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Number Three Hundred Thirty-Nine

City Hall Update

The city manager gave a summary to the council regarding the bid award process for the city hall project. Discussion was presented pertaining to prior dialogs of results reviewed being over the estimated budget, recommendations submitted to proceed with work scope bids allowing the project to maintain current start date in early June, bids for the HVAC would be rejected and advertised to rebid. Solutions for funding the remainder of the budget were presented. Representatives from Wold Architect and Kraus Anderson were in attendance to respond to questions.

Council member inquired about earthwork and the temporary retaining wall. Response was given that by reducing the retaining wall and working with the levee would allow the work. Those who assisted with complications that had arisen with overrun of costs were thanked for their efforts and work to assist in resolutions. The city manager asked for an overview of expectations for upcoming weeks. Insurance needs to be procured and contracts executed. Work will begin on the design process for the HVAC, requesting bids and scheduling a bid date. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding and rejecting certain bids for the Broadway City Hall Project.

Ironwood Park

The city engineer discussed with the council the advertisement of bids for the Ironwood Park pedestrian bridges. One bridge would connect the trail to the practice field and the other would provide continuity of existing trails through the site. The council reviewed bridge materials. A steel bridge would not require as much maintenance as a wood bridge but there would be some required maintenance with either in the future. Costs for both materials were relatively close. Maintenance for prefab steel material would occur when weathering or decay is noticed. Question was asked about bidding on both steel and wood materials. Input was given for preference of prefab material. The attorney suggested bidding for the steel material if that was the preferred material type. The city engineer agreed. It was understood that the east bridge was absolutely necessary for crossing. Question was asked if the west bridge was necessary. The Public Works Director stated that the west bridge necessitated access to the practice field. The cost of the project was reviewed. Funds would be from the Park Dedication Fund. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving plans and specifications and authorizing advertisement of bids for the Ironwood Park Pedestrian Bridges in the Steel Prefab Design.

Solar Energy Systems

The consulting planner presented information relating to the Solar Energy Systems. The council had previously adopted an interim ordinance concerning solar energy systems. Advancements in technology and financial incentives encourage these systems. Within the metropolitan area local governments are required by law to include elements related to said systems in Comprehensive Plans. The final draft of the plan is being compiled. Lengthy discussions have been held concerning the issue. Recommendations were reviewed.

"The challenge of Leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor but without folly."

~ Jim Rohn

Corridor Study

The city engineer discussed with the council the resolution of support regarding the County Roads of # 61 and # 41. A summary of findings were presented. Question was asked if there would be a trail on the north side of Mt Hope Road. It was the engineer's understanding that there would be a trail on the north side connecting with the regional trail. The presented Option 2 traveling on the west side of the collector pond running down would give access to the four homes. The city engineer responded that it was a very high concept as the need to push further west to serve development for the City of Carver. Plus, also serves help to the City of Chaska because otherwise access to the vicinity north would not have access. Question was asked about the bituminous trail over Highway # 212 by Fleet Farm. The perception of one council member was that the pedestrian crossing would be at the intersection of # 61 and # 40. The city engineer related that a pedestrian bridge would go from the north side of Jonathan Carver Parkway and a separate bridge over Highway # 212 and would extend somewhere down the bluff connecting with the regional trail. The city manager clarified that this was a trail on the northern side of # 61, not the trail on Jonathan Carver Parkway. The mayor inquired if the use of the data derived from benchmarking initiated and sustained performance was utilized or just a general development driven initiative. The engineer was unaware of any benchmarks. The mayor requested that it be known that the City of Carver requests benchmarks for the area. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution supporting the find-ings of the county road corridor study.

2019 Improvement Project

The city engineer presented information pertaining to the Feasibility Report plans and the timeline for improvements. Cost of the project is not known at this time. Question was asked regarding wording for city municipal utilities hookups. Connection requirements were asked about. The ordinance requires connections be determined by the council. Question was asked if residents had made any known improvements. The engineer related that all of the septic systems were original. Discussions had occurred about well improvements. Retaining wells was asked about. In the past wells were allowed to be retained for lawns. Previously, residents received notifications pertaining to municipal utilities connections. The verbiage to retain wells should be included for this project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the preparation of a feasibility report for the 2019 improvement plan.

2017 Audit

The auditing firm representative presented the overview of the findings of the 2017 audit. The council reviewed the management letter and the annual financial report. Thanks were extended for the performance of the audit and to Ms Elke for her work with the auditors. Concern was expressed regarding the necessity for succession planning regarding the financial activities of the city. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the 2017 audit presented.

