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Number Three Hundred Forty Seven

In Memory of Les Peterson

March

Arthur Singer's artwork credited, referenced www.apost.com and www.mysticraven.com.

Robin: "You're an open person who has faith in themselves and you're comfortable with who you are. When times get tough it's best to trust your heart and not the opinions of others: When you next encounter hardship dig deep to rely on your open and giving nature to get you through it!"

"Robins are the birds of perseverance! You have the uncanny ability to ride out even the toughest storms. Your loved ones are in awe of your strength and conviction, whether they admit it or not. You may feel tired at times, but you rarely show it. Instead, you focus your efforts to keep your eye on the prize. Strong and ready."

Reminder: Daylight Savings

Remember to turn your clocks ahead, March 10th when Daylight Savings begins. Spring forward. Fall back in fall when we get our hour back that we lose in springtime.

Transit Services

The city planner discussed with the council the transit services. An overview of the history of the SouthWest transit operations was provided including the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant and SouthWest Prime services. Representatives from SouthWest were also present to answer questions. Issues regarding the future beyond 2019 for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant and the operations of the SouthWest Prime services will be discussed and considered in future meetings.

Miscellaneous

The new elected sheriff, Jason Kamerud introduced himself to the city council and was welcomed. He conveyed his strategy on proceeding in his position. In spring, it was his intention to hold a meeting to provide more background information. Invitation was extended to attend the Citizens Academy held by the Sheriff's Office.

Applications for the Building Inspector position were received. The new position will be anticipated to begin March 1st, 2019.

The city manager informed the council that a meeting was held with US Fish and Wildlife personnel involving the concern of the bridge on Ash Street owned by the organization but currently located on city property. The city owns a four-acre parcel and consideration is being discussed trading this property for the bridge property for an easement along the levee.

The Carver Black Sox were awarded the Regional Tournament to be held in August of this year the council was told. The Black Sox will be meeting with the council to discussed expectations and work on a plan of action.

In the future, there may be discussions regarding burying power lines in the Community Park.

Strategic Plan

The city manager gave an overview of the Strategic Plan identified two years ago updating the council on items. These items will be revisited at the upcoming planning session.

"Believe in yourself and you will succeed"

~ Facebook/East Union Church

Highway # 212 Transportation Alliance

A Highway #212 Transportation Alliance meeting had been held where it was relayed that the county is seeking additional resources for the four-lane expansion of the highway from Carver to Cologne with feasibly could happen in 2022. MNDOT and the county are working to secure rights-of-way along the corridor. The current turning configuration located in Cologne is being considered at the intersection of County Road # 43 and Highway # 212. An overpass is also being considered between County Roads # 11 and # 43.

Lakeview Industries

The city is in receipt of a letter from the MN Employment and Economic Development agency pertaining to the application for the Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure Program Grant for the Lakeview Industries project. The letter involved relating amount approval for the portion of Commerce Drive.

The city engineer discussed with the council the subject of Commerce Drive involving approval of plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids. A resolution would be required. Construction project had been identified by the city for an improvement north of Mills Gas Mart and Levi Griffin Road intersection constructing a public roadway, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain infrastructure. Authorization for a feasibility study, improvement hearing and ordering improvements and preparation of plans had all been completed prior. The next step in the project is to consider approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids. The project schedule was presented and reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for Commerce Drive.

Pay Equity Report

The council was told information relating to the 2018 Pay Equity Report submission due every three years. The report must show data in place as of the ending of December 2018. Pay equity is designed specifically to address wage structure. Pay equity primarily affects pay structure, no pay level or pay method. The report was under the guidance of Springsted Inc using job evaluation system meeting criteria established. The report required acceptance by resolution.

"Live today because tomorrow is not promised."

~ Erin Stoffel

2019 Improvement Project

The city heard an overview of the 2019 Improvement Project to date from the city engineer. An open house was planned. A summary of findings would be communicated to affected residents. Plans to involve sidewalks and trails in the improvement area project were reviewed. In the past discussion's importance was placed on connectivity and uncontrolled intersections. An alternative was submitted by council member for consideration as the opportunity is presented at this time. Benefitting was an important issue, as well. The alternative was outside project plans. The alternate suggestions may not affect assessments, However, it would then create additional discussions on sidewalk placement, as well as requirements regarding Public Hearing. Suggestions were made by the city manager if the alternative were accepted, that funding from other sources be considered. The city manager indicated that there is a sidewalk fund. Gaps have been identified in project areas. These items could be discussed and dealt with as part of the strategic planning sessions. Another opinion interjected that the alternative should be added to the connectivity discussions and project focus on the proposed infrastructure improvements on the streets and sidewalks. Comment was made that everyone does not need a sidewalk. The walkability study identified ability to walk on trails and sidewalks versus on the road.

The importance of the issue was support or changes in language for communication to be forwarded to residents prior to the next meeting which will also include the summary of the findings. The four points highlighted pertain to typical assessments for new utilities cost adjustments, street widths, sidewalk installation with three-foot boulevard and five-foot walk and typical setbacks from homes, and traffic signage. Ability to make changes will still be available when approval of plans and specifications are done.

