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Nightingale: "Like the sweet song of your chirping bird month bird, you brighten the day of every single person you encounter Your always-positive, bright mood is contagious and generally envied by those around you. A kind smile from you is known to turn a sour mood into a happy one. Luckily, you have never been seen without a smile on your face."

"Your default personality habit is to be always try to be kind. You are sensitive to how other people feel and pick up on their moods—this is wonderful because it makes you a very understanding person. Friends and family can feel this and they like being around you as it causes them to feel good about themselves."

References: www.apost.com and www.mysticalraven.com.

2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship

Remember in June the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska will be hosting the 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship. This will be the first time the championship is conducted at Hazeltine National and the fifth time a women's major championship is played in the state of Minnesota. Event dates are Tuesday, June 18th through Sunday, the 23rd. "The Championship focuses on the development, advancement and empowerment of women on and off the golf course."

"The tradition of hosting major championships began more than 50 years ago. The impressive list includes the PGA Championship, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Open, the U.S. Senior Open. Site of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team's victory in 2016, Hazeltine will become the first American venue to host a second Ryder Cup when the course welcomes players from the U.S. and Europe in 2028."



Capital Equipment

Guidance was requested by the city staff regarding proposed capital equipment expenditures for the Fire Department and the Public Services Departments. The size and scope of the proposed equipment certificate was one specific area requiring direction. The city's long-term financial plan identified the equipment certificate for 2019.

The Deputy Fire Chief and Public Works Director presented their respective proposals to the council at their work session. The Fire Department proposed replace of Engine 12 and the Public Services Department proposed acquisition of equipment for ice control, replacement of sewer jetter, acquisition of a large deck mower, a vacuum trailer for the cleaning of the sanitary sewer and storm water infrastructure. The proposal also includes contribution for the joint power's agreement with the City of Victoria and the county for street sweepers. The collaborative owns and operates two street sweepers, a third was added to the fleet in 2019. A financial impact memo was provided by Springsted for the equipment certificate for a ten-year payback schedule. The cost impact on the 2020 levy was reviewed as well.

The Fire Department and Public Services Departments were directed at a work session by the council to proceed with completion of the specs to be sent out to bid for proposals for capital equipment expenditures requested. Question was asked whether or not related certification and training were also considered.

Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor Study

Representatives from WSB and Associates and the county gave an update at the council's work session pertaining to Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor Study. The purpose of the study is to identify improvements addressing transportation need over the next twenty years. The study also addressed local supporting roadway network feeding into and parallels the parkway. An informational meeting was postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled for the public to review identifying findings and provide input on the drafted recommendations and priorities.

Flood Protection Protocol

The council was updated on the flood preparation plans in place by the Public Services Director. Riverside Park is closed due to flooding. City staff and fire department personnel continue working on the levee watch. The staff would request volunteers if necessary.

Boulevard Maintenance Ordinance Draft

At the council's work session, the city manager presented the drafted ordinance relating to boulevard maintenance requiring property owners abutting the boulevard area adjacent to their property to maintain the boulevard.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the small cell wireless ordinance. The city planner presented information pertaining to the technology. The proposed change requires a conditional use permit for installation of small cell wireless technology throughout residential districts, and the central business district encompassing the downtown historical district. A decommissioning plan could be an option to be included in the verbiage. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending editing the city code to add a Conditional Use Permit requirement for residential districts and central business districts for the installation of small cell wireless technology.

The council reviewed the drafted ordinance relating to boulevard maintenance. Previously discussed were the elements making up the right-of-way and specific maintenance. Based on council direction, the drafted ordinance formally requires an abutting property owner to maintain the boulevard area adjacent to their property. In the past this has not proven to be a problem however, the benefit formalizes the practice and avoids future conflicts. The proposal exempts maintenance requirements for County Road #11, state, and federal right-of-way, based on the complexity and unintended consequences with establishing standards for rights-of-way owned and maintained by other jurisdictions. Also exempt are boulevards consisting of drainage areas and areas determined by the Public Services Director.

City Manager's Report

At the work session the City Manager told the council about investigating the vacation of an alley section from Broadway to Mt Hope Road between 4th and 5th Streets. It is an unimproved alleyway. A Public Hearing and notifications to owners directly adjacent to the property will be done. More discussion in the future.

Notices will be forwarded announcing the annual city's clean-up day to be held on May 18th.

A joint training session as scheduled for the city council and commissions. Topics included effective team discussion, open meeting laws and preview of the Strategic Plan.

The Carver County Sheriff notified the city of Laketown Township's decision pertaining to patrolling. The city was interested in discussing additional coverage. The topic would be discussed in the future.

At the council meeting the City Manager informed the council that the scheduled completion for the City Hall project was projected to be August 1st. A hardhat tour would be scheduled for a City Hall tour. Lease extension for Carver Place was discussed. Council Chambers will be provided as a rental space until the city hall is ready if necessary, the city manager stated.

Field Scheduling and Use Policy

The city council reviewed Field Scheduling and Use Policy with the City Manager at their meeting. At a previous work session, they had reviewed an overview of area field usage fees and maintenance practices in neighboring cities. The current policy does not require a fee to reserve a field. If a fee were established for field reservations, then a request would be made for the staff to present a 2019 City Fee Schedule amendment. A Field Priority Schedule has been created for various organizations. Field reservations for Community Park # 2 (Swanson Field) must be made through the Carver Black Sox. Carver Elementary would have exclusive use of Fields # 1 and 2 at Ironwood Park on all school days from 7 AM to 3 PM.

Councilmember questioned foreseeing issues with an external group (Black Sox) scheduling reservations. Response was given that a considerable amount of staff time had been spent mediating between the Black Sox and other organizations, along with the level of maintenance performed by the Black Sox. The city staff supported the presented arrangements. If necessary, suggestion was submitted to review the matter in the future. Question was also asked how to get in touch with the Black Sox. The information is on the Black Sox's' website.

Inquiry was made by a councilmember regarding the field identified as #3 in Ironwood. The Public Services Director responded that the reason for the unavailability of the field is that there will be work done with the extension Monroe Drive cutting into the field.

Councilmember suggested possible automation procedures in the future for long term plans and possible fees associated with the field usages. Question was also asked about verifying insurance coverage. Another councilmember was in agreement with a fee establishment and if that were to occur when it would be activated. Activation of fee costs would be a council decision. Recommendation was made to establish fees effective in 2020 since that item would not have been budgeted this year for organizations. Benchmarking lighting costs would present information to the council to set fees in the future. Question was asked about metering lights and irrigation. Both services were on the same meter, however the city could ascertain a good estimate because irrigations usage had been determined previously. The mayor asserted it was her opinion to wait until 2020 prior to making fee decisions.

Ironwood Park Pedestrian Bridge

The city engineer discussed with the council, the approval of payment request for the Ironwood Park Pedestrian Bridge project. Work had begun in November of 2018 and has completed construction of the bridge abutments and bridge placement in Ironwood Park. The balance of the work includes the completion of the trail paving and site restoration which will occur as conditions permit in spring of 2019.

"It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness."
~ Leo Tolstoy

Strategic Plan

The staff and the and the council had worked together with the strategic planning and goal setting sessions. A summary report had been prepared for review and discussion.

