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In Honorable Memory of Wayne Lundquist and Steve Grassman

Macy's 8th Floor

Ricki Yvonne Schultz

The downtown Holidazzle is back! Well sort of. There is not the parade nor what used to be Dayton's 8th floor grand displays. Remember those famous scenes? At first it was the displays in the street level windows? This tradition began at Dayton's in the 1940's where the street level windows displayed Christmas themes. In the 50's, the window displays were toys, lights and dolls. Dickens Village replaced the toys in the 1960's. In 1963, Dayton's, Marshall Field's/Macy's began the 8th Floor Auditorium displays. For forty-six years various fantasy displays were seen by visitors. Some of those displays were The Nutcracker, Peter Pan, The Velveteen Rabbit, The Wizard of Oz, and Harry Potter, and then closing out with the Day and Life of the Elf. I believe that the last display was 2016.

I remember going each year with my Grandmother downtown. The displays were still street level displays and then later the 8th Floor displays. It was tradition for Grandma and I. Each year, we would walk down the road to catch the bus to downtown early in the morning, and ride the bus to the unemployment office. Grandma worked for Tonka Toys and each holiday season, she was laid off and received unemployment. Then we would go to the Nankin for lunch and then over to the Dayton's window displays before catching the bus back home to Mound. It was an all day's event for us.

I realize this dates me, but those are some of my fondest memories of time spent with my Grandmother. Reminiscing on doing this special trip and now being able to recall all those fantastic historical scenes. I didn't get to see all of them. I did, however, get the opportunity to take my granddaughter and grandson to one or two of those displays. So, I have those memories to cherish as well.

Holidazzle

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Enough of memory lane. The Holidazzle to be presented in 2017 is somewhat different than many of us would remember in the past. The Holidazzle events will premiere their holiday celebration at Loring Park.

This tradition will bring family friendly programming to Loring Park and is free and open to the public. It will run Thursdays through Sundays from November 24th and will run through December 23rd. More specific information can be found at www.holidazzle.com.

This year's Holidazzle features stories highlighting local people, products and places showcasing food, art, park system, active lifestyles, local entertainment and community groups. There will also be an outdoor skating rink, Santa visits, musical performances, weekly movies, and giveaways. You can also just stroll through to see festive lights too. Oh yea, and on Saturdays at 7 PM will be fireworks too!

This tradition is different than some of our memories we have, but should be fun experience, a new experience and adventure to share while making new memories.



December Events



December is a busy month for anyone and everyone. Where children are involved, it is the general consensus that it seems even busier. We start the month off with Santa arriving in the fire truck at the Carver Fire Station at 12:30 PM on Saturday, December 2nd. However, the festivities actually begin at noon. There are treats, crafts and a coloring contest. As if there is not enough to remember, don't forget your camera before you head out the door and down the road to capture those irreplaceable moments. It would be awfully nice if you could help the less fortunate and bring along a non-perishable food item to donate too. The event is sponsored by the Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department.

If you feel really energetic and want to see something different, later on the same day? Jordan is hosting their 4th Annual "Jordan Dazzle Parade" downtown at 6 PM. At Pekarna Park there will be the tree lighting, caroling, the Jordan High School Chamber Singers, and last but not least, Santa arrives. For more: www.jordanchamber.org.

Then to put some more icing on your cake, Chaska is also celebrating their Hometown Holiday in historic downtown Chaska. The entire day is packed with events to add to the mix of "there isn't enough time in the day to do all this" syndrome. Full itinerary is available in the insert at the back of the newsletter.

Can't forget either that "It's a Wonderful Life" is playing at the Chanhassen High School Auditorium presented by the Chaska Valley Family Theatre. More information available on their website, www.cvft.org. Remaining performance dates are December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. Show times vary.



The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has their holiday events as well. The Great Hall Holiday Tree Lighting has already been done, but there is the Outdoor Holiday Lights Display continued through January 1st. Santa is scheduled to visit December 2nd, 9th and the 16th. If you think you are busy, just check out his schedule. Now that man is busy huh? More information can be found navigating through their website under "Get News" and then click on magazines for calendars and events, at www.arboretum.umn.edu.

If you survived all those activities, we will move on to the next, 'I don't have time to be tired'. December 7th through the 10th, downtown Carver Occasional shops are open. Well, you could get some Christmas shopping done on this venture, couldn't you?