The council discussed approval of plans and specifications and the ordering advertisement for bids. The city identified the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project in the city's Capital Improvement Plan. The items were reviewed within the project. A feasibility study had been authorized, improvement hearing held, public open houses were held, receipt of the feasibility report, improvements ordered, preparation of plans done, additional public open house held. The summarization of comments were reviewed by the council. Some comments involved concern of impact on yards due to the new curb line, street name change, overhead electrical lines, support for planned sidewalk installation, trees, municipal utility connections and an appreciation of effort to reduce assessment amounts. Council consensus from comments and feedback received indicated that the project was generally supported. The next step of the project is consideration of approval of plans and specifications and ordering advertisement of bids. The project schedule timeline was reviewed.

The Open House forum was held with the council. Several comments received involved the measurements of the sidewalks and the boulevards. Motion was made and failed adopting the resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project. Further discussions were held regarding assessments. One councilmember favored ninety percent of the project. Street construction was necessary. Disagreements reverberated regarding the sidewalks on Kirche. The mayor stated that sidewalks are necessary. Former discussions involved connectivity with sidewalks being a connector between 6th and 4th Streets. There have been discussions of sidewalks up to the street. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the resolution approving plans and specifications including sidewalk adjacent to the curb and ordering advertisement for bids for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project.

2019 Legislative Priorities

The city manager relayed that the city annually adopted legislative priorities for the impending legislative session. These priorities have been included for the council to review and comment upon. Once adopted, these priorities would be communicated to the representative and senator. There were six Legislative Priorities that include Funding for Flood Protection Infrastructure, funding for Highway # 212, Protect Local Control / Oppose Preemption, Support of Opt-Out Transit Systems, Funding Resources for Streets and Infrastructure Fees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the 2019 Legislative Priorities.

We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere.

-Tim McGraw

Prime Service

The city manager discussed the topic involving the Prime Service Agreement with SouthWest Transit for the City of Carver. A motion was necessary to enter into an agreement. The city manager reviewed the topic. SouthWest Transit's Prime service is an "on-demand" ride service model providing primarily transportation to Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Chaska and Victoria. The service uses ADA compliant vehicles that typically provide the "first mile / last mile" of transit service. Residents have received the Prime Service in 2017 and 2018 as a promotion associated with SW Transit's primary agreement out of the Carver Station. The city had not been charged nor had an agreement been in place during that specific time frame. Notification has been received that additional monies would need to be allocated to continue Prime Services in 2019. Due to the city's budget process and the timing of the notification, the service was discontinued. Subsequently, residents utilizing the service contacted the city.

The council reviewed the Prime service model and an overview of the overall transit operations grant out of the Carver Station. Services provided by Prime are not grant eligible. The topic was to be discussed at a future meeting regarding funding considerations for service in 2019. The city attorney drafted an agreement for Prime Services in coordination with SW Transit. With the present terms, the service would begin March 1st. As part of the agreement, SW Transit offers to only charge for trips origination out of Carver.

Several citizens voiced opinions concerning the SW Prime Service within the city. One citizen commended the city for listening, favored the services, cited knowledge of use of the handicapped accessibility van, the use of others to get to work and the need for said service with the future of a senior housing facility. Also noted was that WeCAB does not offer handicapped accessible vehicles. The city manager was requested to clarify costs. The city will be charged for the use and it can vary, said amount has been allocated. The council would be made aware when that amount is reached. Usage may vary in the future as the city advertises this service. Basically, the city will be subsidizing \$ 10 per service for each ride going out of the City of Carver. It was stated that the service is not only wanted, but needed. Reports will help to monitor. It was stated that the future senior housing facility has plans to have their own transportation available to residents. SouthWest's Board also has to approve the agreement and then the city would work to advertise the service. The mayor pointed out that not only is this a transportation issue, but also a housing issue. This service is necessary but must also be realized that it is a long-term commitment if approved. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to enter into an agreement with the SouthWest Transit for Prime Service in the City of Carver.

City Parks

The city has been approached with a concept of having a semi-permanent food truck in the Community Park parking lot. The notion for several reasons is unique. There would be policies to consider. These types of vehicles are usually more frequent during specific events, during weekends and visible for short periods of time. This concept would be self-contained with both drive-through and walk-up service. There would be no connections to municipal utilities, nor would it sit on a permanent foundation. The topic would be referred to the city attorney.

City Hall

Contractors, architects, engineers, project managers were all at the council meeting to provide an update on the city hall project. A construction recap, exterior and interior activities update, schedule and budget were all discussed. Their schedule for three weeks out is reviewed weekly with the city staff. Currently, the anticipated completion date is the end of May.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Carver Lions is coming to town. Well technically, to Chaska at the VFW. So stop in, make an appointment and donate blood for someone in need. You could save a life.



Monday, April 29th, at the Chaska VFW on 620 Creek Road, Chaska. The drive starts at noon. You can call ahead and make an appointment, just call 1. 800.Red-Cross or if it more convenient, visit: www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: Carver Village.

River Bluff Estates

The city requested the city engineer and Bolton and Menk to review the River Bluffs development. The primary goal for the review was the existing streets and trail conditions. The development was platted and the Developer's Agreement executed in 2004. The development was not finalized regarding the street pavement. The original Letter of Credit funds were not utilized to complete the project and has since expired with Klingelhutz Development Company. A Developer's Agreement had been executed with Chestnut Group and DDK Construction for the River Bluff Estates 2nd Addition. This addition follows the general footprint of the original scope that essentially changed the house style and utility services modifications. The latest agreement and current letter of credit on file requires city acceptance of the second lift of bituminous on the existing trail located on the Home Owners Association outlot, as well as the permanent street surfacing.

