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Dedicated in the Memory of Doug Swanson

Mothers Are Special

Mothers are special in their own rights. None else can replicate what moms do/endure and give all of their lives.

Some more special than others.

Then there are those who will argue that not all mothers are good. Some are awful, wicked, clueless and cruel, they will say and feel.

There is always more than can be seen by the naked eye. There is pain, rejection, love, giving, selfishness, selflessness, inexperience, unconditional love and above all forgiveness for inadequacies.

A mother can never ever be replaced.

Think hard before judging so harshly of things we know nothing of.

Happy Mother's Day

Miscellaneous

At a council work session, several topics were discussed. The consulting planner discussed the information relating to the solar ordinance. The city manager updated the council regarding several issues including relaying that all the bridge railings in the downtown had been painted; Moe's house is for sale and city staff fielding questions; attendance at the League of MN Cities Legislative Conference; the Resident Advocate Group meeting; petition for annexation for Meridian Fields; and Bolten and Menk handling the engineering details for the 2017 Street Improvement Project and water issues for two properties, as well as the striping for the 3rd Street parking lot.

The city builder updated the council on development status. Carver Ridge 2nd Addition has three lots remaining; Copper Hills has nine homes under construction, Christy's Bluff and Hallblade Properties have no homes under construction; and there are four homes under construction in Riverview Estates. The building inspector has also been actively reviewing the preliminary and concept plans for Carver Square, Oak Tree, Meridian Fields, and Trinity developments along with the drafted plans for the city hall.

The city planner indicated that D.R. Horton has expressed interest in the Redmond Property Concept. In order to allow construction, the 2030 Comprehensive Plan would need an amendment allowing for the change of density required.

The Occasional Shops schedule for the upcoming months is May 17th through the 20th and June 21st through the 24th.

Sidewalk Cafe

The council reviewed amendment of 2017-2018 liquor license for Harvey's Bar and Grill to include the outdoor sidewalk cafe area identified on the application. Renewal of existing annual liquor licenses are effective in July of 2018; therefore, an amendment is necessary to allow serving in an outdoor sidewalk cafe. The applicant is directed to work with the city to amend the current license.

"Live today because tomorrow is not promised."

Solar Energy

The council held a special meeting to discuss the adoption of an ordinance scheduled to expire in mid-April regarding the solar energy systems. The ordinance involves extending interim land use controls and the impact of solar energy systems. It was anticipated that the Planning Commission would review a drafted ordinance and hold a Public Hearing.

The council expressed interest in additional information. The attorney stated that the ordinance could be extended for up to an additional year. This extension would provide the city planner with additional time to provide information. A Public Hearing would be required.

The council held a Public Hearing at a special meeting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance extending interim land use controls relating to solar energy.

The Planning Commission reviewed information related to the solar energy issue. The city had previously adopted an interim ordinance regarding solar energy systems and conversations continue on the topic. Local governments in the seven-county metropolitan area are required by state law to include an element relating to the protection and development of access for solar energy systems in Comprehensive Plans. The city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan is currently being prepared with expectations for completion sometime in 2018.

Upon completion, the Metropolitan Council will review the plan, which will include the section regarding solar energy systems conformance with statutory requirements. Maps has been produced by the council identifying the gross solar potential for both, but the City of Carver and Dahlgren Township.

The bill was enacted to promote the growth of solar energy requiring Excel Energy to provide one and half percent of its energy from solar by 2020 with a goal of providing ten percent by 2030. This legislation also established a requirement for Xcel Community Solar Garden program to promote the installation of systems in its service areas. So that other small electricity customer can purchase a subscription that reserves to them a fixed monthly share of the electricity generated by the project. Most solar gardens are owned by a third-party developer, rather than an electric utility. Since this portion of the legislation is specific to Xcel, the primary experienced demand for this has been in areas served by Xcel.

The City has been pursuing multiple goals through various plans and regulations. It is important to consider the competing priorities so that effects of trying to meet both priorities can be planned for and mitigated. The historic preservation involving changes to a building's facade or structure impacting the historic integrity is not acceptable.

"Development standards address site and building design considerations unique to a specific use or location in the community. For solar energy systems, these standards typically address issues such as screening, fencing, and decommissioning. Without establishing basic development standards, potential for conflict between uses increases."

The Planning Commission members reviewed many facets of the solar energy systems.

Lift Station

The council discussed the Main Street Storm Water Lift Station, which had been planned and budgeted for construction in 2017 in coordination with the downtown project but final plans, and specifications were not completed on schedule to be bid and constructed delaying project until 2018. The two early concepts included replacement of the two existing lift stations and combine the two into one via storm sewer and construct one lift station near the trestle bridge. Further research proved the concept was ultimately becoming more expensive. The two options were reevaluated with the conclusion that replacement of the two lift stations in the current locations was the best option at this point. The costs were reviewed. The project costs would be funded through the sanitary fund and existing bond proceeds.

The council discussed the storm water lift station project at a work session. After staff reevaluated the original two proposed options, the decision was that it was in the best interest of the city to replace the two lift stations at their current locations. At the work session, the estimated costs were reviewed again. The issue will be reviewed again in the future.

The city engineer reviewed with the council the Main Street Storm Water Lift Station requiring approval of the final plans and specifications and authorizing the advertisement for bidding. The city had prepared final plans and specifications for the project. This includes replacement of the existing deteriorating storm water lift stations at Broadway near the Public Works building and Main Street near the trestle bridge. The Main Street station would have two pumps with the capability of providing a third portable pump, backup power, a transducer and a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system.

