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*Dedicated In Loving Memory Of Barbara Johnson
In Honor of Karon Wallace*



November

Kestrel: "You're a true individual who doesn't act, say, or think, a certain way just because that's what is expected. You follow your own heart and soul, and live your life for you and you alone. Some people find you too direct, but don't change this about yourself!"
Rooster: "The ultimate buddy bird. You are the best friend anyone could have. Not just a sidekick, but a full companion. Through thick or thin, you will be at your friends' side and have their back as you face situations that may trip you up. You will not only guide others on the right path, but will keep it from getting boring."

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



Today, I Lost My Friend

Today I lost my best friend
Today my best friend went to heaven
Today my best friend joined her love lost long ago
Today I lost my best friend

Funny how life's twists and bends control our destinies
We never know what the future holds for us
We think we are in control
When we are not

Yesterday, we did so much together
Yesterday, we laughed, we talked, we shared
Yesterday we chased dreams, hopes and goals
Yesterday we helped one another get through another day
Yesterday we were each other's support system
Yesterday is gone
Yesterday's memories are still there

Today I lost my best friend
Today I had to say goodbye
Today I had to forfeit my friend back to where she wanted to be
Today my best friend reunited with the love of her life
Today memories shared of the talks of missing others gone
Today is concentrating on the good times and bad times shared
Today it hurts, tomorrow it will continue to hurt
Today the only comfort is the knowing you are where you wanted to be for so long
Today I lost my best friend

Tomorrow will never be the same
Tomorrow I will walk alone
Tomorrow my best friend won't answer the phone
Tomorrow my best friend isn't there for me

Today I lost my best friend



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3rd Annual Tree Lighting

Listen up everyone!!! The 3rd Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 30th at Gazebo Park. They are working on the plans! So watch for further updates on the Carver Current website. Tentatively, the lighting will occur around 4 PM. Plans are to also have the horse drawn wagon again this year.



Helping Our Own

The young lady you see pictured here is Annette Hentz's daughter, Cheryl, also known as Cher who resides in California. Annette who was the former owner of Carver Flowers, and we all know how much she contributed to our lives, right? Well, she is asking for your help for her daughter, Cher.

A brief summary: We have all heard about the awful fires in California in the San Bernardino area. Cher lives in this area and has lost her home to the fire and all of her possessions except the fur friends, Ducky and Silver.

Her mom who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery is asking for help for her daughter: "And now, Cher needs help keeping the proverbial (but burned) "roof over her head." She is too humble to ask for help. But, as her mother, I am not too proud to ask for it for her. Cher is an intelligent, hard-working, people-caring individual WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE for her friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, customers, vendors and anyone with whom she's come into contact.

I'm asking, will all of the people whose lives she has touched over the years, be willing to be there for her? She needs our help, desperately. Will you join me in donating to her GoFundMe Campaign? Even a small donation would be welcome - they add up. She has no other emergency fund. Donations are already needed today. Thank you. Bless you."

Annette has set up a "Go Fund Me" page for her daughter. The link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-restoration-help-for-cher039s-little-mtn-home?> – When you put it in the search bar, click on the first line and the page should come up giving information to donate. Please help if you can. Anyone who has experienced tragedies understands the devastation experienced; the physical, emotional, and mental anguish that accompanies the tragedy itself.

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/]

Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for November dates 21st through the 24th. December dates are 19th through the 22nd. Many shops open Wednesday through Sunday for your shopping pleasure. Perfect opportunity to find what you didn't know you wanted or needed! And don't forget you will find what you need for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

The Shops of Carver:

- All Things Fabulous – Facebook
Wed-Sat 10 AM – 5 PM/Occasional Shop Dates Sun 11 – 4 PM
- Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates
- Fourfold Studios – Website
Mon – Thurs 9 AM – 4 PM
- Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – www.rippleartstudio.com
Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB

- Facebook / Website
Check Facebook
- Strange Birds - facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website
/ 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

Special Announcement:

Looking for the perfect christmas present for that special person in your life or just the perfect gift? Remember to stop in Carver and check out all the specialty shops in town. You will find that treasure you are looking for, make new friends, see old friends and have a wonderful time to boot. There are the shops that are open at differing times, occasional shop dates and some by appointments. Check out their websites and facebook pages. November features, November 30th Small Business Saturday too. Don't forget Jordan and Chaska shops. Taffney at All Things Fabulous is open every Wednesday through Saturday. At publication she was still working on Small Business Day specials. Carver General is excited to share that they will be open November 8th and 9th for "Save a Buck." (Deer hunting opens on November 9th) They are also happy to announce that for every \$ 10 you spend at the store, you will save \$1. They will be displaying lots of their Christmas merchandise for the first time this season during the two day sale at this time. They will also be open November 21st through the 24th. Their November 29th and 30th sale dates coincide with Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. They will have goodies at the store. Carver General's December dates are scheduled for the second weekend in December, 12/12 through 12/15. Temperance Arts and Gifts has craft shows scheduled for the November and December months. However, you are welcome to contact them via e-mail or phone and schedule an appointment to purchase that special gift you want. Strange Birds has updated their facebook page and website (www.strangebirdscollective.com) Check their pages for dates for upcoming months.

Mary of Ripple Art Studio & Gallery has moved over to 108 East 4th Street. Mary says, "If your interested in what's happening in the Studio, please stop by! I am available for lessons as well! Call or text for appointments 952.454.5407. Check out my Facebook page Ripple Art Studio & Gallery or my website www.rippleartstudio.com to find out what's new!"

Iris Valley in Jordan offers specials, check their website and facebook pages for ideas. You will find boutique gifts for your home, or your friends, clothing, jewelry, handbags, home décor and more at this fantastic shop.

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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 Village Hall. Anyone owning a business in Carver is welcome. The next scheduled meetings are November 15th and December 13th.

South West Metro Chamber of Commerce



Submitted by Jeff Filipek

The South West Metro Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2019 Annual Celebration Gala on November 8th 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.

The SouthWest Metro's Chamber of Commerce's ANNUAL CHAMBER MAYOR'S LUNCHEON will be held on Wednesday, November 20th 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.

Also affiliated with the SouthWest Chamber announced invitations to join in at the 14th Annual Excelsior Christkindlesmarkt being held November 29th through December 1st in the City of Excelsior.

