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*September*

Red-Tailed Hawk: "You are the hero of your own tale! Despite facing many challenges, you consistently rise to the occasion. Your deeds do not go unnoticed, but you are loathing to toot your own horn. This strong blend of heroism and humility makes you much admired both at home and at work. People rely on you and their trust is not misplaced."

"You ignore fads and trends and stay true to your own unique heart. You're honest to a fault and find it hard to lie...people notice this and respect you for it. You treat everyone equally and you don't change your personality depending on who are you with!"

References: [www.apost.com](http://www.apost.com) and [www.mysticalraven.com](http://www.mysticalraven.com).

*Rental Policy*

The council reviewed the drafted policy regarding Facilities Rental in the City of Carver for further discussions. In the future, when finalized the council will again review their changes and discussed items for consideration and adoption.

The council reviewed the ordinance draft regarding amending fees for facilities rental. Rental space will be offered by the City of Carver for community events, business meetings, parties, small weddings, etc. The hall will have available a commercial kitchen and a patio area. The historic church would also have availability for rent. The Facility Rental Policy will act as the contract. Expectations and responsibilities will be outlined in the contract, along with requirements. The council reviewed the group criteria examples. Group 1 would provide exclusive charitable services to civic organizations. Group 2 would include tax-exempt organizations operating in the City of Carver. Group 3 classifies government agencies and business owners operating in the city or individuals from the city. Group identified business owners or individuals not operating within the city.

The city discussed and reviewed the proposed rental facilities policy. Background information was relayed. Clarification was requested regarding the requirements involved with smoke-free and tobacco free interpretations.

Clarification was also requested involving wording around deliveries. Concise language was required. Minor changes and adjustments were submitted. Questions and answers were held. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the facility rental policy. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amending fees.

*Green Step Cities*

Councilmember discussed with the council a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program identified as Green Step Cities. The program helps cities improve their sustainability. There are some neighboring communities involved in the program. The city staff was asked to look into requirements and steps necessary to be involved.

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*Paving Project*

The council reviewed the topic involving city hall paving project. The city manager presented an overview regarding the item involve with the city hall project, paving and striping work required to be conducted on the adjacent alley and streets bordering the construction site. The work scope had been removed from the project and the improvement project in order to efficiently identify building construction impacts to the street surface. The paving project would be completed after the Steamboat Days festivities and temporary patches prior to the event.

*CDH Concept Plan*

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the Community Development Agency's Concept Plan. The council reviewed the drafted resolution to authorize application for Livable Communities Demonstration Grant to the Metropolitan Council. The director presented an overview explaining that the agency had purchased property identified as developed Carver Station Copper Hills and Carver Crossing. The agency also had applied for a Planned Residential Development. Their future proposal was at the time of construction of Carver Crossing part of the plat approval for future construction to build an additional apartment building, currently considered an outlet.

The council discussed the agency's proposed concept plan of general occupancy apartments and senior living apartments on the side. The proposal meets the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan and rezoning had been completed allowing for construction. An open house had also been held. Residents attended where feedback was received for buffering between current development identified as Oak Tree and the proposed project. The Planning Commission reviewed the concept plan and supported the concept. The council also reviewed the resolution authorizing application for grant funding. The grant opportunity involves the Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding innovative development projects linking housing, jobs, services and transit. If awarded the grant the agency would manage grant funds and reporting. The resolution did not include financial implications for the city nor any planning approval for the project. The proposal would follow typical review processed by the city in the event that the agency applies for a preliminary plat.

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

- Benjamin Franklin

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## *Levee*

The city manager discussed the city's proposal with professional services from the engineering firms of WSB to develop a Concept Plan and Funding Strategy to achieve FEMA certification of the city's levee system. The council reviewed the identified steps in the original proposal for completion of that certification process, the current status of the steps and the future steps required. The Concept Plan and Cost Estimate has been completed. The development of a funding strategy has been worked on for improvements. An application has been submitted. State funding for Flood Hazard Mitigation Program was not received by Minnesota's DNR. The 2020 Legislative bonding year and the DNR has requested funds from this session. The Carver Levee project is on the DNR's list of projects for funding. The provision of support and assistant to the DNR during the 2020 legislative session and Legislative Bonding are anticipated to be completed. A project needs description, as well as request for preliminary bonding has been completed. The city needs to meet with legislative representatives, invite local senators and representatives to the city to conduct a review of the project site. The council also reviewed the timeline for bonding bill funding. The council was apprised that staff met with the Lower MN River Watershed District administrator and engineer to introduce the project information to them. There was not any funding assigned currently in the district's capital improvement program for the Carver Levee project. Funding may be able to be assigned to the levee project as it related to the Lower MN River Watershed District goals and initiatives. Request was made to the district to revise their plan to include the improvements to the levee in Carver. The city has completed their Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan to include the Levee improvements. Discussion have taken place regarding funding and sources. A discussion with the Emergency Management Grant Assistance needs to be done. Along with county highway trails project monies. Easements have been identified and drafted regarding the US Fish and Wildlife Services parcels adjacent to the Levee. The next steps required involve Design and Permitting. A Technical Advisory Panel needs to be developed. An Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Technical Advisory Panel assistance also needs to be established. The Preliminary and Final designs need to be completed. Finally, the bidding and construction would be required to be sought. Along with preparation and submittal of the FEMA Levee Certification Documents.

