



*Dedicated in Memory of Donald Dahlke and Mary Finkel*

*2019 Fee Schedule*

The council reviewed and discussed the 2019 Fee Schedule and ordinance. Recommendations are being requested for necessary changes required for the following year. Upon adoption at a future meeting, the ordinance setting these fees will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Changes in Planning and Zoning are also reflected in current costs. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing considering the proposed fees changes relating to land use and will submit recommendations. Fees for Municipal utilities were also reviewed.

*Municipal Utilities*

The city attorney had been directed to amend city code sections relating to water and sanitary sewer connection codes. Currently, fees are charged for connection required prior to building permit issuance. Adjustment to fees and time lines are necessary. The attorney will address these timeless, fees, etc.

The city manager presented a drafted Connection Fee Ordinance for municipal utilities connection fees for review and a decision will be required at a future meeting.

*Market Survey*

The city manager informed the council that work is being done on a Classification and Compensation study. The council reviewed the issue of a comprehensive study proposed for the City of Carver for conducting market study. The public sector independent financial advisory firm of Springsted will conduct a comprehensive salary survey to determine appropriate levels in other comparable area labor market. The city's pay equity report is also due in 2019.

Based on findings, revision recommendation will be submitted. Evaluation of four new positions will be updated in the compensation plan. Analysis of wages will be conducted.

*Meridian Fields*

The city planner presented the Final Plat for Meridian Fields. The council reviewed Phase I of the development. The Final plat for Phase II would be looked at, at a later date.

The street name change was discussed. Question was asked why Minnesota Drive was renamed from Spring Creek Drive on the west side. Spring Creek Drive was a lengthy street, the Fire Department determined that in an emergency this would be cumbersome. The street was a main collector serving several housing developments, therefore, the name change determination spot was the most effective due to size and anticipated volume.

Question was asked regarding coordinated work on Jonathan Carver Parkway study being conducted coinciding with the intersection of this development. The response was everyone was working closely together on the development. Question was asked about a future stoplight. It was anticipated that in the future this may be feasible.

Proposal was submitted to change the name of Minnesota Drive to Monroe Drive. Motion was made and failed to adopt resolution approving the final plat for Meridian Field with street names. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and two nays adopting the resolution approving the final plat for Meridian Fields with name change of Minnesota Drive to Monroe Drive and redirecting the plat being revised reflecting name change to Monroe Drive.

*Storm Water Project*

The city engineer presented the information on the 2018 Storm Water Project. Question was asked if the project would be completed this year. Some of the larger segments could be completed this year but no the complete project would be finished. The main lift structure would begin late fall, early winter. The project was on hold due to the river water levels. The engineer pointed out that winter construction was ideal for this type of project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution to award the contract to Kusske Construction for the storm sewer improvement project.

*Fire Relief Pension*

The council reviewed and discussed the Fire Relief Pension Contribution. An increase was necessary and approved from the council was necessary. "Under State Law, a Fire Relief Association is a nonprofit corporation, separate from the city. With the authority to provide pension, disability and death benefits to its members through special funds ( restricted ) and to engage in other activities and spend monies out of their general fund ( non-restricted ) that the corporation by laws permit." A "Benefit Projections" analysis had been performed. The Fire Relief Association is funded through annual city and state contribution funds that are all managed by a private investment firm. These financials are audited annually.

*Ironwood Park Athletic Field*

The council reviewed the subject of the Ironwood Park Athletic Field and to approve the payment for the lighting. The work had been completed, final testing and spotting of the lights was completed in the summer with city staff present. Final review was done and final payment was required.

*Ironwood Park Pedestrian Bridge*

The council reviewed the notion of replacing the Ironwood Park pedestrian bridge deck with wood versus concrete. Initially, the bid had been awarded to design, fabricate, and deliver the bridge to the site with a stated delivery time. A separate bid was then awarded completing the site work and installation of the bridge. Discussion was then held regarding the anticipated temperatures. This then required a Cold Weather Concrete Plan to ensure the integrity of the concrete construction. Costs were reviewed. The staff investigated an alternative option, replacing the deck with wood similar to the Spring Creek bridge. The change would avoid costs associated with the Cold Weather Concrete Plan. The cost difference ultimately lowered the cost of a concrete deck. The bridge would be delivered mid-December, upon delivery, set the bridge and functional. The final trail bituminous paving and restoration would be completed in the spring of 2019.

*Utility Certifications*

The council discussed scheduling Public Hearing for Delinquent Utility Certifications to the county. The staff was directed to prepare the required notifications. Delinquent utility amounts after November 9<sup>th</sup> would be added to the certification roll for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. If the roll were adopted at that meeting, the proposed amounts would be certified to the county auditor for a period of one year. The rate of interest would be five percent with an additional twenty-five-dollar administration charge for one year.