"The Christkindlmarkt Festival originated over 700 years ago in Germany during the Advent Season to celebrate the coming of the Christ child. The Festival has continued to this day as the original open air market featuring German/Alpine Christmas traditions such as German sausages and potatoes, roasted almonds, sweet & savory strudel, delectable chocolates, cakes & cupcakes, kindercocoa, and "gluehwein" a warm, sweet, spicy wine. The Market also includes stalls filled with traditional gifts, handcrafted ornaments, wooden toys, nutcrackers, vintage pieces, alpaca sweaters and mittens, Frost River leather goods, handcrafted wooden boards, original art, German pottery, and German lanterns." For more information, www.excelsiorchristkindlmarkt.com



The festival opens with "Let the Holiday Fun Begin".

"Come enjoy Christmas in Excelsior at Christkindlmarkt, a 3 day festival held annually in the Twin Cities west metro. It is a celebration of the holiday season filled with activities for the whole family. Come for the Grande Parade, open-air market featuring German Christmas traditions, delicious treats, shop for traditional gifts and unique treasures and visit with friends at the Biergarten. The KinderWorld is all for the kids - a Sugar Plum Fairy-themed center for Enchanted Frozen Sisters, storytelling, and activities."

More information can also be found at www.swmetrochamber.org

Don't forget to the 112 Gives Holiday Soiree Benefitting the District # 112 Foundation event on November 22nd at 6:30 PM to 9 PM at Charlson Meadows in Victoria at 1601 Highway 7. This is a celebration of learners and educators in the district. "Beer and wine tastings, including Parley Lake Winery and Enki Brewing * Hors d'oeuvres and desserts * Entertainment * Silent auction * Games * Inspiring messages from staff & students Only 112 tickets available - don't miss out!"

Be sure to head on over to Chanhassen, 841 Santa Vera Drive for the Angel of Hope Vigil happening on Friday, December 6th at 7 PM. William Wings will be hosting the Second Annual Angel of Hope Vigil. For more information visit, the chamber's website or you can read more from the December 2018, *Villager Tower*, # 342 issue on page 7 at www.carvercurrent.com.

St Nicholas Catholic Church

From St Nicholas Catholic Church, as a reminder weekend

Mass times are as follows:

Saturday, 4:00 PM; Sunday, 9:15 AM

Check www.stnicholascarver.org for ongoing updates.

"Hospitality: Treating someone like they belong, before they belong, until they belong." Unknown West Union Facebook



Carver Lions



Never fear, those Carver Lions members are out there busier than ever. It is the editor's opinion that they are so busy ensuring everyone else has fun that they don't have time to tell this particular editor a whole lot of details to tell ya'll. That is meant to be humorous and catch your attention. It is clear to me that they require more helping hands and that is where ya'll come in. They are meeting the first and third Wednesday's of each month (until summer). They are also back in the City Hall so that gives you still another reason to go, to check out the new building! November's meetings are the 6th and 20th. Can't make that, then how about December? Those dates are the 4th and the 18th.

Meanwhile, the Carver Lions are hosting their Annual Brunch on Sunday, November 10th at 9 AM to 1 PM at the Carver City Hall. Be sure to come and have a delicious breakfast with good company and don't forget, if you are a veteran, you will eat free. Then there is the Tree Lighting event at the Gazebo Park that you know the members are involved with the Carver on the Minnesota members too. That is scheduled to occur on Saturday, November 30th (DETAILS ?????) Then moving right along, they are busy with preparations for that jolly red suited fella' from the North Pole. Yes, it's that time of the year. Santa is scheduling his calendar and interviewing for assistants when he can't be in two places at once.

The Kids Village Christmas will happen on December 7th. This event is sponsored by the Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department. As if that is not enough to keep them busy along with their own personal lives, they are also sponsoring the Senior Citizens Holiday Lunch for seniors in the Carver area. The Lunch will be at Noon at the city hall. If you are interested in attending, it is by reservation only and you must call Ms Sandy McGraw to make that reservation. You can reach Sandy at 952.856.2655.

So, come, help them out, and see you at their meeting.

Sever's Holiday Lights



Submitted by: Nicola Peterson

"Yes, we are doing a holiday light display called Sever's Holiday Lights! We will be opening November 8th until January 5th. It will be open 7 days a week: Sunday-Thursday 5-9 PM and Friday-Saturday 5-10PM. The show will be \$20/vehicle for Sunday-Thursday and \$25/vehicle on Friday and Saturday. It is a magical drive-thru experience to synchronized music and over 1,000,000 lights! We're very excited about this expansion into the holiday season!"

For directions or more information, check out their website: www.seversfallfestival.com. Their address is: 3121 150th Street West, Shakopee, MN 55379

Carver Current

Familiar with the website www.carvercurrent.com? You might want to check it out. It's an excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, local news, school activities, sports results etc. This is a great site for sharing important information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the "Villager Tower" can also be found on this website. © RYS Creations 2019



Daylight Savings Time

REMINDER: Don't forget on November 3rd to turn the clocks back one hour. Do we gain an hour or lose an hour? Do you remember? Spring forward in spring and fall back in fall. We gain an hour, allegedly. For many, it's a horrid adjustment time no matter forward or backward. Most of us probably don't even think about it.

At the MN Landscape Arboretum

The MN Landscape Arboretum on Sunday, November 3rd will be Fall About Dogs 5K Fun Run/Walk. They are holding their 2nd Annual Arboretum Fall About Dogs on an asphalt course that winds through the scenic landscape of the fall flora. You will be able to experience twenty plant collections, three gardens and fresh fall air as you have your favorite canine companion on this route around the three-mile drive. You can participate even if you don't have a dog too. There will also be a Doggy Dash Run/Walk for kids.



Yoga in the Gardens can be enjoyed on Sunday, November 3rd at 10 AM; Thursday, November 14th at noon; Sunday, November 17th at noon; and Sunday, December 1st at 10 AM. Bring your own mat and water bottle. All classes occur in the MacMullan Auditorium.

There is also music at the arboretum. For more information on the musical entertainment, visit their website at www.arboretum.umn.edu for Holiday music.

Holiday Tea at the MN Arboretum in December are the Arboretum's popular tea times which feature endless pots of tea, selection of delicious nibbles, Chef Ashley's gourmet soup, finger sandwiches and sweet treats in the cozy ambiance of the Snyder Tea Room and Fireplace Room. Here is where you can enjoy the winter scenery near a roaring fire as you sip tea and chat with friends and family.

The MN Herb Society Winter Sale will be occurring on Saturday, December 7th starting at 9 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, December 8th at 10 AM to 3 PM at the Oswald Visitor Center Balcony. Annual winter sale featuring handcrafted personal care, kitchen and gift items with an herbal theme.