## *2019 Infrastructure Improvements*

The city engineer updated the council on construction projects. The 2019 Infrastructure Improvements are anticipated to be substantially completed in October. Utility work on Sunny Ridge Drive also expected to be substantially completed by mid-October. Spring Creek Drive storm sewer construction complete, anticipated substantial completion by late August. The aggregate base is complete for the alley, again anticipated substantial completion by mid-August. Utilities have been competed, street work in progress on Elm Drive; completion anticipated in late August, the same observation applied to Diedrich Drive and Kirche Hill. The city attorney pointed out different options were available for assessments on this project. Work on the agreements was done with Bolten & Menk personnel and the property owners. The attorney is preparing finalized agreements for council approval in the future.

The city's engineer discussed awarding private utility installation contracts for the 2019 infrastructure project. Contract documents and specifications involving private sewer and water services to individual property owner residences were prepared within the Kirche Hill Drive and Diedrich Drive neighborhoods included in the infrastructure improvements project. Homeowners were responsible for soliciting quotes submit quotes along with contracts to the city for processing. Said documents had been received by the city from affected properties.

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## *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 September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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"Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless."  
- Jamie Paolinetti

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## *2018 Storm Sewer Improvements*

The 2018 Storm Sewer Improvements discussion was held with the council. Review of schedule information was done. The Main Street Lift Station Installation was completed in November of 2018, the expected completion is mid-October. The timing of the major components involves the downtown storm sewer, after Steamboat Days, Third to Fourth Street storm sewer, late September and the lift station star-up expected mid-October. The traffic impacts are the key issues to be expected. Main Street from Broadway to Oak will be closed for approximately two weeks.

The schedule information regarding Commerce Drive is an expected completion in October of 2019, final paving and striping in the summer of 2020, utility work in progress and street construction to begin within the coming weeks.

The traffic impacts will involve lane closure on Levi Griffin Road until the street work is completed. The schedule is in place to meet the needs of Lakeview Industries; however, weather had slowed projects. Access will be available throughout construction.

## *Developments Updates*

The engineer discussed with the council updates pertaining to various developments throughout the city limits.

Oak Tree's schedule is expected to be substantially completed by the fall of 2019 involving the 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. The final paving and punch list anticipated for all phases the summer of 2020. The utility work has been completed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> addition. The streets have been paved in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> additions. Street construction currently occurring in the 3<sup>rd</sup> additions with anticipated work in August for the curb, gutter and pavement work. There are not any closures expected involving Dahlgren Road during street construction with minor impacts expected in the same area. The potential 4<sup>th</sup> addition final plat is anticipated in late 2019, early 2020 with continued construction into 2020.

Meadows at Spring Creek's schedule information involves expectations of substantial completion in the fall of 2019 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> addition. The final paving and punch list expected in the spring of 2020. The utility work has been completed. Streets are paved in the 1<sup>st</sup> addition. The street work in the 2<sup>nd</sup> addition is occurring; weather permitting plans in August for curb, gutter and pavement. During the duration of the project there is anticipated to be minimal traffic impacts.

Meridian Fields is expected to be substantially completed in the fall of 2019. The summer of 2020 will involve the final street work and punch list items. The 1<sup>st</sup> addition utility work is near completion. Again, weather permitting the curb, gutter and paving will be planned for in August in the 1<sup>st</sup> addition. The 2<sup>nd</sup> addition utility work is in progress with street construction to follow in the fall of 2019. It is expected that there will remain to minimal traffic impacts during the duration of the project, including the work planned for Jonathan Carver Parkway work where that work is complete. Monroe Drive will open when the 1<sup>st</sup> addition is open for sale.

Hawthorne Ridge development is expected to be completed the summer of 2020. In the northern segment, the utility work has begun. Street construction will follow behind the utility installation completion in late 2019 or early 2020.

It is expected to impact traffic on Sunny Ridge Drive for utility connection work, to include the shutdown of the water main. The southern segment to be determined with expectations of possible start early fall. There is expected to be an increase in truck traffic on Ironwood Drive and Sunny Ridge Drive during construction.

The engineer also discussed the drainage on Sixth Street. The resident is leading the efforts regarding quotes for the replacement of a garage with a goal for finalization late summer of 2019. The city drainage is an ongoing effort with short- and long-range term.

Lakeview Industries updates involved an expected completion in the fall of 2019. Utility work is complete which also includes the city water main loop. The pond construction is in progress. The building construction is ongoing. There is minimal traffic impact involving this project.

