

August / September 2018
Number Three Hundred Forty

In Loving Memory of James (Pommie) Bron and Millie Bandimere

Bloodmobile

The Carver Lions are sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, August 20th at the Chaska VFW, 6202 Creed Road, Chaska from 12 PM until 6 PM. Did you know that your gift of blood could save up to three lives? Help the American Red Cross help those in need. Your donation will make a difference. Make an appointment, by calling 1-800-733-2767 or log onto: www.redcrossblood.org.



Proposed Street Improvements

The city engineer discussed the proposed street improvements at a work session with the council. The intention of the improvement at Broadway and Sixth Street West were for improved trail connections and traffic flow that had been included in the 2017 Street Project costs.

The city manager presented a Concept Map for a proposed extension of Dauwalter Road. There is development potential and an extension would be necessary to facilitate the development of the property. The council directed conducting a feasibility study for the extension. Costs would be applied to the project in the future.

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. The markets are scheduled through October 14th.



Storm Water

The city engineer relayed information pertaining to the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. The city council held a Public Hearing on the issue. Informed related to the Annual Storm Water Meeting, Municipal Separate Sewer System Permit and included the timeline for permit reissuance, plans for 2018 and future program needs. There were not any public comments received.

Edith-Anne Award

By: Erin Smith
The Edith-Anne Award celebrates residents that go above and beyond maintaining their property. Is there a house in your neighborhood with landscaping you admire? Nominate them for the Edith-Anne Award to recognize their hard work and commitment to the community. Nominations will be accepted until Friday; July 27th and the winner will be chosen by the Planning Commission at their August 19th meeting.

Lift Station

The city engineer presented information pertaining to the Storm Water Lift Station Project. Several factors, including the dewatering of the ground water had resulted in higher bids than anticipated and budgeted. The engineer recommended rejecting bids, continue evaluation, rebid the project mid to late summer. Bolten and Menk had several recommendations moving forward. These recommendations were to move forward, adjusting the phasing or the scope of the project, or packaging it with other projects that the city is planning in the near future.

Additional time would be necessary to review details of other potential projects to allow for fall or winter construction. The mayor commended the city engineer, Bolten and Menk for presenting solutions and working with the city to achieve team solutions. Question was asked about if the water levels were still high upon re-bidding. The city engineer responded that the late fall or winter the chances of high river levels were considerably low therefore allowing for more efficient construction of the project. Motion was made and carried with ally ayes rejecting the bids for the storm water lift station project.

Primary Elections

Candidate filings applications were accepted during July. The city of Carver will be voting for the mayor position and two council member positions in the November elections.

However, August 14th the primary elections will occur. "These primaries are used by political parties to determine candidates who will run for all partisan offices in their states on the general election ballot on Nov. 6, 2018. These include legislative seats in 46 states along with U.S. senators and representatives, governors and statewide officials."

League of Woman Voters

The League of Woman Voters is sponsoring a 'Candidate Forum' in the City of Carver on Thursday, October 4th at 7 PM to be held in City Council Chambers at the Church by the River.

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.

Utility Rate Study

The city manager discussed the findings and recommendations of the Utility Rate Study. The city will need to accept these. Accepting them will not enact any rates or fee increases. Consideration of adopting new utility rates and fees in conjunction with the 2019 Fee Ordinance in fall could be considered. The manager pointed out that the city provides an enterprise services involving municipal utilities and storm water that operates like their own businesses. The costs to operate and pay debt service comes exclusively from revenue generated from utility bills and new development connection fees. The planning purposes a firm was hired to conduct a utility rate study to identify future infrastructure requirements and associated costs. The study includes recommendations for new rates for monthly users and new fees. Costs and increases were discussed.

Storm Water Bypass Project

The city engineer discussed with the council the Jonathan Carver Parkway Water Bypass project. The development north of Dahlgren Road within the city has highlighted drainage concerns. The city proposes to route the water around the land-locked pond and further downstream. Question was asked if the current revenue generated from storm sewer fees would cover bond payments. The city manager stated that the utility rate study included a percent increase in the storm water revenue and that the initial cash for this project would come from the storm water utility revenue bond that the city is in the process of acquiring in conjunction with the city hall capital improvement bond.

Question was then asked there was capacity for other storm sewer fees that could be incurred. The city manager stated that there are some contingencies built in that could accommodate current or future storm water issues.

Development of the plans and specification would give a better cost estimate. One concept is the possibility to include this project and the storm water lift station project within the same bid scope. Pipe size was questioned for future needs and the city engineer confirmed that the size would be sufficient.

Question was asked regarding concern of having water collect in one location and entering the creek all at once.

The engineer stated that the final design would ensure additional issues downstream do not occur when the water discharges into the creek. Question was asked if there was a critical need. The engineer stated that the Oak Tree development would be making connections this summer, so the necessity to get the pipeline into the ground as soon as possible was necessary.

Construction timeline was discussed. The project was estimated to take approximately six weeks with the plan to do before winter but completion prior would be tight. The bypass would be gravity fed into the creek. The city manager stated that in addition to monthly storm water fees, developments would be paying a portion of the cost of the piping as developments are completed through the storm water area charges collected. The Public Services Director was of the opinion that the plan was the most viable option for routing the storm water. Question was asked about the affects to the creek. The engineer was of the opinion that the amount of water going into the creek would not change.

The project would also need to be reviewed and approved by the watershed districts in Carver County and the Lower Minnesota watershed district. If there were any issues, the watershed personnel would not allow the project.

Question was asked if this proposal would also assist with the ponding issue by the Community Park. The engineer stated that would also be part of the conversation upon reviewing options. The path of the pipe was discussed.

Question was asked if this option would relieve the pressure on Dahlgren Road. The engineer responded that it would help relieve the flow onto the road. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Jonathan Carver Parkway Storm Water Bypass Project.

