a quote for a decorative railing, similar to the Main Street and 4th Street bridges. The council was asked for confirmation to proceed with the decorative railing instead of a chain link fence.

The city engineer discussed with the council the scheduling of the Assessment Hearing for the 2017 Street Improvements and the necessity of approving the resolution. The engineer gave an overview of the project which began in June of this year expected to be completed in the fall of this year. The city had completed a special benefit analysis for this project and prepared a preliminary assessment roll. Information had been forwarded to individuals who had requested copies of the analysis. These findings have been used on recent projects for proposed final assessment roll. Feedback would be heard at the hearing and then the council will make final decisions regarding the final assessment roll. The project will be paid for with assessments, general funds and bonding. Recommendation was submitted to approve the presented resolution and the proposed assessment roll.

Ironwood Park

The Public Services Director updated the Parks Commission on the status of the Ironwood Park projects. The lighting poles are in and the conduit has been run to all of the locations. Stantec is working on the prices and ordering of the bridges. All of the work is on track and expected to be completed this year. The fields will be seeded in fall. The fields will not be ready for use or rental until 2019.

Carver Station

The council was updated on the SouthWest Transit contract which expires at the end of this year. A new contract or an extension should be negotiated this year. The grant contract with the Metropolitan Council project activity is through December of 2019 and grant funds may still be available at the end of this term. Contract also provides the possibility of an extension. Numbers and costs were reviewed. The staff had met with the Metropolitan Council regarding options as well as requirements for continuing service, completion of the demonstration service and future ownership of the Carver Station. This process continues.

2018 Preliminary Levy

The city manager discussed the 2018 Preliminary Levy along with consideration of adopting the resolution certifying the levy for the amount dictated. The preliminary levy has to be certified to the county by the end of September. The council had conducted a series of budget meetings discussing expenditure options as a guide for the amount of levy necessary to fund the operations to prepare the preliminary certification. Once certified it cannot be increased. A truth-in-taxation hearing on the levy would be held in December to determine the final levy and budget. In the interim the staff continues to review, revise and present additional budget estimates to the council for the General Fund. Based on taxable market value data, it is anticipated the preliminary levy will have an impact to the market values with increases.

Hartman Communities

The city planner updated the council on the latest development with the Olson Property regarding the Hartman Communities. The preliminary plat was revised and resubmitted for review. The builder is now CalAtlantic Homes resulting in changes to the preliminary plat.

"Never stop doing little things or others. Sometimes these little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."

- Ritu Ghatourey

Oak Tree

The city planner discussed with the council resolutions approving rezoning and planned residential development and approval of the preliminary plat for the Hartman Communities' Oak Tree. The Hartman Communities submitted applications for rezoning and the preliminary plat. The property consists of approximately seventy-six acres south of the Copper Hills neighborhood. The proposal is to develop the site into two hundred single-family lots. An association would maintain the villas with maintained yards and driveways. The proposed builder is CalAtlantic Homes.

The project is anticipated to be completed in four phases of final plat. The first phase would consist of the northeastern side of the development including the intersection access of White Pine Way at County Road # 11. The phasing plan was reviewed. The staff's recommendation was to not approve at this time pending on a review of the updated site plans and a phasing plan for utilities.

The city planner pointed out additional notes about the project to be included in considerations were the Dahlgren Road connection that are not included within the plat. There are discussions ongoing on this connection. There are not any proposed improvements to Dahlgren Road at this time. However, conditions were imposed on the Carver Square plat. This condition would be specifically defined with a future Final Plat approval. An additional item for consideration involve a final plat not anticipated for submission prior to winter, but request to grade could be requested for fall. A condition would be added to the resolution authorizing negotiation of a grading permit.

The Planning Commission reviewed these applications recommending approval. Modification to the plans compared to the version reviewed accommodating the changes and addressing comments received to date. Anticipation is that future improvements will be necessary to Dahlgren Road. Cost portions would be secured through future developer's agreements for this property utilizing the same methodology as utilized for the Carver Station previously.

Storm water runoff for this site is routed primarily to the south of the fire station to the existing land locked pond. Acquisition of land and construction improvements will be required as displayed in the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Currently there are not any cost estimates associated with the issue but storm water area charges that have been collected can be utilized for piping relating to improvements. Site development will result in additional operation and maintenance expenses typical of other residential developments, as well as increased demands on city services.