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*"Do one thing every day that scares you."*

~ *Anonymous*

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## Community Development Agency

The Community Development Director addressed the council regarding the Community Development Agency's senior living and multi-family housing concept proposal. A drafted resolution was presented for review. The resolution did not commit the city financially nor circumvent any planning processes or approvals was articulated.

Question was asked regarding the number of anticipated underground units. Response was one hundred and six units. The agency's deputy director provided additional information. The mission of the agency is to provide affordable housing opportunities and foster economic and community development in the county. The agency owns and operates approximately six hundred and twenty units in the county. Additionally, they have a grant program that cities are eligible to apply for. The City of Carver has received both a planning and a redevelopment grant. The agency is also HUD certified offering counseling.

The land being discussed was purchased in 2010. The proposed project offers one hundred and three unit with a variety including senior living. The details of the units were reviewed. Questions were asked and discussed. The proposed project would be developed, constructed, and managed by the Community Development Agency. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing the Community Development Agency to apply for the Livable Communities Demonstration Grant to the Metropolitan Council.

## Right of Way

The council reviewed proposed ordinance involving amending section of the city code relating to the right of way management permits. Presently, an 'Excavation Permit' is required for commonly recognized pipe, conduit and related infrastructure installation in boulevard areas within the right of way. Work typically provided by commercial utility companies. Construction activities in boulevard areas can be disruptive and confused with city-initiated projects. Therefore, for more effective communications for these types of projects, amendments have been drafted to the cities' ordinance. The amendments then require permits and provision for communication notices prior to construction activities.

## Collective Bargaining

The city manager discussed the collective bargaining agreement with the council. The council reviewed the agreement involving the AFSCME Local 2789-3. The manager explained that non-supervisory personnel in Administration and Public services are organized as a collective bargaining unit with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees commonly referred to as AFSCME. Union personnel negotiate salary, insurance and other employee related matters through a collective bargaining agreement. The existing agreement runs for two years ending this year. The city was represented by the city manager and community development director for contract negotiations.



## October - Almanac Information

How did people watch for the signs of winter before there were weather apps for your smartphone, or the National Weather Service? People would look for the signs of winter through nature to prepare for what's to come.



Do you the 20 Signs of a Hard Winter watching nature? According to Mr Dick Goddard of Cleveland, below are twenty signs:

- Thicker-than-normal cornhusks
- Woodpeckers sharing a tree
- Early arrival of a snowy owl
- Early departure of geese and ducks
- Early migration of the monarch butterfly
- Thick hair on the nape ( back ) of the cow's neck
- Heavy and numerous fogs during August
- Raccoons with thick tails and bright bands
- Mice eating ravenously into the home
- Early arrival of crickets on the hearth
- Spiders spinning larger-than-usual webs and entering the house in great numbers
- Pigs gathering sticks
- Insects marching in a line rather than meandering
- Early seclusion of bees within the hive
- Unusual abundance of acorns
- Muskrats burrowing holes high on the riverbanks
- "See how high the hornet's nest, 'twill tell how high the snow will rest."
- Narrow orange band in the middle of the woolly bear caterpillar warns of heavy snow, fat and fuzzy caterpillars presage bitter cold
- The squirrel gathers nuts early to fortify against a hard winter
- Frequent halos or rings around the Sun or Moon forecast numerous snow falls

From: *The Old Farmer's 2019 Almanac*

## Farmers Markets

Better get that produce before the Markets close up their 2019 season.



Shakopee's Farmers Market is closes shop the last weekend of September. They are open every Sunday in downtown Shakopee from 9 AM until 2 PM on Lewis Street at the parking lot plaza.

The Downtown Chaska Farmers Markets at the City Hall Plaza and parking lot area every Wednesday, open at 3 PM until 7 PM will be closing out their 2019 season on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Carver County Government Center Farmers Market will also be ending their 2019 summer run on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center parking lot. The times are 10 AM to 1 PM.

Remember, as fall and winter approaches that anyone in need of help, there is help out there. Contact, Love, Inc. or Bountiful Basket Food Shelf or Fare for All. Fare for All is held the last Thursday of each month at the Crown of Glory Church in Chaska. If you can't find information for what you need, contact your churches and they can direct you to the sources you need.

## Carver Current

Familiar with the website [www.carvercurrent.com](http://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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## September Recap

Well we are all geared up for our very own SteamBoat Days, the first full weekend in September.



School probably has already started for the 2019 – 2020 session by the time publication occurred.

If you can tear yourself away from all the Carver fun, remember to pop over to Jordan and see what is happening for their Heimatfest event. Victoria closes out their summer Classic Car event, ( check last month's issue for dates. ) The Renaissance Festival is every weekend during this month. Don't want to miss the Apple Jam or any other arboretum events taking place. Sever's Fall Festival open weekends starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. Can't forget Nickle Dickle Days in Waconia on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The 21<sup>st</sup> over in Excelsior be sure to check Apple Days. The Carver Fire Department is holding their Golf Tournament on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, Scream Town and Abandoned Hayride opens for the fall season.

