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February

February sources have two birds listed as the bird of the month. One is the Indigo Bunting and the other is the Parrot. There are approximately 393 species of parrots. They can be found in tropical and subtropical regions. The indigo bunting is from the cardinal family.

An indigo bunting symbolizes your month as: "You're an extremely generous person in all senses of the word! You always share what you have, be it your time, emotions, or energy. You're open to new experiences, and try to live the best life possible. You try to never give negative feedback BUT you are very honest: be careful your honesty doesn't overwhelm others."

On the other hand, the parrot symbolizes: "Yours is the bird of the free spirit. Never dull or predictable, you are renowned for your ability to look beyond the mundane. Creative writing, art or music are woven throughout your personality. Your friends and loved ones are constantly inspired by your unique character and sparking zest for life. You don't want the spotlight, but you definitely turn heads!"

References from Wikipedia, Pinterest, and www.mysticraven.com.



League of MN Cities

The Executive and Deputy Director from the League of Minnesota Cities were at the council meeting and thanked both, Mayor Webb and Councilmember Monroe for their work and service to the City of Carver over the years. Their work was also recognized. The city was then thanked for allowing the City Manager to be on the Board of Directors for the league, as well as the manager's work.

Civic Service

Mayor Elect Johnson recognized both, Mayor Webb and Council member Monroe. She continued with discussing Monroe's twenty-four years of service to the city. Everyone thanked Ms Monroe for her never ending dedication.

The Mayor Elect continued by reading a House Resolution provided by Representatives Jim Nash and Kurt Daudt presenting Ms Monroe with an honorary street sign, "Monroe Drive".

Mayor Elect then proceeded to honor and relay the work of the Mayor over the past twenty year. Everyone thanked Mr Webb for all of his dedication and work. Mr Webb was also presented with a House Resolution from the representatives. An Honorary Conference Room sign was also presented to Mr Webb, "Mike Webb Room".

The Mayor and the city council presented the 2018 Employee of the Year awards along with thanks from the employees, Ryan Gill and Brenda Good for their work.

Lakeview Industries

The council held a Public Hearing regarding the Lakeview Industries issue. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution receiving the Feasibility Report for the Lakeview Industries Infrastructure Improvement Project. Second motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for the Lakeview Industries Infrastructure Improvements.

Vacations

The city planner provided information regarding the street and alley vacations discussed in the past. The council held a Public Hearing on the issue. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution vacating streets and alleys as presented in the Public Hearing.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."
~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr

Community Service Awards

The mayor and the council presented the Carver Fire Relief Association with the Community Service Award thanking everyone for their work.

2019 Improvement Project

The city manager provided the overview relating to the 2019 Improvement Project and expectations during the project. The work plan involves reviewing existing and adjacent streets, emergency vehicle access with appropriate personnel, review sidewalks, downtown traffic, review financial input, project summaries updates, and the collection of data to develop plans and specifications for the council approval on final decisions. Future considerations for sidewalks was highlighted to be more aware of. Inquiry was made about design plans that did not include sidewalks. This was an option moving forward. Consideration should be given in the future in areas where there are presently no sidewalks to placing the sidewalk closer to the curb to save space.

2019 Tax Levy and Budget

Motions were made and carried with all ayes adopting resolutions to certify the tax levy and approve the 2019 budget.

Hawthorne Ridge

The city planner discussed the overview involving the Land Use Applications regarding Hawthorne Ridge development. Question was asked about saving trees. The response was given that as many trees as possible will be saved. Question was asked about the design of the homes being similar as the ones seen in the Chaska development.

The response was yes. Custom lots were asked about. DR Horton indicated that lots would not be available to accommodate custom-built homes. Bluffs and deck hindrance were asked about. The response given was the ability to construct decks should not be hindered or impacted. There would also be signage indicating setbacks. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance rezoning property from agricultural to residential. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the preliminary plat for Hawthorne Ridge.

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Fund Transfer Policy

The city clerk/treasurer submitted information relating to Electronic Fund Transfer Policy. The purpose and primary goal of the policy ensures initiation, execution and approval in a secure fashion. Recommendation had been submitted during the audit conducted to implement the said policy. The council discussed and reviewed the item.

United Properties Annexation

The city planner discussed annexation and United Properties annexation as well as the drafted resolution approving the Orderly Annexation Agreement. In the past the agreement with Dahlgren Township had been entered describing land area agreed upon. The agreement had additionally outlined the steps required including review by the township, fees collected and required review by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The location of the proposed area is located in the southwest corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Highway # 212 owned by United Properties. The early concept plan had been included for council review. Work is presently being done involving a gas and convenience store planned as the first platted project. Additional commercial space is planned to be reserved for a future outlot in the development. Presently, joint efforts on the parts of United Properties and DR Horton are being worked on for construction of Monroe Drive allowing access to both properties, as well as the Meridian Fields development.

