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## Dedicated in Loving Memory of Karen Young

#### Corona Virus

The Corona Virus, alias Covid-19 is here. Doesn't care who, what, when, or where you are or where you are from or for that matter where you were going.

As we are all too aware, the world has virtually been brought to its knees by this Corona Virus Pandemic. Guess what? It also includes Carver. Am I mad, yea, and you? Come on, let's be truthful here? The city council held a special meeting to also declare its own local emergency procedures henceforth. The City of Carver has officially also been shut down by a resolution. Is it for our own good? Of course, it is. Let's not be insolent and/or rebellious here. This is serious folks, schools have been shut down, bars, businesses, churches, events, organizations, what's next? The sports world has even shut down, now we all know when the sports world is denied, this is serious. Right? Even the 2020 Olympics have now been postponed. Wait a minute, let's not panic here. Do you want this to go away or do you want to keep spreading it and lose more loved ones or friends?

Hunker down, stay home, check on your neighbor via the phone or the internet if you have access. And let's get rid of this horrible invisible virus taking too many. Read, play, get reacquainted, yoga, meditate, rest, rejuvenate, whatever you can do to find new and creative ways to exist. Let's stop and take time to reflect on what really is important here. Can you list ten things that are the most important in your life? Or what is not important? How about ten things you could do over the next ten days? Ten things per day? Ten thing you like about yourself or don't like, your companion, spouse, roommate, friend or pet? Ten reasons you should or shouldn't have a pet? We can do this! Can't we.... See you next month..... Show this bloody virus who is boss and it ain't the virus. Right?

### City of Carver

Check the city's website, Facebook etc for any updates or information relating to government business. The City is conducting all meetings in a virtual format. Watch the City's website and/or social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter) for updates on meetings and other events.

### American Tower

At a work session meeting the city manager discussed the American Tower Easement with the council. Direction has been requested on pursuing potential of easements to American Tower. A lease agreement dating back to 2009 had been created Cingular Wireless placing an antenna facility west of the Fire Station/Public Utilities facilities on Jonathan Carver Parkway. The easement has been transferred to American Tower. The terms of the agreement and purchasing offer were discussed. Terms negotiable. The initial lease was set up on a monthly payment basis with annual percentage increase. The city attorney reviewed the agreement.

## Employee Manual

The city manager discussed with the council at a work session the Employee Reference Manual requesting direction and review. The document outlines rules, provisions, benefits and procedures. The manual is reviewed on a consistent basis to remain current and up to date.

#### Riverside Park

The Minnesota river bank erosion at Riverside Park was discussed by the city manager at a work session with the city council. An engineering summary had been presented to the council previously. The council was told that the erosion will continue at an estimated five to ten feet per year resulting in the loss of potential camping sites in an estimated time frame of ten years. Erosion could also impact the road and boat launch anticipated to occur between ten and twenty years. A summary report was presented by the city engineer with options possibly to slow down the present occurring erosion. City personnel met with representative of the US Fish and Wildlife Service discussing concepts for potential partnership. There were discussions held if the service were willing to manage, purchase or assume ownership of Riverside Park that would involve a considerable process. The conceptual outline was reviewed by the council. The service would not any significant steps to prevent further future bank erosion in the park area.

Nor would the service maintain the area as a traditional park, rather it would return to its natural vegetative state. The campsites would cease to exist. The boat launch would be maintained without a long-term operation commitment. The archery facilities would be maintained. If the access road to the park were impacted by erosion, the service would rebuild and/or relocate the access road at their expense. A new trail kiosk at the entrance would be constructed at the entrance of the park. The independent authority of the city would cease. Recommendation submitted to the council included taking no action and allowing the natural progression of bank erosion. Or prepare a work plan to mitigate the bank erosion. Or draft an agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for management or ownership of the park to be considered in the future.

Council consensus upon discussing option, the decision was made to not pursue additional action with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and allow the natural progression of bank erosion to occur in the park area.

#### Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project

The council discussed the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project at their meeting regarding the variety of permanent and temporary easements along the right-of-way, which will be required to be acquired in conjunction with the project. A county representative attended the meeting providing an overview of the process. There will also be several phases to the project.

## Statutory Liability Limits

The city clerk/treasurer discussed with the council the liability coverage from the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust. A decision was required whether or not to waive the limits to the extent of the coverage pursed. Decision previously opted to not purchase. Additionally, the city opted not to waive the monetary limits established by MN Statutes.

"Listen to the mustn'ts, child. Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts. Listen to the never haves, then listen close to me... Anything can happen, child. Anything can be."