Park Master Plan

The Parks Commission members were updated regarding the decision for the new city planner because of her experience would be handling the Park Dedication Plan in the 2040 Comprehensive Parks section. Additional work on the Park Master Plan would cease until the parks portion is completed for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plan

The work on the Comprehensive Plan continues with the staff, the Planning Commission and council. In the past branding the plan, the future land use map and housing sections have all been addressed. A survey has now been created to receive resident feedback which includes questions regarding parks and trails. Plans are to review park search areas, types of parks to be included in the plan, as well as a drafted portion for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan.

“Transformational leaders don’t start by denying the world around them. Instead, they describe a future they’d like to create instead.”

~ Seth Godin

Meridian Fields

The city planner discussion Meridian Fields with the council. The council reviewed the Preliminary Plat, Cross Sections, Plat Profile and the access alignment. The city planner advised the council that the previously considered roundabout has been changed to a four way stop. Noise levels from the highway would be addressed with landscape buffers and berms.

The proposed project identified as Meridian Fields has been reviewed by both, the Planning Commission and the Council for various requests including the concept plan, annexation and the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

To date, the concept plan has had favorable reviews, the annexation has been approved and the Comprehensive Plan Amendment has been submitted to the Metropolitan Council. The council was asked to review the Preliminary Plat and rezoning request for the development. Previously the property was agricultural. The proposed development includes eighty-three single family homes with access from Spring Creek Drive extension.

“Development of the property will maintain an exception property that will continue to function as a single-family home throughout the site construction. As part of the plan submittal, a ghost plat has been prepared by the developer which shows what development of the property could look like if the property owner should be interested in development in the future.”

The Planning Commission reviewed the Preliminary Plat and rezoning request with a Public Hearing being held. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

The project is proposed to be constructed in two phases. Phase One includes thirty-four single family homes and Phase II completes the remaining forty-seven homes. There are several outlots throughout the property. The outlots that will be maintained by the city were identified, along with maintenance of the wetlands and ponds on the property. Two outlots would be transferred to the owner of the exception property that will remain through construction. There have been discussions involving the access and conditions set forth. The city and the council continue to study traffic on Jonathan Carver Parkway reviewing the Meridian Fields project as part of the process.

The Parks Commission members reviewed the concept plan for the Meridian Field Development. Park Dedication fees will be done in lieu of parkland. The commissioners approved the Concept plan by motion.

The city planner provided background to the council regarding the Meridian Fields development. The Metropolitan Council needed to respond yet regarding the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Street names had been discussed on the Preliminary Plat which could also be changed in the future. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution with all ayes approving the preliminary plat for the residential development identified as Meridian Fields submitted by D.R. Horton.

The city planner presented the council drafted ordinance for rezoning Meridian Field from agricultural to residential. The decision to rezone had been postponed waiting on the Metropolitan Council. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment had been approved and therefore the rezoning of the property could move forward with consistency to the Comprehensive Plan. Prior to annexation the property by default is zoned agricultural. The project meets the intent of the residential district as drafted in the city code.

Oak Tree

The city planner discussed rezoning of Oak Tree development with the council. The council had reviewed and approved the Final Plat for Oak Tree but rezoning had not been completed. Historically properties may not be rezoned until later in the development process ensuring appropriate approvals are given. Previously the council has reviewed rezoning but several conditions were required via ordinance. Those required conditions have been met and completed so that the rezoning ordinance may be passed.

The city planner discussed the information related to the Oak Tree development rezoning request. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance rezoning Oak Tree to residential.

Hawthorne Ridge

The city planner discussed Hawthorne Ridge, the Redmond property with the council. The Concept Plan and profile were reviewed.

The city planner also relayed that DR Horton had hosted a neighborhood meeting. Property owners on either side of the right of way access on Sunny Ridge Drive have been contacted. Reviewal by the staff and the council will continue and discuss options for ownership and maintenance of the outlots in this development.

The city planner discussed the Hawthorne Ridge Concept Plan with the council for the purpose of feedback and recommendations to the developer. The Concept Plan is a non-statutory process required and adopted by the city to provide the ability to inform developers and proactively engage prior to formal development applications. This process facilitates discussions on concept and receive feedback from the Planning Commission. DR Horton has submitted a concept plan for the property identified as Hawthorne Ridge located at Broadway North.

The proposal includes development of eighty-one single family homes with three access points within existing neighborhoods. These access point currently exist within right of way and extensions of the streets already anticipated. Much of the proposal involves steep slopes of bluff and would be required to be maintained within an outlot due to sensitive natural resources.

The Planning Commission reviewed the concept plan. The request from the Planning Commission was that the city maintain much of the site in a public outlot allowing for both, preservation and potential park development. They also discussed a nature-based park. The Planning Commission also discussed access via Aspen Drive with additional study to identify increase traffic impacts. Based on former feedback from all the units the developer has the opportunity to apply for the Preliminary Plat process.

The city planner discussed the concept plan for the Hawthorne Ridge development with the council. The Planning Commission expressed concerns regarding maintenance of the outlot, the history involving the cheese cave, and potential erosion including Sixth Street. It was noted that Aspen Drive is narrower than Ironwood Drive and would be required to be reviewed in the future. A traffic impact study would be done to determine traffic control on Aspen and Ironwood Drives. The current driveway for the property is proposed to be designated as a trail. Presently, decision was that there were not any plans to have a Homeowner's Association. That could change as they continue the process and consider maintenance of any outlots. Drainage and ponding will also be reviewed.

Then the council reviewed the information relating to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Motion was made and carried with all eyes amending the Comprehensive plan for Hawthorne Ridge.

Bond Sale

The council discussed the bond sale for the city hall capital improvements plan and utility revenue bonds. The financial firm explained that they took bids on two bonds. The bonds were discussed. Motions were made and carried with all eyes approving resolutions providing issuance and sale of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds and levying a tax for payment and providing for issuance and sale for general obligation utility revenue bonds pledging net revenues for the security and payment.

City Hall

The city manager discussed with the council the city hall project. The council reviewed the resolution regarding awarding certain bids and authorizing conducting special inspections. The HVAC work scope bid had been rejected previously. The remainder of the work scopes were approved. The HVAC work scope to redesign continued. Bids were received for the redesign. The council discussed the issue.