## *Design Carver*

The city planner and the Planning Commission had reviewed the process and timing of the parks and trails portion of Design Carver/ Parks Master Plan ( 2040 Comprehensive Plan ) Additional comments were requested. The current Parks Dedication Policy was discussed and updates were necessary to the policy to reflect suggestions in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Discussions were also held regarding the baseball field requests. The board had been updated on the Carver Community Youth Baseball/ Softball Association's success. With the growth over the past few years, the association had added youth MBL and traveling softball team with expectations of even further growth. Upgrades and improvements have been requested by the association. These requests were discussed. Proposal for fence removal was also presented. Removal of the chain link fence at Bluff Park and Lions Park would achieve a more inviting park. Motion was made and carried with all eyes to remove the proposed fences.

The council and planning commission member held a joint meeting to discuss issues related to the 2018 Design Carver plan. Sections reviewed included the drafted housing section, parks and trails section, land use section, sanitary sewer plan and transportation plan. The plan update involved the drafted section of the 2018 Design Carver plan involving the land use, transportation, water resources, parks and trails and housing. Three sections were incomplete involving resilience, economic competitiveness and implementation. The group discussed survey results. The majority of the responses favored more commercial and set down restaurants and how the plan could help to facilitate that type of development.

## *Sunny Ridge*

The city planner reviewed information regarding the Sixth Street property that had been acquired by the city. The Planning Commission drafted guided principals for the redevelopment of this site. This included a preference for senior living, moderate price point, existing trees and berm to be maintained, as well as preference for a two-story structure. Trident Development proposes a seventy-unit senior facility called Sunny Ridge with forty-nine assisted living units and twenty-one memory care units. Tealwood would facilitate operations. The project is currently being reviewed as a Preliminary Plat.

The representative from Springsted addressed the council with an overview of the Tax Increment Financing for the Trident Development. The city was requested to approve the resolution approving the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Tax Increment Financing Housing. In the future review of the Tax Increment Finance Development Agreement. The reporting structure was asked about. It was indicated that the report needs to be provided by the developer annually in order to maintain the certification of the Tax Increment Financing District. The project is intended for long-term. Resale terms in the Development Agreement were inquired about. The agreement could define the terms regarding resale and inserted into the agreement. Question was asked about expiration. Also questioned was the property usage change. A Public Hearing was held. There were not any public comments on the issue. Motion was made and carried with all eyes adopting the resolution establishing Tax Increment Financing ( Housing ) District within the development district number one and approving the Tax Increment Financing Plan.

## *Sunny Ridge Amendment*

The council discussed the Sunny Ridge Comprehensive Plan Amendment and approval of resolution for a text amendment to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The application for the amendment had been submitted to the Metropolitan Council for review. The met council's review determined that the amendment contemplated the land use but also required a text amendment allowing the project to develop at the proposed density proposed by Trident. The staff recommended approval.

## *Joint Assessment Services*

The county reviewed the service agreement for joint assessment with Carver County. Annually, the city contracts with the Assessor's Office for assessing services in the City of Carver. Services are performed by the assessor or by one of the other licensed assessors.

## *Levee Certification*

The city manager and the representative from WSB and Associates ( civil engineering ) presented the council for review the proposal to complete the Levee Certification process for FEMA. The council discussed accepting the proposal from WSB and Associates to conduct a certified levee study. Over the last year, the city manager reiterated that the city has been working with the US Army Corp of Engineers pertaining to a feasibility study for a certified levee. The study would then ultimately lead to a design option for certification. Then that would eventually lead to the elimination of flood insurance requirements for mortgage holders in the downtown floodplain. Additionally, improvements would be made to the levee system improving the city's flood protection infrastructure. The anticipated certification and accreditation process included a feasibility study/design, plans and specifications, construction, engineering certification of the levee/private engineering firm and FEMA accreditation of the levee certification. An alternative to the process would be the city's request from a private engineering firm. The city had met with private firm. Mead and Hunt had been authorized to prepare a data collection report. The existing Mead and Hunt scope indicates an amount for the completion of a 'feasibility study' for a certified levee study. Due to the cost associated with this proposal the WSB firm was contacted for a more efficient lower cost alternative for conducting a certified levee study. The primary distinction between the two proposals involved WSB's expedited process to develop a concept for levee certification that could be used as a tool to develop funding opportunities for future phases of the project.

## *Why?*

Have you ever questioned why we vote when we do? Maybe no one really cares why? Research on line gave the answer for those who are now curious as to why we vote on Tuesday in November.

In 1845 Congress passed a federal law designated the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. So that there would never be more than thirty-four days between election day and the first Wednesday in December. Also, election day is held on a Tuesday so that voters would not have to travel on Sunday. Huh you say? Keep reading. Prior to Congress' decision states were allowed to hold elections anytime within a thirty-four-day period before the first Wednesday in December but this system had a few crucial flaws. Such as it resulted in results affecting turnout and swayed opinions in states holding elections later, allowing last minute voting leading to potential outcome decisions of the entire election. Congress created a specific date in hopes of streamlining the voting process.

