



November 2017

Number Three Hundred Thirty- One

In Honorable Memory of Jerry Scott and Chris Burkhardt

Daylight Savings

Since we all have been having so much fun over summer and fall. Then the nice weather we have had, which is called an "Indian Summer". All of these factors might have thrown us off guard and we have forgotten what time of the year it really is. Reminder: daylight savings time is about to end. We turn our clocks back and gain an hour sleep on November 5th.

So, when the full moon arrives on Saturday night, and before you're snugly all tucked into bed, change those clocks. Unless of course, with the technology today, all your stuff automatically changes itself. Yes, believe it or not, it happens. Last spring, I went to put the clocks forward and realized that only had two I had to change. Everything else was automatic. Was just a wee bit surprised and yes, know I shouldn't have been but remember, some of us in the older generation are not yet fully in-tune with all this modern technology.

City Offices Hours

The City of Carver offices will be closed November 10th in observance of Veterans Day. The city thanks all who bravely serve/served our country and protected our freedom! The city offices will also be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a 'Happy Thanksgiving'!



Municipal Utilities Study

The council listened to the AEM Financial Solutions representative give an introduction for the city's municipal utilities study that was conducted. The organization provided an analysis of the city's water, sewer and storm water historical financial performance and fees. Its purpose was to show the current rate compared with similar communities.

The water operation graph highlighted the debt service amounts required for the water fund. Connection fees would fill in the gap between receipts and disbursements. Presently the city has accumulated sufficient funds. The current sewer rates sufficiently cover operating disbursements but not debt service. Future growth of the system has not been factored into the rates. There is a necessity for base charges and possible readjustment of tiers. The Storm Water Operations are unlike the other funds. Operating receipts have been sufficient covering required operations and debt service. The nature of the storm water operations is different than the other two municipal utilities. There are generally larger projects driving the need for reserves rather than daily operation. This then precedes the need to review the rate study. Currently the charge is per unit not distinguishing the size of the lot. Since some properties within the city possess significant impermeable surfaces, it is consistent with industry planning to consider acreage charge rather than per unit rate.

The final summarization of the study therefore states that the utility funds are favorable for cash flow but required consideration for future growth. The next step in the process would then construct a financial model based on the determinations for necessity for any rate adjustments.

"Be the type of person you want to meet."
~ Unknown

2040 Comprehensive Plan

The city planner talked with the council regarding the update and next steps needed pertaining to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan preparations. Recently the council and the Planning Commission members focused their conversations on development to the planning principles guide of the Comprehensive Plan. The high-level planning principles which included the sense of Community Pride; Embracing the River; planning for access to Carver Commerce; homes for all; connection by trails; innovative infrastructure and planning; and long term financial stewardship. Consultants and staff have prepared the background information that informs the plan and continued development of plan elements in preparation for upcoming meetings. The council reviewed an updated schedule for the future. Previously the focus had been on a more robust update of future land use map. New agenda necessitates concentration on the planning process adjustment with respect to dates and timeframes for completion. Also providing additional time for review of drafted future land use maps for Chaska and Victoria prior to moving forward with the preparation of the utility plan in case there are any changes of land uses on Carver's map as a result of that review. This will ensure consistency and compatibility between the plans of adjacent jurisdictions which is an important component in the preparation of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Currently, the City of Carver is ahead of neighboring jurisdictions in their planning preparations. In the near future it is proposed that the review of the detailed planning principles be completed along with the review of a draft of text of the land use section of the plan.

The city planner presented information regarding the focused conversation held attempting to describe the substance context of each for the seven planning principles. These will then form the umbrella for the goals and strategies identified within the plan to be included in the introduction chapter. Housing is the predominant land use category in the plan. Goals and strategies of the drafted housing section would need to be reviewed and discussed further. Existing housing needs contain basic housing assessment focusing on affordable housing. Projected housing needs focuses on the affordable housing allocation provided by the Metropolitan Council. This discussion encompasses specific types of housing currently available and identifying the necessity for senior housing of all types and price ranges. Implementation addresses specific tools required for each housing need identified in both existing and projected housing needs section, as well as outlining circumstances to utilize those tools. Other information provided included drafted planning principles, drafted housing section, the county's affordable housing update, housing tools and effective housing referrals.

