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January

Did you know that each month of the year has a bird associated with the month? Throughout 2019 each issue will feature a photo of the bird of the month. The artist I chose to portray the bird of January is Arthur Singer. According to the website, www.apost.com, just like birthstones and zodiac signs and the like, birds also allegedly reveals a lot about a person. See if it matches your birth month?

An Owl: "Still waters run deep in your story. You choose your words carefully when speaking and remain thoughtful in conversation. Despite your quiet nature, your eloquence is creative writing surprises others, especially your forms of expression which give others pause! You communicate on your own terms, but rest assured your thoughts are deep and meaningful."

"You're rarely the one to start arguments or disagreements: you'd much prefer people find a productive way to work out issues. You don't like to argue, but you are willing to stand up for yourself and you don't change your mind when you know you're right unless it's for a good reason."

Miscellaneous

The city manager reviewed the drafted Truth in Taxation document that will be presented at a Public Hearing.

The city manager also reported briefly on topics for consideration at a later time. The topics included the employee pay scale for 2019, the easement for the Lakeview Project, and United Properties annexation and a concept plan to follow. Also addressed were the holiday decorations beginning to show their wear. A quote had been received for replacements. The topic will require review in the upcoming year. There was discussion of possible Lions project if interested in donating towards such an endeavor. The city manager also told the council about their looking into the 4M Fund with the League of MN Cities to manage investments funds assisting with cash flow management. The manager also relayed that there were expectations of receiving grant monies for Commerce Drive.

Question was asked regarding completion date for the new City Hall. The anticipated completion is expected at the end of May.

The city council recognized the Chaska Herald reporter, Nick Mason presenting the reporter with the key to the City of Carver, thanking him for all his work and reporting over the past ten years.

The city held a Public hearing regarding delinquent utility certifications with the county. Upon adoption these assessments would be payable for the period of one year and certified to Carver County for payment with the 2019 property taxes. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution and certifying liens of delinquent utilities and municipal fees.

The Tax Increment Financing Agreement would be discussed at the same time and the discussion regarding the land use consideration for the project.

The Planning Commission members announced that Administrative Assistant Brenda Good had been selected to receive the Full-Time Employee of the Year Award and Fire Marshal Ryan Gill was selected as Part-Time Employee of the Year Award. Congratulations.

The city held a performance review for the city Manager and the results were only complimentary with an overall excellent review of work done for the city. Each councilmember stated their complete satisfaction with results from the city manager.

Thanks were also extended by the council to the Fire Department, the Carver Lions and city staff for the job well done for the successful Village

Long-Term Financial Plan

The city manager discussed information relating to Long Term Financial Plan. The accounting firm representative also provided an overview of the plan, highlighting the main sections.

City Council Vacancy

The city manager discussed information relating to the council vacancy with background information. Council-member expressed concern regarding the timing of the vacancy. The city attorney indicated process requirements were met and there was not any need for a special election. Question was asked pertaining to voting. The mayor would make the appointment in the case of a tie vote, even if the appointment was not interviewed. The council was reminded of the Open Meeting Law. Age requirement was asked about. The attorney reaffirmed the age requirement was twenty-one. Motion was made and carried with all ayes declaring an impending vacancy on the city council and accept letters of interest for the position.

Carver Fire Relief Association

The city manager discussed approval of an aments relating to the Carver Fire Relief Association's By-Laws by removing a section relating to deferred interest.

The Fire Relief Board at their recent Association meeting voted unanimously to remove a deferred interest provision. "Under the existing by-laws, members were eligible for deferred interest at 5% upon retirement after 20 years of service. The Fire Relief Board concluded that deferred interest was not sustainable for the long-term financial health of the fund. Any amendments/changes to the by-laws made by the Fire Relief Board must be approved by the City Council.

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 funds (non-restricted) that the corporation's by-laws permit. A member of the Fire Relief Association (Firefighter) can earn a year of service toward a pension by meeting yearly training and call response requirements of the Fire Department."

The removal of this provision has no adverse financial impact to the city. Approval of this request was recommended.

"A wise woman wishes to be no one's enemy, a wise woman refuses to be anyone's victim."

~ Maya Angelou

2019 Improvements Project

The city engineer discussed with the council the procedures to be pursued after the closure of a Public Hearing regarding the 2019 Improvements project would be to receive the Feasibility Report and order improvements, adopt the resolutions adopting and ordering and the Preparation Plans for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project.

The city had identified the infrastructure improvements in the city's Capital Improvement Plan. The project included work involved on Kirche Hill Drive, Diedrich Drive, Sunny Ridge Drive, "Old" Elm Drive and Spring Creek Drive. In addition, the paving of alleys and the levee would be done. The preparation of study had been authorized and a hearing on improvements had been held. Additionally, public open houses had been held, and the council had received the Feasibility Report. The next step for the project was consideration of Ordering the Improvement and Preparation of Plans. The next proposed schedule involved the Final Design, Public Bidding, an Assessment Hearing and Award and then the construction tentatively planned for May through November of 2019. Project funding would involve combination of Special Assessments, Municipal Utilities funds, General Funds and/or Bonds. Detailed information would be prepared and evaluated. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving adoption of the resolution calling for a Public Hearing for 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project changing Lime Street to Mt Hope Road in Public Hearing Notice.

