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Merriam Junction Trail

The council discussed a letter of support pertaining to the Merriam Junction Trail. The personnel at Scott County requested a letter from the City of Carver supporting the proposed Merriam Junction Trail project. The proposed trail would connect the two counties via a 'rails-to-trails' project crossing the Minnesota River and connecting to downtown Carver. The entire project would be approximately two miles. The trail head would be at the Louisville Swamp. The city was included in a joint powers agreement in 2008 supporting the project which then included Scott and Carver Counties, the City of Chaska and the Metropolitan Council. A similar letter of support was also requested in 2018. The proposed project is included in both the 2010 and Design Carver Comprehensive Plans.

The proposed trail would offer greater connectivity across the communities and increase both bike and pedestrian traffic. Minnesota Legislature has a bonding request from Scott County. There is not any financial burden for the city at the present time. Recommendation was submitted to approve supporting the request with a letter.

Community Gardens

Interest has been expressed in establishing community gardens in the city. The staff explored various sites. Key components considered were the identification of best location, easily accessible, relatively flat area with direct sunlight and across from running water. Several suggestions were submitted of various sites. Approximate plot size recommended were 10' x 10'. Standard practice was a fee for the city to provide pre-season and post-season preparations of the plots. Additionally, the city would provide irrigation access, compost bins and trash bins. The gardeners would be responsible for all maintenance throughout the growing season, tilling at season end and clearing their plot of all plant materials so as the plot is as found for usage when they began at the beginning of the spring season. Discussions included the possibility of the proposed community gardens available for the 2021 season. Presently the proposed location was at the Church-by-the-River. Further research would be conducted.

Presently, the thought process includes the implementation date, guidance regarding preparing the policy, plot registration, assignments, and rules.

Further discussions were held and consensus was that at the present time the Church-by-the-River was the ideal location. The mayor expressed her opinion that these types of plots are popular and viewed the proposal as a beginning to a larger total and goal. Raised gardens were discussed. Statement was made that the UMN Carver-Scott Extension Mater Gardeners assisted with community gardens at Carver Crossing. There were raised beds at that site.

Statement was submitted that grant money is available for community gardens. Fencing and fees were also talked about.

Sky View Lane

The Planning Commission members reviewed a request from a homeowner in the SkyView Lane neighborhood pertaining to an alley vacation to consolidate two lots into one. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this item to ensure city codes are all adhered to.

"You'll never find peace of mind until you listen to your heart."
~ George Michael

Covid-19

The council reviewed the update from the Carver County Health and Human Services representative. The current status throughout the county involves preparations for a 'new normal', some phases to slow the spread of the virus, initiate reopening, lifting restrictions and rebuilding readiness. More information is available on the county's website. ([www.co.carver.mn.us/Covid-2 19](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/Covid-2%2019)) The council discussed the issue to great lengths.

The city manager updated the council on response and provision of services during this time. The council considered extension of the Village Hall service counter closure and suspension of facility rentals further. Suggestion was submitted to halt facility rental until it is safe to do so rather than continuously rescheduling. There will not be reservations made for field or park buildings this present time. The fields and parks remain open for use but request sternly to practice social distancing.

Open Burning

The Fire Chief discussed the open burning ordinance issue with the council. The City of Carver is one of the only two cities in the county that does not have an open burning ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is that it eliminates burning that affects the safety, health, comfort and living conditions. The ordinance will allow recreational fires and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces with raw, untreated wood safely. The ordinance eliminates the burning of materials causing dense smoke, health concerns and fire hazards.

Public Services Director

The city announced the name of the replacement for the Public Services Director, Brian Skok. The new director's name is Chad Shell a native of Fairmont. Please welcome Mr Shell and say hello.

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 June 19th.

Carver Clean Up Day

Carver Clean-up day is not as exciting as the shredding event information. June 13th the Clean-up Day will be held in Carver for the residents of Carver. Pick up is scheduled to begin at 7 AM, curbside collection for items placed on the curb. Remember though, it can't be more than eight feet wide or eight feet long, or higher than four feet. There are certain items that they won't take too. Check out the flyer to determine if you can set it on the curb to be taken away.



"There is no path to peace. Peace is the path."
~ Mahtma Gandhi

Carver Current

Looking for what is going on locally? Check out www.carvercurrent.com. 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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Document Shredding

Remember, need documents shredded? The Carver Lions are sponsoring their Annual Document Shredding event in coordination with the City-Wide Clean-up Day on Saturday, June 13th. Event will be held at 800 Sixth Street West. Where's that? Community Park, ball fields across from the Fire Station, off of Jonathan Carver Parkway. The event begins at 9 AM until 11 AM. Got that, Saturday, June 13th. Oh yea, two box limit per vehicle and remember stay six feet away from anyone! Donations are accepted.