2017 Street Improvements

The city engineer discussed with the council the resolution presented for approval regarding the adoption of the assessment roll for the 2017 Street Improvement Project. He reviewed with the council the construction that had occurred. The city would pay costs associated with the project through assessments, general funds and bonding. The assessments will be over a twenty-year period with an interest rate of 4.835% based upon the bond sale. Recommendation was submitted to approve the presented resolution.

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.

Redevelopment Project

At the council's work session, the city manager presented a summary regarding the property being considered for a senior housing project. The council had chosen Shingobee's proposal. A representative presented a summary of their Vision/Developer Approach, Redevelopment Concept and Market/Demographic Analysis. Information was also presented regarding the Proposed Tax Increment Finance for the housing district and the summary for the project schedule was also given.

2018 Preliminary Levy

The city manager informed the council that certification of the preliminary levy to the county was necessary. In preparation of the preliminary certification the council had conducted a series of budget meetings discussing various expenditure options relating to the General Fund, which for the most part was a guide to the amount of levy necessary to fund operations. Once the levy is certified, it can not be increased. A truth-in-taxation hearing on the preliminary levy is scheduled for December 4th to determine the final levy and budget. In the interim the staff will continue to review, revise and present additional budget estimates to the council for the General Fund. The city manager was commended for the work done. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2018 Preliminary Levy.

Oak Tree

The Oak Tree development preliminary plat information was presented by the city planner who presented an overview. Hartman Communities proposed that the development is being brought through the preliminary plat phase and CalAtlantic Homes will be bringing in the final plat in phases and managing build-out of the entire site.

The mayor inquired about the net loss per acre fitting into the Metropolitan Council's criteria. The city planner responded that the project meets criteria across the entire site. Question was asked about the Carver Crossing lot requirements and the city planner explained the criteria. Question was asked about the development being done in phases. There will be at least four phases. The water flow onto Dahlgren Road was inquired about. The city engineer indicated that the water flow had been reviewed and the development allows for routing of storm sewer down to Dahlgren Road but there is a portion of the western piece through natural areas that will have storm water ponds. There is some drainage at the backside of the Carver Square area. This area is being worked on with the county. Changes to the speed limit in the area was asked about. It was anticipated to be any changes but could be reviewed in the future with county staff.

Council member asked why the city is allowing variances to zoning requirements. The city planner indicated that the standards do not completely align with the new products in today's markets. The mayor indicated that there is a full acre lot in the development where he resides not seen in today's developments. Statement was made that the zoning regulations are outdated. The city planner stated that the zoning regulations have been updated incrementally over the last fifteen years instead of creating a new category for the new products. Question was asked if without the variance change, the city would be in line with the Met Council's requirement of three houses per acre. The city planner responded that they have not reviewed any plans that did not meet that requirement. There is a lot of open space on the site that is intentionally being preserved. Realigning the development to add the lots somewhere else would result in loss of trees and other protected items. This proposal displayed two hundred homes. Question was asked how many homes were proposed in previous plan. The response was two hundred thirty-five.

Question was asked if the acceleration lane would be expanded past White Pine Way. The city planner responded that the engineering design would help sort out the width of the lanes and the acceleration lanes. This plan was feasible the mayor stated and continued that the city would continue working with the county on the Jonathan Carver Parkway Transportation Plan.

The Planning Commission had approved the proposal unanimously. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the rezoning and planned residential development. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Oak Tree.