— Shel Silverstein

#### Connection Fees

The Community Development Director discussed connection fees with the council. A Public Hearing was required on the topic. The city has been actively working on an anticipated and necessary expansion to the municipal water treatment facility allowing for continued growth, along with serving current needs. Based on estimates and the city's long-term financial plan, increases to connection fees are required for the expansion to occur. These fees are generally collected upon new construction of new home or business connections to the existing infrastructure system and generally collected from the builder or the developer. The increases are consistent to the municipal utilities with the long-term financial plan, along with storm water charges.

#### Community Survey

The council had identified conducting a community survey as an initiative in the Strategic Plan for the city. The representative from the Morris Leatherman Group attended meeting to discuss gathering feedback, questions, and the budge. The council will continue discussions on the topic.

The Morris Leatherman Company proposes to conduct a telephone survey of four hundred randomly selected households in the City of Carver. The sample survey reflects four categories of age, mobility, home ownership, resident locations, children and other demographic characteristics. The council reviewed the drafted survey.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the proposal from Morris Leatherman Group to conduct a 2020 community survey for the stated amount.

#### Inspections

The public services direction informed the council the results of the city annual building and facilities inspections.

The public services combined the standard safety and maintenance inspections with a structural and public safety component. The format integrates normal maintenance, structural integrity and public safety issues into work plans and budget process. All city facilities were inspected. Third party vendors inspect and certify said equipment. Along with annual inspections, there are monthly safety inspections conducted as well.

## Spring Clean-Up

The city discussed the spring clean-up event and took measures to ensure the flexibility necessary to pursue the event. The council reviewed drafted ordinance authorizing special licensed entity to contract for the annual spring clean-up in the City of Carver. The event is an annual curbside spring clean-up day event. The proposed ordinance facilitates the council ability for the flexibility in soliciting proposals for annual spring clean-up day event. The city has been unable to secure or solicit multiple proposals from existing licensed haulers.

#### West Union Qutheran Church

**Submitted by: Rev Grace Gravelle** 

April 5th Palm Sunday, weather permitting, West Union is holding a Drive-thru Worship, 9 am -10am people are invited to drive up the church driveway and receive a palm cross and prayer card then



processed up the drive for a blessing from Pastor Grace. We ask folks to stay in their cars and use all guidelines and precautions. Communion to go will be available for those who would like to receive. Offering as well as Donations for food shelf will be expected. Join us on our Facebook page West Union Evangelical Lutheran Church each Sunday at 9am for live streaming services.

Needless to say, due to the Coronavirus most events have been cancelled, such as the Egg Hunt. The Turkey Dinner plans are temporarily on hold. Check their Facebook page or website for updates. Chances are Easter service will also be held the same way or an alternative will be updated for Easter Sunday for them. "If you're reading this...

Congratulations, you're alive. If that's not something to smile about.

then I don't know what is."

- Chad Sugg, Monsters Under Your Head

#### Carver Current

Looking for what is going on locally? Check out <a href="www.carvercurrent.">www.carvercurrent.</a>
Well worth checking. An excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, local news, school activities, sports results etc. Also, a great site for sharing important information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the "Villager Tower" can also be found on this website, among other valuable information.

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### Carver Business Alliance

"The Carver Business Alliance is a collaboration of business owners, community leaders, and local officials working together to promote, enhance, and create opportunities for commerce in the City of Carver. Business roundtable discussions are held and City of Carver updates are provided at each meeting."

They meet 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 is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Disclaimer

Information contained in this newsletter is for information only. The unapproved minutes were referenced to comprise the contents of this newsletter. Websites on the internet are also referenced. Full details can be located on the City of Carver and Dahlgren Township websites.

## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The performances for Tuck Everlasting - Postponed dates to be determined

"You may be aware that the Governor made an announcement regarding the State's best interest in tackling the COVID-19 spread. With a breaking heart, the Board of CVFT regrets to announce that we will be postponing all performances of Tuck Everlasting.



We are a non-profit community-based theater, and as this was to be our opening night, we have poured our hearts and souls into this beautiful production, as well as incurred all the costs and will not be receiving any revenue. This is catastrophic to our organization. For those of our patrons that have purchased tickets, we will do everything in our power to be flexible and as our productions and ticket sales are the life blood of our organization.

We are dedicated to keeping our community safe and healthy. We believe that by making this hard-financial decision we are doing our due diligence in protecting our patrons, volunteers and community members. To exchange or for a full refund, please contact our box office by March 31st at cvftmail@gmail.com or 952-250-7206.

