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August

Kingfisher: "You're comfortable in your own skin, and you don't need to pretend to be someone or something you're not. If people don't like you for who you are, you're unwilling to change to suit them since you're fine with being you!" "Kingfisher birth month babies are best known for being the friendliest people. You not only enjoy meeting new people, but somehow make new people enjoy meeting you. You are known to be extremely generous, offering assistance to anyone in need. With your generosity extending beyond only close friends, you are happy to help everyone you come in contact with."

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Tribute to Greg

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Not only the family but the City of Carver is deeply saddened with the loss a former mayor who fought a diligent fight against a disease, leukemia. Greg Osterdyk's CaringBridge site stated, "After a nineteen-month battle of fighting Leukemia, Greg passed away from complications due to pneumonia."

Greg, an entrepreneur grew up in Shakopee, served on the city council before taking on the role of mayor. Had always been involved in the community since moving to Carver in 2005. During his residency, he served as the president of the Carver Lions, chairperson for the Steamboat Committee, president of the Homeowners Association for Carver Bluffs and involved with various local fundraisers.

Per Greg's website, his own words, "I have been a mayor, been in a near-death accident and started and closed a couple of businesses. You don't learn if you don't try." How many others did he inspire with those words?

Greg once told a reporter in an interview that his favorite quote was, "Everything happens for a reason." Deepest sympathies are extended to Lori and Sydney and their families.



Elm Drive Closure

Submitted by: Vicky Sons-Eiden

Traffic Alert from the City of Carver relating to Elm Drive Closure which began July 22nd and will be closed for approximately four to six weeks.

"Construction activities are scheduled to begin in the Elm Drive area. Elm Drive will be closed during the construction, expected to last about 4 to 6 weeks. Access will be maintained to properties adjacent to the project during non-working hours. There will be times during the project in which access will be temporarily restricted due to construction activities. Residents are suggested to have vehicles parked on side streets off of Elm Drive on workdays prior to 7am to avoid access inconveniences."

"For more details about the project or to sign up for project updates, please visit the project page on the city's website at: 2019 Street Improvement Project. Any further questions, please contact: vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com"



Community Development Agency

The city planner told the council about plans for Carver County Community Development Agency which is in the early stages of developing a concept of independent senior and multi-family apartments. The proposal would be located on property currently owned by the agency and is south of the Carver Crossing site. An open house for the project had been held. The next steps include reviewal by the Planning Commission and the city council.

The Planning Commissioners were introduced to information relating to the Community Development Agency's Apartment Concept proposal. The concept plan proposes general occupancy apartments and senior living apartments. The project is in line with the guidance of the Comprehensive Plan and allows for construction of additional units. An open house had been held.

Development Agreements

The city attorney reviewed Development Agreements with the city. The attorney presented an overview including the general background, authority, purpose and specific issues to be addressed.

The liberties of a people never were nor ever will be secure when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.

~ Patrick Henry

City Park Food Trucks

The council reviewed the letter from the city attorney concerning the consideration of licensing food trucks in city parks. The council has been reviewing the issue of licensing food trucks that would allow operations in a municipal parking lot of a city park. The proposed ordinance will continue to be discussed at a future meeting.

Mt Hope Road Parking

The city engineer reviewed the parking restrictions and widths on Mount Hope Road from downtown to Spring Creek Drive. The recommended parking restrictions proposal were based on widths, applicable codes and engineering standards. There was not any public comment at the meeting. Motion was made and carried with all eyes adopting additional parking restrictions along Mount Hope Road as presented.

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Storm Water

The city engineer presented the overview of the 218 Storm Sewer Improvements for the Jonathan Carver Parkway coordination project. The presentation covered a summary, background, goals and current status, as well as the review of current options and the next steps in the project plans. Cost options will be discussed in the future.

The city held a Public Hearing regarding the Municipal Storm Water System where the city engineer presented information related to the annual meeting and the Municipal separate Storm Sewer System Permit. The purpose of the hearing was to inform the public of the impact stormwater discharges have on local water resources, offer the opportunity for input and give updates on compliance status. Question was asked about the MN Pollution Control Agency requesting input regarding the permit reissuance. Response was given that the information would be relayed prior to reissuance. Reissuance steps could change regarding permit. Expenses and review of the rules were inquired about. The engineer relayed expenses incurred are to the city, developers and other parties involved. It is a five-year cycle for the rule review. There was not any public input at the hearing.

Council member asked if the challenge for stormwater management involved new construction or existing developments. The city engineer stated that existing infrastructure presented the biggest challenge due to limited space and retrofitting solutions into these areas. The Public Services Director agreed with this assessment. The city manager requested conversation explaining day-to-day operations of stormwater ponds, inventories and inspection. The Public Services Department relayed working with GIS program keeping track of ponds. Annual inspections are tracked and different ponds inspected each year. Question was then asked about costs being retroactive or upfront costs. Costs are the result of not meeting standards. Inspections are rotated and work is done with the firm of Bolten & Menk.

2019 Bonds

Baker Tilly financial advisory firm representative presented information concerning the city's 2019 AB series bonds which included the basics of bonds, and specific details and the recommendations for Issuance of Bonds. In the past, the city manager contacted the mayor solely for acceptance or decline of a bond premium. The manager would not be able to contact each individual requesting a decision and this reasoning due to open meeting laws. There were further discussions on details on revenues and terminations. The city attorney stated that the city works with Briggs and Morgan for bond counsel and specialized opinion is required from a bond counsel. The city has worked with this firm for over forty years. Motions was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolutions providing for the competitive negotiated sale of General Obligation and Tax Increment Revenue Bonds Series amounts.

2019 Budget Amendment

Balancing the General Fund Expenditures and Revenues required an adjustment to correct a mathematical error to the budget. The information pertaining to the 2019 proposed budget amendments were presented by the city manager. The items related to the proposal included the General Fund relating to building permit revenue, SouthWest Prime, Pay Grade Adjustments and the Street Maintenance Fund. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution amending the 2019 Budget.

Ironwood Park Expansion

The Parks Commission was given an overview by the city planning concerning the property identified as the Song Concept by Summergate. Part of this concept provides a possible opportunity for expansion of the Ironwood Park. The members discussed preferences towards a feature that could serve visitors to the park which are not available for organized recreational programs. They supported additional parking in the park. There was mention of a nature-based play area, a splash pad or an option of additional fields. Preference was voiced maintaining sight lines throughout the park.

Miscellaneous

The Public Services Department presented request for a new Kubota tractor to replace the older unit. The primary usage of the equipment involves winter use to run the Zamboni, run the weed spraying equipment maintaining the parks and levees and also used to operate some of the larger mowing equipment. The cost of the purchase had been planned for within the 2019 budget.

The Public Services Director with the council toured the Riverside Park area as he informed them of the damage caused by recent flooding. These repairs could be costly. Direction on proceeding will be sought from the council.

The council reviewed the discussion involving the annual 2020 Service Agreement for Joint Assessment with Carver County with services performed by the Carver County Assessor personnel. Increases were also reviewed.

The Carver County Water Management representative attended the Planning Commission meeting to present information pertaining to watersheds, management of land and how it affects water, water pollution, the roles of the Planning Commission, and water management tools.