The city held a Public Hearing on the 2019 Improvement Project. The city engineer reviewed questions asked previously. The timeframe considered would be in February to begin the bid process with final completion anticipated to be September or October and clean up in November of 2019. Questions and answers from the council were discussed at length. One major outcome of the discussion was the consensus that sidewalks in the area of this particular project were not a necessity. Street widths were another topic of concern. Question was raised whether or not the city is committed to connectivity throughout. Discussion was held on proceeding forward in order to issue staff direction. The council favored not having one way and a trail on Elm Street. Sunny Ridge width requires parking and consistency within the street itself. Motion was made and carried with all ayes receiving the Feasibility Study Report for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvement project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans for the infrastructure improvements project.

The council reviewed the topics related again to the 2019 Improvement Project and the staff's work plan. The council revisited the information that the public hearing had been held, the council deliberated, ultimately determining to move forward with the project by taking two actions. The council adopted resolution accepting the feasibility report and followed by the action to order the city engineer to prepare the corresponding plans and specifications. The next action for the council involves reviewal and consideration of the plans and specifications for the January and February area of the project. Based on comments received and direction from the council the work plan has been drafted for reference.

The purpose of the work plan is to ensure that the expectations for the next phase are met. This includes research and analysis related to street widths, sidewalks, alley traffic and financial information. Each step of the work plan was reviewed and discussed by the council. Finally, an updated project summary of these actions, expectations, work plan and project schedule will be completed. Then utilize data and information collected to develop plans and specifications, and approve. "Based on the results of the special benefit report, additional design analysis contemplated for the project will neither have an adverse or advantageous impact to preliminary assessment amounts for the project. For example, adding sidewalk, removing sidewalk, narrowing streets, and so on will not impact preliminary assessment amounts for the project."

Liquor License

The city clerk/treasurer informed the council of an application requesting a new Liquor License for the DogHouse. Consideration was requested to approve a new license for Off-Sale, On-Sale and Sunday for December through June 2019 to include the extended existing patio area and also for an Optional 2 AM license defined by the State's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division.

New applications are reviewed by the Sheriff's office for a background check verifying that there have not been any citations issued within the past five years for violations. The background investigation has been completed void any reasons for not issuing a license. After council approval all required documents would be sent to the State's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division for final approval.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving new liquor licenses for Off-Sale, On-Sale and Sunday for the DogHouse Bar including the extended existing patio area. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving new liquor license for the optional 2 AM liquor license for the DogHouse defined by the State's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division.

Street and Alley Vacations

The council reviewed and discussed adoption of the resolution to vacate streets and alleys. The City of Carver was originally platted and recorded in 1897. Therefore, several streets and alleys continue to exist and requires vacation prior to development projects. The area being reviewed involves the area north of Broadway and involves the property being developed identified as Hawthorne Ridge. The streets and alleys to be vacated do not take into consideration topography of the site, mature trees, natural resources or development patterns. A Public Hearing is required with no financial impacts relating to the vacations. A resolution vacating area will also be necessary.

"Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible."

~ Maya Angelou

Hawthorne Ridge

The city planner reviewed the rezoning and preliminary plat for Hawthorne Ridge. D R Horton proposes an eighty-one single family homes for this project. The majority of the property is steep slopes with mature trees that are to be preserved through development and ultimately owned by the city for conservation and public use.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing for discussion on the development. One citizen questioned water concerns as they will be in the back yard of the development. The city planner expressed that drainage concern are being addressed by both the project engineer and the city engineer. Another citizen stated that the area behind their back yard was classified as wetland upon purchase of their property. Concern was expressed as they already have experienced basement flooding. Also concern expressed for reasoning of purchase of property now in jeopardy of the natural setting and view. Response was given that wetland delineation had been conducted and no defined wetland was found, no easements exist but will review the area again. Question was asked regarding identifying springs and water aquifers. The site had been reviewed thoroughly. Soil borings were completed with additional tests to be done in the ponds. The process will be continually monitored. Erosion issues were asked about and responded to regarding setbacks and property lines. Suggestion was submitted that residents be informed of the resolution regarding water flow. Question was also asked about delay in the project. The city planner responded that there had been title issues that were resolved delaying the project by a couple of weeks. Question was asked about the Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor Study but response was given that this issue did not directly affect the development. The Public Hearing was closed and motions were made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the rezoning of the property from agricultural to residential, as well as recommendation of approval of the Preliminary Plat for Hawthorne Ridge.