Determination was further made that the streets and trails are privately owned by the Home Owners Association and that the city would not be maintaining. However, clarification in the Developer's Agreement is necessary by the city attorney.

The city engineer reviewed the street base course pavement. Based on the original agreement, base was paved in 2004. The original pavement was designed at that time to the city's standard residential section requirements.

It is the city engineer's results that shows significant signs of failure. Weather conditions have resulted in thermal cracking causing the beginnings of pavement failure. There are also signs of oxidation. The pavement has experienced many years of stress with only a base course lift installed. Street patching has settled as well in the areas of utility services reconfiguration. Visual breakdown was also viewed on the trail in an area.

The engineer submitted recommendations. Premature failure of the street is imminent due to the stress experienced without entire pavement in place. Paving over existing mat will not resolve the existing condition in place which would only degrade after the first winter. The pavement has degraded to the point where routine maintenance alternative will not correct the underlying problem and there will be ultimate failure foreseen. Full depth pavement reclamation is the recommendation. Reasoning was given for this recommendation. It was also stated repair is necessary to the curb line settlement which has occurred. The trail recommendation involved cutting out area and patching. Other larger cracks be filled with bituminous. Resolution would be achieved. The adjacent grass boulevard on each side would require reshaping and topsoil added to restore the established turf surface.

The infrastructure report regarding the River Bluff Estates was discussed by the council. The city engineer provided information regarding the background, findings and recommendations involving the infrastructure. He was asked to review existing base course street and trail pavement conditions, and the suitability for placing pavement over the existing pavement. Recommendations were also requested to be provided on the current status of the development.

A private street exists adding and complication. The Homeowners Association was seeking advice. The attorney also supplied more detail on the developer's escrow as part of the second agreement. The question was whether or not the city desired to become involved since it is not a city street. Different remedies are available. The engineer's recommendation would be costlier of the two alternatives. The city has two options: either it is considered a private issue or the developer is made aware of the city's requirements via the city attorney and city engineer. The council's preference was proper avenues be followed to repair issue. The issue at hand remains that this development is incomplete. It is the opinion that the developer has not adhered to the Developer's Agreement. A timeline had been created, expired and not met. The city attorney's opinion was default of required in the Developer's Agreement. Question was asked if pavement degrading occurred after the created timeline. The city engineer's response indicated that the conditions were possibly caused by the heavy equipment, not just time lapse. Question was asked why conversation was not held at the default date time. The city manager explained that a smaller development's usual process does not put the wear course down until the majority of the construction is completed. This situation is unusual due to the extended time and delays with this particular development. The city's liability was inquired about. The attorney responded that the Developer's Agreement identifies responsibility required by the city. It is further complicated because of a private street. It was the opinion of one on the council that the city not become involved. Another member supported preparation of latter to the developer identifying city requirements. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay directing the engineer and the city attorney draft correspondence requiring the developer to meet the requirements of the Developer's Agreement, specifically the reclamation of the existing base course and then paving the new base course and wear course.

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## *Green Ash Drive*

The council was updated on the issue regarding the Green Ash Drive Eminent Domain Proceeding. In the spring of 2017, in order to extend Green Ash Drive from the Spring Creek subdivision into the Meadows at Spring Creek, a subdivision proposed to the East. The developer was unable to secure the cooperation of the property owners. Therefore authorized the commencement of an eminent domain proceeding to acquire a non-exclusive easement over a strip of land. The acquisition of the area was complicated. The city sought acquisition of an easement area, fee title to a much larger piece of property conveyed by a contract for deed. Disputes and issues prevented the agreement of any parties involved. Since a resolution could not be reached, the city authorized commencement of eminent domain as the extension of Green Ash Drive into the Meadows at Spring Creek, and utilities located underneath, were necessary for not just utility looping reasons, but also to address significant public safety concerns for the purposes of an ingress and egress from the Meadows at Spring Creek.

Three commissioners were appointed to view, inspect and conduct a valuation hearing. The respondents never expressed any interest effectively declining participation in the eminent domain proceeding. Title and possession of the Easement Area was transferred to the City of Carver in December of 2017. There was no activity in the proceedings throughout 2018. The attorney sought dismissal of the proceeding and obtain authority to file final certificate upon payment of the city's appraisal amount with accrued interest to the respondents. Mid-January contact was made that payment disputes had arisen. A settlement conference was conducted. The ultimate agreement was to settle for the amount offered in spring of 2017. A hearing to confirm the settlement has been scheduled. It was recommended that the city settle as proceeding with a hearing could be costly. It was the opinion of the city attorney that the settlement is fair, reasonable, just and appropriate, recommending approval of the settlement and directing the city manager to execute the Settlement Agreement.

The city attorney provided information relating to the Green Ash Drive easement acquisition process to the council. The city manager was thanked for his participation in resolving and settling the matter. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the terms of the settlement agreement to settle an Eminent Domain Proceeding Pending in Carver County District Court and directing the city manager to execute the settlement agreement.