Corridor Study

The representative from WSB & Associates presented background information relating to the Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor Study. The city and the county had entered into an agreement to study Jonathan Carver Parkway between Highway 212 and County Road # 40. The purpose of the study was to identify the short, mid and long-term improvements along the corridor so as to address the transportation needs to the community for the next twenty years. The study also was expected to address the local supporting roadway network feeding into and parallel to the initial roadway. At the meeting their purpose was to update the council, provide an overview of the final plans presented for adoption and to discuss the next steps in the process. The final report contains an overview of the study objective and goals and processes to develop the plan.

The full report is available on the city's website for review.

Additional topics were discussed at the council meeting at length. Another topic touched on was the speed limits and changing the speed limit. Intersection changes will dictate how drivers on the corridor will adapt accordingly. In order to change a speed limit, a speed study would be required by the MN Department of Transportation. There is a potential with additional stopping and more urbanizations of the corridor that the study could change speed. Many factors are considered. Studies are conducted on operating speeds. Normally, what occurs is that a road construction project has a designed speed limit and when the project is completed, MNDOT would then conduct a study and evaluate it.

Question was asked whether the study would be updated when the 2016 statistics were made available. Response was given that when the data is available it would be looked at. Emergency personnel were talked to as part of the study, but that information was not included reflecting crashes that had occurred. The information had not differed from the information received from the sheriff's office. Three years of data is required in order to be accurate. The discussions relating to the Jonathan Carver Parkway does not adhere to that criteria. This transition period is almost over, therefore data should become available in a few months. Additionally, the county has a new county roadway safety tool and working with Bolten and Menk to produce the data when available. Continuous traffic counts are done every two years. The regional model is also being updated and will be launched reflecting updated forecasted numbers.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Jonathan Carver Parkway, County Highway 11, Corridor Study.

A Thought for Today

By: Oscar Wilde

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live; it is asking other to live as one wishes to live.

Unselfishness is letting other people's lives alone, not interfering with them.

Selfishness always aims at creating around it an absolute uniformity of type.

Unselfishness recognizes infinite variety of type as a delightful thing accepts it, acquiesces in it, enjoys it.

Facilities Rental Agreement

The city clerk/treasurer presented a drafted facility rental agreement for council review and discussion regarding the drafted policy. The city will offer rental space in the new City Hall located in Carver's historic downtown area.

The facility includes Village Hall considered a community space with an outdoor patio area and a commercial kitchen and a small conference room. Additional rental availability would be the historic church. The Facility Rental Agreement would be a contract between the city and the rental party. The draft had been reviewed by the city attorney and the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust.

The use of alcohol was addressed in the agreement for discussion, if the city were to pursue allowance. This would require additional verbiage and options were presented in the drafted policy for discussion. The fee schedule would encompass fees involved for potential rental factions. As a way to streamline and provide consistency, categories are presented should the council choose different group ratings. This type of new structuring would eliminate the necessity for adding or removal with community growth. For comparison purposes, other community charges were also presented, along with possible fee options. Consideration for rental fee philosophy should be included in decision for fee setting. Several pricing strategies could also be utilized to include market matching, increase or decrease market strategies, promotion of community engagement, support of non-profits and different rates for differing assemblages.

The council further discussed the issue involving alcohol and insurance necessary. The liquor liability written into the agreements requires an amount combined single limit. Most of the current liquor license holders possess the said policy listing the city as an additional insured. If the liquor license holder is not in the city limits, the current ordinance requires change. This cannot be addressed in the Facility Rental Agreement. In the meantime, if alcohol were to be sold at facilities, requirement would be to either obtain a liquor license or work with an organization who qualifies. The city supported the general liability insurance where alcohol was to be served. They also supported serving of alcohol limited to the Village Hall rental. The drafted policy would reflect these changes accordingly. In addition to allowance of alcohol, a building monitor assignment would be necessary with authority.

The council also discussed proposed group structures and associated fees that would still need to be adopted by the city. The types of group structures were discussed with council consensus in agreement with definitions. Deposits and fees associated with group structuring were reviewed determining also a fee schedule.

Parks Master Plan

At their meeting the Pars Commission members reviewed the draft of the Parks Master Plan. They discussed former studies and maps that will be included in the Master Plan. The members were supportive of the direction of the drafted plan. They will continue to review the document in the future.

Park Signage

The city planner presented information to the Parks Commission concerning uniform street design and consistency of design imprints throughout the city. Recent sign installations have been aged metal. Examples for identification purposes include historic Carver signs and the Carver sign at the intersection of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Levi Griffin Road. If the commission were supportive of changes there were examples for their review available. The city planner stated that as the park signs require replacement, they will be updated to match the metal signs. The consensus of the members supported having uniform signage throughout the community. Ironwood Park would be the first to receive the new sign.

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Sixth Street

The council was updated by the city manager and the engineer regarding the necessity recently to close Sixth Street for repairs due to runoff of sediment during the recent storm. The engineer reported that there had been a clog in the pipe underneath the old railroad embankment. The developer had been working to unclog the pipe involving opening, exposing and breaking into the pipe to allow cleaning. During that time as the storm passed, sediment was allowed to run off onto the street impacting property owner already experiencing issues with drainage causing a short duration of closure on Sixth Street. The issue had been resolved. Question was posed if this repair would be enough to resolve the issue in the future. The engineer stated that the new culvert will be a big improvement over how operations had been working for many years. Easement discussions were also a result of the issue. The developer also was willing to work with the cleanup. The property owner will be involved in the process.

United Properties

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the preliminary and Final Plat Rezoning for United Properties. The property is east of Meridian Fields and north of Carver Elementary anticipated to develop with commercial users. Question was asked if the roads utilized by the commercial use were typically managed by the city. The response given was that the streets would function under a business HOA and be privately maintained, but the city utilities will run below streets with easements over the utilities. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat for the Carver Commons. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of rezoning for Carver Commons.

Song Property Concept

The city planner presented the Planning Commission with the Concept Plan for the Song Property. This property currently is in Dahlgren Township requiring annexation before applications can go forward with the required planning processes. Proposal involves a mix of single-family homes, and townhome units. Due to the housing types request has been made to review the Planned Residential Development which allows deviation from the city's zoning code. The proposal does acclimate within the adopted range determined by the Comprehensive Plan.

Question was asked about the city's strategy to get from Jonathan Carver Parkway to County Road # 43. The city planner explained that Monroe Drive and Ironwood Drive are collectors and will serve as the traffic carriers. Dahlgren Road may connect in the future, but improvements would be necessary for that option.

Comment was made regarding Ironwood Drive being busy before and after school hours. Question was asked regarding the long-term plan from the county's standpoint regarding Jonathan Carver Parkway. The city planner responded that the growth area has been anticipated in the Jonathan Carver Parkway study. A stoplight will be at Monroe Drive and Jonathan Carver Parkway when the Carver Commons area is developed providing traffic relief. Question was asked regarding added growth impacts on city services. The Concept Plan is forwarded to city departments providing continuous input throughout the process. An additional question was asked regarding whether or not a traffic study would be required. The city planner stated that the Comprehensive Plan identifies Monroe and Ironwood Drives as collector roads. In addition, the Environmental Assessment Worksheet includes a traffic component which has this traffic information.

Commissioner inquired about park plans. Ironwood Park expansion has been contemplated for quite some time. An additional park space at Ironwood Park has been discussed along with reconfiguring the fields. More details will be developed as they work through the process. The ravine in the area is being reviewed for a potential nature-based trail.

Carver Business Alliance

The Carver Business Alliance, Carver business group meets 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 August 16th and September 20th.

