



Covid-19 Pandemic

The city manager discussed with the council the topic of a Federal funding allocation related to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Minnesota cities are certifying eligibility to receive Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund distributions. This fund was created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act designed to provide economic help to entities struggling due to the disease. Expenses eligible for reimbursement must be used to respond to the public health emergency, including expenditures incurred to respond directly to the emergency and incurred to respond to effects. These would include providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to closures. Additionally, the supporting reimbursement of operational expenses related to this emergency the staff must prepare drafted housing and business assistance programs that would be eligible to be funded.

The Business Emergency Assistance Program drafted outline consist of program documents prepared in coordination with the Carver County Community Development Agency. Administration of the program would be done through NextStage, a business partner of the CDA. Home occupations and home-based businesses would not be eligible. Eligible expenses were reviewed. The Housing Stability Program drafted outline would also be prepared with coordination with the CDA personnel. The city has been allocated monies in the CARES Act funding. The council reviewed the potential distribution plan for eligible expenditures.

The city manager updated the council regarding the Community Development Agency has been facilitating small business grants and financing options through the CARES Act. The city has an opportunity to partner with the county to facilitate a business support program.

Deaf Child Area Ordinance

The city manager discussed the topic of a request received with the council involving placement of a "Deaf Child Area" sign. A drafted ordinance is required to be prepared creating a process and review standard for the request. The ordinance would require verification of the hearing impairment by medical professional. An application process needs to be established requiring renewal every three years.

Long-Term Financial Plan

The city manager provided the council with a review of the Long-Term Financial Plan which would identify future capital equipment, infrastructure projects, staffing, operation and maintenance requirements. The Plan assesses the financial impact of identified needs, along with the corresponding tax or utility rate impact investments have in the General, Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Water Funds. The staff initiated an annual review of the Plan and this provides the opportunity for the Council to request additional information and analysis. Contents of the plan still require council approval through the budgeting process.

Citizen Complaints

Several residents voiced complaints that it was their opinion that the communications with residents needed to be improved and felt that their concerns had not been heard. A number of items were brought to the council attention. The items were reviewed. Residents are welcome to attend meetings and the city's website provides avenues to be reached to voice concerns.

Street Reconstruction Plan

The city manager discussed the topic with the council pertaining to the Street Reconstruction Plan resolutions requiring approval. A Public Hearing was held regarding the reconstruction plan consisting of the only project contained in the program presently involving the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project. Completion of the plan review process gives the city the ability to issue plan bonds to finance part of the project. The plan process includes the city's intentions to issue bonds. The Public Hearing considers the action for adoption of the plan. The need for a long-range planning effort was identified. Expectations of the corridor are to encounter significant development and traffic demands over the next several decades. The city and the county promoted the corridor study. The corridor study used a combination of analytics, stakeholder input, and direction from policy makers to plan for future intersection development, lane configurations, and other design elements along Jonathan Carver Parkway. The primary project components of the 2021 Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project include the expansion of the corridor from two lanes to four lanes in the designated area, intersection improvements to include signal lights and a roundabout, trail improvements, and a new pedestrian underpass, additional lanes and turn lanes at designated areas, Dahlgren Road improvements, as well as pavement, storm water and utilities improvements along the corridor. The financial prospects of the project were discussed. The drafted resolutions were reviewed.

A council member inquired about more information relating to the use of funds from the Park Dedication Fund on the project. The city manager explained that the Parks Master Plan included the underpass for the project. The need for a roundabout and traffic light were also questioned. The city engineer responded that traffic controls were necessary throughout the project. The cost sharing determinations were asked about. The city and county have a costsharing policy based on a formula and is not a negotiated amount. The city engineer gave further details regarding the extent of the project to include utility work, storm sewer management, and landscaping. That there is a considerable amount of work required by the city for the project and is reflected in the costs estimated city's share. The landscaping plans would be discussed at a later date. Driver visibility at the roundabout was discussed. The city engineer explained that the center one-third of a roundabout is best blocked directing the driver's eyes to the outer thirds allowing focus on the oncoming traffic. The tax impact was expected in February of 2022. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the 2020-2024 Street Reconstruction plan.