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Carver Ridge

The city planner presented various topics relating to the Carver Ridge project to include rezoning, conditional use permit, preliminary and final plat. The request for council action would involve adoption of an ordinance to rezoning the property from agricultural to residential with a planned residential development overlay and conditional use permit, an adoption of the resolution approval a preliminary plat and a motion to adopt the resolution approving the final plat for Carver Ridge.

The city planner reviewed background information relating to the property reiterating past discussions involving the Planning Commission and the city council having reviewed various requests for the project which included a concept plan, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and reviewed the land use related to tax increment financings. A neighborhood meeting had been held prior to the Planning Commission's consideration of the concept plan. Originally the project was presented as Sunny Ridge but the Fire Marshal's review determined confusion for emergency call due to the neighborhood just north was named Sunny Ridge. Carver Ridge was proposed as an alternate for the senior living facility which would include memory care and assisted living units. Additional services proposed include meal service, programmed activities, transportation for residents, beauty salon, community room, a wellness center and outdoor patios. The project is proposed by Trident Development with the proposal to be managed by Tealwood.

Presently, the city is requested to review rezoning, conditional use permit, preliminary plat and final plat. Overall, the project meets the intent of the city code and the Comprehensive Plan allowing for high density residential development. The project also meeting the housing goals of the city adding greater diversity in the housing.

Access to the site will be from 6th Street which is a collector street. Sidewalks will be reconstructed as the project develops improving conditions for residents and visitors. Residents will have access to the fire route as a trail around the building. There is not any requirement for construction of streets for the project. Parking will accommodate seventy-four parking stalls. Utilities are available and have capacity. Park dedication will be required.

Site remediation has been contracted with Braun Intertec. The Response Action Plan currently is being reviewed by the MN Pollution Control Agency who will give approval that the site has been properly remediated. The Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning, conditional use permit for development, approval of the Preliminary Plan and Final Plat for Carver Ridge.

During the Planning Commission meeting reviewing the Carver Ridge development regarding Rezoning, the Conditional Use Permit, Preliminary Plat and the Final Plat there were various discussions and questions. Question was asked regarding and annual review of the Conditional Use Permit. The city planner stated that the Planned Residential Development and the Conditional Use Permit were being worked together as one document as the most effective way moving forward and an annual check would not be required. Question was posed regarding the parking and lighting. There were no comments heard during the Public Hearing. Trees on the property and developer accountability for replacement on the site were inquired about. Question was also asked about subdivision identified as Carver Ridge next to Carver Bluffs. The city planner stated checking further would be required. The Planning Commission members made motions and carried with all ayes recommending approval of rezoning with PRD Overlay, Conditional Use Permit, Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for Carver Ridge Senior Care Facility.

The city planner discussed with the council the land use applications. Questions were addressed regarding the lighting and the berm. Concern was expressed regarding the name, especially if there was another area with the same name. The city planner indicated that this was the name of a plat, not a development. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance rezoning the property from agricultural to planned residential development overlay and conditional use permit. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the preliminary plat for Carver Ridge. Motion was also made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the final plat for Carver Ridge Senior Housing.

The financial firm representative discussed the Tax Increment Financing Agreement and the district with the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing execution of a Development Agreement.

The city attorney informed the council of the developer's indication to close on acquisition for the property at the Sixth Street site. The closing company on the transaction requested specific authorization from the city empowering designated officials to execute the Deed of Conveyance and other closing documents. The attorney drafted the resolution providing the authority and recommended approval and adoption by the city.

Sign Ordinance Amendment

The city planner presented the planning commission members with information regarding the new sign ordinance amendment requiring a permit application prior to erecting a sign. With this amendment introduction would include a fee schedule required for staff time. A Public Hearing was held on the topic. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving recommendation for approval of the sign ordinance amendment.

Subdivision Ordinance Amendment

The Planning Commission members were presented with information regarding an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance by the city planner involving collection of escrows on subdivisions, relating to the Preliminary Plat for amounts to vary based on the size of the development. The members reviewed the information. A Public Hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner inquired about impact on the City of Carver versus what the City of Woodbury is experiencing. The city planner stated that Woodbury's issues relate to fees both within and outside a development. The city's attorney reviewed the ordinances and is comfortable with moving forward. The amendment would be affective January 1st, 2019. These fees will be reflected in new projects. Currently the city collects escrow monies and typically is returned at the end of the project. The new escrow will cut out the billing period and the city will have the cost reimbursement as a fallback. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the subdivision ordinance amendment.

Oak Tree

The city planner reviewed the request for the Oak Tree Phase III Final Plat with the Planning Commission members. The developments Phase I and Phase II were previously approved and construction is currently active. The Oak Tree development is being done in four phases. Presently the Planning Commission members are reviewing the request for ninety-seven single family homes located on the western portion of the project including connection to Dahlgren Road. Rezoning was recently approved.