Staff recommendation was approval of rezoning and approval of the preliminary plat for Oak Tree.

Genealogy

Need a winter project? Or just looking for a project period? How about searching that family tree? Where did my ancestors come from? Curiosity growing? Or maybe you know someone who is looking for someone in their family? Tired of trying to search? Cost too much? Don't know where to begin? The Ancestry website charges \$ 19.99 per month for six months, as long as you stay in the USA, after that it's an additional \$ 99. And more if you need to search beyond the USA border then this cost may change.

Well, there is someone willing to help you. If you would like help with your family tree, the charge is only \$ 10.00 per generation for each side of your family, (\$ 10.00 for your side and \$ 10.00 per generation on spouse's side). You can't go wrong. All that is required from you, your full name, date of birth and place of birth, parents' names and dates of birth. If you have any other names that you think can help, you can add them. Or maybe you don't have all that information, contact Rose and she will help you with as much as she can.

"I will take it from there. Give me a call and we'll get started. Contact Rose Keown at 928.764.3630 and we'll begin the process and find your heritage. If it's easier, you can e-mail me too, rosekeown@frontiernet.net."

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

"Thanks everyone who replied to our survey. Your input results will be shared as soon as compiled. Plans are under way for 2018. Enjoy the fall." Watch upcoming issues for updates on the association and registration start up for the 2018 season. And always be sure to check their website for any updates or information. www.ccybsa.siplay.com

Traffic Impact Analysis

The Senior Traffic Engineering Specialist from the Hartman Communities addressed the Olson Property Development Traffic Impact Analysis. The Traffic Impact Analysis had been completed for the Olson Property residential development. The primary objectives of the study were to review existing operations within the study area, evaluate traffic impacts and recommend necessary improvements to accommodate the proposed development.

The council reviewed the information involving existing and future conditions of the roadways impacted. The existing conditions were reviewed establishing a baseline for comparisons and determinations of future impacts. The existing conditions included peak hour intersection turning movements, field observations and intersection capacity analysis at multiple intersections associated with the development perimeters.

The proposed development is expected to be completed in three phases and fully occupied by 2021. Traffic forecasts were based on non-building and building schedules. Access to the proposed site has been planned to be provided at either two or three sites dependent on the analysis scenario. Taken into account of analysis was the new school and the transit station.

Identifying and recommending improvements were reviewed of the completed proposed development concept sketch plan. The concept sketch plan was generally well configured. There is adequate sight distance at the three proposed site access locations based on the field observations. The accesses were reviewed and discussed. Existing, proposed and future right of way were also reviewed.

The conclusions of the data gathered were discussed and reviewed again.

The council then reviewed the request for rezoning from agriculture to Residential and the preliminary plat for development of single family detached homes, outlots, right-of-way, and related improvements for the property north of Dahlgren Road and west of County road # 11. There are approximately seventy-six acres for single-family and detached villas similar to the homes proposed at the previously developed Spring Creek and Copper Hills areas. The developer is also proposing villa homes on smaller lots on the south-eastern side of the plat. This type of construction allows for different setbacks, allows a higher density construction, and the ownership does share walls as one would with a townhome neighborhood. The homeowner's association would provide exterior maintenance and on yards, but buildings would be required to be maintained by the property owner.

The city planner clarified and recommended approval as the property is zoned agricultural. Zoning is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance of low density residential and medium density residential existing for the property. The Planned Residential District is intended to allow for development of flexible regulatory process allowing for joint planning design efforts by the developer and the city. The process should result in benefits that preserve natural resources and amenities, assure higher quality living environment and develop a variety of housing types and densities in the underlying zoning district.

The Planning Commission reviewed the application and submitted the recommendation of approval with conditions. The Public Services Director submitted his input on the development. The county reviewed and assessed the plans submitting their opinions.

Carver Flowers

Carver Flower is busy with orders for the Chaska and Chanhassen Homecoming event coming up. Chaska's Homecoming will be October 7th and Chanhassen's big night is the 14th of October.



The shop is also preparing for "Witches' Night Out"! That event will be Thursday, October 5th starting at 5 PM and will end at 8 PM. There will be wine *, snacks, Spooky Music, laughter, friendship and shopping! All Halloween merchandize will be 20% off! If you come dressed as a witch, there will be an additional 10% off.