Fire Relief Pension

The city manager discussed the Fire Relief Pension Contribution for approval of an increase to the Carver Fire Relief Association's pension contribution. The Relief Association is a nonprofit corporation separate from the city with the authority to provide pension, disability and death benefits to its members through special funds (restricted) and to engage in other activities and spend monies out of their general funds (non-restricted) that the corporation's bylaws permit. A Benefits Projections analysis was conducted and the proposed increase was recommended. The funds are managed by a private investment firm and audited annually. The 2020 Budge had allocated the necessary funds for the increase.

"Live each day as if it were your last..."

~ Marcus Aurelius

Street Maintenance Project

The city reviewed with the city engineer the 2020 Street Maintenance Project. Street requiring maintenance had been previously reviewed. Final plans and specifications were to be completed. Bids were received for the discussed work. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding the contract for street maintenance project.

2019 Improvement Project

The project engineer discussed the 2019 Improvements Project regarding the resolution of adopting the Supplemental Assessment Roll. The 2019 Improvements project in the City's Capital Improvement Plan has been identified. The improvements involved were reviewed. The construction of the project improvements has been substantially completed. A portion of the project costs are to be assessed to adjacent properties. Private municipal utilities connection work were required to be completed by property owners in the identified neighborhood. Two properties requested changes to the assessment agreement. Supplemental assessment agreements have been prepared and a hearing scheduled. The city council needs to adopt the supplemental assessment roll.

Bike Trail Request

The council received a request from a young man who was struck while riding his bike coming off a bike path on Main Street near Jorgenson Street. The path is surrounded by tall, narrow bushes making the visibility of the road difficult. Request was submitted by the youngster asking for installation of stop signs at the intersection of the bike trail to prevent a similar accident. The city manager identified the fact that there are hundreds of trails and sidewalks with intersections to streets, thereby making it challenging installing stop signs. The Public Services department will be consulted with to identify and address obstructions on trails.

All / Utility Terrain Vehicles Ordinance

The city attorney submitted the drafted ordinance with revisions regarding the ATV/UTV Ordinance. The council reviewed the Fee Schedule changes provided. The fee amount was established along with three-year period and proof of insurance requirement at the time of the application submission. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay amending stated sections pertaining to the All-Terrain Vehicles city code. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays adopting the ordinance and amending the city's fee schedule to impose set fee for a utility terrain vehicle permit as a three-year permit with proof of insurance.

Community Park Pond

The Parks Commission members held a meeting to discuss the proposed storm water pond at the Community Park location. The city engineer discussed the item stating that the water from the upcoming Jonathan Carver Parkway expansion project didn't have an identified location and the community park was an option. The Parks Commission has not made any decision on the related item. Residents were present to discuss their opinions and ask questions. Concerns were voiced to include loss of property, safety, scenery view changes, mosquitoes and tree removal. The consensus of the attended group were disapproval of the location for the proposed pond.

Chaska Recreation Center

The Parks Commission members held a discussion with members of the Chaska Park and Recreation Department. Carver residents are able to utilize the Chaska facilities at agreement resident rates. Feedback was given regarding the types of events desired to be seen in Carver in the future. Additional programming involving adult events included volleyball league, indoor archery, geocaching, a puzzle event, group fitness classes and a walking club. The Chaska staff in the future will communicate with the Parks Commission for types of programming desired.

12th Annual Golf Classic

The Southwest Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 12th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, September 14th starting at 10 AM at the Chaska Town Course. The event is a Rain or Shine event, as well.

This year's event, as in the past, is a prime fundraiser for their organization. Proceeds from the tournament go to help support valuable chamber programs throughout the year. Chamber members have a well deserved reputation for their vision in building a thriving community with abundant opportunities for all. Compassionate and forward thinking, they have met challenges in need for progressive legislation, better infrastructure, and assisting our youth toward higher education.