The Broadways station would have a pump and a SCADA system with the ability of backup power by a portable generator. This project will help to improve the reliability of flood control measures and response time during flooding conditions. The aesthetics of the areas would also be improved. The bid opening would be tentatively scheduled for early May and construction mid-summer to late fall. The project costs were reviewed. The city had already bonded for this project and additional monies may be used from the Sanitary Fund.

Municipal Sanitation and Recycling

Currently the city contracts sanitation removal with Republic for all municipal buildings and parks. Requirement was to pick up at each cart location in the parks. Over the past couple of years, the cost of the service and increased and there is an overall dissatisfaction with overall service. There is also an increasing concern regarding damage to trails and sidewalks by use of the larger sanitation trucks. The Public Services department works annually with the Carver County Environmental Services pertaining to recycling and waste reduction opportunities. One of the grant programs offered promotes recycling in the parks. The Public Services took a two-step approach. An application for a grant to purchase one garbage and recycling cart to be placed in all the parks and city buildings. The city also applied for a grant to purchase a pick-up truck mounted garbage compactor. The city was awarded a grant for all the carts and a confirmed amount toward the truck compact-or. An additional grant was applied for and presently the city is awaiting the response on this application. The project would be funded through budgeted resources and grant proceeds.

Electronic Signature Policy

The city clerk/treasurer informed the council that a MN Statute authorizes municipalities to develop and implement policies regarding the use of electronic signatures. This policy addressed approved electronic signature methods and the use and acceptance. It applies to all city departments and city documents such as minutes, resolutions, ordinances, contracts and agreements.

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. 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 May 24th.

City Hall Update

The council was briefed by the city manager for approving the plans, specifications for the city hall project, as well as authorize bids. The engineering representative provided an overview of the floor plan for the lower level, which included the multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, storage, conference room lobby space and rest rooms. The Lions members and city staff were all part of the design process working with the design consultant providing input on the commercial kitchen equipment and layout. The second floor was also discussed including the large meeting area, council chambers, conference rooms, audiovisual space, staff breakroom, work area, rest rooms, reception area, front desk, office space, security and exits. The council had questions and comments pertaining to the commercial kitchen.

The contractor representative discussed the construction site and schedule. The construction site plans were to have chain link fencing, barriers, equipment and a construction trailer. There may possibly be periods where street closure will be necessary for safety reasons. The schedule includes removal of the existing structure, soil corrections, and removal of foundation and construction of the new structure. The tentative completion is for spring of next year. Questions and comments were discussed.

Motion was made and carried with all eyes approving the plans, specifications and authorizing the advertisement for bids for the city hall project.

The city planner and the Planning Commission members discussed the City Hall Site Plan. The commission has been asked to review the Site Plan. This review is required by city code as part of the typical development. Recently the commissioners reviewed the information related to an ordinance amendment pertaining to the public/institutional zoning district. The council previously approved project plans, specifications and advertisement of bids. Reviewal of the site plan is procedural ensuring that the project follows development process. Approval was recommended of the site plan with conditions stipulated.

Corridor Study

The City of Carver and Carver County had entered into an agreement to study Johnathan Carver Parkway between Highway # 212 and County Road # 40. The intent of the study was to identify short, mid and long-term improvements along the corridor in order to address the transportation needs over the next twenty years. In addition, expectations were to address the local supporting roadway net-work feeding into and parallels Jonathan Carver Parkway. This study was anticipated to take approximately one year to complete. This project is behind schedule due to delays for information coming from the Regional Travel Demand Model.

As part of the study overview was technical evaluations conducted to identify existing and future glitches associated with mobility/ congestion, safety, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, intersection control and hydrology. Property and business owners and environmental and transportation agencies input is part of the study including public open house meetings, focus group meeting, newsletters, project website, and updates through governmental units. Alternatives and items being reviewed include the number of travel lanes, location and types of access, intersection control, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, parallel and connecting facilities, concept development and storm water treatment, and aesthetics. In the future, the study will concentrate on developing future traffic volumes, refining concepts for the north half of the corridor, developing concept south of the corridor, developing landscaping and hydrology concepts, and finally presenting that information to the public.

City Manager Update

The council was informed that Saturday, May 12th is scheduled for the annual Carver Clean-Up Day. The information will be posted on the city's website, social media accounts and inserted with the Utility bill. The Lions organization is seeking a donation project and ideas will be brought to the council for consideration. The work session information also given to the council pertained to the status of property on Hickory Street, which is continuing to be monitored; railings are being fabricated and the sidewalk will be replaced on the Third Street Bridge; and discussions continue on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Carver Square

The city planner discussed the Carver Square amendment to the Planned Commercial Development and Site Plan. An application had been received for development in the Carver Square Professional Building. The proposal is within the Planned Commercial District but an amendment is required to allow for shared parking and shared access. The second action required related to site plan approval for the building.

Recent development of the Children of Tomorrow Daycare and Carver Dental along Jonathan Carver Parkway. This property has been developing under a Planned Commercial District due to the layout and use. The proposed project located south of the existing dental office and runs parallel to Jonathan Carver Parkway. The proposal is for a 5800 square foot building. One business will operate a chiropractic clinic in one suite; the remainder of the space would be constructed when users are identified with the possibility of three additional tenants or a larger user to occupy the space of the remaining building. The staff and applicant were satisfied with the submitted plans.

