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Dedicated in Memory of Jack Murphy, Delmore Finkel and Joan Carskaden

Gevee

The council discussed the Certified Levee topic. The engineering firm of Mead and Hunt had been previously authorized to prepare data collection report on the Carver Levee Phase II study. The existing scope indicates amount of monies for the completion of a "feasibility study" for a certified levee. The feasibility study would ultimately lead to a design option for the levee system. The certification could eventually lead to the elimination of flood insurance requirements for mortgage holders in the downtown floodplain. Additionally, improvements made would also improve the city's flood protection infrastructure.

The anticipated certification and accreditation process would involve a Feasibility Study/Design, plans and specifications, construction, engineering certification of levee – Private Engineering Firms and then FEMA Accreditation of Levee Certification.

The council reviewed the summarized previous flood related costs and reimbursement differences. The recap of former damage was reviewed. In 2014, the levee section adjacent to Spring Creek had been heavily damaged by rapids water flow from heavy rainfall. Three sections of the levee eroded between Fourth Street West and Main Street West. Additionally, the section of Broadway Street North, north of Sixth Street West encountered similar damage. Several city departments and volunteers monitored critical infrastructure. The council also revisited the information relating to the 2011 flood event where three feet of free board had been added to all sections of the levee of the Minnesota River and Spring Creek with the threat of record high water levels. Temporary levees had been constructed at the Main Street West and Third Street West bridges, as well.

Watershed Regulations

The Lower Minnesota Watershed District representative and Young Environmental Consulting Group representative attended the council meeting to discuss information regarding the proposed Watershed Plan Amendment for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District. Additional information to help communicate the changes to impacted residents was provided.

Capital Improvement Plan

A Public Hearing was held at the council meeting regarding the Capital Improvement Plan for the City Hall Project. The city manager presented information pertaining to the issuance of general obligation capital improvement plan bonds for the Broadway city hall project. The financial firm also provided an overview of a financial analysis of the project. There was not any public input received at the Public Hearing. The staff was commended by the council for their fantastic work accompli

. The next step in the process is to consider bids for the project. Community member's participation were also thanked for all their work in the re-view process, which began back in 2013. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds and adoption of the City of Carver Capital Improvement Plan for the years of 2018 through 2022.



Sidewalk Café Ordinance

The city manager discussed with the council the adoption of the Sidewalk Café ordinance. The 2017 Improvement Project incorporated wider sections of the sidewalk in various locations throughout the downtown in order to be utilized for side café. "A sidewalk café, per the proposed ordinance, is defined as: "a seating area on a public sidewalk adjacent to a permitted use in the Central Business District where food and beverages sold from the business operating such permitted use are consumed by its customers."

The proposed ordinance establishes parameters for establishment and operation of said café which includes requiring a permit from the city. As part of the permit process, a diagram of the layout and proposed furnishings would be required. The café would be required to be separated from the primary sidewalk. The operating hours for Sunday through Thursday designated as 7 AM to 10 PM; Friday and Saturday 7 AM to 11 PM. Smoking would be prohibited at all times in the café area. General provisions relating to lighting, noise, and insurance, would be in place, as well as permit revocation process for non-compliance. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and recommended adoption. Motion was made and carried with all ayes by the council adopting an ordinance pertaining to the use of outdoor sidewalk cafés with an amendment changing the hours to 6 AM instead of 7 AM for potential future businesses.

"Life is too short to wake up to regrets. So, love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it.



Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it."

~ Harvey MacKay

Solar Energy

The city had adopted an interim ordinance regarding solar energy systems. Staff had also been directed at that time to prepare a study and draft an ordinance pertaining to the issue. The council was told that advancement in technology and financial incentive for installation have encouraged this type of energy system. Not only as an accessory use but also as a commercial installation for production and sale of electricity.

Passive solar design is the commonly used technology which is a simple way mitigating the building's energy needs. The subdivision level design goal is to maximize the amount of direct sunlight available. Building design absorbs the solar heat or dispersing the heat. Solar photovoltaic systems harness radiant energy from the sun and create electricity. This is achieved through placing equipment on the rooftops or mounted to the ground. PV systems can either be an accessory use to building or a solar farm, also identified as community solar garden. The Solar Thermal System harness the sun's thermal energy to heat and are typically mounted on a roof.

Local governments in the seven-county metropolitan area are required by state law to include an element related to the protection and development of access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems in their Comprehensive Plans. Currently the City of Carver's 2040 Comprehensive Plan is being prepared and the full draft will not be completed or submitted to the Metropolitan Council until the end of 2018. At that time, the Met Council will consider whether the city's plans for protection and development of solar energy systems is in conformance with the statutory requirement. The Met Council identified gross solar potential for both the City of Carver and Dahlgren Township with a map.