[* This year, spend at least \$ 10 after discount, and drink your wine in your very own vintage gift glass. one per person while supplies last.]

Carver Lions

Did you know that the Carver Lions were founded in Carver on October 23rd in 1973? They meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. A great organization to join to support the community and do fun, great and successful things for your community. And remember you can donate your used old glasses to for someone in need. Questions, contact the Lions at carvermnlions@gmail.com.

The group is working on their Designer Purse Bingo that will be taking place on Saturday, November 4th at Stick's Tavern at Dahlgreen Golf Course. Details are attached on the flyer. You can win an authentic Coach and Michael Cors handbags. They are valued up to \$ 200. You can purchase ten game packages for \$ 26. Packet sales begin at noon. The fun is scheduled to start at 2 PM.

Then the group is preparing to join in on Sunday, October 29th for the Trunk and Treat event in downtown Carver from 3 PM until 5 PM. Trunk and Treat is candy parties to scour the backs of festively decorated cars for candy. Safe and fun for all involved.

"Bring all the kiddos for a SPOOKTACULAR time! We are looking for businesses and individuals to participate in the annual Carver Lions Trunk or Treat! Please join us. Bring a vehicle (decorate it if you choose), dress up, have fun, and hand out candy to all of our little Trick or Treaters! We welcome all organizations to sign up for this great event. The Carver Lions are working on details but we hope to include emergency vehicles, bounce house, hot cocoa, coffee, and more.

*To participate or make a donation, contact Lynda Mieseler at stierlyng@hotmail.com". Sponsored by the Carver Lions.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Auditions were held for the next performance at the Chaska Valley Family Theater. This Performance begins November 30th at the Chanhassen High School Auditorium. Check out their website for more details, www.cvft.org.

"The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is proud to bring this musical version of Frank Capra's classic back to the stage in this vibrant production! The story of George Bailey and his wonderful life in Bedford Falls remains a timeless fable of dreams, disillusionment and the power of love. An uplifting chronicle of the extraordinary lives of ordinary people, *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE* exhilarates the mind and heart as it celebrates the innate goodness in us all.

Tickets will go on sale soon." The first performance will be on Thursday, November 30th at the Chanhassen High School Auditorium. Tickets will also be available for December 1st through the 3rd and December 7th through the 10th. For times and more information, you can call or visit their website.

Also, "KERN & LOWE'S "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE," sometimes called "the American Christmas Carol," tells the now familiar story of George and Mary Bailey, the scheming, Scrooge-like Mr. Potter, Clarence, the lovable angel trying to win his wings, and the heart-warming triumph of the Bailey family and the Bedford Falls community. An uplifting chronicle of the extraordinary lives of ordinary people, *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE* exhilarates the mind and heart as it celebrates the innate goodness in us all."

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre's 2017-2018 Season of Nostalgia line up begins with *It's a Wonderful Life* followed by *School House Rock, Live!* in February. June will present, *Footloose*; and then last but not least will be the performance in September of *That Thing You Do!*, called *The Wonders*. Again, you will find all the information needed on their website. Auditions for *School House Rock, Live!* will be held in tentatively in December or January.



Carver Fire Department

Don't miss the "Open House" for the Carver Fire Department/Public Services Tuesday, October 3rd, starting at 5 PM. There will be Fire Safety Presentations, Fire Truck rides, bounce house for kids, chili and hot dogs and meet the staff of the Public Services and your firefighters until 8 PM. It was said, "The event keeps growing with community support." (see attached flyer)



The Carver Black Sox

"The Carver Black Sox State Tournament Run Ended with 7-6 Loss in 12 Innings to Union Hill. The Carver Black Sox Players, Coaches and Board Members want to thank all of the loyal and proud fans who supported the team this season. What a great season it was. The Black Sox are looking forward to a repeat performance in 2018 with a different result. The Carver Black Sox season came to finish on Saturday, September 2nd in the Sweet Sixteen of the Minnesota Amateur Baseball State Tournament in Green Isle. The Union Hill Bulldogs scored one run in the top of the 12th inning, and held off the Black Sox in the bottom half of the inning for the victory. Carver had defeated New York Mills and Dodge County in the opening two games of the state tournament to earn their spot in the Sweet Sixteen, the Black Sox first appearance in the tournament since 1983."

There is more information on their website about their tournament run. Or if you just want to know more about the Carver Black Sox, then be sure to visit their website (www.carverblacksox.com)

Congratulations to each of the team members for their success!

