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In Memory of Judy Kerber, David Olson and Steven "Maynard" Heinrich

Spring Creek Road

The city engineer discussed Spring Creek Road Improvements issues with the council. The Meadows at the Spring Creek Development a portion of the Spring Creek Drive which is directly adjacent to the development. However, there is a small piece of the roadway from the east end of the development at Mt Hope Road that will not be required to be improved by the developer. Completing improvement matching the developer construction improvement would be at the city's expense if the city chose that route. Those improvements would include curb, gutter, bituminous trail, storm sewer, street patching, drain tile and other minor items. The estimates of those costs were reviewed. The staff indicated that funds for these improvement in 2018 would not be available, but the work could be planned for the 2019 street improvements projects.

Trail Extension

The council reviewed the options presented from the city manager and city engineer for the completion of the trail along Spring Creek Drive associated with the Meadows at Spring Creek development project. Costs will be researched and the issue will be discussed again in the future.

Recreation Services

The council was updated on the Parks and Recreation services through the City of Chaska. The recreation agreement and the programming were included for review. The City of Chaska has one staff member dedicated to working with the Carver programs. The council was also told that the Open Basketball at Carver Elementary was very successful.

Right-of-Way Ordinance

The city attorney presented the draft for the Right of Way Ordinance and information pertaining to small cell equipment in public right of ways. Changes proposed would be incorporated, after review and approved by the council.

The city attorney discussed the details of the Right of Way Ordinance and Small Wireless Facility Collocation Agreement. Motion was made and carried with all a yes adopting the ordinance enacting a new article of the code of Ordinances to administer and regulate the public Right-of-Way in the public interest and provide for the issuance and regulation of right-of-way permits. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving a Small Wireless Facility Collocation Agreement.

Soggy Bottom Open Snow Golf

The Carver Lions hosted the 9th Annual Soggy Bottom Open Snow Golf Tournament fundraiser and achieved raising a lot of money for a god cause. The funds will be shared with two families: Tom and Stacy Ryan and Greg and Lori Osterdyk. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in making the event possible, as well as successful.

"Confidence is silent. Insecurities are loud."

~ Senator John Kennedy

Miscellaneous

The attorney also provided an overview of the drafted Sidewalk Cafe Ordinance. The staff will make changes based on feedback received and return for council reviewal and approval.

The city manager presented the drafted 2018 Legislative Priorities scheduled for adoption. The manager also provided updates regarding the Strategic Plan-Action Plan for 2017 - 2022. For each initiative status updates were communicated.

The city has hired a part-time Administrative Assistant, Patti Dietzel. Welcome to Patti.

Carver County selected the manufacturer for the new election equipment for 2018. Electronic poll books will also be a part of the new process improving efficiencies. Election administration will be participating in the new poll books.

The city manager discussed the general fund budget amendment. The council need to adopt the resolution amending the 2018 General Fund Budget.

Redevelopment Grant

The consulting planner related information pertaining to the Redevelopment Plan and Community Growth Partnership Redevelopment Grant application for the Sixth Street proposal. The mayor questioned identifying needs prior to making a decision. The planner stated that the grant application is available once a year. Suggestion was advised that an estimate be drafted after incurred costs and reimbursement receipts submitted. Requirements for lead and asbestos testing results would be done was asked about. The next step was to schedule Braun Intertec to perform the site investigation prior to Shingobee submitting the application this spring. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution involving the Re-development Plan and Community Growth Partnership Redevelopment Grant application.

Carver Fire Department

The fire chief informed the council that the Fire Department is still taking applications for volunteer firefighters to serve the community. The department is currently working on submitting the FEMA AFG Grant. Reminder to residents to clear the snow around neighboring fire hydrants. The chief also relayed that there had been a good turnout for the Lions Soggy Bottom event and lots of support from the community.

The assistant Fire Chief discussed the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program to the council. The department is proposing to submit two grant applications for the grant program through FEMA. The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of the department and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001 the AFG has helped obtain critically necessary equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary. The department's goal is to retire two non-compliant apparatus and replace them with one that is safer and more cost-effective. Another goal of the department is to replace the portable and mobile radios which will soon be outdated with plan to purchase updated radios.

Capital Improvement Plan

The city manager provided an overview of information pertaining to the Public Hearing scheduled for the Capital Improvement Plan for the City Hall project. Information was relayed that the existing budget was not in line with some of the most recent cost estimates. Wold Architects and Kraus Anderson representative provided the summary of the design and cost estimation processes. The most recent identified cost estimation was that the actual cost was more than the square footage takeoffs previously utilized. The council had two scenarios to consider.