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it."

~ Andrew Carnegie

Meridian Fields

The city planner discussed the Comprehensive plan amendment to regrade property from commercial to low density residential for development of the Meridian Fields site. The overall density requirement is met with the Metropolitan Council with the amendment. Motion was made carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

At the joint meeting with the council and the planning commission members the city planner discussed the Meridian Fields Profile. The overview given was that the goal of the project profile is to introduce projects prior to decisions are required at a meeting. Development decisions play a major role in appearance of the project, functionality and impacts the success of the project for both the city and the developer. The Median Fields development has progressed through annexation and the Preliminary Plat is being reviewed by staff. The work session provides the opportunity for discussion and review by staff, changes and considerations prior to a Final Plat. The Preliminary Plat and rezoning of the project are scheduled for July.

Hawthorne Ridge Profile

The city planner presented an overview and goal for the Hawthorne Ridge Profile. The Hawthorne Ridge development is in the concept review stage and scheduled to be reviewed in July. The discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment will also be discussed so that the project may be developed. The council will be expected to comment on the proposal.

Miscellaneous

The Carver Lions made a donation to the city for the city hall project. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of all ayes acknowledging and accepting donation from the Carver Lions.

The city manager reviewed the Employee Reference Manual requesting motion to adopt the amendments to the manual. The manual is a document outlining work place rules, leave provisions, fringe benefits and other employee related procedures. There is an annual review to keep current with employment law and changes in the work place.

The city engineer discussed the annual storm water pollution prevention plan and the steps required annually to be completed.

At the council's work session, the city manager presented the 2019 budget expectations. He also presented the Utility Rate Study overview. The council reviewed the municipal utilities and storm water rate study and further consideration will occur in the future. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of community gardens for resident rental.

Inquiry was made regarding the status of the Mills Tax Increment Financing district. The city manager estimated closure in approximately 2021. The county would take their portion of the TIF and develop the intersection if this money were to be paid off early. However, that payment early is not anticipated to occur.

Meadows at Spring Creek

The city planner discussed with the council the request to adopt the ordinance for rezoning regarding the approved final plat for the Meadows at Spring Creek. Historically, properties may not be rezoned until later in the development process ensuring appropriate approvals prior to rezoning for residential development which is very specific for projects. The council had reviewed the rezoning and a resolution had been passed with several conditions prior to rezoning by ordinance. The required conditions have been met and completed.

Bond Issuance

The Springsted representative informed the council that two resolutions were necessary for scheduling sale date and time for the bonds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale of general obligation capital improvement plan bonds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale of general obligation utility revenue bonds.

Civil Defense Sirens

The city manager discussed the Civil Defense Sirens with the council. Request was submitted to approve quote installing a new siren at the Levi Griffin Road site and to relocate the siren from Lions Park to the water treatment plant site on Mt Hope Road. The overview was presented regarding the Civil Defense Sirens known as emergency sirens used by public safety agencies and the National Weather Service as a mass notification system for severe weather. The city has four civil defense sirens. An analysis of coverage had been initiated to ensure that the community is appropriately covered. Although all areas receive coverage, recommendations for a new pole and pole relocation will enhance the current system. The relocation on Mt Hope Road strengthens the system in the northeast area of the community including the Meadows at Spring Creek, Christy' Buff and River Bluff neighborhoods. The second recommendation includes enhancing coverage in the northwest including Levi Griffin Freeway district, Carver Elementary and the housing developments adjacent to Jonathan Carver Parkway. Costs and fund allocations details were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving quote for installation and relocation of civil defense sirens.

City Planner

The city planner updated the council on information regarding activities within the city. The Preliminary plat for Meridian Fields is being reviewed by staff. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment has been submitted to the Metropolitan Council for review and annexation is being completed by the state.

Grading at the site of Oak Tree has begun and preconstruction meeting was held for street and utilities. The staff and developer are working with the developer on submittal of phase two of the final plat.

The development team met with staff regarding Hawthorne Ridge on the Redmond property. Submission of the concept is expected by staff soon. Some new city processes were introduced to the developer and were received well.

The Design Carver meeting involving the housing section and districts will be ready for review. Site investigation and cleanup is continuing at the Sixth Street property. Staff is working on a Community Rating System to assist in lowering flood insurance rates.