WeCab

WeCAB is looking for Volunteers!

Learn about volunteer opportunities! WeCAB is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 11, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Carver Place (113 3rd Street East, Carver).

For more information about WeCAB's services and volunteer opportunities, visit www.WeCAB.org.



Roots Return Heritage Farm

Roadside farm stand in Carver offers fresh, dried and frozen vegetables, herbs and fruits, elderberries, garden produce, Heirloom Tomatoes, Pumpkins, and Raspberries (Fall and summer-bearing), Lemon Cucumbers, Edamame, Dried Red Hidatsa Bean (bag), dried Basil (in shaker, Anaheim Pepper, Delicata Squash, Jack-be-Little Pumpkin (gourdes), and Casper Pumpkin. Did you know that you can order ahead for farm stand pickup at <http://rrhf.myshopify.com>.

You can browse, order ahead, and pickup. The farm stand hours are Thursday, 3 – 7 PM and Saturday 9 - 11 AM offering fresh, frozen and dried farm products. There is accessible parking lot next to stand. You can check weekly availability at Spotify, their Facebook page or LocalHarvest.org.

Browsing products at the stand and order ahead pickups are available when open (frozen items ONLY available by order ahead). All seeds or starts are organic, heirloom or open pollinated varieties. You will find Roots Return Heritage Farm at 14525 County Road # 40, Carver MN 55315.

Open House

Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM an Open House Meeting is scheduled at the Carver Elementary School Cafeteria on the Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor Study. (More information, if you have computer access, at www.jcpcorridorstudy.com)

"Carver County and the City of Carver are partnering on a corridor study along Jonathan Carver Parkway (County Highway 11) between County Highway 40 (south leg) and just north of US Highway 212. The purpose of the study is to identify the short, mid, and long-term improvements along the corridor to address transportation needs for the next 20 years.

We invite you to attend the Open House to learn about the study and to help us identify needs and concerns related to Jonathan Carver Parkway today and in the future. If you cannot attend the open house meeting, we encourage you to visit the project's website to learn more about the study and to provide comments."

Spooky Geocaching

On Saturday, October 7th starting at 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM at the Riverside park is Spooky Geocaching event. For Chaska/Carver residents the fee is \$ 10 and for non-resident it is \$ 12. You can register for the event at the Chaska Community Center or go on line at: www.chaskacommunitycenter.com.





Medication Take-Back Day

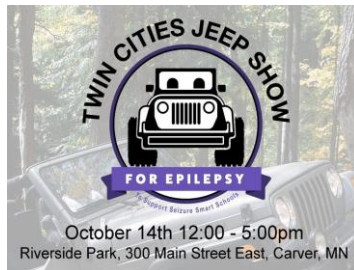
Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal. When you ask? Saturday, October 29th at 10 AM until 2 PM at Carver Place, 113 3rd Street East, Carver. If you can't make it that day, there are also permanent Medication Disposal Boxes located at the Carver County Sheriff's Office at 606 East 4th Street, Chaska or Waconia City Hall, 201 South Vine Street, Waconia or Chanhassen City Hall, 7700 Market Boulevard in Chanhassen.



Twin Cities Jeep Show

Thanks to the City of Carver staff, here is information for an event occurring at Riverside Park on October 14th at 12 PM until 5 PM for Epilepsy. All of the proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota. Here are the following details:

Event Features:
 RTI Ramp
 RC Crawler Course
 Raffle
 Silent Auction
 50/50
 Food
 Much More
 Registration Fee: \$20
 All proceeds to benefit the
 Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
twincitiesjeepshow@gmail.com



South West Transit

Remember SouthWest Transit if you don't want to fight construction on the roads or the traffic and you want to go to the Vikings, Gophers or Twins games. Wouldn't it be nice to just hop on the bus and ride SouthWest Transit to the Vikings Home Games into December and be dropped off right at the Gateway Ramp? Or fight the snow too? Or to go see the Gophers Football games without wondering if the road there will be closed or traffic will make you miss the start of the game and arriving at Oak and Delaware?