Carver Flowers will be open from 5 PM until 8 PM on December 7th for a Holiday Open House. All Christmas merchandise will be 20 % off. And if you bring in a plate of Christmas cookies to share, you will receive an additional 10% off! And see, you can use Christmas shopping excuse too while finding great deals for your loved ones. She has adorable puppets that would be great for the kids. There will also be snacks, door prizes, holiday music, and most importantly, fun and laughter when you come inside the doors at Annette's shop!

The Carver Lion's will be hosting their 15th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon at St Nicholas Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 13th. The event will begin with a social at 11:30 AM, and lunch will be served at noon. Seniors (65+) are invited to attend.



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Now, if everyone has survived the turbulent mayhem of the last couple of weeks and managed to get all their shopping completed, guess what, now you get to wrap and hide it from the kids. Sorry, couldn't resist adding to the commotion. You should have your second or third wind by now. It's time to think about services at church for some.

St Nicholas Christmas Mass schedule is on December 24th at 4 and 5:45 PM (English) and at 7 P (Spanish). Christmas Day Mass will be 8 and 10 AM (English) and at noon (Spanish). Merry Christmas to all.

(If you are interested in attending mass on their regular weekend schedule, you are welcome to participate on Saturday at 4 and 7 PM. Sunday's Mass is 8 and 10 AM (English). If you are looking for Spanish Mass on Sunday, that is held at 11:45 AM.

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting their Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 10th during their regular Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10 AM. Christmas Eve, regular Sunday Morning Worship at 10 AM and Christmas Eve Worship at 3 PM. Christmas Day Worship with Holly Communion will be at 9:30 AM. Trinity Church also wishes you all, "Merry Christmas".

East Union Church Christmas schedule is as follows: December 17th, 9 AM the Children's Christmas Program. On Christmas Eve Day and Night, 9 AM Advent Worship. Prepare for Christmas, 4 PM, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion, 6 PM. Christmas Day, No Worship Service. The East Union Parish cordially invites your family and friends to celebrate Christmas with them!

Now, you can sit down, take a deep breath and rest. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carver Lions

From the Lion's Twitter: "Interested in becoming a member of Lions Club? Just stop by a meeting and they will get you started. Membership is open to men and women." Want more information? Their website is: www.carverlions.org



Don't forget to grab the kids, the camera, non-perishable item and head to the fire station on December 2nd for the Village Christmas at noon! The Lions will then be meeting at Carver Place on December 6th at 6 PM. There will not be a December 20th meeting. And don't forget, there is the Senior Luncheon at the St Nicholas Church on the 13th of December.

The members are not ever sitting idle. Keep reading the newsletters to see what they will be doing next.....until then, the Lions wish everyone "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"! January will be the Soggy Bottom event, Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27th at 11 AM at RiverSide Park. Tickets are available now. Stay tuned.

A Cup of Carver

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"
Need that cup of coffee or hot chocolate? Stop by Monday through Friday anytime between 6 AM and 6 PM or Saturday and Sunday between 7 AM to 4 PM.

2017 Street Improvement Assessment Hearing

The city engineer provided an overview of the Public Hearing procedures and background on the street improvement project. A Public Hearing was held and public comments were heard. Concern was voiced regarding the parking area and access curbing.

The city manager stated that the property owners were being assessed twenty percent by state law for the project and the city would be paying eighty percent of the project. Costs are available to the public. The city attorney indicated that the process for appeal is to provide a written notice of appeal to the city clerk or the presiding officer, (mayor) and then within thirty days file in District Court.

A written objection by property owners was filed with the city clerk prior to the assessment hearing. Those appealing felt that the cost was excessive, due to the city easement already on the property. This easement limits the property's usage and also resulted in lower value. The written appeal detailed issues and also the question of lot being residential or commercial. Generally, there was not an agreement with the appraisal findings determining the assessment amount.

The city engineer was asked to clarify the assessment process. The engineer responded that the special benefit analysis does not use square footage and formulas. It was the engineer's opinion that the special benefit analysis is a better process. The Public Hearing was closed but discussion continued on the issue. The mayor asked for process clarification. The attorney stated that the city had followed the correct legal process for the bond issue. The assessment role was supported by the appraisal data. The council had adopted the assessment roll for the project.