“At this time, both the City of Carver and Dahlgren Township received all necessary information to have a complete petition for annexation based on the Orderly Annexation Agreement from Westwood, United Properties development partner for the project. Both City Staff and Township staff have completed necessary steps as outlined by the Orderly Annexation Agreement.” Upon council approval, information would be sent to the State office for final review and approval which could only take approximately thirty days. Upon completion of the State’s review then the land use control can move forward for approval of rezoning and the preliminary plat. Compliance insurance has been completed by the staff and the city attorney relating to the Orderly Annexation Agreement and resolution. Annexation expansion to the city’s tax base does not have any direct financial impact.

The council reviewed the United Properties annexation issue with a question asking if it met the requirements of the orderly annexation agreement. The attorney indicated that it did. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the annexation of property described as in accordance with the orderly annexation agreement.

Oak Tree Phase III

The city planner presented drafted resolution approving Oak Tree Phase III final plat for council review. Reminder was stated that as part of the Preliminary Plat, the builder for Oak Tree indicated the project would be completed in four phases approach. Reviewal of past phases was given at the council meeting. Approval for Phase III involves lots and rezoning, streets, access and sidewalks, utilities, park land dedication, improvement fee, buffers and landscaping.

The city planner discussed the Oak Tree third stage planning of the development. The council inquired about the traffic off of Dahlgren Road. A traffic study had been submitted with the Preliminary Plat. There are approximately twenty lot involved in the Phase Four plans. The council discussed the landscape of trees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving Oak Tree Phase III Final Plat.

Council Appointment

The city council held a special meeting to interview applicants for the vacant council seat as a result of the election. There were nine interested individuals seeking to serve the vacancy. Interviews were held with each applicant at a special meeting created as a result of mayor elect taking the “Oath of Office” on January 7th, 2019. Motion was made and carried with all ayes appointing Joy McKnight to the city council position vacancy. Ms McKnight has served on the Planning Commission Board for almost fifteen years and has also been a Carver resident for twenty years. Congratulations to Ms McKnight extended.

“The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.”
~ Ed Teller

Commerce Drive

The city manager presented the council with the drafted resolution establishing and allocating monies involving Commerce Drive construction fund and DEED (Department of Employment and Economic Development) Grant. Authorization had been previously granted to authorize the grant application for the Innovative Business Development Infrastructure Application to DEED relating to costs of construction for Commerce Drive. Commerce Drive is a north/south street to be constructed in conjunction with Lakeview Industries project in the spring of 2019.

Completion of two additional steps is required to secure grant funding. These include establishing and allocation fifty percent of project costs in a construction fund for the project and acknowledge grant requirements. The final step includes review and execution of a grant agreement with DEED. The estimated costs were reviewed. Local match to the DEED grant may be applied and the additional fifty percent of project costs beyond the grant and city’s match will be allocated by Tax Increment Financing of the project. Generated proceeds from the Lakeview development would be utilized to pay the debt service on the bond. Further discussion involved securing bond proceeds in August versus early in 2019 would save the city in capitalized interest.

The council discussed questions relating to the DEED grant for Commerce Drive at the council meeting. One question related to the definition of “innovative business” and what was included if commercial does not qualify. The city manager explained that it includes Lakeview Industries, but would not include businesses like grocery stores, theatres or gas stations. The restriction relates to only infrastructure that is funded by this grant. For this project that is approximately the first nine hundred feet of Commerce Drive and is applicable for the next twenty years.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution establishing and allocating monies to the Commerce Drive construction fund.

Design Carver

The Parks Commission reviewed the parks and trails section of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan/Design Carver with the city planner at their meeting. There were not any changes or additions. Future vision of parks was reviewed. Suggestions were broken down to large, medium and small projects.

The commissioners then reviewed timelines and projects for new Park Dedication policy. Prioritizing and realistic timelines were also discussed.

We Cab

The president of WeCab attended the council meeting providing an overview of the organization. WeCab is comprised of a network of volunteers providing safe, affordable and flexible supplemental transportation. The organization is dependent on volunteers and donations. The city was thanked for their monetary support over the past five years. Question was asked about its inception. The response was that they began service in 2011 and have been in Carver County since October of 2014. How many residents used the service was not available. Several residents of the city volunteer. Use of private vehicles is used and mileage reimbursement is submitted. It was pointed out that all volunteers submit reimbursement requests. The majority of the destinations are for medical appointments. Other activities would include food shelf trips and attending social activities. There is always a call for volunteers. The WeCab was thanks by the council for their work and service.

Carver Fire Department

The Carver Fire Department on their Facebook page extended congratulations to Fire Marshal/Firefighter Ryan Gill for the city’s recognition of 2018 part-time Employee of the Year. They further state that Ryan has transformed the Fire Marshal position for the city and prepared Carver for their rapid growth plan. He enjoys organizing the station. It was the department’s statement that “We are fortunate to have Ryan on staff for us.”