The weekend of December 6th you will find gorgeous gifts handmade by auxiliary volunteers at the Snyder Building Auditorium at the Auxiliary Holiday Sale.

Be sure to stop on Thursday, December 12th and also Thursday, December 19th at 5 PM to 8 PM for milk and cookies with Santa. Check the website for more information. While you are there to see Santa, be sure to enjoy the winter lights display.

Winter in Bloom

Lighting up the Gardens Through the dark days of winter. This year the theme for the holiday celebration changes to "Winter In Bloom" because there is always something in bloom at the arb! Stroll through the lights, sip on tea and meet up with Santa for cookies.

Tree Lighting will be at 5 PM to 9 PM on November 21st. The arb's dramatic 25' poinsettia tree sponsored by Wagner's Greenhouse, along with other beautifully decorated trees, will light up the Great Hall, kick off our Winter Lights display.

www.arbwinter.umn.edu for more details.

Winter Lights November 22nd through January 5th from 5 PM to 9 PM

Stroll through beautiful light displays on this walking tour through their sparkling winter experience. Warm up near a bonfire ~ s'mores' kits available for purchase.

www.arbwinter.umd.edu/experience-joy-winter-lights

Check out the arboretum if you are looking for a different and new way to celebrate New Year's Eve. They are offering a New Year's Eve Winter Lights Party.

SN Transit

Remember if you don't want to drive downtown, take SouthWest Transit bus to the Vikings and Gophers games. Check their website for additional information.

"The hero of my tale, whom I love with all the power of my soul...is Truth."

Leo Tolstoy



East Union Church

East Union Church is partnering with Love Inc who is "hosting a Coat Drive. Winter coats, jackets, snow pants, hats, mittens and scarves will be collected through Friday, November 15th. Please bring items to the Parish Center. All sizes, infant through adult are needed. Please make sure they are clean, so they can be put directly to use." Thanks!

Also working with Love, Inc is Towel Ministry. Donations are also needed for towels. These can also be brought to the Parish Center. "What a blessing all these towels are to our new neighbors! God Bless You!"

Make sure you mark your calendar to come to East Union Church for their Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 3rd. The dinner will be served beginning at 4 PM to 6 PM. You will have homemade chicken, potatoes, corn, homemade desserts and more. Children under ten can eat for six bucks and adults are twelve dollars. Don't miss out a delicious dinner.

Thanksgiving service times locally, East Union Lutheran Church will be hosting the Ecumenical Worship Service at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 26th; fellowship will follow worship.

Christmas services at both the East and West Union churches is being determined. They will host services on Christmas eve but watch for more details in the next month's issue or check their websites and Facebook pages for more information.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Chaska Valley Family Theatre will be presenting Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* at the Chanhassen High School Theater this holiday season.

Show times will be Friday, December 6th at 7 PM, Saturday, December 7th at 2 PM and 7 PM, Sunday, December 8th at 2 PM, Friday, December 13th at 7 PM, Saturday, December 14th at 2 PM and 7 PM and Sunday, December 15th 2 PM. Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, book by Linda Woolverton.

The stage production of a classic Disney movie, *Beauty and the Beast* tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

This "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costumes, sets, and favorite musical numbers including "Be Our Guest," "Gaston," "Beauty & the Beast" and more. Featuring dozens of talented local actors, musicians and behind-the-scenes artists from throughout the Twin Cities theater community, this exceptional production makes a fantastic holiday outing for families or groups. Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more.

For more information and a link to shop for tickets, please visit: www.cvft.org/beautybeast2019.



October with Chaska Parks and Recreation

Don't forget if you interested in some free fun at the Chaska Community Center who are presenting Family Movie Night showing Toy 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 15th.

The theatre doors will open at 5:45 PM and the movie will begin at 6:15 PM.

The Chaska Parks and Recreation personnel are busy with preparations to make sure the holiday is welcomed warmly at the Chaska Fireman's Park on Sunday, December 1st at 6 PM. The Tree Lighting ceremony is sponsored by the Chaska 100 Club. Not only will the 50' tree be lit up but also there is family fun planned and Santa has penciled in on his calendar to come and get his picture taken with the tots too at 6:15 PM until 7:30 PM. So come to the Free Family event and have some fun.

Santa will be back again on Friday, the 6th of December at the Chaska Community Center at 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. There is plans for pictures, crafts and live music.



Roots Return



By: Lori Cox

WELCOME! THE FARMSTAND IS NOW CLOSED for the 2019 season --> THANK YOU CUSTOMERS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We post open days, hours, products as they become available HERE and our Facebook page. Accessible parking lot available during the season. We offer products of the farm. As we move into 2020, you will see a change in our business model with the biggest change moving to ~100% U-PICK! STRAWBERRY, RED AND BLACK CURRANTS, RASPBERRY, ELDERBERRY, PUMPKINS. We should see Apples, Plums and Cherries as well (cross fingers for a better spring!)

All seeds or starts are organic, heirloom, or open-pollinated varieties. All organic (or better) methods are used with natural nutrients derived from bone meal, blood meal, and continual cover crops for healthy soil. Our farm is MN Ag Water Quality certified, was awarded Carver County's soil & water conservation district conservationist of the year, and 10% of our main field is in Pollinator CRP habitat.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO ORDER U-PICK PRIOR TO ARRIVING=> 1) CHOOSE ITEM 2) PAY 3) ARRIVE DURING U-PICK HOURS ****MUST USE DESIGNATED DAY/TIME CHOSEN**** = we cannot offer refunds. We supply containers and bags. Our safety policy will be SUPERVISED CHILDREN ONLY. Example: if you have one in a stroller and 2 under the age of 5, too hard to supervise and pick. Recommended = if 2 children, 1 child outside the stroller under 7yrs. We work hard all season to grow nutritious fruits for all to enjoy. Anyone causing damage will have to leave. NO PETS or PETS in hot cars allowed. Please leave them at home!

Hawthorne Ridge

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the reviewed and approved plans involving a trail system that incorporates the existing driveway for Hawthorne Ridge Trail driveway. The connection would provide access to the Snake Trail (Broadway) giving access to the downtown area. The developer is required to provide work on the driveway per the approved plans. The trail is identified as a minimal maintenance trail.