Solar Energy Legislation was enacted in 2013 with a bill designed to promote the growth of solar energy. Therefore, this required Xcel Energy to prove a percent of its energy from solar by 2020 with a goal of providing ten percent by 2030. This legislation also established a required and Xcel Energy Community Solar Garden program promoting installation of solar energy systems in its service area.

"A community solar garden is a neighborhood-scale solar energy system from which nearby residential and other small electricity customers can purchase a subscription that reserves to them a fixed monthly share of the electricity generated by the project. Most solar gardens are constructed and owned by a third-party developer, rather than an electric utility. Since this portion of the legislation is specific to Xcel Energy, the primary experienced demand for these types of installations has been in areas served by Xcel." The council reviewed a map supplied displaying the electric utility service areas in the Carver area and the surrounding portion of Dahlgren Township.

Solar technologies installation can cover a few square feet or up to hundreds of acres. Due to size design variations, they can be either accessory to principle use or structure or principle use on a property. An accessory use is secondary or incidental to the primary use of a property. A home or a business could utilize a roof to mount the system. A principal use is the main purpose a site is developed and occupied. A solar farm is the most typical type of principal use usually seen in rural areas. For a more complete details and explanation to these scenarios check out the city's website and complete meeting minutes.

The consulting planner stated that the city has multiple goals with various plans and regulations. Consideration of competing priorities is important in attempting to meet priorities in planning and mitigation. Changes to a building's façade or structure to support a solar installation could impact the historic integrity of the structure and Carver's Historic District. Also, Carver has a significant forest canopy inclusive of old-growth Big Woods forests. These areas have low solar potential also. Potential increases significantly if trees were removed.

Consideration for location and development standards address site and building design considerations unique to specific use or location within the community. For solar energy systems these standards typically address issues involving screening, fencing, and decommissioning. Conflict increases without establishing basic development standards. Accessory systems to another principal use can be designed to be accommodated on property without obstructing their use. Principal use systems however utilize relatively large tracts of land eliminating not only the parcel usage for housing or commercial, but also prevents extension of roads and utilities serving other parcels. Additionally, there is significant investment into municipal utilities serving individual parcels that is not recouped if development usage does not require municipal utilities.

Discussion also included that ground mounted solar gardens or accessory solar energy systems may have conflicts with neighboring land uses and possible difficulty with maintaining access to solar space. The city's definition for maximum height provision in said zoning districts poses another conflict. Some property owner's object to the viewing of the systems and concern has been voiced regarding the glare transmitted. Screening requirements can be established. The areas around the base of the solar garden are difficult to maintain.

Decommission and assurance of removal of the solar system once it is no longer functional is important to be reviewed to prevent blight. A decommissioning plan would include provisions for removal of the structures and a plan for ensuring financial resources would be available.

These systems can create a glare depending upon placement, orientation of the panels and the effectiveness of screening options. The requirement to include glare study identifying potential impacts and mitigation strategies to be incorporated into the permitting requirements. Installation of solar systems can result in the loss of trees and impact wetland and other land usages. The end result of an installation of the system permanently changes the vegetation, compaction and disturbance of the soil and affects future vegetation.

"In states with solar access laws, the law overrides the homeowner's association documents, meaning that if the HOA states a person cannot have solar panels on their roof; the state law says that they are able to despite the HOA's rules. Currently, Minnesota is one of the roughly 50% of states that do not have solar access laws. As with other potential improvements to private property, the City does not enforce HOA restrictions, which could limit some property owners from installing accessory solar energy systems with their homes." Minnesota statutes has a provision for solar easements. This ensures adequate exposure of a solar energy system. The easement can protect the system from future shading impacts relating to the use of neighboring properties.

Installation with these types of systems both on-site power and communication lines are required. In new subdivisions ordinances could require new power liens be buried underground. However, this type of installation would not necessarily require a subdivision. Ordinances relating to grid-connected installation should consider off-site utility improvements required to be made to accommodate interconnection. Some communities have been asked to participate in long permitting procedures for solar farms/gardens where the developer has been unable to enter into an interconnection agreement with electric utility for on-grid systems. The executed interconnection agreement could be required as a part of the application submittal enduring viability.

Recommendations submitted for consideration based on the type of system were presented to the council. Solar Energy Systems accessory to principal use should be permitted in all zoning districts except the ones encompassing the Historic District and the traditional residential district. If consideration were to be given permitting the systems in those two areas then additional research and analysis would be necessary to retain the integrity of the historical district. Additionally, a community system should be permitted as an accessory use in those zoning districts that have buildings of sufficient size to support the development of a roof-mounted system. Ground-mounted systems typically principal use of a property are best suited in non-urban area.