Solar Ordinance

The council discussed items regarding the solar ordinance. Concerns were expressed regarding clarification of "no longer in operation". The city manager indicated that it would be decommission after twelve months of being inoperable. Favored decommissioning after six months instead. Also, concerns were expressed of not favoring ground use, issues of junk and nuisances, abandonment, agricultural zoning, and equipment disrepair. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays to adopt the ordinance relating to solar energy systems as presented.

Comprehensive Plan

The city planner discussed the process overview of the Comprehensive Plan relating to the Metropolitan Council with the Planning Commission members. The consensus was to move forward with the Plan Design Carver. The future land use map was reviewed at length and discussion held. Density, conservation of critical natural features and economic development were talked about along with relationship to future land use map and the zoning code to accomplish core values of the community. Where portions of the communities of Chaska and Victoria and Carver come together the council considered a collective approach.

Disclaimer

The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

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"True leadership must be for the benefit of the followers, not to enrich the leader."
~ John C Maxwell

Lift Station

The city engineer discussed the Storm Water Lift Station project bids. The city had prepared final plans and specifications for the Main Street Storm Water Lift Station project and reviewed the bids received which were significantly higher than estimates projected. Discussions were held with contractors. A variety of factors caused the higher costs. The most significant cause involved the dewatering of the ground water associated with placing of two lift station structures. The Minnesota River remained unusually high throughout most of spring causing the contractors to account for this risk. Evaluations and discussions on multiple options for proceeding forward were reviewed for this improvement. Solutions may include adjustments to the scope of the project, phasing various portions of the project or combining with other projects. Anticipation to rebid mid to late summer. The current situation is not ideal but it is the belief that positive solutions could be achieved moving forward. Recommendation was submitted to reject the bids.

Storm Water Bypass

The city engineer discussed the Jonathan Carver Parkway Storm Water Bypass Project authorization for preparation of plans and specifications. The development of property north of Dahlgren Road within the city highlighted drainage concerns by the surrounding property owners, Dahlgren Township and the Carver County Watershed Management Organization. Developments have been designed and built to meet requirements.

The Oak Tree development plans were to route additional storm water through the development, discharging south of Dahlgren Road on the west side of Carver Square. City plans were to route this additional water to an existing landlocked pond located south of the Fire Station building and expand the basin. The plan would have provided for additional storage and allow reduced flow rates downstream, ultimately reducing the overall flow rates with this watershed. Purchasing or utilizing property were discussed with the property owner who was not interested. Since this option is no longer available, the alternative is to route the water around the land locked pond further downstream requiring routing the piping. The two options will be evaluated.

All of the storm water previously drained to Carver Creek and appropriate rate controls are provided up stream within the developments, so there is not an increased run off, but only bypassing the water to improve drainage upstream. The bypass pipe would also serve future development for a long-term solution for the city. The Oak Tree development would be making the connection across Dahlgren Road over summer, so a bypass pipe from the Fire Department building to Carver Creek should be installed as soon as feasibly possible.

Peter Sterbonic

Many people from the area remember or know Pete Sterbonic formerly from East Union. The East Union Church placed an announcement that bears sharing. "One hundred years ago on June 25, 1918, Peter Sterbonic was born in Wisconsin. In 1946, Pete married Maxine Edberg. After twenty years in the USAF, Pete and Maxine settled in East Union next to Bevins Creek, where they raised their family. (He worked for Shakopee Services Bus Company and if memory serves me correctly, I believe he was also part owner for some time.) After retirement, they moved to Wickenburg, Arizona where Pete still lives today." Anyone interested in contacting Pete or sending birthday wishes, contact East Union Church and see if you can have his address.

Project Student Success

The East Union Lutheran Church is partnering with the CAP Agency in the Project Student Success project. They are collecting donations for school supplies for Carver and Scott Counties students beginning June 1st through July 22nd. Donations can be dropped off at church after services on Sundays.

Suggested donations include erasers, blue/black ink pens, folders glue sticks/bottles, pencil, crayons, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, red ink pens, scissors, rules, calculators, highlighters, tissue boxes and back packs.



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Submitted by: St Nicholas Church

St. Nicholas church has announcements that they would like to share. The church will be hosting bingo at River City Days on July 28. Volunteers are needed, if you can help please sign up online at bit.ly/RCDBingo

A reminder that St. Nicholas has updated Mass times, Mass times are as follows:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (English)
Saturday, 7:00 PM (English)
Sunday, 9:15 AM (English)
Sunday, 10:30 AM (Spanish)

Fr. Deziel and Fr. Galarza have swapped homes, Fr. Deziel now resides at the St. Nicholas rectory and Fr. Galarza now resides at the Guardian Angels rectory.