Preceding the Public Hearing and in light of the considering the comments from the hearing, the staff conducted an additional review of the "Special Benefit Analysis" prepared for the project. Determination was made that two parcels warranted additional consideration. One property contained a permanent easement for the city's flood protection levee. This determination warranted recalculating the special benefit for the project. Recalculation of second property was also necessary since originally when evaluated it was private property. An additional analysis was conducted resulting in a revision of the special benefit calculations for both parcels.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the supplemental assessments for the 2017 Improvement Project.

City Hall Design Update

The council reviewed an update on the first phase of schematic design of the city hall project.

Lower MN River Watershed District

The city engineer presented a review of the amendment for the Lower MN River Watershed District.

Wm Mueller Property

The city manager told the council that the city was in receipt of draft appraisals for the Wm Mueller property. The next step would be to put together a site plan and then schedule meeting to review the appraisals.

Policing Contract

The council reviewed the information relating to the 2018 Policing Contract. There was a discussion on the work plan, meetings, overtime, and rates. Motion was made and carried with all ayes entering into a contract for Police Services with the Carver County Sheriff's Office.

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Sixth Street Redevelopment

The council reviewed information presented pertaining to the Contamination Investigation and Response Action Plan Development Grant Application for the redevelopment property on Sixth Street. Question was posed about if the funds were awarded could they be used retroactively for incurred expenses. The response was that they could. Question was asked about the reimbursement amount requested. The answer would have to be followed up with DEEDD Project funds would be utilized from the water fund. Present costs could be reimbursed from the Tax Increment Fund. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the relating to the DEED Contamination Investigation and Response Action Plan grant application.

Annexation

The council reviewed the information presented by the city planner regarding the orderly annexation for property on Jonathan Carver Parkway. The township approved the request. The process and time was discussed for the procedure. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving an orderly annexation agreement.

2040 Comprehensive Plan

The city planner stated that the drafted Planning Principles were expanded encompassing the discussions held. There are seven principles which include the sense of community pride, embracing the river, planning access to Carver commerce, homes for all, connected trails, innovative infrastructure and planning and long-term financial stewardship. Once these changes to the guiding principles are documented, they will form the umbrella for the goals and strategies identified within the Comprehensive Plan. Upon reviewal and updating of the drafted sections they will be viewed on the city's website. The drafted housing elements were reviewed in the following four sections, goals and strategies, existing housing needs, project housing needs and implementation. "Homes for All" is one of the key planning principles identified to guide the plan. The city has identified housing needs as a priority.

At the joint meeting between the council and the planning commission the city planner reviewed the drafted future land use map. There were potential refinements required in a few areas. Additional information received would determine whether t changes were necessary.

At the edge of the Victoria city limits there are discussions in the City of Victoria regarding locations adjacent with the City of Carver. The areas discussed were identified as being guided as "Flex Employment", industrial, commercial, and single-family residential.

The City of Chaska has not yet begun their future land use map and not anticipated to collate with the City of Carver's completed draft. Funding has been appropriated for Chaska's planned interchange at Highway # 212 and County Road # 44 and this may factor into the land use decisions in the proximate area of Carver.

The city planner also discussed with the council regarding the purchase agreement for the Kramer property northwest of the Carver Elementary School and directly west of future United Properties development. Single family residential neighborhood applications are proposed to be submitted in the winter of 2017. One application to be submitted would require an amendment to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for land use. The proposed 2040 Future Land Use map would require reviewal.

The downtown area reference is a mixed land use guidance district. The decision would be necessary if anything should be amended. The last item requiring completion for the Future Land Use Map involve reviewal of residential categories.

Service Agreement

The city clerk/treasurer provided the council with the information related to the Service Agreement for Joint Assessment with Carver County. The council needs to approve the agreement which provides the property assessment for properties in the city. Contract services are proposed for the county to continue performing necessary work establishing estimated market values for parcel in the city.

Carver Black Sox

Happy Holidays!



Building Inspector Report

The building inspector informed the council of the progress in the local developments throughout the city. The Carver Ridge Second Addition only has three remaining lots in this development. Copper Hills has seven homes under construction and the model home is almost completed. There is one house under construction in Christy's Bluff. A house plan is being reviewed in the Hallblade Properties. Four homes are under construction in Riverview Estates. The inspector continues to work with homeowners and attend meetings. The Trinity Lutheran Church has completed the exterior brickwork and continues working on the interior.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported to the council that the Fire Department had a great success with the Open House. Trunk or Treat was also successful thanks to the volunteers. Applications are still being taken for firefighters. The Fire Department reminds every one of the Village Christmas to be held at the Fire Station with the Carver Lions on December 2nd.