The first scenario involved a Public Hearing to receive public input on the cost. Consider adoption of the proposed capital improvement plan not to exceed stated amount for the hall project. Direct the staff, the architects and the contractor to recommend building design changes bringing the estimated budget costs down.

The second scenario involved cancellation of the Public Hearing and utilize informal input from residents already in attendance at the meeting involving present discussion. Then schedule a Public Hearing in the future on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan not to exceed stated amount for the city hall project. The hearing would increase the project budget. Funds for renovations at the Fire Station/Public Services Building would use Special Capital Project Fund that previously had been giving to reimbursement from bond proceeds. Restructure contractor payments to eliminate monies in capitalized interest costs which should be done regard-less of the council decision. Staff would be directed to work with the architect and contractor making minor design changes as not to disrupt space needs or change exterior building elements. Re-design architectural roof with a substantial savings.

The city manager provided a summary of the financial options and design changes proposed reducing the project costs. The mayor commented that architectural roof change was a necessary change. Question was asked why the costs were increased from last fall. Explanation was giving that due to recent hurricanes material prices have been affected. Defined details also added to more realistic building cost estimates, as well.

One councilmember expressed disappointment in the increase project cost estimates especially due to the public having been communicated costs and designs. Question was asked if a delay would cost additional money. The response given was that experience of bidding in the same construction season should not have a significant impact on the pricing.

The city manager presented the revised budget from the contractor to the council. The finance representative provided updated figures for tax impact for the Capital Improvement Plan and bonds set at said amount. Council member requested that the staff forward information on what future tax impact would be. Question was also asked about the tax increment fund status regarding the Fleet Farm project. The tax capacity for the Fleet Farm finalizing in 2020 should be available in 2021. The future tax impact question was evaluated as the market value and trend research indicating a one hundred twelve percent per year average. The mayor stated that the city must fix the variance between the budget and the project estimate supporting the second scenario. Another councilmember questioned if the footprint of the building would remain the same; as it was their opinion to keep the building size the same as originally presented so as to accommodate future space needs. Councilmember expressed concern at continuous project costs increases. Reminder was advised that the city has a fixed with the architect. Additionally, setting the Public Hearing at said amount would be setting the ceiling, but the project costs could come in lower. Councilmember stated that the process has been long and painstaking. The city manager stated that the intention is not to change the exterior building materials or the overall footprint. Further discussion was held on council review for items impacting the overall costs. Motion was made, amended and carried with four ayes and one nay to hold the Public Hearing in February with stated cap on project costs.

The council held a special meeting pertaining to preliminary approval to the issuance of general obligation capital improvement plan bonds and adopting the capital improvement plan. —

City Hall Update

By: Brent Mareck

The city council approved a five-year Capital Improvement Plan taking another step toward making the Broadway City Hall Project a reality. The approval of the five-year Capital Improvement Plan includes an opportunity to petition for a reverse referendum providing a mechanism to finance the project. The current schedule for the project indicates tentative bid opening in the end of March followed by building construction planned to begin in May with an anticipated completion date of March 2019.

“Beginning in earnest in 2016, the city council action marks the culmination of resident driven design efforts aimed to develop future community spaces in Carver. In April 2017, their ‘preferred choice’ the construction of a new building on the existing city hall/village hall site. The city hall design features a street level floor plan with a multi-purpose room which can accommodate nearly two hundred people. The street level floor plan also includes a commercial kitchen, rest room facilities, and a lobby. The second level floor plan includes office space, rest room facilities, conference rooms, lobby and City Council Chambers.”



Safety and Maintenance Inspections

The Public Services Director informed the council that the annual buildings and facilities inspections had been done and the council needed to accept the report. The council was also told that this year the standard safety and maintenance inspections were combined with a structural and public safety component. This format integrated normal maintenance items, structural integrity and public safety issues into the work plans and the budget process. Fifteen city facilities were inspected. There were not any new or significant issues discovered. Third party vendors also inspect and certify certain equipment. In addition to the annual inspections the Public Services also conducts monthly safety inspections.

Annexation Appeal

The city attorney explained the details of the status of the annexation appeal. The MN Court of Appeals issued a published opinion regarding Dahlgren Township annexation. The MN Court of Appeals specifically held that there is not a cap on the amount of tax reimbursement; the Office of Administrative Hearings does not have the authority to assess it pre-appeal costs. The authority of the city or the township to charge a property owner for tax reimbursement is not justiciable. The thirty-day period for filing a petition for further review has passed and no petition for further review has been filed.

Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance

The council was asked for staff direction on the changing of the wording involved in the Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance that had been adopted in the past. The ordinance overall prohibits the use of an RV as a permanent dwelling and the storage of the vehicles.

Commission Appointments

The city council conducted commission interviews at their work session and appointments were made by motions. New members of the Heritage Preservation Commission include Greg Witt, David Schultz and Mike Fahey. The Parks Commission will welcome Natalie Cobb, Dawn Brasch and Jasmine Lenehan. Jim Weygand will join members on the Planning Commission Board. Congratulations are extended to the new members.

Legislative Session

Senator Scott Jensen, District # 47 attended the council meeting and stated that he appreciates the perspective of the local city officials. He shared some of his experiences at the legislative level. Question was asked of him regarding the Boundary Waters and the polymet permit issues. His response given was that there was a process the needs to be followed and he personally prefers to keep things local. He expressed concerns about the ecological issues such as water quality and that the area is a huge asset. Question was asked regarding future funds for infrastructure like roads and bridges. The senator's response was that he would support such a bill when further understanding of what the City of Carver strives for. Currently, there are not any fund allocations for the city.

2018 Legislative Priorities

The city manager discussed with the council the need to adopt the 2018 Legislative Priorities. Annually the city has adopted legislative priorities for impending legislative session. Once adopted these legislative priorities will be communicated to the representative and senator.

Some of the priorities the city supports include the investment in grants and other aid programs providing financial assistance to conduct flood mitigation studies. The city is seeking funding support to conduct a Phase II Certified Levee Study. It would provide the community with options to construct a certified levee. Also, existing flood mitigation programs fund and prioritizing capital projects.

The city supports investment in the US Highway #212 expressway construction of four-lanes west to the City of Cologne. The #212 corridor serves as a significant state-wide transportation corridor; however, its current design is limited to two-lanes and is unsafe and limits effectiveness as a freight corridor.

The city opposes restrictions on local government limiting the decision-making authority of local elected representatives. Support enhanced local government involvement in selection process for appointments of Metropolitan Council members and support the 'staggered terms' for appointed members.

The city opposes any legislation transferring local control and management of the water supply system to the Metropolitan Council. Council consensus is that the water supply system is best managed and operated on a local level.

Support of legislation sustaining the high quality and cost-effective mass transit services by 'opt-outs' including SouthWest Transit. The state should support a city's choice to join an 'opt-out' bus service for the benefit of area businesses and residents.

Ordinance Amendment

The consulting planner discussed with the council the Ordinance Amendment regarding the Public/Institutional Zoning District. The amendment removes the performance standards of uses in the district. Properties zoned within this district can be found in many locations throughout the community. Proposal is to remove the existing requirements relating to setbacks, lot size and lot width. It would ensure that city uses located within the historic district are able to develop under historically traditional development pattern. It will also ensure installation on a smaller parcel. A Public Hearing has been held by the Planning Commission with a recommendation of approval.

The council also discussed the rezoning of the city hall lot. The property currently is zoned as Central Business District. Typically, city facilities are located in a Public/Institutional zoning district. The rezoning is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance, as well. The Planning Commission also held a Public Hearing on the proposed rezoning unanimously recommending approval for the rezoning. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amending the Public/Institutional Zoning District.

The city planner provided information regarding the rezoning of the city hall property from central Business District to Public Institutional zoning district request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution and ordinance approving rezoning from Central Business District to Public/Institutional for the city hall property and certain property owned by the city.

The Meadows

The consulting planner informed the council that the Meadows at Spring Creek Final Plat has been submitted for Vincent Bluffs. Proposal is to plat an approximately fifty-one acres into seventy-seven lots, eight outlots and right of way. Some of the outlots will be owned by the Homeowners Association, some deeded to the city for storm water management purposes and two will remain for future phases of lots and right of way. Access to the site is available from the north via a constructed road accessing Spring Creek Drive. Green Ash Drive will also be extended. Development to the south-ern tract will be in the future. Access to the single family lots will be from Mt Hope Road. The Planning Commission reviewed the application recommending approval.

The first phase of the Meadows development proposed consists of forty-five villas lots and thirty-two single family lots. The outlots consist of either storm water ponds, environmentally sensitive resources or areas for future lots/streets. There are two future phases that plat outlots B and F into streets and lots. Mass grading of the entire project will occur with the first phase including storm water infrastructure. Streets and utilities will only be constructed in this first phase for those portions of the site being platted into streets and lost at this time.