St. Nicholas is in the planning stages for their upcoming 150th Anniversary and their Fall Festival that coincides with Steamboat Days the weekend after Labor Day. They'll have their regular activities of Steamer 5K, Silent Auction, Raffle, Country Store and Sunday's popular Pancake Breakfast. They'll also be bringing back favorites like Bingo, Children's Games, the Paddle Wheel, a Parade Float and more!

For further information and updates please visit or new website stnicholascarver.org

Celebrate Summer Reminder

By: Kendall – Eastern Carver County Schools
Community Education Staff

Celebrate Summer with free family fun and learning!

Join us in a neighborhood near you this summer for free fun and learning! All children and families are

welcome to join Eastern Carver

County Schools Community Education staff as we play games, enjoy healthy snacks, complete an art project and many other educational activities. The weekly events are free and offered one afternoon each week in the following neighborhoods:

June 18 – August 2 (no program during the week of July 4)

Mondays – 2:45 – 4:15 pm

Brandon dale / Heritage Park

Tuesdays – 2:45-4:15 pm

Carver Crossings / 1593 Hartwell Dr, Carver

Wednesdays – 2:45-4:15 pm

Riverview Terrace / main park area

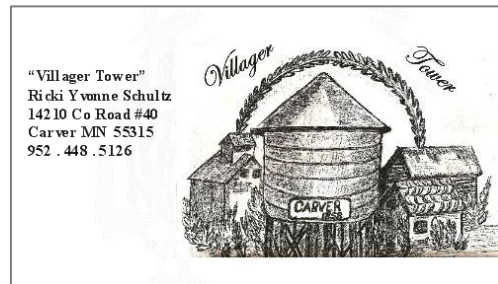
Thursdays – 2:45-4:15 pm

Chaska Community Park / east of Clover Ridge Elementary. Need more information? Talk with an Intercultural Specialist or call Community Education at 952-556-6400.



Carver Current

The "Carver Current" website is an online source of various information on 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. © 2018



"A True leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." ~ Douglas McArthur

Love Inc

By: Love Inc

“We are excited to announce that registration is now open for our Backpack & School Supply Distribution is now open! Once again, Love INC has partnered with Discovery United Methodist Church to make backpacks and school supplies available to any family in need within District 112 school boundaries.



Applicants MUST LIVE WITHIN THE EASTERN CARVER COUNTY (District 112) SCHOOL BOUNDARIES (Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, or Victoria), but do not have to attend a school within District 112.

Backpacks and school supplies will be available for pick-up on the following dates:

* Friday, August 24th, 6-8 PM

* Saturday, August 25th, 11 AM – 2 PM

Pick-up will be held at Discovery United Methodist Church, located at 275 Lake Drive E., Chanhassen, MN 55317.

NOTE: We have changed the format of the pick-up this year. Upon arriving to pick up your backpack and supplies, your child will be assigned a “personal shopper” who will assist them in picking out their backpack and school supplies. This may take a few minutes longer than previous years, but we believe the children will enjoy having more participation in picking out their items.”

District # 112 Needs

“Love INC has partnered with Eastern Carver County Schools (District 112) to help provide needed items for students in the school system. Please see the list of current needs are listed on Love, Inc website. HOW TO HELP: Sign-Up, and then deliver the needed items to the school's front desk.

Don't have time to shop? No worries! We've created an Amazon Wish List. Shop from the convenience of your home and items will be delivered directly to Love Inc.!

Created by: Love Inc of Eastern Carver County

Towel Ministry

“Our Towel Ministry Needs Bath and Kitchen Towels. Can you help? Our Towel Ministry hosted by East Union Lutheran Church is in DESPERATE need of bath and kitchen towels. The following donations are requested. New bath towel sets (bath towel, hand towel and washcloth), preferably neutral colors (gray or tan). Flour sack dish towels. Gently used bath towel sets, any color. If you are able to donate to this ministry, please drop donations off at the Love Inc office. Monday/Wednesday/Friday between 9 AM – 2 PM or call East Union Lutheran Church at 952.448-3450.