The council reviewed a drafted ordinance regarding the topic.

Meridian Fields Concept Plan

The consulting planner discussed the application received for Meridian Fields with the Planning Commission. The parcel identified as the exception property will not be purchased by the developer. However, they will be utilizing the same road if desired and, in the future, the ability to hook up to the municipal utilities will be available. The parcel discussed is in Dahlgren Township and will remain so.

Question was asked about the land use for the Comprehensive Plan. The consulting planner stated that the developer would need to seek a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Metropolitan Council will be reviewing amendments after July 1st, 2018. Question was asked about the noise mitigation and was told that they would likely be adding berms and heavy landscaping. The city engineer provided a summarization regarding the roundabout proposed on the drawing. This would be based on the needs from the commercial property. The sketch displayed a three-legged roundabout where the north leg would access the commercial development and the other two would stay with the through movement on the future collector. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the concept plan.

The city's consulting planner presented to the council information regarding the concept plan for the Meridian Fields development. The development was in the area requiring an extension of Spring Creek Drive on the east side. The new road would be the only access in and out of this project until other development occurs. The two existing roads in the area being Town Road and the frontage road along Highway # 212 but these two-existing roads do not provide access for this development. Question was posed regarding a section marked as "exception". The response was that the exception was an existing home that is not part of the said project but at some point, in the future, this parcel could be provided access off the internal streets in the neighborhood and the frontage road could then be closed.

The consulting planner also stated that a traffic study impact analysis would be required because the project is accessing Jonathan Carver Parkway. As the project continued to move forward, additional information would be available. Carver County and MNDOT have requested a noise study completion on this project. Additional information would be forthcoming with the preliminary plat. Question was asked shy this was requested. The planner responded that some of the homes on the concept plan might have noise levels potentially exceeding those allowed under state noise rules. Developer stated that preliminary plat approval is being prepared and meetings have been scheduled with the county relating to noise mitigation and studies.

Further discussion was held regarding green space near the exception parcel. It was anticipated that the piece would be absorbed into an adjacent lot. The Park Dedication was anticipated to be "Cash in Lieu of". It was also pointed out regarding another orphan piece of property in the northwest corner of the site and thoughts were of possible deeding to the city for some open space. Question was asked about original annexation and zoned as agricultural. The city consultant stated that every parcel annexed is zoned agricultural and later rezoned to the classification necessary. It was anticipated to be rezoned as residential.

Question was addressed to the edits to the roundabout. The city engineer responded that the draft was feedback and it may ultimately not end up as drafted. The intent would be that through traffic would remain on the major collector. The large driver for the roundabout would be the commercial property, not the residential units. A traffic study would better inform personnel what type of intersection would be best suited for the area.

Further discussion was held on the traffic and future thoughts. Question was asked about the access to the development in the future. In the future, there may be multiple access to get to County Road # 11. Eventually an entire collector system could lead out to County Road # 43, as well as possibly a north/south road that would connect Levi Griffin Road. Question was asked about the preference of eliminating the frontage road if Highway # 212 were expanded to four lanes. The consulting planner stated that it would be the desire for #212 to be restricted access.

A study is being conducted on the traffic by the county. The county I aware of the developments in the future for the City of Carver. Each entity is aware of the traffic concerns. The consulting planner gave a summarization of the development process. "Mayor Webb stated this falls under the purview of what was done with the Urban Land Institute. Carver is trying to become a more developer-friendly com-munity. The City does not want to see this development affect traffic and wetlands negatively, but Carver also wants to be sure there are enough rooftops to get a grocery store and retail in the community."

Meridian Fields is anticipating to break ground this coming summer and open model homes in spring of next year for the Spring Parade of Homes. Question was asked about plans for a trail system. The consulting planner stated that a trail exists on the north side of the Elementary School property, so it may not need to be duplicated on the south side of Spring Creek Drive. However, there likely would be a trail on the north side of Spring Creek Drive and along the collector road. Council member expressed opinion that trails increase walking activity. The developer indicated plans to install trails along with sidewalks. Cost of homes was inquired about. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Concept Plan for Meridian Fields.

The city manager discussed the adoption of the ordinance amendment relating to Recreational Vehicle Parking. An ordinance relating to the use and parking of recreational vehicles had been adopted in 2012. It sought to prohibit the use of an RV as a permanent dwelling. Additionally, it requires that the RV be parked on a hard surface and meet defined setback requirements. The amendment provides clarification on the area to be hard surfaced. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay adopting the ordinance regarding recreational vehicle parking.