## Carver Fire Relief Golf



### Tournament

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

## St Nicholas Catholic Church



Fall Festival at St. Nicholas will be happening the weekend 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!

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon! If you're interested in registering your children, please contact the parish office at 952.448.2345.

Reminder: New Mass times are as follows: Saturday, 4 PM and Sunday, 9:15 AM. Be sure to check [www.stnicholascarver.org](http://www.stnicholascarver.org) for ongoing updates.



## Roots Return

Lori Cox  
WELCOME! The farm stand is open SAT 8/24 from 9-11am for ELDERBERRY U-PICK! \*\*IF\*\* STRAWBERRY are ready I will post here



(slow). Containers & bags supplied to take home. Elderberries are located a on a slope. No kids under 10 yrs please.

COMING UP: Cut Flowers, Garlic, Strawberries, Elderberries, Delicata Squash, Pumpkins, Dried Red Beans

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 conservativist of the year, and 10% of our main field is in Pollinator CRP habitat.

ORDER AHEAD STEPS => 1) CHOOSE 2) PAY 3) PICKUP \*\*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 Questions? [rootsreturn@gmail.com](mailto:rootsreturn@gmail.com).

## Eastern Carver County Schools

Follow the District #112 news at school? The School Board approved a plan bringing transportation services in-house. The decision came after a review of a comprehensive transportation study showing substantial cost-savings.

The district currently contracts with two bus companies. Annually, the busing travel consists of over two million miles and ninety-one routes serving the district's students. The study reviewed current contract costs and consideration of what it would look like if the district invested in its own fleet, driers and support services.

The school district would own the buses, employ all staff and be responsible for all related costs. It was estimated that the district's costs would decrease. Cost savings were not the only factor for the board's decision. All operations would then be managed via one point of contact, allow better communications and manage issues effectively and efficiently. It was the opinion of the board that by having in-house service, there would be better monitoring tools, better communication with drop-offs and pick-ups and better maintenance of the fleet, providing consistent, high-quality transportation.

The board's decision also is an independent topic relating to the outcome of the fall referendum. The plans for the future to ensure smooth and seamless transition, the initiation of in-service will be occurring over the next two years with in-house operations beginning in the fall of 2021.

## Carver Community Youth Baseball /



### Softball Association

The Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association Board would like to thank everyone for a great season. We are finalizing our books for the year and looking forward to 2020. Anyone interested in getting involved in our program,

Please send a note to [ccybsa.reg@gmail.com](mailto:ccybsa.reg@gmail.com) and in the subject line, state, "I am interested in supporting CCYBSA". Have a great fall and you will hear more in December getting ready for next season.

Jane Thon

## Carver Lions



SteamBoat Days is right around the corner. Be sure when you attend the festivities, that when you see a member of the Carver Lions, shake their hand and tell them 'thanks.' They do a lot of behind the scenes and work for our community.

Thanks are necessary to everyone involved with SteamBoat Days which is a fantastic community event and a 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 looking forward to holding their meetings in the new city hall, starting in September. Be sure to check with a Lion if you are interested in meeting with the Lions on their meeting night.

## Southwest Chamber of Commerce



September's Meet and Greet will be held at the new Carver City Hall on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM until 9 AM. There are not any costs to attend these Meet and Greets and they are open to all businesses.

The Southwest Chamber also invites you to come to Brews and Bones at the Schram Haus in Chaska on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3PM to 6 PM. There also is not cost to attend this event. There will be lots of vendors, contests, professional pictures and more. Be sure to come and check it out.

"Challenge yourself with something you know you could never do, and what you'll find is that you can overcome anything."

- Unknown

## ScreamTown

ScreamTown open September 28<sup>th</sup>. Location: 7410 Highway # 212, Chaska.

Website: [www.screamtown.com](http://www.screamtown.com) . For one low price you can enter multiple times. The event is open weekends through Nov 2nd and also open MEA Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase tickets on line and times and dates are available on line. There are yellow dates, green dates and a Lights Out Special Season Finale happening November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. ScreamTown is said to be the #1 Halloween attraction.

There are seven massive attractions on site; Zombie Apocalypse CDC, Santa's Slay, The Convent (VIP Pass Only), Crop Spawn, Ludicrous Labyrinth, Oak Blood Forest, and Circus Asylum. There is also the Palmistry and Trapped attractions. PS: Outdoor shoes are recommended; theatrical fog is used and the attraction is not recommended for anyone pregnant. info@screamtown.com



## Abandoned Hayride

Have you heard about the Abandoned Hayride? "Minnesota's newest and most unique Haunted Hayride and Haunted House". Review further states that "you will be dropped off in the woods and abandoned." This attraction is just down the road west towards Cologne from ScreamTown. The address is 7525 Highway #212, Chaska. They are opening Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. There are four attractions. They are the Abandoned Hayride, Exiled, Delirium and Forsaken. Open Friday and Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. MEA weekend dates are October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The last weekend for the event is 11/1 and 11/2. Their hours of operation include the ticket booth closing one hour prior to the attraction, Friday and Saturday close at 11 PM and Sunday at 10 PM. PS, website states appropriate for ages twelve and older. Check their website for more information; [www.theabandonedhayride.com](http://www.theabandonedhayride.com).