Does this explain why Tuesday? A two-day window for election day was necessary since 19<sup>th</sup> Century America in the 1800's comprised mostly of citizens who worked and lived as farmers far from polling locations. Often travel required at least a day. Sunday was the day of worship and Wednesdays were market days. Tuesday then became the first convenient and practical day to hold elections. Farm culture also depicts why November was chosen. Spring and early summer interfered with planting season, late summer and early fall are harvest time. Logically, November meant harvest was completed and before the harsh winter weather.

Furthermore, federal law since the 1840's dictated that presidential elections be held every four years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Modern society deems this to be an arbitrary time to hold elections. History however depicts a lot of common sense in 1800's living conditions. Also, under federal law the elections for the electoral college met on the first Wednesday of December. According to 1792 federal law, the elections in the states choosing electors had to be held within a thirty-four-day period before that day.

In early 1800 decades, communication was slow. News only traveled as fast as a man on horseback, or a ship could carry it. In the 1840's however, news traveled much faster. Rail road handled mail and newspapers were speedier. The emergence of the telegraph system really disrupted society in the day.

There you have it. Why we vote on Tuesday in November. For more information, visit [history.com](http://history.com), [thoughtco.com](http://thoughtco.com) and [Wikipedia](http://Wikipedia). Some of the information is duplicated but there is more detailed information relating to voting, the times, the history and the reasoning. This author only gave basic information. Happy reading.



## November Fun Facts

The Gregorian Calendar lists November as the eleventh month of the year and four of the months with the length of thirty days. Did you know that "November starts on the same day of the week as February in common years, and March every year? November ends on the same day of the week as August every year." The November moon is referred to as the Beaver Moon and Frosty Moon. Did you know that there is November Food holidays? Not only monthly but daily, such as Pate' Day, Deviled Egg Day, Sandwich, Candy, Doughnut, Nachos, Vanilla Cupcake, Cashew, Sardines and Cake Days? These are just a few, check out Foodimentary.com or the nibble.com for more detailed lists. The monthly list included National Fun with Fondue Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Peanut Butter Lover's Month, Pepper Month, Stuffing Month, Raisin Bread Month, and National Fig Week.

Remember the novel "Little Women"? The author, Louisa May Alcott's was born in November, the 29<sup>th</sup> of November in 1832 and she passed away at the age of 55. November marks National Novel Writing Month too. There's an author's day there somewhere in November too. What are some other interesting facts about the month of November? There are moveable holidays. The day after Thanksgiving is also known as Sinkie Day. The Great American Smokeout occurs. Here's a good one, National Adoption Day. There is Buy Nothing Day, Cyber Monday, and the usual days, election day, thanksgiving, etc. Then one has the weird holidays. This consists of Look for Circles Day, marooned without a compass, chaos never dies day, have a bad day day, false confession day, pretend to be a time traveler and stay at home because you are well day. The following was rather interest-ing, "November: It is quite common for some males in Australia (especially in the city of Melbourne), and New Zealand to sport a moustache during the month of November. The custom being known as Movember (Movember is a portmanteau of the words 'Moustache' and 'November'), and being a fundraising event for men's health issues. One's fashionable appearance often comes second to the calling-of November. A similar observance in the United States, called **No Shave November**, involves a full beard as opposed to a mustache."

The monthly observations are long, they include Adopt a Senior Pet, Aviation History, Banana Pudding Lovers Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness, Greens and Plantains, Historic Bridge Awareness, International Drum ( Percussion ), Lung Cancer Awareness, MADD'S Tie One on for Safety Holiday Campaign, Military Family Appreciation, National Alzheimer's Disease, National COPED, National Diabetes, National Family Caregivers, National Gratitude, National Home Care and Hospice, National Impotency, National Inspirational Role Models, National Life Writing, National Long-term Care Awareness, National Marrow Awareness, National Medical Science Liaison Awareness and Appreciation, National Native American Heritage, National Family Literacy, National Pepper, National Pet Cancer Awareness, National Pomegranate, National PPSI AIDS Awareness, National Scholarship, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness, PTA Healthy Lifestyles, Vegan Month, National Adoption Month and Worldwide Bereaved Siblings Month.

Don't believe that we all need to be reminded of the more common November highlights? All Saint's Day, Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving are the top billing most remembered holidays correct?

Enjoy November and if you are interested in more November fun facts, visit the internet at foodimentary, the nibble, holiday insight, the free George and gone-ta-pott and naturally, Wikipedia. There are so many fun things to find and learn and not enough space to share it all. December will wrap up the monthly fun facts for the newsletter. Have a new project working on to share monthly trivia with anyone interested. Watch for January's issue for the next trip down learning what you do or didn't know. PS Thanks for indulging the writer.

## Disclaimer

The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating the Villager Tower.

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## Roots Return

Closed for the season.