The existing driveway would be access for this proposed site. The Planning Commission and staff discussed traffic concerns in the area. The traffic study completed determined the failing level of service. The city and the county are conducting a corridor study. Improvements are included in the Carver County Capital Improvement Plan.

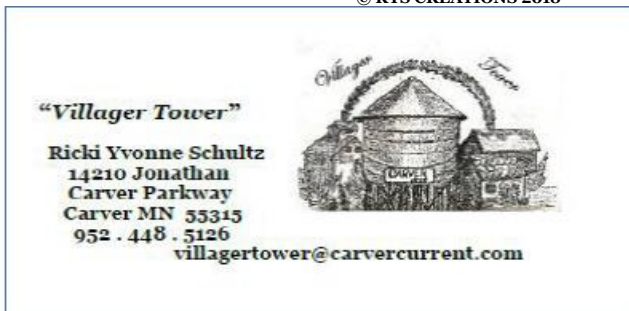
The Planning Commission review had included requiring a Public Hearing for the amendment to the Planned Commercial District to include shared parking and shared access. Approval was recommended.

The council had additional questions regarding the proposal. The council inquired if the driving/intersection issues could be addressed with this additional development. The city manager indicated that there would not be any additional improvements required at Jonathan Carver Parkway and Dahlgren Road with this addition. The Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor Study addresses intersection but nothing would occur until approximately 2022. The study addressed the issue but not action. The city engineer added that this is a small incremental improvement adding minimal extra traffic. One lot remains. Signage will be addressed in the future. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance relating to the amendment to the Planned Commercial District. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the site plan for the Carver Square Professional Building.

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.

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Meridian Fields

The city planner informed the council that the preliminary plat had been submitted by for the Meridian Fields development. Annexation for the property will be required, as well as rezoning and a Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The information for the preliminary plat for Oak Tree was presented to the council. The Carver Square Professional Building site plan was also brought to the council's attention.

Oak Tree

The consulting planner discussed the Oak Tree Final Plat with the council. The council reviewed adoption of the resolution approving the final plat for Oak Tree development. The proposal involves approximately seventy-six acres and platting this into sixty-three lots, nine outlots and right of way. The Homeowners Association would own some of the outlots, some would be deeded to city for storm water management purposes and two would be traded to obtain right of way and some outlets would remain for future phases of the lots and right of way. Access to the site would be from White Pine Way and an extension of Hartwheel Drive. Intersection improvements will also be constructed. The Planning Commission reviewed the application recommending approval.

The applicant proposal to plat the first phase of Oak Tree consists of thirty-three villa lots and thirty single-family lots. It is anticipated that there will be an additional three phases involved with this development. The outlots consist of storm water ponds, environmentally sensitive resources and areas for future lots/streets. The final plat is in substantial conformance with the approved preliminary plat and conditions are associated with its approval. There will be three future phases to the development. Two new streets will be constructed to provide direct access to the single-family and villa lots. Access from Dahlgren Road will be necessary in the future phase of the development scheduled to be done during Phase II.

The Traffic Impact Analysis submitted with the preliminary plat identified the turning movement at the existing intersection of Dahlgren Road and County Road # 11 do not meet acceptable levels of service in the no-build condition. Currently Dahlgren Road is a rural section containing an unknown pavement section. The existing road section does not meet the City of Carver's standards requiring improvements of curb, gutter and storm water, along with sufficient turning lanes. The intersection also is not sufficient to meet the long-term needs of the development. Also based on this analysis the existing road there is inadequate road infrastructure to support the development. Future improvements are necessary and sufficiently conclude developer contribution to the improvement costs for improvements required. The developer has agreed to enter into an assessment agreement contributing to the improvement costs required. The city engineer drafted cost estimations. Park Dedication required will be calculated at the time of the execution of the developer's agreement. The staff recommended approval subject to conditions. The Planning Commission reviewed information provided by the consulting city planner regarding the final plat for the Oak Tree development. The roads were discussed. The planner reported that improvement at White Pine Way and the grading plans on the eastern portion of the plat side have been designed to accept the future County Road # 11 improvements that the county has planned. Statement was made that the corridor study tentatively should be complete later this year, but the actual engineering plans for that project would probably be in the future, approximately three years. There would be a blanket drainage and utility easement across all of the outlots for the future phases of the development. Request was made for more information pertaining to the trails in the development. A detailed trail system was communicated referencing a map. Question was asked if a berm or landscaping would be done along County Road # 11. Response was given that due to the future trail, a fence and landscaping would be installed instead. Planning Commission member expressed concern regarding the market for villas. The contractor stated that these types of homes have been well received and anticipate good sales. It was reported that thirty villas have been built this year. Types of homes and costs were discussed. Floor plans generally are rambler styles, although sometimes there are exceptions. Question was asked regarding the intersection at 6th Street and Dahlgren Road. That intersection was being worked on with the county and that the intersection would be significantly different upon project completion. Motion was made and carried recommending approval of the Oak Tree Final Plat subject to the stated conditions. At a council meeting, the council had questions regarding the Oak Tree plans. The council asked if all trees were already removed. The developer indicated that they have not completed the clearing and more trees would be removed as part of the final grading permit. There is a trail in the part of Phase I. Question was asked when a model would be built. The developer indicated that they plan to have some as soon as possible and hopefully completed by year-end. Motion was made and carried with all ayes by the council adopting the resolution approving the final plat for Oak Tree.