Hawthorne Ridge

The Planning Commissioners were presented with the Final Plat for Hawthorne Ridge. This development includes eighty-one single-family home sites. The majority of the site is steep slopes with mature trees that will be preserved.

There is a dedicated private park and discussion was held on its location. Question was asked whether or not there would be a path to the park. Question was asked regarding sidewalk connection with the existing development. Confirmation was given that the connection would be from Spring Creek. Motion was made and carried with all eyes recommending approval of the Final Plat for Hawthorne Ridge.

Community Highlights

September 2019

September 2 nd	Labor Day
September 3 rd	First Day of School (Kindergarten) Council Meeting
September 4 th	Lions Meeting
September 6 th	SteamBoat Days Weekend
September 7 th	Jordan Heimatfest Happy Anniversary Terri and Howie!
September 8 th	Grandparent's Day
September 9 th	Parks Commission Meeting School Board Workshop Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Birthday Jeff!
September 10 th	Meet and Greet Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Carver-on-the-Minnesota Meeting Happy Birthday Crystal! Happy Birthday Lori!
September 11 th	Patriot Day Observance Happy Birthday Hannah!
September 12 th	Apple Jam Happy Birthday Dwight!
September 14 th	Red Barn Farm Festival Happy Birthday Caroline!
September 15 th	Happy Birthday Sandy! Happy Birthday Terri! Happy Anniversary Andrew and Katie!
September 16 th	Council Meeting
September 17 th	Constitution Day
September 18 th	Lions Meeting
September 19 th	Planning Commission Meeting Carver Shops Occasional Shop Weekend Happy Birthday Tony!
September 20 th	Carver Business Alliance Meeting
September 21 st	Excelsior Apple Days Happy Birthday Mom! Happy Birthday Hooker!
September 22 nd	Happy Birthday Missy!
September 23 rd	First Day of Autumn School Board Meeting Happy Birthday Bonnie! Happy Birthday Mike! Happy Birthday Evelyn! Happy Anniversary Sonjia and Jim!
September 24 th	Happy Birthday Molly!
September 26 th	Happy Anniversary Barb and Darrel!
September 27 th	Carver Fire Relief Golf Tournament Happy Birthday Darren! Happy Anniversary Shawn and Phil!
September 28 th	West Union Lutheran Country Market Happy Birthday Janet! Happy Birthday Cassandra!
September 29 th	Rosh Hashanah Gold Star Mother's Day Happy Birthday Branden!
September 30 th	Happy Birthday Richard! Happy Birthday Lee! Happy Birthday Pat!



Carver's Night to Unite

From the City of Carver:

Carver's 'Night to Unite' (National Night Out) event is scheduled for August 6th in Carver. The City of Carver's "Night to Unite" is an evening when neighbors throughout the city, (state and country) gather to get to know one another and promote community safety. The goals of the event are to: Heighten awareness and prevention of crime, drugs and violence, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Carver Fire Department and Sheriff will attempt to visit all registered block/home parties. The departments will arrive and depart at various times, depending on the number of registered parties. Emergency vehicles are on call for duty at all times.

Roots Return

Lori Cox

Browse & Pickup

WELCOME! The farm currently has Frozen Raspberries, Frozen Red Currants, Frozen Black Currants (1 LB Strawberry left!). Products below for TUES 7/30 DELIVERY ONLY, BTWN 4-5pm. 55315, 55318 ZIP CODES ONLY. *Please* note in your order if special placement request (freezer, etc) other than frozen bags on your front porch or doorstep. Thanks!

COMING SOON: Cut Flowers, Garlic, Basil, Strawberries, Elderberries.

We post days, hours + products as they become available here, and our Facebook page. Accessible parking lot available during the season. We offer fresh, frozen & dried products of the farm. 2019: Strawberries, Raspberries, Cut Flowers, Elderberries, Red & Black Currants, (tentative Apples & Grapes), Garlic, Basil, Squash, Pumpkins, Dried Beans.

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 & water conservation district conservationist of the year, and 10% of our main field is in Pollinator CRP habitat.

ORDER AHEAD STEPS => 1) CHOOSE 2) PAY 3) PICK UP **YOU MUST PICKUP DURING DESIGNATED DAY/TIME** Order is forfeited if not picked up.

Items are ready on designated operation days. Some items also available at the stand until sold out. If SOLD OUT, its currently unavailable for pre-purchase, or will be harvested soon. Delivery may be offered for 55315, 55318, 55352 zip codes during specific 2019 dates.

Order GIFT CERTIFICATES (choose below). Questions? => rootsreturn@gmail.com.

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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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"In life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong." ~ Unknown



South West Metro Chamber of Commerce



Have you ever heard about 'Picking at the Pavilion'? Well the Chamber of Commerce is promoting the event occurring on Saturday, September 14th at Noon until 8 PM at the Victoria Lions Park. For more information, check their website: www.pickingatthepavillion.com.

"Picking at the Pavilion" is a full day of amazing boot stomping music with great food, cold beverages and tons of fun for all, brought to you by members of the Frebella family. All proceeds from the Frebella Events go to support organizations that are on a mission to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health through support, education, shared experience and community." Their Lineup is the White Iron Band.

FOOTNOTE:

"Frebella started as a camping trip, grew into a festival, now we aim for something much more..."

"In 2018 - Frebella Fest was pretty dang successful. We raised a ton of awareness for mental wellness and eating disorder prevention, shared good vibes with nearly 900 tickets sold and donated almost \$30k to WithAll (formerly, The Emily Program Foundation)."

"With that feedback in mind, we've decided to get more organized and really do Frebella Fest right moving forward. To that end, we've decided to turn Frebella into a legit nonprofit which we believe will focus the mission, invite more help, and allow us to make an even bigger impact for mental wellness causes.

While we work on getting the nonprofit organized, Frebella Fest will be on hiatus for 2019, but returning in full swing in 2020.

In the meantime, we're going to keep the momentum going by hosting events throughout the year to raise awareness and continue to give to a variety of charities which share our mission.

Our first event, "Picking at the Pavilion" will be an all-day concert in Victoria, Sept 14th, with some amazing boot stomping bands, great food and fun with the goal of continuing our mission to raise awareness and funds for causes we care deeply for."

Then on Monday, September 16th, the chamber is holding their 11th Annual Metro Chamber of commerce Golf Classic at Deer Run Golf Club from 11 AM to 7 PM. This is one of their prime fundraiser events for their organization. Proceeds support valuable programs throughout the year for the chamber. Joint them for a fun-filled day of networking and golf. Consider marketing your business with donations if you can't join them.

And the chamber's final September event is the SayHey to education 5K on Saturday, September 28th at 9 AM until 10 AM in downtown Chaska. "The SayHey to Education: 5K draws runners, youth participants, parents, spectators, volunteers and community members. All proceeds from this event go to the Chamber Education Foundation which provides scholarships for youth entering college and non-traditional students' scholarships to Chamber Members each year. Hope you will join us for this wonderful fun run!" Visit their website for more information.

Carver Black Sox



Submitted by: Tim Campbell

The Region 7C tournament is almost upon us! The tournament will feature the best 8 teams from the Crow River Valley League vying for 4 spots in the Amateur Baseball Class C State Tournament in Delano/Maple Lake/Dassel. Looking forward to great baseball at Woody Swanson field at Community Park in Carver. Don't forget that Wondercure will be providing free to the community live music on August 3rd from around 6pm to around 9pm. We hope as many from the Carver community and surrounding area join us for 2 great weekends of baseball on August 3 & 4 and August 10 & 11. The Black Sox are completing work on a new press box, have installed a new sound system, and have made an impeccable playing surface for the tournament. There will be loads of great food and beverages available for purchase. Daily tickets to the tournament are \$5 for adults and all kids under 18 get in for free! We are still looking for volunteers interested in helping out with the tournament, please visit www.carverblacksox.com for sign up information. We look forward to seeing all of you out at Community Park in August!