Join them for a fun-filled day of Golf & Prizes! *This year will not be able to have a shotgun start but we will offer tee times for this event from 10am-2:30pm "Tee Time will be received prior to the event"

10am-2:30pm: TEE TIMES

Registration

Little Helper Sales

Raffle Ticket Sales

Boxed Lunch

Driving Range

Putting Green

Raffle Winners & Course Winners will be announced via email after the event



Steam Boat Days Cancelled

From the Chaska Herald: "Add the city of Carver's annual Steamboat Days to the list of casualties."

The Carver Steam Boat Days Chairman sadly had to inform everyone that the much anticipated city event had to be cancelled. Still another added victim the long list of 'not going to happen' event in the 2020 Cancelled Summer.

As we can all about imagine the disappointment and frustration, they all felt, huh? Another reason to reflect on the past and better days ahead.



2020 Disappointment Continues

By: Ricki Yvonne

The 2020 cancelled summer is spilling over into the fall of this year, as well.

Chaska River City Days was postponed and has now been cancelled, as well. The Renaissance Festival is another fallen victim to the bloody virus. They have however posted a teaser for the public. "Minnesota Renaissance Festival cancelled; announcement of 'brand-new' 2020 event to come." Check their website for more information.

Taste of Shakopee was postponed until September 26th. Check their website. www.TasteofShakopee.com. They, too have since made adjustments to their original plans.

Jordan's Heimatfest and Car Cruise has also been cancelled. They are offering some alternative ways to celebrate Jordan.

On Friday, September 11th the City of Jordan will be offering Food, fun and Fireworks. The food trucks will be downtown in Jordan at 4:30 PM until 8 PM. Fireworks will be held at the Scott County Fairgrounds, gates open at 8:30 PM.

Then there is Nickle Dickle Day that has also been touched by this bloody virus too. They are finding alternatives too and will resume better days next year too. The event is going 'old school' per their website. On September 19th at 8 AM until 5 PM in downtown Waconia at the City Square Park.

Excelsior Apple Day has been postponed until 2021 too.

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"Open Your Arms to Change, but Don't Let go of Your Values"

~ Dalai Lama

"Change is the only constant in life"

~ Heraclitus

Carver Black Sox

Submitted by Black Sox:

Black Sox pound out 18 hits in 14² Game, 1 State Tournament Victory.

When a team hits the ball, plays solid defense and pitches well, the chances of winning are pretty good. The Carver Black Sox did all three in Sunday's 14² win over the Clinton Cards in the first round of the MN Amateur Baseball Class C Tournament in Springfield. Andrew Weber set the tone with a complete game 5-hit, 8 strikeout performance.

Connor Cornell led off the game with an infield single, followed by a one-out any Bresnahan single and a 20-ou 2 RBI single by Cole Kirchoff. Carver's Kyle Dalton led off the 3rd inning with a triple to deep left center, followed up by a Bresnahan double, a Dan Gastuch single, a Kirchoff single, An Adam Fredericks 2 RBI single and a Bailey Metz single; producing a 4-run 3rd inning. Carver then added 2 runs in the 4th, 3 runs in the 5th and 2 runs in the 7th on another Bresnahan double and a long Gastuch Home-Run to left.

The hit parade included 4 by Bresnahan, 3 by Kirchoff and Dalton and 2 each by Cornell and Gastuch. Gastuch drove in runs as did Kirchoff.

Carver moves on to round 2 of the MBA Class C State Tournament with a game at Milroy versus the Delano A's. Game time in Milroy is 2 pm on Saturday. Tickets are limited to 125 per team, so contact the Carver Black Sox for ticket availability.



Sever's Stories, Riddles & Rhymes

"Sever's Festivals have teamed up with Minnesota artist Brian Sobaski to bring an innovative outdoor drive-thru story time event.

Pack up your car for this curious adventure on a three-quarter mile magical trail winding through tree farms, cornfields, & rural prairie. Enjoy humorous, rhymes, riddles, & large scale illustrations that give readers a whole new take on story time. Experience the humongous treasure hunt, a larger than life chicken samurai, a zany squirrel named Hayley with her adorable pumpkin pet, & much more!"