River City Days Pancake Breakfast

“On Sunday, July 29, 2018, Chaska's River City Days will be hosting a free-will offering pancake breakfast benefiting Love INC. Chef Bob DeMaris and his family will be preparing and providing pancakes, sausage, fresh blueberry and strawberry toppings, butter, syrup, whipped topping, coffee, and orange juice. And for the first time ever, the breakfast will include LIVE music provided by The Bury Brothers, a local group who is excited to perform in their hometown. We hope you will join us to eat, volunteer, or do BOTH!



When: Sunday, July 29, 2018 -Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm at Chaska City Square Park.

Donations help offset the purchase of the food and the live entertainment are welcomed. Feel free to donate online noting that it is for the Pancake Breakfast or mail a check to the Love Inc office at 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska MN 55318 and write River City Days on the memo line.

Love Inc of Eastern Carver County's website: www.loveincecc.org

Annual Softball

Tournament

Remember to mark your calendars for the 51st Annual Softball Tournament scheduled for Friday, July 13th and Saturday, July 14th. If you have been around for any length of time, you know the importance of this event. It's time to get connect and re-connected with friends, have a good time, watch softball and have several of those famous delicious hamburgers. Game are played at the Community Park. It is certainly a fun-filled weekend for the whole family.



Carver Lions



Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Steamboat Days Car Show and Burn Out Contest. Interested in being part of the success, and be a part of the Steamboat Days festivities? Contact harveysincarver@aol.com. The event will be upon us before we know it.

The Summer Lions Meetings are July 18th at Carver Place and August 15th at Carver Place unless it is decided to have a picnic at the Lions Park at that time. Check with a Lion if you are interested in attending. Be sure to come and check them out and possibly join in on all the fun and self-gratification.

On July 27th the Carver Lions will host the International Youth Exchange youth from around the world for lunch and entertainment at Lions Park in Carver.

SouthWest Transit

Frustrated with the construction season this year? SouthWest Transit has the answer for you and what better way to avoid that construction, detours, traffic, delays, anxiety and on and on. For more informative details, visit their website: swtransit.org.

The public transportation company is offering Summer Adventures every Tuesday. There is the Twins Express to Twins games, and Concert Express.

The SouthWest Transit summer adventures every Tuesday through August have plans to visit the MN Zoo, Fort Snelling, the MN History Center and the Como Zoo. They would be happy to accommodate large groups, but call in advance at 952.949.2287 For more information, visit their website.

Carver Black Sox Family



Day

Due to rain on the original scheduled date, the Black Sox Family Day has been rescheduled for June 30th. Kids will practice with the team at 12:45 PM.

Open to everyone and kids are FREE! Spend a day in the park with your hometown baseball team, the Carver Black Sox!

The Carver Black Sox will be playing the Waconia Lakers at Community Park at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 30. Kids practice with the team at 12:45 p.m. (and get a free hot dog and soda). Get to know your local players. Don't miss your chance to hang out, have a hot dog, and watch a game! Fun for the whole family!

Carver Community Park, 800 6th Street West

Kids Practice: 12:45 p.m.

Game Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$2 (pay at the gate), kids are FREE!

Roots Return



“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.

Listing last updated on Jun 16, 2018

Multi-use produce sustainably grown with no synthetic inputs. We are a MN Ag Water Quality Certified farm, NACD Soil Health Champion, 2017 SWCD Outstanding Conservationist.

Farm Stand Wholesale

Schedule and Location:

Days & times dependent on harvest/quantity. Any closures due to weather, etc reflected on description page & facebook.”

“Leaders should influence others in such a way that it builds people up, encourages and educates them so they can duplicate this attitude in others.”

- Bob Goshen

Farmer's Market

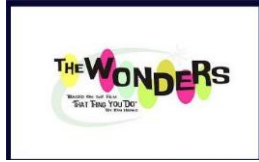
Chaska Herald

There are two farmer's markets in Chaska. You will find one market in the parking lot at the Carver County Government Center and the other in the City Square Park in Chaska. The Government Center parking lot market is on Wednesdays starting at 10 AM until 1 PM. The downtown Chaska market will be held at the downtown city square on Wednesday evenings from 3 PM to 7 PM.



Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Wonders has been adapted for stage, with permission, by Bill Coldwell, Randy Herget, and Scott Rogness, from the original 1996 film that was written and directed by Tom Hanks. Bill and Randy have partnered on many past CVFT productions and will serve as artistic directors. Scott co-wrote several of the songs in the original motion picture, and will serve as musical director, working with the singers and musicians in the production.