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Oak Tree

The Planning Commission members reviewed with the City Planner the Final Plat, Phase III in the Oak Tree Development. The final plat for final review was presented by the City Planner. Phase III involves ninety-seven single family homes on lots on the western half of the total project area. Phase III includes connection to Dahlgren Road.

Question was asked regarding a portion in the southwest corner the of the property. The city planner explained that this area gives access to Public Services to maintain the pond in that outlot and the city will also maintain that portion between two lots. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Final Plat for the Oak Tree Phase III development.

United Properties

The city planner discussed with the Planning Commission the Concept Plan for United Properties. There was not any formal action necessary. The location of the topic is the southwest corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Highway # 212. The property is pending annexation. The parcel has been guided for commercial development since the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. The property is anticipated to fully develop with commercial users. At this time the concept plans involve a gas/convenience user on about one and three quarters acres with access from Monroe Drive. Upon approval of annexation request, rezoning application would be anticipated to be submitted rezoning of Freeway Commercial with a Planned Commercial District Overlay. United Properties and D R Horton have worked closely with construction of Monroe Drive. The county will review the Concept Plan. Utilities will be extended from Monroe Drive, a sidewalk running the length of the property and a traffic study has been submitted that will be reviewed by the county and the city.

Wireless Ordinance

The city planner and the planning commission members discussed Small Cell Wireless Ordinance. Recent changes to small technology equipment through the Minnesota legislature. Primary changes involve the Right-of-Way user statute allowing small cell technology to be permitted use in rights-of-way throughout the city with limited restrictions. Under the current law, small cell technology is permitted throughout a community with limited ability for cities to regulate their placement and impact. Cities are not allowed to prohibit small cell technology equipment in any district under current law but most communities have a permitting process through right-of-way ordinance. The City of Carver maintains an ordinance requiring both a permit and fee for any work within the right-of-way. Adherence to the ordinance will continue. However greater considerations are required to be giving to areas that may have an adverse impact on small cell technology. The city planner reviewed the small cell facility defined in the statute. Discussion and potential updates to the city code would require small cell technology a conditional use both in residential districts and throughout the Historical District. This approach would afford the city to review information with Planning Commission, council and interested parties through a Public Hearing. The definition of small cell technology would be added to the city code. This process would then permit small cell technology continuance in commercial and industrial zones but a conditional use for residential and the Historic District of Carver.

MN Valley Electric Cooperative

MN Valley Electric Cooperative members are invited to their annual meeting in LeCenter on April 9th. Learn more about how your cooperative works. They will be holding their 82nd Annual Meeting, Tuesday, beginning at 7 PM, however, registration will begin at 6:30 PM at the Tri-City United Elementary/Middle School at 150 Tyrone Street in LeCenter. Each household registered in attendance will be eligible for prizes and receive a \$ 15 bill credit, to be applied in May. The business meeting will include a cooperative update from the General Manager, and the Vice President of Finance will present the 2018 financials report. All three districts have a seat open on the Board of Directors. District I the incumbent is running unopposed. In District II there are two candidates, one being the incumbent and in District III the candidate is the incumbent and running unopposed. You can go on line for more information. (www.mvec.net) The 2019 scholarship winners will also be recognized the evening of the meeting.

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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Almanac Trivia Information

Did you know that March was named for the Roman god of war, Mars? This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

Who Was Saint Patrick?

Was there really a St Patrick? Definitely. Did he really drive the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland.

St Patrick was born in Britain as Maewyn Succat. At age 16 (around ad 400), he was kidnapped from his home on the west coast and carried off to Ireland to become a slave who worked as a shepherd. After six years, he escaped; upon returning home, he received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel He spent the next 15 year or so years in a monastery, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and eventually, Patrick. Although some Christians lived in Ireland at the time, it was Patrick who spread Christianity throughout the land and brought an organized church into existence.

The Shamrock: We wear a shamrock on St Patrick's Day because, legend says, St Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being (God). The truth of the St Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is not direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

Here are some fun St Patrick's Day Facts, and folklore Blue was the color originally associated with St Patrick., but green is now favored.

St Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas Cabbage seeds are often planted today, too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your nightclothes!

Daylight Saving Time: In March, we spring forward. How did this practice of Daylight-Saving Time (DST) begin?

The Old Farmer's Almanac (around since 1792) answers your question

What is Daylight Saving Time?

Daylight Saving Time is the practice of changing the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months, and changing them back again in the fall. The general idea that this allows us all to make better use of natural daylight; however, DST has many detractors. Note that it's called "Daylight Saving" (not "Savings"). Okay, now that that's out of the way....

When is Daylight Saving Time 2019?

When do we set our clocks forward? Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10, at 2 AM. Remember to "spring ahead" and set your clocks forward one hour (ie. losing 1 hour). (We do this on Saturday night when we go to bed.)

When do We Set our Clocks Back?

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, at 2 AM. Now, we "fall back" by setting our clocks back 1 hour (IE: regaining 1 hour).

(The exceptions to DST are American Samoa, most of Arizona, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.)

Why is There Daylight Saving Time?

Here's the short history of this phenomenon....

Credit for Daylight Saving Time is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who suggest the idea in 1784 as a joke. British-born New Zealander George Hudson proposed the concept in 1885 but was ridiculed. The idea was revived in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a system in the pamphlet *The Waste of Daylight*.

The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War I. The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers (cows don't pay attention to clocks).