The council was also notified and discussed long-term maintenance of the trail system. With the rainfall staff recognized significant deterioration and concerns. Several areas of the trail show significant erosion and many exposed tree roots. This erosion is anticipated to continue. There are two culverts; one culvert has been damaged requiring stabilization prior to public trail opening. That work would be the responsibility of the city. The trail system throughout the Hawthorne Ridge development would be planned and constructed throughout the entire site providing full loop throughout. Access to the downtown area would be from Sunny Ridge and Sixth Street. Another financial consideration for the city is that if the driveway were preserved as a trail connection, this impact would be required to be included in the 2020 budgeting process. The recommendation due to the current and future condition was staff evaluation. Staff analysis of the current conditions did not recommend preserving the driveway due to the amount of erosion incurred in one season. It was also established that the Public Services Department did not possess the equipment required for maintenance of this site. The developer was made aware of discussions, as well.

The City Attorney stated that the council needs to determine whether the trail would be maintained.

The policy should also include the decision whether or not costs would be incurred to maintain and signs indicating that it is minimum maintenance trail posted.

Green Step Cities

The Community Development Director presented information relating to the GreenStep Cities program encouraging best practices and acknowledging cities working towards more sustainable practices. The program is voluntary. Information was presented to the council. Representative would be invited to a future meeting to present additional information.

"Too many people undervalue what they are and overvalue what they are not."
~ Malcolm Forbes

Jonathan Carver Parkway

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the 2019 strategic plan and the identification of necessary committee creation. Discussion have begun regarding creating a steering committee to facilitate landscaping and design work to be required for the Jonathan Carver Parkway project. The purpose of the committee would be to gather a diverse group to help guide design work to be completed by Bolton and Menk. The committee would consist of eight individuals also to include governmental units' representation and residents. The scope of work would include review and recommend design features inclusive of wayfinding, landscaping, plantings, trail connections, lighting, median design, downtown connections, and signage. There would be four meetings over the winter and spring.

The city manager informed the council that the county had initiated plan design for an improvement to Jonathan Carver Parkway in 2021. The Corridor Study recently completed would be used in the design process for the anticipated improvement project. The City will be responsible for costs associated with the project, based on Carver County's Cost Share Policy and in addition to the City's "local share", other local improvements to streets, in addition, sanitary sewer will require consideration. Project consideration and scope for council review has been prepared by the city engineer. The council will be asked to consider an inter-fund loan from the Municipal Sewer Fund. That funding will cover the costs of the preliminary engineering and design services for the project. The task areas included involve project review, coordination, communications, local streets, sanitary and the development of a landscape plan. The estimated project costs will be developed over the next several months. Those costs, along with the city's participation amounts will be considered by the council in the form of a joint power's agreement with the county in 2020.

The city engineer discussed the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project update and process summary with the council. The study had been completed in June of 2019; construction was planned to start in 2021. Representatives from varying firms were also available at the meeting to answer questions. Question was asked about lane closures during the construction to be expected. The engineer stated that determination of project staged would be planned in the final design phase. The city would be involved in making those decisions. Question was asked if planning could be scheduled, when school was not in session and the response was that when the staging plan was determined, details like that would be included. The county would lead the right-of-way acquisitions process with city concurrence. The city manager stated that bonding would be done for the entire project, but the loan payment would be paid exclusively from the sanitary sewer funds. Efforts would be made to avoid retaining walls and easements.

Question was asked if the corridor was originally planned to go to Levi Griffin. City engineer stated that different aspects were discussed. The county stated that work north of Highway #212 is mainly lane reconfiguration with signal head adjustments. The city manager pointed out a pedestrian underpass at Cherry Circle. The county's cost share, if considered a regional linking trail would be a fifty percent cost. A trail on the east side of County Road #11 and north of Monroe Drive and Spring Creek Drive would then be a hundred percent cost to the city. Cost sharing with the county is determined by consideration as a linking trail. If the underpass were a linking trail, then the county would be responsible for cost sharing. Connectivity from south to north via trails was discussed at length and opinions declared along the discussed corridor.

Safety concerns at Fourth Street were asked to be addressed, along with the budget. There was not a merging lane going north out of Fourth Street. Costs for pedestrian bridge was inquired about. An underpass in the area of the Community Park and the Fire Station was brought up. Question was asked about the city being conventional or development driven category in the cost participation policy. The engineer confirmed that the city is under the conventional category. Question was asked clarification for landscaping funding cost sharing. The county would only participate in landscape if there were state-aided funding. There are guidelines to be adhered to as well.

"A Fool thinks himself to be wise but a wise man knows himself to be a fool."
~ William Shakespeare

Oak Tree

The Community Development Director also discussed adoption of a resolution with the council involving the drainage and utility easements vacations in the Oak Tree development. Drainage and utility easements had been recorded in portions of the Oak Tree property, which also include property that is part of the fourth phase that was platted previously. There is not any construction permitted for drainage and utility easements to be built for Phase IV requiring vacation. Vacation of the outlot is required prior to the final plat of Oak Tree IV addition. There would not be any financial impacts related to the easements. Recommendation was submitted to hold a required Public Hearing along with the approval of a resolution vacating easements.

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the topic regarding the Oak Tree Phase IV Final Plat. The council reviewed the resolution approving the Oak Tree Phase IV Final Plat. Three of the four phases of the development were previously reviewed and approved by the council. At that time of the preliminary plat, the lots in Phase IV were slated to be traditional single-family homes. A request has been submitted changing to the villa product for the balance of the nineteen lots because of the success evident in phase one. There would not be any changes in lot quantity, size or approved setbacks. The discussion included the topics of the lots and zoning, streets, access and sidewalks, utilities, park land dedication, improvement fee, buffers and landscaping. In addition, there was not any financial impact to the city involving Oak Tree Phase IV. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

The council held a Public Hearing regarding drainage and utility easement vacation for the Oak Tree development within the city. There were not any public comments received at the hearing. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution vacating drainage and utility easements for Oak Tree. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution approving Oak Tree Phase IV Final Plat.

2020 Law Enforcement Plan

The Carver County Sheriff and Commander met with the city council to review and discuss the information for the contracted police coverage. There were two options for the city dedicated to police services. Appropriation for the two contracts has been included in the 2020 budget.

City Manager's Report

The city manager presented the city council with a proposal for a Governmental Fee and Cost Allocation Analysis. This analysis would review charges for the Building Inspections Department and provide guidance for allocation of funds to operate the department. Currently, there are not charges allocated for overall costs involved. The analysis would help develop formulas and methodologies to allocate the appropriate funds. The work would be done in fall. Funding would be from Professional Services throughout all departments in the budget.

The city manager also clarified that the Fire Chief's term I for two years. Therefore, applications are being accepted for this term as part of the Standard Operating Procedures.