The event opened August 21st and will run through November 1st. Thursdays and Fridays 1 PM until dusk, Saturdays and Sundays 10 AM until dusk. MEA Thursday and Friday's hours will be 10 AM until dusk. Limited tickets available, buy on line today! For more information on Sever's Fall Festival, check their website, www.seversfallfestival.com.



Farmer's Market

The SouthWest Metro Chamber invites you to their hosted Farmer's Market event in downtown Chaska on Wednesdays through September. They are also going to be hosting the Farmer's Market on Thursdays in Victoria. Wednesday's location in Chaska is at 300 North Chestnut Street, City Square Park. The times were stated to be 3 PM to 7 PM in Chaska. Chaska's market will end their season on the 16th of September while Victoria's market will run through October.

July schedule for Victoria will be held until 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.

Gazebo Park

A live tree to plant in the Gazebo Park has been purchased by Carver-on-the-Minnesota organization. The purpose of the tree is to decorate it each holiday season for the Tree Lighting Ceremony held annually. The goal is to replace the artificial tree within the gazebo. The tree is a Tannenbaum' mugo pine. Has been said it is supposed to grow to a maximum height of no more than fifteen feet. A Tannenbaum is a fir tree. Most Christmas trees presently are spruce rather than Tannen whose qualities of the evergreen have inspired musicians to write several Tannenbaum songs in German over the years.



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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Carver Lions

So much has been cancelled and so many things are still on hold, however, there is still so much going on behind the scenes. The Carver Lions dedicated members continue their meetings.

September resumes their two meetings per month. That schedule is the first and third Wednesday of the month. Be sure to contact a Lion's member if you are interested in participating in community events.

The new officers for the 2020-2021 year for the Lions is as follows: President, Dean Nelson, First VP, Kristy Mock, 2nd VP, Durk Peterson and 3rd VP is Bob MacMullan. Congratulations!

Pork Chop Dinner Drive-thru

The Carver Lions invite you to come and experience a new alternative dinner idea. On Saturday, September 19th starting at 4 PM you will be able to DRIVE THRU only for your Pork Chop Dinner. Serving till go until 8 PM in front of City Hall. The cost for the dinner will be \$10. There will not be any walk-up dinners served, drive-thru only. Signs will be in place directing traffic. The dinner will include smoked boneless pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, beans, sauerkraut and dessert.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church's doors are open! You're invited to join them for worship services as they gather together at 9:00 am through September 6th. The second weekend in September, September 13th begins their school year worship service time at 10:00 am. "We would love to pray for you and your family. Please contact Pastor Jander with prayer requests or questions at: Office: 952-448-3628; Email: triluthsecretary@gmail.com; Website: trinitycarver.com; or <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver>"



Administrative Assistant Wanted

The City of Carver is seeking a part-time (16-20 hours) Administrative Assistant to perform general administrative support. For a complete job description and application information, go to the city's website. Applications accepted until filled. Contact Vicky Sons-Eiden, City Clerk, with any questions at vsoneiden@cityofcarver.com or 952-448-8727.



Carver Car Show

BY BRENDA GOOD
Saturday, September 12
Roll-In: 9:15 a.m.
Car Show: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Downtown Carver on Broadway Street
Food trucks on site! Prizes and trophies!
See the attached FLYER for more details.



Carver Photos

BY BRENDA GOOD

There's still time to send us your photos of Carver. We're looking for photos that capture the uniqueness and beauty within Carver: parks, landscape, nature, trails, or any other photos showing why Carver is special. Photos can be submitted to Brenda at bgood@cityofcarver.com.



Election Judges

By: Vicky Sons-Eiden

Did you know you can get paid to be an election judge?

The General Election is on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. We are still looking for Election Judges.

Check out all of the details on the Election 2020 page.

Still have questions? Contact Vicky Sons-Eiden at vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com or call 952-448-8727.



City-Wide Garage Sales

BY BRENDA GOOD

Make plans now to attend the city-wide garage sales in Carver on September 11 and 12, 2020!

*Note: The Steamboat Days Committee will not be collecting addresses and/or seller information as has been done in the past. Watch for yard sale signs throughout Carver! Reminder to please be safe and follow State social distancing guidelines.



Carver Business Alliance

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 September 18th.