City Hall

The city manager informed the council of a change order relating to the City Hall construction based on existing soils testing's which were found to be unsuitable. This caused a cost difference, as well. There was a credit provided for changes made relating to the levee shoring work. The change order would be drawn against the city's contingency budget.

Municipal Utilities Connection Code

The city attorney had been asked to amend city code sections determining fees relating to connections to the municipal utilities. The process was discussed and reviewed. For 2019 the connection fees will be increasing. Due to this increase some homeowners who are part of the street improvement project area will be required a higher fee. The code section for connection fees will be determined by the city's fee schedule at the time of the building permit or connection permit issued unless the connection fee is triggered by a public improvement project. Therefore, the council reviewed an ordinance to adjust to the fee schedule, connection fees and permit issuances.

Floodplain Ordinance

The city planner discussed with the council the motion for approval of the ordinance amending the Floodplain Ordinance. She readdressed that the city participates in the National Flood Insurance Program through the Federal Emergency Management Association. The program aims to reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structure by providing affordable insurance by encouraging adoption and enforcement of floodplain management regulations. A Public Hearing had been held by the Planning Commission for an ordinance amendment.

The city planner presented the drafted flood plain ordinance to the Planning Commission members which has been updated to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program through the Federal Emergency Management Association. Upon adoption of the new flood insurance map, three properties will fall outside the flood area and one property will fall within the flood area. Question was asked when the maps go into effect and how often these maps are reviewed. The effective date will be December 21st 2018. The previous ordinance was adopted in 1997. The typical lifespan is unknown, however, the presently the city has been operating under an ordinance that is roughly twenty years old.

Question was asked about the flood plain maps not matching property lines. The city planner explained that anytime the flood plain line touches the property, the entire property falls within the one-year flood plain. The city staff works actively to drive down flood insurance rates. The city staff worked on the Community Rating System lowering the flood insurance premium. The staff was successful to reduce premiums to twenty percent.

Notation was made that some of the homes in the Carver Bluffs area were included in the flood plain area even though the structure itself was not in danger. These sites fall within the five-hundred-year flood plain and several residents choose to carry the insurance. Residents along County Road # 40 were not affected by the new maps. Question was asked if the city contacted properties impacted by the new map. Suggestions were offered to one property. The only entities to provide guidelines are the DNR and FEMA. The city enforces at a local level while the state level is enforced by FEMA and the DNR. Insurance duration reflects that a homeowner carrying a mortgage in the flood plain, it is important to have the insurance. Properties within the one-hundred-year flood plain insurance is required and is optional for the five-hundred-year flood plain.

Conditional use concerns were not typical. The Historic District lays on top of the Flood Plain Ordinance requiring that any upgrades require reviewal by the Heritage Preservation Commission. Currently, the downtown area continues to operate as is. Question was asked about upgrades to the levee affects. The city planner stated that flood plain mapping would be required to be redone. Motion was made and carried recommending approval of the flood plain ordinance amendment.

The city planner discussed the Floodplain ordinance background with the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the ordinance amending the Floodplain Ordinance in the city code.

Lakeview Industries Infrastructure

The council discussed the Lakeview Industries Infrastructure Improvements, Feasibility Study and order improvements. Council action required involves consideration of adoption of the resolution to accept the Feasibility Study Report, ordering improvements resolution and the preparation of plans for the infrastructure improvements project. The council identified improvements north of the Dauwalter Road and Levi Griffin Road intersection to construct public roadway, storm sewer and the municipal utilities infrastructure. Authorization had been given for the Feasibility Study and an Improvement Hearing was held. Accepting the study and ordering the improvements were the next step to be taken. The council reviewed the schedule involving the project with the Final Design to be held as late as January, then the public bidding, award and then possibly May to September construction. Financing would involve the combination of tax increment funding, Department of Employment and Economic Development grants, Municipal Utilities funds and/or bonds.

Love INC

The Love INC are preparing for their 10th Annual Fundraiser celebration gala with the theme, "Love Lifted Me" on Saturday, February 16th, 2019. The festivities will be held at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska with the fun beginning at 6PM and ending at 10 PM > If you would like more information, you can contact Love INC by phone, 952-448-2508; by e-mail, info@loveincecc.org; or check their website, www.loveincecc.org.

Preliminary Plat Ordinance Amendment

The city planner discussed with the council the Preliminary Plat Ordinance Amendment. Along with the review of the city's fee schedule and planning processes, determination was made that collection of an escrow for each development would alleviate the need for regular annual billing by the fee schedule. It would not increase the planning process but would reduce time spent billing developers for third part consultant fees. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and approval was recommended.

Policing Contract

The city manager reviewed the information related to the Contract for Police Services with the Carver County Sheriff's Office. The proposed contract replicates the service levels currently provided. The day and evening coverages were reviewed by the council. Costs are shared with Laketown Township for some of the evening patrols.