Carver Qions - Donations

The Parks Commission members were presented with a request for project ideas for the Carver Lion's to donate money toward. The commission responded with possible ideas for holiday streetlights, seating and backstop area at the Lions Park, municipal utilities for Depot Park, painting of the Gazebo, water tower and caboose and last idea offered was to work with the county and the elementary school for an exterior education/garden learning center.

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

~ Stephen Hawking

Carver Black Sox

Keep thinking warm, sunshine and baseball. The Carver Black Sox are scheduled to play their first game April 22nd at Woody Swanson Field against St Louis Park at 2 PM. It will be official then, spring has sprung cliché! Their next game will be on Saturday, April 28th at 2 PM and then May games begin. All the information is on their website, carverblacksox.com. Don't forget to go out and support the local team!

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.

MN Valley Electric Cooperative Anyone who is a member of MN Valley Electric

Cooperative is invited to their 81st Annual Meeting at the New Prague High School on April 10th. Registration and voting begins at 6:30 PM. "What is success?

When your signature changes to an autograph."

~ Abdul Kahm

Carver Station

The consulting planner discussed with the council the project budget involving the Carver Station Operations. The council needed to approve the changes to the project budget for the Carver Station Operations. The consulting planner reviewed information regarding the Carver Station. The city was previously awarded CMAQ funds to operate transit services to downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota for a three-year demonstration period. The funding was required to be match in local funds not including fare revenue. The total project funding also included expenses relating to operating the transit services and maintenance of the station.

"The original project budge was established for a three-year period However, the agreement between the city and the Metropolitan Council allows the funds to be expended over a five-year period. Over the past three years, both the City and SW Transit staff have regularly reviewed the service levels and made periodic route adjustments depending upon usage levels. This has ensured that funding is available to continue operating the service beyond the initial three years of the agreement. In order to extend to a full six years, an amendment to the agreement with the Metropolitan Council would be needed to be executed at some later point in time. The draft 6-year project budget amendment that was reviewed with the Metropolitan Council staff is attached. The current year would be the fourth year of operations. The Metropolitan Council has already approved the draft budget amendments."

The amendments adjust the following items: extend the project budget to six years; increase project budget for line items that have annual costs; decrease amount available for contract with South-West Transit accordingly; decrease fare box revenue received; decreases overall project budget, no changes to total grand funds received, and no change to total city match required.

Carver Professional Building The city consulting planner relayed information to the Planning Commission regarding a proposal received for construction of a professional building on Lot 3 at Carver Square requiring an amendment to the Planned Commercial Development and Site Plan. The commission discussed issues. A chiropractor with a clinic in Jordan is interested in opening a Carver clinic. This is the early stages of planning. Question was asked if there any other interested tenants. Interest has been expressed. There is a possibility of dividing into more sections. The commission held a public hearing. Commercial uses would be permitted. Discussion was held regarding the access relating to Dahlgren Road. A corridor study is being conducted. The County's Transportation Improvement Program will include improvement to intersection in the future. Alternatives were reviewed. It was stated that if demand increases conversations would be necessary for alternative solutions. Question was asked how many vehicles are on Dahlgren Road presently but that data was not available. The development on the north side of the road would cause additional traffic. However, the consulting planner stated that the traffic study completed would not increase the number on Dahlgren Road. The traffic study being conducted on County Road # 22 was expected to be completed later in the summer or early fall of 2018.

Question was asked about when the improvements to Dahlgren Road would be completed. The completion would be at the same time as County Road #11. The county's Capital Improvement Program was scheduled for 2022. Parking for the area was discussed along with water management plan for the site. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending an amendment to the Planned Commercial Development including changes to the existing conditions.

Fare for *H*ll

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

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 April 26th.

In addition, 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.

Oak Tree

The consulting planner discussed the Oak Tree Development Final Plat. The applicant proposes to plat the first phase of Oak Tree consisting of thirty-three lots and thirty single-family lots. The outlots will consist of either storm water ponds, environmentally sensitive resources or areas for future lots/streets. The proposed builder is CalAtlantic. The Final Plat is in substantial conformance with the approved preliminary plat and conditions.

The proposed land use is single-family residential, villages, right-ofway, wetlands, conservation areas, trails and ponding for the first phase of this development. There will be three future phases to plat the remaining outlots into streets and lots. The mass grading began in the fall of 2017 and will be completed with the first phase. Streets and utilities will only be constructed in the first phase for those portions of the site being platted into streets and lots.