The Community Development Director provided an update involving the access point for Lakeview Industries. The company has requested relocation of the entrance further west of the present designation due to the topography and utility installation. City staff has been reviewing the plan revisions and working with the company on the proposed changes. A Developer's Agreement amendment will also likely be required.

Construction Updates

The city engineer provided updates to the council involving construction projects throughout the city. The updates included city projects along with housing development projects. The mayor commented on the 2019 Infrastructures Improvement project going smoothly and the job site activities being visible. Question was posed regarding the drainage at the Sixth Street site involving the Hawthorne development. The most difficult portion of the pipe connection had been completed the city attorney relayed. This project will be in the restoration phases for homes affected. Question was asked regarding the status of Carver Ridge. Response was that the parking lot was primarily done and hope is that it will be substantially completed by December to open in early 2020.

Fire Engine Acquisition

The council discussed the replacement of the Engine 12 and tanker with the Fire Chief. Question was asked if the Engine 12 had been purchased new. The response was that the engine was thirty-one years old and had been purchased used from the City of Eden Prairie. The tanker question was answered with this equipment being thirty-eight years old and has been in the city's possession since around 1990. The tanker would be returned to the DNR when the department is finished with it. The mayor asked if the city would be keeping the unit if it were no longer working which was the plan. Storage of the unit was not an issue. The shelf life of the hose was inquired about. Hoses are tested annually and generally necessary to replace as the twenty-fifth-year approaches. The department personnel will be making a final trip to Wisconsin to complete the specifications process on the new equipment purchase approved. The anticipated delivery date would tentatively be June of 2020. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing the purchase of a Fire Engine from Macqueen Emergency for the stated amount.

SouthWest Transit Prime MD

The Community Development Director presented information to the council relating to SouthWest Transit Prime MD Service proposal. This would be an additional service offered. It is an on-demand ride service offering transportation to hospitals and clinics for non-emergency trips within the current service area, as well as select locations outside the service areas. A representative from SW Transit was also present at the council meeting to answer questions. Comment was submitted regarding the proposal being a great idea. The service would be a shared ride with fewer destinations resulting in less individual riders. The cost would be \$ 5 each way that started and ended in the City of Carver. Question was asked if the contract would be updated to include Waconia. At this point, the Waconia facility is the only facility who has agreed to subsidize the trip. However, it is anticipated that the service will grow to include other communities. Ridgeview Medical Center has agreed to subsidize the fee costs. Trips would include the 212 Medical Center for a five-dollar cost each way to Carver. Prime MD serviced area includes many clinics within the service area, Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia is being added. In the future, it is hoped that Shakopee and St Francis would partner. Question was asked about pharmacies. Response given was that Prime MD is solely for medical appointments with a medical provider. Budget allocations for the year 2020 were inquired about by the mayor. The city manager responded the amounts allocated for the year 2020. However, with the new service those costs are unknown at this point. The city would be contacted throughout the program regarding the balance of funding of the year. Additional funds could be added to continue the service throughout the year. If there were a shortage, the council would be notified. Question was asked about how much the city had used thus far and the answer was that it was below the allocated amount. The mayor indicated that it was imperative to have foresight moving into the future to ensure the service was not discontinued.

Discussion pursued with a councilmember favoring the service involving Prime, but not the Prime MD. Further expressing concern with subsidizing when insurance plans cover costs. It was the mayor's opinion of a greater need for the Prime MD service. There was a concern of competition offering similar services and setting precedents, not favoring subsidizing the Prime MD portion of the service in the agreement. Comment was made regarding Carver Ridge offering the same service for their residents. SouthWest Transit was not making any profits on this service. It was the mayor's opinion also of another firm being able to offer similar services. Comment was also submitted that most insurance plans do not cover transportation costs for medical appointments. There was also praise given for the option availability, and the opinion of not agreeing to reimbursing costs. The city manager pointed out that the Prime MD service could not be utilized if the city did not participate in that service. Another councilmember was of the opinion that the service would be used more than the Prime service. Question was also asked regarding educating customers ensuring scheduling for the correct service. The response given was that it was part of the process to educate clientele. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay entering into the agreement with SouthWest Transit for Prime MD.

2020 Preliminary Levy Certification

The council was presented with the 2020 Preliminary Levy by the city manager. The City of Carver is required to certify a preliminary levy to the county. A series of budget meetings had been conducted discussing various expenditure options involving the General Fund necessary to fund city operations. Once the preliminary levy is certified to the county, it cannot be increased. The city council schedules a truth-in-taxation hearing on the preliminary levy during December to receive comments and determine the final levy and budget.

The mayor provided an update regarding the Community Survey. The City of Chaska personnel were enthusiastic about their involved and recommendation that the City of Carver follow suit. One councilmember had reviewed another cities' survey questions and answers over a period. Another councilmember indicated difficulty with the survey and the Jonathan Carver Parkway improvements plan. Question was posed to consider funding the survey from the Special Capital Fund that could assist in decreasing the levy amount and would prefer other options with different vendors for the parkway improvements. The mayor did not favor decreasing the levy amount at that meeting but consideration prior to the final levy adoption could be discussed. Other cities costs were briefly discussed. Reminder was voiced regrading varied pricing on the number of questions asked. A survey would be a means of attaining a benchmark. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2020 Preliminary Levy.

United Properties / Kwik Trip

The Community Development Director discussed with the Planning Commission members the topic involving the United Properties property and the proposed Kwik Trip platting. She presented the board members with the Replatting, Preliminary and Final Plat, along with Rezoning request for the United Properties and Kwik Trip proposal. Representatives from the Westwood and Kwik Trip were at the meeting to answer questions. Question was asked about parking stalls including gas pumps. Confirmation was that there were thirty-two stalls and pumps. A sign permit would be applied for as part of the zoning process. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing. There were not any public comments received. Board members asked questions relating to the location and expected visible sites. The exact location of the station, ponds and additional development was given, Question was asked about enough turn lanes for access to the car wash and traffic signal installation. Coordination with the corridor project time lines were discussed. The tentative schedule for the station is breaking ground this fall, construction next summer and an opening in October. Question was asked about plans of a traffic light at the corner of Monroe and the entrance to the development. Response was that at this time there were no plans for a traffic light. Question was asked pertaining to the use of recycled water. City ordinance requires a percentage of water be recycled. Response was that it was certain that this could be achieved and if it were not, the car wash would be removed.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Replatting, Preliminary and Final Plat for United Properties and Kwik Trip.