Carver Black Sox

The Carver Black Sox team members have been practicing, but their season has not quite begun yet. Watch their website for updates and news. They are eager to begin their 2020 season. The players are also looking at holding their fundraiser this fall. On the authority of a good source, the information would be forwarded and we will let you know as soon as they do.



Carver Lions

Everyone seems to be surviving, however tensions are rising throughout the universe. Everything, it seems is either on hold or cancelled, postponed, or unable to plan accordingly. However, the Carver Lions continue business as usual with alterations accordingly. Their summer schedule begins with the month of June. So, instead of leaving the

comfort of your study, library, office den, or living room, you can participate and watch what these wonderful volunteers plan and work so hard for in the community via Zoom. Unless you don't have a computer at home. Yes, unfortunately there are those out there who do not. I try, myself to remember this fact when referring to on line access. Anyway, their next Zoom meeting will be on June 10th. I believe it would be 6:30 PM ish, but don't quote me. I could be dead wrong. Wouldn't be first time and won't be the last time that I make a mistake.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

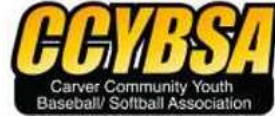
The virus still has the whole world on hold. For the status of activities at the theatre are on line at their website and Facebook, if you have computer access. The safety of their participants and patrons is their top priority.

The Dragonfly Theatre Arts camp has been cancelled for the 2020 summer. Frozen Jr still has not been decided for their summer end musical. The date for the postponed Tuck Everlasting performance is still waiting to be announced.

They are however hopefully able in the future to entertain fans with plans for their 2020 - 2021 25th anniversary season. They are excited to announce performances for Disney's Newsies, Anything Goes and Into the Woods. Stay tuned.



Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association



2020 Season Update - Season

Cancelled by Greg Riggs.

We hope that each of you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. As we navigate through this crisis together, the health and safety of everyone within our association is our first and highest priority. The ongoing spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the incredible speed at which things are changing has all of us continually adapting on the way we live.

The CCYBSA leadership has discussed the 2020 season. Unfortunately, after significant deliberation, we made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 season, due to so much uncertainty and not knowing when we could ever get back on the field, safely and effectively.

We are equally disappointed and sad to share the news, as we know many of you are disappointed in receiving this news. We understand that baseball/softball/t-ball activities are a special part of your summer. We want you to know that we considered many potential modifications to organized league activities to continue the season in some fashion. Ultimately, we encountered a number of challenges we did not feel we could safely or reasonably overcome.

Again, we are deeply saddened on how this pandemic has affected the 2020 season but thank you all for your continued support of the CCYBSA.

Thank you
CCYBSA Leadership

District # 112

By Kendall

Virtual ceremonies planned for the 2020 Graduation.

With June rapidly approaching, districts across the country have been grappling with how to honor graduating seniors under incredibly challenging circumstances. While in-person graduation is what students, parents, and staff alike want, public health and safety prevent such a gathering at this time. As guidance from the state and federal government continues to evolve, the district continues to hold out hope that later this summer it may be possible to cheer on the Class of 2020 in person.

As we've already communicated to our seniors, in order to make sure that our graduates get a moment to shine the district is preparing a virtual ceremony. With graduates heading off to the service, the workforce, or other destinations over the summer, it is important that the Class of 2020 gets a celebration in June. The virtual ceremony will follow as closely as possible the traditional graduation ceremony, with student and staff speakers and performances by our incredibly talented student musicians. That virtual ceremony will be available for viewing in early June.

Should the state's guidance on in-person/outdoor ceremonies change we will certainly make every attempt to honor the Class of 2020 later this summer or early fall. The district continues to hold both stadiums on July 25th for such a celebration.

There's no way to replicate an in-person experience. This is not the way we wanted to send our seniors off to the next chapter of their lives. Over the next few weeks, the high schools will continue to celebrate our seniors and their accomplishments on the road to graduation. We hope the community will join us in that celebration.



Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for June 18th – 21st. Due to the uncertainty of the Bloody Coronavirus check their websites and Facebook 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 trying 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/](https://www.facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/)Website

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

204 Studio - photography – Website

SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook



Roots Return Heritage Farm

By: Lori Cox

VISITING THE FARM

WELCOME! FARMSTAND IS NOW CLOSED --

THANK YOU CUSTOMERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

****WE WILL HAVE A HYBRID MODEL TO BEGIN STRAWBERRIES IN JUNE. ORDER-AHEAD PICKUP AT THE FARM THE FIRST WEEK, SELECT TIME U-PICK (SINGLE CUSTOMER PER TIME SLOT AVAIL, A FEW CUSTOMERS AT A TIME PICKING) THE 2ND WEEK. STAY TUNED FOR DAYS/TIMES ON THIS SITE****

2020 moves the farm into operating almost 100% U-PICK. Please be sure to read our [FAQ](#) section prior to visiting, or ordering! Most answers to questions can be found there: Policies, Recommendations, Availability, etc. Thank you for reading. [

www.rrhf.yshopify.com]

Facebook

THANK YOU for input and messages regarding our harvest process this year 🍓🍓 Striking a balance for our customers + myself (my spouse is a first responder) we will have a HYBRID purchase model to start the season with STRAWBERRIES, and go from there. -> The first week I will pre-pick LBS for sale on our Shopify site. The 2nd week will have day/time slots available for a few customers to pick at a time on our Shopify site (single customer per time slot/no groups) following safety signage, hand washing, distance guidance. This helps provide you with healthy, immune boosting Strawberries! We have another harvest in August. I will update both pages when harvest time arrives = at least another ~7-10 days due to late freeze temps.

St Nicholas Catholic Church

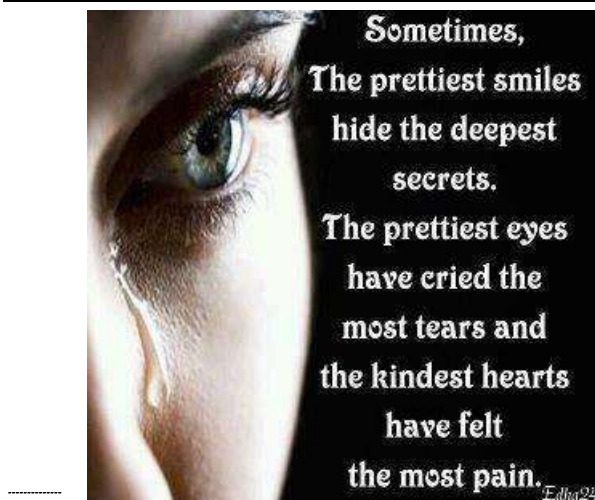
Public Masses suspended as of 3/18. During quarantine daily mass will be streamed live weekdays at 8 AM and Saturdays at 4 PM on the Guardian Angels Facebook page. www.facebook.com/GuardianAngelsChaska.



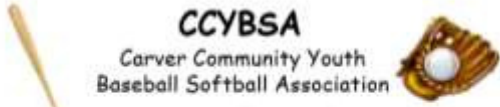
Community Highlights

June 2020

- June 1st Council Meeting
- Jun 2nd Happy Anniversary Kerry and Kathy!
- June 5th Happy Birthday Kim!
- June 6th Happy Anniversary Jared and Amanda!
- June 7th Happy Birthday Scott!
- June 8th Parks Commission Meeting
Dahlgren Township Meeting
Happy Anniversary Joy and Chris!
- June 9th Heritage Preservation Meeting
Meet and Greet
- June 10th Carver Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Matthew!
- June 11th Happy Birthday Denny!
Happy Birthday Jane!
- June 13th Document Shredding
Clean Up Day
Happy Birthday Alexis!
- June 14th Flag Day
- June 15th Council Meeting
Happy Anniversary Dennis and Sharon!
- June 18th Planning Commission Meeting
Happy Anniversary Becky and Zim!
- June 19th Carver Business Alliance Meeting
- June 21st Father's Day
Happy Birthday Lucy!
- June 22nd Happy Anniversary Kim and Paul!
Happy Birthday Rob!
- June 23rd Happy Birthday Amanda!
Happy Anniversary Marvin and Maria!
- June 24th Happy Birthday Greg!
- June 25th Happy Birthday Bradley!
- June 30th Happy Anniversary Shirley and Terri!
Happy Birthday Yvonna!
Happy Birthday James!



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CCYBSA
Carver Community Youth
Baseball Softball Association

Where the ball game begins

Find us on line at: www.cityofcarver.com

Questions? Email us at: ccybsa.reg@gmail.com

Due to the circumstances, I can't bring myself to ask any of the businesses who are feeling the affects of this shut down to help. Too many are closed and have more important things to do to keep surviving and maintain their businesses so when the time comes, they can once can provide their services to everyone.

Let's be kind, thoughtful and considerate and think of others!

Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Coreen Jander

We believe that the church is not a building but people joined together by God through faith. It is our vision and prayer to see our town and city awakened to and transformed by the love of Jesus.