"Don't Say, 'I can't' - The 'I can't' are unknown in the world's work and unremembered in history."

~ Gutzon Burglum

District # 112

The Eastern Carver County School Board approved the November Referendum with three questions on the ballot, November 5th.

"These three questions address enrollment growth and funding needs necessary to provide the educational experience each student needs and deserves."

Question 1: An operating levy increase to help bridge our budget gap, continue the strong academic preparation of our students, prevent cuts to programs and services, maintain class sizes and manage growing enrollment.

Question 2: A bond request to build a new elementary school on district-owned land in Chaska, address deferred maintenance needs across the district and build a larger bus garage on a new site. Question 2 can pass only if Question 1 is approved.

Question 3: A no-tax increase renewal of our existing security and technology levy, which supports school security systems, technology for students and staff, and related professional development and support.

"Chair Tim Klein said. "We've been reviewing information for the past several months to help us determine what level of community support we need to keep our schools strong, and these three questions are the result of that analysis."

The decision to proceed with a referendum was based on months of study, input and research to manage growing enrollment and address aging buildings, budget pressures and academic needs. Contributing factors include state funding that has not kept pace with inflation for more than 15 years, enrollment projected to grow by 1,400 students in the next five years, maintenance needs across the district that far exceed the capital funding provided by the state and the need to maintain school security and technology systems.

If all three questions are approved, the average homeowner (\$350,000 home) would see a tax increase of \$36 per month. Without approval, the district will have to make cuts that will impact all areas of the district, from class size, program offerings, facilities maintenance, and school security. "

Also, for anyone interested, "all Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be invited to meet their new teacher and complete a brief learning assessment during a thirty-minute *Connect & Assess* meeting on August 27 or 28.

Families will find out the name of your child's teacher in early August. At that time, you will also receive information about how to schedule the *Connect & Assess* appointment for your child(ren) using an online scheduling system.

What is *Connect & Assess*?

Students and their parents/guardians will have the opportunity to connect one-on-one with their child's teacher and meet other school staff. This begins a positive school-home relationship.

Teachers will assess each student to learn about them as a learner/reader to gather some baseline information to begin personalized instruction as soon as the first day of school. These are not tests of ability or intelligence. Kindergarten students will take early-learning assessments in math and literacy.

Grades 1-5 will complete a benchmark reading assessment to determine a child's instructional literacy level.

Families can drop off school supplies, pay for lunch, and complete or return school forms during this visit.

St Nicholas Church



Fall Festival at St. Nicholas will be happening the week-end of Sept. 7-8 coinciding with Steamboat Days. Be sure to stop by St. Nicholas as we celebrate Fall Festival and our 150th Anniversary as we honor our German heritage on Saturday with a Polka Mass and German Dinner! Sunday start your day with a hearty Pancake Breakfast at the parish center before heading downtown for the parade. Each day check out the fantastic Silent Auction and Raffles!

New Mass times are as follows:

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Sunday, 9:15 AM

Check www.stnicholascarver.org for ongoing updates.

"If you do not understand my silence, you will not understand my words." ~ Elbert Hubbard

East and West Union Lutheran Churches

The East Union Church announces that the Education Committee has met to discuss Rally Sundays and events planned for the upcoming year. More details to follow.

The West Union Church will be holding a Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 8th. They will be meeting shortly for planning for future Rally events. Interested, stop in at West Union Lutheran Church service and check it out. The congregation also is preparing for their Fall Country Market scheduled for Saturday, September 28th.



Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church congregation is busy planning and preparing for SteamBoat Days. Check their website and Facebook pages for information as it becomes available on the upcoming festivities.



Carver Lions

It is during SteamBoat Days that is one of the times that all the work, volunteering, giving and pride really shines brightly for the Carver Lions and their true dedication to the community is exemplified visibly. This event is a

result on a large part due to their work and dedication. That is not to overshadow nor diminish any or all of the other people who also help with the event. So, when you participate at any of the events at SteamBoat Days weekend, look around and ask yourself who was involved to make this such a fantastic success? If you see a Lion, tell them, "Thank you". Even after the event is over, the Lions are behind the scenes working, along with others too. They are all out there making sure everything is picked up and put back in place as was prior to the event. I would venture to guess, one does not really comprehend exactly all the work, time invested and metal, physical work is all involved with pulling off an event like SteamBoat Days unless you have actually been involved and participated in the process. Thank you everyone. SteamBoat Days is a fantastic successful venture thanks to all involved! Its appreciation shown that drives each and every individual who donates, volunteers, works, and dedicates their time to the community.

The Carver Lions also resume their two meeting per month schedule in September. If you would like to be a part of this fabulous group of people, go to their meeting. The first meeting in September is the 4th and the next meeting will be on the 18th. The Lions are hoping to be able to hold their meetings in the new city hall in September, but everyone will have to watch and see when their opening date will occur. Until that time the Lions are without a home. Their August meeting will be held in a private residence. Check with a Lion if you are interested in meeting with the Lions on their meeting night.

Farmers Markets

September is when most of the Farmer's Markets will end their 2019 season. So, if you haven't gone previously, check these out!



Shakopee's Farmers Market is open every Sunday through September 29th in downtown Shakopee from 9 AM until 2 PM on Lewis Street at the parking lot plaza.

The Downtown Chaska Farmers Markets is being held at the City Hall Plaza and parking lot area every Wednesday, open at 3 PM until 7 PM will be full of fun and good homegrown food to share until September 11th.

The Carver County Government Center Farmers Market begins July 10th and will be going through September 11th at the Government Center parking lot. The times are 10 AM to 1 PM.

South West Transit

Remember you can avoid all that road construction, vehicle traffic and parking hassle by riding SW Transit to the MN State Fair beginning August 22nd through Labor Day, September 2nd. Schedule is on line, under their 'events' caption. Website: www.swtransit.org



Other reminders for SW Transit include the summer adventures ends August 20th to Hyland Park. Proposed changed are planned for SW Prime fares. Interested in riding SW to the Twins Games. There is bus for that too. Bike rental ends in October.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association



Thanks for a great season to the youths of Carver.

We had an Appreciation and Trophy Night for our T-Ball players the end of June. We had 8 teams. Then we had the Appreciation and Trophy Night for the rest of our younger boys. Some of the Carver girls in the 14U division merged with Chaska and 1 team played in the Crow River League and one team played in the Big West.

We had girls in the 5th/6th grade division and the 3rd/4th grade division which they are now playing with the girls pitching. We had 2 teams in the Kindergarten thru 2nd grade and had a good turnout. Our boys' teams also had 12 teams playing. We had 11 teams in the younger divisions. We made the decision last fall to join the SouthWest Metro Community Baseball League with this year having two 4th/5th grade teams and one 6th/7th grade team. Now Carver can offer Baseball all the way through High School. It comes with some growing pains but for the most part it went over well. Our 13U boys MBL won Championship for their division. Some excellent plays and great town support.