Fourth Street

The Planning Commission board members reviewed a request involving property located on Fourth Street. The request involved a west lot split. The application involved request to divide current lot into two. If approved, both lots meet the minimum requirement of the zoning district and anticipated to also meet setback requirements. Access for the second lot is expected to be accessed from the alley on the rear of the property. Utilities would need to be extended and are available. The Planning Commission recommended approval of lot split.

2020 Elections

The council will review the resolution to be adopted designating a polling location for the 2020 elections in the City of Carver. The designated precinct location will be the Carver City Hall at 316 Broadway.

"You will meet 2 kinds of people in life, the ones who tear you down and the one who build you up.
In the end you'll thank the both."
~ Anonymous

Parks Master Plan

The Parks Commission has been working on the Parks Master Plan for quite some time and have drafted a final draft. The draft was forwarded to the city council. The commission went through several planning processes throughout the development of the plan and reviewed countless versions of the document. The drafted plan encompasses park development for the city through 2040. Several new parks were contemplated in the plan, along with redevelopment of existing parks based on community feedback and the work of the parks commission members. The Parks Commission recommended approval of the Parks Master Plan to the council. The Parks Master Plan develops the park dedication fees be required at the time of platting, as well as sets the amount of city contribution to the parks system annually. Dedication amounts would be increased for residential projects and the city's contribution to be increased annually and commercial/industrial amounts would be decreased. Additional detail and methodology would be considered to the proposed park dedication numbers.

The Parks Commission members discussed the full version of the Master Plan. Request was submitted to include more pictures and maps, as well as additional details to include acreage of each park. The plan will be discussed further in the future.

Storm Sewer Improvements

The city engineer stated that the city has been engaged in discussions with the county evaluating joint opportunities for stormwater management associated with the development runoff into or through the Jonathan Carver Parkway Corridor. There will be a need to outlet stormwater from Oak Tree developments into the eastern portion of the Jonathan Carver Parkway corridor and the county roadway project will need similar discharge pipe in addition to stormwater ponding that accommodates future corridor expansion projects planned for 2021. The county has funded a study reviewing alternatives combining the city and county needs for discharging stormwater for the future project. The recommended alternative from the study was a jointly used storm sewer pipe through the city's community park in addition to a pond expansion. The county and city would be cooperating parities. The ponding location is beneficial for the county but on city property, therefore the land for ponding would be a contribution to the project by the city. The pond outlined also impacts an existing trail system. The trail would be relocated to the boundary of the pond or to an approved location. Cost evaluations were also included in the study processes for all alternatives. The recommended alternative considered the lowest cost option meeting stormwater regulatory practices. The project will be tied to agreements requiring specific negotiations on cost splits. Typical splits for a highway project per policy split costs by percent contributing flow to a drainage system. This will be applicable to the entire stormwater system for the project including the above issue's project area. A negotiated element for oversizing of pipe associated with the city development drainage outside of the corridor project area may be required. Currently the city funds allocated for this are from a bond issuance for the 2018 stormwater project. The bond funds are an excess expected amount for the city's share of the joint stormwater pipe with the county. The two entities will see a reduction in overall costs associated with the stormwater into a joint stormwater pipe versus separate facilities. The project schedule is to be defined further but necessary in the years 2020 and 2021. The staff and agency recommendation are to construct a jointly utilized stormwater pipe through and beyond the city's community park as reviewed. Construct a stormwater management pond in the Community Park for the stormwater treatment and management needs of the future Jonathan Carver Parkway expansion project.

Long Range Financial Plan

The city manager discussed and presented the long-range Financial Plan and 2020 Enterprise Fund Budgets at the work session. The council had directed the staff to recalculate the budget with an estimate for a water treatment plant. The next steps include the engineer and public works putting together a presentation starting the process for the design of a new water treatment facility.

"Quality is everyone's responsibility"

~ W Edwards Deming

Franchise Fee Study

The city manager along with the city's accounting firm's representative presented information about franchise fees. These fees allow cities to charge a utility fee to both electric and gas companies for operating in right-of-way. The fees are intended to reimburse the city for costs incurred from utility companies digging within the right-of-way and compromising the city's infrastructure. Staff was requested to research for implementing franchise fees. The city manager would draft a work plan for consideration.

2019 Referendum

The superintendent and assistant superintendent from the Eastern Carver County Schools attended the council meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding the 2019 Referendum. Voting is scheduled for November 5th, 2019 election. The present location of the bus garage has been in the school's possession since about 2000. All three referendum questions will be an increase of thirty-six dollars per month. If the referendum were voted down on question three, the monetary impact was questioned. That answer was not available at the meeting. Class sizes were asked about and the response was it varies dependent on grade levels, buildings and students entering each grade level. East Union School serves as a great release valve as growth continues. There were not any plans to close East Union in the near future. Question was asked about the Operating Levy per student lower than neighboring districts. The response given was that District # 112 has approved versus what other communities have approved for operating funds. Demographics are not considered, but what each district has asked voters to approve. There is a maximum amount per student. The district has been seeking a better location for the bus garage for some time. Contingent on the referendum passing, there is an agreement to acquire the bus garage previously owned by SouthWest Transit. Renovations would be required at that site.

2019 Improvements Project

The project engineer reviewed the 2019 Improvements Project. The council would be required to review two resolutions involving the said project. The council will be required to adopt the resolution declaring the cost to be assessed and ordering preparation of proposed assessment and adopt the resolution for Hearing on the proposed assessment for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements Project. The contract for the work has been awarded for the Infrastructure Improvements project. A portion of the costs will be assessed to adjacent properties. Project costs have been estimated and final assessment amounts have been calculated. Final assessment amounts have been developed based on the Special Benefits Analysis prepared by an appraiser. The next step in the process is for the council to hold an Assessment Hearing and adopt the final assessment roll.

Riverside Park

The Parks Commission members were updated on the Riverside Park and flooding conditions. Drone images were presented displaying the damage to the shoreline of the river at the park site. Water has receded. The staff and members discussed options to stabilize the banks at the park site. Discussion of adding riprap along the banks to keep the shoreline in place during future rising waters of the next flooding event. The result is that this site will continue to experience unstable conditions due to flooding forcing it to be unusable.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon
Just wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
Watch you email for a league meeting the 1st part of Dec.



Jane

"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength."

~ Arnold Schwarzenegger

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Carver County Emergency Management Specialist presented an update to the council regarding Carver County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The hazard plan serves to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards, identify risks and vulnerabilities and develop long-term strategies from future hazards. A Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan must be developed with county, city and other personnel representatives to work together. Councilmember questioned why the land identified belonged to the US Fish and Wildlife was listed as in the city.

