



October November 2019  
Number Three Hundred Fifty Four



*October*

Swan: "This birth month bird is the fixer! You always have the answer. You love to help and can get a solution to any problem in record time. You love being right, and you usually are. Everyone looks to you first when they are facing a tough situation, or just need a good piece of advice You also have great recipes!"

"You're a graceful and beautiful person...just like your birth month bird! Your default personality revolves around an authentic person. You don't gossip or say one thing to someone's face and something different behind their back. You are a straight shooter with a natural inclination to be open and upfront."

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

*District # 112 Referendum Overview*

On Nov. 5, 2019, residents of Eastern Carver County Schools will be asked to vote on three school funding requests. The referendum requests are based on months of study, input and research to manage growing enrollment and address aging buildings, budget pressures and academic needs. [ [www.district112.org/vote2019/](http://www.district112.org/vote2019/) ]

An In-Person Information Session will be held Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Chaska High School in the Blue Forum Zone area.

Then another overview will be held at Bluff Creek Elementary School in Chanhassen on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM until 8:30 AM. Superintendent Clint Christopher will provide information on why residents are being asked to vote on three school funding requests. The referendum requests are based on months of study, input and research to manage growing enrollment and address aging buildings, budget pressures and academic needs

There is no cost to attend but those planning on attending are requested to let them know for the purpose of seating availability for anticipated attendance.

*Announcement*

Hey have you heard? The Carver Insurance Group has moved! They have moved all their files, equipment, desks and business over to 113 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Carver, next door to Carver General and The Good Junk Garage. How exciting for all. Have any insurance needs or just questions, be sure to stop in and say hello to everyone in the office. They would be more than happy to assist you with whatever you need!




Starting October 1, 2019  
pick a person and pray for them  
through January 1, 2020.  
Pray for their faith, their health,  
their family, their finances,  
their every single need.  
Don't tell them you're  
praying for them, just cover  
them with prayer and  
watch God work.

Kelly's Treehouse  
-Shelby Condo

*Territory - 2019 Steam Boat Days*

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

"Boy am I glad all those people are gone finally." Rascal muttered sitting down beside his fellow comrades.

"What do you mean?" Raschevious questioned perplexed.

"All those people that descended on the village this weekend." He stared at him in disbelief, asking "Don't tell me you didn't notice." Irritated Rascal jumped up scoffing at them.

"Oh, I don't know, I thought it was fun." Territory contemplated remembering the fun he had running all through town freely without anyone paying attention to his furry body skittering about from here to there and back again.

"Yea, no one noticed us running about like no one's business." Raschevious pronounced reliving his own excitement.

"You mean you two crazy fools were in amongst them?" Rascal screamed at them in incredulous surprise.

"Well of course." Territory answered bemused.

Territory laid back recounting all the things he'd encountered, uttering satisfactorily, "There was that kissing booth where that woman shrieked when the little girl smooched that white dog at the Kissing Booth. Thought I heard someone call her Sapphire. There was a not car in sight with the whole entire street blocked off and people mulling around not paying attention to the ground at all listening to those fantastic bands playing. The mechanical bull by Gazebo Park, the shops, the beverages and oh, the food." He licked his lips still tasting all that deliciousness.

"Yea, and all those people dumping food for us and filling up the cans. It was heaven." Raschevious could still taste the brat the young man dropped when the lady bumped into him.

"And don't forget that fantastic annual car show." Territory lulled with the good memories.

"Yea, that Monte Carlo almost ran me over when he came into town." Raschevious suddenly remembered his close call with the metal machine shining so brightly.

"Rasch did you see the bands too? Or how about those Root Beer Floats? Poor kid tripped and his whole float was there for the taking. It was divine." Territory was almost half sad that it was all over with. "Them fireworks. Rascal did you see them?"

Rascal began tapping his foot agitated to no end with these two carrying on like they had personal invitations to the downtown nonsense.

"That parade was something else too."

"Sure was. Too bad it had to go and threaten to rain."

"Too bad we have to wait another whole year before we can participate again and have so much freedom." Territory regretfully sighed.

"Yea."

"I don't believe you two." Rascal snapped flustered to his wits end. "Them humans sure know how to host a party huh?" Territory closed his eyes sad, now that it was all over.