The fire chief relayed an interesting case regarding a fire call involving the smart home technology. It alerted the homeowner from the Nest thermostat in the home about the excessive heat temperature. The fire was contained to the kitchen. However, a pet was lost. Because of the Nest thermostat the house was saved with minor damage.

SouthWest Transit

The city discussed approval of the Second Amendment to the contract between the City of Carver and Southwest Transit for transit services. Previously the city has been awarded Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds to operate transit services for a three-year demonstration period. That funding was converted in 2014 to a regional funding source benefitting both the city and the Metropolitan Council. One of those benefits extended beyond the initial three years if funding remained available and the city could negotiate directly with SouthWest Transit to provide the services. Service levels had been regularly reviewed adjusting usage levels. This ensured funding was available to continue operating the service beyond the initial three years of the agreement. The city planner further stated that just under forty percent of the total project budget had been utilized to date. The proposed second amendment to the agreement extends the agreement through the end of 2017 and increases the compensation per Scheduled Service Hour in both 2018 and 2019. The city attorney reviewed the agreement. The estimated amounts would be over the life of the project which is expected to be at least an additional two years. The amount of funds that the city would expend would be maintaining the Carver Station, and staff consultant time related to the provision of transit operations. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the second amendment to the contract between the city and SouthWest Transit for transit services.

Park Master Plan

The Public Services Director discussed with the council a request to authorize an agreement to provide services for a Park Master Plan. The Parks Commission's consensus was that the best way to plan for the future of city parks would be in the form of a Park Master Plan. Four firms were interviewed, and the firm of Landform was chosen. The project would begin with a joint meeting with the city council to discuss short and long-term park needs. Then the firm would focus on inventory, assessments, analysis, recommendations, and create maps to identify future growth and park opportunities. The firm would use collected information to create detailed drawings and maps of the city's overall park system. These maps could then be utilized as a quick reference for decision making on growth relating to the parks. The Park Master Plan would also be used as a tool to revise and inform on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Park Dedication Plan.

The council discussed the Parks Commission's Park Master Plan proposal. The plan would go hand in hand with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The council questioned the cost and if there could be savings. Utilizing city staff to cut costs was also discussed. The council also questioned if a lot of the information was not already available. The Parks Master Plan would replace the Park Dedication Study. The council's cost concerns would be relayed to the Parks Commission. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay authorizing an agreement with Landform for services to create a Park Master Plan for stated amount.

Eastern Carver County Schools

The Advancement Director, Rick Ford, from the District 112 Foundation attended the council meeting. The foundation is a non-profit organization separate from the school district with an independent board of directors. For the first time in the district's one hundred and twelve years, the foundation will sponsor a charitable giving campaign. He also gave an overview of activities the organization has sponsored and more detailed information regarding the organization. Request was also made for a \$ 112.00 donation to the charitable campaign.

WeCAB

Ms Hershberger representing WeCAB attended the council meeting. The WeCAB organization began in 2014. The purpose of this organization is to provide safe, affordable, and flexible supplemental transportation to people in Carver County's service area who are unable to drive to medical appointments, grocery stores, etc. They are always in need of volunteers. You can contact them at 844-743-3932 for more information. For more information, www.wecab.org. The city was also thanked for their donation to the organization last year.

Solar Energy Interim

The city planner discussed the solar energy interim zoning ordinance with the council. The study would be performed internally by the staff. The topic may become a larger issue of significance as people favor the solar energy options. The Metropolitan Council required analyses in the Comprehensive Plan. Ideally, the idea is favored because it lessens the fossil fuel dependency. An open-minded approach was recommended by one of the council members. The interim ordinance only allows the city more time for further study of the issue. Motion was made and carried with all eyes adopting the interim ordinance regarding solar gardens.

City Hall Project

The city manager told the council that they would be reviewing the preliminary final Analysis for the Broadway city hall project. The financial firm will discuss the financial analysis and explain the Capital Improvement Plan bond process. Previously the council selected the 'preferred choice' regarding the construction of a new city hall on the existing site. This was the result of a Concept Phase involving two groups working on the site and development of a preliminary plan for a community space. After the discussions, a Community Stakeholder Design was held to develop design principles for the new building. One of the outcomes of this session included a commercial kitchen. The development of floor plan and exterior elevations were done. The design features a main level multi-purpose room to accommodate approximately two hundred occupants. The main level would also include a full commercial kitchen, restroom facilities and a lobby. The second floor will include offices, conference rooms, lobby and city council chambers.