Another question was asked why the city was named in sections pertaining to areas not in the City of Carver, which included Carver Creek and County Road # 40 for possible upgrades for rain events and another for Dahlgren Road for storm water design and bank erosion. The explanation given was that it did mean that the city is responsible but is located within the City of Carver. The city attorney stated that the mitigation plan does not make the city responsible. The county representative stated that the city is not bound but worthy to have listed in case funding becomes available. Information was requested regarding NWS Storm Ready, Firewise USA and Everbridge programs. A brief update of each program was given.

NWS Storm Ready – Sponsored by US National Weather Service

Firewise USA – National Fire Protection Association – Reducing Wildfire Risks

Everbridge – Company selling communication services for notification of emergencies

The next question involved the timeline for approval of the Mitigation Plan. The response given was that actually the plan expired last year, approval as soon as Mitigation Plan. Question was then asked about renewal of the plan being required every five years from its adoption date. The plan has been approved by FEMA pending adoption by Carver County. Question was asked if the plan would require changes to ordinance or modifications to the Comprehensive Plan. The Community Development Director stated that it would be similar to what occurred with the flood ordinance. Question was asked about the levee under the Mitigation Plan but the city manager was of the opinion that FEMA funding was the umbrella for the possible was the best. If a disaster were to occur, the county would still be eligible to apply for grants but funding could not be received until FEMA approves the levee due to the declaration of a natural disaster by the Governor in 2011. Question was also asked regarding climate change being included in this exercise. The response given was that Homeland Security Emergency Management Plan Department required inclusion in this plan. The Public Services Director stated that the plan was what would be followed which was the reason it was put into place. A climate change event was explained as how climate is effecting our disasters across the state, the country and the world. "It is looking at how climate change is impacting the frequency or magnitude of events."

Comment was made referring to the Rapids Lake US Fish and Wildlife that possibly the cost value was so high due to replacement cost due to a natural disaster would be priceless. Comment was also made that it would not be wanted to show assets lower than they should be perceived.

The county representative inquired about the city seeking levee certification and if there were any options for funding. Following up with information regarding a state mitigation officer who could clarify whether or not there would be funding available for the city's levee certification.



West Union Church

Thanksgiving Meal Delivery for Love Inc.



“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”

Community Highlights December 2019

- December 1st Happy Birthday Chelsea!
- December 2nd No School
Council Meeting
- December 4th Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Patty!
Happy Birthday Shayla!
- December 6th Happy Birthday Tommy!
- December 7th Santa's Coming—Village Christmas
- December 9th Parks Commission Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
PTO 9 AM Carver Elementary
PTO 4:30 PM East Union Elementary
Happy Birthday Katelyn!
- December 10th Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Meet and Greet
Happy Birthday John!
Happy Birthday Cody!
- December 11th Senior Citizens Lunch
- December 12th 2 Hour Late Start
Meet and Greet
- December 13th Business Alliance Meeting
- December 14th Happy Birthday Aletta!
- December 16th Council Meeting
School Board Meeting
- December 17th Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol!
- December 18th Lions Meeting
- December 19th Planning Commission Meeting
Occasional Shop Weekend
Happy Birthday Jim!
- December 21st First Day of Winter
Happy Birthday Destini!
Happy Birthday Riley!
- December 22nd Hanakkah – Sundown
Happy Birthday Sandy!
- December 23rd Winter Break until January 2nd 2020
- December 24th Christmas Eve
Happy Birthday Stan!
- December 25th Christmas Day
Happy Birthday Mike!
- December 28th Happy Birthday Linda Rose!
- December 19th Happy Birthday Miranda!
Happy Birthday Sharon!
- December 30th Hanakkah Ends
- December 31st New Year's Eve
Happy Birthday Stephanie!



“What small potatoes we all are, compared with what we might be!”
~ Charles Dudley Warner

November Unusual Days

Couldn't resist sharing what was found regarding the odd or unusual days some highlight in November. Just had to share with ya'll.

Did you know on November 2nd is National Plan your Epitaph Day? It the day to decide the legacies you want set in stone, some claim, “Forgettable gravestone is a fate worse than death.” Ya'll have heard about Sadie Hawkins Day?

You can look it up. Unlike today, back in the day a female being too forward was not an acceptable practice. How about November 5th Guy Fawkes Day? It's Fawkes' mischievous spirit that pervades the festivities. November 6th is National Saxophone Day, self-explanatory? Or how about International Tongue Twister Day on November 7th? Here, this is one is more practical and considerate than unusual, World Kindness day is November 13th. Didn't realize you needed a day for this one, “Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day” on the 15th of November. Then there's the ‘Use Less Stuff Day’, on November 18th or how about the next day, World Toilet Day. Actually, there is more to the story than it implies. Just not going to explain. Anyone interested enough knows what to do. In all fairness, this one isn't that odd or terrible either, rather a good idea too, more of a balance item than an argumentative topic. November 19th is International Men's Day. And here for those rebellious type or non-conforming, argumentative personalities, you will like this day, National Start Your Own Country Day on November 22nd. This one is a good one too, we all could do more of this every day, instead of only once a year on one day, don't you think? November 23rd, National Day of Listening. Last but not least is National Square Dance Day on November 29th. These dates were contributed by the website www.mentalfloss.com. This is where you can find more details for each item and more information.

Another website, www.nationaltoday.com offered a lot of the same days but also some other's that were maybe a few that were a little more practical than odd and interesting to say the least. Didn't particularly specify which days but we start with the beginning of November through the month. Anyone interested in more detail can visit their website. This is merely a summarization of interesting items celebrated during the month. The first day of the month is National Author's Day, and most begin with ‘national’; Brush Day, Calzone Day, Cook for your Pets Day, Men Make Dinner Day, Vinegar Day, Bison Day, Deviled Egg Day, Homemaker Day, Sandwich Day, Candy Day, Chicken Lady Day, Football Day, Bonfire Night, Hot Sauce Day, Redhead Day, Nachos Day, Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day, Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day, Cappuccino Day, Cupcake Day, Sesame Street Day, Metal Day, Sundae Day, Singles Day, Happy Hour Day, Pickle Day, Diabetes Day, Drummer Day, Recycling Day, Day for Tolerance, Button Day, Fast Food, Baklava, Hiking, Homemade bread, Take a Hike, Unfriend, Mickey and Minnie Mouse Birthdays, Princess, Entrepreneur Television, Espresso, French Toast, Mason Jar, Family Caregivers, No Shave Day and Pepper Month. Some were odd and some were not. Hope you enjoyed and got a smile instead of frown for just a minute or two.