The city council formalized initiatives relating to the historic downtown, community building, communications and effective and efficient planning for the infrastructure through the adoption of a Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan contains four major initiatives which include: create opportunities in the downtown, fund infrastructure, foster community and refine Carver identity. The Strategic Direction for the council is to create opportunities in the downtown, review current status, plan priorities and the success indicators.

You can view the plan on the city's website. "Highlights of the plan include certifying the Carver levee system, identifying development and redevelopment opportunities in the historic downtown, creating a more user-friendly financial reporting tool for residents, and developing a more robust priority and rating system to plan for future infrastructure needs."

The city manager reviewed the drafted Strategic Plan prepared following the planning and goal setting session. Comment was made that the 2020 summer appeared heavy with target dates, inquiring if moving items for more balance made sense. Timing was related to determination whether or not the council desires to invest in some of the pieces. Staff would provide resources to understand the pieces and associated costs. The target dates would be on a sliding scale based on real time conditions. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Strategic Plan.

2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project

The city engineer discussed the adoption of the resolution awarding a contract for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project. Final plans and specifications had been prepared and bids were opened. Seven bids had been received and tabulated. WM Mueller and Sons had submitted the lowest bid and the amounts were reviewed by the Council. This included potential mill and overlay for sections of Kirche Hill, Diedrich Drive and High Street in 2020. This work would not be assessed and is not included with the financing for the 2019 project. Based on the bid for the mill and overly project would likely be deleted out of the contract unless there are available funds within the 2020 Budget to proceed. The bidding process was competitive. The project would be funded by a combination of Chapter 429 special assessments, sanitary fund, water fund, general funds and/or bonds. The projected costs were reviewed. The project estimated levy impact over the next twenty years was reviewed and would begin with the 2020 Budget.

Citizens attended the council meeting relating to the improvement project being discussed. The mayor inquired about the timeline. The city engineer responded that the project is scheduled for substantial completion in September/October. The municipal utilities work would begin in the later part of May., utilities and underground work occurring in June and July and then wrapping up the project in early fall. The final states of work would then occur in spring of 2020 with final touch ups. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding the contract to WM Mueller and Sons for the stated amount for the 2019 Infrastructure improvement project.

Advice from a Glacier

Carve your own path
Go slow
Channel your strengths
Smooth the way for others
Keep moving forward
Avoid meltdowns
Be Cool! ~ Your True Nature.com



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"One of the hardest things in life to learn are which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn."
~ Oprah Winfrey

Commerce Drive Project

The city engineer reviewed with the council the adoption of the resolution awarding the contract for the Lakeview Industries Infrastructure Improvements Project. Final plans and specifications for Lakeview Industries Infrastructure Improvements Project (Commerce Drive) had been done and bids were opened. Eight bids were received and tabulated. Ryan Contracting submitted the lowest bid in a competitive process. Recommendation was submitted to award the contract to Ryan Contracting Company. The project was to be financed by a combination of Tax Increment Financing and DEED grants.

The city engineer reported to the council that bids were received for the Commerce Drive Project. Ryan Contracting Company was low bidder. The council was presented with information that included bid tabulations. The mayor inquired about the timeline for this project. The engineer reported that it was set up to line up with Lakeview Industries and appeared to be ahead of Lakeview Industries presently. The mayor inquired if these two projects were to occur together at the same time. The engineer responded that they were but Lakeview Industries was not waiting for this project to be completed. Councilmember asked if this was within the DEED grant budget. Response was that it was. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding the contract to Ryan Contracting Company in the stated amount for the Lakeview Industries Infrastructure Improvements Project.

City Hall Furnishings

The city manager discussed with the council the furniture acquisition topic for the City Hall project. A Furniture Committee had been created identifying, planning and communication office furnishing needs with vendors for the new city hall. Their final choice was based on cost considerations, responsiveness and available planning tools. Discussion was held on final decision made for initial floor plan also identified as the multi-purpose room.

Reuse of current office chairs will be used in the new facility. Additionally, existing cubicle systems and file cabinets will be utilized by the Fire Department and the Public Services Department. The proposal from Fluid Interiors is based on a cooperative purchasing agreement through US Communities.

A lengthy discussion was held between council members regarding capacity and seating arrangement. The building was designed without storage closets in order to maximize usable space. The time schedule for the new rental policy was asked about. The city manager stated that plans were to address that issue in summer. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay to accept the proposal from Fluid Interiors for the office furniture for the city hall project.

Small Cell Wireless

The council revisited the topic of small cell wireless issue reviewing approval of the drafted ordinance amending the city code relating to small cell wireless. Primary changes related to the Right-of-Way user statute. The city will maintain a right-of-way ordinance and requires both a permit and fee for any work within the right-of-way. The city will continue the said practice but greater consideration needs to be given to areas that may have adverse impact of small cell technology.

Update would make small cell technology a conditional use both in residential districts, as well as the Central Business District. The downtown area is zoned both residential and central business district so would also be included. The update will allow the city to review information with the Planning Commission, city council, and interested residents through a Public Hearing process. Through this change, small cell technology would be continued to be permitted in commercial and industrial zones, but a conditional use for residential and Historic District of Carver. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed change, held the required Public Hearing without public attendance or comments received. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed change.

The city planner presented the drafted ordinance amending the city code relating to Small Cell Wireless. The Planning Commission approved the drafted ordinance, recommending proceeding. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the ordinance amending city code relating to small cell wireless.

Certified Levee Study

The city manager presented the council with the drafted resolution supporting the Carver Levee certification project. Background information was provided. The construction of the Carver Levee was initiated in 1965 after significant flooding of the MN River devastated the downtown. The levee was not designed using format engineering practices and there are not any recorded drawings relating to this construction. The system has protected the community for many years, however, there are a variety of documented deficiencies with the system. Some of those were reviewed. Ultimately, because of the recorded drawing and deficiencies, the levee is in a position to be certified utilizing criteria established by the Federal Emergency Management System (FEMA). In order to be certified the levee must meet minimum standards for operation, design and maintenance defined by FEMA. The lack of certification requires properties in the floodplain to purchase flood insurance. The aging of this critical infrastructure, along with the costs associated with carrying flood insurance resulted in numerous efforts to certify the system. The city has sought funding opportunities through many sources in the pursuit of modernization and certification.

A proposal from WSB and Associates was accepted by the city in 2018 to develop a concept plan to certify the levee. At the February 2019 meeting after intense research and study, a concept plan was presented to the council. Based on the anticipated costs for certification, the project only appears to be feasible with significant financial support from other local, regional and state partners. Specifically, the city may consider seeking special legislation from the State of MN to fund a significant portion of the project. In order to "kick-start" the project, the staff prepared a resolution of support for the council consideration. The resolution services two purposes and they are to verify the council's support of the concept plan developed for modernization and certification and authorization for the city to pursue special legislation and seek funding support for the project.

The adaption of the resolution does not serve as an authorization to proceed with construction or commit funding towards the levee project. Additionally, the city will be planning and coordination discussions providing residents and stakeholders with opportunities to learn more and answer questions about the concept plan.

Senator Jensen had also attended the council meeting thanking members for speaking with him regarding the levee. The mayor thanked the senator for his support and partnership for the levee project and the Highway # 212 expansion.