She said, "I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I Usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly at on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forge what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

For Sale: Snowblower

For Sale: Good condition, almost new new4 cycle, 18" Width Toro Snowblower
\$ 150 / negotiable

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for more information.
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Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre Season Tickets available now. Check out their website for more information. www.cvft.org

"Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden), and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life."

Show Dates: February 22nd, 7 PM; February 23rd, 2 PM and 7 PM; February 24th, 2 PM; March 1st 7 PM; March 2nd at 2 PM and 7 PM.



Excelsior Ice Castle

As all Minnesotans know, weather is unpredictable. Winter planning changes right along with winter temperatures. The warm-up we all so enjoy, at least some, put the damper on the construction of the Ice Castle on Lake Minnetonka. Their new tentative planning for opening is January. Although many are disappointed, we all get used to these setbacks. Everyone is still very excited about the whole experience. The Ice Castles will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 - 9 PM, Fridays from 3 PM to 10 PM, Saturdays from noon to 10 PM and Sundays from 3 to 9 PM. For more information, about the ice castle at The Commons, 135 Lake Street, Excelsior, visit www.icecastles.com/excelsior/.



"There are three types of people. Those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen. Those who wonder, what just happened. I want to be the first, not the last."

-Cpt. Harris

St Paul Winter Carnival

The 133rd St Paul Winter Carnival is set to open January 24th through February 3rd. "Since 186, the St Paul Winter Carnival has brought family-friendly events and community pride to St Paul and the Twin Cities metro area. Through city-wide special events, fun activities and more, the St Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation celebrates winter like only Minnesotans can!"

For more information and to plan your visit to the events, check their website: www.wintercarnival.com.



South West Chamber of Commerce

Happening at the Chaska Event Center (3210 Chaska Boulevard, Chaska) the Chaska Human Rights Commission and the South West Chamber of Commerce invites you to join in at the Martin Luther King - Human Rights Breakfast. The event is scheduled for Monday, January 21st at 8 AM - 9 AM There is not cost for this event, however, in order to achieve an accurate food count, you are asked to please register by going to: <http://business.swmetrochamber.com/events/details/2nd-annual-mlk-human-rights-breakfast-8896> or call the Chamber at 952.474.3233. The event will include a welcome, musical presentation, opening thought/invocation, an excerpt from a Martin Luther King speech, keynote, 2018 City of Chaska Human Rights Award, and then the closing with "Amazing Grace". Without mentioning a delicious breakfast and good company. Remember, call ahead to register.



Carver Current

Familiar with the website www.carvercurrent.com? You might want to check it out. It's an excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, 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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Did You Know?

Did you know that each month has a color? Here they are: January, Purple; February, Burgundy; March, Green; April, Yellow and Lavender; May, Dark Forest Green and Pale/Sky Blue; June, True Blue; July, Purple and Green; August, Yellow; September, Orange; October, also Orange; November, Yellow; and December, Blue.

You can learn more about color at the Wolf Moon Dance website.



Fare For All

Fare For All offers fresh vegetables, fruits, and meat for sale at prices that range about 40% less than grocery store prices. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this great opportunity! Fare For All Chapter is hosted at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church. 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska MN! Join us on the last Thursday of the month from 4-6 p.m. for Fare For All.

For more information regarding the Fare For All chapter in Chaska, please contact Kanitta Rentfrow, Kanitta.Rentfrow@allina.com. 2019 Dates: Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 19

"There are always flowers for those who want to them."
~ Henri Matisse

Upcoming City Event Announcements

A 4-hour Driver's Safety Course is going to be offered at the Carver Place through the Chaska Community Center on Tuesday January 22nd, 2019 at 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

If you have taken a state approved 8-hour defensive driving course, you can now renew through the 4-hour AARP Refresher course. Please bring along your license and AAP membership card. Pre-registration is required. You can register at the Chaska Community Center front desk or on line at www.chaskacommunitycenter.com. You can also call at 952.448.5633.

On Sundays, January 6th through the 17th of March there will be Free Open Gym at the Carver Elementary School from 2 PM to 5 PM. Please bring your basketballs and equipment. Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult. And February 10th and 17th there will not be any open gym on those Sundays.

An Indoor Archery event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th at 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM for \$ 15. This is for ages 8 and up. Register at the Chaska Community Center or call at 952.448.5633. The class will be held at the Carver Elementary Gym.

10th Annual Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tourney

On Saturday, January 26th, the 10th Annual Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tourney will be held at 11 AM until 2 PM at the Riverside Park, \$ 20/person. The event is sponsored by the Carver Lions Club and the proceeds will be donated to help local families in medical crisis. It's a day of music, games and golf. There is food and beverages available for purchase. Bring a hockey stick, golf club or whatever you like. Balls are provided.