This is an opportunity to be involved in something fun, new and exciting! There are numerous roles (see below) for ages thirteen and up, both singing and non-singing, and for featured dancers. If you like 1960's rock and roll, and want to be involved in a fun, upbeat show - The Wonders is for you!

It is 1964, in Erie, Pennsylvania. "Beatle-mania" is taking over America, and every small-town band is hoping for a chance at greatness. When Guy Patterson, a bored appliance store clerk, fills in as drummer for a garage band at the local college talent show, good things start to happen. Their snappy hit propels them up the charts, and The Wonders go from obscurity to teen sensations virtually overnight! But as tensions grow, can Guy keep the band together?

The Wonders is a play, based on the 1996 hit film "That Thing You Do" featuring live, on-stage performances of songs from the original film, including "All My Only Dreams," "Dance with Me Tonight", "Mr. Downtown," "When You Hold My Hand You Hold My Heart," "My World Is Over," and of course, the title song "That Thing You Do."

Performances of "The Wonders" will take place at the Chaska Community Center from September 14-23. The website also gives you information about the shows selected for their 2018-2019 season. If you're interested in being part of the production teams for "Scrooge," "Godspell," or "Bye Bye Birdie," please send a note to cvftmail@gmail.com. Positions are available for artistic staff, stage managers, sound/light technicians, musicians and more.

Carver Extra's

Don't forget all the events happening in Carver for July. Be sure to check out the 51st Annual Carver Fire Relief Softball Tournament. The second Carver concert will be held July 19th featuring, "Sticks and Tones. The Lions will be selling beer, sodas and food at the concerts, if interested. Remember the Occasional Shop Dates July 19th through the 22nd. Be sure to go watch the Black Sox play. Check their website for game times.



Fare For All

"Fare for all is open to everyone and is a non-profit, community supported program. The more people who participate, the more savings are passed on to the customers." The next shopping date is June 28th at the Crown of Glory Church in Chaska from 4 PM to 6 PM. Upcoming shopping opportunities are July 26th and August 23rd.

"A Leader must have:

- Wisdom of an owl
- Courage of a lion
- Strength of an ox
- Stubbornness of a mule
- Cheery industry of an ant,
- And Plodding Endurance of a camel....

Meanwhile hiding the guile of a fox behind the charm of a kitten. All these, of course, without behaving like a jackass. - Unknown

United we stand, divided we fall.....Margaret McBride

The Summer of 2018

Here we are entering into July of the summer of 2018. Are we having fun yet?



If you are in the area of Chanhassen on Thursday evenings, the Klein Bank Summer Concert Series at the City Center Park Plaza is offering musical entertainment for anyone interested through August 9th from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Friday night concerts in the Chaska City Square Park are entertaining people through August 17th.

July 4th is almost here. There are so many cities hosting fireworks that you can almost take your pick of where you want to watch from. Chanhassen hosts their 35th 4th of July Celebration with festivities that begin on July 2nd.

For more information, go to their website: www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us. (Don't forget Penny Carnival on the 19th.)

If you are not too tired from the softball tournament in Carver, you can buzz on down to Belle Plaine for BBQ days on the weekend of the 13th. Their festivities end on Sunday the 15th.

If you missed last month's issue highlighting all the details, here are some reminders of events around Carver. Over in Chaska the Fire and ICE run from the 20th of July through the 22nd. There are fireworks at their event too. On the 25th of July, the Scott County Fair opens in Jordan and runs through the 20th. Over in Cologne on the 26th of July through the 28th is their 17th Annual Glad Days. Last but not least, back over in Chaska on the 27th of July through the 29th is Chaska River City Days.

Carver Community Youth Softball/Baseball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

We have both the 12U Travel Girls and the 12U Travel Boys earning trips to their State Tournaments. Many hard-fought games to make it to the State Level. This is a great accomplishment for our 1st year in these programs. We are hoping to grow these programs as the years go.

We are coming to the end of our T-Ball program. We had over 100 youths that signed up to play T Ball. We will be looking for a person that would be willing to head up our T Ball program as we do want to keep building these youths for the future.

We have many options that we hope will keep Carver's youth involved in Carver. This takes many hours of hard work from Coaches and Parents getting their child to all the endless practices and games. Thank-You each and every one.

We still have games in July for our 3rd and 4th grade Girls and Boys and the 5th/6th grade Boys. Our 12U boys will have some games (which we do not have the schedule for yet) playing Host to their play-Offs. Out of 50 teams in 5 regions, they are in 2nd place.