Plans identify connection to Green Ash Drive. The city acquired an easement over a portion. The extension of Green Ash Drive is at the expense of the developer. An existing temporary cul-de-sac exists at Green Ash Drive. This will be removed and restored. Sidewalks must be included on one side of each of the public roads.

Spring Creek Drive is being improved to an urban section with a trail on the portion of the road within the city. A gap will remain on the northeast portion and will be included in the work for the 2019 Street Improvement Project. Park dedication is required and will be calculated at the execution of the developer's agreement. The staff and the developer are authorized to negotiate and execute the Developer's Agreement.

The council reviewed the Final Plat and plans for the development identified as The Meadows. The Planning Commission reviewed the applications and recommended approval to the council. The attorney and the city planner recommended amendments to one of the conditions involving improvements on a portion of Spring Creek Drive. This amendment allows the developer continuing forward while the city researches their options. Two contractors representing Trinity Development and M/I Homes were aware and comfortable with the amendment. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the final plat for the Meadows at Spring Creek including the amendment to one condition.

Tourism Study

Councilmember reported to the council attending a Community Development Agency meeting regarding the Tourism Study. The study will be conducted by the University of Minnesota Extension in Carver County. Funding for the study will be Carver County. The county will be requiring assistance from smaller volunteer groups. More information will be forwarded in the future.

Carver Black Sox

Spring is right around the corner. When the Black Sox start talking games, you can be assured that the warmer temperatures are coming! Brian says, "The Black Sox open up at home on Sunday, April 22nd at 2 pm versus St. Louis Park. Family Day is Saturday, June 16th versus Brownton. Kids will be able to practice on field with the Black Sox prior to the game and will have hot dogs, chips and a drink with admittance to the game."

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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"He harms himself who does harm to another, and the evil plan is most harmful to the planner."

~ Hesiod

Meridian Fields

The consulting planner informed the council that Dr Horton submitted a concept plan for Meridian Fields, a residential development on the Carver # 212 Development LLC property. The property is located south of Highway # 212 and a quarter mile west of Jonathan Carver Parkway and northwest of Carver Elementary. A Concept Plan is the first step in the process of a new development. This provides guides for the developer in designing the preliminary plat. The concept displays eighty-three single family homes. The property is currently shown as commercial in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The developer proposes low density residential. The future land use map in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan proposes the property listed as low density residential. The staff and consultants reviewed the plan. The Concept Plan had also been submitted to MN Dot for review. Access proposes a new road connecting to Jonathan Carver Parkway; therefore, the county was also forwarded the plan for review.

The plans show an access from Spring Creek Drive onto Jonathan Carver Parkway. This would be the sole outlet for both the development and any commercial development east of this site until the city's transportation network is more fully developed in the future. The new intersection requires a traffic impact analysis that would be submitted with the preliminary plat application. At that time, information would be available on the proposed development impact on Jonathan Carver Parkway. Also, information would then be available for decisions needed to be made improvements such as turn lanes. Due to the proximity of the highway, a noise study would also be required to be submitted. The Planning Commission reviewed the concept plan and recommended approval by the city council.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions invite everyone to come and join them. "By joining the Carver Lions Club, you become part of an active and fun-loving group of local citizens who enjoy being together and working in service in the community and region, and nationally and internationally through the efforts of Lions Club International, the largest service organization in the world."

The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, except June through August at Carver Place. Social Hour is at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. You can also contact the club at carvermnlions@gmail.com for additional information.

Also, every Saturday until May 26th, 2018 there is the Carver Lions Meat Raffles. Come to Carver every Saturday for a Meat Raffle. The location will alternate monthly between Harvey's, Lisa's and the DogHouse. The Lions are excited to partner with three local groups that will be the beneficiaries of these event donations. Flags and Honor of MN, Chaska Figure Skating Club and Eastern Carver County Women of Today.

The Carver Lions remind you that you can drop off eyeglasses at the city offices at the Fire Hall/Public Utilities/City offices building on Jonathan Carver Parkway.

Mark your calendars for May 12th. The Shred It Day at the Community Park will occur. Watch for more news in the next issue.

Also watch bulletin boards, city website, Lions website and Carver Current for up to date information for the Carver Lions April Pork Chop Dinner. Final details are still in the planning stages. Watch for details forthcoming.