## *Levee Update*

The representative from WSB & Associates updated the council at a work session on the Levee Certification process for FEMA which also included an update on the status of the Concept plan and the Funding Strategy. The council also at that point reviewed the next steps in the project.

## *Recreation Partnership*

The city manager shared the results of the Recreation Partnership Survey with the council involving the agreement with the City of Chaska and the City of Carver regarding recreation. The city manager was directed to proceed, however work on revisions on how the offered programs are executed.

## *2020 General Fund Budget*

At the council's work session, the city manager the Drafted 2020 General Fund Budget. The city manager discussed with the council proposal involving the 2020 budget. He would like the Sheriff's Department attend an upcoming meeting, comparison data for Fire Department salaries and updated data on debt service as it relates to past percentages of total budget. A councilmember inquired about communicating questions regarding the budget. The city manager would answer specific questions but prefers direction for adding and deleting items discussed at work sessions. Question was asked about items from the strategic plan for 2021 timing scoped in the upcoming budgets.

## *2019 Project Assessment Agreements*

The city attorney presented the council with a drafted resolution for consideration to award contracts involving the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project. Some property owners requested in addition to the assessment for street improvements that assessments also include the Sewer Availability Charge/Water Availability Charge/Metropolitan Environmental Services and the water meter fees involving the connection fees. The homeowners were responsible to solicit quotes for installation of municipal utilities involving four contractors. Question was asked about the city's liability if the connections were not done with the city. The attorney stated that it was atypical for the city to connect from the street to the house and that the city was at more of a risk when the city is responsible for that connection. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding contracts as part of the 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project.

## *Right of Way Management*

The city manager presented the council with the proposed amendments for the City's Right of Way Management Ordinance which would require permittees to provide five business day mailed notice to adjoining residents prior to construction activity. Motion was made and carried with all ayes amending section of the city code related to Right of Way Management Permits.

## *Riverside Park*

The city manager provided an overview of the condition of Riverside Park which will be prepared in a technical document. There are plans to have a drone shot over the park creating a site plan with options for consideration. Question was asked if the aerial maps from the county will be an overlay of that from the drones could be prepared so that the council could visualize what is left of the slopes. This is being reviewed; however, drone shots do not tie in geographically and with coordinates. Comment was made that with the removal of the bridge over the river, the trajectory of the flow has changed into the park.

The city engineer discussed Riverside Park. He stated that the park has sustained extensive damage from flooding over the past two years. Aerial images of past and current conditions are being worked on to allow the Parks Commission and the council to have a better understanding of the damage in the park and what is planned for the park.

## *City Hall Open House*

On September 4<sup>th</sup> the Building Dedication and Open House was held for the new city hall.

## *Miscellaneous*

The city manager presented the council with the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 2789-3 for the beginning of 2020 until the end 2021, A closed meeting had been held for an update. The employee union approved the proposed agreement previously. Question was asked if the system included performances which the agreement did not. They would require negotiations. Long term plans were to incorporate some performance measures. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 2789-3.

The council was alerted to the discussion of an opening of a dog park possible at the Lions Park. The Community Development Director currently is working on the Parks Master Plan where a dog park is an amenity being contemplated in that plan.

The topic of food trucks at community parks has not been discussed in a while. The initial interested party is no longer interested in pursuing the idea. The staff questioned direction to pursue in the future. The issue will be temporarily paused at this point.

The city manager discussed the topic of an item that has been part of the Carver Strategic Plan for quite some time regarding conducting a community survey. Information involving the survey research proposal was brought to the attention of the council with a firm identified as the Morris Leatherman Company.

The city manager presented the council with the drafted 2020 General Fund Budget figures.

## *Public Services Department*

The Public Services Director Skok and the department were publicly recognized for the work done for the Regional Baseball Tournament hosted by the Carver Black Sox. The manager of the Black Sox personally called to commend the department and two employees for their congeniality.

The Public Services Director discussed with the council the authorization of purchasing equipment included in the 2019 Equipment Bond. Four pieces of equipment have been requested as a part of the bond. The equipment includes Brine Salt Equipment, Large Deck Mower, Sewer Jetter and a Vacuum Trailer.

The council reviewed the information presented from the Public Services Director regarding proposed purchasing of equipment. There were four pieces of equipment under consideration. The council reviewed information on the topic. The mayor commented that the items being discussed had already been approved and financing planned for. Final approval was necessary. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt the resolution authorizing the purchase of the equipment described in the 2019 Equipment Bond.