“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” ~ Malcolm X

Organization Representation

The council reviewed the drafted resolution regarding organization appointments. Open positions were discussed. The council representation proposed was Kristy Mock, Acting Mayor, Heritage Preservation Commission Southwest Transportation Alliance and the Township Fire Board; Laurie Sayre, Parks Commission and Carver County Leaders; Glen Henry, Planning Commission and Courtney Johnson, South West Transit Board, Fire Relief Trustees', District 112 Community Leaders and Regional Council of Mayors. The City Manager, Brent Mareck was the second representative for the Fire Relief Trustees. The Electronic Fund Transfer Authority: Brent Mareck. The two organizations to be determined representing were the second council member on the Township Fire Board and the Carver Business Council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution for organization appointments. The City Attorney named was Larry Harries. The city's official newspaper is the Chaska Herald.

St Nicholas Catholic Church

The St. Nicholas Catholic Church has new office hours:
Monday, Closed

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Anyone is welcomed to stop in during these times, if you need assistance outside of these hours please call (952) 448-2345 or (952) 227-4000. Need more information on St. Nicholas Catholic Church, their website is: www.stnicholascarver.org

Iris Valley Boutique & Gifts

Iris Valley Boutique and Gifts in Jordan announces their new winter hours. The boutique will be closed on Mondays. Be sure to stop in and check out the fantastic merchandise on Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM until 6 PM and on Friday and Saturdays at 10 AM until 5 PM. If you haven't stopped in before, be sure to take the time to check out the boutique. You never know what you have been going without that you should have had.



Carver Elementary

The Carver Elementary will be holding "Creativity Festival" on March 11th from 5:30 PM - 7 PM. This event is an open house highlighting the wonderful things the students are doing during Art, Music, Band,

Personal Wellness and Innovation (Media) time.

There is Conference Workshop on the 4th of March and a band concert will be held on March 7th at 6 PM. March 8th is School Spirit Day with the theme, "Read a Shirt", and then on the 21st is "College (Rah / Rah) Reports Day. PTO will meet at 9 AM on the 11th of March. Spring break throughout the district will begin on the 22nd of March until the 29th of March.

East Union Elementary

What's happening at East Union? Students learning and having fun with teachers and staff. They will be having a band concert on February 4th at 6 PM. Reminder that their PTO meets on the 11th of February at 4:30 PM, throughout the district also a reminder that the 14th is 2 hour late start and no school on the 18th of February. March starts with Conference Workshop on the 4th, on the 5th and 7th of March are Parent/Teacher Conferences and they will hold their PTO meeting at 4:30 PM on March 11th.



Love Inc

You are invited to join in on the fun at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska on Saturday, February 16th at 6 PM. The gala for Love INC is celebrating their 10th Annual Fundraiser titled, "Love Lifted Me". For more information, call 952.448.2508, e-mail, info@loveincecc.org.



Love INC has changed their website. There is a huge amount of information for those in need. Be sure, if you can, to check out their new website; www.loveincecc.org.

"There is no darkness but ignorance."

~William Shakespeare



Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Reminder that Chaska Valley Family Theatre Season Tickets are now available. Check out their website for more information.

www.cvft.org

Submitted by: Hannah Johnson

Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three time Grammy and Academy award winner Stephen Schwartz. The show follows the Gospel of St. Matthew, and follows a group of people who grow around Jesus and help him teach through the parables. Show dates are February 22nd 7pm; February 23rd, 2pm and 7pm; February 24th, 2pm; March 1st 7pm; March 2nd, 2pm and 7pm; March 3rd, 2pm. The shows will be presented at the Chaska Community Center at 1661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska MN.

Watch for audition information for the summer production of "Bye Bye Birdie." This production is scheduled to entertain audiences beginning in late July. The stage will be set for 1958, and more information will follow as the time approaches!

For more information on tickets and auditions, visit www.cvft.org



Excelsior Ice Castle

The Ice Castle has finally opened on Lake Minnetonka in Excelsior. Mother Nature is dispensing her wrath, but what a treat for all those who can't drive to locations further away when this is almost right out the back door. Tickets are available on line. The hours have been posted, Monday 4 PM to 9 PM, Tuesdays the sight is closed, reopening at 4 PM to 9 PM for Wednesday and Thursdays. Friday's schedule is 4 PM to 9:30 PM, Saturday the castle is open at noon, as is Sunday, but their closing times are 9:30 PM on Saturday and 8 PM on Sunday. If you go online and plan your trip, there is parking information, maps, location and more. www.icecastles.com/excelsior/.



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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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 February 15th and March 15th.

Guardian Angels Catholic Church -

Back to the 50's

Reminder to mark your calendars to attend the Back to the 50's. Not only will Archbishop Hebda be at the event, but the White Sidewalls Band will be playing the music. So, contact Lisa Staudohar at lstaudo@gachaska.org to get your tickets and on February 23rd at 6 PM you can enjoy the fun.