Yea, there has been an increase of rates to ride, but can you really justify complaints when gas also has increased and we have that much needed road construction testing everyone's patience? Check out their website for all kinds of relevant information.
 (www.swtransit.org)

Carver Elementary

The Carver Elementary School constructed recently in the City of Carver officially opened September 5th 2017. Seems like a historical event that should get some attention. Ms Lauren Stovern wrote that nearly ten thousand eager students started 'back to school' on September 5th. She also stated, "We are grateful for your support of Eastern Carver County Schools. We are especially grateful for the new Carver Elementary School, which welcomed students through its doors for the first time today. The teachers and staff have worked tirelessly getting ready, and building is now filled with excited learners." So officially in 2017 the second school in the city welcomed students. The first being the Carver School in downtown Carver. I would bet to venture a guess that there are some mighty proud citizens experiencing emotions of another school once again educating kids in their hometown.

For anyone who does not have youngsters any longer or new to the area or just aren't aware, the East Union Elementary School is still in operation in East Union. You can go to District 112 website and check out any and all school related issues.

District # 112

It should be noted also just in case people missed the important information regarding students in school. In the past, the district provided an Activity Bus transporting students home following afternoon school activities. This is no longer the case. The reason for that change was due to changes in school dismissal times. This issue will be monitored and evaluated in the fall of this year. Notifications will be given if there are any changes.


The district would however like to let students and parents know that the Shuttle Bus transporting students to school-sponsored co-curricular and athletic practices after school will continue between middle schools and high schools. There is a shuttle bus schedule on line.
 (www.district112.org)

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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"Villager Tower"

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East Union Lutheran Church

The late Audree Sells had donated a quilt to the church. The church was extremely honored as Ms Audree, after all was a Nationally Known Quilter and this was an extraordinary gift. Audree was also co-founder of the Chaska Area Quilt Club. Her work is part of art collections nationally and internationally including the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Ms Audree was also named MN Quilter of the Year in 2014, and instrumental in the creation of "The Chaska Heritage Quilt given to the city in 1987.

There will be on Thursday, October 5th from 1 PM until 4 PM a Celebration of Life for Audree Sells at the church.

Sunday, October 8th is Global Mission Sunday and the church will be hosting their guest, Ibrahim Bitrus. Mr Bitrus currently is serving as our Synod Theologian-In-Residence. "Ibrahim Bitrus, PhD, is a native of Nigeria. He and his family sacrificed everything so he could come to the United States and complete his PhD. His goal is to return to Nigeria and teach in the Lutheran seminary. The Synod Council has approved the Bitrus family staying another 10 months so his wife Julecy can complete her degrees. However, congregations and individuals need to raise the approximate \$40,000 in costs. Our Congregation Council has pledged \$1000 to help the Bitrus family. You can help us reach that goal with any gift you can give. Just mark your check and your envelope with "Bitrus Family Fund." Thank you for your support for this worthy cause!"

"Ibrahim Bitrus, will be preaching and hosting an adult forum after coffee and fellowship. We welcome him as we hear more about his story and the country of Nigeria...After he completed his studies at Luther Seminary, he was asked to serve as a "Companion Synod Theologian in Residence" in our Minneapolis Area Synod. This was a two -year commitment which began in 2015. His wife Julecy has been studying hard during this time at Metropolitan State University to complete her degrees in biology and chemistry. She is nearly a straight 'A' student. Her goal is to return to Nigeria and serve as a high school teacher. Unfortunately, the radical Islamic group Boko Haram invaded the part of the country where the Bitrus family lived and her transcripts and credits were lost. So, she needs one more year to finish her education. ...The Synod Council has approved the Bitrus family staying another 10 months so Julecy can complete her degrees." However, congregations and individuals need to raise more money to make their dream happen."

The Fall Bazaar will be taking a one-year hiatus. The church is working on something new and exciting for next year.

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women needs volunteers. SVABW is offering volunteer training for crisis line advocates, weekly support group facilitators and child care volunteers. Training begins in late September, 2017. Gain valuable knowledge and build your professional skills while assisting others. For further information, call Martha at 952-873-4214.