Please join us for worship this week at www.trinitycarver.com

We hope to begin meeting together for worship services this summer but have not yet set a date due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Lord's Supper is being offered in small groups beginning June 7th, 2020. Please visit our website for updates on times, additional days, and how to sign up.

We would love to pray for you. Please contact us with prayer requests or questions at:

Office: 952-448-3628

Email: triluthsecretary@gmail.com

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver>

Our Vicar, David Jander, moved here last summer with his wife and three children (ages 12, 16, and 19.) He will be staying here as our Pastor, and he and his family are eager to meet you and grow roots in this community. We invite you to connect!



East Union and West Union Lutheran Churches

Check the churches Facebook pages and websites for updates.

South West Metro Chamber of Commerce

The South West Metro Chamber is happy to announce that the Farmer's Market event will be coming in June to downtown Chaska again on Wednesdays through September. They are also going to be hosting the Farmer's Market on Thursdays in Victoria beginning in July. Wednesday's location in Chaska is to be determined at the time of print, be sure to check their website, www.swmetrochamber.com for more information and confirm opening time and location determined for the Farmer's Market. There will not be any market on July 1st in Chaska. The times were stated to be 3 PM to 7 PM in Chaska. Vendors wishing to participate can find an application on their website, as well. Chaska's market will end their season in September while Victoria's market will run through October.



July schedule for Victoria will begin on July 16th and operate through October 8th on Thursdays starting and 3 PM until 7 PM. The markets will be held at two locations in Victoria. The first site listed is Enki Taproom and Eatery parking lot and the second location is 1495 Steiger Lake Lane.



I don't know who wrote this, but it's beautiful..❤️

We fell asleep in one world, and woke up in another.

Suddenly Disney is out of magic,
Paris is no longer romantic,
New York doesn't stand up anymore,
the Chinese wall is no longer a fortress, and
Mecca is empty.

Hugs & kisses suddenly become weapons, and
not visiting parents & friends becomes an act of
love.

Suddenly you realise that power, beauty & money
are worthless, and can't get you the
oxygen you're fighting for.

The world continues its life and it is beautiful. It
only puts humans in cages. I think it's sending us
a message :

"You are not necessary. The air, earth, water and
sky without you are fine. When you come back,
remember that you are my guests. Not my
masters."

Six months into the year 2020 and it appears to be plagued with sadness, pain, hurt and major disappointments that has plunged the human race and the world full of its creatures, not to mention nature in its finest glory into a tailspin of myriad connections. Is anyone paying attention? Is anyone listening? Of course, there are. Yes, there is a lot of good, positivity and wonderful celebrations too. However, something is visibly way off balance, wouldn't you say? Can the human race get back to that balance? What are the clichés we always hear? "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"? And making a change, one small step. Can the next six months of 2020 be turned around? Sure....



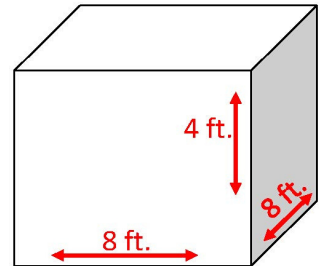
Happy Father's Day



CLEAN UP DAY

June 13, 2020 - 7:00 A.M.

Curbside collection will be provided for items placed at the curb in an area no more than 8 feet wide by 8 feet long by 4 feet high.



ACCEPTED MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Kids Toys, Household Items, and so on
- Furniture (disassembled)
- Carpet/Carpet Pads (rolled securely)
- Mattresses and Box Springs
- Miscellaneous Construction Materials



If you have materials that are not accepted, consider an option for recycling or reuse.

- www.recyclecarver.org
- SMSC Organics Recycling Facility - www.smscorf.com

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED INCLUDE:

- General recyclables (cans, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard) should be picked up with the regular curbside recycling
- Appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, a/c, ranges, refrigerators, and so on)
- Electronics (phones, computers, televisions, and so on)
- Hazardous Materials (paint, batteries, oil, tires, bulbs, and so on)
- Concrete, Bricks, and Shingles
- Brush, Leaves, Grass, and any other organic material
- Items outside of the 8 ft. x 8 ft. x 4 ft. maximum collection area
- The City of Carver and its Contractor have the right to refuse hauling any materials based on safety concerns or hazardous waste regulations.

Call 952-448-5353 or visit www.cityofcarver.com for more information.