2019 Street and Utility Improvements

The city engineer informed the council that the 2019 Street and Utility Improvements project have been identified in the city's Capital Improvement Program. Kirche Hill Drive and Diedrich Drive both require work on the sanitary sewer, water main and roadway construction. Sunny Ridge Drive and old Elm Drive require roadway reconstruction.

Bituminous paving is needed in the alleys between 3rd and 4th Streets and Broadway and the levee.

The engineer clarified that roadway reconstruction included the addition of concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer. Sidewalks currently do not exist and could be included as part of the project. These additions would allow for adequate drainage and extend the life of the new pavement. Currently Kirche Hill Drive and Diedrich Drive residents utilize private wells and septic systems. Installation of municipal utilities would allow their connection.

The plans in place are to speak with residents, gather input and concerns from the affected property owners prior to project design. Proposed dates were reviewed. Notices were drafted and ready for forwarding. After the walk-through information would be gathered for topographic survey, soil boring, verify existing wells and septic systems in preparation for preliminary design and feasibility study. Project schedule dates were reviewed. This project would utilize the Chapter 429 Assessment process and property owners would be assessed the value of the determined benefit for streets, sanitary sewer, water main and possible other items. City costs would be determined.

Water Treatment

The Public Services Director informed the council that as the city continues to grow in population there is also the need to monitor and expand its utilities adequately service and support this growth. The amounts of treated water and peak demand amounts were reviewed. The city monitors three major aspects of the water supply system: water treatment capacity, well pumping capacity and storage volume.

Approximately sometime between 2018 and 2020 based on flow data and projections it will be necessary to provide additional treatment capacity. The Water Treatment Facility capacity is less than recommended presently based on the DNR approved Water Supply Plan. In order to meet the recommended capacity adding another portable treatment skid within the water tower to provided additional capacity. Currently evaluation of the cost/benefit of expanding the existing plant or looking for other sites for a new plant is being done. Two potential areas were identified. Ideally, the treatment plant, wells and towers be fairly close in proximity to minimize infrastructure costs. From the preliminary design to completed construction, the period to expand or construct is two to three-year process. Additionally, the city will also need to provide additional well pumping capacity approximately 2019-2020. Previously locations were identified for the future and this location was near the new highway and west of Jonathan Carver Parkway. The aquifer could provide larger pumping capacity compared to other shallower wells. Design and construction of a new well and have it operational is a one to two-year process. The storage volume is adequate for the city based on the flow data and population projections.

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, hardworking and ready to ensure that your spring cleanup and summer mowing is 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.

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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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Fun in Carver

Things to do in the City of Carver in May and June. Just another reminder of all the fun activities taking place in town for everyone to participate in. Yea, we know, the 'Mother Nature' is not playing nice yet but be nice to her and she will relent. Don't forget to go to the Community Park on Saturday, May 12th: the Shred-It truck will be there to properly dispose of all that paperwork requiring protection. The following Saturday, May 19th is the Community Safety and Bike Rodeo at the Carver Fire Station. Hop on those bikes, don't forget the helmet and ride over to the fire station where the fun begins at 9 AM. There will be a bike obstacle course, bike safety check and helmet fitting. It's free.

Remember too, Chanhassen Prom is May 5th and Chaska Prom is May 19th.

Friday, June 1st starts the month with Carver Family Fun Night at RiverSide Park. There is a fee for this event. Space is also limited and pre-registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration will close one week prior to the event. More information is available at the Chaska Community Center. (952-448-3176) This event is at 5 PM until 7:30 PM. There will be archery, geocaching, craft, yard games, music, and much more. Pizza and pop is included.

Saturday, June 16th there is two event taking place. At 10 AM at the Lion's Park is Kids Yoga and Picnic in the Park. This event is free. The instructor is Theresa Schuck Thorp. She will lead the kids through an interactive story while doing yoga poses and stretches. Bring your yoga mat or a blanket and picnic lunch. The Black Sox Family Day is also on Saturday, the 16th at 2 PM at the Community Park. The Black Sox will be playing the Brownton Bruins. This is your chance to throw the ball on the field and practice with the team. Get to know your local players. Don't miss the chance to hang out, have a hot dog and watch the game. Fun for the whole family. Kids can practice with the team at 12:45 PM and get a free hot dog and soda. Adults \$ 2 at the gate, kids are free.

Then on Wednesday, June 20th the Carver Vehicle Fair will be at the Carver Fire Station at 6:30 PM until 8 PM and this event is free. The chance to climb aboard the big rig and touch a truck happens at this time. Heavy equipment vehicles are scheduled to be available too, along with fire trucks, police cars, recreational vehicles and more. There will also be a bounce house and food available for purchase. All ages are welcome.

The Carver Concert Series returns for the 2018 summer. These will be held on Thursdays at Gazebo Park at 7 PM until 8:30 PM. Another free event in downtown Carver. The first concert features Hunker'd Down Blues Band on June 21st. The second concert is scheduled for July 19th and the third is August 16th.

Did you know that Carver residents 55 + are welcome to visit the Lodge, Monday through Friday at the Chaska Community Center? The Chaska Spring and Summer 2018 Activities Guide is full of activities for all ages and information for all kinds of local events.