Regarding help for Hurricane Harvey victims and want to know the best way you can help the victims. You can "Donate to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund. 100% of your donation will be used for Hurricane Relief. Go to this website to give or find out more: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/OurImpact/US-Hurricane-Relief> Lutheran Disaster Relief is an outstanding organization involving both the ELCA and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. I have witnessed their work in both flood and tornado relief and can vouch for them. In the words of tornado victims, "Thank God for the Lutherans!" Please pray for Houston and the surrounding area.—Pastor Dave"

Looking for a service opportunity? "Can you make a meal? If you'd like to make a meal for Heidi and her family go to the Meal Train website for Heidi at [https:// www.mealtrain.com/trains/3lqz4y](https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/3lqz4y) and sign up. If you want help signing up through the Internet come to the Parish Office and we'll be glad to help you. You can follow along on this difficult journey through her CaringBridge site - www.caringbridge.org/visit/heidigusenius"

"Do you have a sewing machine that works? If so, would you be willing to donate it to homeless and very poor young girls and women in Africa? Bring it to the church. Through Love, Inc. of Eastern Carver County we are working with Pathways to Hope Africa, a non-profit organization that works with homeless and marginalized women in Uganda. They are starting a sewing center for young girls and women. Sewing machines are needed for this worthy cause."

"Help us "coat" our community in love! Love INC is working with local churches, organizations, and families to collect clean, new or gently used coats, gloves, hats, scarves, snow pants and boots, and dollars to support the coat drive program from now until October 22nd at various locations around Eastern Carver County. Infant, toddler, youth, men's and women's coats are accepted. The process is simple: drop off your extra coat(s) and winter wear and Love INC takes care of the rest! All donated coats will be given to local children and adults in need. If you do not have a coat to donate, you can help provide a warmer winter by texting "WARMCOAT" to 41444 to donate \$10. Our goal is to collect 1000 coats and \$500 during our coat drive. For a list of donation drop-off sites, please visit www.loveincecc.org."

"Pringles Cans Anyone? Does anyone have empty full-sized Pringles cans? Does anyone want to empty a full-sized Pringles can? When they are empty, please bring them to church or the parish office. Pastor Dave needs about 60 empty (and clean) Pringles cans for a children's sermon in November. Thanks!"

Additional announcements from the church are as follows: Trunk or Treat, October 29—Save the date! On October 29, we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat. We hope to have a great turnout and make it a great time for the kids! (See attached flyer)
Chicken Dinner, Sunday, November 5 – Save the date! On November 5, we will be hosting our annual Chicken Dinner.

EULC Congregational BINGO, Sunday, November 12 – Save the date! On Sunday, November 12, we will host our first ever Congregational BINGO event.

Children Learn What They Live

- If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight
- If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy
- If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty
- If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient
- If a child lives with encouragement; He learns confidence
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice
- If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith
- If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world



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## October Halloween Events

The month of October is full of activities celebrating the harvest season and Halloween. This year there is an additional event, Lantern Light Festival in Shakopee at Canterbury Park along with Severs' Fall Festival. Then there is Valley Scare, Trail of Terror and ScreamTown. I'm sure I have missed some other events but these were the ones I know of. Will give a synopsis below of some of the events schedules.



The Lantern Light Festival is a six-week celebration of a Chinese culture featuring massive lanterns which began September 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held evenings at 5 PM until 11 PM Thursday through Sunday evenings until October 28<sup>th</sup>.

There is an admission fee. This is "a spectacular evening of dazzling lights, colors and themes. The festival also features inspiring performances, and incredible cuisine. A tradition that started over two thousand years ago and is china's most important celebration, marking the return of spring with the lighting of Chinese lanterns being symbolic of illuminating the future and the reunion of family. The Lantern Festival is the last day (traditionally of China's most important festival, Spring Festival, the Chinese New Year. ( [www.lanternlightfestival.com](http://www.lanternlightfestival.com) )



Sever's Fall Festival is Friday through Sunday until October 29<sup>th</sup> at Canterbury Park in Shakopee. Admission fee.

There are multiple activities at this festival. There is the Pumpkin Patch and all fall things, live shows and food and beverages. This event has expanded enormously since opening in 1997. ( [www.seversfallfestival.com](http://www.seversfallfestival.com) )

Then there are the actual Halloween scary, spooky events that some really love. There is the Trail of Terror, ValleyScare and ScreamTown. ValleyScare is PG-13 rated and not recommended for children under thirteen years of age. They are open weekends only at different times dependent on the day until October 28<sup>th</sup>. ( [www.valleyfair.com](http://www.valleyfair.com) )



Trail of Terror is only open on weekends and they open their event October 13<sup>th</sup> and their last day is October 29<sup>th</sup>. Hours also depend on day. They are located on Highway # 41 north of Chaska. ( [www.trailofterrormn.com](http://www.trailofterrormn.com) )