Celebrate Summer Reminder

The Eastern Carver County School Celebrate Summer ends on August 2nd.

"Music is what feelings sound like." ~ ~ author unknown

Ironwood Pedestrian Bridges

The city engineer discussed the Ironwood Park Pedestrian Bridges and authorizes to purchase steel bridges. Previously the council approved plans and specifications, and authorizing advertisement for bids. The project schedule had been refined and determination was made that the completion of the bridge and the trail before winter would be a challenge. The staff proposed purchasing the bridge in advance to have it available for contractor installation to expedite the schedule. Delivery would be approximately three to four months once the order is placed. The city would continue to quote remaining site work.

Lakeview Industries

The city manager called for a Public Hearing for Lakeview Industries discussing the drafted resolution to be adopted to establish a tax increment financing district and adopt a tax increment financing plan. The city received a preliminary plan for an industrial development project from Lakeview Industries. The proposed project is located north of Mills Fleet Farm. The proposal also involves extension of Dauwalter Road and a request for tax increment financing. The primary use of tax increment financing is to serve as a funding source for the development and construction of an extension of the road. Additionally, the city intends to apply for state grant dollars to partially fund the extension of the road. Lakeview Industries manufactures and fabricates flexible components. Contingent upon receipt of necessary approvals, the project schedule anticipates facility opening in the spring/summer of 2019. The city's public finance advisors, Springsted will prepare a financial analysis of the project.

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. Auditions are completed.



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. www.cvft.org

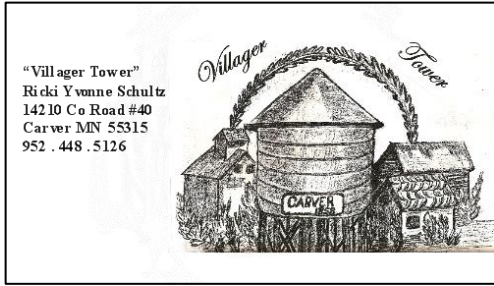
Keep an eye out in September for audition information for their holiday production, "Scrooge the Musical". Scheduled to play November 30th through December 9th.

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 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.



Carver Lions

“Lions association prepares for an innovative second century of service. There has never been a more exciting time to become a Lion!” from Facebook



Reminder: Used eyeglasses and used hearing aids can be dropped off at the city offices. Or you can give them to a Lion's member. These eyeglasses are sorted, cleaned and sent to poverty areas to be fitted onto people who need glasses. Evelyn said that “They are very appreciative of the glasses they receive. Some of those people have not been able to see for a long, long time and now can see again.”

Hearing aids received are given to the Starkey Company. Starkey will refurbish them and they can be purchased for anyone needing hearing aids at a reduced price compared to new ones. The Lions get credit for the hearing aids they send to Starkey and can use that money to purchase aids for someone in need.

The Carver Lions for Life is a program that Past President Tim Shanahan initiated. Long standing active Lions that can no longer afford to pay their dues can be nominated and then approved by the Lions members to be a member of the Carver Lions for Life. They will not pay dues. They will not be recognized by Lions International. But they will continue to be recognized by the Carver Lions Club. This year there were three members approved for Carver Lions for Life: Lee Ostlie, Lowell Peterson and Don Dahlke.

Thanks Evelyn! There is so much that the Carver Lions do for the community. If you are interested in being associated with this type of organization, be sure to stop in at their meeting and join. September the Lions resume their fall schedule of two meetings per month. They meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. You can check out their website at www.carverlions.org for more information, or you can find them and information on Facebook.

The Carver Lions announce: “We are sad to lose one of our Charter Carver Lions Members this week. James Hron aka “Pommie”.

“James was born January 27, 1926 in Cologne, to Wenzel and Monica (Lindner) Hron, one of fifteen children. He graduated from Waconia High School and served his country in the United States Army during World War II, 1944 to 1946. On December 5, 1951 he married Laura Harvey at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Carver. They had six children. Jim was a rural postal carrier in Carver County for 32 years. He also worked at Harvey's Bar from 1952 to 1997, being the proprietor for the last ten years. He was a member of the Chaska American Legion and the Carver Lions. He enjoyed bowling, horseshoes, golf, playing softball until age 55, and playing his accordion. He was a faithful husband and father and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

“Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 16, 2018, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Carver. The inurnment will be at St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery, Carver.”

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 August 23rd and September 27th at the Crown of Glory Church in Chaska from 4 PM to 6 PM.

Carver Flowers

ANNOUNCEMENT: Carver Flowers is busy with booking weddings through next spring. If you are in need of a flower arrangement or thinking about sending flowers to someone you love between Friday, August 17th through Monday, August 20th, we will be closing the shop during that time. Be sure to mark your calendar. Will be open for usual business on Tuesday the 21st of August.

August in Carver

Don't miss the Carver Black Sox playoffs in Waconia at the Lions Field. More information can be found on their website; www.carverblacksox.com. Their play-off games are scheduled for August 2nd and the 9th.



I thought we just started summer and here we are, the last summer concert series is right around the corner. Remember to support the Lions at the concert, they will be selling beer, sodas and food at the concerts. The last concert is scheduled for August 16th with Vinnie Rose entertaining the crowd.

The August and September Occasional Shop Dates are August 23rd through the 26th and then in September the 20th through the 23rd. Did you know that some of the shops in town are open more than just the third weekend? Rosehips and Willow can be visited every other weekend, Wednesday through Saturday at 10 AM until 5:30 PM, Riverside Art Studio and Gallery lists their times online at www.riversideartcarver.com. All Things Fabulous can also be visited Wednesday through Saturday at 10 AM until 5:30 PM. Temperance Arts is open on Saturday 10 to 5 PM. Carver Flowers is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Not positive of openings times for SassyCat Boutique, The Good Junk Garage, Mustard Moon and Sweeter Times. Each and every one is worth checking out.