East Union Lutheran Church

During Lent, the East Union Lutheran Church will be holding Len-ten Soup Suppers. The church has soup suppers on Wednesday evenings. You can come and have soup and then stay for the Lenten Service which begins at 7 PM. Also, if anyone is interested and would like to provide some soup or a dessert for a Lenten Meal, contact the church. The soup suppers will continue all through Lent and conclude the end of March right before Easter. East Union will be hosting our Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 25th following our 9am worship. All are welcome, please bring your own baskets!

"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
~ Malcolm Forbes



Genealogy

Looking for your roots? Where did my ancestors immigrate from? Or just looking for a project? How about instead of Ancestry membership searching that family tree you have someone else do the searching for you? Or maybe you are just 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." Rose says. The Ancestry website charges \$ 19.99 per month for six months, if you stay only in the USA searches, 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?

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 "Carver Current" website is an online source of various information of local news, school activities, sports results etc. This is a great site for sharing important information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the "Villager Tower" can also be found on this website. © RYS CREATIONS 2018

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Fare for All

Fare for All is a program with food that makes cents and is hosted by the Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Chaska.

Flyer attached with more information. Fare for All will be held on Thursday at 4 PM until 6 PM with produce, vegetables and meat available at a reasonable cost at 1141 Cardinal Street in Chaska on March 22nd and April 26th.

Also, worth notation is that Crown of Glory Lutheran Church is also celebrating its 50th birthday this year. They also serve Lenten soup supper during Lent at 5 PM until 6:15 PM each Wednesday.

A Cup of Carver

Submitted by: Lori Osterdyk

Announcing the weekend re-opening! A Cup of Carver will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for the coming weeks! Stop down for your favorite Cup of Carver coffee, smoothies and bakery items! Hours: Friday, 6 AM - 12 PM Noon, Saturday, 7 AM - 4 PM and Sunday 7 AM - 4 PM.

"Thank you to everyone for your support while we focused on our family. As our situation allows, we will strive to open the rest of the week. We are excited to see everyone again!"

"Be strong enough to stand alone, be yourself enough to stand apart, but be wise enough to stand together when the time comes. Knowing when to walk away, is wisdom. Being able to, is courage. Walking away with your head held high is dignity."

~ Ziad R Abdounour



Chaska Valley Family Theatre

June 14-24, 2018

Chaska High School Auditorium

Based on the 1984 movie, a city kid attempts to adapt to life in an ultra-conservative backwater Midwestern town. Once there, he ends up leading the repressed teenagers into a rebellion against the town fathers, who have outlawed rock & roll and dancing.



Performances will be two weeks in June, opening the 14th of June. Watch for more details in the future.

Auditions will be held April 2nd and 3rd. For more information contact the theatre either at their website, cvft.org or give them a call at 952.250.7206.

Carver Flowers

Submitted by: Annette Hentz

A very busy Valentine's Day at the flower shop is behind us. Easter is typically not a major floral holiday; however, if you would like to send Easter flowers to a loved one, please let us know. The Great Wedding Get Together at the MN Landscape Arboretum was a great recent event. We did not exhibit, but our promotional materials were on display. The next Busy Season will be coming quickly with Mother's Day and local proms. Chanhassen Prom is scheduled for May 5th, Mother's Day is May 13th and then the Chaska Prom will be May 19th. So, start thinking ahead for those events.

For example, if you plan on renting a tux from Carver Flowers, it is strongly recommended that you order it a month in advance (to be sure to get your first choice in style and color), but absolutely no later than two weeks before Prom. We'll post a reminder in the next issue of the newsletter too. Carver Flowers will be hosting their Prom Open House on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. Take advantage of the free traditional coordinating boutonniere with the purchase of a corsage, but this offer is for that weekend only.



Occasional Shops

The Occasional Shops in Carver are readying for their March event the weekend of the 15th-18th. However, it has been noted that some of the Carver shops are also open other times, as well. It is best to check out their web sites or Facebook pages for their open hours and dates. Starting at the south end of town, we have Temperance Arts and Gifts shop, Sweeter Times old tyme candy shop, Riverside Art Studio & Gallery, Sassy Kat Boutique, the brand new All Things Fabulous, and Rosehips & Willow. Don't forget the E Third Street shops, including Carver Flowers, Stages and The Good Junk Garage. April dates for the shops will be the weekend of the 19th - 22nd.