Design Carver

The city planner stated that cities, townships and counties within the seven-county region of the Metropolitan Council are required to update their Comprehensive Plans every ten years. The Metropolitan council determines the framework and outline the requirements and the local units of government are charged with the planning process.

Through the process, the council and the planning commission serves as the steering committee. Collectively the process and plan was renamed "Design Carver" in hopes it would serve as a dynamic tool accessible to residents, development community members and staff. The steering committee worked through drafts, concepts and policies to set the tone. Several open houses were held, along with a survey distributed. Survey results will be used to support the goals and policies throughout. The plan is available on the city's website, www.cityofcarver.com/designcarver.

Part of the process also requires prior to submission that adjacent communities and affected jurisdictions have six months to review and comment. The affected jurisdictions were listed and reviewed. The draft was sent. One response to date was received. The formal close of the comment period is June, 2019. A Public Hearing is also required prior to submission to the Metropolitan Council. The Planning Commission recommended that the plan be forwarded to the city for review. The council will consider a resolution to submit to the Met Council. The Planning Commission will be responsible for holding the Public Hearing relating to submission to the Met Council. Then the Planning Commission will provide recommendation relating to submittal to the Met Council.

"Great minds have purposes; other have wishes."

~ Washington Irving

May Almanac Information

May is named for the Roman goddess, Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also, from the Latin word Maiores, "elders", who were celebrated during this month.

Memorial Day occurs in May. "Memorial Day is a poignant, reminder of the tenacity of life. We post the flag on this day. Do you know your American flag rules?"

"On June 22, 1942, Congress passed a joint resolution, later amended on December 22, 1942, that encompassed what has come to be known as the US Flag Code. Here are the highlights:

"Perhaps the most important rule involves how citizens should behave around the Stars and Stripes. The flag of the US is the emblem of our identity as a separate nation, which the United States of America has been for more than 200 years. Therefore, citizens should stand at attention and salute when their flag is passing in a parade or being hoisted or lowered."

How to Properly Display the Flag

"The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaves in the open, but it may be displayed at night upon special occasions to produce a patriotic effect.

"When the flag is hung vertically on a wall, window, or door, the union (blue field) should be to the observer's left. When the flag is hung horizontally against a wall, the union should also be to the observer's left.

"The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

"It should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, unless an all-weather flag is used.

"In a procession, the flag is to the right of another flag or, if in line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

"The flag should not be displayed on a float, except from a staff, nor draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.

"When the flag is displayed on a vehicle, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis.

"No other flag should be placed above the flag of the US or, if on the same level, to its right.

"The United Nations flag may not be displayed above or in a position of superior prominence to the US flag except at United Nations Headquarters.

"The flag displayed with another against a wall, from crossed staffs, should be on the right (the flag's own right), and its staff should be in front of the other staff.

"It should be at the center and the highest point when displayed with a group of state flags.

"When flags of states, cities, etc., are flown on the same halyard, the US flag should be at the peak.

"When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height, and the flag of the US should be hoisted first and lowered last.

"When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union (blue field at the upper inner corner) should be at the peak of the staff.

"When it is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out; or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as thought the flag were staffed.

"When displayed over a street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.

"On a platform, it should be above and behind the speaker, with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.

"When displayed from a staff in a church or auditorium the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience.

"When flown at half-staff, the flag should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to half-staff position. It should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. Half-staff is on-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff."



Carver Vehicle Fair

You are invited to join in on the fun planned at the Carver Vehicle Fair on Thursday, June 20th at 6:30 PM at the Carver Fire Station on Jonathan Carver Parkway. The fun will continue until 8 PM where you can see heavy equipment vehicles, fire trucks, police cars, recreational vehicles and more. There will also be a bounce house and food available for purchase. Everyone is welcome of all ages. The best part is it is free for everyone too.



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 May 17th and June 21st.

Carver Bike Rodeo

Don't forget about the Carver Fire Department's hosting the Community Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 18th at 9 AM until noon. The event is sponsored by the Carver County Sheriffs, Funky Minds, Carver Lions, City of Carver, Michael's Cycles, A Better Society and the Carver Fire Department.

You are invited to bring your bike and helmet to check out their bike obstacle course. There will be safety check and helmet fitting, It's Free!



Lions D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk

Reminder: "The D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk hosted by the Lions will be on Saturday, June 1st at 9:30 AM to 1 PM at the MN Landscape Arboretum. The 8th annual fundraiser walk in will be held at the beautiful Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

on June 1, 2019!" For more information, reference last month's Villager Tower issue at www.carvercurrent.com.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association



Submitted by: Jane Thon

Registrations are closed. The Games for our 13U Boys Travel Team have started already. The balance of our teams (Boys baseball, girls' softball and T-Ball) will start between the third week of May and the first week of June.

Our 14U Girls have moved from CCYBSA and joined with Chaska. They will be playing with the West Metro Thunder Teams. Some are playing with the "B" team and the balance of the girls are playing in the "C" division, playing in the Crow River League. When the schedules are received, they will be posted on our website.

Once games have been scheduled, they will be posted on the website: www.ccybsa.siplay.com.

Everyone is invited to come and join in on the fun and watch the youngsters play. Have a Hamburger/Hot Dog or some pop. Come and watch some excellent ball games Monday through Thursday.

Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for May are the 16th through the 19th. June's dates are the 20th through the 23rd. Many shops will be open Wednesday through Sunday for your shopping pleasure. Perfect opportunity to find that something special for dad for Father's Day and still time to find that something special for your mom for Mother's Day!

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 – [Facebook](#) / [Website](#)

Check Facebook

Occasional Shop Sun 10 AM – 4 PM

Strange Birds - [facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/](#) Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

Sweeter Times – [Facebook](#)

Check Facebook and Website

The Good Junk Garage – [Facebook](#)

204 Studio - photography – [Website](#)

Temperance Arts & Gifts – [Facebook](#)



Carver Flowers

Submitted by: Annette Hentz

The one thing we can always be sure of, is that nothing ever stays the same. That applies to CARVER FLOWERS as well.



After eleven years as a Carver florist, Annette Hentz, owner of CARVER FLOWERS, has decided to retire this summer – not because the business isn't doing well (it's doing GREAT!), but because she's reached retirement age and wants to spend the rest of her years enjoying life with her husband, Al – particularly since his debilitating accident four years ago. "Life is short," as we all know. You never know how much time you have.

That said, the flower shop is up for sale. The Hintze's do have a couple who is looking at continuing the flower shop under new management, but nothing is final yet. If they are unable to sell the business as they would like, they will end up liquidating everything and renting the space out to another business, ideally a retail business.

The timeline is fairly short. Annette had originally planned to retire on June 1 – then she booked a wedding for June 7, and another for June 14. SO, she's there until at least mid-June. However, it will take quite a while to clear out the space, have some drastic "going out of business sales," and get the space ready for a new tenant. Some stock is already at 50% off Clearance. It's anticipated that the May occasional sale will include some furniture and fixtures as well. Then there's the walk-in cooler and delivery van to sell. So, it's likely that the normal flower business will cease soon after the Prom, Mother's Day, Prom season ends, which is mid-May. Their hope is that the new business (whether a floral business or some other retail business) would open around July 1.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming changes. Maybe there will be a "retirement party" at the end of May. We'll see.