## *Fire Department*

The city manager discussed the issue of the Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department. The standards would require to be adopted the council. The department and the manager review this manual annually. There were some primary changes involving the alignment of the Council-Manager from of government. The city manager would lead the appointment process for the Fire Chief. The city manager would appoint firefighters to assist on an interview panel for the position. The Fire Chief would lead the process for appointing officers of the department. The minimum call response requirement increases from twenty to twenty-five percent. Typical policy clean-up function that include language clarification, removal of obsolete requirement and grammatical corrections.

The council reviewed a resolution involving the approval of a purchase of a Fire Engine. There have been numerous discussions regarding the purchase of an engine and also identified for purchase in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Sourcewell has a consortium pricing to simplify and minimize the purchasing process the city council was told. This has been utilized in the past for other equipment.

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion,  
your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your  
heart for love.....  
Anonymous

## *Parks Master Plan*

The Parks Commission members discussed the Parks Master Plan, dedication in detail and work through how monies are collected, how this can be used and the impacts on the Park Master Plan, as well as the Comprehensive Plan. Discussions will continue. The Park Master Plan draft discussion will continue.

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## *Green Step Cities*

GreenStep Cities program was requested to be discussed for consideration. The program encourages and acknowledges cities for working towards more sustainable practices. If the city were interested the next step would be to extend an invitation to the representative of the Great Plains Institute to discuss further.

The history and development of the program occurred in the fall of 2007. Minnesota's Clean Energy Resource Teams had held regional sessions discussing energy opportunities. An idea emerged creating a program free to cities challenging, assisting and recognizing cities that were 'green stars'. Legislation directed agencies to recommend actions that cities could take on a voluntary basis. A synopsis entails 'GreenStep' to learn from cities and assistance providers who continually refine the best actions and resources for taking action. There are nationwide similar programs. Interested in more information, you can go online and visit their website; [www.greenstep.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.greenstep.pca.state.mn.us)

## *Facility Rental*

The council reviewed the requests for amendments and the ordinance to the Facility Rental Policy that had been adopted previously. Several modifications were reviewed by the council at their meeting involving additional liability for damage repairs, storage requirements, alcohol consumption areas defined, exemption, facility door blockage and identification for outdoor cooking area. Fees for the Facility Rental Policy to be identified in the ordinance, along with rental parties. Several minor fee adjustments were also reviewed.

## *Community Development Agency*

The Community Development Direction discussed the concept plan proposed by the county Community Development Agency for apartments and senior living apartments. The proposed project is located south of the Carver Crossing property. Question was asked and responded that there was plans for underground parking. There is not a Public Hearing required because the proposal meeting zoning and land use requirements. Number of units was inquired about. It was not anticipated to have many changes due to the fact that the ponding had been determined for the entire site with the master plan. However, there would be an additional full review would be done for the project. The project is an inter-generational approach making construction more feasible. Similar projects in the state have been successful. Question was asked if this was a duplication of senior housing with the unit proposed on Sixth Street identified as Carver Ridge. Question was then asked about the difference between Carver Crossing and the new proposal. Carver Crossing is considered a tax credit project with sixty percent of the area medium income. The proposed project targets eighty to one hundred percent medium income. Income qualifications were discussed.

## *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 October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Dreams aren't what you leave behind when morning comes. They are the staff that fill your every living moment.*  
~ David Ceschieri

## *Community Highlights*

*November 2019*

- November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saint's Day  
Happy Birthday Judy!  
No School
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Soul's Day
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings Ends  
Happy Birthday Deb!  
Council Meeting
- November 4<sup>th</sup> Election Day
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Happy Anniversary Russel and Jacque!  
Lions Meeting
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Carver Lions Sunday Brunch
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day – WW1  
East Union PTO Meeting  
Carver Elementary PTO Meeting
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Meet and Greet  
Carver-on-the-Minnesota  
Carver Elementary Kindergarten Preview
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Carver Elementary School Carnival  
Happy Birthday Bob!
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Carver Alliance Business Meeting
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Zac!
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Lions Meeting
- November 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Happy Birthday Tim!  
Happy Birthday Allyson!  
Happy Birthday Marvin!
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren!
- November 25<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Doug!
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break – No School
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day  
Happy Birthday Rachel!
- November 29<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Michal!
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Taylor!