Other August events happening thanks to the City of Carver, Parks Commission is the Free Kids Yoga and Picnic in the Park event at the Lion's Park. The instructor is Theresa Schuch Thorpe who will lead through interactive story while doing yoga. Be sure to bring your yoga mat or a blanket and a picnic. The second event scheduled, is August on the 18th. This begins at 10:30 AM.

An event identified as “Minecraft Camp” for kids ages eight through fourteen will be occurring on August 16th at 10 AM until 2 PM at the Riverside Park. Plans are to collect, craft and survive. Kids are invited to join the trained instructors as they teach survival skills, build shelters, and enjoy the world. Campers should come prepared for the outdoors with a backpack, snack, sunscreen, bug spray, reusable water bottle and closed toe shoes. This program is partnered between Carver County Parks, Chaska Parks and Recreation and the City of Carver.

Children of Tomorrow

Interested in Yoga? Always willing to utilize free lessons? Well here is your opportunity! Children of Tomorrow offering two free Family Yoga Nights coming up...this is for all ages and all stages. Anyone and everyone is welcome!



The first event is Saturday, August 3rd. Come and join the group at the Norwood Young America location at 316 West Highway # 212, (directly behind Kwik trip) at 6 PM until 7 PM. The second event will be in Chanhassen at 1490 Lake Drive West, Chanhassen on Saturday, August 28th. They will being at 10 am until 11 AM.

East Union Elementary School

Planting Seeds for Life-Long Learning: Our School Garden
by Lauren Stovern

Our school garden is thriving, thanks to the dedication of students, parents, staff, local businesses, and Carver County Master Gardeners!

The produce harvested from East Union Elementary's school garden, which in part is supported by SHIP grant funds, is either used by students and their families at home or donated to the local food shelf. Thirty-five teachers with [Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom](#) visited our school to hear from Principal Jay Woller about how we incorporate agriculture literacy into our K-5 curriculum and to showcase our garden/orchard efforts.

School gardens benefit curriculum, the environment, the physical, social, and emotional health of students, as well as the community. The hard work and generosity of parent volunteers are key to the logistics of our school garden. Thank you for making this powerful environmental education tool available to our students! Also, thank you to the local nurseries, including Garden by the Woods and Willow Winds Gardens, as well as individual donors, Toni Dauwalter and Sarah Prescher, for sponsoring trees for our orchard.

Primary Election

Don't forget to go and vote at the primary election on August 14th! Every vote matters!!!!

What is a primary election? "A primary election is an election that narrows the field of candidates before an election for office. Primary elections are one means by which a political party or a political alliance nominates candidates for an upcoming general election or by-election."



2018 Elections

The City of Carver candidate filings for the General Election available starting on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

To check all candidate filings and for more information, visit the MN Secretary of State's Office at [Candidate Filings](#).

General Election is November 6th. The polls open at 7 AM and you can vote until 8 PM. Be sure to make your voice heard and vote on November 6th. It really does matter. The City of Carver's municipal election is held in conjunction with the General Election. The Precinct Location is St Nicholas Catholic Church at the Parish Center for 2018.

The mayor and council positions are open for filing and voting upon. The terms of Mayor Mike Webb and Council members Glen Henry and Cindy Monroe will expire at the end of 2018. Filings for these positions will be accepted at City Hall at 801 Jonathan Carver Parkway from Tuesday, July 31, 2018, through Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with the exception of Tuesday, August 14, 2018, City Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m.

For a city office, any person may be a candidate who is:
Eligible to vote, will be 21 years old on assuming office; and will have been a resident of the city for 30 days prior to the General Election
NOTE: The filing fee is \$2.00.

Mark your calendar for the Candidate Forum which will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the City Council Chambers at Church by the River in downtown Carver.

Calendar Change for Kindergarten

2018-2019 school year calendar change for K - 1st Grade
by Lauren Stovern

K-1 assessment days Sept. 4 & 5 - their first day is Sept. 6
Beginning fall of 2018, families of K-1 students will schedule a 30- to 40-minute assessment conference on September 4th or 5th. The first day of school for kindergarten and grade 1 will be September 6th.

Eastern Carver County Schools elementary schools are building off of a current practice where kindergarten students have an assessment time with the teacher before the start of the school year. Parents/guardians should plan for an hour in order to prepare information or complete forms prior to the conference. A large portion of time will be devoted to the student to complete assessments with the teacher or a paraprofessional.

This conference has three goals:
Students will be on track with their learning earlier in the year. Teachers get to know their students individually right from the start and can plan more personalized instruction earlier in the school year.

Parents/guardians can have one-to-one time with the teacher before fall conferences, which typically are six weeks into the school year. This private, personal setting will be more comfortable for sharing information about their child.

This time allows teachers to complete individual math and reading assessments they need for the start of the school year. Right now, it takes teachers four to six weeks to assess each student during the school day while also teaching.

Students who cannot attend an assessment conference will be assessed during the school year. Elementary schools will share the link to an online sign-up in their back-to-school letters. Families also can contact the main office to schedule the conference after receiving the back-to-school letter.

Beginning in fall of 2019, assessment conferences will extend to all elementary grades, K-5. The 2019-20 school year calendar will be developed in fall/winter of 2019 to include elementary assessment dates. The next two years of school calendars are expected to be approved by the School Board sometime between January and March.

Summer Wrap-Up

Oh no! Summer is almost over? For some it might mean relief, for others sadness and for still others mixed emotions. We cannot control time, it comes and it goes and we can only make the best of it. And here we are, wrapping up another summer, another year and embarking on autumn.



Those summer concerts you were going to check out, well they will be finishing up in Chanhassen on August 9th. Chaska wraps up their summer entertainment in the park on the 17th of August. River City Days closed out Chaska's summer festivities the last weekend of July.

However, August is not any quieter than its previous months. The month starts out with the Scott Carver Thresher's Steam Show the first weekend of the month, August 3rd through the 5th. Tuesday night, is National Night Out events.