During World War II, Daylight-Saving Time was imposed once again (this time year-round) to save fuel. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off, with different start and end dates. Currently, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM on the second Sunday of March and ends at 2 Am on the first Sunday in November.

*Information from The Old Farmer's 2019 Almanac





Fat Tuesday Grand Wine Tasting

The 2019 Fat Tuesday Grand Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Guardian Angels School by Dolce Vita Wine Shop is coming up. This is one of the well known fundraisers. The Fat Tuesday Wine Tasting is sponsored by Dan Keyport and Dolce Vita. If you are looking to treat yourself before Lent then this is where you want to go. Get your tickets early. Go to, www.eventbrite.com /c/fat-tuesday-gran-wine-tasting-fundraiser-for-guardian-angels-school-tickets-41087911048.

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You can sample more than 120 wines with experts from twenty wholesalers. The cost is \$ 21.95 in advance and \$ 24.95 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Guardian Angels School.

The event is held at the Oak Ridge Conference Center at 1 Oakridge Drive in Chaska on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 PM until 9 PM.

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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 March 15th and April 19th.

Fare For All

Fare For All offers fresh vegetables, fruits and meat for sale at prices that range about forty percent less than grocery store prices. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this great opportunity! Fare For All is hosted at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church! You are invited to join them on the last Thursday of the month from 4 PM to 6 PM. For more information for the Fare For All Chapter in Chaska, please contact Kanitta Rentfrow at Kanitta.Rentfrow@allina.com.



Chaska Valley Family

Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is very excited about this year's production! Watch their website for additional information and updates at www.cvft.org.

The camp registration for the Dragon Fly Theater Arts Camp opens soon. The camp is open for the ages of 8 - 13. Learn about all facets of musical theater from auditions through performance during this engaging six-day camp experience for youths. Camp One will be June 10th through the 15th, 2019 and Camp Two: June 24th - 29th, 2019. The location is the Chaska Community Center. Saturday is Show Day at 10 AM to 4 PM (two performances). Each participant receives a Dragon T-shirt.



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 the West Union Lutheran Church at 3 PM to 5 PM. Address: 15820 Market Avenue, Cologne.



Announcement: West Union Lutheran Church is hosting a Polka Worship and Turkey Dinner on Sunday, April 28th at their 9 AM worship. The congregation will also be hosting "Blessing of the Farmer's" in April. The date is still being worked on. If interested check with the church.

"Life is inherently risky. There is only one big risk you should avoid at all costs, and that is the risk of doing nothing."

— Denis Waitley

Carver Lions



The fun days are never ending for the members of the Carver Lions organization. Constantly they are working to give back to their community. Have you thanked them as of late? Their most recent fun event was the Soggy Bottom Golf Tournament. The Lions thank everyone associated with the event from the organizing, working, planning, participating and clean up. Saw a posting of Lions stating, "Work hard, have fun, raise money and then give it away."

Their next upcoming events are the Pork Chop Dinner, later in April, the Blood Drive on April 29th and the Easter Egg Hunt starts on April 20th at 10 AM at the Community Park. I'm exhausted just from listening to all the stuff they are doing and helping with. Challenge yourself to keep up with any one of them.

Did you know that the Carver Lions were founded October 23rd, 1973? They are probably older than some of their members? They are a non-profit organization. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. Wouldn't you like to be one of those counted in the statistics for giving? Come on down to Carver Place on the first and third Wednesday of any given month, except summer time. Their fun begins at 6:30 PM. You will not ever regret coming and joining.

Community Calendar

April 2019

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| April 1 st | Council Meeting Drill Night April Fool's Day Happy Birthday Joe! Happy Birthday Kelly! |
| April 2 nd | Lions Meeting |
| April 3 rd | Happy Birthday Wayne! |
| April 4 th | Happy Birthday Jim! |
| April 5 th | Parks Commission Meeting |
| April 8 th | Dahlgren Township Board Meeting School Board Work Shop Meeting Carver Elementary PTO Meeting East Union PTO Meeting Fire Department Officers Meeting Heritage Preservation Meeting Meet and Greet Meeting Carver-On-the-Minnesota Meeting Happy Anniversary Brad and Kerry! Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen! |
| April 9 th | Palm Sunday Happy Birthday Ava! Council Meeting Drill Night Income Tax Deadline Boston Marathon Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Cheryl! Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday John! Carver Business Alliance Meeting Passover Good Friday No School Carver Lion's Easter Egg Hunt Happy Birthday Scott! Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle! |
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Route # 66



In this day and age, either you know, have heard about, or know nothing about the famous Route # 66. There are songs, there was a television show, commercials, novel, or you had relatives experience the Route # 66. It's legendary, it's part of the nostalgia era, a powerful symbol of escape and loss. Ever since November 11th, 1925, driving down Route # 66 had been an experience of a lifetime. Route 66 was officially decommissioned in 1985. The History 66 website provides information for anyone interested in learning more. While officially Route 66 no longer exists, the majority of it remains to be driven and enjoyed. Officially, the route does not exist any longer, but the majority remains to be enjoyed and driven on. The journey takes you through eight states which includes some background information on many roadside attractions that still dot the landscape. For many the trip is a trip down memory lane. Thanks to preservation organizations, volunteers, and business owners any of the landmarks can still be admired. Some treasures have disappeared. Modern road maps and GPS systems are very poor at indicating where the route ran and signs can be spotty or even missing of the old two-lane highway. "You will need a detailed map and guide before hitting the road and getting your kicks on Route 66!" You can find that detailed map on the website, www.historic66.com. The website is also celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2019! The route takes you through Chicago, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and ending in Santa Monica, California.