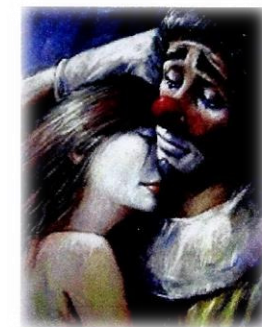
Keep Carver Strong.

A Cup of Carver

Summer Hours

Monday through Friday 6 AM - 6 PM

Saturday/Sunday 7 AM - 4 PM



"Strong people don't put others down...they lift them up."

~ Michael P Watson

July Fun Facts

July is the seventh month in the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of the seven months with thirty-one days. It was named by a Roman Senate in honor of a Roman General, Julius Caesar. Did you know Caesar was born in July? Prior, it was called Quintilis according to research on the internet.

On average, July is the warmest month in most of the Northern Hemisphere being the second month of summer. In the Southern Hemisphere it would be the coldest. I bet you didn't know that July starts on the same day of the week as April in a common year, and January in leap years. In a common year no other month ends on the same day as July, while in a leap year July ends on the same day of the week as January. Here's another tidbit I bet many didn't know: spring lambs born in late winter or early spring are usually sold before July 1st. Not sure if that is very important information, but sort of interesting.

We all know that Independence Day, the 4th of July falls in July and is a highly anticipated holiday usually synonymous with lakes and boats and of course, picnics. In Cleveland their Foundation Day is celebrated on July 22nd. Pioneer Day in Utah is celebrated on the twenty-fourth and Constitution Day is celebrated on the twenty-fifth in Puerto Rico. Baltimore celebrates their Foundation Day on the 30th of July.

Did you know that the third week in July in the United States is 'Captive Nations Week'? This is aimed at raising public awareness of the oppression of nations under the control of Communist and other non-capitalist government systems in an attempt at dislodging the USSR.

Here are some other fun facts relating to the month of July:

The San Juan Hill was occupied by American troops during the Spanish-American War on July 1st in 1898.

During World War I on the first of July in 1916 the Battle of Somme began.

On July 2nd, 1881, President James Garfield was killed by Charles Guiteau.

On the same day in 1890, the Sherman Antitrust Act (an Act to prohibit trusts) was passed by the US Congress.

Amendment 26 was proclaimed setting the voting age at 18 in the US in 1971 on July 5th.

The first state convention in Jackson, Michigan was held by the Republican Party in 1854.

How about, during a duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton, Hamilton was killed occurred in July in 1804.

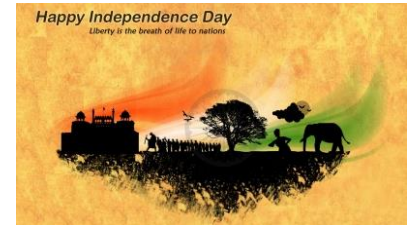
Gerald R Ford, the 38th President was born on July 1st in 1913.

The District of Columbia was established on July 16th 1790.

The first atomic bomb was set off by scientist in Alamogordo, New Mexico in 1945.

July is also National Blueberry Month, National Ice Cream Month and National Hot Dog Month.

Thanks to the internet and other resources, all of these fun facts are available to anyone for further information, more details and even more information.



Community Highlights

August 2nd Happy Anniversary Lindsey and Lee!
 August 3rd Happy Anniversary Keith and Amanda!
 through August 5th Scott Carver Threshers Festival
 August 4th Happy Birthday Scott!
 August 5th Friendship Day
 Happy Birthday Sid!
 August 6th Council Meeting
 Drill Night
 August 7th National Night Out
 Happy Anniversary Tim and Peggy!
 August 8th Carver County Fair opens
 Happy Birthday Luann!
 Happy Birthday John!
 August 11th Happy Anniversary Andrea and Darren!
 Happy Anniversary Rob and Missy!
 August 12th Happy Birthday Bonnie!
 August 13th Parks and Recreation Meeting
 Officer's Meeting – Fire Department
 Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
 August 14th Primary Elections
 Heritage Preservation Meeting
 Meet and Greet
 Carver-On-the-Minnesota