The following day, Wednesday, the 8th is the opening of the Carver County Fair. Victoria's Volkfest begins on August 17th and continues through the 18th, Saturday. Saturday, the same day, the opening of the Renaissance Festival running through the end of September begins their festivities. That same weekend is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's Pow Wow. Also happening at the same time is the Cologne Fire-House Drive In event. It is not slowing down any yet either. Maybe we all will be happy to see the end of all the events by month end? No, well then for the Dahlgren Township residents, their 2nd annual picnic is on the 19th of the August, Sunday. Take a deep breath, because the following Thursday the State Fair opens and runs through Labor Day, September 3rd. Check out SouthWest Transit for bus rides. Wrapping up August, take a spin up to Norwood/YoungAmerica for their Stiftungfest festivities.

Don't get too relaxed. We have all the September events to maneuver, along with the first day of school which begins on September 4th. The following weekend is the famous Carver's Steamboat Days, September 7th through the 9th. And as is par for the course, Jordan's Heimatfest is the same weekend. September 15th in Waconia is Nickle Dickle Days. Ooops, almost forgot, be sure to visit downtown Excelsior on September 22nd, Saturday for their 81st Annual Apple Days event.

Wrapping up the month of September, thanks to SW Metro Chamber of Commerce, is Chaska's Downtown Block Party on September 29th from noon until 5 PM. The event will be held on 2nd Street (Chaska) in partnership with Guardian Angels Fall Fest which will run 2 PM until 8 PM. Now you can collapse for a breath. Then there's all those Oktoberfest's.

Cologne FireHouse Drive-In

Are you ready for the Cologne Drive-in experience? The Cologne Firehouse Drive-in began their movies in 2009 as a fundraising idea. Since, the event has grown to become one of the premiere family-friendly events of the summer in Cologne. Not only does the personnel have feature files, they also feature two nights of events of fun for the whole family.



There are pre-movie activities, full concession stand and VIP Parking for classic cars. Be sure to check out their website for more details, sponsors, donate and movie details.

www.firehousedrivein.com. The Firehouse Drive-in is presented by the Cologne Fire Department Relief Association.

On Friday, August 17th, movies begin at dusk and Friday's features are Coco and Remember the Titans. Saturday, August 18th featuring The Incredibles and Black Panther. Parking passes are also available on line.

Fireworks are scheduled each evening at dusk.





2018 Minnesota Renaissance Festival

Another Minnesota event you don't want to miss is the 48th Renaissance Festival in Shakopee. The festival continues its tradition which began in September 1971.

"The Renaissance Fair" is an interactive outdoor event with outdoor themed events which focus on recreating the look and feel of a fictional 16th Century "England like" fantasy kingdom. It operates during weekend from mid-August until the final week in September. Where do you find this fabulous fantasy? The site is near the MN River in Shakopee. The address is 12364 Chestnut Boulevard, Shakopee 55379. You can also purchase discount tickets in advance. Check their web-site for information, www.renaissancefest.com. You can also purchase tickets on line on their website.

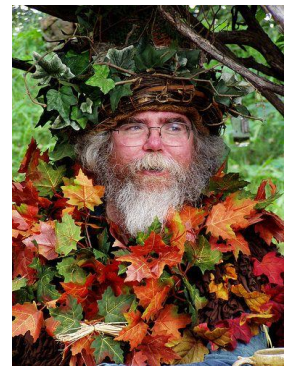
The 2018 Festival open on weekends begins August 18th and runs through September 30th, Labor Day and Festival Friday on September 28th from 9 AM to 7 PM, rain or shine. There is free parking and before the gates open at 9 AM the festival troupe of actors will entertain you at the gates.

New in 2018 is the Renaissance Scholars and Knights on Bikes promotions. There are two new themed weekends. They are: Buccaneer Beer Bash, August 18th and 19th, and the Bold North Adventure on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Under the "Wow's" title is the Bow Blast, Ye Old Bingo, and Cock-a-Doodle Zoo. New contests and event include Turkey Leg Trot 5K and Ugliest Pet Contest. There are past favorites also happening.

Come and experience the Realm with artesian marketplace, entertainment, games, rides, fare food and artesian demos. You can also have a child's birthday party, or adult's birthday party, corporate event and some have even gotten married in the kingdom. And don't forget the Feast of Fantasy event.

Each themed weekend has its own unique events too. Check their website for more information. This is another Minnesota event that should be seen at least once. Below are the themed weekends and dates.

Buccaneer Beer Bash	August 18 th and 19 th
Highland Fling	August 25 th and 26 th
Bold North Adventure	September 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd
Shamrocks and Shenanigans	September 8 th and 9 th
Wine, Chocolate And Romance	September 15 th and 16 th
Pet Fest	September 22 nd and 23 rd
Festival Friday	September 29 th
Oktoberfest	September 29 th and 30 th



2018 Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair is also referred to as the Great MN Get-Together. It is twelve days of fun beginning on August 23rd through September 3rd.

There is entertainment at the Grandstand or free live music shows at specific stages throughout the fairgrounds. There are nine hundred shows, one hundred plus acts scheduled for the twelve days and nights all free with the price of the fair admission.

Then there is the food, including new, old favorites, healthy food choices, beverages, beer and specialty beers. If you visit the website, www.mnstatefair.org you can find all the information you need before visiting the fair. Did you know that you can shop at the fair too for specialty merchants and unique artisans? Don't forget all the different animals you can also see. There are livestock and horse exhibitions, competitions and awards and multiple recognition programs.

If you have never visited the Great MN Get-Together, you don't know what you are missing. Yes, there are crowds, lots and lots of people, but a wonderful experience that everyone, at least, once in their life should experience. Remember too, if you don't want the hassle or headaches of the drive, finding a place to park, there are special state fair buses run by Metro Transit, MN Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit.



Jordan Heimatfest

On Friday, September 7th and Saturday, September 8th in downtown Jordan and Lagoon Park the city is celebrating Heimatfest. This event has something for everyone in the family. Friday night events kick off with a car cruise, food booths and street dance in the downtown area. Saturday is a full day of events, food fare, music and fun. You can check out their website, www.jordanheimatfest.com for schedule of events. They also have fireworks over Mill Pond on Saturday at 9 PM.



