



Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvements

The council discussed the pedestrian crossing included in the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project. Specific information relating to the crossing involved placement of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the Sixth Street intersection.

2021 General Fund Budget

The council also discussed the drafted 2021 General Fund Budget with the City Manager at a work session meeting.

The Council and staff discussed various items in the budget along with each department's process for compiling the budget at a regular meeting. At the same time the council recommended that coordination by the staff be aligned with the bid opening for a new plow truck so as to mirror the Legislative session and the notification of the Local Government Aid funding award.

Further discussion was held regarding the budget review topic. The staff was directed to prepare two resolutions. One resolution involved the current version of the 2021 General Fund Budget plus inclusion to begin savings for a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Unit. The second resolution to include additional monies for street maintenance funding.

2019 Street Improvement Project

The council revisited the item involving requests received changing the original assessment agreement involving street improvements on Diedrich Drive and Kirche Hill Drive. The council held a Public Hearing on the issue. The change involved increases in the assessment for properties involved. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution to adopt the supplemental assessment roll.

"Deaf Child Area" Sign

The city manager presented a drafted ordinance relating to the placement of a "Deaf Child Area" sign. Included in the ordinance, the requirement of verification of a hearing impairment by medical profession, and an application process necessary to be renewed every three years. The city would be responsible for follow up on that timeline. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance involving "Deaf Child Area" signage. The area involved was Christy Drive and Tower Lane.

Community Survey Summary

The city manager presented the council with a summary of the community survey. Full details will be available on the city's website. The council reviewed the information. Request was submitted to commit to conducting a Community Survey every few years in order to measure improvements and detractions from present.

Skyview Lane Property

The Planning Commission members discussed the lot combination request on property located on Skyview Lane. The lot combination involves the property and an alley being considered as one property combination. The property was inspected the city personnel. There are not any proposed changes to zoning and will continue to be considered a single-family residence. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the lot consolidation to the city council.

CARES Act Assistance Program

The city manager presented the council with information regarding the federal funding available involving the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund is funded by the Corona Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act which is to provide economic help to those struggling entities due to the pandemic. Additionally, supporting reimbursement of operational expenses related to the emergency. The city staff had been directed to prepare draft housing and business assistance programs eligible for funding. That draft was presented to the council who reviewed it at their meeting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting and allocating said monies to the Emergency Business Assistance Program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Community Development Agency and a Joinders agreement with NextStage for the administration of the emergency business assistance program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting and allocating said amounts to the Housing Stability Program with an amendment relating to household income. Motion was made and carried with all ayes entering into agreement with the Community Development Agency for the administration of the Housing Stability Program.

The community development director presented an update on the CARES Act. Presently, Ten businesses within the city have applied for funding through the Community Development Agency. One rental housing application has been approved for funding through the housing assistance program. The city manager provided an update concerning funding reimbursements through the program. Any funds not utilized under the housing program are eligible for reimbursement for public safety expenses. The balance of unused funds from the program can be applied to payroll costs directly related to patrol costs from March through November. Information concerning programs and reimbursements will be discussed in the future. Support for pursuing reimbursement of these costs were expressed by the council.

Oak Tree Development

The engineer discussed with the council the trail cost reimbursement agreement in the Oak Tree development. In the Oak Tree 4th addition, the developer is required to construct a trail along the north side of Dahlgren Road from Jonathan Carver Parkway to Edgebrook Lane. Due to future reconstruction of Dahlgren Road associated with the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project. Construction of this project at this time most likely will require reconstruction due to anticipated changes in the future involving work to occur on the parkway. The presented agreement would release the developer of the responsibility and reimburse the city for costs to be incurred to construct this segment of the trail as part of the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement project.

Municipal Water System

The city engineer discussed with the council the water system expansion project's Plans and Specifications. The council reviewed the resolution for the Plans and Specifications and ordering the advertisements for bids.

The City of Carver is a growing community and the existing water systems needs to be expanded to accommodate the city's growth. The system is at capacity. It is critical that the city proceed with improvements. The city has identified those needs. Authorization preparing the Plans and Specifications had occurred. Approval and ordering advertisement for the specified projects is the next step.

Recreational Partnership

The city manager discussed with the council the work conducted with the City of Chaska preparing an agreement for the recreational partnership. The tentative agreement included fees for the facility and program reciprocity, along with staff time. The set time for the agreement was three years. The council directed the manager to proceed with finalization of the presented agreement.

Miscellaneous

The county is considering adopting a financing policy due to other projects within the county. Such a policy could benefit the City of Carver.

Request had been submitted changing a property address for emergency communications purposes as the location is difficult to locate when the address is actually accessed from Ash Street. It was recommended to approve the Ordinance involving such action.

The city engineer discussed the change order presented to the council for the Carver Bluffs Parkway improvements for the 2020 Street Maintenance Project. The costs associated with this change order would be paid with the Street Maintenance Fund. The council discussed the Ramsey Avenue Reclamation project with the city engineer further at a council meeting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the change order the street maintenance project.

The city council graciously accepted the donation from Dash and Jace Nelson for application towards the purchase of a playground sand digger.