Sincerely,

The CVFT Board of Directors"

## *All Thing Fabulous*

Taffney Van Steenhuyse

"In this world of uncertainty I'm excited to announce that All Things Fabulous will start selling Grow Towers!. I've just installed one in my house and within a month, we will be eating veggies all year round off ot it! Stop by and we can order yours today! 12-month interest fre plan! ( Just ordered another for the shop so you can see/sample from it ).



### Carver Shops

Occasional Shop tentative dates for April 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Due to the uncertainty of the Bloody Coronavirus check their websties and Faebook pages for updates on each shop's availability. All Things Fabulous as on-line purchasing available. Bet the rest might also be available to you on line if you are interested and have a computer available. Remember there are those who don't have that available to them either. In these tryhing times, don't forget our local shops too and that they are experiencing stressful times too. A kind word might be refreshing if you can't buy anything too. Let's stick together and be kind.

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

Strange Birds - facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website

The Good Junk Garage - Facebook

204 Studio - photography - Website

SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook

**Temperance Arts &t Gifts - Facebook** 



This was posted by one of the public figures in light of the turmoil we all face presently.

"Music is not cancelled, Family is not cancelled, Dancing is not cancelled, Laughing is not cancelled Singing is not cancelled, Family is not cancelled, Radio is not cancelled, Love is not cancelled, Hope is not cancelled

Stronger together"

### City of Carver Announcement

Due to the Coronavirus affliction, the Carver City Hall, Fire Station and Public Services Building were closed. Dependent on future outcome and decisions, contact the personnel or check on line for availability. City personnel however, want everyone aware that the following will continue:

- 1) The City has a continuity of operations plan in place to maintain essential services in the community such as fire, police, water, sanitary sewer, flood protection, and snow plowing services during this time.
- 2) City staff will be working during this time and we invite all those who have service needs with the City to conduct their business by phone, US Mail, email, or via the City's website.
- 3) All events scheduled to be held at Carver City Hall through at least March 31 have been cancelled.
- 4) The utility bill payment drop box, located in the City Hall vestibule, will remain open.
- 5) The City will not conduct any utility/water shut-off processes for April.

#### Covid-19 Response

In response to Covid-19, in an effort to maintain essential services, Carver City Hall and the Fire Station/Public Services Building will closed to the public until further notice.

## Eastern Carver County Schools

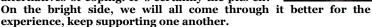
The school district is working on a Distance Learning Plan. The website has information relating to school related items, classes, and the Coronavirus information. For more information, their website is: www.district112.org.

## Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

The MN Valley Electric Cooperative is having their  $83^{\rm rd}$  Annual Member Meeting on April  $7^{\rm th}$  starting at 6:30 PM in the Arlington Community Center in Arlington. Members of the cooperative who would like more information contact the electric company. There are three districts in the electric company's service area determined by population. Annually, there is one director seat open in each of the three districts.



The Carver Lions will not be meeting during the month of April due to the Co-vid-19 affliction. The Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled. Easter has not been cancelled, however, with lockdowns, social distancing etc individual plans are just that, individual. The Pork Chop Dinner has been postponed. Tentative plans are to hold the dinner in May. Future postings will be made. Check social media sites, members etc. The disruption has everyone on high alert. Welcome to the new alternatives of coping. It's certainly the pits eh?





Hssociation

Submitted by: Greg Riggs

The CCYBSA is closely monitoring the impact of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 while continuing to

plan for the 2020 season, and we are committed to keeping you, the players and family members safe. The CCYBSA has determined that we will continue to follow the same procedures and safeguards as the Eastern Carver County School District, as well as the City of Carver. Both organizations are following the guidelines sent out by the CDC and the MN Dept of Health.



Submitted by: John von Walter

Carver on the Minnesota is working on getting a large evergreen planted in Gazebo Park, to be decorated during the holiday season, freeing up the gazebo which can't hold a large artificial tree, and freeing the gazebo for other uses.

The organization is also looking at installing a historic kiosk in Mount Hope Cemetery which would briefly tell the history of the cemetery and display an alphabetical list of those buried there and a map of the cemetery's burial plots.

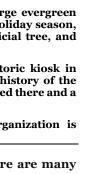
Also, if the Minnesota River levels allow, the organization is planning on holding our annual canoe trek.

"The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many

dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater."

- J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring





"Do one thing every day that scares you."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Community Highlights - April 2020

April 1st Happy Birthday Joe! April 2nd Happy Birthday Kelly! April 4th Happy Birthday Wayne!

April 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

Happy Birthday Jim!
April 6<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting

School Board WorkShop Meeting

April 7<sup>th</sup> MVEC Annual Meeting

April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday No School April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

**Happy Anniversary Kerry and Brad!** 

April 13<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission Meeting

Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen!