Children of Tomorrow

Children of Tomorrow has two events coming up that are Free Family Events. The first one is "Family Health and Safety Day" being held Saturday, May 5th at the Norwood Young America facility from 9 AM until noon. The address is 316 Highway 212 West. The second event will be held at the Carver facility (4745 Dahlgren Road) identified as "Family Yoga Class". Contact Children of Tomorrow for times. The times are being worked on at the time of printing.

Carver Clean-Up Day

Carver Clean-up day is scheduled for May 12th, 7 AM. Collection will be provided for items placed at the curb in an area no more than eight feet wide by eight feet long by four feet high. Accepted materials are regular household trash, toys, household items, disassembled furniture, rolled securely carpet/carpet pads, mattresses and box springs, and miscellaneous construction materials. Materials NOT accepted will be appliances, electronics, hazardous materials, concrete, bricks, or shingles, or organic materials. Items not accepted can be disposed of at the Carver County Environmental Center in Chaska.



Carver Black Sox

It appears as though the weather, nor Mother Nature are willing to cooperate with playtime outside. Winter refuses to release its grip. The Carver Black Sox opening day has had to be rescheduled. Alright you guys, who angered her, Mother Nature that is? May's first game will now be played at the Carver Community Park, on the Woody Swanson Field at 2 PM on April 28th versus Baseball 365.

For more information, have computer access go to their website for information and schedules...www.carverblacksox.com.

Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th, the team will be playing at Woody Swanson Field at 2 PM. Sunday, May 13th the Black Sox play at Glencoe at 2 PM. Saturday, May 19th, Sunday May 20th and Monday May 28th the team again plays at Woody Swanson Field. Game times are all 2 PM. Wednesday, May 30th; team will be at the Chaska Athletic Park playing the Chaska Cubs at 7:15 PM.

June's schedule is Friday, June 1st, team will be at Hamburg, Sunday June 3rd, Green Isle, June 8th, New Prague, June 9th, and 10th are also in New Prague. Then there are games on June 14th, June 16th, June 17th, June 19th, June 21st, June 24th, June 26th, June 29th and June 30th. Double-check their schedule for any changes that may occur.

Don't forget also on June 16th for Black Sox Family Day. More dates and game times on website.

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, rosekeown@frontiernet.net."

Roots Return Heritage Farm

Roadside farm stand offers fresh, dried and frozen vegetables, herbs & fruits (see full list). Awaiting open of 2018 season. Please Email any questions, or view Order Ahead for farm stand pickup at <http://rrhf.myshopify.com>.

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



St Nicholas Catholic Church

St. Nicholas Catholic Church has welcomed Pastor Fr. Bill Deziel and Associate Pastor Fr. Edison Galarza. Both of the new Priests are also serving at Guardian Angels in Chaska. Fr. Deziel will reside at the rectory in Chaska and Fr. Galarza will reside at the rectory in Carver. Beginning the weekend of May 19-20, the mass times will be adjusted, the new mass times at St. Nicholas are as follows:

Saturday, 4 PM (English)

Saturday, 7:30 PM (English)

Sunday, 9:15 AM (English)

Sunday, 10:30 AM (Spanish) -For further information and updates please visit or new website stnicholascarver.org

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 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 Jun 15th, June 16th and June 17th, then June 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of June.

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 Dragonfly 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.

SouthWest Transit

This summer, SouthWest is once again offering transportation to the weekday Twins Games called "Twins Express". The service will be offered 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 Community Youth Baseball/Softball

Association

Everyone should take an evening and come and watch some good ball for all of our players. We have had an increase in the number of youth playing which is a great tribute to the program offered here in Carver. Below are the start dates of each of the divisions and whether it is Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch or Kid pitch. In-house or Travel. So, you do have a great selection of teams playing. ENJOY!

Start Dates:

In-House:

3/4 Gr BB 5/29/18 Tuesdays/Thursdays Machine Pitch

5/6 Gr BB 6/5/18 Tuesdays/Thursdays Player Pitch

3/4 Gr SB 5/30/18 Monday/Wednesday Player Pitch

K-2 Girls 5/15/18 Monday/Wednesday Coach Pitch

K-2 Boys 5/29/18 Tuesdays/Thursdays Coach Pitch (may have games scheduled for Carver teams the week before)

T-Ball 5/22/18 thru June 28th On Tuesdays/Thursdays

Travel Teams:

12U Travel girls 5/2/18 Monday/Wednesday Player Pitch

14Y Travel Girls 5/24/18 Tuesdays/Thursdays Player Pitch

12U Travel Boys 5/3/18 Tuesdays/Thursdays Player Pitch

Submitted by: Jane Thon

Carver Flowers

Happy 10th Anniversary!

"It's hard to believe that Carver Flowers has been a storefront retailer in Carver's Historic District for ten years already. We opened in March 2008 as a part-time venture, and became a full-time florist in February of 2009. What a ride it has been!

We started in the back room of Treasure Chest Antiques. (Hard to believe we operated everything out of that small space.) In 2010, when Treasure Chest moved to Jordan, we convinced the then landlord to allow us to move forward to take up half the space in the main building. From time to time, he would secure small businesses to share that space with us. Then, in 2012, we had the opportunity to buy the building. We made what the bank considered "a ridiculous offer," but by the time we were finished justifying our offer, we were owners of this fabulous historic building. With the support of the city, our customers and our family, we're happy to celebrate 10 years of Carver Flowers."