## ValleyScare

Valley Fair is open weekends ( except Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> ). ValleyScare information will be announced soon their website states. October dates and hours are Fridays, 7 PM – 12 AM, Saturdays, 11 AM – 12 AM and Sundays, 11 AM – 6 PM. October 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day the park will be open for business. ValleyScare is considered the premier Halloween event. For more information, [www.valleyfair.com/valleyscare](http://www.valleyfair.com/valleyscare). "Fun by Day, Fright by Night" themed promotion is stated. There is the Great Pumpkin Fest, which includes a Pirate Party, Trick or Treat Street and Sally's Corner. While Halloween Haunt boasts of surviving immersive mazes, spin-tingling scare zones, thrilling shows and more. Some of the featured scares include Awakening, Berserkers Unleashed, Blood Suckers Buffet, Blood Suckers Event Lab, Bumper Cars, Carnival-Ringmasters Revenge, Corkscrew, Dark Harvest, Blood Drums, McScareade, Undertakers and Zombie High in the Dark. Warning "Strange things are afoot at ValleyFair. On select nights, the fun takes a terrifying turn as the park transforms into ValleyScare, the upper Midwest's largest Halloween event with more than seventy-five rides, haunted mazes, scare zones, and mysterious monsters prowling the park, there is something for everyone's devilish desire. Note: Halloween attractions are rated "PG-13" and not intended for kids under thirteen years of age."



## Trail of Terror

Trail of Terror is said to be the largest Halloween event in the Midwest, located at 3525 145<sup>th</sup> Street West, Shakopee. Tickets can be purchased on line. More information available at their website; [www.trailofterrormn.com](http://www.trailofterrormn.com) or their Facebook page. Spine chilling attractions can be visited Friday and Saturdays October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> and Sundays the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Friday and Saturday hours from 7 PM – 12:30 AM, Sunday times are 7 PM to 11 PM. Attractions include Bozo Bash, Killer Clown Bow and Arrow Attack, Wicked Woods Walk, Maze of Mayhem, Banshee Bar Crawl, Chuckles Pizzeria, Cadaver Carnival, Krusty's Kabin, Bone Appetit and Salem Swamp. The scare free attractions include Frightening Food, Phantom's Feast, The Running Dead 5K and Zombies Paintball.

## Severs Fall Festival

Ready to go visit their new location and all the new things at Severs Fall Festival? Remember last month the talk about all kinds of fantastic news over at the Severs Fall Festival site? That they have moved for 2019 season entering their 23<sup>rd</sup> year. They are now located at 3121 West 150<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.epiclightshows.com) 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](http://www.seversfallfestival.com). You can also buy your tickets on line in advance. They feature lots of festival activities like; live music, pig races, food, beverages, hayrides, magic and wildlife shows, zip lines, safari zoo, straw bale maze, pumpkin blasters, corn pit, giant slide, and low ropes of tactical course.

Did you check their website? They've posted their 2019 theme and maze challenge. The 2019 Theme is "Sever's Jurassic Adventure." Their challenge has you looking for six pictures while reading fun facts about the 2019 maze them on the signs labeled 'A to Z' throughout the maze. As you navigate your map and discover "Sever", you use their maze challenge app showing the locations where you found them. These will also help you locate where you are in the maze. Each correct entry will be eligible for a grand prize drawing at the end of the season. Staff will be available to assist too.

Open for business weekends beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 so that you can see all.

## Carver Tax

It's hard to believe we are closing in fast on the end of another year. Before we know it, the year 2019 will be history. It will also soon be that time of the year for tax preparations. Start early gathering up your documentation for the 2019 tax season. Don't wait and forget a possible cost saver. While you are getting all those receipts, invoices, etc, support your local businesses and give Cathy a call at Carver Tax and see if she can help you with your tax preparations or questions.





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## Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for September are the 19th through the 22nd and October dates are the 17th through the 20th. 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 – Facebook - 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



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## October with Chaska Parks and Recreation

The Chaska Parks and Recreation personnel have been busy concocting up all kinds of festivities to include everyone in their October fun fest. Downtown Chaska Oktoberfest is happening on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It's an all-day event. They have invited everyone to celebrate downtown Chaska for adults and kids with great food and drinks, store sales, music, carriage rides, bounce houses, SayHey5k, authentic German inspired celebration at Schram Haus Brewery and more! Visit [downtownchaska.com](http://downtownchaska.com) and get more information and an event schedule. Downtown Block Party too. Stop at Second Street, downtown Chaska, Guardian Angels Church and School and over at Schram Haus Brewery to find what fun you can have.