## *SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce*

Submitted by Jeff Filipek

The SouthWest Metro's Chamber of Commerce's ANNUAL CHAMBER MAYOR'S LUNCHEON will be held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1 PM at the Chaska Event Center. The Mayors from Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska and Victoria recap this past year the year and tell us what's ahead for our four fabulous cities. Registration is required and is open to chamber members and non-members. Register at [www.swmetrochamber.com](http://www.swmetrochamber.com).

Other Chamber events include the Brews and Bones event occurring on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 6 PM at Schram Haus Brewery. They will have vendor booths featuring vets, dog food suppliers and more dog friendly businesses. You will also find craft beer available at the event. Come and enjoy the variety fo tasty options at the brewery. Additionally, thre will be an Owner/Dog Look-a-Like at 3:30 PM, at 4 PM, Best Dog Trick, 4:30 PM, Best Dressed Dog, 5PM is Ugliest Dog and then at 5:30 PM, Best in Show. Enter at the information tent and registration is limited. A gift card awaits the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner in each contest. Also featured at the event will be Food Truck on site, Med Box Grill and Lynn Laumann Photography will be taking dog photos. Remember all dogs must be on a leash for this event.

The chamber will be hosting the 2019 Annual Celebration Gala on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM to 9:30 PM. The event will be held at the Hazeltine National Golf Course. The purpose of the gala is for a night of fun, connecting and celebrating our community with the presentation of our Business of the Year Awards. You will find the chamber says, fantastic food and drink, unique silent auction items, raffles and surprises throughout the evening, concluded with live music. This gala is all about celebrating the work done throughout the year by everyone.

## Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for October dates are the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, November dates 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Many shops open Wednesday through Sunday for your shopping pleasure. Perfect opportunity to find what you didn't know you wanted or needed!

### The Shops of Carver:

All Things Fabulous – Facebook

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

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Fourfold Studios – Website

Mon – Thurs 9 AM – 4 PM

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – Facebook / Website

Check Facebook

Strange Birds - facebook.com/strangebirdsmn

/ Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

204 Studio - photography – Website

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

Also:

Iris Valley/Jordan – Website and Facebook



**Note:** Carver General ( facebook.com/carvergeneral/ ) will be open three weekends

in November if you are interested in checking them out for something you might need or possibly find that special gift for Christmas for someone. That's right it's Christmas shopping time, at least time to think about it. I know, it is not even Halloween yet. Before, we know it, we will be behind, maybe. The Carver General plans on being opened on the weekends of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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>, 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

The promoter's are telling you that "Fear is Waiting for You" at ValleyFair for the fall ValleyScare events. Check their website for more information on dates, times, etc.

ValleyScare is considered the premier Halloween event. For more information, [www.valleyfair.com/valleyscare](http://www.valleyfair.com/valleyscare).

For the youngsters there the Great Pumpkin Fest to include the Monsters are Coming Charlie Brown! Feature. Or The Chateau Tours for them. Saturday's only will feature Sinister Circus.

ValleyScare is promoting "Experience the fright of your life and enter the realm of darkness and brave the many nightmares of their haunted attractions." "As darkness falls, Halloween haunt comes to life with more than three hundred creatures and monsters occupying more than a dozen of the most intense haunted attractions including hair-raising mazes and walkway scare zones. Guests can also brave the fog and darkness while strapping into their favorite thrill rides."

The Halloween Haunt features mazes identified as Berserkers Unleashed, Dark Harvest, Mr Cleaver's Bloodshed, The Chateau, Undertakes and Zombie High. While their scare zones are labeled, Blood on the Boundary Waters, Carnevil: Ringmaster's Revenge, Darkness Awaits and MaSCAREade. There are shows with titles of Awakening, Hypnotic, Masque, Rave Yard, Sinister Circus and Uncle Muskrat. You can bet the rides are a thrill you will never forget, they encourage you to come and ride the Bumper Cars, Corkscrew, Delirious, Flying Eagles, High Roller, Mad Mouse, North Star, Power Tower, Renegade, Steel Venom, Wild Thing and Xtreme Swing. You can't leave without experiencing BloodSuckers Brew Bar, or Blood Suckers Buffet, Boowery and last but not least, Pumpkin Promenade.