Council Compensation

The council continued discussions regarding compensation. The mayor stated that he is happy to close the salary gap. Another council member also expressed their favoring the revised pay structure but there lacks a mechanism for not attending meetings. Suggestion was made requiring attendance percentage. The city manager pointed out that the election is one mechanism. The attorney was asked if other cities have a structure set up. The attorney was not aware of any action but did not preclude the city from adopting an ordinance to control this. Some council members expressed discomfort with the action. It was confirmed that the council had not experienced any pay raise since 2003. The mayor reiterated that anyone who serves in the civic position should be compensated and this was a fair way of handling. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the ordinance setting city council compensation.

Building Inspector Update

The building inspector updated the council on the Carver Ridge 2nd Addition. At this addition there are two homes under construction and there are three remaining lots. There are seven homes under construction by M & I in the Copper Hills development. In the same development, Mattamy Homes have completed their final homes. At Christy's Bluff there is one home under construction. Riverview Estates has three homes under construction. The inspector continues working on his other projects.

Renovation

The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed the exterior alteration application with the property owner.

Owner proposed continuing installation of artificial cultured stone after starting repair to stucco discovering that the brick under the stucco was deteriorating. Inquiry was made of interest to tuck and point brick instead. Due to expense homeowner was not interested in that alternative. Approval was necessary to repair with cultured stone which was not correspondent with the Residential Design Guidelines. Motion was made and carried with five ayes and one nay denying the proposal to install artificial cultured stone.

Homeowner requested adding a door in the front wall and two lights to the shed in the rear of the property in the historical district. Shed era unknown but the home was constructed in approximately 1860. The evaluation of the request requires that the commission apply to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The commission will review the proposed door and lights and make a decision on their findings for either approval or disapproval.

Roots Return Heritage Farm

Submitted by: Lori D Cox

"We are closed for the season (thank you to all of our customers!), but watch for upcoming gift certificate availability good for the 2018 season (website, Facebook, etc)."



"Roadside farm stand offered fresh, dried and frozen vegetables, herbs and fruits. Closed for 2017 season. Please email any questions, or see Order Ahead for farm stand pickup at <http://rrhf.myshopify.com>.

Practice organic growing methods, and integrated pest-management with no synthetic inputs. Rotate cover crops ('green manure') each year to build our soil, reduce erosion/run-off, grow healthy plants, and improve pollinator & wildlife habitat."

The Occasional Shops of Carver

2017 Sales Dates

January 19th-22nd	July 20th-23rd
February 16th-19th	August 24th-27th
March 16th-19th	September 21st-23rd
April 20th-23rd	October 19th-22nd
May 18th-21st	November 16th-19th
June 15th-18th	December 7th-10th

Senior Housing Project

The consulting planner, Ms Mary Matze, discussed with the council the contamination investigation and RAP Development Grant Application pertaining to the property located on Sixth Street designated to be developed for senior housing. The city purchased the property in December of 2015 and in May of 2017 chose a proposal from Shingobee Builders. An overview was presented listing the chain of events leading to the present data. In 2016 the MN Pollution Control Agency requested an investigation and correction action. In August of 2016 an investigation of site was completed to satisfy the requirements from the MPCA. Upon review of the completed Limited Site Investigation, the PMCA requested additional site investigation for items noted in the Phase I and II investigations that had been completed in 2014 and 2015. In addition to the previous tests, the Environmental Phase I and Phase II investigations have expired requiring to be updated and verified. Prior to moving forward there are mandatory items that the city will need to complete. These items include additional tests required by the MPCA, update and verify Phase I and Phase II of the work, enroll in the Petroleum Brownfields Program and the Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program, and prepare a Response Action Plan/Construction Contingency Plan for future redevelopment of the site.

In order to offset these additional costs of testing and requirements, the staff prepared an application for the Contamination Investigation and RAP Development Grant from DEED. Under the authority of the Contamination Cleanup Grant Program, the Department of Employment and Economic Development is able to award grant funds toward the costs of investigating for contaminants and developing a Response Action Plan to clean up contamination. This grant was created by the legislature in 1993. Amendments were made in 1997 to allow DEED to grant funds. The investigation grant funds are intended to jump-start the environmental remediation process in order for properties to be cleaned up and redeveloped. If for some reason this grant is not received, reapplication can be done in May of 2018. The grant allows applicants to pay for the cost of remediating the site and retroactive site investigations associated with cleaning up the site. Legislation allowed DEED to award grants for up to stated amount or 75 % of the total investigation costs, whichever is less for contamination investigation and RAP development costs. A requirement of the application is that the applicant must pay for at least twenty five percent of the total estimated investigation costs. At least twelve percent of the investigation costs must come from unrestricted funding sources. Part of the application requirement is that the cities approve a resolution committing to match funds and approve authorizing contract signatures.