Roots Return Heritage Farm

Watch for upcoming information about the Roots Return Heritage Farm located at 14525 County Road # 40, Carver. Be sure to "Like" on Facebook, or find information on MN Grown, Agrilicious, LocalHarvest.org or rrhf.myshopify.com. The warmer temperatures are coming. When we start talking about fresh local vegetables, farmer's markets and opening of food produce that is local grown, you know it is no longer winter. Watch for more information next issue. Lori is gearing up for the upcoming season.



Carver Community Youth Baseball /

Softball Association

Registration for the Carver County Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CCYBSA) is now open for the 2018 season. Sign up before the Early Bird Registration ends on March 5! Please review the information on the website for all of the details. For any questions, e-mail ccybsa.reg@gmail.com.



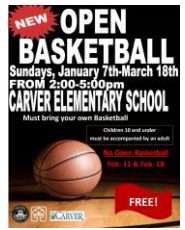
"The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do. "

~John Holt

Carver Elementary - Open Basketball

At the Carver Elementary school Sundays through March 18th is Open Basketball. This is a free event! Participants have to bring their own basketball. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

So be sure to come and play basketball on Sundays the 4th, 11th and 18th of March starting at 2 PM and ending at 5 PM.



City Planner

Written by Brent Mareck

"The City of Carver is pleased to announce the appointment of Erin Smith to the position of City Planner." Ms Smith will serve as the City's first full-time City Planner.

Ms Smith comes from the City of Victoria scheduled to begin working in March with the City of Carver. She is a native of Winona." The decision to fill this position was identified during the strategic planning process and budgeted with the adoption of the 2018 Budget.

Welcome to Ms Smith. For more information on the article, check the Chaska Herald and the city's website.



Spring and Yard Work

Spring will be upon us sooner than we think, even as snow still flies and the cold embraces our bodies even as we resist its firm grip on us. But the time is now to start thinking and planning for that dreaded yard work required to be done and paid attention to. How about skipping all that work and dreaded procrastinating to do or maybe your health this year won't allow you to get at it? Hire that someone special to do it for you.

Spring clean-up, aerating, dethatching and mulch are all offered if you want to have that lawn the neighbors envy. Contact the Woodsman at 952.564.1900. "Be sure to leave a message if I am unable to answer." Call now, you won't regret the decision.

Khrystelle Adventures

The Coffee Shop

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

Khrystelle and Mother were at the warm, cozy, welcoming coffee shop one cold morning.

"Mornin' Ms Frost." The friendly barista greeted.

"Hi Khrystelle" Another barista interrupted chiming in on the greeting

Mother got their drinks and they sat down at the corner table with friends. As they chatted and caught up on the latest news. Two little kids stared at Khrystelle from the next table in total awe. Khrystelle winked at them teasingly. The two giggled. Khrystelle was not paying attention to the group of women chatting at her own table. She was just as interested in the two youngsters at the next table as they were with her.

"Ssshhh" the mother of the two reprimanded sternly.

Then they waved shyly.

To their amazement, the little white bear with the purple scarf and white snowflakes waved back. The two roared to the chagrin of their mother. She glared at the table of people causing all the ruckus.

Mother calmly reacted smiling so sweetly, "That's the power of the magic of imagination."

"You call misbehaving magic?" The mother accused.

"They are not misbehaving." Mother reacted kindly. "They are being children fascinated by the little white bear here." She patted the little bears head lovingly.

"You are as awful as the children." The woman accused.

Mother looked at the children and smiled, saying "You aren't awful. But you must listen to your mother."

The two nodded eagerly.

The woman became so flustered that she jumped up, grabbing her children and stormed out the door with the two in tow waving goodbye to the little white bear with the purple scarf and the white snowflakes."

"Why are some people so mean?" Khrystelle asked innocently.

"They just don't understand." Was all Mother would say.

They finished their drinks and went home.

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March Fun Facts

March is the first month of Spring. March equinox on the 20th or 21st marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, where September is the seasonal equivalent of the Northern Hemisphere's March.

March starts on the same day of the week as November every year, and February in common years only. March ends on the same day of the week as June every year.

The name of March comes from Latin Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. It was named for Mars, the Roman god of war who was also regarded as a guardian of agriculture and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month Martius was the beginning of the season for both farming and warfare, and the festivals held in his honor during the month were mirrored by others in October, when the sea-season for these activities came to a close. Martius remained the first month of the Roman calendar year perhaps as late as 153 BC.

March 1 began the numbered year in Russia until the end of the 15th century. Great Britain and its colonies continued to use March 25 until 1752, when they finally adopted the Gregorian calendar. Many other cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.