The 2019 Recipients:

"Les Peterson - Les is 67 and was diagnosed on December 5th with AMYLOIDOSIS, which is when the abnormal protein called amyloid is produced. These amyloid protein fibers can attach and deposit into organs, tissues, nerves and other places in the body. The doctor at Mayo confirmed it is attacking his heart, liver, kidneys and GI track. His heart is not relaxing between beats; therefore, it doesn't pump enough blood to feed itself or his body. He has trouble eating/drinking because the disease slows the GI track and the body feels it must rid itself of food by vomiting. They are hoping for a bone marrow transplant after chemo.

Kim Wienandt Family - Kim is 41 and was diagnosed a year and a half ago with a rare form of Stage 4 breast cancer. The cancer has since spread to her brain and liver. Kim receives chemo treatments once per week, and has been fighting for her life. Their blended family includes 6 children, ranging in ages from 3 to 14.

Please give generously to these families in medical crisis. Let's join together and help those in need.

Thank you for your support!

Carver Lions Club & the Soggy Bottom Sub-Committee"

Carver Business Alliance

The Carver Business Alliance is a group of Carver businesses that meet every third Friday of the month at 8 AM at the Carver Place. Anyone owning a business in Carver is welcome. The next scheduled meetings are January 18th and February 15th.

East Union Lutheran Church

Pancake Breakfast



The East Union Church invites you to join them at their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 13th at 7:30 AM until noon. Everyone is welcome. Please grab your family and your friends and head on over for a delicious breakfast. For \$ 7 per adult, \$ 5 for kids 12 and under and children 2 and under are free you can be serviced pancaes, apple sauce, juice, milk and or coffee. See you there.



East Union Church is also making preparations for their Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction scheduled for Sunday, February 10th at 4 PM. Volunteers and organizers are needed.

Guardian Angels Catholic Church

Save the date! Guardian Angels congregation announces that the GA Gala-Young at Heart-Back to the 50's will be on February 23rd, 2019 at 6 PM. And if you didn't get the opportunity to meet Archbishop Hebda at Carver's St Nicholas anniversary event, then you now have another chance to see, speak or meet him. Archbishop Hebda will be the Honorary Guest at the Back to the 50's party. A dinner, dance, silent and live auctions are planned. And if you have never heard or are fans of the White Sidewalls Band, well then, they are the featured band at this gala! An event, one really should not miss. The celebration will be held in the GA School gym.

Currently they were looking for donations, sponsors, advertising and volunteers for the program! If you are interested in any of these requests or have some ideas, please contact Lisa Staudohar at lstaudo@gachaska.org.



South West Transit

The South West Transit was seeking a commissioner at large for the board. The Public Transit Agency of SW Transit operates under a Joint Powers Agreement with the Cities of Chaska, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie. Each community is represented through a government board.

Seven individuals compose this commission. The commissioner position is an appointed for a three-year term governing the operations and the future of SW Transit with strategic planning, policy, development, legislative agenda and the operating budget.

SW Transit announced that they had teamed up with Bobby & Steve's for a Valet Service when you need vehicle maintenance and ride the bus. "to help you take back your day!" SW says. For more information visit their website or call to schedule service.

SW Transit also announced their implementing a new Wi-Fi system because the "All Access" model is exceeding their allowable data caps that make it cost-prohibitive to operate. Instructions are on their website. There are some things that will not be able to be completed any longer. Check their website for more information on the topic.



Chaska Ice Fishing Contest

The annual Chaska Fire Department Ice Fishing Contest is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 9th at 1 PM - 3 PM. This event occurs at the Firemen's Park. Bundle up and join the event. All proceeds go to the Chaska Fire Department

Carver Black Sox

Submitted by: Benno Sand

The Steering Committee/subcommittee reports were relayed to the Carver Black Sox Board. Good progress has been made. Charters, task list, budgets and timelines are all under development. Cologne Hollanders are our co-hosts and we are collaborating on all aspects of the upcoming tournament. The Cologne Hollanders will be hosting the Thursday and Friday night games each week. Subcommittee plans are expected to be finalized or near finality in January.

Then the real work will begin. Financial support is being sought, along with volunteers needed. Volunteers will be asked to help with prior set up, working during and clean up after the tournament. Those tournament dates at Woody Swanson Field are August 3rd and 4th and August 10th and 11th. There are also plans for free music in the park pavilion on Saturday nights (8/3 and 10th). Bands are being researched. Plans are also to have concessions open during the events, so this will be another great opportunity for families from our community to support the team. This will be a great year for the Carver Black Sox, our home town team! Coe out and support the team when the regular season begin in late April. For more details, visit: www.carverblacksox.com.

Interested in volunteering you can contact any team member or go to their website.



"Everything you do in life, every choice you make, has a consequence. When you do things without thinkin', then you ain't makin' the choice. The choice is makin' you."

~ Mark Steven



Hooked on Books...

"Hooked on Books...and the Arts, too! is a community-wide celebration in support of literacy and the arts. The event has been an on-going partnership between Eastern Carver County Community Education and the Carver County Library system.