The plans identify an extension of White Pine Way from existing intersection to intersect with Hartwell Drive. Two new streets are being constructed to provide direct access to these lots. There is not any direct access proposed for Jonathan Carver Parkway White Pine Way or Hartwell Drive. Sidewalks must be included on one side of Chestnut Circle and Oak Tree Court. Intersection improvement are proposed within Jonathan Carver Parkway. The preliminary plans are subject to further permitting requirements of Carver County. Park dedication is required for this plat and the calculations will be made when the execution of the developer's agreement is done. Existing trees are identified for removal or saving. Ordinance requirements are met. Bluffs exist on the property. The bluffs have been identified to be located without Outlots D and E to be owned and maintained by the HomeOwners Association. Additional areas with slopes and forest located within Outlots C and H will ultimately be owned and maintained by the city and contain surface water infrastructure. The wetland permitting had been completed.

The staff and consultants recommended approval of the Final Plat for Oak Tree subject to conditions.

Fire Department

The Fire Department reminding everyone of the importance, especially in wintertime to help keep the fire hydrants clear. One does not think about this fact until it might be too late to help someone. One would hate to have the firefighters have to dig out to get to a hydrant in an emergency before they can hook up. So be kind, be sure to clear the path to the hydrant. One day, it might be you who depends on their getting to the hydrant.

The department personnel would also like to commend the four fire fighters who participated in the Fight for Air Climb. Brianne, Jarrett, Mike and Nate climbed 680 steps, 31 flights in full gear.

Also, mark your calendars for the Community Safety Event and Bike Rodeo scheduled for May 19th. Come to the Carver Fire Department and be sure to bring along your bike and helmet. There will be a bike obstacle course, bike safety check and helmet fitting. There are more details on the department's Facebook page. It is a "FREE" event. The fun will begin Saturday, May 19th at 9 AM. The fun will wrap up at noon.

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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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 will get started. Contact Rose Keown at 928.764.3630 and we will begin the process and find your heritage. If it's easier, you can e-mail me too, <u>rosekeown@frontiernet.net</u>."

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 ultraconservative backwater Texan 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 dates are Jun3 15th, June 16th and June 17th, then June 120th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of June. Tickets go on sale in April.

Auditions will be held Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd at 6 PM until 9 PM at the Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Chaska. For more information contact the theatre or go to their website, cvft.org – (952.250.7206)

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre would also like to refresh your memory regarding their



bragonfly Theatre Arts Camp happening in July of 2018. This camp is open to ages 8 through 13. The purpose of the camp is to learn about all the facets of the musical theater from auditions through performance during this engaging, six- day camp experience.

The Camp Director is Andrew Craig. Camp One takes place July 16th through the 21st. There was a misprint in the Community Ed catalog; the correct dates for Camp Two are July 23rd through the 28th. Be sure to register if interested. The fees are for the first child in the family at \$ 275; second child in the same family is \$ 250, and for that third child the cost is \$ 225. The location of the camps is at the Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska at 9:30 AM to 4 PM daily. There are two performances on the Saturday Show Day at 10 AM to 4 PM and a Dragonfly T-shirt is included for each participant. You can register at 222.cvft.org.

Bone Daddy Classic Grill Sale and Competition

My Appliance Source again is hosting the Bone Daddy Classic Grill event on April 28th in Shakopee. You are invited to their once a year community event to come and see the Big Green Egg make you a neighborhood grill expert. There are twenty egghead competitors trying to win the grand prize. You can support



the community by purchasing ribs or hotdogs from the Shakopee High School Baseball Team.

For more information you can go to their website, www.bonedaddyclassic.com

East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Lutheran Church announced the installment of Pastor Sarah Bunge. She was welcomed by the congregation. You are invited to get to know her and stop by the church office or make an appointment to get to know her.



Soup suppers during Lenten Season will be hosting Holden Evening Pray and Soup Suppers each Wednesday evening. You are invited to join the congregation for Soup Supper and stay for their 7 PM Worship.

The church also announced that Towel Ministry Love INC Linens Ministry needs help. Additional people to help with deliveries of towels are needed, also cash donations for kitchen towel purchases. Contact Ann Decker at church for more information.

The church held their Easter Egg Hunt on March 25th, Palm Sunday. The Holy Week services include Maundy Thursday worship; March 29th at 7 PM with Kneeling Communion and First Good Friday Worship on March 30th at 7 PM. Easter Worship Services will be April 1st at 7 AM and 9 AM.

West Union Lutheran Church

On Sunday, April 8th, everyone is invited to West Union Church for their Blessing of Farm Equipment Worship at 11 AM. Drive your tractors gators any farm equipment to church and have the pastor bless it for the upcoming season. You can even bring in your gardening gloves or buckets, whatever you use for gardening or farming. There will be a lunch provided after the service.