Fare Hypnosis Center

Submitted by: Linda Schutz

Linda Schutz is a board certified Hypnotist through the National Guild of Hypnotists.

She is also certified in pain control and emergency hypnosis as well as emotional release work and regression hypnosis.

Linda uses hypnosis to guide people to positive transformations in their lives.

Check out the website! [www.farehypnosis.com](#)

There is a lot of information, free downloads and a 12 minute video that explains what hypnosis is and what it is not.

Tobacco cessation, sleep issues, weight release, pain, stress management, etc.

Linda helps people of all ages 5-99! Helping everyday, ordinary people with everyday, ordinary problems.

"No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist."
~ Oscar Wilde



Downtown Chaska Farmers Market

The SW Chamber would like to announce that due to construction scheduled on Walnut Street in downtown Chaska, the Downtown Chaska Farmers Market will be held at the City Hall Plaza and parking lot area beginning Wednesday, June 19th. "This will be one of the "go to" places for delicious, nutrient-dense nourishment." Full-season and drop-in vendors are welcomed. There will be lots of fun things happening this summer. But for the market, between 3 PM and 7 PM every Wednesday through September 11th, this is where you will find homegrown food to share with your family. No market, however on July 3rd.

Here is the link to their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/downtownchaskafarmersmarket/>



Carver County Government Center Farmers Market

The Carver County Employee Wellness Program sponsors the Government Center Farmers Market too.

Their market is tentatively scheduled to start Wednesday, July 10th at 602 East Fourth Street in Chaska. They will have the market every Wednesday through September 11th. The times will be 10 AM to 1 PM.



Shakopee Farmers Market

Another farmers market to attend if you want that homegrown produce! Downtown Shakopee Farmers Market buy locally grown products right from the farmer. The market opens Sunday, June 2nd and is every Sunday through September 29th from 9 AM to 2 PM on Lewis Street in downtown Shakopee at the parking lot plaza. Included at the market are some of Minnesota's best local vendors to include fresh vegetables, handmade jewelry, syrups, gifts and so much more. Come and support local businesses and farmers! For reminders and the latest information, you can visit their Facebook Page.



Chaska Valley Family

Theatre

Remember, auditions are being held for the Chaska Valley Family Theatre on May 13th and 14th at the Chaska Community Center for anyone interested in being part of the performance "Bye Bye Birdie: to be performed in July and August.

Camp registrations for their June camps are to open soon, also. Check their website for more information ([www.cvft.org](#)).

Camp One is scheduled for June 10th through the 15th and Camp Two will be held June 24th through 29th.



SouthWest Transit

Reminder that the SouthWest Twins Express transit buses will get you to the Twins games if you are interested on weekdays through August 21st. Information can be found at their website: www.swtransit.org.

SouthWest Prime is available if you need it and also remember their valet service if you need to utilize that. Reminder too: Bikes are available too now, until October 18th to rent for the whole season or daily with the SouthWest Transit Bike Rental Program.

Their website also has posted information regarding "Service Change Preview" that may affect daily riders' commutes. If you use SouthWest you might want to check into this.

SouthWest's summer adventures program is scheduled for the 2019 season, as well. They advertise a new adventure every Tuesday. Program starts June 4th and ends August 20th. Check their website for more details.



Roots Return

The farm located at 14525 County Road # 40.

The projected crops for 2019 include two types of strawberries, currants, raspberries, cherries, blueberries, cut flowers, and Basil for Spring and Summer venue. Summer and Fall include apples, plums, elderberries, strawberry, squash, pumpkins and jams. Fall (dried) products include garlic, red ben and basil.

"The farm stand is currently closed. Accessible parking lot available during the season. Roots Return offers fresh, frozen and dried products of the farm. All seeds or starts are organic, heirloom, or open-pollinated varieties. All organic (or better) methods are used with natural nutrients derived from bone meal, blood meal, and continual cover crops for healthy soil. Our farm is MN Ag Water Quality certified, was awarded Carver County's soil and water conservation district conservationist of the year, and transferred ten percent of our main field into Pollinator CRP habitat."

SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce

The SouthWest Metro Chamber is pleased to announce and invite everyone to attend the Leadership Luncheon focusing on emerging community leaders on Wednesday, May 22nd from 11:30 AM until 1 PM at Hazeltine National Golf Club. The keynote speaker, Pastor Joel Johnson from Westwood Community Church will focus on "Servant Leadership". The chamber will also be recognizing high school scholarship recipients in their student business mentor program and southwest metro leadership program.

The chamber will also be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening for the Carver Chiropractic soon. Date to be determined.

Check the website for future information, www.swmetrochamber.com.

The Carver Meet and Greet for May will be held at the new Schram Haus Brewery at 8 AM. Their grand opening is right around the corner. Be sure to stop in and share. The Schram Haus Brewery is located at 3700 Chaska Boulevard. The Schram Haus Brewery is "continuing Chaska's rich and varied brewing history. Schram Haus Brewery exists to enhance the community by bringing people together through craft beer. Schram Haus Brewery is a new Germany inspired brewery and tap room opening in Chaska in spring, 2019."

Also, everyone is invited to join the competition planned for Thursday, June 11th at the Chaska Athletic Field for Chaska versus Carver at the Chamber Business After Hours with Chaska Cubs. The event is scheduled for 6 PM until 9 PM with networking to be held at 6 PM and the first pitch at 7:15 PM.



Carver Lions

The Lions have been up to their usual fundraising, volunteering and planning events. They just wrapped up their annual egg hunt and pork chop dinner. You can be certain it was nothing short of successful. They are involved in the sponsoring of the Bike/Rodeo event in May at the Fire Station. At the Landscape Arboretum is the D-Feet event on June 1st. Did you know that the Lions Club was founded in 1973? Four more years and your Carver Lions will be celebrating 50 years of service giving back to their community. What an Achievement! Be sure to thank the Lions when you see them! The Lions meet at Carver Place and during the summer they only meet once a month. Their June meeting will be on Wednesday the 19th and then the 17th in July. Be sure to stop in and check out what they are planning next. You can bet SteamBoat Days is on their agenda too. That will be here sooner than we want to admit. Watch for details about their Youth Exchange Program schuled for the end of July.



East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Church is having their Annual Plant/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 11th at 8 AM until noon. There will be complimentary coffee and cookie. You can browse and shop for flowers, plants, hanging baskets, containers, vegetables, herbs, garden crafts and homemade baked goods at the bake sale. Can't go wrong.

On Father's Day in June, the 16th, there will be an Ice Cream Social. The church will be hosting the event with sloppy joes, cole slaw, pie and ice cream. And a special treat, all dad's receive free sundaes!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 17-20th from 9am-3pm. It is hosted by West Union this year and led by Green Lake Ministries. Registration forms can be found on both East Union and West Union Lutheran Churches website. Vacation Bible School is being hosted this year in Cologne by West Union Church. All children ages three and up going into 6th Grade are invited.



Carver Black Sox

Family day is scheduled for June 22, 2019. The annual event provides an opportunity for Carver youth to practice with the Black Sox players prior to the 2:00 pm game, eat ball park food and attend the game as guest of the Black Sox. More details will be available on the web site and through CCYBSA as the date approaches. On Family Day the Carver Black Sox will be playing Young America Cardinals at the Community Park at 2 PM. Throw a ball, practice hitting, run the bases and get to know the local players! Fun for the whole family! Kids practice with the team at 12:45 PM, then have a free hot dog lunch at the Community Park shelter building. The cost to attend the 2 PM game for adults is \$ 2, kids are FREE!