Now we will re-group and get ready for next year.
Jane Thon

August Recap

Summer is winding down. Where did June and July go? We have been so busy with all the summer festivities we forget how fast time gets away from us. August is just as packed with fun! Even though many events will be wrapping up this month, as well.



On Thursdays, August 1st in Chanhassen with their concerts (August 8th being their last); Chaska Valley Family Theatre performs Bye, Bye Birdie through Sunday, the 4th. August 2nd, Friday, Chaska has their concert in the park (August 16th - last concert). On Saturday, the 2nd the Scott Carver Threshers Annual Old Time Harvest Steam and Gas Engine Festival will kick off their weekend. Saturday, August 3rd, The Carver Black Sox host the 2019 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 (last concert August 14th) 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. In addition, don't forget the Cologne Firehouse Drive In event with fireworks the same weekend. Friday, August 16th through the 18th the Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community will be holding their 'Celebration of Life' Wacipiipi. Saturday, August 17th the 49th Renaissance Festival begins its activities. Dahlgren Township will be holding their 3rd Annual picnic for residents on Sunday, the 18th. 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. The finale for summer locally is the Stiftungfest celebration in Norwood / Young America starting on Friday, August 23rd and ends on August 25th. The MN State Fair opens their gates in August, The Great MN Get Together opens on Thursday, August 22nd.

Outdoor Youth Camps

Don't forget the City of Carver's Outdoor Youth Camps in August too. Monday, August 5th is holding their Minecraft: In Real Life Camp for kids ages 9 through 14 at 10 AM until 3 PM. Due to the flooding at RiverSide Park, the event has been moved to Bluff Park at 102 Carver Bluffs Parkway in Carver.

On Saturday, August 24th is Carver's Little Explorers Nature Hike being held at 1 PM until 4 PM for kids ages 4 through 8 with a parent. This event will now be held in downtown Carver at Gazebo Park.

Be sure to visit www.chaskacommunitycenter.com for more information.

Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for August are 15th through the 18th and the dates for September are 19th through the 22nd. Many shops open Wednesday through Sunday for your shopping pleasure. Perfect opportunity to find what you didn't know you wanted!

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 General – Occasional Shop Dates

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](#)

Also:

Iris Valley/Jordan – [Website](#) and [Facebook](#)



The Carver Shops planning to be open for SteamBoat Days weekend include the newest shop, Carver General. Be sure to stop in and say 'hi' to Taffney at All Things Fabulous who will be open too. Over at Ripple Art Studio & Gallery, Mary said, "Will have Free Rock and Mandala Painting. The Gallery Shop has a ton of original art for sale, jewelry, sculpture paintings and more." Be sure to stop in during SteamBoat Days, she will be open Friday at noon until 6 PM and on Saturday at 10 AM until 4 PM. Check Sweeter Times Facebook Page for updates. Be You by Alison will also be open but check her Facebook page for hours. Strange Birds will be open for business. FourFold Studio will not only be open to greet visitors, but will also be walking in the parade on Sunday.

Sadly, these shops in Carver will not be open during the event, they are 204 Studios, Temperance Arts and the Good Junk Garage. However, be sure to check their Facebook pages and websites for information on availability and then stop another time during Occasional Shop dates.

Carver General

Ann and Brenda opened their doors officially on Wednesday, the 18th of July. Both ladies were all smiles, cheerful and welcoming despite the horrible heat wave and the hot, hot temperatures. They happily served lemonade, water and cookies to their guests. There were many who ventured to Carver for the Occasional Shop days and check out what new treasures were to be found especially with a new shop having moved into town.



The gals were happy with how the day was progressing. It was a productive successful day for their opening. Congratulations and welcome. The ladies will be open during SteamBoat Days. Friday, the 6th and Saturday the 7th starting at 10 AM until 5 PM and then on Sunday, the 8th at noon until 4 PM. Your next available shopping experience will be in October, the 17th through the 20th. Stop in and get that one-of-a-kind before it's gone! Watch, too, in the future for the "Night Marauders Review".

Carver Steamboat Days

The usual fun can be found in downtown Carver hosted by the Carver Lions, City of Carver, SteamBoat Days Committee, volunteers and sponsors. You will find live music, food vendors, fireworks, kids activities, family fest, car show, magic show, city-side garage sales, medallion hunt, MN Marketplace, Fire Department water fights, Bean Bag Tournament and so much more during the entire weekend, Friday, September 6th through Sunday, September 9th when the Grand Day Parade pretty much closes up the festivities. (Then there's clean-up afterwards.) Continue to check their website for additional information, specific times, or changes at www.steamboatdays.org. Be sure, too, to stop and savor one of those Root Beer Flats from Carver-On-The-Minnesota.

PS: Also appears from researching that there will be the downtown shuttle bus again. SW Transit will run Saturday night 6 PM until 11 PM. Routes are shown on their website, under the caption "More". See ya'll there!



Carver Fire Department

The Fire Department reminds you to be sure to stop by and check out the Fire Department Water Fights during SteamBoat Days. Mark your calendars, Friday, September 6th. Be at the intersection of Main and Broadway in downtown Carver (old Fire Station) for the Kid's Water Fights will begin with registration and starting at 5:30 PM, Firefighters Water Fights, 6 PM.



September Recap

September begins with the closing of the 2019 Great MN Get Together State Fair and Labor Day. We all know that summer has officially ended when school starts scheduled to resume classes on September 3rd. Wednesday the 4th and the 18th is the closing of the Victoria's Classic Car event. Not to mention that on weekends all throughout September is the Renaissance Festival. While at this time, Carver is busy all week with preparations for their annual big event, SteamBoat Days, the first weekend in September (September 6th through the 8th). Conflicting with the city's festivities annually is Jordan's Heimatfest event the same weekend, Saturday, the 7th. The MN Landscape Arboretum presents Apple Jam on Thursday, September 12th. Friday, September 13th Severs Fall Festival opens for the fall season. Saturday, September 14th you have to do some running, there are two events to take in. There is Waconia's Nickle Dickle Day and again at the arboretum is the Red Barn Farm Field Festival. The weekend of September 21st you might want to head over to Excelsior to their Apple Days. The weekend of the 27th of September is quite busy too. Friday, September 27th is the Carver Fire Department Golf Tournament, Festival Friday at the Renaissance and then Saturday on the 28th, Screamtown opens for the fall season. Have you heard about the Abandoned Hayride? They have their opening on the 28th of September. And, Screamtown and the Abandoned Hayride attractions are currently hiring monsters for anyone interested.



Information about October and Halloween events will be followed up on in the next issue of the "Villager Tower".

"Every cloud has its silver lining but it is sometimes a little difficult to get it to the mint."
~ Don Marquis

Carver- On-the-Minnesota



Saturday, September 7th, Carver on the Minnesota plans to having Root Beer Floats served at the Church-By-The-River location this year. There are also plans to have the church open for visitors. On Sunday, the Root Beer Floats will be served at Gazebo Park. Carver on the Minnesota is also working on a new walking tour guide for the future.

Heimatfest



We blinked and summer is gone, a mere memory of days gone past and we move into all the autumn events. The first weekend in Jordan starts their fun on Friday, September 6th with their annual car cruise. Later is their street dance. Saturday, the 7th is filled with fun packed events like the Brat Eating Contest, parade, food, bands, games, contests, bingo, beer garden and the fireworks finale. And yes, the events in Jordan conflict with Carver's very own SteamBoat Days.