"Just as darkness is the absence of light, ignorance is the absence of knowledge, and should not be mistaken for a point of view."

~Robert Brault

Event Announcement Reminders

February events to remember if you are interested. There is the Hooked on Books event on February 2nd at the Chanhassen High School starting at 9 AM until noon. The 62nd Chaska Fire Department Ice Fishing Contest on February 9th beginning at 1 PM to 3 PM. There is open Gym at the Carver Elementary school until March 17th. There will be no open gym on February 10th and 17th.

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.

Another important date to remember, Daylight Savings for 2019 begins March 10th, we spring forward and lose an hour.

West Union Lutheran Church

Variety Show - Mardi Gras Style

The West Union congregation invites you to join them for an afternoon of sharing their "talents and hidden gifts" with one another. There will be singing, magic, poem recitals, dancing or other performances relating to artistic talents. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, by the library. It's a family friendly event with food, appetizers, snacky food and lots and lots of fun. All of this will take place on March 3rd at



East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Church is once again hosting their annual special Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.

You don't want to miss the event. Get your family, grab your friends, and neighbors on Sunday, February 10th and get on over to the East Union Church at 4 PM for a delicious dinner. They will be serving spaghetti, homemade sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert until 6:30 PM. Can't get everyone together, they will have take out available too. Adults can eat for \$ 10, children for \$ 5 and a family package is \$ 25. At the Silent Auction, there will be something for everyone; baskets, gift certificates, and specialty items. There will also be Valentine's flowers available for your sweetheart and goodies to share for Valentine's Day too.

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: Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 19

Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce

Submitted by: Jeff Filipek

The SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce invites you to join them for their 2019 Chamber Legislative Breakfast at the MN Landscape Arboretum on Friday, February 8th. Register on the chamber's website at www.swmetrochamber.com. Then from 7:30 AM until 9 AM you can join in to hear from local Senators and Representatives on upcoming legislative priorities, committee work and issues affecting our community.



Then on Tuesday the 12th of February head on over to the Carver Children of Tomorrow site. This is a great opportunity to network with businesses and hear more about the Children of Tomorrow. The event is free and open to chamber members and non-members.

"There once was a story about four people named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*. There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought that *Anybody* could do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done!"

~ Origin Unknown

Valentine's Day

Here's a novel idea.... let's write an article about Valentine's Day, as though it hasn't been beat to death for the past how many years? Actually, was able to find some interesting facts and will attempt to keep short and sweet. Somewhere I read that contrary to popular belief, the day was not a result of the greeting card companies, but for the life of me, now, I can't find that statement.



"The history of Valentine's Day is obscure, and further clouded by various fanciful legends. The holiday's roots are in the ancient Roman festival of [Lupercalia](#), a fertility celebration commemorated annually on February 15." What? Valentine's Day is the 14th? ("Lupercalia was possibly pre-Roman pastoral annual festival in Rome to avert evil spirits and purify the city...") Researching further, Pope Gelasius I recast the pagan festival as a Christian feast day circa 496, declaring February 14th to be St Valentine's Day. Don't ever recall reading this in the past. How about you?

Fast forward; a summarization. Many scholars believe the holiday was a priest who attracted the disfavor of Roman Emperor Claudius II. Factual ends and the myths begin. One legend claims bachelors made better soldiers so marriage was prohibited. Another legend, imprisonment caused falling in love with the jailer's daughter. Some more information never before read. How about you?

Heard of Chaucer's Love Birds? Neither did I, or maybe some of you have. Chaucer associated the occasion with love. As was the poetic tradition, "The Parliament of Fowls" the royal engagement, the mating season of birds and St Valentine's Day are all linked. "When every fowl cometh there to choose his mate."

So, over the centuries this holiday evolved and by the 18th century it became customary for gift-giving and exchanging handmade cards in England. These cards were made of lace, ribbons and featured cupids and hearts which eventually spread to the American colonies. Wide-spread cards didn't happen until about 1850. In this day, of course, the holiday has become a booming commercial staple.

The picture, above, of the card is an English Victorian era Valentine card and is located in the Museum of London.

Hope it was interesting enough to read. The information was attained from the internet, of course, specifically, www.infoplease.com, and Wikipedia. Interested in more information and you have access to a computer, go on line and read a more detailed history of the day.

Carver Black Sox

Submitted by: Benno Sand

The Black Sox wish all readers and supporters a Happy New Year!

Planning for the August 2019 Minnesota Region 7C Tournament continues in earnest, we are excited to be a host for 10 games at Community Park/Woody Swanson Field! All the sub-committees that are working on aspects of event have been busy firming up their plans. The Liaison Committee recently participated in meetings with the City of Carver, Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association (CCYBSA) and presented their plans at the January Lions meeting. All organizations have been very supportive and are willing to provide assistance to make this a memorable event. Baseball season is just around the corner, the regular season schedule is now available on the Black Sox web site. The first pre-season game is April 27th. Your Black Sox have advanced to the State Tournament the past two years. Please plan to come out and show your support!