Annexation Request

The city planner informed the council of a request received to be annexed into the City of Carver from Dahlgren Township. The property is approximately three quarters of an acre and has a failing septic system but the city has municipal utilities available within the right of way from Jonathan Carver Parkway. Staff had negotiated an orderly annexation agreement from the main order agreement. Specifically, reimbursement to the township would not be done. The township had adopted the resolution approving the annexation. Following annexation, the property will be required to connect to the city municipal utilities.

Dahlgren Township

The Dahlgren Township Board discussed the Cologne fire equipment replacement proposal. An increase proposed was discussed. The township's response to the proposal was that dedicating total funds for equipment replacement was not feasible because the 2018 levy had already been set. Some of the amount could be dedicated for the proposal. The township also voiced their opinion that the purchase should be postponed for purchasing the first Response Vehicle in an additional year.

The township's attorney discussed annexation requests with the City of Carver. The city expressed interest in annexing the Xcel Substation site. At this time the township disapproved and will not be annexed. The board also discussed the request of a property owner in the township to be annexed into the city off of Jonathan Carver Parkway. The township approved the property owner's request to be annexed by motion.

East Union Church

Looking for a good chicken dinner? Well, you are in luck. East Union Lutheran Church is hosting a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 5th starting at 4 PM and serving until 6 PM. There will also be a quilt raffle held.



"Quilt Raffle, Sunday, November 5 A photograph can never do some things justice! This quilt is a perfect example of that. See it up close in the Parish Center. This Full Size Bed Quilt donated to East Union by Audree Sells is all hand quilted making it a real gem. Hand quilting results in a quilt that is softer and more comfortable than anything produced by a machine could ever be. It's a quilt that is meant to be used. Besides that, it's stunning! There's tons of interest in the details when you look at the rainbow of fabrics that Audree used in this quilt while at the same time creating a harmonious and beautiful whole. Raffle Tickets will be sold for \$2.00. The raffle will take place at the Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 5th. Don't miss your chance to win! After all, "The best kind of sleep beneath heaven above, is under a quilt handmade with love."

Then be sure to come to East Union Church the following Sunday, November 12th for their first Congregational Bingo event.

SHOPS OF CARVER

The Good Junk Garage**

109 1/2 3rd Street E.

Carver Flowers

109 3rd Street E.

Stages

109 3rd Street E.

Sassy Kat Boutique**

221 Broadway N

Sweeter Times**

200 Broadway N

Sweet Repeats

208 Broadway N

Ms. Mac's Antiques**

300 Broadway N

Farm Girl Junk**

300 Broadway N

Studio H**

308 Broadway N

**These businesses are occasional shops that are typically open the third weekend of the month, check each shops Facebook page for open dates

Places to Eat

A Cup Of Carver

490 Old Carver Rd.

Harvey's Bar & Grill

220 Broadway N

Lisa's Place

205 Broadway N

City of Carver Events

Steamboat Days

The weekend after Labor Day

Deer Hunters Widows Sale

The first Saturday of November

Small Business Saturday

The Saturday after Thanksgiving

Carver Village Christmas

The first Saturday of December

Soggy Bottom Open

A winter golf event

"At the end of the day we [aren't] Democrat or Republican, Whites or Blacks, Men or Women. We are all humans and we are all Americans and [it's] time to start acting like it and stand together as ONE."

~~ Jason Aldean

Genealogy

Looking for a winter project? Or just looking for a project to do? 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. Why not let someone who has a membership to ancestry already do the work for you?