Hooked on Books...and the Arts, too! is planning its 13th year of programming! The event integrates literacy and the arts in an imaginative and innovative way. Memories are made for the participants, especially preschool through fifth grade students and their families. Heroes are made out of authors, illustrators, dancers, musicians, and artists, and inspiration takes place along the way.

This project is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund."



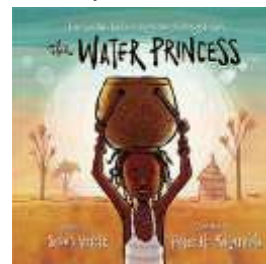
For more information, contact Lori Kendall, Event Manager at kendall@district112.org or call 952-556.6186.

The 2019 Featured Author is nationally recognized Susan Verde. (www.susanverde.com) Make arrangements to get to the Chanhassen High School on February 2nd at 9 AM - Noon to mingle and celebrate with literacy and the arts at the free family event!

"Susan Verde believes every child's experience is unique and should be celebrated! Her books tell tales of magical museum visits, share the keys to lasting friendships and help you find a moment of calm in a sea of busy. She regularly visits schools nationwide to share how she became a children's book author, share some insights to the writing process and pair a book reading with craft or learning activity.

In addition to writing books for kids, she also teaches yoga and mindfulness to children of all ages. She is a yogi herself and is still working on her headstand.

Her award-winning stories celebrate the unique voices and experiences of kids and inspire adults to let their own inner child out...maybe for a spontaneous game of hopscotch every now and then. Susan's books have been translated into multiple languages and she loves to bring her knowledge of writing, yoga, and mindfulness to schools, libraries and yoga studios."



Carver Lions

Looking to fulfill the craving to be effective in making a difference in someone else's life? The Carver Lions are where you need to go to share with others their ideas, volunteer, fundraise, help others and do community service. The Lions are the world's largest and most active service club organization. There is no better way to effectively flourish with rewarding results to visualize the difference you help make possible for someone else. What is even more fulfilling is that you will have fun doing it with others.

How do you become part of this tremendous experience? The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday evening of each month at (except summer months) at the Carver Place, 113 3rd Street East, Carver. Want to just get your toes in the water and check them out first before making a commitment, then be sure to stop on down at Riverside Park on January 26th at 11AM for their Soggy Bottom Golf Tourney. You can also check them out at their website, www.carverlion.org or ask questions by e-mailing, carverlions@gmail.com. Hurry, don't miss out on any fun. They will be planning their Pork Chop Dinner too. The fun just doesn't ever end.



"Excellence can be obtained if you: ...care more than others think is wise; ...risk more than others think is safe; ...dream more than others think is practical; ...expect more than others think is possible."

-Unknown

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads."
~ Henry Thoreau

Community Calendar

February 2019

February 1 st	Happy Anniversary Jeff and Renee! Happy Birthday Terrence!
February 2 nd	Hooked on Books... Groundhog Day
February 3 rd	Superbowl LIII Day Happy Birthday Darrel!
February 4 th	Council Meeting Drill Night East Union School Band Concert Constitution Day
February 6 th	Lions Meeting
February 9 th	Happy Birthday Bonnie!
February 10 th	Happy Birthday Adam and Tommy!
February 11 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Carver Elementary PTO Meeting East Union Elementary PTO Meeting
February 12 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Carver Meet and Greet Carver on the MN Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting Carver Elementary Spring Conferences Lincoln's Birthday Happy Birthday Renee!
February 13 th	Happy Birthday Maddie!
February 14 th	2 Hour Late Start Valentine's Day
February 15 th	Carver Business Alliance Meeting Susan B Anthony Day Happy Birthday Kim! Happy Anniversary Dwight and Janet! Happy Birthday Katie!
February 16 th	Love INC Gala Happy Birthday Bob!
February 17 th	Happy Birthday Bruce!
February 18 th	Drill Night No School President's Day
February 19 th	Council Meeting
February 20 th	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Tom!
February 21 st	Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Peggy!
February 22 nd	Washington's Birthday Happy Birthday Sandra!
February 23 rd	Happy Birthday Faye!
February 25 th	Fire Department Meeting Night
February 27 th	Happy Birthday Dad!
February 28 th	Happy Birthday Skylar!



Carver Shops

Some Carver Shops will be open for Occasional Shop dates on January 17th through the 20th and February 21st through the 24th. Double check with each of the shops for hours and dates. Be sure to check out Iris Valley in Jordan, as well and for that matter, any of the local shops in the area, too many to list without inadvertently mis-sing someone.