Apple Jam



Thursday, September 12th at 5 PM the MN Landscape Arboretum will be hosting their Apple Jam at the Arb event. Check their website for ticket prices and more information. A concert is scheduled from 7 PM until 10 PM. (The arboretum will be closing at 1 PM on the day of the concert.) The event is rain or shine, as well.

"What is AppleJam?" You ask. It is "Three amazing music acts under the stars, apple-themed eats, local craft beers, ciders and more. Starting the night, Tony Lucca, 3rd place on The Voice in 2012, will perform an acoustic set. Following Tony, Tina Schlieske will rock the stage. Headliner for the night, 2018 AppleJAM Fan-favorite, Dan Rodriguez and his full band.

Concert runs 7-10 p.m., on Scarecrow Hill, BYO seating, blankets or chairs."

Severs Fall Festival



We all realize that autumn is here when everyone starts talking about corn mazes, fall festivals, pumpkins, and Halloween right? There're all kinds of fantastic news over at the Severs Fall Festival site. They have moved for 2019 season entering their 23rd year. They are now located at 3121 West 150th Street in Shakopee. (approximately eight miles west from Canterbury Park),

"ANNOUNCEMENT: We are so excited to have a forever home for our Fall Festival. With our new location and expansion, we will be adding another weekend to the Sever's Fall Festival, partnering with Epic Light Shows for holiday light shows, Winter Carnivals, and SO much more!!

We want to thank everyone for the past 22 amazing years -- We couldn't have done it without you."

Additional information can be found on their website; www.seversfallfestival.com. You can also buy your tickets on line in advance to enter the festival. They feature festival activities; live music, pig races, food and beverages, hayrides, magic and wildlife shows, zip lines, Safari North Zoo, straw bale maze, pumpkin blasters, corn pit, giant slide, and low ropes of tactical course. Watch for their announcement for their 2019 theme.

Did I hear someone ask, when does all this fun begin? They will be open for business weekends beginning September 13th and continuing the fun through November 3rd. MEA weekend they will be open Thursday and Friday. (10/17 and 10/18). Friday hours are 1 PM to 8 PM; Saturday hours, 10 AM – 8 PM, Sunday, 10 AM – 6 PM. MEA Thursday's hours, 10 AM – 6 PM and MEA Friday's hours, 10 AM – 8 PM. Recommendation is to allow at least an hour and half before closing. (Then won't miss anything and you can see all.)

Their other big news is that they have purchased land for a permanent home and are planning expanded activities this fall with a new holiday light show to begin after Thanksgiving and run through January. Also, in a news release, the future vision of the family on their new expanded permanent home is an expanded corn maze and pumpkin patch along with more vendors on site and eventually a beer garden. As well as a possible drive-thru holiday like show set to music. The family has plans for hosting a winter festival complete with ice castles, carvings and more.

Red Barn Farm Field Festival



Saturday, September 14th also at the Arboretum starting at 11 AM until 7 PM is the Red Barn Farm Field Festival. "Taste Minnesota at the Red Barn Farm Field Festival! Bring your family and friends to explore the brand-new Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Red Barn Farm. Learn the plant to plate story about where our food comes from and how food is growing to meet the needs of the future. Sample Minnesota grown grains, then shop at the Pop-Up Gift & Garden Store with Exclusive Red Barn Farm Merchandise, and Minnesota Apples for sale, Beer Garden, and Food Trucks! Get to know a farmer and learn how they are using plant research and technologies to better feed our communities and the world while lowering environmental impact. Discover new innovations that are helping farmers such as drones, advances in future weed management practices and much more! Admissions & Fees."

Nickle Dickle Day



Have you ever experienced or attended the Waconia Nickle Dickle Days? The event is happening on Saturday, September 14th in Waconia with the fun to begin at 8 AM and ends at 5 PM. And what exactly is Nickle Dickle Day? Well there are arts, craft fairs, sidewalk sales, library book sale, car and truck show, duck races, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, live music, kid zone, contests, games, enjoying delicious food, run a Nickle Dickle Day race, and just plain old-fashioned fun to be had all around.

"Great shopping and deals all around town...a day not to be missed!"

Excelsior's 82nd Apple Days



The Apple Days event is hosted by the City of Excelsior and Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, September 21st. Fun begins at 8 AM until approximately 10 PM. "Lakeside festival celebrating community, featuring locally produced food, art, antiques, hand crafts and a good old-fashioned street dance."

Their schedule includes the Park Nicollet Apple of the Lake 5k and 1 Mile, Happy Apple Kid's Corner, street fair, Historical Walking Tour, Apple Pie and Desert Contest, Beer and Wine Garden, Pie eating contest and live music to include a street dance.

Carver Fire Relief Golf Tournament



The Carver Fire Relief Golf Tournament is happening on Friday, September 27th. Dahlgreen Golf Club is hosting the event. Shotgun starts at 12 PM. Dinner is included with cost, along with golfing and prizes.

Food for Thought

A winner says, "Let's find out!"

A loser says, "Nobody knows."

When a winner makes a mistake, he says, "I was wrong."

When a loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault!"

A winner goes through a problem.

A loser goes around it – but never gets past it.

A winner makes commitments.

A loser makes promises.

A winner says, "I'm good, but not as good as I ought to be."

A loser says, "I'm no worse than a lot of other people."

A winner tries to learn from others.

A loser tries to tear down others.

A winners says, "There must be a better way to do it!"

A loser says, "That's the way it's always been done around here."

HOW ARE YOU PLACING YOUR BETS?

From Hood Spotlight, employee newspaper of H P Hood Inc.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1 What was Jonathan Carver's mother's maiden name?
- 2 Is there a stop sign at the intersection of Main and 4th in Carver?
- 3 How many square feet are in an acre?
- 4 What was the name of the Indian Maiden on the Howdy Doodly Show?
- 5 What actor played Little Beaver, Red Rider's sidekick?
- 6 When a car is traveling, 55 mph, what parts of it are traveling zero mph?
- 7 Why are all these questions so dumb?



September at the MN Landscape Arboretum

www.arboretum.umn.edu

There is always so much to see, learn and experience, not to mention, explore at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The director stated that this fall is the kick-off of the first harvest season with the Arb Field Farm.

The latest apple introduction is named "First Kiss®". They are also discussing the "You Betcha" willow structure on Scarecrow Hill. So much to learn at the arboretum, that one really should take the opportunity to explore often. The Apple House Open mid-to-late August and is open daily from 10 AM to 6 PM located at 7485 Rolling Acres Road. Other events at the arboretum besides Apple Jam and Field Fest already highlighted earlier include the following.

There is the Auxiliary Harvest Sale and Quilt Raffle on Saturday, September 21 at 9 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, the 22nd at 11 AM until 3 PM at the Snyder Building Auditorium. It is said to be "One of the most anticipated auxiliary events of the year. This year's sale will offer up exquisite crafts. Shop for nature-inspired crafts, including home decor, potpourri, wood-related items, knitwear for adults, children and babies, beautiful autumnal wreaths and arrangements and other creative arts. All items are hand-crafted by Auxiliary members. This year's quilt – called "Arboretum Gardens" – is on display in the Oswald Visitor Center, where tickets can be purchased for \$2 now through the drawing slated for 2 p.m., Sept. 21. Nine quilters committed more than 1,500 hours to complete this beautiful quilt, which measures 87" x 75" and features more than 50 green materials, 11 shades of blue sky and 48 different flower colors, hues and tints. All proceeds from the harvest sale and quilt raffle benefit the Arboretum.

arboretum.umn.edu/auxharvestsale.aspx Growing". The arboretum says don't miss the popular one-of-a-kind nature related gift items. All proceeds support the work of the arboretum.