Be sure to swing on over to the Lodge at the Community Center. They are looking to include you in their kick-off Active Aging Week with a jungle theme party with snacks and games. The committee encourages you to 'Go Wild!' redefining Active Aging Week starting Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM through October 4<sup>th</sup>. For more details check out the brochure at the Chaska Community Center website brochure. Lots and lots of activities with times and dates.

Want to participate in the Jack-o-Lantern Pumpkin Carving Contest? You are invited to participate in the 'heart and soul' of the annual Halloween event. You are encouraged to grab you neighbors, friends, family, organizations or even a business to carve pumpkins and bring to this event! Judges are ready to award prizes for the best in show. Encouraged to make this a fun company or organization activity too. Those businesses or organizations who submit five or more pumpkins will have their logs displayed next to their pumpkins at this event. Make note, if you are interested in participating in this event, then all jack-o-lanterns must be dropped off at the Community Center on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> between the hours of noon and 7 PM and register by the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. Sorry they will not be returned either. You can also register on line or call Tessa at 952.227.7742.

Then if you are interested, there is the Jack-o-Lantern Trail of Fun event happening, Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Chaska Athletic Park starting at 5 PM and over at 8:30 PM. It's only one dollar per person. You will be able to climb aboard the Hay Ride as they wander down the Minnesota River Bluff regional trail. Along the way, you will be surrounded by Jack-o-Lanterns carved by our community. At the end of the trail, waiting for the riders is S'more's cookout over an open fire. There is also an Archery pumpkin shoot-out, kids dance, DJ games and so much more!

The Chaska Parks and Recreation closes out the month of October with Halloween Live at the Community Center on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4 PM until 6 PM. There will be spooky crafts, ghostly games, DJ Dance, Cookie Decorating, Haunted House, and finally Pop Walk.



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## October at the MN Landscape Arboretum

[www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu)

October at the Arboretum kicks off in the Great Hall and Terraces with their World of Pumpkins Display daily on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. "There will be a display of popular, heirloom, unusual and international pumpkins and squash ( both ornamental and edible categories ) in colors ranging from white to purple, orange to green and more!

Another highlighted event involves Flora and Fauna Illustrata. It has their "3rd Annual Exhibit: Celebrating Arboretum Trees Extended through October 27 Arboretum Skyway Gallery, between the Snyder Building and Oswald Visitor Center. Enjoy art from the Andersen Horticultural Library's Flora and Fauna Illustrata (FFI) collection. All works include scientifically accurate fine art depicting trees that can be found at the Arboretum. Individual pieces reflect a blend of historical and contemporary styles through a variety of media, including watercolor, colored pencil, and graphite. Visit the library to see additional FFI artwork paired with items used in the artistic process."



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## Art at the Arboretum

ARTIST PATRICK DOUGHERTY CREATES A UNIQUE, ORGANIC WORK OF ART ON ARBORETUM GROUNDS

LIZ POTASEK • ARBORETUM WRITER

INTERNATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED ARTIST PATRICK DOUGHERTY'S 301st SCULPTURE took shape during the month of May at the Arboretum. Along with a team of Arboretum volunteers, Dougherty created an expansive labyrinth-inspired sculpture on Scarecrow Hill. The piece engages visitors of all ages, inspiring a sense of wonderment and encouraging exploration.

"I come with some starting points and enhance my ideas when I see what the saplings look like after they arrive on site and the stamina of the volunteers who will help construct the work," Dougherty says of his work process. "Finding the right scale is a big issue."

The structure, made with sustainably harvested local willow branches, will be on display at the Arboretum for the next couple of years and is available for party or event rental.

Dougherty previously visited the Arboretum in May of 2010 and created a smaller piece, affectionately dubbed the "Uff-Da Palace," outside the Oswald Visitor Center. He has designed pieces for arboretums and museums in countries throughout the world, including Japan, Denmark and Italy.

While Dougherty's work will make a lasting impression on the Arboretum, it's clear that the Arboretum has also made its impression on Dougherty. "You have a beautiful place," Dougherty says. "I wandered around quite a bit and enjoyed the views."