Remember to tell your
Sweetheart how much you
love them and show them
with flowers on
Valentine's
Day!



Carver Flowers

Submitted by: Annette Hentz
Shop is being adorned with Valentine's related décor, spring items and Easter products. Flowers had been pre-ordered in November, in order to 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 limited 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 prejudiced, it's mostly true ... guys procrastinate." We find that Valentine'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!

Carver Community Youth Softball /

Baseball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon
To all the CCYBSA Softball and Baseball and TBall Families:
This season, we are attempting to keep costs down for uniforms, get them ordered and delivered to the teams before games start, assign teams earlier as well as practices (weather pending) we really would like to have as many people register by the early bird discount deadline so we can start to planning accordingly.

Other Important Dates:

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February 18th

Registration Deadline for Travel Teams (Baseball and Softball)

March 5th

Travel Team Coaches Meeting

March 25th

Registration Deadline for All Community/In House Teams Baseball and Softball)

April 15th

Registration Deadline for TBall

April 14th

Coaches Meeting for all In House/Community Teams Baseball Softball & TBall)

By April 14th, most teams (In-House/Community for baseball and softball and T-Ball) will be formed and coaches identified. If you are considering being a coach, please register yourself as well as your child. This includes all programs (Baseball, Softball and TBall).

We would like to see 2-3 coaches per team. Without parents volunteering to coach, we cannot form teams. NO COACHES-NO TEAMS. Registered coaches will need to complete the background check and concussion training.

"Don't carry your mistakes around with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them."
~ Unknown

Carver Lions



The Carver Lions remind everyone about hosting the Soggy Bottom Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, January 26th. Funds raised from this event will assist two families. The event is held in Riverside Park. They are also preparing for the April's Pork Chop dinner and the Bloodmobile events. More details to follow.

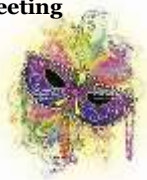
Wanted: people to join the Carver Lions. Did you know that they contribute all kinds of support in many ways to the community? Some projects supported include, "Leader Dog For the Blind", "Can Do Canine", the MN Hearing Foundation, Lions Eye Bank, Diabetes Foundation and the Project New Hope. These services are the results of fundraising efforts. Local community events are also supported by the Carver Lions. Funds are also donated in the local area. Then there's the community projects that the Lions participate in. And don't forget about the scholarships available to local high school seniors.

If you are interested in joining and being a part of this fantastic group of people, the Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of each month except during summer months. Social hour is at 6 PM at the Carver Place and their meetings begin at 6:30 PM. Membership is not limited to only residents. Come and check it out. You'll ask yourself "How have I been surviving without this group and why haven't I joined sooner."

Community Calendar

March 2019

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| March 1 st | Happy Birthday Annette! |
| March 2 nd | Happy Birthday Cindy! Happy Birthday Hannah! |
| March 3 rd | Variety Show - Mardi Gras Style / West Union Church |
| March 4 th | Happy Birthday Taffney! Council Meeting No School Drill Night Happy Birthday Addie! |
| March 5 th | Mardi Gras Happy Birthday Karen! Happy Birthday Bob! |
| March 6 th | Lions Meeting Ash Wednesday Happy Birthday Max! Happy Birthday Cheryl! Happy Birthday Brittany! |
| March 7 th | Daylight Savings Begins |
| March 10 th | Happy Birthday Sandy! |
| March 11 th | Parks Commission Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting |
| March 12 th | Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Meet and Greet Carver-On-the-Minnesota Meeting Dahlgren Township Annual Meeting |
| March 13 th | Happy Birthday Andrea! Happy Birthday Alex! |
| March 15 th | Business Alliance Meeting |
| March 17 th | St Patrick's Day |
| March 18 th | Council Meeting Drill Night |
| March 19 th | Happy Birthday Rilee! |
| March 20 th | Lions Meeting First Day of Spring Planning Commission Meeting through March 29 th - Spring Break |
| March 21 st | Happy Birthday Jacob! |
| March 22 nd | Happy Birthday Keith! |
| March 23 rd | Fire Department Meeting Night |
| March 24 th | Happy Birthday Charlie! |
| March 25 th | Happy Birthday James! Happy Birthday Beth! |
| March 26 th | Happy Birthday Laurie! Happy Birthday Daniel! |
| March 27 th | Fare For All |
| March 28 th | Happy Birthday Cheryl! |
| March 29 th | Happy Birthday Lisa! Happy Birthday Ken! |
| March 30 th | Happy Birthday Paul! |





Carver Critter Pet Sitter

There are those who treasure our pets like our children and then there are those who aren't so intent on such special care. Amanda is a member of the sensitive, as if they are my own pet's pedigree species. She has a Facebook page, ([Facebook.com/carvercritterssitter](https://www.facebook.com/carvercritterssitter)) and a website, (www.carvercritterssitter.com). Check them out, very detailed, articulate, clear and transparent view right into her heart, along with her love of four-legged species.