Roots Return Heritage Farm


By: Lori Cox

VISITING THE FARM

** Due to Covid-19; we have reservation U-Pick, single packer per reservation, a few customers picking at a time. Limited quantities of bulk frozen available. Please inquire if interested in ordering ahead of time. (Sorry, no plums, cherries, or pumpkins this year.) Elderberries are available now, ending soon, early September. For more information see www.rrhf.myshopify.com.



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Find us on line at: www.cityofcarver.com

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

The Carver Creamery

It's official. The Carver Creamery is open for business.

Their hours after Kailan's and Chris's Grand opening will be September 4th at noon to 9 PM. Be sure to drop by and meet them and enjoy their delectable ice cream and good conversation downtown. Welcome and good luck Kailan and Chris!



Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for September are 17th through the 20th.

Check websites and Facebook pages for updates on each shop's availability. 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:

Carver Creamery – Open for Business - The Carver Creamery FB

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook

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

Community Highlights September 2020

September 2nd Lions Meeting

September 7th Labor Day

September 8th Happy Anniversary Terri and Howie!

Council Meeting

Back to School

September 9th Happy Birthday Jeff!

September 10th Happy Birthday Crystal!

Happy Birthday Lori!

Happy Birthday Dwight!

September 11th Heimatfest Alternate Festivities

Happy Birthday Hannah!

September 11th & September 12th City-Wide Garage Sales

September 12th 12th Annual Golf Classic

Carver Car Show

September 13th Grandparents Day

September 14th Parks Commission

Dahlgren Township Board Meeting

Happy Birthday Caroline!

September 15th Heritage Preservation Commission

Happy Birthday Sandy!

Happy Birthday Terri!

Happy Anniversary Andrew and Katie!

September 16th Lions Meeting

September 17th Planning Commission

September 17th through 20th Occasional Shops Day

Carver Business Alliance

September 18th Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner

Nickle Dickle Day

Happy Birthday Tony!

September 21st Council Meeting

Happy Birthday Mom!

Happy Birthday Hooker!

September 22nd Happy Birthday Missy!

September 23rd Happy Birthday Bonnie!

Happy Birthday Mike!

Happy Anniversary Sonjia and Jim!

Happy Birthday Evelyn!

September 24th Happy Birthday Molly!

September 26th Taste of Shakopee

Happy Anniversary Barb & Darrel!

September 27th Happy Anniversary Phil and Shawn!

Happy Birthday Darren!

September 28th Happy Birthday Janet!

Happy Birthday Cassandra!

September 29th Happy Birthday Brandon!

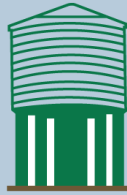
September 30th Happy Birthday Richard!

Happy Birthday Lee!



"Sometimes our Lives have to be completely shaken up, changed, and rearranged to relocate us to the place we're meant to be."

~ Unknown



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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!



**We're looking for photos to
include on the City's new website**



**Send us your favorite photos that highlight what
makes living in Carver special:**

**Parks, Landscape, Culture, Arts, Nature,
Landmarks, Architecture, or any other photos that
portray the beauty and uniqueness of Carver**



(Photos with people will not be considered)



Digital Submissions Required:

email to: Brenda at bgood@cityofcarver.com

Don't miss out -

Submissions Due August 28

**See the backside of this flyer or visit
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contest rules and photo requirements**



PHOTO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



Photo Requirements:

- Photo size: 1 MB or larger
- Resolution: 72 dpi or higher
- Minimum photo width: 2200 pixels
- Preferred file types: JPEG, JPG, TIFF, PSD, PNG

Photo Submissions:

- Consideration limited to amateur photographers and is restricted to City of Carver residents only.
- Up to 5 photos per entrant will be considered.
- Entrants must be the sole author and owner of the image/photo.
- Submissions must be subjects in the City of Carver.
- All submissions become the property of the City of Carver.
- Photos shall not be more than two years old and must not have been altered in any way other than cropping.
- Entries with names, logos, watermarks, or writing on the photo will not be considered.
- Submission deadline is Friday, August 28, 2020.