In Finnish, the month is called maaliskuu, which is believed to originate from maallinen kuu, during March, earth finally becomes visible under the snow (other etymological theories have however been put forward). In Ukrainian, the month is called березень, meaning birch tree, and březen in Czech. Historical names for March include the Saxon Lentmonat, named after the March equinox and gradual lengthening of days, and the eventual namesake of Lent. Saxons also called March Rhed-monat or Hreth-monath (deriving from their goddess Rhedam/Hreth), and Angles called it Hyld-monath. In Slovene, the traditional name is sušec, meaning the month when the earth becomes dry enough so that it is possible to cultivate it. The name was first written in 1466 in the Škofja Loka manuscript. Other names were used too, for example brezen and breznik, "the month of birches". The Turkish word Mart is given after the name of Mars the god.



Events in March

National Association for Music Education Music in our Schools Month (United States)
National Association of Social Workers National Professional Social Work Month (United States)
American Dietetic Association National Nutrition Month (United States)
American Red Cross Month
Colorectal Cancer awareness month
Epilepsy Awareness Month (Canada)
Self-injury Awareness Day, March 1
National Reading Day (United States), March 2
Texas Independence Day, March 2: State holiday in Texas, United States
International Women's Day, March 8
Save a Spider Day, March 14
National Multiple Sclerosis Society Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week March 14 to March 20 (United States)
Sun-Earth Day, March 18
World Social Work Day 2013,
International Day of Happiness, March 20

In the US, March is National Nutrition Month, National Peanut Month, National Women's History Month and American Red Cross Month.

And finally, March starts on the same day of the week as November every year. I bet no one knew that?

Thanks to the internet and Wikipedia for all these fun and interesting facts to share with you. There is so much more If you are interested.

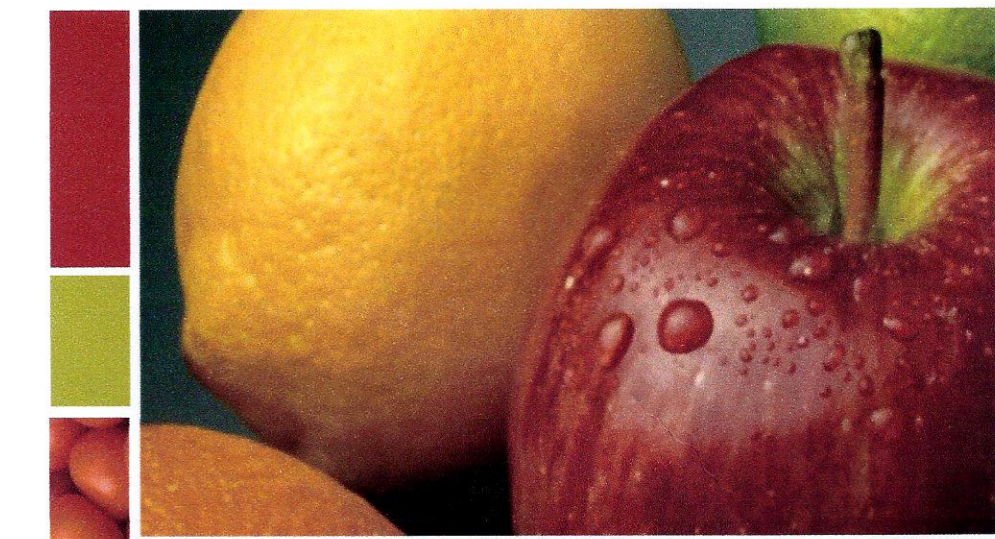

Community Highlights

April 2018

April 1 st	Easter Sunday Happy Birthday Joe!
April 2 nd	Council Meeting Drill Night Happy Birthday Kelly!
April 4 th	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Wayne!
April 5 th	Carver Elementary Twins Caps Day
April 9 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting School Board WorkShop
April 10 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Carver Meet and Greet Carver-on-the-MN Meeting Carver Elementary PTO Meeting National Siblings Day Carver Elementary International Day of Pink
April 11 th	Holocaust Remembrance Day
April 12 th	Happy Birthday Kerry!
April 13 th	Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen!
April 14 th	Happy Birthday Ava!
April 16 th	Council Meeting Drill Night East Union Elementary PTO Meeting
April 17 th	Income Tax Filing Deadline Happy Birthday Cheryl!
April 18 th	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday John!
April 20 th	Happy Birthday Scott!
April 19 th	Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle!
April 19 th	Planning Commission Meeting Occasional Shops Weekend Sales
April 20 th	Carver Elementary School Spirit – Wild Day East Union Classroom Color Day
April 21 st	Happy Birthday Jim!
April 22 nd	Earth Day Black Sox – Home Game 2 PM Happy Birthday Al! Happy Birthday Kitty!
April 23 rd	Fire Department Meeting Night School Board Meeting
April 25 th	Administrative Professional Day Happy Birthday Aaron!
April 26 th	Fare for All – Crown of Glory Happy Birthday Emily!
April 27 th	Arbor Day
April 30 th	Happy Birthday Arlin! Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg! Happy Birthday Lili!