"Don't give to get. Give to inspire others to give."

~ Simon Sinek



## Sadie Hawkins Day

Have you ever heard of or know what Sadie Hawkins Day is? Did you know that Sadie Hawkins Day is celebrated in November in Canada and the United States? It's November 13<sup>th</sup> in 2018. Did you know it originated from a cartoon?

It all began in Al Capp's "Li'l Abner" Cartoon in the 1930's. In the cartoon series, the mayor of Dogpatch was desperate to marry off his (politically incorrect "ugly") not so pretty daughter. "So, he created Sadie Hawkins's Day. On this day, a race is held and all the single men were given a short head start. Then, all the single women including the mayor's daughter, chased the boys. If a girl catches her man, he had to marry her."

During Al Capp's long running cartoon, races and events grew in popularity. Sadly, it died out after forty years when the cartoon was discontinued. Occasionally, it may be celebrated on college campuses. In the real world, Sadie Hawkins dances were inspired where girls asked the boys out.

Sadie Hawkins Day was first mentioned in November of 1937 in the daily comic strip. It would prove to become an annual feature of Li'l Abner. In 1939 Life Magazine had a double page spread proclaiming "on Sadie Hawkins Day, Girls Chase Boys in 201 colleges." In the early 1940's the comic strip event acquired a life of its own. By 1952, Sadie Hawkins Day was reportedly celebrated in forty thousand known venues.

The basis of the real Sadie Hawkins Day was simple traditional gender role reversal. The female gender would take the initiative to invite their male counterpart on a date - rare before 1937 - typically to a dance. When Capp created the event, his intent was not to have it occur annually. Due to its enormous popularity and numerous fan letter mail, Capp obligingly made it tradition in his annual November cartoon strip lasting four decades.

\*\* Information obtained from various websites, brownielock holiday and fun, Wikipedia, holiday insights and Al Capp.

## Carver Current

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

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## Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber of Commerce members will be meeting in Carver at the Carver Place at 8 AM on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Invitation extended to join members at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Luncheon at the Chaska Event Center at 11:30 AM until 1 PM. Business Meet and Greet in December on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM will be held at Fourfold Studios in Carver.

If you would like more information on the Chamber programs or events, visit [www.swmetrochamber.com](http://www.swmetrochamber.com).

Check their calendar events. Don't forget, if you are interested in joining the group at the 2018 Annual Gala on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hazeltine National Golf Club. Call the Chamber for more information.



"Maybe you have to let go of who you were to become who will be "

~ Carrie Bradshaw



## 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 their Facebook page.

The Carver Lions are busy getting ready for their November 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch. The Lions will be hosting their brunch at Sticks Tavern at the Dahlgreen Golf Club starting at 9 AM until 1 PM. Veterans will eat for free. Adults cost is \$ 11, children \$6 – 12 is \$ 9.00 and 5 and under also eat for free. Can't go wrong and its good food, good company and someone cleans up for you! Who would turn that down?

Don't forget too, Christmas in Gazebo Park. Here you definitely find fun, and you know then too that the Lions are involved. The festivities will begin at noon on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be coffee and cider served. Possibly horse drawn carriage rides and most importantly, the lighting of the tree in the Gazebo. Visit the shops in town too.

Then come December, the Lions are involved and actively preparing for Santa coming from the North Pole to see the kids and the firefighters at the City Hall/Fire Station. Mark your calendars for December 1<sup>st</sup> to go see Santa. New this year also is that there will be a mailbox for letters to the North Pole.

Interested in being part of the Lions Club? Want to join in their fun? They are meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month at Carver Place, next door to Carver Flowers on Third Street in Carver. Their November meeting date is the 7<sup>th</sup>, no meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Lions also mourn the loss of still another Lion, Donald Dahlke, 83 passed early in October.

## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

'Tis the season. Coming soon is "Scrooge the Musical" at the Chaska Valley Family Theater. Check their website for more details at [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org).

Show times are:

November 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm,  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00pm, December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm,  
December 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm December 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm,  
and December 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm.

The music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and based on the original 1970's screenplay. "Like the 1970s film, the musical closely follows the plot of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, in which the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge undergoes a profound experience of redemption over the course of a Christmas Eve night, after being visited by the ghost of his former partner Jacob Marley and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future."

## Auditions

Audition Times: November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Dr, Chaska, MN 55318, from 6 PM – 8 PM

Callbacks will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and will involve dance, script readings and singing songs from the show.

Rehearsals will start the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. \*\*Please note: There will be two Saturday retreats required on 1/12 and 1/26.

Please come to auditions with 16 bars from a song that shows your personality and strengths as a vocalist. You will also be asked to read from the script.

We are looking for talented singers, actors and dancers for this large cast musical. We encourage families to audition together as this will be a unique chance to be on stage together. This production will be most successful with a multi-talented cast who play instruments and bring unique talents to the stage including dance, gymnastics, or whatever you would like to show us. We hope to include cast members from diverse backgrounds and experiences to share this story.