[arb.umn.edu/content/monumental-stick-build](http://arb.umn.edu/content/monumental-stick-build)



## Community Highlights

October 2019

- October 1<sup>st</sup> Happy Birthday Denny!  
Happy Birthday Coreen!
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Lions Meeting  
Happy Birthday Tim!  
Happy Birthday Todd!
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 Hour Late Start
- October 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Anniversary Kari and



- Guy!  
Happy Birthday Megan!  
Happy Birthday Joy!
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Meet and Greet  
Carver-on-the-MN Meeting  
Happy Birthday Sarah!  
Yom Kipper

- October 9<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Linda!  
Happy Birthday Laura!  
Happy Birthday Carol!  
Happy Birthday Sarah!
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Ryan!  
Happy Anniversary Steve and



- Tiu!  
Happy Birthday Beth!  
Happy Birthday Donnie!  
Happy Birthday Sonjia!
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission Meeting
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- October 14<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting Carver Elementary  
PTO Meeting East Union Elementary  
School Board Workshop Meeting  
Indigenous People's Day  
Columbus Day

- October 15<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Andrea!  
Happy Birthday Oliver!
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Lions Meeting  
National Boss Day
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting  
MEA - No School  
Education MN  
Carver Shops/Occasional Sale Weekend

- October 18<sup>th</sup> MEA - No School  
Carver Business Alliance Meeting  
Happy Birthday Tim!
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Annette!  
Happy Anniversary Linda and Ken!  
Sweetest Day

- October 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Larry!
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Happy Birthday Steve!  
Happy Birthday Brandon!



- October 24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Melissa!
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Carl!  
Happy Birthday Kate!

- October 28<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting
- October 29<sup>th</sup> Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad!
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween  
Happy Birthday Phil!

## South West Transit



The Vikings football season is set to begin for all you football fans. Many of you are already aware of SouthWest Tansits' bus service to home games. For those of you who are not, check out their website for details. During their regular season, you can ride the SouthWest bus to the games and back instead of fighting the traffic, construction or the parking headaches. The season is September 8<sup>th</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup>.

You can also ride the bus with SouthWest if you are a MN Gopher Football fan, Their time frame is September 14<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Updates are forthcoming on their site with more information about MN Gopher's. Check their website, [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org).

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

- Henry S. Haskins

## Carver Black Sox

According to the Black Sox website, they will be going to their third consecutive State Tournament. The Black Sox finished 4-2 in the Region 7C Tournament to earn the #2 seed and advance to the MN Amateur Baseball State Tournament. Game One was Maple Lake.



Carver opened the Region 7C Tournament with an 8-2 victory over the Green Isle Irish. The game after was a loss to the Cologne Hollanders. That game was played on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Black Sox rode the pitching of Andrew Weber and Jacob Booden to earn a 4-2 win qualifying them for the State Tournament and put them in the seeding portion of the Region 7C Tournament with the next game against Green Isle.

The Irish scored on run in the first and third innings to take a 2-1 lead before the rains came to cancel play for the rest of that Saturday. The game continued on Sunday morning with the Black Sox at-bat with one out and runners on first and second. Carver scored a 4 unearned runs in the inning and then coasted to a 9-3 victory. Mark Ulrich pitched the balance of the game throwing for six innings, yielding only 2 hits and 1 run. Kyle Dalton, David Doan and Ulrich all had 2 hits for the game with Bailey Melz and Dolan adding 2 RBI.

Due to the rain shortening the tournament, Young America's 3-0 record gave them the number 1 seed.

The win then moved Carver in to the final seeding game with Cologne, with the winner getting the second seed. Carver scored 2 runs in the first inning on a double by Dalton, a walk to Sam Warner and a double by Dolan. Ross Tichy started the game throwing 4 scoreless innings, with Dolan coming on to pitch in the 5th. Dolan threw 5 scoreless innings, striking out 7 Hollanders to pick up the win in a 7-0 Carver victory.

The Black Sox played their next game on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Maple Lake versus the Luverne Redbirds in the 1st round of the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

## Carver Steamboat Days

It's almost time. SteamBoat Days are almost here! Are you excited? Many of the volunteers are already tired. The event is hosted by the Carver Lions, City of Carver, SteamBoat Days Committee, volunteers and sponsors. There is so much to do and so much to see and so much fun to be had. Check their website for more details. It starts Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and the fun continues through Sunday. The grand parade is at 1 PM in downtown Carver. The Lions will be manning their Beer Tent. Be sure to stop by and not only have a beverage, food, but thank them for all their hard work. Don't forget to stop and have a Root Beer Float too. Carver-On-The-Minnesota ensures their deliciousness! Saturday evening will also have shuttle services provided by SouthWest Transit. You will find all the details on their website.



Be sure to stop and check out what is going on at St Nicholas Catholic Church and stop over at Trinity Lutheran Church. See ya'll there!

## Carver Fire Department

Friday night, at 6 PM don't miss the competition of the Fire Department Water Fights. That's always an experience. If it's too warm, you might even get the chance to cool down. So be sure to 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.





# 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** L'il' 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**



*Night Marauders - Temperance Arts and Gifts - Mission Impossible*

"It's going to be more difficult, if not impossible and ultimately imperative that we are extra, extra cautious tonight." Territory reiterated relentlessly.

"Why?" Rascal asked naively.

"Because this shop has humans living right there." Territory replied frustration evident in his tone.