Route 66, alias US 66, Will Rogers Highway, the Main Street of America, originally Highway 60 or the Mother Road was one of the original highways in the US Highway System. Some extra trivia information about the route is that several stretches are quite preserved, Kansas only has thirteen miles of the route 66 fame, parts of the route followed the National Old Trails Road, and during its existence the route was under constant change. In the 1930's during the Dust Bowl it was a primary route migrating west. The route supported the economics of the communities, businesses prospered from the growing popularity and the same folks fought to keep the highway alive with the increasing threat of bypasses by the new interstate highway system. Route 66 underwent many improvements and realignments over its lifetime. It was replaced by segments of the interstate highway. Portions of the route through Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Arizona have communally designated a "national Scenic Byway bearing the name "Historic Route 66" with the return of the name on some maps. Several states adopted bypassed sections into their state road networks as State Route 66. A corridor is also being redeveloped into the US Bicycle Route 66, as a part of their system developed in the 2010's.

Because of the geography, traffic grew on the highway. Much of the highway was flat making it a popular truck route. During the 1930's many headed west and US 66 became the main road of travel for many from Oklahoma and Arkansas. During the Depression the route gave some relief to communities located on the highway. The route passed through numerous small towns helping to create popularity of the mom-and-pop businesses, like service stations, restaurants and motor courts. Much of the early highway was gravel or graded dirt. From the efforts of the US Highway 66 Association, it became the first highway to be completely paved in 1938. Several places were dangerous. One part of the highway was nicknamed "Bloody 66". Realignment of these section was done removing dangerous curves. One section in Arizona has frightening hairpin turns and was the steepest along the entire route.

The section remained as US 66 until 1953 and still open to traffic known as the Oatman Highway. Despite such hazards the route continued to be popular.

During the 1950's, US 66 became the main highway for vacationers going to Los Angeles. The route took you past the Painted Desert, near the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater in Arizona was another popular stop. This type of travel increased the burgeoning trade in all manner of roadside attractions. The fast food industry was marked as their birth. The first drive-through restaurant in Missouri along with the first McDonald's in California. These landscapes changed cemented the routes reputation as a near-perfect microcosm of the culture of America linked by the automobile.

Since the 1950's, as interstates were being constructed, section of the US 66 experienced traffic using those interstates and it was a faster means of travel. The displacement of the US 66 signage to the new freeways, combined with restriction in the 1065 Highway Beautification Act it often denied merchants on the old road access to signage on the freeway, all factors in the closure of many established US 66 businesses as travelers could no longer easily locate them or gain access to them. The route was also a foundation for many chain stores back in the 1920s, sprouting up next to it to increase business and sales. The beginning of the decline for the route came in 1956 with the signing of the Interstate Highway Act. During the nearly sixty-year existence, US 66 was under constant change. Highway engineering became more sophisticated and more direct routes were sought. By the late 1960's, most of the rural section of US 66 has been replaced.

Highway officials planned for the last section of US 66 to be bypassed by interstates in Texas, but as was the case in many places, lawsuits held up construction. The US Highway Association has become a voice for those fearing the loss of their businesses. In 1984, Arizona also saw its final stretch of the highway was decommissioned. Finally, with desertification of the highway by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials the following year, US 66 officially ceased to exist.

When the highway was decommissioned, section was disposed of in various ways. Although it is no longer possible to drive US 66 uninterrupted all the way from Chicago to Los Angeles, much of the original route and alternate alignments are still drivable with careful planning. Some stretches are well preserved, some section retain their historic "sidewalk highway" form. The first Route 66 associations were founded in Arizona in 1987, and in 1989 Missouri. Other groups in the US 66 states soon followed in the revival of 'Route 66'. The State of Missouri declared US 66 as a "State Historic Route" in their state in 1990. Other historic markers now line, at time sporadically, the entire 2,400-mile length of the road. In many communities, local groups have painted or stenciled the '66' and shield directly onto the road surface. Various sections of the road itself have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. US 66 has been a fixture in popular culture.

The history of the route is lengthy and can be found on the internet on Wikipedia. It is very informative and interesting, as well as far more detailed for anyone interested in learning more.

St Nicholas Church

Submitted by St Nicholas personnel:

St Nicholas has announced their Ash Wednesday Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 6th, all are welcome!

6:30 AM English

5:30 PM English

7 PM Spanish.

Any and all information and updates can be found at www.stnicholascarver.org or call the office at 952-448.2345.

"Be Kinder than necessary for everyone
you meet is fighting some kind of battle"

~ Unknown



Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church's Lenten schedule is as follows. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday is March 6th with worship at 5:15 PM and Lenten supper at 6 PM. The same schedule adhered to through March on Wednesday, 3/15, 20 and 3/27. Lent continued into April with services on 4/3 and 4/10. April 18th is Maundy Thursday (Day of Last Supper), Friday, April 19th is Good Friday and Saturday, 4/20 is Holy Saturday (Easter Eve and Last Day of Lent). Easter Sunday, April 20th worship will be at 9:30 AM.