The city's Heritage Preservation Commission currently reviewing the building elevations. Final revisions are being made to the floor plan and elevations. Moving forward the council will consider the issuance of Capital Improvement plan bonds to finance construction and other project costs. To issue bonds, the city needs to publish notice of plans, and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan. The bonds would also include a "Reverse Referendum function allowing voters to petition for a vote on the issuance of bonds for the project. The petition would have to be issued to the city within thirty days of the adoption of the plan at the public hearing. The petition requesting a referendum vote needs to be signed by voters equal to five percent of the votes cast in the city in the last general election.

The financial aspect of the issue was discussed. Certain improvements are not eligible to be funded through the issuance of Capital Improvement Plan bonds. Those uses can be commonly described as ancillary to the primary operations of the city.

Carver Community Youth Softball / Baseball Association

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!



Health Insurance

The city discussed the 2018 Health Insurance Plan for the city employees. The city reviewed two motions; one involved approval of the health insurance plan for 2018 and the other to increase the city's annual employee health savings account contribution. The city has been experiencing large increases in the insurance premiums in the past few years. Due to these increases the staff began working with Flexible Benefits Consulting to consider more affordable options moving forward. In 2017 the city transitioned to an insurance plan with Health Partners to include Health Savings Account. The increase for 2018 was high and more affordable options were reviewed. The council reviewed and discussed.

Community Calendar January 2018

January 1 st	New Year's Day
January 2 nd	Council Meeting
January 3 rd	Lion's Meeting Happy Anniversary Bonnie and Stan!
January 5 th	Happy Anniversary Daniel and Rebecca!
January 6 th	Happy Anniversary Troy and Annette!
January 7 th	Happy Birthday Leon!
January 8 th	East Union PTO School Board Organizational Meeting and Workshop Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting Parks Commission Meeting
January 9 th	POT Meeting – Carver Elementary Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Carver Meet and Greet Carver-On-The-MN
January 10 th	Happy Birthday Jerad!
January 14 th	East Union Pancake Breakfast
January 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr Day No School Drill Night
January 16 th	Council Meeting
January 17 th	Lion's Meeting Happy Birthday David!
January 18 th	Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Eric!
January 19 th	Happy Birthday Kay!
January 20 th	Happy Birthday Abbey! Happy Birthday Jim!
January 22 nd	No School School Board Meeting Fire Department Meeting Night
January 24 th	Happy Birthday Troy! Happy Birthday Mike!
January 25 th	Carver Elementary – Carnival Night Happy Birthday Ethen!
January 26 th	Happy Birthday Rich! Happy Birthday Dan! Happy Birthday MaryLou!
January 27 th	Soggy Bottom Open Snow Golf Happy Birthday Paul! Happy Birthday Henry! Happy Birthday Tiu! Happy Birthday Pommie!
January 29 th	Happy Birthday Shawn!
January 30 th	Happy Birthday Karen!
January 31 st	Happy Birthday Trish!



Sever's Fall Festival

The Sever Peterson family presented a proposal to the Dahlgren Township Board to move their Fall Festival event into the township property. For the past nineteen years the event has been held at the Canterbury Park location. The festival runs Friday through Sunday from September 1st through November 8th. Over the MEA weekend Thursday is celebrated at the event. A Traffic Feasibility Study was performed by the family. The family proposed a route, but the township stated approval would not be granted for the route. An amended traffic proposal would be revised and discussed further with the township board. There were many questions regarding traffic congestion, noise, and increased activity to include the Scream Town event. If and when construction would possibly be considered Highway # 212 was discussed and the effect on an event in the area. Everyone agreed that it was a great event but traffic and noise concerns were a priority to be considered. The issue would be followed up in the future with the township board.

Genealogy

Looking for that perfect Christmas family for that special family member? Or just looking for a project? How about instead of Ancestry membership searching that family tree? Wondering where did my ancestors come from? Tired of trying to search? Cost too much? Don't know where to begin? Contact Rose for help. Not only will you find what you need to know or want to know but you will help me with my own goals. The Ancestry website charges \$ 19.99 per month for six months, if you stay only in the USA, after that it's an additional \$ 99. And costs more if you need to search beyond the USA border. 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."