The Black Sox game schedule for May is as follows:

Friday, May 3rd at 7:30 PM vs. Belle Plaine, away
Sunday, May 5th at 2 PM vs. New Germany, away
Saturday, May 11th at 4 PM – Crow River Valley League All Stars vs St Paul Saints – away, all-star game *
Sunday, May 12th at 2 PM vs. Glencoe, away
Saturday, May 18th at 2 PM vs. Brownson, home
Sunday, May 19th at 2 PM vs. Hamburg, home
Thursday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM vs. Young America, away
Monday, May 27th at 2 PM vs. Cologne, home
Tuesday, May 28th at 7:30 PM vs. Chanhassen Redbirds, away
And Thursday May 30th at 7:30 PM vs. Green Isle, away
* Black Sox All Stars are David Dolan, Mark Ulrich, Sam Warner and Kyle Dalton

More detailed information and future games are on their website: www.carverblacksox.com

Submitted by: Benno Sand

The Region 7C tournament is only 3 months away, August 3/4 and the 10th & 11th. Planning continues at an accelerating pace, the Black Sox hope to start construction of the new Press Box and 3rd base bull pen in late May. The organization is looking for volunteers to help with set up before the tournament and to staff for gate sales, parking attendants, concessions, etc. during the 4 days of the event. Anyone interested in helping please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d45abae28a0fe3-region> and sign up. Thank you for supporting the Carver Black Sox, "your home town team"



Community Calendar Highlights June 2019

June 1 st	D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk-in
June 2 nd	Happy Anniversary Kathy and Kerry!
June 3 rd	Council Meeting
June 5 th	World Environmental Day Happy Birthday Kim!
June 6 th	Last day of School Happy Anniversary Jared and Amanda!
June 7 th	Graduation Happy Birthday Scott!
June 8 th	Happy Anniversary Joy and Chris!
June 10 th	Parks Commission Meeting School Board Work Shop Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
June 11 th	Meet and Greet Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Carver-on-the-MN Meeting Happy Birthday Dennis! Happy Birthday Jane!
June 14 th	Flag Day
June 15 th	Happy Anniversary Dennis and Sharon!
June 16 th	Carver-On-The-MN Summer Solstice Canoe and Picnic Father's Day Father's Day Ice Cream Social Council Meeting
June 17 th	Happy Anniversary Lauri and Tony!
June 18 th	Happy Anniversary Becky and Zim!
June 19 th	Carver Lions Meeting Downtown Farmer's Market/Chaska
June 20 th	Vehicle Fair Planning Commission
June 21 st	Business Alliance Meeting First Day of Summer Happy Birthday Lucy!
June 22 nd	Black Sox Family Day Happy Anniversary Paul and Kim! Happy Birthday Rob!
June 23 rd	Happy Birthday Amanda!
June 24 th	School Board Meeting Happy Birthday Greg!
June 25 th	Happy Birthday Bradley!
June 30 th	Happy Anniversary Terry and Shirley! Happy Birthday Yvonna! Happy Birthday James!



My Dad

What comes to mind when I think about my dad?

How strong, smart, loving, giving and protective he is of my mom and I.

Oh, my dad can be stubborn, set in his ways, but overall he is always thinking ahead and ensuring things are taken care of.

Age has robbed him of his hearing, agility and ability to do so much he was able in younger years.

These losses cause frustration, maybe anger and possibly a tad bit depression.

This is where the stubbornness is a good thing and works in his favor at ninety-one years old he is still going strong refusing to give up.

That determination and strong will give this thankful daughter another chance to give that love back and tell her dad, "Happy Father's Day Dad!" and also to tell you again how much I love you.

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Father's Day Origins

"The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972-58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, June 16th."



Father's Day honors fathers, celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and their influence in society. Since the Middle Ages in Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated in March. Mother's Day was the inspiration for Father's Day. Did you know that there are more than seventy million fathers in the United States? In 1909, forty five states observed Mother's Day as a holiday in honor of "that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America." The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm in the commercial world was perhaps because "fathers do not have the same sentimental appeal that mothers have. In 1908, a church in West Virginia sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers. The sermon was in memory of the men who had died due to explosions in a coal mine. This was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. However, in 1910 a Spokane woman tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She was successful in her attempts supporting the idea celebrating the first statewide Father's Day on June 19th, 1910. The holiday notion slowly spread.

However, man men continued to disdain the day. As one historian wrote, "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products, often paid for by the father himself."

"During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in [New York](#) City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, "that both parents should be loved and respected together."

Paradoxically, however, the [Great Depression](#) derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second [Christmas](#)" for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When [World War II](#) began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, [Richard Nixon](#) signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. * Information referenced from [History.com](#) and [Wikipedia](#).

"The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see."

Mathmetician John Tukey

My Mom

What is mom?

Mom is a teacher, guidance, leader, counselor, friend, confidant, unselfish, example, champion, strong, selfless, courageous, encouraging, on and on and above all a never ending well of unconditional love given without any expectations.

Does one tell mom thank you enough or ensure that she knows how much all her work resulted in the realization of all of those sacrifices made were to make everything better? The endless conversations, the never-ending support given. The advice always readily available. The outpouring of pride and support. Always there when need unfailingly.

Is mom told often enough how much difference she has made in our lives or our decisions? How many times one asks, "What would mom say? What would mom do? And our decisions are based on those answers.

Would mom's child stand tall and as proud as their mother had? We can only hope so. This daughter has always said, "If I can do a quarter of the job my mom has succeeded at doing, I've done well." One never can totally repay what a mom works so hard to achieve. So be sure, if you are lucky enough to have your mom, tell her thank you, return the love and tell her how much you love her on Mother's Day. Because she doesn't expect it. I love you Mom!



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May Recap

There are lots happening in May and here is a recap so you can schedule accordingly. May 4th at Children of Tomorrow is the Vendor Fair from 9 AM until 11 AM. Also, on the 4th of May if Prom for the Chanhassen High School. The students will be dancing away the night and making memorable memories at the Chaska Event Center. For the Chaska Cubs fans, they will be holding their opener on Sunday, May 5th at 4 PM at the Chaska Historic Athletic Park in downtown Chaska. (For more details, www.chaskacubs.com). May 8th kicks off Taste of Chaska. For all the fishing people, the Fish Opener is May 9th. May 11th at the Community Park is the Shred-It event starting at 9 AM and ending at 11 AM. Meanwhile, East Union Church starting at 8 AM will be holding their Annual Plant-Bake Sale until noon. Also, ValleyFair season for 2019 opens. (They are open weekdays through September 2nd, check their calendar on website before planning your trip, couple of days throughout the summer that they are closed.) Mother's Day on Sunday, the 12th. Carver Clean Up Day is occurring on May 18th. The Bike Rodeo is the same day at the Fire Station beginning at 9 AM and is done at noon. Also, on the 18th, the Chaska High School students will be making their own memories at their Prom being held at the Hazeltine Golf Course. Rounding off the month is the last day of school for some students in the surrounding cities. Also on the Saturday, the 18th over at Appliance Source in Shakopee is the Grand Finale for the Bone Daddy Classic BBQ. But the last holiday before summer is kicked into full gear is Memorial Day on the 27th. That Monday morning, if interested, at 10 AM there is a Memorial Day Parade commencing at the Carver/Scott Coop following 4th Street to the City Square Park which is sponsored by the American Legion Post # 57 in Chaska. Apologies in advance if this editor missed any other important events happening. Just think, summer officially hasn't even begun yet. We're talking about May here. What does June hold?