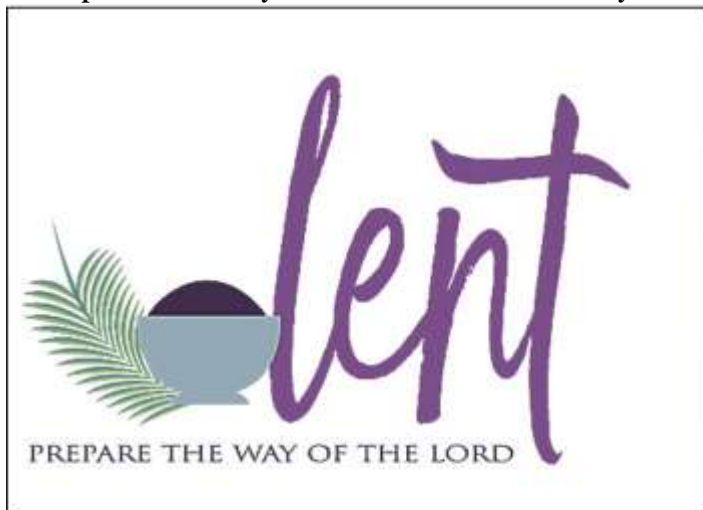
Children of Tomorrow

Mark your calendar and save the date. Children of Tomorrow will be hosting the upcoming Children of Tomorrow Carver Vendor Fair on Saturday, May 4th from 9 AM to 11 AM. Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome. If you are looking to promote your business, contact Chelsey at 952.466-2603 or e-mail her at: chelsey@childreoftomorrow.com.



East Union and West Union Lutheran Churches

Pastors Sarah Bunge and Grace Gravelle from the two churches in East and West Union invite everyone to join them at their Lenten Worship Services as they discover that "We Are One Body in Christ". Reference Schedule below:



LENT WORSHIP

Pastors Sarah Bunge and Grace Gravelle, along with East and West Union Lutheran Churches, invite you to worship this Lent as we discover that
"WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST"

March 6, Ash Wednesday: "Heads" at WULC

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March 13: "Ears" at EULC

March 20: "Mouths" at WULC

March 27: "Hands" at EULC

April 3: "Knees" at WULC

April 10: "Feet" at EULC

*Wednesday schedule: Worship at noon and 7pm and meal together at 12:30 and 6pm.

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April 18, Maundy Thursday: "Whole selves" at WULC

April 19, Good Friday Worship at EULC

East Union Lutheran Church (EULC) | 15180 County Road 40 in Carver, Minnesota | 952-448-3450

West Union Lutheran Church (WULC) | 15820 Market Avenue in Cologne, MN | 952-466-5678

Maundy Thursday – Whole Self – April 18th, Worship scheduled at noon and 7 PM at West Union Church and no meal will be served at that service. April 19th, Good Friday worship will at 7 PM only at East Union Church.

Easter Sunday, both churches worship scheduled for at 9 AM with Communion.

Carver Black Sox

Submitted by: Benno Sand

The Carver Black Sox have had very busy weeks. The Black Sox Liaison Committee recently attended several collaboration meetings with the Carver Lions and the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association. Both organizations were briefed on August 3rd and 4th, and 10th and 11th Region 7C Baseball Tournament that is being held at the Carver Community Park / Woody Swanson Field.

They expressed their support for this event through either volunteer, promotion or financial commitments. The Black Sox will be meeting again with the City of Carver officials to discuss several field improvement projects, including construction a press box above/behind the 1st base dugout, adding a pitcher's bull pen on the 3rd base side of the outfield, constructing a Materials Shed and upgrading the electrical service for the benefit of all organizations using the Park. The Development Committee is seeking funding for these projects, as well as other field improvement activities. The Entertainment Committee is looking for two bands that would have an interest in performing for the community during concerts that are being planned for Saturday, August 3rd and the 10th from 6 PM – 9 PM. This will be a great opportunity for Carver residents to come on down to the Community Park, listen to music, meet their home town team members and enjoy the food and beverages that the Concessions Committee is preparing to serve. Despite all the recent snow fall, the first game and the sound of bats cracking the ball are only two months away.



Carver Community Youth Baseball /

Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

The association would like you to know that in-house registration ends March 25th with teams formed by the 27th. T-Ball registration ends April 15th.

To Register: Please visit our website at www.ccybsa.siplay.com. More information will be listed by selecting "Registration Information" on the left-hand side. We have created information for each of our divisions: T-Ball, Softball and Baseball. In each division we have the listing starting from the youngest to the oldest program.



The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in a closet.

– Philip Dormer



Carver Flowers

Submitted by: Annette Hentz

May is Prom & Mom month!!

First, Carver Flowers is your Prom Headquarters: Custom flower corsages and boutonnieres, to coordinate with any dress color(s) Tuxedo rentals from top designers, all colors of accessories, at prices below our competition. Plan ahead and order early. Chanhassen HS Prom is Saturday, May 4; Chaska HS Prom is Saturday, May 18th. In between is Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th.