Roots Return Heritage Farm

"Roadside farm stand offers fresh, dried and frozen vegetables, herbs & fruits (see full list). THIS WEEK: Fresh & Frozen Raspberries, Red & White Chard, Fresh Basil. Black Currants, Kale getting ready. Please Email any questions, or view Order-Ahead for farm stand pickup: <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.

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



"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."
~ Confucius

August Fun Facts

Did you know that on Saturday, August 4th there is a special day called National Mustard Day and? Taxpayers Appreciation Day. Or how about on Sunday, August 5th, you can celebrate Friendship Day and International Forgiveness day? August 3rd is National Watermelon Day. Some other odd facts found were Vinyl Record Day, National Lefthander's Day, Lemon Meringue Pie Day, and National Toasted Marshmallow Day.



Another interesting trivia tid bit is that in common years no other month starts on the same day of the week as August. Leap years, February starts on the same day, August ends on the same day of the week as November every year. August has two birthstones, Peridot and Sardonyx. The Peridot is among the oldest known gemstones ranging from olive to lime green and sometimes with a brownish tinge. Sardonyx is white and brown bands believed to have mystical powers: it eliminates negative thinking! Just some non-sensical trivia to share. Two more facts about August that are not silly, everyone knows about Elvis, it was August 16th in 1977 that he passed away. On a lighter note, on August 20th, 1630 lemonade was first served in Paris France. Let's be really silly today, planning on a trip to Paris before August 20th or on that day, they will be serving lemonade in the Gazebo at 2 PM.

Obviously, August is the eight month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars. It is also one of the seven months with a length of thirty-one days. In the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. You really didn't want to know that, did you?

Some weeklong events held during the month include the first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week, as well as the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Ever heard of the Pennsic War? An American Medieval Camping Event where there is the gathering of the Society for Creative Anachronism that takes place that first week of August every year too. Planning a trip to Old Town Main anytime soon? The first week of August is "Indian Week" for the Penobscot Tribe in Old Town, Maine. Members of the Tribe travel to Penobscot Indian Island Reservation to take part in games, Native American arts and crafts, pow-wows and cookouts. In Twinsburg, Ohio, the first full weekend in August is celebrating Twins Day. Don't think they mean the Minnesota Twins baseball team either. Yea, I know, not funny, not even close to even crack a smile. Want to miss the crowds and just enjoy the evening skyline? In the middle week of August there is the peak of the Perseid Meteor shower. That's what the internet states. Please don't harm the messenger. Then there is National Smile Week.

Moving on, the month-long events celebrated in August include the Edinburg Festival known as an internationally famous arts festival that takes place during August. Sorry, didn't say where. Oops, you have to travel to Scotland for that. According to the website, the festivities date back to 1947, to create "a flowering of the human spirit" in the Scottish capital. So, you will need a plane ticket for this event. Thought it was interesting enough to share with you.

There is more information, if you look it up.

Then there is National Immunization Awareness Month, National Psoriasis Awareness Month, National Water Quality Month, National Back to School Month, National Goat Cheese Month, American Adventures Month, Audio Appreciation Month, Black Business Month, Cataract Awareness Month, Children's Eye Health, Vision, Safety and Learning Month, Get Ready for Kindergarten Month, Happiness Happens Month, Neurosurgery Outreach Month, Panini Month, Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month, and What Will Be your Legacy Month.

These were also found for the month, that were sort of fun and funny all at the same time. They are: Admit You Are Happy Month, Catfish Month, National Eye Exam Month, Family Fun Moth, Peach Month, National Picnic Month, Romance Awareness Month, Sandwich Month and last but not least, Win with Civility Month.

Love Inc

By: Love Inc of Eastern Carver County

Donations and Volunteers Needed! The Back-Pack Give Back project is coming up on Friday, August 24th from 6 PM to 8 PM and then on Saturday, August 25th 11 AM to 2 PM. Applicant must live within the Eastern Carver County School boundaries, but do not have to attend a school within the district. For more information you can go on line and go to their website, www.loveincecc.org.



Volunteer information is: "Discovery United Methodist Church (275 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen), a partner church of Love INC of Eastern Carver County, is hosting and coordinating the distribution of school supplies and backpacks to families in need in Eastern Carver County in August. Your help is needed!

This year, they will be distributing 500+ backpacks, so we need your help to fill them with school supplies! Donated supplies should be dropped off at Discovery United Methodist Church in Chanhassen by August 13th.

Donations of school supplies needed

Will you help a child start the school year with confidence that they have the supplies they need for learning? You can donate on their website, at "Back Pack Give Back!" caption.

Volunteers needed to assist with distribution

Volunteers are needed on the following dates to assist with distribution of backpacks."

Towel Ministry

By: Love Inc of Eastern Carver County

"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 (bath towel, hand towel, and washcloth) – 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."



Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

Many accolades to our players this summer. Our Boy's 12 U-travel team took 3rd in their state Tournament. Our 12U-Girls missed the tp group by one game. Our 5th/6th Grade Boys are in their Year End Tournament as this is being written. Many younger teams had a great year! T-Ball players went over 100 youths playing. There were 11 baseball teams, five large girl's softball teams. Please Remember Us Next Year!!!! Thanks for all the support and help during this 2018 season!!!! The success and achievements made are not possible without all the help and support and volunteers, parents, just everyone involved. Many, many thanks to all from all of us at CCYBSA