This production of Godspell will focus on the development of a community, inclusive of all people from different walks of life and beliefs.

The cast includes 10 featured roles, including Jesus and Judas, along with a large ensemble cast who will sing, dance and play roles in the various parables.

Auditions are open; family involvement is encouraged

Auditions are conducted on a first-come, first served basis

Bring your calendar to note any conflicts on your audition form

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre has Season Tickets available now.

Check out their website for more information.

[www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org)



## Love INC

### By Love INC of Eastern Carver County Coat Drive



Love INC is working with local churches, organizations, and families to collect new or gently used winter wear items, all sizes and ages (infant to adult), to support the Winter Wear Ministry from now until November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The following items are being requested:

Winter coats (please no spring jackets or hooded sweatshirts)

Heavy winter gloves and mittens (please no stretchy non-waterproof gloves as these do not keep hands warm or dry)

Snow pants                      Snow boots/winter boots

Toboggan hats                      Scarves

We would ask that you attach hoods to coats, zip liners in them, and make sure to empty pockets before donating items. We would also ask that you ensure that zippers and buttons function and the items are clean.

Donations may be dropped off at the following locations:

Love INC office (1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska) –

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9 am – 2 pm

FurniShare (7890 Market Boulevard, Chanhassen) – Wednesday –

Friday, 10 am – 4 pm; Saturday 9 am-noon

Discovery United Methodist Church (275 Lake Drive E., Chanhassen)

– Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm

Winter wear will be made available to Love INC clients throughout the winter season.

### Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets!

We are pleased to announce that registrations are now open for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. Space is limited and baskets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to CLIENTS ONLY living within Carver, Chaska, Chanhassen or Victoria.

Please read the information closely to make sure you qualify and are available on the delivery dates.

#### THANKSGIVING BASKETS:

This event is hosted by West Union Lutheran Church.

Deliveries will be made on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

An adult **MUST** be home to receive the delivery between 11 am – 2 pm on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Perishable foods will be delivered and we will **NOT** be leaving them on doorsteps or making alternate arrangements for pickup. If you are not home, you **WILL NOT** receive your basket and we will not hold it for you.

#### CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

This event is hosted by St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Westwood Community Church, and Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church. Deliveries will be made on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. An adult **MUST** be home to receive the delivery between 10 am – 1 pm on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Perishable foods will be delivered and we will **NOT** be leaving them on doorsteps or making alternate arrangements for pickup. If you are not home, you **WILL NOT** receive your basket and we will not hold it for you.

If you are available the two dates listed above and are a **CURRENT** Love INC client residing within Carver, Chaska, Chanhassen, or Victoria, please click below to register for Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets if you would like to receive them.

Go to Love INC's website and follow the prompts to sign up for these baskets. [www.loveincecc.org](http://www.loveincecc.org)

### Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to volunteer? The Love INC organization is seeking Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and Delivery Help.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to help Love INC and West Union Lutheran Church deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to local clients in the Eastern Carver County area.

Volunteers may be couples, families, friends, youth groups...anybody who wants to spend a few hours on a Saturday to help spread God's message of love. Volunteers should report to the gymnasium at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska at 10 a.m. to help assemble food baskets using food donations received from the community. Each volunteer group / family will be assigned 2-3 families (located within the Eastern Carver County area) to whom they will deliver food baskets, spend a little time with each family, and share a prayer with them.

We anticipate this event will take 2-3 hours total, including basket preparation and delivery time.

We hope you will join us!

## Fare For All

Need or looking for a way to stretch those grocery dollars and help others at the same time? Fare For All is held at the Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Chaska. Fare for All Express sells packages of fruits, vegetables and frozen meats. For more information, their website is [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org) or you can call 763.450.3880 or 1.800.582.4291. A program that makes food that makes cents. Everyone is welcome. The more people who participate, the more savings are passed on to customers. They provide produce pack, mini meat pack, combo pack, mega meat pack and hot buys. The current upcoming dates are October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> on Thursdays and from 4 PM to 6 PM.

## Southwest Transit

Along with SW buses, SW Prime offers transportation services throughout the cities of Chaska, Carver, Chanhassen, Eden Prairie and Victoria Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM. There is also service to Southdale on Saturdays from 8 AM to 6 PM. Three ways to request these rides, by computer, smartphone app, or call to 952.797.7463.

Looking for a no hassle, easy access to the Vikings games? SouthWest Transit has the solution for you. They will drive you to The MN Vikings Home Games for their regular season will be offering busing through December 30<sup>th</sup> season. All information related to times and pick-ups can be found on their website ( [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org) ). Drop off site is the Gateway Ramp at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Third Street. Return trip is the same spot and thirty minutes after the end of the game is boarding time. If there are more than ten in the group, you are asked to call ahead at 952.949.2287. It would be like having your own personal chauffeur but not the cost associated with it.