All Things Fabulous: Open Wednesday through Saturday at 10 AM until 5:20 PM and Occasional Shop Sunday at 11 AM – 4 PM.
Be You By Alison: Hours set weekly/check LuLaRoe Alison Turner on Facebook/Thursday and Friday only on January and February Occasional shop dates
Carver Flowers: Open Tuesday through Saturday at 10 AM to 5 PM
FourFold Studios: Open Monday thru Thurs 9 AM – 4 PM
Ripple Art Studio: Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 AM – 4 PM
Rosehips and Willow: Open Wednesday through Saturday at 10 AM – 5:30 PM, 3rd weekend Occasional Shop Sundays
Sweeter Times: Open Saturday and Sunday for Occasional Shop Dates
The Good Junk Garage:
Temperance Arts and Gifts: Closed in January for inventory – Call if you need an item, Open Saturdays, 10 AM – 5 PM, maybe Thursday and Friday, call in advance, February Occasional shop dates, when in doubt call, 612-867-1484

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association



Submitted by: Jane Thon

We have some exciting changes ahead for the 2109 season. All players from T-Ball to 14U travel leagues will be affected by these changes. At the end of the last season, it became apparent changes were necessary to consider more options for our growing community and leagues. We are happy to report that we have found great options for both, in house and travel leagues, as well as extending the season for T-Ball. Registrations will be open for the week which will open Monday, January 7th, 2019. This will help in selecting teams, getting uniforms ordered and other opportunities offered to our youth/parents. Our goal is to get an early start to the season this year, so that there is not a lack of inventory on uniform sizing, or assignments missed, or rosters not submitted to the various leagues.

Also, volunteers are needed to help facilitate and organize to offer clinics this spring for Baseball and Softball. Anyone interested in coordinating and helping with these clinics, please contact us at ccybsa@reg@gmail.com. If there is not an interest, we will not be able to hold these clinics.

Also, if you are interested, we have open positions on the CCYBSA Board. There are handouts available with descriptions of each coordinator roles and would love the help!!! The association cannot simply continue to support such a large league with little assistance/ volunteers. We strive to make this association the best it can be for our youth, so please consider helping out!

Volunteers to head up the Baseball and Softball Clinics in the spring
Volunteers to lead the baseball assessment (in house leagues only)
T-Ball Coordinator

Website Volunteer Sign up Registration Systems Coordinator
MVP Card Coordinator

For more information on association, visit our website:

www.ccybsa.siplay.com

Please contact ccybsa.reg@gmail.com with any questions.

Carver Flowers



Submitted by: Annette Hentz

The hustle of the yearend holidays is behind us. We did have a week off with family, but now a new hustle begins ... we're already prepping the shop for our biggest event, Valentine's Day. We're beginning to clear out our Christmas merchandise so we can bring in spring-like products and Valentine's Day gifts. We're also deter-mining what our featured arrangements will be for Valentine's Day, so we can get those on our web site before the end of the month. Our flowers were pre-ordered back in November, so that we could get the best price.

Speaking of price ... it's generally understood that flowers, especially roses, are more expensive in February than at other times of the year. That's not just so florists can get rich (trust me, we don't). It's because growers know that roses, especially red, pink, white and lavender, will be in the highest demand. And there's only a finite supply ... especially in areas where hurricanes or other bad weather have threatened these delicate items. Well, since the New Year we've had other threats to pricing ... have you all heard of the "tariff war" with China and other countries? 90% of florist supplies (containers, foam, funeral easels and forms, picks and do-dads that we add to our designs) are made in China. And prices have already started to climb. And roses? Most of our roses come from South America – Columbia, Ecuador in particular – which used to have a tariff exemption. That exemption has been lifted, and our roses started to climb in price already in the late fall. Never did it occur to me during the talks about tariffs, that it would affect my flower shop. But it certainly has, and will continue to do so. That's why we try as hard as we can to buy our product carefully and strategically, making the most of price breaks when we can get them.

ANYWAY ... Valentine's Day will be here before we know it. But, it's mostly a Guy's holiday ... that is, men are the biggest shoppers of Valentine's Day gifts and flowers. And, although it sounds pre-judiced, it's mostly true ... guys procrastinate.- We find that Valen-tine's Day orders don't really start coming in until around February 10 – and our BIGGEST order day? February 13!! We would LOVE it if guys planned a month ahead for Valentine's Day, but that just doesn't happen. But it will be here before we know it! We pride ourselves in offering unique floral designs (although we certainly sell a lot of red rose dozens), so stop in, call or check our web site to see what you can find for that love of your life. We are eager to help you pick that "just the right thing to say how we feel."

We are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM. See you soon!



EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 13

7:30 am to 12 noon



\$7 adults
\$5 kids (12 and under)
Kids 2 and under FREE



Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, juice, milk and coffee



**All are welcome! Bring your family
and friends!**

10th Annual

Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tourney

Saturday, January 26

11am - 2pm

Riverside Park, Carver

\$20/person



Sponsored by the Carver Lions Club

Proceeds to help local families in medical crisis.

2019 Recipients:

Les Peterson & the Kim Wienandt Family

**For more info about the recipients and to register
and/or donate, please go to:**

**Facebook: Carver Minnesota Lions Club or
Eventbrite Website: type in Soggy Bottom**

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