Adding to the festive note of the arboretum's autumn displays at the Dahlgren Terrace and Scarecrow Hill, Saturday, September 21st through Thursday, October 31st are scarecrows in the gardens and scarecrow village.

Also, on Saturday, the 21st of September (9 AM – 4 PM) and Sunday, the 22nd (10 AM – 3 PM) at the Oswald Visitor Center Balcony you will find the Herb Society Sale featuring herb-infused vinegar, gifts, kitchen and personal-care items of herbal theme. All homemade by members.

There is so much going on and so much to see, way too much to list here in the newsletter. It is highly recommended that you take the time to go over to the arboretum and check it all out for yourself. Next month's issue will report on October's events.

The Future of Jonathan Carver Parkway

Construction Planned for 2021

By: City of Carver

A plan for the future of Jonathan Carver Parkway, also known as Carver County Road 11, has been developed after two years of meeting. The process also included several community open house events. The City Council identified the need to study the future of Jonathan Carver Parkway during a strategic planning session. The City of Carver and Carver County shared the cost of the study.

After several months of investigation and feedback, a recommendation has been made for several improvements along the corridor. First, to expand to four lanes from 6th Street West to Levi Griffin Road. Second, construct a second pedestrian underpass. The pedestrian underpass would be located north of Carver Elementary, eliminating the need for students to cross Jonathan Carver Parkway at Ironwood Drive.

Other planned improvements along the corridor include a fully signalized intersection at Monroe Drive and Spring Creek Drive and a roundabout at 6th Street West and Dahlgren Road. To view the complete JCP Corridor Study, visit the City's website at cityofcarver.com. If you have questions or comments, please contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at 952-448-8737 or by email at bmareck@cityofcarver.com.

"Speak only when you feel your words are better than silence."

~ Unknown



Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair's slogan is "The Great Mn Get-Together". Did you know that it's the largest state fair in the United States by average daily attendance? It's also the second largest state fair in the US by total attendance?



It's twelve days of fantastic fun. Just announce that the fair will premier fifty-three brand new specialty brews and beverages in 2019 only at the fair. There are twenty-seven returning beverages. In all, there are there hundred plus brews and beverages.

At the fair, you will find entertainment, food, shopping, animals, grand stand music, free music, stages, booths, too much to mention here. It truly is the MN Great Get-together. (www.mnstatefair.org) This author remembers annual trips to the fair with my parents. It was an early morning arrival and late-night departure to ensure we did not miss a single thing to see. These are forever tremendous cherished memories. We couldn't even begin to imagine now days, myself included to contemplate even attempting to repeat former trips on that time schedule. Point being, it certainly is an event that should experience by all.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

- 1 I don't either. If somebody knows, let me know and I'll publish it next month.
- 2 These streets are parallel to each other, so can't have a stop sign.
- 3 43,560 square feet
- 4 Princess SpringSummerWinterFall
- 5 Robert Blake
- 6 The part of each tire touching the road
- 7 'Cause I had to think them up. Send some questions so my head won't hurt so much



POUND FREE

ROCKOUT. WORKOUT.

For Kids

Ages 5 - 12

Saturday, August 17

10:00-10:30am

FREE

Carver - Lion's Park
700 Mount Hope Road

This cardio workout for kids in the park is inspired by the fun of playing the drums in a rock band. Think P.E. meets "School of Rock"! Join us for a morning of rockin' out!

*Bring a yoga mat if you have one.



I began learning long ago that those who are happiest are those who do the most for others. - Booker T. Washington



Region 7C Amateur Baseball Tournament
August 3 & 4, 10 & 11 at Carver Community Park

Food, Beer, and Baseball Both Weekends

Live Music at the park by Wondercure
6:00-8:30pm on August 3

Adults \$5 Under 18 Free

Come out and join us for what is sure to be a great few
weekends featuring your hometown Carver Blacksox!!

More information at www.CarverBlacksox.com



PLEASE JOIN US AT

Steamboat Days

CARVER WATER FIGHTS



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 06, 2019

LOCATED

Downtown Carver

Intersection of Main and Broadway (old Fire Station)

KIDS WATER FIGHTS:

Sign up @ 5:30pm Start @ 5:45pm

FIREFIGHTER WATER FIGHTS:

Sign up @ 6:00pm Start @ 6:30pm



Events and Schedule

Friday September 6

5:00 PM
Vendors Open

5:45 PM
Carver Fire Dept Water Fights

Watch our Carver Fire & Rescue battle against other area fire departments! Kiddie water fights will start the event.

6:00 / 7:00 PM

Magic Shows

Kelvin Saline keeps to the traditional types of magic and illusions through appearing, disappearing, sawing through a live person, escapes, and several original tricks that delight young and old. He'll perform 2 shows - at 6PM and 7PM

7:00PM-11:00 PM

Mechanical Bull Riding

Showcase your skills by riding a mechanical bull!

9:00PM-12:00AM

The Shaw Brothers Band

The Shaw Brothers are a Premier Midwest Band that has been performing classic rock to current pop dance music. Featuring Mark Shaw, Jeff Shaw, Trent Shaw.

Saturday September 7

7:00 AM

5K Walk/Run

Sponsored and run by St Nicholas, get an early start on the morning.

8:00 AM 5K Fun Run

9:00 AM Lil' Steamers Dash

11:00AM-2:00PM

Car Show

The cars will impress you! Lined up and down our beautiful downtown streets.

10:00AM - 5:00PM

Minnesota Marketplace

We've brought in local vendors to showcase their products. See what they are selling in our Minnesota Marketplace.

11:30AM

Bean Bag Tournament

Try your hand at the Bean Bag Contest outside Harvey Bar & Grill. Sign up is at 11:30 AM and contest starts at Noon

12:00PM-5:30PM

History of Carver Presentation

A presentation from Carver on the Minnesota on the history of Carver

3:00PM

Burnout

In Riverside Park, watch some of unique vehicles do burnouts on our concrete pad.

4:00PM-11:00 PM

Mechanical Bull Riding

Showcase your skills by riding a mechanical bull!

5:00PM-12:00PM

Live Music on the Downtown Stage

5:00PM-8:00PM

Rock South

MN's up-tempo, danceable music brought to you live in a fun, energetic show by talented musicians!

8:00PM-8:30PM Approx. (Dusk)

Fireworks

View the areas best fireworks from Downtown Carver!

8:30PM-12:00AM

PopRocks

(After Fireworks)

Pop ROCKS brings you the best of today's hottest top 40 hits, throwback hip-hop, pop country, party rock and timeless classics all mashed up and delivered in a PARTY ZONE format!

Sunday September 8

12:30PM

Kiddie Parade

First we start with the cute Kiddie Parade starting at the Post Office at 12:30.

1:00PM

Grande Day Parade

The Grande Day Parade starts at 1:00pm. The parade starts on 6th Street and follows Broadway through downtown. Make sure to bring your bags!

Schedule Subject to Change

Check back during Steamboat Days week for final schedule



CARVER FIRE RELIEF GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH 2019
SHOTGUN START
12:00PM

SAVE
THE
DATE

\$100 PER GOLFER



DAHLGREN GOLF COURSE
6940 DAHLGREN ROAD
CHASKA, MN 55318



GOLF, PRIZES, AND DINNER INCLUDED



West Union Country Market & Chili Luncheon

What a day it will be! Please join us!