Community Highlights

September 2018

September 3 rd	Labor Day
September 4 th	First Day of School Council Meeting
September 5 th	Lions Meeting
September 6 th	Kindergarten – 1 st Day of School
September 7 th	SteamBoat Days Begins And 9/8 – Heimatfest – Jordan Happy Anniversary Howie and Terri!
September 8 th	SteamBoat Days
September 9 th	SteamBoat Days Rosh Hashanah Grandparents Day Happy Birthday Jeff!
September 10 th	School Board Work Session Park Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting Happy Birthday Crystal! Happy Birthday Lori!
September 11 th	Meet and Greet Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Carver-on-the-MN Patriot Day
September 12 th	Happy Birthday Dwight!
September 14 th	Happy Birthday Caroline!
September 15 th	Happy Birthday Sandy! Happy Birthday Terri! Happy Anniversary Andy and Kate!
September 17 th	Council Meeting Drill Night
September 18 th	Yom Kippur
September 19 th	Lion's Meeting Happy Birthday Tony!
September 20 th	Planning Commission Meeting
September 21 st	Happy Birthday Mom! Happy Birthday Hooker! Happy Birthday Missy!
September 22 nd	First Day of Autumn
September 23 rd	Happy Birthday Bonnie! Happy Birthday Mike! Happy Anniversary Sonjia and Jim! Happy Birthday Evelyn!
September 24 th	School Board Meeting Fire Department Meeting Night Happy Birthday Molly! Happy Anniversary Barb and Darrel! Happy Anniversary Phil and Shawn!
September 26 th	Happy Birthday Darren!
September 27 th	Happy Birthday Janet! Happy Birthday Cassandra!
September 28 th	Happy Birthday Brandon! Gold Star Mother's Day Happy Birthday Lee! Happy Birthday Richard! Happy Birthday Pat!

Carver's Steamboat Days

It's almost here, the great event in Carver, Steamboat Days hosted by the Carver Lions and the Carver Steamboat Days Committee. Friday, September 7th the vendors open and classic cars will move into downtown. The bands will begin set up. The firefighters will conduct their annual water fights. The fun begins. Saturday morning the events continue bright and early with the 19th Annual Steamer 5K Walk/Run. This year there will also be magic shows, mechanical bull riding, bean bag contest, burnout and music. Can't forget the 16th Annual Car Show scheduled. Not to mention the famous fireworks display. Sunday the wrap up with the other famous event, the kiddie parade and the main parade. Be sure to stop in and check out all the fun going on. Catch up with old friends and make new ones. This is the official end to summer unfortunately.



"Music is the poetry of the air."

~ Richter

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

By: St Nicholas Church

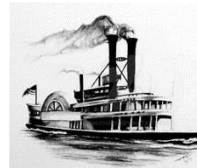
A reminder that St. Nicholas has updated mass times, mass times are as follows:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (English)

Saturday, 7:00 PM (English)

Sunday, 9:15 AM (English)

Sunday, 10:30 AM (Spanish)



St. Nicholas is preparing 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

Krystelle's Adventures

Hate

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

"Mother, not all people are hateful, are they?"

"No, not all people are hateful deliberately. Sometimes people do hateful things but that doesn't mean that they are hateful."

"Why do people act like that?"

"Well, let's see. Either they don't like themselves or they just are very hurt. Or the guilt that they feel is consuming them." Mother explained in her always usual character 'find the good qualities in others'.

She continued, "Sometimes people don't realize that they are being mean and hateful and sometimes they know they are deliberately being mean, hurtful and hateful."

"It's not nice to hurt others. It makes them very sad." Krystelle lamented almost in tears.

"That's right."

"But how do we make them understand how hurtful they are being?" The little white bear with the purple scarf and white snowflakes pleaded.

"Sometimes you can't. They have to either be hurt or see what they are doing or sometimes they just don't care that they are hurting others. Sometimes it just makes them feel better to hurt others."

"That just makes me very sad." Krystelle flatly announced.

"Yes, it is very sad, but sometimes there is just nothing anyone can do but stay away from those kinds of people or just walk away and try very hard not to take it on."

She watched her little bear very concerned where this topic had manifested itself suddenly.

"Krystelle?" Mother began, "Did something happen to bring this on?"

"ohhhh" She lulled not sure she should tell thinking it was tattling.

"What happened?" Mother asked sternly.

"Billie and Suzy were outside a bit ago and Suzy deliberately pushed Billie into the snow and smashed snow in his face and made him cry. Then Billie got up and pushed her really hard and told her he hated her and wished she would just die even though she was very sick." Krystelle relented confused by the behavior.

"That was very mean."

"I know Suzy is dying from cancer but why would he say something like that?"

"Because he is hurting too."

"But what is he going to do when something does happen to her?"

Krystelle was crying now.

"He's going to feel even worse."

"It's unfair."

"Life is not fair."

Mother hugged the little white bear with the purple scarf and the white snowflakes reminiscing on when she lost her sibling.