The congregation is also planning a Polka Service with a Turkey Dinner with ALL the trimmings on April 22nd. There will be turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn coleslaw, desserts and more. Be sure to come early and join in on their Polka Worship featuring the Jolly Ramblers and then fill your tummies with delicious food! Adults can eat for \$ 12, Kids 6-10 can eat for \$ 8 and under five years of ages will eat free.

Highway #212

A representative from the MN Department of Transportation, Carver County Public Works and SRF Consulting Group were at the Dahlgren Township Board meeting presenting the plan for Highway # 212 four-lane completion from Jonathan Carver Parkway to Cologne. Tentatively plans are to begin the project in 2022 with Jturns at the intersections of County Road # 43, Mellgren Lane and Kelly Avenue. There were lengthy discussions about the J-turns due to navigation of large agricultural and trucking equipment. Discussion was also held about a J-turn at the intersection of Highway #41 and Market Avenue and Highway # 212 starting the project in 2019. There had also been a plan of constructing a J-turn at the intersection of Highway # 36 and # 212 but major work is needed at the railroad bridge. So, then discussion was held regarding closing Highway # 36 north of the bridge and the county would turn this highway over to the township east of the intersection of Market Avenue and the current highway # 36. The road would then make a sweeping turn onto the existing Laurel Avenue. A map was reviewed of the planned Highway # 212 project.

Election Judges

Submitted by: Patti Dietzel The City of Carver is looking for a few more election judges to serve in the 2018 Primary and General Elections on August 14 and November 6, 2018. If you are interested in getting more information or



filling out an Election Judge Interest Form, please visit the City's website or contact the City Clerk's Office at 952-448-8727. Interest forms should be returned by March 20, 2018. For more information, visit: <u>Election Judge Interest Form</u>.

Please contact Vicky Sons-Eiden at vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com with any questions.

"Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, other just gargle."

~ Robert Anthony

South West Transit

It is definitely a warming trend in the air. There is talk at South-West Transit about the MN Twins. Again, the bus service is offering weekday busing called "Twins Express" to your favorite ball team's games, beginning April 5th and going through August 24th. South-West says "Let SouthWest Transit take you out to the ballgame with quick, easy and convenient service." Weekday pick-ups will be at the Southwest Station in Eden Prairie, Southwest Village station in Chanhassen, East Creek Station, Chaska and finally the Carver Station. There is more information if you are interested on their website: swtransit.org. Game start times and departures, return times and costs are all on their website. Can't buy gas cheaper than their offer, \$ 5 for round trip, children under 5 are free and Disabled Veterans with ID are also free.

Also, SW Ride program begins April 23rd. What is SW Ride? It's SouthWest Transit's bike rental program. More information is available on their website. In addition, do not forget their SW Prime which an on-demand ride service is.

Carver Flowers



Submitted by: Annette Hertz Carver Flowers currently has a big St Patrick's Day and Easter Overstock sale

going on ... 50% to 60% Off (yes, Easter clearance BEFORE Easter). This is beautiful merchandise we have had in the shop for a couple of years and just want to clear out ... to make room for MORE! This sale ends March 31.

We also have those sprouting bulb gardens in stock, where you and your kids can Watch 'Em Grow! \$19.99 - \$29.99, depending on if you want them in a plain plastic black pot, or decorated in a wicker basket as a gift.

We are gearing up for our next busy season of Prom-Mom-Prom: Chanhassen Prom, then Mother's Day, then Chaska Prom. Remember to order your tuxedo 3-6 weeks before Prom (the earlier you order, the more likely you will get your first choice in tuxedo style during this extremely busy tuxedo rental season); order your Prom flowers 1-3 weeks ahead of time. Our Prom Open House this year is Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21.

Occasional Shops

The Occasional Shops in Carver are readying for their April event the weekend on the 19th through the 22nd. 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. Do not forget the East Third Street shops, including Carver Flowers, Stages and The Good Junk Garage. The May dates scheduled for the 17th through the 20th.

Roots Return Heritage Farm

Submitted by Lori Cox



Roots Return Heritage Farm is gearing up for the season with fruits, vegetables and herbs fresh, dried and frozen by order-ahead & pickup during open farm stand hours. Same

hours as last year; Thurs 3-7 PM and Sat 9-11 AM. Check out the farm's fb page (Roots Return Heritage Farm LLC) or their Shopify page (rrhf.myshopify.com) for details on when they will open, and offerings each week.