Carver Shops

March will be marching into our lives before we know it. With March, April follows and then spring. Do you suppose your favorite Shops in Carver will be stocking all the latest and newest spring fashions? We all know you are all going to go and check, right? Unfortunately, we have lost Roxy's keen eye for what's available for us, but remember to follow her on Facebook and double check if she has had to actually close the doors yet. Taffney and Allison certainly have new fashions to share. Temperance Arts and Gifts were busy reorganizing, better go and see what they have done. Everyone else will have spring ideas to share, as well. Taffney, at All Things Fabulous has done a fabulous thing for everyone. We all miss Lori at "Cup of Carver". Well Taffney is now serving coffee, tea and cocoa on weekends just like Lori had in her shop. Thanks, Taffney! The occasional shop dates are the usual third week of the month; March dates the 21st through the 24th and April 18th through the 21st.

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

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery

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Reopening in March



Night Marauders - Rosehips and Willow - Strike Again

The Night Marauders were about to strike again. Territory approached cautiously on the levee at the south end from the busy construction occurring on the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway. He was extremely uncomfortable with all the foot traffic occurring and needed to learn if their original entry point had been disturbed from days past. It was imperative to learn whether or not their old access was still available to check out the Rosehips and Willow contents that evening. The structure had originally been built in 1908 owned by the Funk family for years housing the First State Bank of Carver and Funk Bank before housing a grocery store. Territory became distracted remembering his father's tales about how they used to raid the building when it was a store and café at one time.

His attention was jolted when the sound of a worker was a bit too close. He scampered to the east between the buildings when the unexpected barking of the resident dog made him dodge behind the building. He leaned up as close as he could into the building side to blend attempting to appear invisible.

"Well, are we on?" Raschevious asked impatiently upon Territory's finally returning.

"People sure like their dogs." Territory plunked down on the ground relieved he'd escaped.

"What happened?" Bandeet and Rascal both joined the soiree.

"Well first there's all those workers building that new hall. Then there's the dog belonging to guy next to Rosehips and Willow. Once you gain entrance, there are two more dogs. Those Cavalier Spaniels with their impeccable eyesight and sense of smell! I think they knew I was there before I was even in." Territory relayed with annoyance.

"Oh, those adorable little Cavalier King Charles Spaniels." Bandeet fussed.

"Really." Rascal reprimanded sarcastically.

"Seriously." Raschevious asked mocking cynically.

"Well they are, just cute as a button."

"Yeah and tear us to pieces Bandeet. We are Raccoons." Territory scoffed turning back to the business at hand, "Okay, midnight we will meet in the back of the building. Watch for the dog next door. Lavender will have to be extra cautious and ready at a moment's notice." He looked to the skunk for clarification that she had heard him.

She nodded affirmatively.

Once they all slipped inside and peered around the interior before proceeding.

"You will clearly see that after Funky Minds were tenants that the interior of this old historic bank has been revamped and revitalized with eclectic and creative mix of vintage furniture, gifts and home décor." Territory glared decisively at Rascal infamous for carelessness sternly pointing out the necessity for preciseness.

"I'll be careful." He lamented shamefully.

"Oh look." Rascal immediately gravitated to the scarves, leg warmers and socks, rubbing the softness against his face.

"That should entertain him long enough to stay away from all the glass décor." Raschevious muttered.

"There's a lot of nice stuff in here Territory." Raschevious remarked checking out the various types of soaps displayed.

"Sure, is a variety of merchandise." Territory inventoried out loud, "Calendars, dishes, greenery, pottery, pillows, pictures, wreathes, barnwood, doorstops, unique bags, tall, short, large, small, table runners, old luggage."

Raschevious interrupted, "Look, nice snowshoes."

"A lot of this is very similar to the types of products selling at Hayneedle or Wayfair."

"Or even Home Goods." Rascal piped up from between the folds of scarves he'd immersed himself in.

"Nice regardless."

"No doubt."

"Sure is a shame."

Rascal had untangled himself when the reflection of the glass caught his eye, "Hey look guys." Rascal pointed from a clearing, "Cacti and all those nice pictures."

"Everything is very inviting."

"Makes one want to curl up and go to sleep."

Suddenly, barking began next door. They stood still waiting quietly, holding their breath. The barking stopped. Collectively without a word, the troupe decided it was a good time to depart from the warm and cozy interior of this welcoming environment.

Territory was saddened that Rosehips and Willow would be soon closed. He was a little partial to the building itself and the décor inside reminded him of his benefactor who had taught him.



Territory carefully and thoughtfully composed:

"Roxy held her Grand Opening of Rosehips and Willow in downtown Carver at 308 Broadway during Steamboat Days in 2017. They previously owned antique and gift shops in Grand Forks and Maple Lake. They searched for a year before locating the perfect location and inventory at 308 Broadway in the old bank. She was excited with her newest venture and found the welcoming community made her feel right at home. The community held a reputation of a charming downtown. It wasn't wrong. She settled in and felt right at home. Then her dream was shattered by reality. Her job demanded more of her time and that meant less time for her dream shop. All was not lost though, Roxy will continue channeling her dream through vintage shows, her website and Facebook pages and update the exact closing dates. The one bright spot for Roxy is that one of her children will be transferring from Texas to Minnesota with their three grandchildren. It will be the first time one of their three children will be close enough to visit frequently. Their other children are in Washington state and Colorado. Roxy sets her tone of words to live by from Rumi, "Let the beauty of what you love be what you do."

PS: it is strongly advised even though Roxy has had to forfeit her presence in the shop, she urges you to follow her on Facebook and on her website."

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Where the ball game begins

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