December Holidays

Ricki Yvonne Schultz

It is generally presumed that everyone knows what Christmas is. Unfortunately, the commercial aspect pops into mind rather than the birth of our Savior. But then again, that is a whole other conversation. It is important in this diverse society to also be aware of other holidays and respect the beliefs of all. Thanks to the Internet, Wikipedia and other sources, I would like to share a brief overview with you of what other holidays means to them. Many of you probably know but there are many who do not.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday to commemorate the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. This holiday is observed for eight days and nights, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar. This may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian Calendar. Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication. This year, 2017, Hanukkah begins on December 12th and ends December 20th. Interested in learning more, check out the different sites with information on line.



Kwanzaa is a week long celebration. This celebration honors African heritage in African-American and Pan-African culture and is observed December 26th through January 1st culminating in a feast and gift-giving. There are seven core principles to Kwanzaa. The event brings a cultural message speaking to what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense. It is of profound significance to the community. It is also imperative to give an accurate and expansive account of its origins, concepts, values, symbols, and practice. The holiday reaffirms the integrity, beauty, and expansive meaning of the holiday.



As editor of the newsletter, I felt it was important to recognize all the holidays in December not just Christmas. Other people are important too, along with their beliefs and their special holidays. So, there you have it. Hope we all learn something new from this article and we all take the time to remember that each and every human being on this planet is special, important, and valuable. We all have something to contribute daily. Kindness, giving, patience and understanding begin with ourselves.



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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2017 Carver Park Gazebo



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Eastern Carver County Schools Dietitian Recognized with Star Awards

Submitted by: CJ Public Relations

On November 1, Roxanne Williams, Director of Nutrition Services at Eastern Carver County Schools, was one of five professionals presented with the STAR Award, a prestigious recognition from the University of Minnesota - School of Public Health.

Roxanne Williams, Director of Nutrition Services, Eastern Carver County Schools, was recognized at the University of Minnesota - School of Public Health (SPH) Community Partner Awards ceremony, held on Wednesday, November 1, for her efforts in training future health dietitians.



Pictured are: Mary Anderson, of Supervisor of the Culinary Express Department for Wayzata Public Schools (left); Jackie Brown, Supervisor of Child Nutrition at Orono Public Schools; Roxanne Williams, Director of Nutrition Services, Eastern Carver County Schools; Maggie Maggio, Fridley Public Schools Nutrition Services and Spencer Fischer, Nutrition Services Assistant Manager at Eastern Carver County Schools.

The awardees at this event are representative of the large community that contributes to the education, training and guidance of future public health leaders at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Williams has been a registered and licensed dietitian for over 40 years, a part of MSNA's statewide efforts for decades, working to ensure that all children have access to healthy meals and nutrition education.

"Throughout my career I have enjoyed teaching, training, and mentoring students and helping people who work in the school food service arena progress to new jobs," said Williams. "I have so enjoyed working with the University of Minnesota graduate students in the Public Health Program and capturing a few students to enter the field of school food service is rewarding. I have a passion for school food service and I enjoy sharing what I have learned throughout my 40-plus years in the business with others."

Over the past four decades, Williams has provided nutrition leadership in six school districts and at the Minnesota State Department of Education. Since the inception of the coordinated master's program in 2008, Williams has served as preceptor and mentor to students every semester. Williams was nominated by her colleague, Aida Miles, the Director of Coordinated MPH-Nutrition Program at the University of Minnesota.

"Students consistently rate Roxanne as one of the best preceptors and mentors they have had during their training," said Miles. "She takes the time to orient them, gives them tasks and projects that challenge them, takes them to meetings and conferences, answers their many questions and supports them in their future careers. She sees student training and development as a welcome responsibility, as she knows that she is training the next generation of practitioners. As a program director who continuously seeks the assistance of professionals to train and mentor students, I can say that Roxanne exemplifies what giving-back to the profession is all about."

In addition to her current position, Williams has held the title of Director of Food Service at the Burnsville, Eagan, Savage School District; Account Specialist at Upper Lakes Foods Distributor; Director of Food Service at Cambridge Schools; Equipment Sales Representative at North Star Agency; School Nutrition Supervisor at Hopkins Schools; Supervisor of Food Services at Minneapolis Public Schools; Assistant Director of Child Nutrition Programs at Anoka-Hennepin Schools and Child Nutrition Specialist at the State Department of Education, Food & Nutrition. Williams graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics from Mankato State University and a graduate administrative and clinical internship from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

"We could not be more proud that Roxanne Williams has been recognized for her hard work. She is a truly dedicated school nutrition professional, with over 40 years of knowledge and experience to share. She continuously goes above and beyond, giving back to the future members of our professional community," Wendy Knight, 2017-2018 President of the Minnesota School Nutrition Association.