This young lady has been right under our noses growing up and stamping her footprint right here in our midst. Like all young people who struggle to find their mark, Amanda is no different. She almost chose a different career. Animal lovers have a basic honing motivational instinct within pushing them to all animals and a natural nurturing ability for the reliant four-legged critters of all kinds. Luckily, this young lady followed her heart and ambitions by taking that first

step and volunteering with Carver Scott Humane Society. This is when she acquired certification in Advanced Canine Behavior and Training.

This was the beginning of this young entrepreneur's success allowing her to follow her dream, her passion and her love for critters. Her will and determination along with the support of family and friends has allowed her to establish a solid clientele base and do what she loves. She's extremely grateful to Mandi Weyman at the humane society for her guidance and encouragement.

Amanda's goal to both, humans and clients is to provide sincere and genuine care and attention to their needs as she would with her own menagerie of pets. It can be difficult, sometimes traumatic for owners and pets to leave them behind while on vacations, business trip, or just going to work. There are those who disagree with this philosophy, but that's where Amanda's attention is to be available for those who require her flexibility to cater to the precious cargo. Go ahead, take a good deep look into those big beautiful eyes of that animal that depends on you for their wellbeing and care. To feed them, love them, keep them warm, tend to their pains, as he/she cocks their little head as you talk to them knowing full well, they really are not going to answer verbally, but wag that tail, or slap their tale on the floor or rub up against you and tell us you don't feel some emotional tug on your heartstrings.

Amanda also advises don't expect to start at the top. Starting a business that you really care about is a lot of trial and error, along with learning. However, the rewards are fantastic when you are able to do what you dreamt. Her ultimate goal is to open her own pet care facility and be the first in her own home town. More are needed desperately.

She travels all over Carver County although she has clients in Shakopee, Eden Prairie and even Excelsior. She comes to you versus disrupting the dog or cats' routines. She adjusts to them.

All of her services are listed and detailed on both, her Facebook page and website. She also has quite an array of her own brood There are her five cats, gecko, guinea pig and two huskies. She would be inclined to have more but time doesn't allow and one needs to be mindful of not shortchanging any with too many. She has also assisted in dog adoptions, fostering and has plans to more schooling along with Canine Behavior & Training. She also has background with Nutrition and First Aid.

So, in conclusion, if you need help with your loving critters you can check Amanda out on line, book on line and that walk around the block, stroll around the park, stroll around town, potty and chow, nail trim, or Bath and Blow Out will make you r pet busy and happy without even realizing you were even absent, Or perhaps, you require Amanda's standard or premium drop-in, or an overnight stay or maybe just a Taxi Ride. Amanda is there to cover your back. Your pet will thank you I guarantee it. Even Zalee from All Things Fabulous recommends Amanda's attentions. Give Amanda Witt a call to book an appointment at 612.968.9841.

And as Amanda says "While you're away, the critters will play!"



Almanac Trivia Information

Did you know that January was named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways? Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other into the future. February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a monthlong festival of purification and atonement.

Did you know or do you know the meaning, history and folklore of Ground Hog Day? Will the groundhog see his shadow this year? What is the meaning of Groundhog Day – and why do we celebrate weather predictions form a plump marmot? When Is Groundhog Day 2019? Groundhog Day always falls on February 2nd. This traditionally marks the midpoint between the winter solstice and spring equinox.

What is the connection to the Weather to Ground Hog Day? Around this time, farmer needed to determine when to plant their crops, so they tried to forecast whether there would be an early spring or a lingering winter. Sunshine on Candlemas (February 2) was said to indicate the return of winter. Similarly, "When the wind's in the east on Candlemas Day, there it will stick till the 2nd of May."

It was not held as a good omen if the day itself was bright and sunny. For that betokened snow and frost to continue to the hiring of the laborers six weeks later on Lady Day. If it was cloudy and dark, warmth and rain would thaw out the fields and have them ready for planting.

Our Groundhog Day is a remote survivor of that belief. According to legend, if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be six more weeks of winter, if it doesn't, then spring is right around the corner.

For centuries, farmers in France and England looked to a bear; in Germany, they kept their eye on the badger. In the 1800's, German immigrants to Pennsylvania brought the tradition with them. Finding no badgers there, they adopted the groundhog to fit the lore. Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil has announced spring's arrival since 1887. Other groundhogs also have carried on the tradition, including Ontario's Warton Willie.

Though we recognize that animal behavior isn't the only way to judge planting dates, the tradition continues often with a wink and a smile.

So, will the groundhog see his shadow this 2019? It depends on whether February 2 is sunny or cloudy!

Information is from *The Old Farmer's 2019 Almanac*.

**"Ability is what you're capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it."**

~ Lou Holtz



Carver Shops

February's shopping dates are February 21st through the 24th and March dates are the 21st through the 24th. Many shops will be open Wednesday through Sunday for your shopping pleasure.