August 2018

August 15th Happy Birthday Russell!
 Planning Commission Meeting
 Lion's Meeting
 August 16th Carver Concert in the Park
 Happy Birthday Michelle!
 August 17th and 18th - Cologne Fire House Drive In Event
 August 18th Renaissance Festival 2018 Season Opens
 August 19th Dahlgren Township Picnic
 Happy Birthday Haley!
 Happy Birthday Sarah!
 August 20th Council Meeting
 Drill Night
 School Board Meeting
 Bloodmobile
 Happy Birthday Jack!
 August 21st Senior Citizens Day
 August 22nd Happy Anniversary Vicky and Mark!
 August 23rd through 26th – Occasional Shops Weekend
 August 23rd State Fair Opens
 August 24th Happy Birthday Kerri!
 August 27th Fire Department Meeting Night
 Happy Birthday Jerry!
 Happy Birthday Ben!



The deepest kind of peace and faith are represented by the dove. It is thought to quiet our troubled thoughts and renew our mind and spirit.

~ unknown

Remember the cliché "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me"?

The trouble is words can harm people, more deeply than we would like to admit. When we make fun of others, call others names, single them out and sling hurtful words at them we are crushing their self-esteem, their personality, their core being. It's wrong, it's cruel, it's uncalled for and unacceptable. Furthermore, it is plain mean. Why would anyone do this? To make themselves feel and look better? You don't. You purposely cause serious pain to your target and if this type of a bully had any conscience at all would know that and immediately stop. We look to role models for examples of acceptable behavior, a standard that uplifts everyone and leads to better conditions for everyone involved, not tearing down and destroying others and above all, deliberately causing pain. So as we mature, we learn that words do harm others and we stop doing it knowingly.

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Khrystelle's Adventures

Unpleasant Surprise

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When the duo arrived at the National Great Leaks Visitor Center, Mother had an uneasy premonition about the days event. Khrystelle could sense something was awry staying unusually close to Mother. The air was very tense. As they approached the front desk, Mother became increasingly aware that the two people at the desk were arguing fiercely. "Excuse me." Mother began.

Before either could answer her, the security guards were between them and announced very matter of factly,

"Ms Frost. We must leave immediately, Follow us please." And they began to escort the two to the exit.

The two followed obligingly in silence and confused. Outside the exit they were met by a gentleman in a three-piece suit looking extremely stuffy.

Mother began to chuckle to herself quietly, the little portly three-piece suited man reminded her of the penguin in the Batman movie she saw. When he spoke, it only enhanced the amusement of the imaginary role play already in her head.

"I apologize Ms Frost for the confusion here." He stumbled over his words uneasy, nervous and unprepared, "We have a situation arise and I can't risk your safety."

"Are there guns pointed at us." She couldn't help but add to his flustered state.

"Oh no. Come. Come. We must get you to your vehicle" He pushed.

Mother had enough. She stopped abruptly, took a stance and demanded, "What exactly is going on here?"

"I told you mam' we have a situation." He whined looking around as though there were imaginary ghosts right beside him.

"Yes, you already said that. What kind of situation?"

"I am not allowed to say mam" The little three-piece suit man was completely red in the face and panic was winning the battle within him.

"And why not?" She pushed firmly.

He didn't know what to say.

"Now look here Mister." Mother straightened up appearing even taller than she actually was, "Until you give me a satisfactory answer we are not moving."

"Uh, oh, no, we have to get you to safety, uh, please mam'." He was completely at a loss what to do now.

"You will be reimbursed all of your expenses mam'." He stammered.

"I want to know what exactly has transpired here sir." She stood her ground.

"No, you must leave now." He was almost jumping up and down in total panic. "Your safety." He blurted incoherently.

"What about my safety?"

He was completely dumbfounded.

Finally, the security guards had enough with the charade.

"There has been a bomb threat mam'." He leaned over and quietly whispered into her ear.

The little portly man in the three-piece suit was about to go into cardiac arrest with panic as a group neared them.

"You must leave. You must get out of here now." He whispered hoarsely as though millions of daggers were aimed and coming for him.

"We will leave. Calm down. Here is our car." She was having too much fun at his expense.

He whipped out his handkerchief dabbing his forehead in relief.

"I am so sorry for any inconvenience. You will be one hundred percent compensated for your trouble and time."

He blurted in relief as they got into the car.

"Thank you, Mr Penguin." She smiled slyly and closed the door.

He was so flabbergasted that he looked like he had just been deflated.

Mother laughed as they drove away.


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"Leadership is not a popularity contest, it's about leaving your ego at the door. The name of the game is to lead without a title."

- Robin S Sharma



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