"Emmett Kelly"



Are you looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollar and help others at the same time?

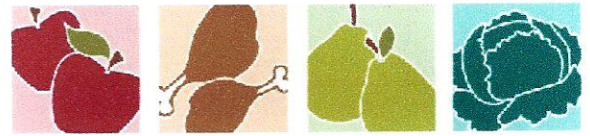
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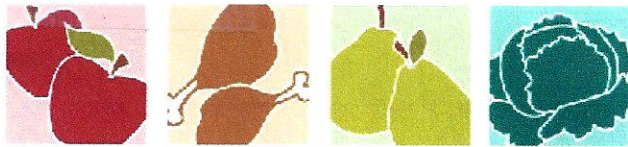
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2018 Dates

January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24,
June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25,
November 15, December 20

What's for sale?

- Produce Pack - \$10:** Typically includes four varieties of fresh veggies & four varieties of fresh fruits.
- Mini Meat Pack - \$11:** Typically includes 3-5 assorted meat items. This package is usually Pork-Free.
- Combo Pack - \$20:** Save an extra \$1 by combining the Produce & Mini Meat Pack
- Mega Meat Pack - \$25:** Typically includes 7-9 frozen meat items.
- Hot Buys -** In addition to the above packages, we offer one Meat and one Produce item as an a la carte special each month.

Watch for our Holiday Packs in November and December!

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Fare For All is OPEN TO EVERYONE and is a non-profit, community-supported program. **The more people who participate, the more savings are passed on to customers.**

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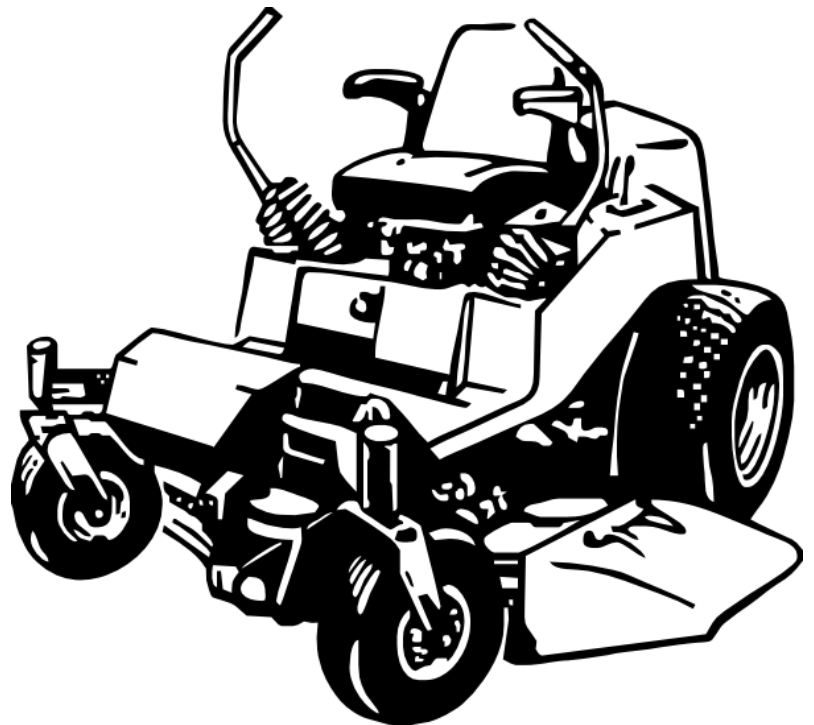
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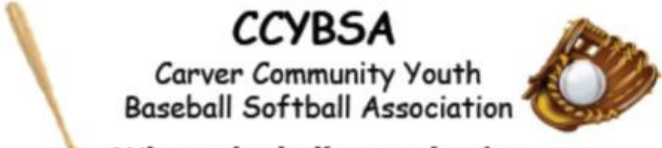
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