April 14<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

Meet & Greet

April 13<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Ava!

April 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> Carver Business Alliance Meeting

April 18<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Cheryl!
Happy Birthday John!
City Council Meeting
School Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Scott!

Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle!

April 21st Happy Birthday Jim!

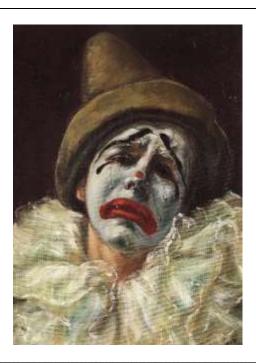
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day

April 25<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Al! Happy Birthday Kitty! Happy Birthday Aaron! Happy Birthday Emily!

April 26<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Emily! April 30<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Arlan! Happy Birthday Lili!

Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg!



"Keep faith. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you're about to give up hope."

~ Anonymous.









# Night Marauders - Carver General - Quests Continue

- 'Hey Territory." Raschevious came running eager to share the chatter all about town.
- Territory looked up from his morning ritual of skimming the local papers. "What's up Raschevious?" He asked seeing his excitement to converse.
- "Have you heard?"
  "Heard what?" He asked uninterested without looking up from the paper in his hand.
- "The streets are bare, the bars are closed, the shops are closed. Everything is virtually shut down."
- "That's not what I heard." Territory lazily replied turning the page of the newspaper.
- Raschevious sank down beside him. Territory gave him a scowling glare and motioned to move over. "Why?"
- "Do you not pay attention?"
- "What?"
- "Social distancing. Don't breathe on me either." Territory grumpily relayed.
- "Oh, for heaven's sake." Raschevious grumbled and got up to move farther away. "Does this mean we are not going to even discuss checking out the Carver General that has been open now for quite some time and we haven't gotten to get over there to check it out?"
  "I haven't decided what to do." He responded struggling with the implications it could cause.
- "What is the matter with you Territory?" Raschevious complained, "You haven't been yourself ever since you snuck off up north, or when we went over Iris Valley. Or for that matter since we trekked over Red Bench.
- "I am just being cautious and ensuring we don't accidently cause further harm to an already unsettling time." Territory snapped back annoyed at his lack of foresight.
- "You pay way too much attention to the media." Raschevious groaned.
- "Do you want the responsibility of knowing you caused even more harm than what already existed?" Territory stammered. "Well no."
- "Then we have to be very careful and we have to think these things through so that we don't do even more damage." Territory stated wisely.
- "But I thought critters are not carriers."
- "Do you really want to risk that? They don't know what is causing this. How, where or even why? Do you really want to be the bearer of unknown and cause more harm? Do you Raschevious?" Territory was hollering at him loudly.
- "Then stop your whining and let me think." Territory stammered.
- "Geez Territory, no need to get so testy."
- Raschevious got up to leave, looked back twice and moved down the trail back to the bottoms where it was
- "Hi Rash." Snafuu greeted enjoying the sunshine that finally graced their world.
- "If you are headed to talk to Territory, I would turn around and go the other way." Raschevious announced glumly.
  "He still in a foul mood?" Lavender inquired cheerfully.
- "Foul is putting it mildly. I would say downright inhospitable." Raschevious rumbled lowly.
- "He's just thinking about others Rash." Snafuu reminded him.
- "He's way too serious. Social distancing? Humph since when did critters have to be keeping away from one
- "Are you sure it's you that's not in a foul mood?" Rascal suddenly came out of nowhere and pushed Raschevious down the embankment a little ways.
- "Rascal. I swear."
- "Oh, lighten up. As soon as Territory figures out how to not touch anything, we'll be in." Rhapsody came <mark>out</mark> of nowhere as well.
- "What are you all hiding or what?" Raschevious snapped really annoyed now.
- 'I got it. I got it." Territory came barreling at them, stopping short a few feet from them.
- "Got what?" Rhapsody went to get close to him and nuzzle his neck and caress he<mark>r favorite</mark> raccoon.
- "Stay back. You know the rules. Social distancing." Territory scolded adamantly.
- "How for heaven's sake Territory." Rhapsody sank down on the ground. "You really are carrying this too far,
- "Got what?" Lavender asked curiously.
- "I know how we can check out the Carver General and not cause any harm whatsoever."
- "We wear rubber gloves and we don't touch one single thing." He said excitedly.
- The two skunks and the three raccoon glared at him as though he had finally lost his mind.

and date the

- "What?" He peered at them, "It's the perfect solution to this whole dilemma."
- "You expect us to wear gloves?" Rascal asked bewildered.