Submitted by: Annette Hentz



Blast from the Past:

109 Third Street East, Carver

Contributors: Lucie Hartley, John vonWalter, Joe Plekkenpol, Lee Armstrong and Ricki Schultz

Since it is Carver Flower's 10th anniversary, just couldn't let the opportunity slip without detailing some of the history known on the building from Lucie Hartley's books and John's efforts, along with the undocumented ownership. Not every detail is included in this *blast from the past*. For more information, visit www.carvercurrent.com and click on 'history', then scroll down to Carver Historic District Book and click on it. Then you will have to scroll through the document, however, if memory serves me right, page thirty-four begins the 109 Third Street East information.

The Hebeisen Hardware and Farm Implement Store built approximately in 1869 with a typical false front concealing a low gable over a single story, framed in wood with a later addition to the rear and later attached tin-covered building to the east. The store is historical with a recessed entry, front mullioned-paned windows and bulkheads. It is thought that the store was probably built during the ownership of Albert Burgraf on land once owned by former MN Territorial Governor Alexander Ramsey. Burgraf purchased the property in 1866.



In September of 1869, property was sold to Henry Stockman, an immigrant from Hanover in Prussia in the German States who had learned the shoemaking trade and immigrated to America in 1851. Stockman originally settled in Chicago, then found his way to Scott County probably in the late 1850's. He operated a shoemaking store in Shakopee for four years prior to moving to Carver. Stockman owned the Carver store from 1869 to 1874. The establishment was successful. Upon the death of his wife in 1873, he lost interest in staying in Carver. June of 1874, O.J. Beogman, also a boot and shoemaker moved into the back of Stockman's store and opened shop probably as a renter. In 1874, Stockman relocated in Norwood and sold the store to John Hebeisen whose family owned and operated the business in the building for most of the next century. Hebeisen's venture evolved over the years into chain of hardware and farm implement stores in the county. He became the largest farm implement dealer in the area and provided many settlers and immigrant farmers with equipment making their tasks easier, safer and faster. In 1880, John Hebeisen created an engraved map of the county displaying the residence and name of every person who purchased a Champion reaper. Not only did Hebeisen sell farm equipment, there were windmills, pumps and presses. He was also a leading distributor of sewing machines and heating stoves. He was also the first person to exhibit farm implement at the county fair and was one of the leading figures running the 19th century fairs and his sons in the 20th century. The building also had a serious fire. Hebeisen's sons took over the business upon his death in 1924.

In the 1920's, a curbside hand gasoline pump was situated on the curb near the front entry of the store.

Jumping forward forty-five years in 1965, George Plekkenpol bought the structure from Doc Milton Hebeisen. The business became the hardware store and mechanic fix shop for all the farm equipment that had been bought previously. George was known to be a good welder too. It was either 1975 or 1977 that George sold the business to Lee Armstrong when it became the home of Carver Heating and Air Conditioning. Lee sold the business in 1992. Carver Heating continued conducting business until 1995 or 1996 when Andrea DeJoy purchased the property. Andrea operated an antique/mercantile store until she sold the establishment to Rose and Dennis who operated the Treasure Chest Antiques who officially opened in

2000. The building still holds the past tight in its grip and is nostalgic. For some entering allows memories to flood back with good times. Can you imagine what the walls have to say? If only we could hear and tap into those old tales. Bet there would some blushing occurring?

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Carver Lions

Did you know that "The Carver Lions volunteer in all kinds of ways including hosting fundraisers, roadside clean up, working with the Carver Fire Department, Bike Rodeo, etc. The Lions volunteer. The Lions raise money and GIVE IT AWAY! The Lions provide college scholarships, eyeglasses for kids in need, donations to local families in need, and many other worthy causes! Last but not least, there is Community Services the Lions are involved in. They are proud to provide Community Service Projects all around Carver including, Roadside Clean up, Bike Rodeo, Community Paper Shredding, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Easter Egg Hunts to mention a few events." There is so much more that the Lions are involved in volunteering.

The Carver Lions are also looking for volunteers who are needed to coordinate the SteamBoat Car Show and Burn Out Contest coming in September. Interested, e-mail harveysincarver@aol.com.

The Carver Lions also participated and were part of working with Feed My Starving Children in three locations, Chanhassen, Coon Rapids and Eagan. The event was a great success and thanks were extended to everyone who came and made the event so successful. A total number of 887 kids will be fed for one year because of the Lions Day Food Packing Event.

Don't forget the May 12th Shred-it event being held at the Community Park. The truck will be on site to shred your documents. Free service sponsored by the Carver Lions. Request that you try to limit to two boxes per person.

Be sure to attend the Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo on the 19th of May. Also, don't forget to support the Lions Meat Raffle's every Saturday through May 26th.

You can be a part of this great organization. Make new friends, give back to your community, have fun, work hard and play hard. The Lions meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month, except during the summer. They are presently meeting at Carver Place on Third Street. Go check it out and join.

Special invitation extended to anyone interested to attend the May 2nd or May 16th meeting. Summer months meetings will be held the third Wednesday. So, the next meeting after May won't be until June 20th. See you there!

Interested in being involved in Carver's SteamBoat Days festivities, now is the time to go find out all the inner workings.