Warning "Strange things are astir 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

Remember they are at a new their new location and off all kinds of the new things at Severs Fall Festival? 2019 season marks their entering their 23<sup>rd</sup> year. They are now located at 3121 West 150<sup>th</sup> Street in Shakopee.

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!!

They thank everyone for the past 22 amazing years – “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 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.

## October with Chaska Parks and Recreation

Interested in participating in 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'Mores cookout over an open fire. There's 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.

If you are interested in some free fun at the Chaska Community Center, they are presenting Family Movie Night showing *Tory Story 4* on the large screen at the CCC Theatre. You will also find a Concessions snack table which will have a variety of treats for purchase from 5:45 to 6:15 PM. You can come and join the fun on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The theatre doors will open at 5:45 PM and the movie will begin at 6:15 PM.

## St Nicholas Catholic Church

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon! If you're interested in registering your children please contact the parish office at (952) 448-2345 or complete the form on the website and return to the office.

As a reminder weekend Mass times are as follows: Saturday, 4:00 PM, Sunday, 9:15 AM. Check [www.stnicholascarver.org](http://www.stnicholascarver.org) for ongoing updates.



## East Union Lutheran Church

Have you heard? There will be all kinds of activity at the East Union Church. They will be hosting their Annual Fall Festival ( Trunk N Treat ) event on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 6 PM. There will be food and fun activities. Trunk N Treat will be at 5:30 PM.



Be sure to mark your calendars for the church's annual Chicken Dinner which will be held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Check the church's website or facebook in case the Villager Tower can't accommodate printing schedule to relay more details.

PS – The Love Inc Towel Ministry hosted by the East Union Church needs your help. They are running low on their towel supply, for anyone interested in helping out. They are looking for bath, hand and kitchen towels. They request drop off be at the Parish Center.

“Not all those who wander are lost.” ~ J R R Tolkien

## West Union Church

Meanwhile over at the West Union Church, they also have lots of activity occurring too.

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> is Bingo Night. It is hosted by the Youth Group, dinner and Bingo. Dinner starts at 5 PM and the first game is called at 5:30 PM. There are prizes for all ages. Dinner is Basement Ladies themed.

Be sure to come and check out their Fall Festival on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. That event will be held at 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM with food and games. Then at 5 PM they will host their Trunk N Treat. Everyone is invited.

West Union Church is also participating in the Thanksgiving Meal Delivery gala, as well. Here's what is said about that event: “On November 23, 2019, in partnership with Love Inc., we will package and deliver Thanksgiving meals to about 125 families in our community. This event is coordinated by West Union Lutheran Church and is a family tradition for many volunteers in the community.

As a congregation, we collect food items for the packages throughout the fall season. Below, you will find a suggested food item for you to purchase and bring to church to assist us in meeting this need. Please bring your food items to the table outside the library.

Collecting: canned veggies, boxed potatoes, gravy, cake & frosting, jello, stuffing, sweet potatoes & marshmallows, Frozen TURKEYS, TURKEYS, TURKEYS!

OR Donate money by dropping a check in the offering plates memo: Thanksgiving meal Delivery”



## Carver Lions



From one event right into the next. Feel left out? Then go to their meeting and join in on their fun. The Lions are busy preparing for their Annual Trunk N Treat Event. This will take place, Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 3 PM on Broadway between Third and Fourth Streets. ( see insert )

Not only are they preparing and readying for that event, they are also in the process of planning for their Annual Sunday Brunch on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving brunch from 9 AM until 1 PM at the new Village Hall. So if you didn't get to see the new hall yet, here's another chance. Remember too, Veterans eat free!

Just in case you are interested and feeling energetic, the members of the Carver Lions could sure use some extra hands with all the stuff they have their hands into. They will be meeting October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the new city hall. Two for one, if you haven't seen the new hall and interested in joining, you can do both at once. They then meet again on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Go on, you know you want to be secretly congratulated in helping your community. Here's is your chance. No one will be turned away, that's a guarantee.

"If you can't be kind, be quiet." ~ Gaye Crispin

## Fire Department Open House

Then there is the Fire Department's Open House on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the fire station on Jonathan Carver Parkway at 5 PM until 7:30PM. ( see insert )



## Carver Community Youth Baseball /

### Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

The season is complete and will put in place our meetings to start 2020. Anyone interested in being a part of our board please send me an email at [ccybsa.reg@gmail.com](mailto:ccybsa.reg@gmail.com). Please indicate how you can help.