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 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. © 2017

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Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Be sure to mark your calendar if you are interested in the presentations by the Chaska Valley Family Theatre. More information can be found on their website, cvft.org.

The first night to see the performance will be on Thursday, November 30th at the Chanhassen High School Auditorium.

"CVFT 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."

South West Transit

For any information or check for any updates, and you have access to a computer, be sure to check out the Southwest Transit's website, swtransit.org. Beginning October 28th South West Prime will operate on Saturdays from 8 AM to 6 PM.

The Southdale Mall will also be a part of the service area. The pricing will be the same as weekday SW prime service.

Not comfortable with driving in the metro area? Don't want to fight traffic or construction, check out the bus service.

Carver Black Sox

"Happy Thanksgiving"

Carver Lions



As always, the Lions have been busy planning, preparing and scheduling all kinds of fun things for everyone to participate in.

If you want to get in on all the fun, their first meeting in November is the 1st and it's Wednesday. They are meeting at Stick's Tavern at Dahlgreen Golf Course. Not only will they be finalizing last minute items, they will be hosting what is called their Zone Meeting. What does this mean? This is a meeting of all the clubs in the Lions zone which is Zone 2. A representative from each club attends and given an update of what their club is doing. Everyone takes turns hosting. Creating more great ideas. Then the Lions will meet again between their activities planned for the month of November on the third Wednesday which is the 15th. Questions, want to learn more, contact the Lions at carvermlions@gmail.com.

Be sure to come to the Lions' Designer Purse Bingo on Saturday, November 4th at Stick's Tavern too. Sales begin at noon. The scheduled start time for bingo is at 2 PM. Need more information? Have computer access? Flyer on their website with all the details.

Then on Sunday the 12th of November the Lions will be hosting Brunch at Stick's Tavern beginning at 9 AM until 1 PM. Details can be found on attached flyer.

'Tis the season and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. So, you know what happens in Carver in December? That's right, Village Christmas at the fire station. That fun will begin at noon until 2 PM on December 2nd. Santa is due to arrive at 12:30 PM at the hall. More details will follow in the next issue of the newsletter.

And almost forgot, all the new officers for the Lions is posted on their website....www.carverlions.org. Club Officers, 2017-2018 is listed on the captions on the top of the page. Just click on that title and you can see who all their elected officers are. Or just check out all their information available for viewing.

This is a busy time of the year for the Lions. All the help they can get would be appreciated. And all the fun you could be part of is limitless. So, don't walk, run to join them. The first and third Wednesday of the month. There are so many good things the Lions do for the community and probably are not thanked enough for all those wonderful things. Be a part of the history making in your community. PS. The Lions wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

The Lions are also working on possibly utilizing the St Nicholas Church Hall for their Senior Lunch for senior citizens in the Carver area on December 5th. The luncheon will start at noon. Need more information, contact the Lions.

The Lions will be holding their December 6th meeting at Stick's Tavern at Dahlgreen Golf Course. Check with a Carver Lion before the December 19th meeting, they may not have a meeting that evening at this time. We'll keep everyone posted. The Carver Lions also want to wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving".

A Cup of Carver

Just a reminder, A Cup of Carver will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. They will reopen Saturday, November 25th for Small Business Saturday at 7 AM until 4 PM. "Happy Thanksgiving".



Winter hours will begin in January.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball

Association

"Happy Thanksgiving"

Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Scheryl Goetze
Trinity Lutheran Church's services for the holidays are as follows:
Thanksgiving Eve Worship - 7:00 p.m. (No service Thanksgiving Day) - Happy Thanksgiving

Children's Christmas Program - Sunday, December 10th during regular Sunday Morning Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Regular Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m. and Christmas Eve Worship - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m. - Merry Christmas

Carver Flowers

Submitted by: Annette Hentz

The Occasional Shops will be open Saturday, November 4th for deer hunting opener. Whether you want to call it Deer Hunting Widows' Weekend (that sounds too gruesome) or Save-A-Buck Weekend, stores will be open and deals will abound.