Lori D. Cox, Owner/Operator Roots Return Heritage Farm, LLC 14525 County Road 40 Carver, MN 55315 Find us on Facebook, Shopify. MN Grown MN Ag Water Quality Certified Farm NFU/NACD Soil Health Champion Network Farm 2017 Carver City SWCD Outstanding Conservationist Board member, MN Ag in the Classroom (MAITC)

"Nothing is too small to know, and nothing too big to attempt." ~ William Van Horne Carver Community Youth Baseball /



Softball Association

Submitted by Jane Thon

CCYBSA is nearing the end of registration for the 2018 summer ball. We are offering a few new programs for our youths this year. We have added a 12U boys travel program and a 12U and 14U programs for our girls along with In-house programs. T-ball up to 6th grade. Games will be played at Carver Community Park, Lions Park, and Bluff Park. Come out to watch our games, and support our programs by purchasing one of our money making card at the Food stand at the Community Park. These cards offer many great savings from our communities. The card also has a link to the same options that the Happening Books had. Have a great summer and be safe. CCYBSA

Spring and Yard Work

Spring is fast approaching now is the time to start thinking and planning for that dreaded yard work requiring attention. How about skipping all that work and procrastinating, or maybe your health isn't allowing you to get at it? Hire someone to do it for you. Reasonable rates, hard-working and ready to ensure that your spring cleanup and summer mowing gets done.

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 will not regret your decision.

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 <u>carvermnlions@gmail.com</u> for additional information. Who are the Lions you ask; the organization is made of up caring people who "meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.4 million members of their volunteer organization in two hundred and six countries and geographic areas are different in many ways but share a core belief – community is what we make it."

In addition, 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 collaborate 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.

Have documents you don't want to dispose of in the sanitation landfill pool? The Carver Lions have arranged for the Shred It truck to be at the Community Park for residents. On May 12th at the Community Park, the Shred It truck will be available to dispose safely your old documents and sensitive information you need to dispose of safely. The truck will be at the park at 9 AM and wrap up shredding at 11 AM. There is a two-box limit per vehicle and paper only. There is no charge to dispose of those documents.

Hearyee! Hearyee! Like Pork Chops? Like to support the Carver Lions? The Lions are having their Annual Pork Dinner at Sticks Tavern at Dahlgreen Golf Course on Friday, April 20th starting at 4 PM and you will miss it if you come after 8 PM. You can enjoy pork chops, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable, baked beans, bread, dessert and a beverage. Bar service available for purchase.



You can buy tickets in advance for \$ 10. The cost at the door will be \$12. Kids five and under eat free. You can purchase tickets from Lions member.

April Fun Facts

April on the Gregorian calendar is the fourth month of the year. It was stated that it is the second month of spring. In the southern hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere. The diamond of April symbolizes innocence. The Boston Marathon is held during the month of April. In Ancient Rome,



the month was sacred to the goddess Venus. April is named after the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. It is the month when trees and flowers begin to bloom.

Did you know that the poet William Wordsworth was born in April? Additionally, that he was a major English romantic poet? Or that Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his dictionary in April? Leonardo daVinci was also born in April 1452 and was a renaissance artist and inventor? William Shakespeare was not only born in the month of April but also passed away in the month of April?

Did you know that the first Sunday in April is referred to as Daffodil Sunday? During the Victorian era, it was said that families picked daffodils from their gardens and took them to local hospitals. Who wrote poetry and fables, was born in Denmark and most famous for his fairy tales? The answer is Hans Christian Andersen. Pocahontas got married in April in 1640. Did you know that the Wrigley Company was founded in Chicago Illinois in 1891? The United State Air Force Academy was established in Colorado 1954? Do you remember the fact that Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak in 1976 formed the Apple Computer Company? Did you know that it was in April 1912 that the Titanic struck the iceberg and sank? Did you know that Charlie Chaplin was born in April in 1889? That the first launderette opened in April of 1934? How about April is Queen Elizabeth II birthday? Did you know that 1953, DNA was discovered by James Watson and Francis Crick and that their achievement was recognized in 1962 when they received the Nobel Prize for **Physiology?**

Some other April events worth mention include: Abraham Lincoln died from the shot by John Wilkes Booth in 1865; in 1923 insulin became generally available for diabetics; 8n 1924 Rand McNally published its first road atlas and in 1955, the McDonalds Corporation was founded.

Some of April's holidays include the first Monday in April is fun at workday, along with Sweet Potato Day. The first Sunday is April is check your batteries day. National Egg Salad Week is the full week right after Easter Sunday every year. The third Sunday in April is Go Fly a Kite Day. Administrative Professionals day is unofficially observed on the Wednesday of the last full week of April.