Have a great Halloween and Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for future updates.

## Autumn at the MN Landscape

### Arboretum

There is so much to experience at the MN Landscape Arboretum. An experience not to be pass up. There's the daily World of Pumpkin Display, the Flora and Fauna Illustrata, celebrating trees and arts at the arboretum not to overlook their gardens. ( More information about the events below, can be reviewed in last month's issue of the *Villager Tower*, September/October # 253. ) Other October events not to be missed include Scarecrows in the Garden, and Scarecrow Village, Plantmaker Studio: Apple Family Tree Challenge, Spooktacular Concert, friends of the Library Book Sale, Ar-boo-retum, or Apples, apples and more apples. You can also view more information on their Facebook page. ( Facebook.com/Mnarboretum ) and see their latest magazine with more information.



Then comes their November events at the arboretum. You might want to check into their Fall about Dogs5K on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Holiday Music schedule for November, Yoga in the Garden or the Winter Bloom/Winter Lights feature.



## 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. © RYS Creations 2019



## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Coming to the Chanhassen High School Theatre in December will be the Chaska Valley Family Theatre performers to present to the public Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* production. Auditions were held and they will be spending the next few months getting ready to present the play for you. Watch for details or visit their website: [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org).



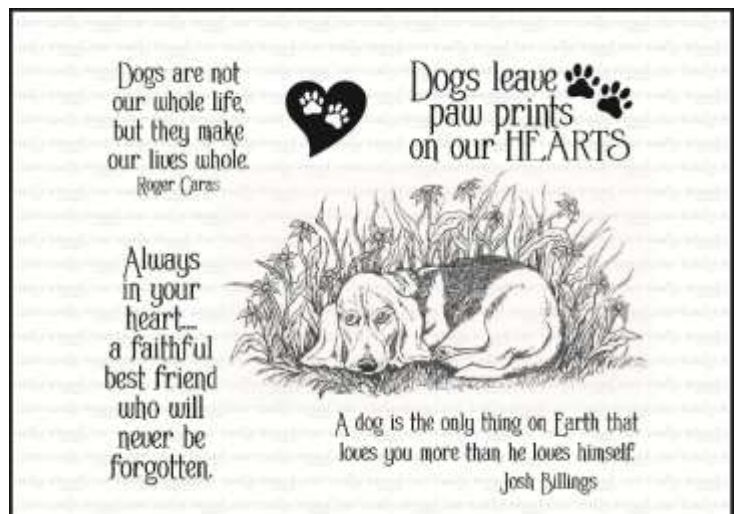
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# Fire Department and Public Services Open House

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## Jack-O-Lantern Trail of Fun

Friday October 18  
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Climb aboard the HAY RIDE as we wander down the Minnesota River Bluff regional trail. Along the way you will be surrounded by JACK-O-LANTERNS carved by our community. Join us for s'mores, pumpkin archery, Kidsdance DJ, Home Depot kids workshop, games and food available for purchase by The Weenie Wagon!

\$1/person. Pay at the gate, cash only please

Join Carver County Parks, and the Cities of Chaska and Carver for this fun event!



## *Night Marauders - 204 Studio - Still Trespassing*

"Have you made a decision Territory?" Raschevious sauntered over to the river bank on the cool sunny day, sitting down beside his friend.

"Tonight." He answered in matter of fact tone, "Rhapsody will go instead of Rascal."

"Okay." Raschevious was a bit taken back by this comment.

"She loves photography." Territory offered very little explanation.

"Have you told Rascal?"

"No." He signed.

"Tell me what?" Rascal suddenly approached out of nowhere.

There was silence.

"What?" Rascal repeated.

There was a continued long uncomfortable silence.

Finally, Territory stated the inevitable, "Rhapsody will be going on the next adventure instead of you."

Rascal opened his mouth to speak, thought better of it and shut it, saying nothing, but obviously still sulking. All three sat in dismal silence for quite some time.

Meanwhile, Lavender listened intently as Rhapsody shared her exciting news that Territory had relayed to her only that morning about joining them in their expedition that evening.

"I'm sorry Rascal." Rhapsody offered sincerely.

"Sure, you are." He retorted with curt sarcasm continuing on his way pouting childishly.