The Shops of Carver:

All Things Fabulous – [Facebook](#)

Wed-Sat 10 AM – 5 PM/Occasional Shop Sun 11 – 4 PM

Be You By Alison Boutique – [Facebook](#)

Hours set weekly – Check Facebook

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

Tues – Sat 10 AM – 5 PM

Fourfold Studios – [Website](#)

Mon – Thurs 9 AM – 4 PM

Mustard Moon – [Facebook](#)

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

Check Facebook

Occasional Shop Sun 10 AM – 4 PM

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

2/6 – 2/9 and 2/20 – 2/24 - check website and Facebook

Sweeter Times – [Facebook](#)

Check Facebook and Website

The Good Junk Garage – [Facebook](#)

Temperance Arts & Gifts – [Facebook](#)

Reopening in March



Rory

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

Hello, my name is Rory. I live in a tree next to a school in a residential neighborhood. My day is always disrupted by loud trucks, cars, stinky buses, rambunctious children and people usually out and about. Although, sometimes my best meals are those delicacies discarded by children. However, in hindsight, sometimes, I have become terribly ill having eaten some food thrown away. These times have been rare though. I prefer nuts, sunflower seeds and food meant for the birds.

But enough about food, it is making me very, very hungry. I would much rather take my routine leisurely nap. But I wanted to share this unnerving detail that I have been noticing since a month after school started. It only occurs on certain days of the week. Usually, no always it's at the very beginning of the week for two days. I know it's the beginning of the week because there's a break when there are no children scurrying about making so much noise you can't sleep properly, except the one that live here in the neighborhood and there are only a few. The people's dogs are outside making all kinds of racket, usually barking at me teasing them. The dads are outside disturbing me. Where was I? Oh yea, explaining how I knew it was the beginning of the week.

Well the first time I noticed this strange woman invading my territory. I started to make note of her appearance, routine and checked her out one day. She'll drop off a child and then move the vehicle to farther end of the parking lot. This is really close to my home which is why I noticed. She will sit there most of the time for hours. Some days, she will drive away only to return a short time later. She has food. I can smell it, but never ever, ever will you find a trace of her having squatted in that space. Can you imagine? A human who does not deposit any trash or a mere morsel on the ground? Caught my attention.

One day I moved in really close to check things out. I half expected the stranger to chase me or talk to me or something. No, the stranger just watched me scamper up the tree and then down, across the street, and across the parking lot. No movement, just watched. Imagine that? Didn't even offer a morsel of food.

So, I set to examine this situation closer. I perched on the limb and surveyed. This crazy lady was either writing on a white pad, reading a book or looking into the leather case. Could only see her finger scroll across the case and she kept staring into this case. Once in a while she would check this little black box which had the strangest noise come out of it occasionally then then she would talk to that box. Have you ever? That is why I call her strange. She always has a glass to drink from. Once she deposited the contents on the asphalt but never leaves any signs of her presence ever having been there.

Somedays when it is really cold, the stranger starts the car and leaves it run for a little while. I suspect to keep warm. It has to get pretty chilly sitting in that metal box for hours, don't you think? This will go on for two days and then you would not see the stranger for days. Then she'll reappear but not like the other days. She'll park closer to the school and not so far as long as the other days. Sometimes she will stay in the car longer than other days. A child returns with her and she does depart the car and then they are gone.

This encounter bothers me. You are a squirrel you say. Why should this bother a squirrel you ask? Because even though you all think we are just stupid, useless, pesky rodents, we are not. We have feelings, we have thoughts, and above all we have a purpose too. Our caching is important for new growth of trees. We have a role in the ecosystem.

We live and desire to be loved. I just entertained you for five minutes, didn't I?

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~ Robert Boyce



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Night Marauders - All Things Fabulous

The sun shone brightly on the cool afternoon as the Night Marauders met to go over their last-minute agenda for the evenings formal artistic critique. Their reputations preceded them all. They had in the past given glowing reviews and recommendations for the DogHouse and the Carver Liquor Store. No human could quite ever decipher how this troupe managed to slip in and out without being noticed and furthermore with absolutely no destruction or messes within the confines of the businesses they breached despite their infamous chaotic phrenzies. The humans just shook their heads in amazement and tolerated the feisty group of critters as they continued to raid their structures within the downtown historical village. It remained a mystery where, when and how they would strike, much less how they gained entrance. The humans only realized that after these escapades, well versed reviews appeared in written form all over and customers appeared in numbers to check these stores out.

Down on the embankment of the Carver Creek closer to the Minnesota River, their final instructions were reaffirmed.

"We all realize we are short staffed this trip, right?" Territory quizzed.

The spunky skunk, Lavender, 2nd in command, Raschevious and the youngest of the raccoons, Rascal nodded in agreement.

"Lavender, you will stand guard and warn us of anyone coming around snooping?"