All Things Fabulous

Taffney invites you to drop in and paint a pumpkin on Saturday, November 9th. It's ‘Deer Widow's Weekend’. Hunters will be out looking for the four-legged deer. So they are gearing up for the event of painting pumpkins at All Things Fabulous! Open to anyone over the age of 10!. We will start painting pumpkins tentatively around 11 AM and finish up around 3 PM. Drop in and paint 1 for \$ 10 or 3 or \$ 35. There will be lots of help, if you need it! This is a sure to be a fun event. See you then!



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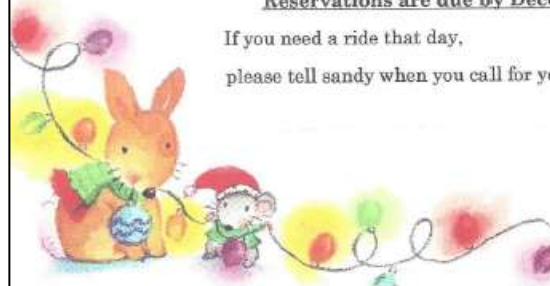
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Night Marauders - FourFold Studios - Raided Again

"Territory, I was thinking," Rhapsody began excited to share her revelation after she was told she would be included in the marauders next escapade.

Territory thought to himself dismally that he was almost regretful for including the excited raccoon who was so captivated by photography.

Rhapsody didn't wait for any encouragement continuing, "When we get ready to go to the FourFold Studios, we should wait up by the cheese caves until the coast is clear."

Both were raccoons were so absorbed in their own worlds and thought that they didn't notice the others approaching.

"Territory does all the planning." Raschevious admonished.

Rascal still upset about being discluded, mocked cynically, "Yea."

"I just thought," disheartened she began to defend herself but the words trailed off to nowhere.

"She's got a good point." Bandeet weakly supported.

"We'll see." Territory finally relented conceding internally that she was right.

Territory sat hidden amongst the foliage in the cheese cave entrance formulating the quest. As he looked around, he couldn't help but wonder about the panorama of the past that lay before him. The barn was estimated to have been built in about the 1880s. The original farmland encompassed about one hundred- and sixty-acres total. He wondered where the brewery stood exactly at one point in time. *'What was life like back in the day?'* He asked himself. He could still envision the hundred-foot trestle that once stood there too. There was so much history that whispered secrets like the wind.

They stealthily climbed the staircase to enter the second floor of the barn on Sixth Street gaining access from the east. As they entered, to their left was the creatively crafted reception desk of corrugated aluminum panels. The lounge area was in front of the reception area with a kitchenette area to the left from the reception desk. To the right in front of the reception desk was the creative event center area with tables and chairs where the pair booked classes, held events or just a work area without any distractions and a view to get lost in daydreams, Territory had heard the pair once say. Rhapsody was off in the studio area with the back drops, props and admiring the pictures on the walls.

"I wish I had brought my camera." Rhapsody whispered to Bandeet.

"Oh, Territory would never have allowed that." Bandeet murmured her response.

"Was it worth joining us?" Raschevious joined them in the studio area unimpressed with the crisp, clean, neat spaces.

"Oh definitely." Rhapsody confirmed.

"What do you suppose these words mean?" Bandeet asked reading out loud "Collaboration beats competition."

"When you work together, the competition has not a chance of winning." Raschevious reaffirmed smugly.

"Wouldn't it be fun to have a party here?" Rhapsody dreamily sighed.

"Humans would never allow us in here." Territory scoffed at such a notion.

"A girl can dream, can't she?" Rhapsody cooed aloof.

"I wish there was more of their work displayed."

"Have to go on Facebook to see all their work."

Quietly they all checked out the area a little more before departing.

On their way back to the river bottoms, Raschevious said casually, "I hope you aren't going to continue to bring those girls on our ventures."

Territory stopped dead in his tracks, turned to Raschevious angrily and snapped, "And what exactly is wrong with their joining us?"

He was a little taken back by Territory's defensive reaction that he stammered uncomfortably, "They just are so girly, prissy, you know."

"They have lot to offer you intolerant, biased, pompous arrogant goon!" Territory blasted angrily.

Rhapsody and Bandeet stopped to turn to see what was going on.

"I just mean." Raschevious was dumbfounded not sure what to say to repair the damage.

"You mean what?"

"Nothing." He responded in defeat.

"Those women and others have so much to offer and the essence of balance between the gruff versus soft, perception, challenges, failures, successes of the whole picture. I can't believe you would even think something so stupid and narrow-minded."

He started to walk away, turned and blurted "Furthermore, did you not just perceive what two young women have achieved where we just observed the achievements that they made? The successes of their goals? Or for that matter all the shops we have explored are operated by successful women? They are just as much the backbone as we are."

Territory was riled and the words flowed bitterly towards his friend.

Raschevious was ashamed of his hollow shallow comment not meaning anything really by it and in the moment sorry that he'd even opened his mouth. Once the moment calmed, he would apologize to all of them.

Territory attentively reflected and scripted his review.

"FourFold Studios is a multi-purpose business with growth potential for many. The pair, Stacy and Heather operate a shared creative space for rental use for professional and non-professional individuals. Their venture began in 2018 after careful soul searching and exploring long term goals.

Their studio houses a reception area, lounge, kitchenette, creative event space, studio, private dressing room and a sales area. The pair provides resources to grow businesses, and full-service photography company. Their photography specializes in weddings, families, seniors and newborns. The creative event area is large enough to cater to classes, showers, parties and even meetings if that the space required for ones needs. Their photography motto yields, "Photography that incorporates collaboration and storytelling. At FourFold we weave together a narrative of what is most treasures and true. The love found in exchanged glances, giddy elation of a bride-to-be and delicate peace of a newborn sleeping. We capture it then offer it again."

The studio itself has plenty of space and is welcoming with its crisp, clean and simple atmosphere throughout the 2nd floor area. One could almost imagine characters chatting, sharing, learning and creating ideas with profound results. The room signifies and reflects their philosophy. Heather says, "Become who you are." That message is transmitted throughout their domain.

What really struck a chord was a sign found written by Stacy's husband, "When you buy from a small business you are not helping a CEO buy a third holiday home, you're helping a little girl get dance lessons, a little boy buy his team jersey, mom and dad's put food on the table. Shop locally."

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