"You are all impossible. You want to go or not? You want to sit here and complain about how we haven't checked out the new store? Or you want to do something productive? You want to put more people in harm's way or you want to protect others from unknown diseases killing thousands?" He was ranting angrily. "Calm down Territory." Bandeet sauntered onto the scene having heard them shouting at one another from quite a ways away. "They can hear you from two blocks away."

Territory stomped his feet and marched off to sulk in private. The rest of the group talked among themselves and after much thought and consideration, they decided and agreed that Territory was right.

The day finally arrived after a lot of begging, pleading and apologizing to Territory that they were ready and going to visit Carver General establishing their foothold in the community and own footprint in the historic building. The rumor was that the ladies were warm, welcoming, friendly and practical. Territory had been hanging around when they were open and with so much shut down, he could move about quite freely unnoticed. He found the gals to be extremely charming and lovely. He even discovered that they had an assortment of displays set up out back which was perfect for him to hide out and listen in what the fine ladies identified as the Garden Area. He even found treats to satisfy his hunger. He had heard the bell tinkle so that remained in place announcing incoming. Good Junk Garage was conducting business as normal. Was Val from Stages there yet? He didn't have that answer yet. He was becoming more curious and excited to get inside and check things out. He heard the one gal tell a customer that they were planning on changing monthly the displays. He hadn't been able to ascertain if that was something that they had achieved or not. Although he did note that they were there quite often even when they weren't open for business perse. He was anxious to get inside to have a look around and get closer.

The entire village was quiet and dark. There was hardly a soul out and about when the marauders set out to check out the Carver General. It was probably one of the easiest and most relaxed midnight raids that they group ever pulled off. They ascended over the fence in the back into the Garden Patio area. Territory wiped the prints with the disinfectant he brought along. He couldn't bear the thought of being responsible for bringing harm to anyone by their raid.

"Everyone have their gloves?" Territory asked tensely.

Everyone showed him that they had them per his instructions. Bandeet worked her magic and they were in.

"Now remember, don't touch anything." Territory sternly warned. "We can't risk it."

They all stood in the middle of the room in awe and stared at all the displays so neatly set up. The ladies were truly seasoned veterans in this line of foray. It was impeccably set up with really nice items. There was some picket fence pieces, old vintage ice cream table and chairs, wood tables, wood cabinets, old bird cages, glass bottles and small children's chairs. They looked around and moved carefully, touching nothing. They didn't stay long since they were not allowed to touch a thing. Territory made that perfectly clear or else. They respected Territory too much to defy him.

"Let's go." Territory said suddenly.

No one questioned his command and they scampered to the back door. Territory took one more look around the rooms and wiped the doorknob as he went out. The others were in the garden area finding all kinds of snacks on the ground and were happily munching.

"Is that where we leave our trash?" Territory saw the gloves laying scattered all about.

Rascal quickly retrieved them, bringing them to Territory.

"Thank you." Territory stated pleased. "Let's go."

Territory was the last to leave as he wiped wherever he saw remnants of their having touched. Then he wiped the prints of the fence and deposited the wipes and gloves in the dumpster. He took one last look back at the magnificent structure and trotted off home satisfied that they hadn't disturbed a thing and caused no extra

Territory lounged leisurely in the sunshine gathering his thoughts and composing his thoughts before he began to write his review of the Carver General.

"At this time of obvious gloomin<mark>ess and misery, you might want</mark> to consider running on over to Carver General in Carver. The gals have been hard at work to bring some smiles, brightness and spring in your step with rearranging the shop for their next debut of their newest restocking treasures discovered and with the hopes that the doors will be able to be opened in the month of April to share with their customers due to the pandemic running rampant on the human race.

<mark>Brenda and</mark> Ann busily work to prepare for their next sale dates leaning towards the spring theme with warmer weather right around the bend. They work diligently striving for a more primitive setting and promote ideas leaning towards yard and garden highlights with their newest discovered products lovingly arranged throughout the areas of the warm, charming and welcoming environment. Brenda had recently successfully secured succulent plants from another integral dealer to promote their upcoming theme. Furthermore, it must be noted that their prices are reasonable which accounts for their repeat customers

The gals are warm, welcoming and positive. They have been known to have the general feel of, "I can't fix the weather but I can fix a drink." Proving how dedicated they are in this author's review. They invite you to come and change the mood of your day and come check out their shop. They are eager to meet, share and greet you to their realm of their dream and goal to help you repurpose their treasures at your home. So, head on over to Carver General at 109 Third Street East. It's highly recommended a shop you don't want to miss checking out.'







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