About the Minnesota School Nutrition Association

The Minnesota School Nutrition Association (MSNA), founded in 1956 as a state-wide association with local chapters, is a non-profit association of over 3,000 members who work to ensure that all children have access to healthy meals and nutrition education in Minnesota. For more information about MSNA and upcoming events, please visit www.mnsna.org.

Merry Christmas and Thank You to Everyone who has supported the "Villager Tower"



December Monthly Feature



Zodiac Sign

Sagittarius

November 22nd – December 21st

The four zodiac elements exhibit profound influence on basic character traits, emotions, behavior and thinking.



Water Signs

Water signs are exceptionally emotional and ultra-sensitive. They are highly intuitive, and they can be as mysterious as the ocean itself. Water signs love profound conversations and intimacy. They rarely do anything openly and are always there to support their loved ones. The Water Signs are: [Cancer](#), [Scorpio](#) and [Pisces](#).

Fire Signs

Fire signs tend to be passionate, dynamic, and temperamental. They get angry quickly, but they also forgive easily. They are adventurers with immense energy. They are physically very strong and are a source of inspiration for others. Fire signs are intelligent, self-aware, creative, and idealistic people, always ready for action. The Fire Signs are: [Aries](#), [Leo](#) and [Sagittarius](#).

Earth Signs

Earth signs are "grounded" and the ones that bring us down to earth. They are mostly conservative and realistic, but they can also be very emotional. They are connected to our material reality and can be turned to material goods. They are practical, loyal, and stable and they stick by their people through hard times. The Earth Signs are: [Taurus](#), [Virgo](#) and [Capricorn](#).

Air Signs

Air signs are rational, social, and love communication and relationships with other people. They are thinkers, friendly, intellectual, communicative, and analytical. They love philosophical discussions, social gatherings, and good books. They enjoy giving advice, but they can also be very superficial. The Air Signs are: [Gemini](#), [Libra](#) and [Aquarius](#).

December's Birthstone

Turquoise - Regarded as a love charm

Symbol of good future and success

Believed to relax the mind and protect its wearer from harm

Rings thought to keep away evil spirits



Flowers of the Month

Narcissus [Paper White] and Holly

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Both symbolize hope

Narcissus – want beloved to stay the way they are



Holly – Wish for domestic happiness



The Language of Flowers:

Rose – Love

Iris – Hope

Lily – Peace

Orchid – Joy

Violet – Faith

Jonquil – Compassion

Chrysanthemum – Happiness

Petunia - Serenity

Carver Village Christmas



Carver Fire Station

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Noon - 2:00pm

Santa arrives by fire truck at 12:30pm.

Treats, Crafts, & Coloring Contest

*Remember to bring your camera to take pictures with Santa.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation.

Sponsored by the Carver Lions Club and the Carver Fire Department



FIFTIETH ANNUAL

CARVER SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 13, 2017

11:30 a.m.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church Hall

412 West 4th Street

Carver, MN

Seniors (65+) are invited to the Annual Senior Lunch
Sponsored by the Carver Lions.

Social: 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at 12:00 noon

Reservations are required.

Contact Sandy McGraw: 952-856-2655

Reservation deadline is Friday, December 1st.

If you need a ride, please let us know when you make your reservation.



Saturday, December 2nd

Hometown HOLIDAY



Celebrate the holidays in
historic downtown Chaska!

Visit Chaska's historic downtown Saturday, December 2nd for a fun filled day sure to get you in the holiday spirit. There is plenty to do throughout the day with activities for the whole family beginning at 1:00 in City Square Park.

Come downtown and visit our local businesses for a chance to win! Visit the businesses below anytime between 11-24 and 12-3 and receive your stamp!

Participating Businesses

Body Expressions
Sugar Creek Chiropractic
Fitness First of MN
Red Bench Bakery
Dolce Vita Wine Shop
Arrow Ace Hardware
Fancy Fab Boutique
Carver Junk Co.
Linda's Cellar

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Visit DowntownChaska.com
for more information.

CITY SQUARE PARK

*** 1:00 – 5:00pm ***

Join Santa, the elf and the reindeer for treats, pictures and Christmas list sharing! Stay for the horse drawn wagon rides, bonfires, carolers, creation station, tree lighting, music and live Nativity! Plus, visit other downtown businesses for more fun, games, sales and specials!