Or maybe you would rather go to the Gophers Football Games? Busing through November 17<sup>th</sup> is available to their games. Check their website for more information. Drop off site and boarding site is Oak and Delaware and again thirty minutes after the end of the game.



## Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

By: Jane Thon  
The CCYBSA board is working on the 2019 programs. Keep watching for informational meetings and registration will be open the first part of January. Have a great holiday season and we will see you for the 2019 season.



## Carver Flowers

By: Annette Hentz  
Holiday Shopping Night at Carver Flowers is being planned for your everyone to come and shop locally for unique and great gifts for friends or family or yourself on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you bring Christmas cookies to share you will get 30 % off

and 20% off all Christmas merchandise! Can't go wrong there. There will be door prizes, refreshments and best of all friends. Be sure to stop in.

## Carver Black Sox

By: Benno Sand  
"Our Carver Black Sox are hosting the 2019, Minnesota, Region 7 State Baseball Tournament"  
The tournament will be co-hosted by the Carver Black Sox and Cologne Holland in August 2019 (August 1-4 and August 8-11). The Thursday and Friday night games, under the lights, will be played in Cologne (4 games over the two weekends). The Saturday and Sunday games will be played at Woody Swanson Field, in Carver (10 games over the two weekends). Planning for the event, in cooperation with the City of Carver, is well underway. Several field improvements are being made this fall to ensure that we have a well-manicured playing surface for the tournament. Our Carver Black have established 5 subcommittees, including, inside the fence, outside the fence, concessions, entertainment and development to plan all aspects of the event. If you are interested in serving on a committee please contact Dustin Brockoff, President or Benno Sand, Treasurer, representatives of the steering committee. Look here for more details as planning and park preparations progresses. Also, mark your calendars and plan to come out and support this community centered organization. Thanks, Benno



## Bountiful Basket Food Shelf

Contents provided from Bountiful Basket Food Shelf  
Website: [www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org](http://www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org)  
"Eliminating hunger for people in need, across Eastern Carver County, one family at a time."



### DID YOU KNOW...

During everyone's life there is a period when we need help. For many this help comes in the form of food assistance to get them through their time of need.

In a typical 12-month period the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf distributes over 300,000 lbs. of food. All of the 15,000 individuals served are neighbors and fellow community members who live in Eastern Carver County. On a typical day over 1,500 lbs. of food is given out at the Chaska food shelf site.

Through the kindness and generosity of many individuals, families, churches, schools, organizations, and businesses we have been able to play a small role in helping people lead a healthier and happier life style.

### Hunger Facts

CHILDREN – 1 in 6 Minnesota children live at risk of hunger.

40% of the members of households served by Second Harvest Heartland are children under 18 years of age.

WORKING FAMILIES – Hungry Minnesota families miss 100 million meals each year.

9.5% of households in Minnesota are food insecure and will struggle to find enough food this week. This equates to 1 in 10 households, many with children.

SENIORS – Since 2008, visits by seniors to suburban food programs have increased by more than 70%.

Reducing senior citizens risk of food insecurity or hunger benefits their health, nutrition and general well-being.

### Hours of operation:

Monday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Saturdays: (1st & 3rd only) 9:00 am to Noon

If you would like more information on Bountiful Basket or you would like for us to assist you in food drives, we would very much like to hear from you by stopping for a visit or by calling us at:

952-556-0244

[www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org](http://www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org)

### Volunteer

Opportunities to help in 2018

Many volunteer opportunities exist to help with the Bountiful Basket food shelf. It is our intent to accommodate your interest in assisting in a timely and efficient manner. The Bountiful Basket presently has 2 volunteer coordinators; John Myhr (food/warehouse), and Jeri Glander (front desk/office). In order for you to volunteer we do require you to fill out the appropriate application and to be interviewed as necessary for the volunteer position you will be working at.

The Bountiful Basket Food Shelf of Eastern Carver County is 100% volunteer managed and operated. We would very much appreciate your help. Please call us at 952-556-0244 or obtain a form online.

GET INVOLVED AT THE BOUNTIFUL BASKET TODAY!

Food Drive – Conduct your own neighborhood or community food drive.

Fund Drive – Participate in our Neighbors That Care – Share fundraiser or create your own. Each dollar raised allows us to purchase approximately \$9 of basic food types from Second Harvest and The Food Group.

Donate Produce – If you have a garden remember the Bountiful Basket as a site that can put your excess produce to good use!

### Need Help?

Bountiful Basket provides food to our neighbors in need within Eastern Carver County with the majority of our families coming from the cities of Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska and Victoria. If you are in need and live in this area, please contact us to see how we can help you.

### Appointments

Please call the Food Shelf at (952) 556-0244 to schedule your appointment. Our volunteer receptionist will ask you a few questions and then schedule an appointment time for you to shop for your own groceries, based on the size of your family. We do schedule same day appointments and do take walk-ins.