Saturday, November 25th is Small Business Saturday. Please remember to support our small local stores as you shop for Christmas. Carver Flowers will have Candy Cane Discounts - when you're ready to check out, draw a candy cane out of the container and it will indicate your discount on the entire purchase, 10%-40%.

Carver Flowers will have their Holiday Open House on Thursday night, December 7th from 5:00-8:00 PM. As usual, we'll have wine, snacks, door prizes and discounts - 20% off all Christmas merchandise; bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share and your discount is 30%. Oh, and fun. We always have lots of fun.

Community Calendar

December 2018

December 1 st	Happy 13 th Birthday Chelsea!
December 2 nd	Carver Village Christmas
December 4 th	Council Meeting Drill Night Happy Birthday Patti! Happy Birthday Shayla!
December 5 th	Happy Anniversary Laura and Pommy! Lion's Senior Luncheon
December 6 th	Lion's Meeting Happy Birthday Tommy!
December 7 th	Carver Flowers - Holiday Open House Pearl Harbor Day
December 9 th	Happy Birthday Katelyn!
December 10 th	Trinity Lutheran Church's Children's Program Happy Birthday John! Happy Birthday Cody!
December 11 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting
December 12 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet, Carver Carver-on-MN Meeting First Day of Hanukkah
December 13 th	Late Start
December 14 th	Happy Birthday Aletta!
December 17 th	Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol!
December 18 th	Council Meeting School Board Meeting East Union School PTO Meeting Drill Night
December 19 th	Happy Birthday Jim!
December 20 th	Lion's Meeting
December 21 st	First Day of Winter Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Destini! Happy Birthday Riley! through January 1 st 2018 Winter Break
December 22 nd	Happy Birthday Sandy!
December 22 nd	Christmas Eve
December 24 th	Happy Birthday Stan! Christmas Day
December 25 th	Kwanzaa
December 26 th	Happy Birthday Mike!
December 28 th	Happy Birthday LindaRose!
December 29 th	Happy Birthday Miranda! Happy Birthday Sharon!
December 31 st	New Year's Eve Happy Birthday Stephanie!



Children of Tomorrow

By now many of us all very much aware of the new construction on the corner of Dahlgren Road and Jonathan Carver Parkway. Two facilities now reside on the corner, the dental office and Children of Tomorrow. Who is Children of Tomorrow? What is Children of Tomorrow? It's not quite accurate to label them as a daycare center. Children of Tomorrow is so much more.

Ms Mechtel began her career as a kindergarten teacher but those boundaries were too restrictive for her long-term goals she envisioned for the younger generation and began examining other directions to achieve her mind set of what she foresaw as shaping the foundations of the upcoming little ones. So, there began the seeds for Children of Tomorrow.

The facility stimulates infant's development for a beginning of the infrastructure of the child's fullest potential as they grow up. Toddlers learn through play. Preschool prepares them for kindergarten in three tiers. There are enrichment programs, special days and an after-school program implemented into their curriculum. The atmosphere is warm friendly and welcoming. Have small children, it is well worth your time check them out and see if this is where you would like to have your goals for your kids extended and nourished as an extension to your beliefs.

Not only is there a facility in Carver, but Ms Mechtel has been successfully operating three other locations. You will find Children of Tomorrow in Chanhassen, Waconia and Norwood/Young America. It is an impressive achievement. One cannot help but feel that any child enrolled in this curriculum is getting the best of all there is being offered.

Congratulations to each and every individual involved in the Children of Tomorrow experience.

Want more information, go to www.childrenoftomorrow.com

Virgin Islands Liberty Day

Did you know that the islands celebrate a day called "Liberty Day?" Did you know that the US has ownership in the Virgin Islands? What is Liberty Day? It's a public holiday held annually on the first of November commemorating David Hamilton Jackson who was a prominent civil rights leader and petitioned for freedom of the press. The territory was sold to the US in 1917 and Jackson served on the Colonial Council of St Croix and the Municipal Council until his death in 1946. November 1st was chosen to commemorate the first publication of his newspaper in 1915. The holiday is also known as Bull and Bread Day as this is traditionally served at the celebration on St Croix.