Scream Town is west of Chaska on Highway #212. They have eight massive attractions with gates opening at 6:30 PM. Saturdays they close sharply at 11 PM and Sunday at 10 PM. Weekends are the only available nights and they have already opened for the season. Check out their website for all the information. ( [www.screamtown.com](http://www.screamtown.com) )



## Community Calendar



- November 1<sup>st</sup> - Lions Meeting  
All Saint's Day  
Happy Birthday Judy!
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday Deb!
- November 4<sup>th</sup> - Lions Designer Purse Bingo
- November 5<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Ends  
Happy Anniversary Russell and Jacque!
- November 6<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Drill Night
- November 7<sup>th</sup> - Election Day
- November 10<sup>th</sup> - City Holiday
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day
- November 13<sup>th</sup> - Parks Commission Meeting  
Carver Elementary PTO Meeting  
Dahlgren Board Meeting  
Officer's Meeting ( Fire Department )
- November 14<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Bob!  
SouthWest Metro Chamber Meeting  
Carver-On-the-Minnesota Meeting  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting
- November 16<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting  
Happy Birthday Laura!
- November 18<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Zac!
- November 20<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
East Union PTO Meeting  
Drill Night  
School Board Meeting
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Tim!  
Happy Birthday Allison!  
Happy Birthday Marvin!
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thanksgiving Day  
Happy Anniversary Loren and Deb!
- November 25<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Doug!
- November 27<sup>th</sup> - Conference Workshop/No School  
Fire Department Meeting Night
- November 28<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Rachel!  
Happy Birthday Michael!
- November 29<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Ken!
- November 30<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Taylor!

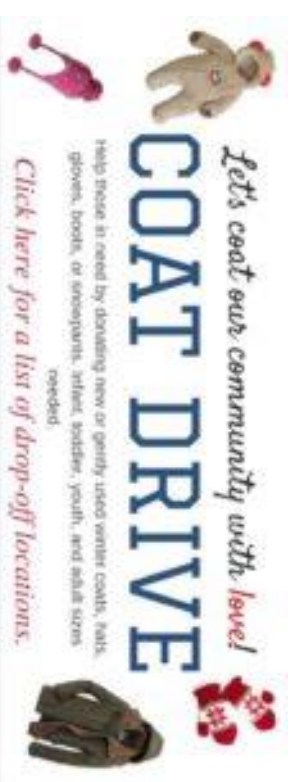


November is American Diabetes Month®



HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!!!!

What is Love Inc? A Partnership of local churches connecting neighbors in need. You can go to their website for more information and more details on items below. Each and every caption is well worth checking out.



Let's coat our community with love!

# COAT DRIVE

Help those in need by donating new or gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, or snowpants, infant, toddler, youth, and adult sizes needed.

*Click here for a list of drop-off locations.*

2017 LOVE INC COMMUNITY SURVEY

*Let Your Voice Be Heard!*

Love Inc is actively seeking to determine the strategic plan for the future and we want to hear from YOU!

Survey ended 10/26/2017. See Online Survey at OCTOBER 26th

Help Us “Coat” the Community with Love!  
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Love INC is working with local churches, ...  
Now until October 22nd



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September 7, 2017 By Love INC of Eastern Carver County  
...What would you have us do? After celebrating ...



URGENT NEED

NEW OR GENTLY USED QUEEN SHEETS AND BLANKETS

STOP BY AT CHASKA LUTHERAN CHURCH 1115 E. 4TH STREET, CHASKA, WI - 53401 - 2:00PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT 763 AT 450-448-4000

URGENT NEED – Queen sheets and blankets  
August 2, 2017 By Love INC of Eastern Carver County  
The Linen Closet, a Love INC ministry hosted ...

## DISTRICT 112 NEEDS

District 112 Needs – UPDATED 9/11/17

April 28, 2017 By Love INC of Eastern Carver County

Love INC has partnered with Eastern Carver County Schools to help provide necessary items for students in need within the district. CLICK HERE to assist with current District 112 needs throughout the 2017-2018 school year! Don't have time to shop personally for the needed items? No worries – we've created an Amazon Wish List. Shop from the comfort [...]



## UPCOMING



Get Crafty! Help Us Make Christmas Cards!