## Community Highlights

December 2018

- December 1<sup>st</sup> Carver Village Christmas  
Happy Birthday Chelsea!
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Begins  
Hanukkah Begins
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting  
Drill Night
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Patty!  
Carver Elementary Band Concert
- December 5<sup>th</sup> Lion's Meeting
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Carver Flowers Holiday Shopping Night  
Happy Birthday Tommy!  
St Nicholas Day  
Occasional Shops Weekend Sales
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day's
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Katelyn Birthday!
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
Fire Department Officer's Meeting  
Carver Elementary PTO Meeting  
East Union Elementary PTO Meeting  
Happy Birthday John!  
Happy Birthday Cody!
- December 11<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Meet and Greet Meeting  
Carver-on-the-Minnesota
- December 13<sup>th</sup> Late Start
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Aletta!
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Drill Night  
Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol!
- December 19<sup>th</sup> Lions Meeting  
Happy Birthday Jim!
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting
- December 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Winter  
Carver Business Alliance Meeting  
Happy Birthday Destini!  
Happy Birthday Riley!  
Happy Birthday Sandy!
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Winter Break – No School  
Happy Birthday Stan!
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- December 26<sup>th</sup> Kwanza Begins  
Happy Birthday Mike!
- December 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Linda Rose!
- December 29<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Miranda!  
Happy Birthday Sharon!
- December 31<sup>st</sup> Happy Birthday Stephanie!  
New Year's Eve



## A Cup of Carver

It is with regret to announce that "A Cup of Carver" has closed their doors. With life's twists and turns determined to sometimes make our lives much more difficult, Lori had to change her priorities in the course of her life and her family's. It is with much sadness to have to say goodbye to her achievements and joys that it brought to everyone daily. Lots of luck Lori in what endeavors she chooses. It was a pleasure to have met you, talked with you, crossed paths and wish you all the best. Your shop will be sorely missed by so many.



## St Nicholas Catholic Church

The St Nicholas Parish would like to ensure that you know that RCIA ( Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults ) classes are starting. Any adults wishing to become Catholic and receive the sacraments, contact the Parish Office at 952.448.2345.  
The parish would also like to announce that marking their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone that there will be a special mass at 4 PM on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Hebda will officiate this celebration. Everyone is welcome!

## Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is meant to recognize the time, support, service and dedication of those who have given unselfishly to the city. The nomination forms are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>. There are three awards presented annually, (Youth, (18 and under), Individual, Business or Organization.)  
For more information, contact Vicki Sons-Eiden at City hall.

## East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Church invites you to join in on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 until 7:30 PM to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Call the church for details if you would like to help the members of the church. RSVP's are requested or members can sign up on the clipboard.

Also, reminder that on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> the church is hosting their Annual Chicken Dinner, 4 PM till 6 PM. You can enjoy home cooked chicken, potatoes, corn, desserts and more. The church is also excited to announce that there will be a Quilt Raffle too. Not just any quilt either. The Family of Audree Sells have again donated a full size quilt ( 82" x 82" ) for a raffle being held the same day as the dinner. This Reproduction Quilt is based on Vintage Design, hand applied and hand quilted by Audree in 2003. Tickets will be sold on the day of the dinner for \$ 5. The drawing will take place at 6 PM and you do not need to be present to win. All of the proceeds will go to the church. The church also expresses its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the family for donating this beautiful treasure.

Have you noticed a 70's van out at the church? It belongs to Pastor Sarah. There is a reason she is displaying her van. The church will be celebrating a 70's service on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the 9 AM worship. Everyone is invited to dress the part! You also enjoy some good music from the 70's while they worship God together. There will also be a tribute to all military men and women.

To prepare for the Christmas Season. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Christmas services will be announced at a later date.

The Love INC towel ministry is also in need of bath towels.

There is an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Belle Plaine at St John's Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to participate.

## West Union Lutheran Church

How about a fun night of Bingo and Pasta? West Union Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting a Bingo and Pasta Dinner Fundraiser with great prizes on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM until 8 PM. You are invited to participate in this family friendly evening which will involve ten rounds of BINGO with great prizes and a flavorful pasta dinner. Pricing of the BINGO is \$1.00 per car and dinner is \$ 7 for adult and \$ 4 for child with plenty to fill you up! All of the proceeds will go towards the Luther League's mission trip to Denver, Colorado and their non-profit work. Your support is appreciated.



The West Union church also announces that their Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Their Christmas Eve worship service is scheduled for 4 PM and 9 PM on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Second Annual Christmas in Gazebo Park

Carver-on-the-Minnesota and the Carver Lions, along with other participants are all planning the Second Annual Christmas in Gazebo Park. Again, they will decorate the gazebo, the park and a tree. They had so much fun last year, it is well worth repeating was their decision.