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"Nothing is too small to know and nothing is too big to attempt"

~ William VanHorne



May Fun Facts

In the southern hemisphere, May is the month of autumn. (Hey, maybe that is what happened this year? Mother Nature is pranking us?) In the northern hemisphere, it is supposed to be spring. Another interesting fact is that no other month begins or ends on the same day of the week as May in any year. January of the following year always begins and ends on the same day of the week as May of the current year. Who has time for all these comparisons?

One source identified the goddess of fertility as the Greek goddess and another source referred the goddess as Roman. Either way, the month of May was named after the goddess Maia that represents fertility. The festival of Bona Dea was held in May and Bona Dea was a divinity in ancient Roman religion associated with chastity and fertility, healing and protecting of the state and people. The Roman poet Ovid stated that the month was named for the elders and the following month, June was named for the young people.

Throughout the world, the month has many celebrations. In the United States, the first Saturday in May is the date of the annual Kentucky Derby, which is the most famous horse race. Golden Spike Day marks the May 10th 1869 event for the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad - Promontory Summit in Utah. International Nurses Day is May 12th, along with International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and Neurological Diseases. The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. The Indianapolis 500 is held the Sunday before Memorial Day. The last Monday in May is Memorial Day and was first celebrated on May 5th, 1866 in Waterloo, New York. And of course, one can't slight the 71st Annual MN Governor's Fishing Opening occurring on May 7th 10th if winter have releases its grip on our hardest Minnesotans. However, we can all bet that anyone who knows a fisherman, they will stand on the shore and freeze to make sure they open fishing season. There is also the first or second Friday that Military Spouse Day is observed on the Friday preceding Mother's Day. In addition, May is National Military Appreciation Month to recognize and honor the US Armed Forces. Second Saturday, be sure to celebrate World Fair Trade Day.

This is a terrific idea that we should all personally promote this year. The last week of May, Monday through Friday is International Headband Week. People around the world are encouraged to wear headbands to work and other social events promoting character building and confidence in the work place and other social environments. What a positive idea huh?

Monthly observations:

ALS Awareness Month
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Month
Celiac Awareness Month
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month
Haitian Heritage Month
International Internal Audit Awareness Month
Jewish American Heritage Month
Lupus Awareness Month
Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
National Bike Month
National Guide Dog Month
National Mobility Awareness Month
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month
National Stroke Awareness Month
National Correct Posture Month
Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
National Apraxia Awareness Month
National Brain Tumor Awareness Month
Older Americans Month (established by John F Kennedy in 1963)
National Smile Month
May is Drinking Water Month

**** Information retrieved from various websites on the internet.



Community Highlights

June 2018

June 1 st	Carver Family Fun Night Doughnut Day
June 2 nd	Happy Anniversary Kerry and Kathy!
June 4 th	Council Meeting Drill Night School Board Work Session
June 5 th	World Environmental Day Happy Birthday Kim! Happy Anniversary Jared and Amanda!
June 7 th	Last day of School Happy Birthday Scott!
June 8 th	Graduation National Best Friend Day Happy Anniversary Joy and Chris!
June 11 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting Happy Birthday Denny! Happy Birthday Jane!
June 12 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Meet and Greet Carver on the MN Meeting Happy Birthday Alexis!
June 13 th	Flag Day
June 14 th	Happy Anniversary Sharon and Denny!
June 15 th	
June 16 th	Black Sox Family Day Yoga and Picnic in the Park
June 17 th	Father's Day
June 18 th	Council Meeting Drill Night School Board Meeting Happy Anniversary Tony and Laurie! Happy Anniversary Becky and Zim!
June 20 th	Lions Meeting Carver Vehicle Fair
June 21 st	Planning Commission Meeting First Day of Summer (Summer Solstice) Music Concert Series – Gazebo Park Happy Birthday Lucy!
June 22 nd	Happy Anniversary Kim and Paul! Happy Birthday Rob!
June 23 rd	Happy Birthday Amanda!
June 24 th	Happy Birthday Greg!
June 25 th	Fire Department Meeting Night Happy Birthday Bradley!
June 30 th	Happy Anniversary Terry and Shirley! Happy Birthday Yvonna! Happy Birthday James!



East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Lutheran Church is having their annual Plant Sale again in May, specifically, Saturday the 12th. Donations are still needed, if anyone is interested in donating plants, crafted items or baked goods. They ask that these donations be dropped off at the church on Friday, the 11th by 6 PM.

The ANNUAL SPRING PLANT and BAKE SALE is coming May 12th! Purchase plants for your garden and patio, buy baskets for Mother's Day, or get fresh produce grown from their vegetable starters, try your chances at a raffle and enjoy a free cookie with coffee while choosing freshly baked, homemade treats at bargain prices. The hours of the plant sale are 8 AM until noon.

Proceeds from the sale will be matched by the Theis family as a memorial to husband and father, Bob, who loved gardening.

"With the new day comes new strength, new thoughts"

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Krystelle's Adventures

Today's Lesson

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

Mother and Krystelle were up early having a quiet breakfast watching the birds and squirrels out the big picture window by the round table all warm and cozy in the heated interior. It looked oh so cold outside but the animals didn't seem to mind at all. The squirrels chasing one another to get more food for themselves, the birds busy fetching the seeds in the feeder.

They ate in silence for the longest time, then the phone rang interrupting the quietness, even the birds flew and the squirrels temporarily retreated but were quick to return to the abundance of food below the feeder.

"Hello." Mother answered

Krystelle could almost hear the person on the other end who was obviously exasperated and excited all at one time.

"Uh hum." Was all Mother could get in from time to time.