Submitted Photos must include:

- Entrant's name, address, phone number, and email address.
- Title and brief description of the photo.
- Date the photo was taken and the address of the location.

Digital Submissions Required: email to Brenda at bgood@cityofcarver.com.

Individuals submitting photographs release and discharge any claims that the use by the City of such photographs on its website, or in any other manner, violates any claim of fair use, trademark, copyright, or violation of any statutory or common law doctrine of trade secrets. By submitting these photographs, you acknowledge and voluntarily agree to have them used for the purpose of depicting the community on the City's website and other means by which the City may promote itself, its residents, and activities within the community.

Carver Car Show

Downtown Carver on Broadway

Saturday, September 12

10:00am - 1:00pm (Roll-in begins 9:15am)



Food Trucks On-Site

Prizes & Trophies

\$10 Day-Of Entrance Fee, Check-in by Lisa's Place Bar

For more information email: steamboating@yahoo.com

Sponsored by: Steamboat Days Committee & Carver Automotive, 952-448-2075

Check out our City-Wide Garage Sales, Friday, Sept. 11 & Saturday, Sept. 12!



Saturday, Sept. 19
Serving 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Adjacent to Carver City
Hall

Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner

*Enjoy pork chops, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable,
baked beans, bread, dessert.*

Take-Out Drive Thru Dinner!
\$10 To-Go Meal

Order on 4th Street Hill
Pick-up in front of City Hall

Night Marauders - Dunn Brothers Coffee

Territory was beside himself. A tip like this required much more preparation and information than what he had been able to do this time around. They had to assemble and be ready to go as soon as the evening quieted down.

However they had to leave the river bottoms in only a couple hours to be in Chaska and ready. Their window of opportunity was short. Adding to Territory's anxiety was the fact that no one could locate Lavender and unfortunately her services on this trip were absolutely essential with the lack of proper preparations. The risks were preposterously phenomenal. Raschevious and Rascal were running towards Territory wildly.

"Did you find her?" Territory frantically asked.

"No, but Bandeet went farther north and was certain she was lounging and basking in the sun over in the bluffs." Rascal reported.

"Where are we going and when?" Raschevious was trying to catch his breath.

"Dunn Brothers Coffee in Chaska on Second Street." Territory replied deep in his own thoughts and reservations.

"That's the rush?" Rascal quizzed.

"WE have to leave right away."

Just then Bandeet and Lavender were almost upon them. The group headed eastward immediately to get to the neighboring town before traffic was impassable.

"Why do you need me?" Lavender questioned.

"This is a very dangerous mission and our window of opportunity is extremely short." Territory barked irritated.

"Why?" She quizzed apprehensively.

"The location, the neighboring activities and the time of day." Territory snapped anxiously.

"What did you learn so far?" Raschevious attempted to calm their usual confident fearless leader.

"The owner has been spending a lot of time between Arizona, here and the shop."

"And?"

"He's good. The coffee shop is thriving well and people like going there." He contemplated, "And keep going there."

"What do they do?"

"A specialty coffee franchise from coffee beans around the world. That they roast their coffee fresh in each store daily." Territory recited. "That the franchise has been serving fresh roasted coffee since 1987."

"What else?" Lavender quizzed, "I love coffee which is strange for a skunk. Don't you think?"

"I like it too." Rascal added.

"What else Territory?" Raschevious pursued making notation that it was working to calm their leader as he rehearsed in his mind what he needed to do when they arrived.

Only on this trip their planning was being done as they made their way to the site on Second Street through the woods and the cover of the trail. Raschevious plan was working and he initiated further explanations. Territory continued, "Well the two Dunn Brothers, Ed and Dan originated from Portland over on the west coast in Oregon moving to the Twin Cities in the late 1980's."

"That's like over fifteen hundred miles away?" Rascal announced excitedly.

Bandeet shushed him. Territory stopped dead in his tracks, tapping his paw irritably at the interruptions in his mindset continuing, "The report said that these brother's mission was simple. They wanted to provide a warming coffee experience. Serve the freshest brew an they roasted in small batches."

"And how come this came up on your radar?"