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Below are some other unusual dates for November:

National Cat Day - October 29, 2017

All Saints' Day - November 01, 2017

Guy Fawkes Day - November 05, 2017

Marine Corps Birthday - November 10, 2017

Veterans Day - November 11, 2017

International Men's Day - November 19, 2017

Black Friday - November 24, 2017

Small Business Saturday - November 25, 2017

For more information reference on line.



# November Monthly Feature

## Zodiac Sign

Scorpio

October 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
November 21<sup>st</sup>



## November's Birthstone

Topaz – symbolizes love and affection

Believed to give wearer increased strength and intellect



## Flower of the Month

Chrysanthemum

Red – I love you

White – Innocence/purity and pure love

Yellow – slighted love

Powerful emblem of youth



# ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, November 5, 2017

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

East Union Lutheran Church

3 1/2 miles SW of Carver on County Road 40

Tickets at the door:

Adults \$12.00, Children 10 and under \$6.00

Proudly featuring home-cooked chicken.

The recipe is a family secret handed down through generations.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



Dinner will include potatoes, corn, homemade desserts and more...

# Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 12

9:00am - 1:00pm

**Sticks Tavern**

Dahlgren Golf Course

6940 Dahlgren Road, Chaska

Adults \$11

Ages 6 - 12 \$9

5 and Under Free

Veterans Free



Hosted by the Carver Lions  
Carver Lions LLC #01745

# East Union Lutheran Church



## Bingo Fundraiser for VBS

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

3:30pm-5:30pm

**\$1 per game per Card** (10 games to be played)

Prizes for all games /Grand prize for last cover all game

Popcorn, Pop and Pizza available for purchase

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PLAY**

East Union Lutheran Church \* 15180 County Road 40, Carver, MN



## Love, Inc

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. [ [loveincecc.org](http://loveincecc.org) ]



### URGENT NEED – Queen sheets and blankets

The Linen Closet, a Love INC ministry hosted by Chaska Moravian Church, is in urgent need of queen sheet sets and blankets. They are completely out, which means if a Love INC client requests queen bedding, their need is currently going unmet until we have sheets and blankets in stock! Donations of new or gently used queen sheets and blankets can be dropped off at Chaska Moravian Church (115 E. 4th Street, Chaska) anytime Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 am – 2 pm. Thank you for helping us serve those in need in our community. Collectively, we are the hands and feet of Jesus!



### 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. ...

## UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 18th to help Love INC and West Union Lutheran Church deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to local clients in the Eastern Carver County area.

Volunteers may be couples, families, youth groups...anybody who wants to spend a few hours on a Saturday to help spread God's message of love. Volunteers should report to the Chaska Community Center Community Room at 10 a.m. to help assemble food baskets using food donations received from the community. Each volunteer group / family will be assigned 2-3 families to whom they will deliver food baskets, spend a little time with each family, and share a prayer with them.

Love INC is partnering with St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Mt. Olivet Lutheran West Church, and Westwood Community Church to pack and bring complete Christmas dinner baskets to local families in need. For just \$40, we can provide a family with enough food to prepare a nice Christmas dinner for 8 people – meat, fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, and more!

Volunteers are needed to help pack at each church on Saturday, December 16th in the morning. For more information or to register, please click on the church where you'd like to volunteer.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church – Carver

Westwood Community Church – Chanhassen


Mt. Olivet Lutheran West Church – Chanhassen – Please check the church website for details and registration.

### Unable to volunteer but still want to help?

Please consider making a financial gift to Love INC in support of the Christmas Food Packs. This year, Love INC will distribute 150 Christmas baskets at a cost of more than \$6000. Text "Table" to 41444 on your cell phone to make a \$40 donation to help us offset the expense of this valuable ministry that brings hope to our neighbors this Christmas season...

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