When she hung up the phone, all she could do was shake her head in disbelief.

"What's the matter?" Krystelle asked.

"That woman, I swear," she began, then stopped just as abruptly.

Krystelle waited patiently for her to continue

"I shouldn't judge." Mother reprimanded herself, continued "She has had a very difficult time since her Henry passed and she's been quite ill."

"Was she complaining?"

"I wouldn't call it that." Mother responded thoughtfully.

There was a moment of silence. Mother began to clear the table still contemplating on what to say correctly. She sat back down at the table, looked directly at Krystelle and said very profoundly, "Remember always, before you judge another, you should stop and think before you open your mouth to speak."

Krystelle looked at her puzzled.

Mother continued as though she was standing somewhere other than their kitchenette, "Until one walks a mile in another's shoes you will not understand their struggles or triumphs, pain, anguish or challenges."

"So, don't judge them harshly" Krystelle interjected thoughtfully.

"Oh, my little bundle, I am so proud of you."

"I love you Mother."

"I love you too."

They looked out the window to their amazement and the squirrels appeared to be clapping their hands in approval.

Were they? It depends on whether or not you believe in magic or not, I guess. Or you let your imagination take you to a special place temporarily.

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Father's Day

Did you know that Father's Day was not celebrated in the US until the 20th century? There is more information on the internet, "Wikipedia" but this article only touches some highlights of the day. Check out Wikipedia for more interesting details.

In 1911, Jane Addams proposed a citywide celebration in Chicago, but she was turned down. In 1912 there was another celebration held in Vancouver, Washington. Harry Meek, a member of the Lions Club International, claimed that he was the first to create the celebration in 1915. He chose the third Sunday in June because it was his birthday.

He was to have been named as the Originator of Father's Day" by the Lions Club. Meek's made many efforts promoting the day and to make it an official holiday.

In 1913 a bill was introduced in Congress. In 1916, Woodrow Wilson wanted to make Father's Day an officially recognized federal holiday, but Congress resisted, fearing it would become commercialized. Calvin Coolidge in 1924 recommended observation but stopped short at issuing a national proclamation. In 1957, the Main Senator wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for forty years. In 1966, Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Spring Plant Sale

Flowers, plants, hanging baskets, containers, vegetables, herbs, garden crafts

& Bake Sale - *Homemade baked goods*



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Carver Concerts

THURSDAYS 7PM

Carver Gazebo Park

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<u>June 21</u> Hunker'd Down Blues Band	<u>July 19</u> Sticks and Tones Kids Band with Bounce House & Ice Cream	<u>August 16</u> Vinnie Rose Acoustic Variety
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Carver Family FUN Night

Pizza & Pop • Archery • Geocaching • Yard Games • Bounce House • and MORE!

Friday, June 1st
5:00-7:30pm
Riverside Park, Carver

\$8 per person Chaska/Carver Resident;
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Carver Lions Annual Shred-It Event

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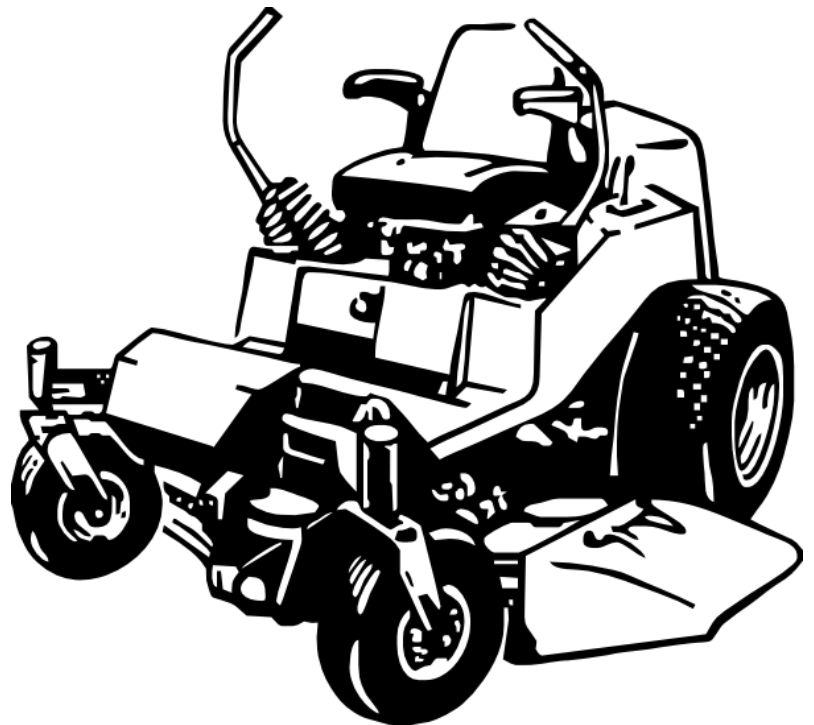
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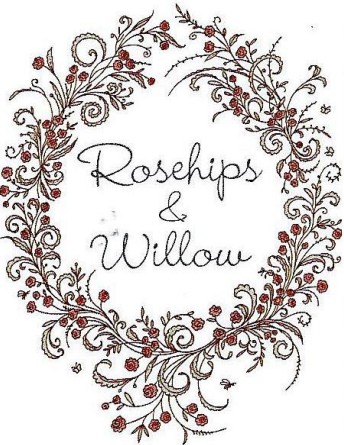


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