The striped skunk confirmed with a nod stroking her full tail vainly.

Territory continued with their instructions, "We will enter through the old access as we did when Margaret and Harvey were here."

"Gotcha" Raschevious responded listening intently.

"What time are we meeting?" Rascal asked nonchalantly always the last because he was always late.

"2 AM." Territory said, snapping "SHARP!"

Rascal threw the leader a defiant smirk.

"You are not here on time, you will not participate." Territory warned.

"When will Bandeet be back?" Rascal whined.

"When she's back on all four feet." Territory missed their adept partner who could access stores' locks proficiently.

"Poor thing almost lost her paw in that raccoon trap." Lavender lamented unable to disregard that awful memory of the event.

"Well, we do have to be careful, we are not the most welcomed critters around here." Rascal whined.

"They don't seem to mind when we praise them." Raschevious mumbled resentful.

Territory was deep in thought planning their rendezvous, contemplating how to rate their review, and sauntering away from the now distracted assembly.

Silently and skillfully they all slipped within the interior of the shop through their old undetected and undisturbed entry point.

"All Things Fabulous." Raschevious crooned as he rubbed his face with the softest material he'd ever encountered "sure named this place right." He handed Territory the scarf he had commandeered.

Territory was gazing at the sparkling jewelry on the wall. He resisted to temptation to touch each and every glorious sparkle. Reminded him of laying out under all the stars and gazing upwards at them mesmerized. Everyone was jolted out of their own thoughts as a can toppled onto the floor making a loud clattering noise that could have woken the dead.

"Rascal, how many times do you have to be told to be careful?" Territory warned sternly.

"It didn't open. Nothing broke."

"Put it back exactly the way you found it." Raschevious ordered marching towards him.

"We are not in the business of making messes in these establishments. We are here to let everyone know how much they need to come on inside and check out all these wonderful luxurious things that they cannot go without and have to have."

Lavender was on the windowsill outside peering in curiously. She could see the reflections shining brightly attracting onlookers, tempting them inside. Afterall, it caught her attention instead of remembering her job of being the sentry on guard.

"Oh Territory, I wish we could have stayed longer to try on some of those absolutely beautiful sweaters."

Rascal complained as usual.

"They were nice." Territory admitted.

"Did you see those hats and purses? The hats were to die for." Raschevious could still feel the softness against his face.

"Lavender I saw that the products caught your eye too." Territory teased.

She blushed not uttering a sound.

"They were pretty, weren't they?" He pushed.

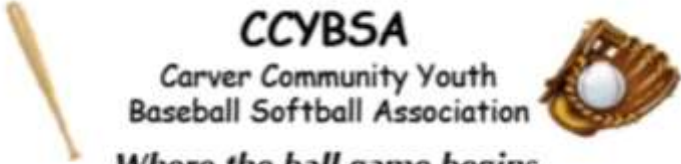
"Uh huh." She finally purred.

In the following days the humans realized the Night Marauders had once again struck. Their sneaking inside unnoticed and slipping back out undetected right under their noses. However, the owner could tell immediately upon opening the door that next morning there had been intruders. There was no damage, there was no messes, but she could tell things were a little out of place. The resident dog, Zaylee kept sniffing everywhere determined to catch the culprits whose scent was distinctively left behind. Territory intuitively possessed an ability and craft to attain information unknown to others, constantly causing amazement amongst his peers.

"Taffney always wanted to be a business owner but was unsure what type. She painted furniture and was encouraged to pursue selling these products displaying her talents. Her friend Kathy helped her brainstorm. "All Things Fabulous" was conceived. Choice of location to sell was her next step. Question asked, chance, destiny, or collaboration of history? Afterall, this is the attraction to the downtown Village. The tug at the core of one's being. Was it destiny that she chose the building built in 1880? Were the former occupants preying on her subconscious? It has once housed a saloon, grocery store, barbershop, Kraemer's Café, Carver Café, and wasn't there some temporary offices housed in the interior too? None that matters any longer, what is important that "All Things Fabulous" chose the site and the creativity grew. Purchases were made in a variety of fabulous merchandise from home décor to clothing to accessories. Taffney's main message is "live life fabulously and with fabulous products" and that is exactly the ambiance she created in her very own fabulous boutique. She promotes positivity and the customer is always first. Her goal is to make everyone feel wanted and special. Maybe someone doesn't buy anything but needs a hug or a friendly word. These attitudes are not for sale but shared and given freely. She also teaches classes from cooking with an instapot, crafts, miscellaneous crafts and re-fab furniture in her Fabulous Workshop of furniture/craft sales to home décor classroom. Your life will not be complete if you don't stop and meet Fabulous Taffney where your introduction to unique, classy, luxurious, sassy, fashionable a stylish experience begins. The atmosphere is infectious. Your life will never be the same. And in Taffney's own words, "It's not fabulous without you." She can be found at 300 North Broadway, Carver MN 55315."

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