Lavender took her post close to the front of the building as Bandeet worked her magic on the door. Rhapsody was nervous. Territory peered through the corner of the mullioned windows that had been replaced the once framed in front when Gregg renovated the space in 2006. The 204 Broadway address had quite the history. Once a general store, a grocery store, café and an apartment at one time for the owners of the Mobile Station. Then the small office area and storage area for the then operating station, as well as an occasional shop in recent days. The renter presently, a photographer sharing the space with three other fellow photographers.

Quickly and quietly, the three marauders slipped inside the interior of the 204 Broadway address. The street light gave them enough light to see the inside as the mullioned windows up front were the only light source in the small space. The original red brick adorned the interior walls resonating the past echoing its bold statement of history encased in the molded sand blocks. The north and south walls empowering the small chamber. The sector was ideal for an inspiring creative artist. The area was fairly empty except for props, lighting and a couple of chairs. Basically, a mere creative space if needed. Rhapsody was probably the most disappointed. There were no examples to add insight. There was really nothing tangible to give one any insight into the renter or renters. She had expected more.

On the other hand, the rest of the group being more seasoned hardly ever enter with certain expectations in mind.

They absorb and assess. Rhapsody was inexperienced.

There was a sudden chill that they all experienced simultaneously as though they had disturbed an unseen aura or phenomenon throwing out a wisp of breeze past them as a warning.

"It is true." Territory deflated ominously.

"What?" Bandeet moved closer to the door to exist in haste if necessary.

"There is a spirit or ghost here, just like the rumors say." Territory stared intently trying to envision if there as any apparition visible or any signs, but could only feel a coldness that seemed to be moving.

"What!" Raschevious exclaimed louder than intended.

"Alfred Johnson's ghost." Territory inched closer to the shadows of the back of the small room where it seemed to be cooler suddenly.

"Who?"

"The man who was trapped when there was fire in 1943." Territory explained intrigued with this new development.

Rhapsody shivered uncontrollably at this prospect and bolted out the door.

**“We better go.” Banded encouraged.**

**Raschevious was in agreement. Territory lingered reluctant to leave. He couldn't shake the story he'd heard about. The fire in 1943 that trapped the elderly gentleman inside. How that early Christmas morning the neighbors escaped the upstairs apartment next door through the broken front window. The Carver and Chaska Fire Departments put that fire out saving the adjacent buildings. Territory stopped at the doorway, looked back once more, almost certain that he could see the shadowy figure reaching out as though pleading for help but shook the captivating notion from his immediate attention and ran out the door, leaving the spellbound mystery behind inside the dark cold room.**

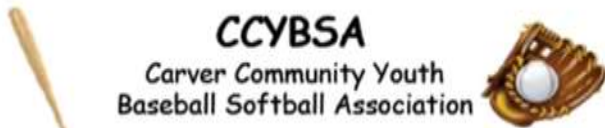
**Even as Territory sat down and settled in to compose his review, he was amazed that he was still gripped by the mesmerizing phantom he was certain that they had encountered at the studio that evening. He just was unable to shake the spellbinding illusion.**

**“The 204 Studio requires the content of conversation with the photographers who ascend onto the site to truly understand and appreciate the quality of their skills and their love for the capturing of the subjects that they take pictures of. The photographer's ultimate goals are to capture the ultimate moment forever for their clientele.**

**The studio is merely a dwelling to house their extras for making the photo more memorable. Or an abode when weather is not cooperating with their scheduled appointments. It was the primary contact, Jessica's opinion that Carver held a unique historical quality to be utilized in capturing memories when taking pictures. There is a love for photography and then there is another level of love for photography. A skill constantly progressing and learning with unending unlimited opportunities for making something even better. Learning how to bend, use and highlight lighting, shadows, illuminations igniting their creativity to portray that look, that emotion, that spark that makes the moment special so that when you look at it in the future, the particular emotion reemerges as though reliving the photo session over and over. That's the goal that the camera captures. The passages of time change our lives too quickly. It is imperative to catch the moment in time for preservation. That's the purpose of the 204 Studio which is the absolute perfect setting for photo shoots. Jessica Krueger Photography being the main contact to schedule your capturing those special memories for the future.”**

**In closing, still unable to shake the foreboding nuance in his subconscious, Territory wrote, “The studio presents the perfect space for capturing photos with the window lighting and although the studio is most certainly not haunted the aura generates an unknown ambiance.”**

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