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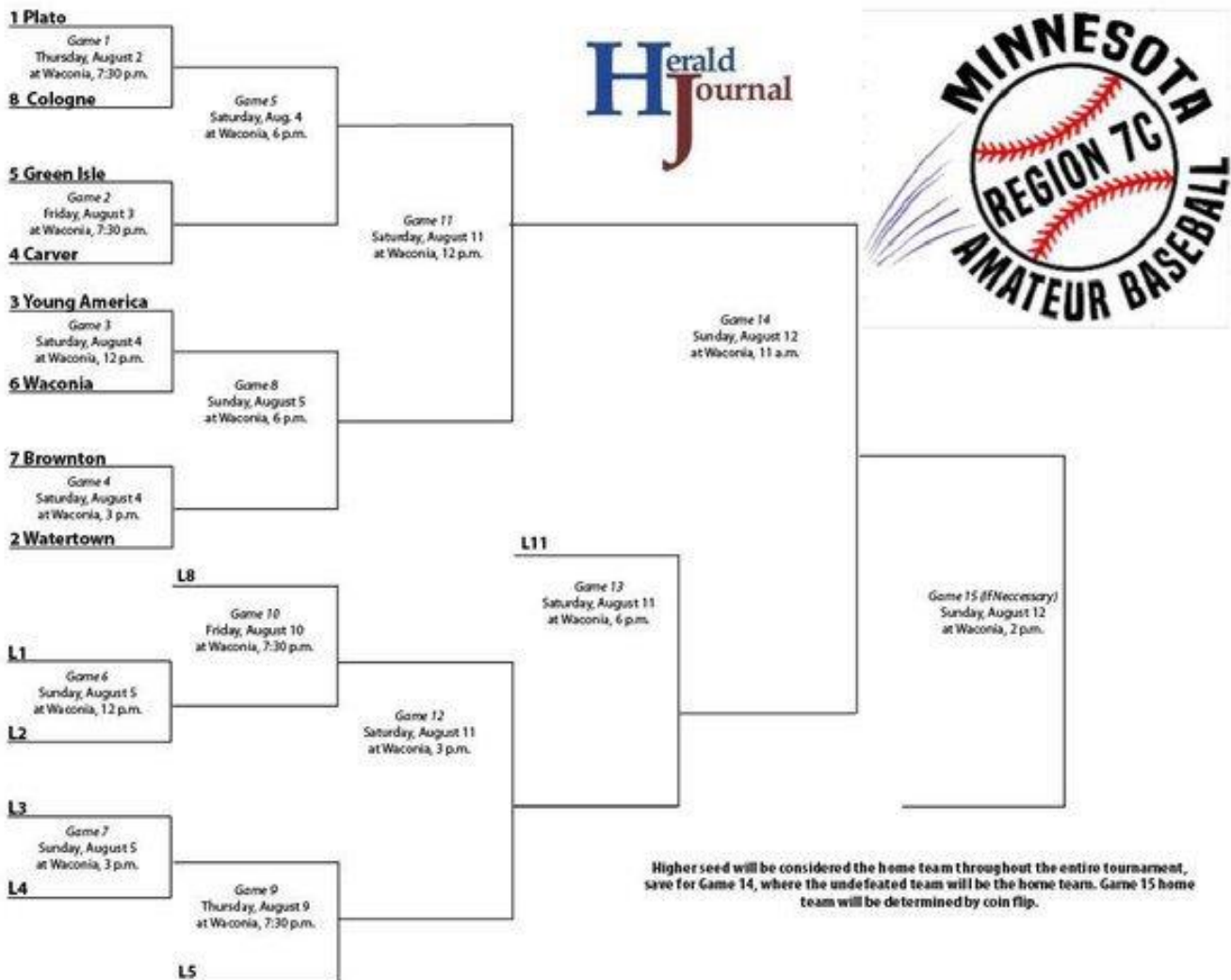
Game Friday versus Green Isle

17 hits produced 13 runs in a 13-3 series winning victory over the New Germany Dutchmen on Saturday afternoon. The win moves the Black Sox on to the Region 7C Tournament beginning this Thursday evening in Waconia. Carver will play its first game on Friday at 7:30pm against the Green Isle Irish.

In Saturdays game, **Cole Kirchoff** hit his 2nd Home Run in 2 games with a line drive over the left field fence. Kirchoff had 3 hits on the day with 2 RBI. **Kyle Dalton** had another good game at the plate with 4 hits including 2 doubles and 3 RBI. **Sam Warner** and **Mark Ulrich** also had 3 hit days driving in 2 runs each.

Jack Schnettler pitched 6 excellent innings yielding 1 hit and striking out 6. **Andrew Weber** closed out the game for the Black Sox.

The Region 7C Tournament to be held at Waconia begins this Thursday, August 2nd and continues on to August 12th.



Steamboat Days

Friday September 7



5:00 PM

Vendors Open

5:45 PM

Carver Fire Dept Water Fights

Watch our Carver Fire & Rescue battle against other area fire departments! Kiddie water fights will start the event.

6:00 / 7:00 PM

Magic Shows

Kelvin Saline keeps to the traditional types of magic and illusions through appearing, disappearing, sawing through a live person, escapes, and several original tricks that delight young and old. He'll perform 2 shows - at 6 PM & 7 PM

7:00-11:00 PM

Mechanical Bull Riding

Showcase your skills by riding a mechanical bull!

8:30PM-12:30PM

Uncle Chunk Band

Returning this year is the Uncle Chunk Band! They will take you on a journey performing top hits from today and yesterday. Dance, Alternative, Rock, Country and more.

Saturday September 8

7:00 AM

5K Walk/Run Sponsored and run by St Nicholas, get an early start on the morning.

8:00 AM 5K Fun Run

9:00 AM Lil' Steamers Dash

10:00AM-2:00PM

Car Show

The cars will impress you! Lined up and down our beautiful downtown streets.

10:00AM - 5:00PM

Minnesota Marketplace

We've brought in local vendors to showcase their products. See what they are selling in our Minnesota Marketplace.

Saturday's Events Continued –

11:30AM

Bean Bag Contest

Try your hand at the Bean Bag Contest outside Harvey Bar & Grill. Sign up is at 11:30 AM and contest starts at Noon

3:00PM

Burnout

In Riverside Park, watch some of unique vehicles do burnouts on our concrete pad.

4:00-11:00 PM

Mechanical Bull Riding

Showcase your skills by riding a mechanical bull!

Live Music on the Downtown Stage

5:00PM-8:00PM

Hillbilly Inc

MN's up-tempo, danceable, country music brought to you live in a fun, energetic show by talented musicians!

Fireworks - Approximately 8:15

View the areas best fireworks from Downtown Carver!

Johnny Holm Band - After Fireworks

The Johnny Holm Band is back! Leader and front man of the most widely known and traveled band in America, Johnny Holm is the most entertaining entertainer performing today. The show is dedicated to the fans, and they do most of the entertaining. Mostly impromptu, the show moves with the speed of lightning and changes direction as soon as "the pied piper" notices a lag. "Never a dull moment" was never a more true description.

Sunday September 9

12:30PM

Kidde Parade

First we start with the cute Kiddie Parade starting at the Post Office at 12:30.

1:00PM

Grande Day Parade

The Grande Day Parade starts at 1:00pm. The parade starts on 6th Street and follows Broadway through downtown. Make sure to bring your bags!

Schedule Subject to Change

Check back during Steamboat Days week for final schedule

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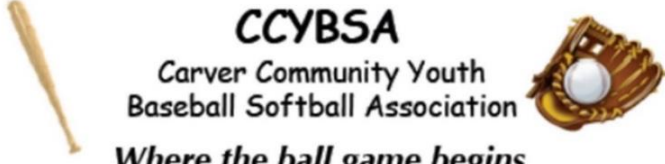
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