Last but not least is the month of April's National month of: Community Spirit Days, Woodworking Month, Holy Humor Month, Straw Hat Month, Tackle your Clutter Month, World Habitat Awareness Month, National Financial Literacy Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, Women's Eye Health and Safety Month, American Cancer Society Month, National Welding Month, Math Education Month, National Anxiety Month, Daisy Flower Month, National Garden Month, Zoo and Aquarium Month, Occupational Therapy Month, Community Service Month, Stress Awareness Month, Pets are Wonderful Month, Thai Heritage Month, Cancer Control Month, National STDs Education and Awareness Month, Month of the Young Child, International Guitar Month, National Frog Month, National Poetry Month, Autism Awareness Month, National Poetry Writing Month, Youth Sports Safety Month, Sports Eye Safety Month, National Recycling Month, National Smile Month, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, Holocaust Remembrance Month and National Soft Pretzel Month, as well as National Soy Foods Month. Bored yet? Ever wonder why no one just says, it's Every-one's and Everything National Month? That way everything is covered and no one is slighted.

Again, thanks to the internet for the collection of facts and information to help share all this data with everyone.

Happy Easter!





Khrystelle Adventures

The Library

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

"Let me introduce myself" Khrystelle Frost announced matter of factly.

She sat down in the huge puffy blue chair before continuing.

"Mother and I would like to introduce you to our world of 'Imagination' where all things are happy and good.

We will share our adventures with you and hopefully put a smile on your face and a little warmth in your heart."

She looked over to Mother for approval so far.

Mother nodded encouragingly.

"The world is such a sad place sometimes for people." She wiggled uncomfortably.

"And we," she stuttered, "feel it is of the utmost importance to take you away from that awfulness for just a little while."

"Tell them all about the land of Imagination." Mother spoke softly.

"Oh vea." Khrvstelle responded excitedly.

"It's where there are no rules, well there are rules, but not the normal rules that we know in everyday living in this world." She rubbed her head trying to gather her thoughts.

"Imagination is where bad things are not allowed. Where bad people are not allowed to do bad things. It's where animals talk, toys talk, trees are alive, flowers talk, fairies live and you find only happiness."

"And where anything is possible." She added in excitement. Pausing to think, before continuing, "Where you can ask any questions and no one laughs at you. Where you can dream with no boundaries."

There was silence as the audience absorbed the conversation.

"There is no place like you said." A red-haired youngster chided in disbelief.

"Well, if you don't open your heart and you don't believe, then you cannot enter." Mother responded softly.

There were whispers throughout the quiet room at the library where the discussion was taking place.

"Mother, they don't believe me." Khrystelle whispered disheartened.

"Oh, some do." Mother responded.

"How do you go to this place called emagi...?" A little curly haired girl asked unable to pronounce the word asked.

"You open your mind and start dreaming." Mother instructed.

The little one looked at her puzzled.

"Where would you like to be and do right now?" Mother asked.

"On a swing in the warm sun."

"Close your eyes and picture it." Khrystelle guided quietly.

"Oh look, I see it." She squealed with excitement. "Do you see it?"

Mother quietly whispered to her, "It's your imagination."

They looked around the room and smiled at one another; everyone was closing their eyes and picturing their very own piece of

imagination in their own worlds successfully. "Ms Frost" the librarian approached quietly, "I want to thank you for coming today."

"You're welcome."

"We look forward to you coming again."

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Ryan Family Benefit

The Carver Fire Relief is hosting the Ryan Family Benefit. Tom Ryan is a 19 year veteran of the Carver Fire Department. Tom's wife Stacey, was recently diagnosed and treated for an atypical carcinoid tumor. Carcinoid tumors are a rare slow-growing cancer that usually start in the digestive tract or, as is Stacey's case, the lungs. Surgical interventions are the most common treatment and lead to a long recovery with physical therapy and follow up appointments.

With the many years of countless service that Tom Ryan has sacrificed for the benefit of others as a Carver Firefighter, it is our hope that this benefit can help lighten the burden this disease has caused his family.

Saturday, April 14th, 2018, the Chaska Curling Center will be holding a "Learn to Curl" event while the Carver Fire Department will be serving a Chili Dinner and Silent Auction with all proceeds going to the Ryan family.

The "Learn to Curl" portion of the event requires a ticket purchased in advanced and is available at the site listed above. The cost is \$50.00 and includes a Chili Dinner. The event is open to all ages and should sell out fast. There are three time slots available.

If you just want to come to dinner, please feel free to buy dinner tickets online or contact your local Carver Firefighter. Tickets will also be available at the door. Dinner is \$10.00 for a hearty bowl of Chili, breadstick, and dessert. Water will be provided and a cashbar available. Children 5 and under eat free. A hot-dog and chips meal will be available for children not wanting chili.

Please come out and help a local firefighter's family who could use your support.

Saturday April 14th, 2018

3:00pm – 9:00pm

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Email questions : rtkkgill@yahoo.com



http://buytickets.at/ryanfamilybenefit











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Call Dean at 952-221-2884 for info. Ask your local Lions member for tickets.

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