Trying to help, Raschevious emphasized, "So we need to be and have to be extra quiet, extra careful and more aware of our surroundings and any movement that might happen."

Raschevious was also not in favor of this plan. He considered it too dangerous. He was of the opinion that only he and Territory should descend quietly and quickly. Rascal was a risky commodity and too often careless refusing to heed Territory's wisdom and stealthy skills seriously.

"What's Plan B, if we get caught, I mean?" Rascal questioned again proving his inattentiveness was detrimentally destructive.

"We won't be," Territory spun around snapping, "if you don't comprehend the seriousness of this situation, you won't be joining us on this venture." He warned ominously stomping away now angry with himself for allowing Rascal to come along. "Preciseness is the ultimate objective here." He grumbled to himself.

"He's absolutely right you know Rascal." Raschevious warned quietly.

"He's been awfully edgy lately." Rascal complained.

"This is extremely important." Raschevious countered menacingly.

"I mean since Rhapsody returned from her trip, I noticed he's been testier than usual."

Raschevious chuckled. "She distracts his feelings and thinking."

"Well I'm not a sissy." Rascal whined defensively.

"You are acting like one."

"I'm going to tell mom on you."

"See, you are acting like a big overgrown baby, go run to mommy." Raschevious had enough and walked away.

Very much like the shop, Sweeter Times, this shop area at Temperance Arts and Gifts was small too. There was not much room to maneuver freely. Ownership of the structure had remained in the Hartley family since 1887 having been built about 1856, once titled the Temperance Hotel. It is known to be the oldest surviving structure in Carver.

Territory assessed the surroundings carefully. Upon entering from the east there sits the makeshift desk/register area in front of the double doors leading to their storage of overflow products. There were shawls, scarves, blanket neatly organized on the pole rack in front of the table to the left with the window casting light on the multiple color arrangements. Right in front of the window were knitted hats on the glass shelving with a strand of light to highlight this area. More knitted products were neatly displayed on the small corner to the left. Along the west wall were more knitted and crocheted items, along with novelty items, albums and some glassware. The gals were still in the process of organizing their storage area. After entering and to the left they found more hats, mittens, headbands, novelties and baby items. Another window on the left shed more light into the warm welcoming room along with another double door allowing entrance to the living area. In front of that window was a table covered with more homemade knitted and crotchet items. The intruders didn't touch anything for fear of toppling the stands over and leaving a mess. So, they moved about quietly and carefully across the wooden floors.

Just as they were wrapping up their excursion, succeeding at being extremely quiet and cautious disturbing nothing or no one. Raschevious tapped Territory's shoulder, pointing to the door as the glimmer of a light flickered beneath the door suddenly. A shadow stopped right outside the other side of the door. Raschevious high tailed to the exit. Territory was unable to move as the floor creaked ominously. As soon as the light went out, Territory bolted. Having almost reached the levee, Territory stopped dead in his tracks and turned around to see the young man, Justin in the doorway with an unlit flashlight. Their eyes locked instantaneously, telepathically their minds merged with memories flowing elaborately.



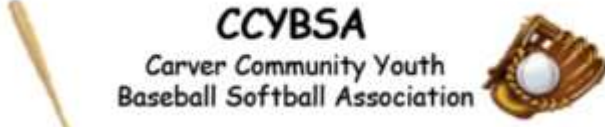
Territory recalled his younger days when the child and his grandmother spent months coaxing the starving raccoon to the food laid out carefully. He missed Lucie's encouraging words. It was more than he could bear. He broke their connection, turned and ran to the other side of the levee wiping away the wetness on his mask. Justin continued to stare where the raccoon had been, certain it was the same critter Grandma and he had relentlessly coaxed so long ago earning that critters trust. He stood steadfast wondering how he could recapture those days with the critter he had considered his very own pet.

This review was proving very difficult for Territory. There were too many raw emotions resurfacing from his younger days. Gulping trying hard to push those memories into the recesses of his mind, he forced himself to focus and concentrate on the task at hand.

"Karen and Sara jointly operate their shop at 100 Broadway in Carver. Karen found her love of the craft of crocheting by watching her mom. Store bought items never measure up to homemade. After a while when you make all these creations, there is more product than one can use themselves. Sara suggested that they open their shop and the rest is history. Sara is contemplating teaching knitting classes possibly in the future. Their items are unique; they have things you can't buy in a store. Their items last longer than any store bought or manufactured scarf, mittens or anything fabricated by a machine. Their ultimate goal is to continue supplying the community with homemade crafts. They are small business orientated, friendly and affordable. They also participate in craft shows, vendor shows and sometimes those shows integrate with the Occasional Shop dates. It's a shop one should not overlook. Stop by and meet the gals. Pick up a warm blanket, shawl, hat, mittens, headband or perhaps a dishcloth. Satisfaction guaranteed that you won't regret having dropped by and checked out all their stock. Their personalities are as warm and welcoming as their crafts."



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