Be sure to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to needy families. Volunteers will actually begin work at approximately noon. Horse drawn carriage rides will begin at 4 PM until 6 PM. The lighting itself will be at 5 PM. Ken Forner will be creating the donation sign. Lori Osterdyk offered providing hot chocolate and cider. The sound system will be provided by Rick and Christine Ruzin. Kristy Mock is working on the updated flyer.

"Live without pretending  
"Love without depending  
"Listen without defending  
"Speak without offending"



~ Mario Mandinga

## *Occasional Shops/Boutiques*

Many of the Occasional Shops/Boutiques in Carver will be open in conjunction with the Second Annual Tree Lighting in Gazebo Park. Be sure to visit Carver Flowers, The Good Junk Garage, Temperance Arts and Gifts, All Things Fabulous, Rosehips and Willows, Ripple Art Studio and Gallery, Four Fold Studios and Be You By Alison Boutique LulaRoe which are the shops confirmed to be open on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. Start Christmas shopping early.

Ripple Art and Studio is busy reorganizing and getting settled back in. For more information, visit her website and Facebook.  
[www.rippleartstudio.com](http://www.rippleartstudio.com).

The Occasional Shops/Boutiques' dates coming up are November 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Be You By Alison Boutique/LuLaRoe will be open November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM, Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM to 3 PM, Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM until 1 PM, Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> at noon until 3 PM and Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM until 7 PM.

Sweeter Times will be open Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check her Facebook page.

The Carver Shops to visit:

All Things Fabulous – [Facebook](#)

Carver Flowers – [Website](#) / [Pinterest](#) / [Facebook](#)

Fourfold Studios – [Website](#)

Mustard Moon – [Facebook](#)

Ripple Art Studio and Gallery – [Website](#) / [Facebook](#)

Rosehips and Willow – [Website](#) / [Facebook](#)

Temperance Arts and Gifts – [Website](#) / [Facebook](#)

Sweeter Times – [Facebook](#)

The Good Junk Garage – [Facebook](#)

Be You By Alison Boutique, LulaRoe – [Website](#)/[Facebook](#)

## *Khrystelle's Adventures*

### *Control*

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

Mother and Khrystelle returned home unexpectedly sooner than originally planned. The meeting they had attended had not gone well and Mother decided to remove her remove herself from the situation rather than feed further to the argument and power struggle escalating.

Khrystelle was visibly upset. She was not used to screaming, yelling or vicious fighting.

“Mother?” Khrystelle approached apprehensively, “What happened?” she asked.

Mother sat down, patted the seat beside her for the little white bear with the purple scarf and white snowflakes to sit down beside her while she gathered her thoughts in order to explain.

“It’s called a power struggle.” She began.

Mother took a deep breath before continuing, “Victoria likes to control everyone, everything and everyone around her by telling everyone what to do and how to do it and when to do it.”

“That’s not good is it?”

“No. As you just witnessed.” Mother took a deep breath before continuing somberly, “In order for people to get along. You have to listen to one another, compromise, give and take.”

“So, when you start being bossy, everyone stops listening.”

Khrystelle said matter of factly.

“That’s right. We can’t be telling others how to do things because everyone is different with different ideas how to do things and everyone does things differently. So, you have to exercise patience and understanding and adjust to work together.”

“If you don’t do that then everyone just gets upset and nothing is accomplished.”

“That is why we left. It was just not going to be worked out.” Mother stated sadly.

“Is that why Victoria and Nancy don’t have many friends?”

Mother laughed “Yes. They both are too busy telling everyone else how to do things.”

“Their way.”

“Yes, and that isn’t always right for everyone. Some people don’t take being told how to do things or pushy, bossy people.”

## *East Union Lutheran Church Chicken Dinner*

Chicken Dinner, November 4—If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign the clipboard. Thank you!



QUILT RAFFLE scheduled for Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Lucky Us!

Once again we have a beautiful Full Size Quilt (82 x 82 for a raffle to be held at the Chicken Dinner on November 4<sup>th</sup>. See the quilt hanging just outside the office in the Parish Center. This Reproduction Quilt (based on a Vintage Design) was hand applied and hand quilted by Audree Sells in 2003. Raffle Tickets will be Sold on the day of the dinner for \$5.00. The Raffle will take place at 6:00 PM. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the church. Our Sincere Thanks and deep appreciation to the Family of Audree Sells for donating this Beautiful treasure.



## *Happy Thanksgiving*

# Sunday Brunch

**Sunday, November 11**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Sticks Tavern**

**Dahlgreen Golf Course**

**6940 Dahlgren Road, Chaska**

**Adults \$11**

**Ages 6 - 12 \$9**

**5 and Under Free**

**Veterans Free**



**Hosted by the Carver Lions Club**

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# **Carver Village Christmas**

**Carver Fire Station**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**Noon - 2:00pm**

**Santa arrives by fire truck at 12:30pm.**

**Treats, Crafts, & Coloring Contest**

**\*Remember to bring your camera to take pictures with Santa.**

**Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation.**

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