35th Annual Taste of Chaska

Have you ever experienced the Taste of Chaska event? You might want to stop over at the City Square on May 8th at 5 PM and stay until 9 PM to see what it is all about. They will be holding their 35th Annual Taste of Chaska. It's free to attend. There are business vendors, food vendors, beer and wine tent, kid zone and live music. Interested in having a booth? Contact the SouthWest Chamber or email Kelly@swmetrochamber.com. The event is hosted by the SouthWest Chamber. Live music will be provided by: The Chaska High School Band at 5PM for an hour. At 6:15 PM until 9 PM the Howes, Butchart and Scott Band will entertain the crowd.



The chamber is also having a beer and wine testing tent filled with local wineries and breweries! The cost is \$ 5 to enter the tasting tent. ID will be required! NO Exceptions. Also, it would be wise to note, you will not be able to leave and return without paying the fee again and showing ID.

The Chaska Rotary Club and VAMOS (The Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships) are also inviting you to the fundraising event at the Taste of Chaska. The Chaska Rotary Club, this year, is providing a kick-start grant for the VAMOS! Scholarship program and sponsoring their event at Taste of Chaska. The VAMOS scholarships benefit Latino students in Carver County who want to continue their higher education in college.

Outdoor Youth Camps

The outdoor youth camps for the City of Carver involve children from the age of ten to sixteen. To register or more information, contact the City of Carver at 952.448.5633 or check the website brochure at chaskacommunitycenter.com. All camps are held at Riverside Park. The first one is the Archery Camp to be held on Tuesday, June 18th and Thursday, June 20th at 9 AM until noon. The Outdoor Cooking Camp are also held on the same days but at 1 PM to 4 PM. In August there will be two more camps held. The first is Minecraft: In Real Life Camp to be held on August 5th for children ages nine through fourteen at 10 AM until 3 PM. The second event will be Carver's Little Explorers Nature Hike on August 24th at 1 PM to 4 PM for kids ages four through eight and parent.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr

Bone Daddy Classic - The Grand Finale



This event is a family friendly community event being held May 18th at Appliance Source in Shakopee at 13122 Johnson Memorial Drive. This is a barbeque competition. 2019 is the year to find the grand champion Egg Head is what the caption reads. "This event all started in 2011. The team at My Appliance Source has always had a passion for grilling. That's why we carry the best brands of all types of grills. But if you want to be a true grill expert, the choice is Big Green Egg." The seven past winners will be returning this year for the grand finale.

"In 2011 we decided to share our enthusiasm with area grill experts. And even better, we thought it would be a great chance to create a community event. The result is the Annual Bone Daddy Classic. It's a chance for our customers to get great deals on an Egg, support the community through fundraising for Shakopee High School Sports, and bring their family to a fun, free, outdoor event." "Each year we try to add to the Eggsperience. And every year it grows."

"Come and relive the 80's as this year's Bone Daddy Classic." "Memories of Past Years"

"As part of the fun...the Bone Daddy Classic is a rain or shine event. We have braved the snow, the rain, and the wind. We've even had sunshine and warm weather! Families from all over the community come to eat great food, kids have fun in the bouncy houses, and everyone gets to learn about the best ceramic grill on the market."

June Recap

Get ready to pick up the pace because the speed only increases from here on in with all the summer events occurring all throughout the area. At the beautiful MN Landscape Arboretum, the Lion's D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk-in is on Saturday, June 1st starting at 9:30 AM. Over in Shakopee at the parking lot plaza on Lewis Street, Shakopee Farmer's Market kicks off their season. District # 112's last day of school is June 6th. Graduation is usually the kick off for the summer wouldn't you agree?

Chanhassen/Chaska High School seniors will have graduation practice at 10 AM and noon at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, Friday, June 7th with commencement for Chanhassen High School students beginning at 4 PM at Grace Church, Chaska High School ceremonies will begin at 7 PM. Congratulations to all graduates! scheduled for every Wednesday in June.) On Thursday, the 13th, the Old National Bank (formerly Klein Bank Friday night, at the same time over in the Chaska at the City Square Park their summer concerts kick-off at 6:30 PM. On Tuesday, June 11th at the Fireman's Park the Chaska Parks and Recreation present their Kids Entertainment series. Also, Chamber Business After hours with Chaska Cubs is taking place at the Athletic Park at 6 PM. Wednesday, June 12th also at Fireman's Park, is their Park Concert at 6:30 PM, And over in Victoria will be the Classic Car event and concert. (Victoria concerts are) kicks off their summer concerts. On Saturday, June 15th at Lion's Park, is kids Yoga and Picnic in the Park at 10:30 AM until 11 AM. Across the river in Shakopee is the Taste of Shakopee occurring. And we are only half way through the month of June here. Carver's Outdoor Youth Camps begin on the 18th of June, repeated on the 20th of June. Those events are the Archery Camp and Outdoor Cooking Camp at Riverside Park. Father's Day is June 16th. At the East Union Church is their Father's Day Ice Cream Social. Carver on the MN also invites you to celebrate Father's Day with their 2019 Summer Solstice Canoe Trip and Picnic. The Women's PGA Tournament opens Tuesday, June 18th at Hazeltine Golf Club. The Downtown Chaska Farmer's Market has it's 2019 opening day on Wednesday, June 19th. Fireman's Park concert series that evening. Thursday, June 20th the Carver Vehicle Fair is being held at the Carver Fire Station beginning at 6:30 PM. The first day of summer is June 21st. Saturday, June 22nd is Carver Black Sox Family Day at Community Park. The 25th of June, Tuesday, the Kids Entertainment at Fireman's Park continues. Also, on the 25th a new mobile recreation program begins in Chaska called the Chaska Block Party Wagon. Then on Wednesday, head on over to Victoria for the Class Car event. After a lot of research and rechecking I think I caught almost everything humanly possible. Is there other events any organizations would like to post?

"Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future."

~ Physicist Niels Bohr

Summer Concerts

On Tuesdays throughout the summer at Fireman's Park in Chaska will be the Kids Entertainment Series at 10:30 AM. Those dates are June 11th *, June 25⁺, July 9th *, July 23rd, August 6th * and August 20th.

* Beach Bash following until noon

+ Recreation on Wheels following until 1 PM

All of the events are sponsored by the City of Chaska Parks and Recreation Department. Entertainment is free and open to the public.