"The owner if from Carver here. Also heard rumor that he used to be the mayor."

"I read about him awhile back." Lavender spouted.

"Tell me." Territory ordered getting even more agitated with all the interruptions.

"Mike was on the council for sixteen years and then mayor for four years. He as also the only councilor to serve throughout the 21st century."

"You don't say?" Raschevious was impressed.

"So how did he get in the coffee business?" Rascal piped up interested suddenly in the history lesson.

Territory answered, "Heard from someone something about he was a customer and then about thirteen years ago, bought the business and has been running it ever since."

It was dark when they arrived. Lavender stayed out on the back patio, keeping a watchful eye as the four slipped inside to probe the interior contents. She also remembered having read that it used to Butch's with a restaurant that had really good food. While on the second floor now houses office space. However back as far as the 1950's there used to be three apartments on the second floor.

"Rascal don't you dare touch a thing." Territory warned severely once they were inside. The four scrutinized the interior. On the west wall was the counter, along with the refrigerated glass display cases filled with scrumptious goodies and beverages. The front door faced Second Street where there were also tables and chairs where customers sat comfortably and enjoyed the offerings in front of the huge windows. The east wall was the infamous brick presumed to have come from the Klein Brickyard. Looking up at the ceiling was the old "steel ceiling" décor from the 1880's period of history. The purpose of which was to present the feel of lighting and heating along with dressing up the decor. It also added to the ambience of the coziness, warmth and welcoming charm of the atmosphere generated as you entered, along with the wood flooring. Also, along a portion of the east wall lined with memorabilia, bulletin board and decorations above the bench seat, tables, and chairs. You just couldn't miss the welcoming aura echoed in the setting. Not to mention the aroma of the roasted coffee beans lingering from the earlier barista's creations created for their beloved customers. Once Territory had totally perused the area, he motioned for them all to exit. As they traversed back home to the Carver river bottoms, they all commented on how the aromas of the shop permeated their noses even in the outdoor evening chill navigating their way back home.

Upon returning Territory sat down immediately to write his review while the whole experience was fresh in his mind. He was worried since it all had been so rushed in the first place.

"Dunn Brothers Coffee is owned by Mike Webb with the sole purpose of focusing on thoughtfully sourced beans for fresh, locally roasted coffee. Along with made to order food from their fresh baked pastries and egg sandwiches now available in the coffee shop.

The baristas offer you the freshest brewed coffee available roasted daily and brewed hourly. They also offer iced or hot Expressos, Latte, Mocha, Cappuccino, Americanos with flavored shots of a variety of flavors. They also offer milk substitutes. Their specialties include Caramelized Almond Latte, Raspberry White Mocha, Minot or Carmel Mocha. Also available are the Infinite Black Cold Press, Vanilla Iced or Chocolate Steamed Nirvanas, along with Creamy Coconut Nirvana. Can't forget the blended Coffee Frappe, Mocha or Caramelized Frappe. Not a coffee drinker, they also offer Tea and Chocolate. You can choose from an Iced Loose or a Hot Loose Leaf Tea, Iced or Hot Chai Latte and Hot Chocolate. Last but not least you can also get a Fruit Smoothie of Mango, Strawberry and Northwest Berry. As if that doesn't fit the bill, you can order all day breakfast or Build Your Own Egg Sandwich. The team at Dunn Brothers would also like you all to know that you can buy coffee and get rewards too.

As I, Territory complete this review, I would like you to know that I can still detect that scent of the roasted beans and am relaxed and still embracing the warmth and friendliness that looms in the air of their coffee shop. It is an almost an indescribable feeling that lingers even after you walk out the door of the welcoming vibrations impressed in the air. I can only imagine how welcoming that mood is when it is full of the humans that frequent the coffee shop. It is an experience you have to experience at least once. So, head on over to 100 East Second Street and find your beverage of your choice and sit a spell in their indoor seating or out in front at the table and chairs or in the back on the back patio and enjoy the moment. It's well worth the experience. They are serving Monday through Saturday at 6:30 AM until 4 PM and Sunday they open at 7 AM and close at 4 PM in the afternoon."