CHASKA HISTORY CENTER (112 West 4th Street)

*** 10am – 5pm ***

Visit the many great exhibits along with great Christmas present ideas!

CHASKA LIBRARY (City Hall Plaza)

*** 11 am – 3pm ***

Warm beverages and cookies by the fireplace 1:00 – 2:30. Winter Craft Make and Take Drop in to do a make and take winter craft! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES

*** 1pm – 5pm ***

Walnut Street at City Square Park. Free tour of historic downtown boarding every 15 minutes. What a wonderful way to see the city!

MORAVIAN CHURCH (115 East 4th Street)

*** 10am – 1pm ***

Girl Scout Holiday Boutique Shop reasonably priced handmade gifts. Experienced help for young children wishing to shop for family and friends! 2 pm – 5 pm: Comfort Station folks can use the restrooms, warm up, or enjoy refreshments.

CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER

*** Live Nativity 2:30pm ***

Be a part of the first Christmas as St. John's Lutheran Church reenacts that blessed day with a live nativity at the Chaska Community Center Theater. Performance will be accompanied by live camels, sheep, and donkey.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY CITY SQUARE PARK

*** 4:30pm – 5pm ***

Join the animals from the St Johns live Nativity plus carolers, treats to eat, bonfires and the tree lighting with coloring contest winners. Visit and take your picture with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer plus the live nativity animals.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (300 East 4th Street)

*** Caroling 5:00pm, Live Nativity 5:30pm ***

Enjoy the road to Bethlehem as we carol from City Square Park to St. Johns with a stop to Auburn Manor. Enjoy an outdoor performance of the live nativity at 5:30pm.

Fitness First of MN, Inc. 10% off 1-yr-1, Personalized, and Rehabilitation services. Coupon for a free strength training appointment. New clients only. Enter to win a Fitness First Holiday Gift Package.

Launch Ministry (115 E. 4th St - Moravian Church- Walnut St. Entrance) 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Warming Station, Nursing Station and Toddler Play area plus refreshments

Auburn Auxiliary Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale (Auburn Homes 501 N. Oak St.) 10:00 am – 3:30 pm: Variety of gifts, holiday decorations, jewelry, scarves and much more! Check out Grandma's Art! Free hot cider and coffee.

Fancy Fab Boutique

Hometown Holiday 12-2: Merry & Bright Open 10am-4pm

Receive a **FREE** Fancy Bracelet with every \$50 purchase (while supplies last). Holiday goodies + Sips to keep you warm & toasty. *NEW XS-3X Fashion & Accessories arriving just for the celebration - See our Facebook Page for sneak peeks. **Drawings in the shop to WIN many Accessories and Gift Certificates to Fancy Fab Boutique. *If we shopping for Gifts, let the stylist know at checkout, we have a variety of fancy tissue paper that will save you the hassle and have it looking Fab for your loved ones.*

Linda's Cellar discounts thru our store and holiday refreshments.

Sugar Creek Chiropractic Open House 11 am - 4:00 pm. Santa noon 3:00 pm - free photo opportunities for families with our Santa!! Free Face Painting for kids of ALL sizes! Homemade cookie treats & hot drinks. Plenty of shopping opportunities for the parents and crafts for the kids.

Dolce Vita Wine Shop Free Wine Tasting starting at Noon.

American Legion Auxiliary **10:00am - 5:00pm** with Silent Auction until 8:00pm with host a Holiday Market which includes vendors, a bake sale, and a silent auction. The proceeds from this event help fund many of the ways we give back to the community throughout the year.

Arrow Ace Hardware Browse our Gourmet Kitchen department and register to win a fabulous prize.

Carver Junk Co. Lots of Holiday Cheer open 10-6

We look forward to seeing you!



Soggy Bottom Open Snow Golf

Saturday, January 27th, 2018

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Riverside Park, Carver MN



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

Registration Fee: \$20.00/person. Proceeds go the Carver Area Community! A Soggy Bottom signature stocking cap is included with your registration fee.

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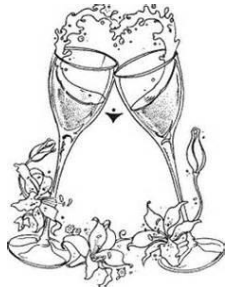
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