At the Chaska Fireman's Park on Wednesday nights will also be featuring concerts from 7 to 8:30 PM, except on the 26th of June, the time for that kids dance/DJ concert will be 6 PM to 8 PM. The other dates include June 12th featuring the Tuxedo Band and at 6 PM is the Ice Cream Social and Beach Bash where the Chaska Police Department will be serving ice cream. June 19th will feature Hunker'd Down Blues Band, and June 26th is the Kids Dance DJ. July will kick off Calhoun Brass on July 10th, AOA All American Pie Social beginning at 6 PM will be July 17th with Storm-n-Dixie, July 24th will feature the Castaways at Bark in the Park starting at 6 PM, closing out July on the 31st will be Distant Edge. Clayhole Gone Country Night starting at 6 PM will be on August 7th with Chad Edwards Country Band and the last concert will be Steve Daly and Friends playing on August 14th.

Victoria Parks and Recreation along with partners and sponsors, proudly bring residents and guests of the City of Victoria summer free summer events. 'Concerts in the Park' will be held at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand from 6-8 pm. Events are free. (*indicates Classic Car Night), June 12 - King, Cash & Diamond* (Elvis, Johnny Cash & Neil Diamond), June 19 - Skippin' Stones (variety band), June 26 - Thunderheads* (classic rock), July 10 - Pandora's Other Box* (cover band), July 17 - LaValle Jazz Cats Little Big Band (jazz big band), July 24 - Stimulus Package* (rock music), July 31 - Vinnie Rose (acoustic), August 7 - Jolly Huntsman* (polka band), and August 21 - Big Fat Groove* (classic R&B, blues & more..)

The Old National Bank Summer Concert Series for the summer of 2019 will begin on Thursdays with performances at City Center Park Plaza in downtown Chanhassen. There are a variety of music styles scheduled for all to enjoy. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Bring the kids, lawn chair and enjoy the free concert series! Food, beverage, beer and wine will also be permitted. The concert series for June and July will all be starting at 7 PM and finish at 8 PM. For anyone interested, those dates are, June 13th, June 20th, and June 27th. July's dates are 11th, 18th and 25th. Also, on August 1st at 11 AM until noon there will be a concert and then that evening at 7 PM - 8 PM will still be another. The last concert will be on August 8th at 7 PM. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Chanhassen and the Old National Bank.

Chaska's Summer City Square Park concert series is held on Friday evenings, at 7 PM until 8:30 PM. These dates are June 7th (times for this concert are 6:30 to 9 PM), 14th, 21st and 28th, July 5th and July 19th there will not be any concerts, other July dates include July 12th, and 26th, August dates are the 2nd, 9th and the last concert on the 16th. All concerts are free and open to the public, sponsored by the City of Chaska Parks and Recreation Department.

Block Party - Recreation on Wheels

"A new mobile recreation program coming to a park near you! The Chaska Block Party Wagon is filled with interactive games, equipment traveling to Chaska parks the 2019 summer. Parks and Recreation staff will help facilitate unique and engaging outdoor activities for the kids of all ages. The schedule is as follows; Tuesday, June 25th at 11:30 AM until 1 PM at Fireman's Park with a kid's concert at 10:30 AM with Sticks and Tones. Wednesday, July 10th, at McKnight Park at 6:45 until 8:15 PM with Flow Yoga at 7:15 to 8:15 PM. Thursday, July 25th at 10 AM until 11:30 AM at Lions Park. The last event will be held Tuesday August 13th at 3 until 4:30 PM at the Community Park.

"Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice make democracy necessary."

~ Christian Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr

Yoga in the Park



Kids Yoga and Picnic in the Park invitation to everyone.

On Saturday, June 15th at 10:30 AM until 11 AM there is a free yoga event at Lions Park on Mount Hope Road in Carver. Join the group for a morning of yoga in the park. All levels are welcome. Kids will be led through an interactive story while doing yoga poses and stretching. Bring a yoga mat or a blanket and a picnic lunch.

July Recap

Survive June? We only getting started here. Not only do the events continue keeping us moving at that fast past, but July might pick up the pace with some events being more than one day. Like the 4th of July, tournaments, city days, fairs, and Chaska Valley Family Theatre performances. Grab your calendar and start writing, that's what I had to do to even begin writing this. Chanhassen kicks off their 36th two-day event with the 4th of July Celebration. Chaska also gets in on the action with their fireworks presentations. In fact, all around the area is fireworks. You have to pick which is your favorite to attend. Tuesdays the 9th and 23rd is the Fireman's Park Kids Entertainment series. Wednesdays is the Fireman's concert series, Farmer's Markets and Victoria's Classic Car Concert Series. Thursdays are the Chanhassen Concerts. Friday is the Chaska Concerts. The second event for the Chaska Block Party Wagon is on July 10th at the Fireman's Park also. The Farmer's Market at the Carver County Government Center starts on Wednesday the 10th. In Carver on Thursday, July 18th is Peace in the Park. On July 18th through the 20th at Canterbury is Summer Jam Concert. The same weekend starting on Friday the 19th until Sunday, July 21st is Belle Plaine's BBQ Days, (www.belleplaine-festivals.org). To make life interesting and challenging, also that same weekend is Chaska's Fire and Ice Event. Heading over to Jordan on the 24th of July, Wednesday the Scott County Fair begins. (www.scottcountyfair.org) Also, on July 25th along with all the other events, the Chaska Block Party Wagon will be at the Lion's Park (Chaska). Over in Cologne on July 25th (Thursday) through Saturday, the 27th is Glad Days. Also, that same weekend, July 26th through the 28th is River City Days. (www.ChaskaRiverCityDays.com) Icing on the cake for the month of July is the performances for Chaska Valley Family Theater's Bye, Bye Birdie begins on Thursday, July 25th. (www.cvf.org) Are you tired? There's more, we haven't even started August yet. And humans wonder where summers go? The end of July the Carver Lions sponsor the Youth Exchange Picnic.

August Recap

Thursday, August 1st Chanhassen has their concert, Chaska Valley Family Theatre performs Bye, Bye Birdie through Sunday, the 4th. August 2nd, Friday, Chaska has their concert in the park. On Saturday, the 2nd the Scott Carver Threshers Annual Old Time Harvest Steam and Gas Engine Festival will kick off their weekend. (www.scottcarverthreshers.org) Saturday, August 3rd, The Carver Black Sox host the 3019 Region 7 C Baseball Tournament! On Tuesday, August 6th the Fireman's Series continue. It's also National Night Out, the same day. Wednesday, August 7th is the Fireman's Concert and the Victoria Classic Car event. The Carver County Fair also kicks off their week of events through Sunday, the 11th. Saturday, August 10th over in Chaska is the Flags and Honor of MN while the Carver Black Sox continue their Tournament. Tuesday, August 13th is the last event for Recreation on Wheels. On Wednesday, August 14th, is the wrap up for the Fireman's Park Concert series. On Thursday, August 15th Chaska is holding their 'Touch a Truck' event. Friday, August 16th through the 18th the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will be holding their 'Celebration of Life' Wacipipi. Saturday, August 17th the 49th Renaissance Festival begins its activities. Dahlgren Township will be holding their 3rd Annual picnic for residents. Tuesday, August 20th is the last concert for the Kids Entertainment Concert Series. Wednesday, August 21st Victoria will host its last Classic Car Event. At the Chaska Fireman's Park will be Star Light Movie event. Summer is winding down when the MN State Fair begins and that is occurring August 22nd, Thursday and you can attend the fair through Labor Day. The finale for summer is the Stifungfest celebration in Norwood/Young America starting on Friday, August 23rd and ends on August 25th.