Appliances, electronics, and hazardous materials can be disposed of at:
Carver County Environmental Center, 116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN
Phone: 952-361-1835 | www.environment@co.carver.mn.us

Night Marauders - 120 Broadway - Another Trespassing Mission

There is anticipation and expectations of new life propelling with a future introduction at 120 Broadway in Carver. The structure's history thick and interesting details linger dauntingly of its past vacancy. Territory researched the history of the structure and was quite impressed with the information he found. With days past you can bet almost every resident could have shared a tale or two about the happenings within the various types of businesses that had served this location. Beginning with the fact that the original building built about 1854 was destroyed by fire. The present building of buff-colored local brick was construed in 1871. Also, that in earlier years the building featured a second story front veranda with balustrade, supported by turned porch posts over the sidewalk. Mention was made that the perhaps after the Prohibition years, the veranda was removed. The first-floor doorway portrayed a new entry diagonally cut on the northeast corner. Many who frequented the establishment would be able to reminisce about the beautiful long wooden bar running east-west in the establishment. It's history of businesses was versatile, including a clothing store, tailor shop, general store, saloon, Riverside Bar, and Riverside Café. At some point or another it also housed postal services, dry goods, groceries and data entry processing.

The marauders trespassing entrance was one of the easiest of all the locations they'd visited. It was an open invitation to any critter needing cover actually. Unfortunately, some nasty guests made themselves quite at home leaving behind a nasty mess. The blatant display of disregard for others, as well as the flagrant disrespect shown really annoyed and upset Territory.

"This is how critters get a bad rap." Territory growled resentfully.

Even Rascal was somewhat put out by the offensive unpleasantness displayed.

"Such a shame." Raschevious agreed.

Raschevious looked around, finally relenting in disappointment, "So much has changed."

"It's all changed." Territory confirmed saddened somehow by the loss of the old memories of the booths lining the south wall and the long expansive bar that once almost covered the entire north wall.

The warm cozy ambiance of the Northwoods saloons features gone, replaced with crisp white sheet rock walls.

"Donna really transformed the interior, didn't she?" Raschevious asked rhetorically.

"She had to so she could operate the data processing market." Territory said with gloom, trying to find a positive note in the sadness of the loss of the past he continued, "Now it will transform still into another profession for another chapter of narrated history."

"Will certainly be interesting to see the final product when they are finished." Raschevious perked up commenting in anticipation of the future.

"Sure will."

"What is with you two moping like you lost your best friend?" Rascal interjected completely lacking in understanding the importance of past recollections, much less the purpose of preserving of the past.

"Youths." Raschevious scoffed.

"Maybe one day he will understand?" Territory shrugged his inexperience and immaturity off. They left the premises, each in their own thoughts that day.

Then, unexpectedly one day, Territory was afforded the chance opportunity of having the pleasure of crossing paths with the newest owners, Terra, Kyle and their daughter, Piper. They were depositing merchandise inside from her Eclectic Elegance business from downtown in the big city. This chance coincidence gave Territory a perfect opportunity to poke around inside quickly and listen to her proposals. This family's relocation was expected to be a slow gradual process as they prepared renovations and rejuvenation of the unique structure. Terra was looking forward to a new chapter to the long history of past vocations and establishing a new venture of her own, still uncertain of what the new name would finally evolve to become. Territory learned that this young entrepreneur was a floral designer, not a retailer. She had no interest in conducting retail. Along with their new venture, she had summer weddings scheduled to add to her agenda of moving, planning, preparing and dreaming. He overheard her talking with an individual and sharing her prospect of proposals. Her hopes were to conduct the floral design aspect of her ideas in the basement. The lower level would be the creative work shop area/space for others to enjoy and aspire in. She entertained the notion of classes possibly too. The upstairs would be their living quarters. She was eager for their new endeavor, although realistically it was going to take time to achieve.

Territory was continuously checking on the progress at the address of 120 Broadway. It has seemed quiet on the outside, but turned out Terra and Kyle, along with the little person, Piper were quite busy behind the scenes. Territory successfully determined that this creative director and entrepreneur had been quite busy designing and creating behind the scenes a whole new inspiration for the confines of the vacancy void of human interactions for far too long. Her aspirations are not small. Her vision is to see the emptiness as a gathering place. In her own words, "The best memories are made typically around a table creating and most definitely in person of family and friends."

She envisions workshops and design. Renovations are necessary. She's eager to open and share her designs, her creativity and her talents. She chose the name Carver Country Colab for the 120 Broadway site. A constant reminder of her own heritage growing up on a hobby farm.

Territory learned through research that Tarra and Kyle secured this site as in their words, "A place where people can gather, to be inspired, to celebrate, to learn and to grow." They are both eager to officially christen the new business in the old Riverside Bar in the near future. Territory and the gang look forward to that day to stop in and check things out.