By Love INC of Eastern Carver County

We are looking for volunteers who can help us make 200 handmade, Christ-centered Christmas cards to be given out with our Christmas food baskets in mid-December. We have two dates available - one for seasoned, veteran card makers, and one for volunteers at all levels of experience. Both dates will be held at Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Rd, Eden Prairie) in Room 210. Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 - 9:00 PM - CALLING ALL VETERAN CARD MAKERS! This date is set aside for veteran card makers. ...

## FARE FOR ALL:

Also at the Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Chaska is the program, “Fare For All Express”. There are Produce Packs, Meat Only Packs, Regular Packssand Mega Meat Packs. The dates available listed are October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>.

You can go on line to [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org) or call 763-450-3880 or 1-800-582-4291 for more information.



## FARE FOR ALL

*Food that makes cents*



# October Monthly Feature

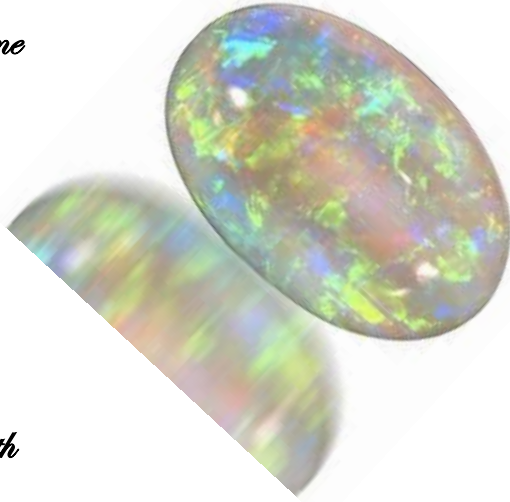
## Zodiac Sign



Libra  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>



## October's Birthstone



Opal - Symbolizes faithfulness and confidence  
Latin - precious stone  
Necklaces with opals set - repel evil and protect eyesight



## Flower of the Month

Marigold and Cosmos

Marigold - Sign of Warmth or Fierce undying love  
Cosmos - Order, peace and serenity

## Marigolds





# Fire Department & Public Services Open House

Tuesday, October 3rd  
5:00-8:00 pm

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## WITCHES' NIGHT OUT

Wine\*, Snacks, Spooky Music, Laughter, Friendship  
... and Shopping!

Date Thursday, October 5, 2017

**TIME 5 PM – 8 PM**

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Wine\*, Snacks, Spooky Music, Laughter, Friendship ... and Shopping!

***All Halloween merchandise will be 20% off!***

*(Come dressed as a witch, and get an additional 10% off!)*

\*This year, spend at least \$10 after discount, and drink your wine in your very own vintage gift glass.

(One per person, while supplies last.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CARVER FLOWERS @ [INFO@CARVERFLOWERS.COM](mailto:INFO@CARVERFLOWERS.COM)

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# HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

\*SPONSORED BY THE CARVER LIONS\*

Downtown Carver, Sunday October 29th  
3pm to 5pm

Bring all the kiddos for a SPOOKTACULAR time! We are looking for businesses & individuals to participate in the annual Carver Lions Trunk or Treat! Please join us. Bring a vehicle (decorate it if you choose), dress up, hand out of candy to all of our little Trick or Treaters and most importantly, HAVE FUN! We welcome all organizations to sign up for this great event. The Carver Lions are working on details but we are hoping to include emergency vehicles, bounce house, hot cocoa, coffee & more.

\*If you would like to participate or make a donation, please contact Lynda Mieseler at: [stherly3@hotmail.com](mailto:stherly3@hotmail.com) or 612-419-0832 by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT



# Trunk or Treat

East Union

Lutheran Church

Sunday

October 29<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The East Union Church invites everyone to come and join in the fun at their Trunk-Or-Treat event at 15180 County Road # 40, Carver

Looking for a great turnout to make it a great time for the kids. See you there!

4:30-5pm Halloween BINGO

5-5:30 pm Crafts, games and hayrides

5:30-6pm Hotdog dinner

6-6:30 Trunk and Treat





**Saturday, November 4**

**2:00pm**

**Sticks Tavern**

**Dahlgreen Golf Course**

Win AUTHENTIC Coach and Michael Kors handbags.

Up to \$200 in value!

Purchase a 10 game package for \$26.00

Packet sales begin at Noon.

Carver Lions Lic. #01745



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