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

~ French Author Antoine de Saint-Exupery

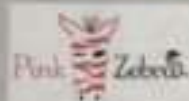
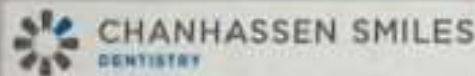
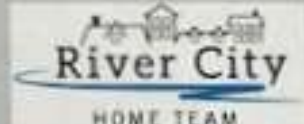
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Carver Lions



Annual Shred-It Event

Saturday, May 11

9:00am—11:00am

Community Park

Clean those files.

Collect your paper waste to shred.

2 box limit per vehicle

Paper Only

Free! Donations accepted.



Huge Spring Plant Sale

Flower, vegetable & herb plants • hanging baskets • containers • garden crafts

& Bake Sale - Homemade baked goods



*Complimentary
coffee and cookie
while you shop!*



Way more
Annuals, vegetables &
herbs this year!

Hundreds
Of baskets!
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Of coleus!



East Union Lutheran Church

15180 County Rd 40,
Carver, MN 55315

**Saturday
May 11th**

8:00 a.m. to Noon
(Opens for browsing &
shopping at 8:00)



Join Carver on the Minnesota for our 2019 Summer Solstice



Canoe Trip and Picnic!

— The Perfect Father's Day Outing! —

Carver on the Minnesota is hosting our seventh annual Minnesota River canoe trip and picnic. This is a **FREE** event, but donations are always very much appreciated.

Join us for a 3-4 hour canoe trip and picnic on the historic Minnesota River between the Jordan boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park.

You can drop off your canoe(s), and/or kayak(s) at the Jordan boat landing, and we will keep an eye on them while you take your vehicle to the put out location at Carver's Riverside Park. From Riverside Park we will transport you back to the Jordan boat landing to begin a fun and memorable river trip to Carver.

The trip will take place Sunday, June 16th, beginning at 8am, and ending at approximately noon. Boats need to be dropped off by 7AM, and transportation from Riverside Park will depart at approximately 7:30 AM. The event will take place rain or shine, but would be canceled for dangerous weather or river conditions.

For more information and to make reservations, contact us by 6/10/19.

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*Night Marauders - Carver Flowers / Stages -
Trespassing*

"Territory" Raschevious nudged, "Member when we used to sneak in here when Dennis and Rose were in here?"

Territory's nose was inside the cooler breathing in the luscious smell of the flowers very deeply.

Raschevious rattled on, "Rose always had those delicious cinnamon rolls stashed away." He reminisced dreamily.

"Who's Rose?" Rascal asked starting to climb upwards.

"Previous tenants."

"Before your time."

"Whole lot different now huh Rasch?" Territory took visual inventory turning around slowly so as to take it all in.

"Yeaaaaa" Raschevious lulled.

"Rascal that is all glass. Get down from there right now before you break something!" Territory ordered crossly.

Rascal began descending very cautiously and carefully from the tall cabinet full of glass, moving slowly, touching absolutely nothing so not to do any damage or accidentally knock anything over or down. The other two racoons were stealthily moving about checking everything out from the flower arrangement, work table, flower cooler, book shelf, novelty items, candles to all the antiques in the front corner and the section with prom/wedding attire venue.

"Card here reads 'Stages - Vintage Wares.'" Raschevious read.

"Some pretty nice antiques." Rascal stood at a safe distance as not to touch anything but carefully assessing the hurricane oil lamps, the vintage picture frames, the wooden shelf holding the fine china plates and cups. In the front window the display housed an antique wooden table with caned chair inviting guests to be seated and served.

"Can I please feel the quilt?" Rascal took a step forward when in unison the other two simultaneously yelled,

"NO!"

Raschevious continued evaluating the silk floral wreaths on the walls, the rack of greeting cards, the cupboard full of stinky candles in his opinion, the vintage and cottage décor on the armoires and cabinets, the roosters on the top of the stand and the fake fireplace on the wall lined with flowers in the vases above. At a safe distance, Rascal stared dreamily into the glass cabinet filled with intricate figurines. Territory thought to himself how neatly it was displayed to catch your eye when the flower cart caught his eye full of flowers and greenery.

"Makes one feel more at home in nature here." Territory commented comfortably.

"Look at this." Rascal had found his way to the section primarily centered on wedding attire.

A cabinet held cake tops. There were books with different styles, colors, themes, and textures for guidance. Then the jewelry caught Rascal's attention too. More books with gowns, tuxedos, invitations, stationary, floral details and table settings.

Their trespassing quest was suddenly interrupted. There was crashing noises, reverberations invading the space within. All three stopped dead in their tracks. The glass on the west wall rattled from the bodies hitting the side of the building. There was screaming, hollering, banging, yelling. A fight erupted starting at the west side and moved to the front. They could all envision the eruption busting through the front glass windows.

"Time to get out!" Rascal exclaimed as quietly as he could and was the first to slip out. The other two didn't hesitate bolting straight back to the river bottoms, not even taking time to see what all the commotion was. Once safe back in their own terrain, Territory proclaimed, "Well looks like we will have to go back another time."

It wasn't until a few days later that everyone learned what all the ruckus was about. There had been a horrendous fight with both the police and ambulance having been called in. Territory was relieved that they had retreated when they did before anymore humans had arrived while they were inside. That would have been disastrous for everyone.

Territory was disappointed that their trip was incomplete when technically there were three vendors to evaluate. The determination has been made that it was best that they would have to return and continue with their appraisals.

He settled in to write his evaluations:

"It had been Annette's and Al's longtime dream to open a flower shop in downtown Carver. Annette had been extremely proud of her mom's skills in retail in Embarrass, MN. Al, once as a teenager was employed in New Jersey at his cousin's flower shop. They both love flowers. Annette used to be a Master Gardener, as well. They started small in the beginning with the shop, opening in spring of 2008. They had limited hours. Originally the floral studio was named Carver Country Flowers and Gifts. However, by January of 2009 Carver Flowers grew to a full-time, full-service. Annette achieved status as premier local florist and her pride shown with being named, "Only MN Certified Florist in southwest MN." Then in 2014, the shop was renamed Carver Flowers.

Annette stamped her very own footprint inside the one-hundred-forty-five-year old structure with origins of a hardware store. It's age visible in this fortress of a homey, welcoming atmosphere, luring you within warmly. You can see its age when your eyes roam around the floor, the wall, the ceiling and the front windows. There's a charm you can't help but absorb the instant the front door opens. So many fine intricate pieces of merchandise eloquently displayed and the visual vintage to your left create an illusion of stepping back in time. Expansions were also made to include the prom/wedding venue to the shop to lure more customers into the quaint shop. It is quite obvious that decision was an astute choice for them. These two sharp business entrepreneurs also took on the role of landlords for two other avid antiquers'. The front left corner of the shop were the designing talents of Val from Stages and Tom at The Good Junk Garage.

The proprietor is just as welcoming and accepting as your willingness to enter. Her bouquets are creative, unique and appropriate to whatever you're expressing. Annette goes above and beyond for her family, friends and probably her customers. She is the pulse of the community with her outgoing, direct honesty and hospitable nature. One never leaves her shop without something gained, especially a friendly warm smile. Annette helps people express their feelings with flowers and more! The place to be is at 109 East Third Street in Carver."

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