- CRAFT & BAKE SALE!
- Pumpkins, Gourds, corn stalks & Fall Decorations
- Homemade salsa, jam, pickles, wine...
- Small Business Vendors

Everything you need to
kick-off the Fall!



West Union Lutheran
15820 Market Ave, Cologne

September 28th

9am -3pm

More info at: www.westunionlutheran.org

Night Marauders - Sweeter Times - Struck Again

Territory was on the river's edge contemplating their plans for the evening when Rascal came running as though he was being chased by a pack of dogs hot on his heels.

He stopped short of knocking Territory into the river gasping for air trying to catch his breath.

"Murdered." Rascal frantically gasped.

"What?" Territory was almost certain Rascal was hallucinating.

"Mr and Mrs Meecees." Rascal replied.

"What about the mice?" Territory now displayed impatience with the lack of information.

"They were murdered." Rascal blurted slipping in the mud.

Lavender, Raschevious and Rhapsody were strolling towards the two having seen Rascal rush past them chattering inaudibly. Their curiosity got the better of them, so they followed.

"Welcome back Rhapsody." Rascal greeted.

"Okay Rascal. Now start from the beginning," Territory ordered.

"Mr and Mrs Meecees have been murdered by the humans." Rascal said.

"How do you know that?" Rhapsody demanded.

"I saw it." He replied.

"Saw what?" Banded quizzed skeptical.

"How do you know that the cat didn't do it?"

"Cuz Whiskers was hit by a car a week ago!" He exclaimed frustrated.

"Snafu the week prior." Raschevious confirmed.

"What makes you so certain it was humans?" Territory demanded becoming even more impatient and irritated.

"Cuz I saw the board with the bar over their necks. Two of them." Rascal said.

Everyone gasped in shock realizing he spoke the truth. That human trap was used to kill the mice.

"Poor things. What happens to their little ones?" Rhapsody asked rhetorically.

"They were going to show us how to get into Sweeter Times tonight" Raschevious sighed in disappointment.

"We will just have to reschedule." Territory stated intensely already devising a new plan.

Territory was sitting on the riverbank intently reading as Rhapsody approached.

"Hi Rhapsody." He greeted, happy for a break.

"What you studying so hard?"

"The floor plans of the gas station."

"Was your trip productive?" Territory asked genuinely.

"No and I would much rather not discuss the failure or think about it again." She grunted emphatically.

Quickly changing the topic, he nervously blurted, "Did you know originally that the candy store used to be the MN Valley Oil Company, Gas Station?" He corrected himself, "or at least part of the property.

Where the candy store is set up is where register was. Probably very similar to comparatively now days a very, very small office." He was rambling clumsily.

"You don't say." She answered politely well aware how nervous he was and how much he had a crush on her.

"It was built in about 1925." He was becoming more awkwardly uneasy.

"Have you figured out how you will get? Now that the mice showing you is out of the question."

"Think we are going to have to get Banded's expertise to get us in." Working feverishly to locate options for an entry.

"What about from the shop side?" Trying to be helpful, she asked demurely.

"Won't help." He lamented trying even harder to concentrate on the mission at hand.

The day had come, it was a week night, everything was unusually quiet as the night marauders approached the quaint, refurbished old gas station. So realistic that one could feel pulling up and the attendant rushing out to fuel, check the oil, wash the windows and take your money. Territory was relieved that the decorative lights were off. Lavender settled into her post between the pillars and the tall vintage gas pumps. The others sat on the stoop patiently waiting as Banded worked her magic with her dexterous paws.

Once inside, they were all a little taken back by the small space; realizing quickly that there was not much room for these portly raccoons to maneuver without knocking something over. It was crisp, clean, neat and waves of nostalgic objects surrounding them struck their mindful reactions unexpectedly. To their immediate left was a makeshift check out table. The interior of the candy shop fashioned creatively around the gas station register back in the days of old. Also to the left was the shop door to the garage area, beside the small cubicle with the sink and toilet. Directly in front of the trio were the displays of candy on the wall in the half bowls attached, a rack with old small simple toys of days past. A step back in

much smaller version of the old five and dime stores. In the corner to the left the old glass pop bottle next to the Coca Cola chest. To their immediate right the makeshift tower of baskets filled with simpler affordable toys, candies, much like one would find if you stepped into the old Ben Franklin stores of the day's past. One could easily pretend, if those memories existed of going to those places. The floor covered in the black and white squares transporting one back into the malt shops or old fountain shops of the fifties. All three were mesmerized, each with their own visions playing out in their subconscious. They hadn't moved one inch but were removed from the present into the past like they stepped forward into another dimension simultaneously.

The drugstore with the corner counter style restaurant serving soft drinks, ice cream, malts and the jukebox in the corner. The visions of the emotional stirrings tugging at the sentimental yearning of the warm past memories of days past very much like when the height of the old drugstores and Woolworths were prevalent in the day. The feelings washing over them. Nostalgia of simpler days overwhelming their psyches. Each dreamily entranced in another time zone almost certain that they had physically stepped forward in the small space into another room and sitting at the counter ordering their favorite malts.

Jolted back to reality, sirens were blaring outside the small store. Groggily still absorbed in the spellbound daze without a sound they slipped back outside and pranced back to their haven in the river bottoms. Each unwilling to forfeit the feelings they had just experienced and wanting to retain its reverie as long as possible.

As Territory settled down to write his review, he remembered sitting on the levee watching the humans as they traversed the village. How at the gas station, the owner set out the checkerboard table and chairs, along with small board games under the red metal canopy. How people seemed to be gravitated to the corner gas station to just sit, relax and visit without a care in the world, oblivious to the time reminiscing about days gone by. He had to even admit to himself how he, himself felt compelled to leisurely relax at the site. There was an unspoken aura about the environment surrounding the corner lot that was almost unexplainable. The owner and tenant had captured that nostalgic characteristic. These types of stations vanishing from the American landscapes. Even vacant, people were compelled to stop and examine the exterior appearance. Was there underlying subliminal supernatural mystic involved? A clairvoyant connection to the past?

"Laura had a bucket list; a bucket wish list item involved sharing her fascination with the days past. She wanted to establish that elusive feeling of nostalgia like she experienced when she grew up frequenting the Woolworth's and Ben Franklin stores. It obviously made quite an impression on the youth. What better way to share those warm memories than to duplicate on a smaller scale, the nickel, dime candy and toys. "Sweeter Times" was born. It really was more her dream to go with the bulk candy but current laws and times prohibited that notion. Fortifying the simpler times of days past to share with the present day as they will never be allowed the experience many others older cherish fondly recreating smaller versions and glimpses of windows into days long gone. Her goal to have affordable candies, toys to share in the first city of the county. Luck or fate to have met the owner who possessed the exact venue to relay that message? Coming up on five-year anniversary in June of this year, Laura feels at home, happy, comfortable and successful with completing her bucket wish list item. Looking to capture those same feelings, for yourself, head on over to "Sweeter Times" 200 Broadway in Carver during Occasional Shop weekends, typically the third weekend of each month. To grasp their own taste of that nostalgic era so many of this age group treasure appreciatively of simpler times when you could walk in and get a sucker for nickel without a care in the world, sit and visit carefree and knew almost everyone by name. To be able to capture the essence of a bygone era."

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