MN House Representative Jim Nash gave the city council an update on the upcoming Legislative Special Session. Presently, the levee certification project for the city is not included on the bonding bill, however, he will do his best to get the project included.

2021 Preliminary Tax Levy

The council reviewed two resolutions involving the preliminary tax levy for 2021. The process and procedures were reviewed. Final action on the 2021 tax levy and budget will be held at the end of the year. In the interim, the staff will review, revise and present additional budget estimates to the city. Two scenarios were prepared for consideration of the preliminary tax levy. Scenario A represented the current drafted version with an inclusion for the Fire Department. The current SCBA units will require replacement year end of 2025. At that time the estimated replacement costs will range in the one hundred eighty-thousand-dollar range. The Department's hope is to offset those costs by securing grant funds in the interim. However, with a committed amount in 2021, the future budget allocations would be higher and required to fully fund replacements. Again, in the interim grants would be sought. Scenario B includes funding for the units plus additional monies for street maintenance funding. The City's Street Maintenance Fund will have facilitated the completion of said amounts in the maintenance projects by year's end. During the course of 2021 the city will be developing a Pavement Management Plan to identify several additional sections requiring reclamation work. The current draft addresses the street maintenance fund; however, the current draft increases the amounts.

Zoning Code Update

The city's community development direct has reminded appropriate personnel that the Zoning Code update is about to be kicked off. Every ten years an update to the Comprehensive Plan is required to update the Zoning Code to ensure that the two documents coincide and work together.

Changes typically occur based on density changes in residential sections or to work Comprehensive Plan goals into the Zoning Code. It is also an opportunity to overhaul sections of the code.

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Parks Master Plan Amendment

The Community Development Director discussed the Parks Master Plan amendment resolution drafted with the council. An overview was presented stating that the Parks Commission spent much of 2019 working towards adopting a Parks Master Plan with several large-scale goals for the community relating to parks. The plan had been reviewed by various governmental units and had been adopted in 2019. The plan focuses on larger, regional scale parks as opposed to smaller neighborhood parks that are throughout Carver with significant focus on trails to create a system that functions both for resident mobility as well as destination scale trails that could draw people from surrounding communities for trail use. Through planning for reconstruction of Jonathan Carver Parkway, it has been identified that for increased pedestrian safety, a rectangular rapid flash beacon (RRFB) should be added to the project scope and the Parks Master Plan. The proposed amendment includes language involving the beacon and allocating park dedication monies to the construction. The Parks Commission recommended approval of the Parks Master Plan Amendment.

East Union Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to participate in the East Union Lutheran Church Drive-in Worship at 9 AM on Sundays in the Parish Center parking lot.

They are also making plans for Halloween. Plans are that on Sunday, November 1st wear your costume to the Drive-in Worship and they will parade through the cars after worship. Service at 9 AM.

West Union Lutheran Church

"SUNDAY WORSHIP: Drive In worship. Come pull in the side lot for worship. Tune your radio to 97.9 FM. We look forward to seeing you."

The congregation will also be hosting a smaller version of the Fall Market. Missing the first Saturday's event, however if you are interested on Saturday, October 10th starting at 9 AM and operating until 2 PM you can participate

In the Smaller Fall Market event. They have lots of pumpkins, gourds, winter squash, corn shucks, and straw bales (all items needed for fall decorating). They will also have maple syrup for sale.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for physical-distanced worship services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. People with compromised immune systems, at risk for infection or simply not ready to come to worship are encouraged to worship with us at home by listening to recordings of the sermons which are posted at www.trinitycarver.com

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>

Farmer's Market

The SouthWest Metro Chamber's hosted Farmer's Markets event in down Chaska has ended for the 2020 Season. However, the Farmer's Market on Thursdays in Victoria is still happening but ends October 8th on Thursdays at 3 PM until 8 PM. Those 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.



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 Black Sox

Submitted by Black Sox:

Carver Ends Season with Sweet Sixteen Loss

The Black Sox fell behind early and could not keep up with the St. Patrick Irish in the season ending loss. Five errors and eight walks contributed to the defeat in an uncharacteristic showing by the Sox who had pitched and played defense extremely well over the last 6 weeks of the season.

Connor Cornell's first pitch, first inning home-run was the highlight of the game, along with 7 strikeouts from Jacob Booden, who came in relief in the third inning. Booden pitched 4 shutout innings.

The 2020 season marked the 4th consecutive appearance in the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament and the second time that Carver advanced to the final weekend and the Sweet Sixteen.

Carver Moves on To Labor Day Weekend with A 4-2 Win Over Delano

The Black Sox had another all-around well-played game in their defeat of the Delano A's in Milroy last weekend. The win propelled the Sox to the Sweet Sixteen of the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Class C Tournament.

Carver was led by David Dolan's 3 hits and fine defensive play, and Andrew Weber's 7 1/3 innings of 4 hit, 6 strikeout pitching. Weber also scored a very important run in the 6th inning, tagging up and scoring from 3rd base on a sacrifice fly from Bailey Melz who hit a short fly ball behind second base. Cole Kirchoff had 2 hits and an RBI, with Sam Warner and Dolan picking up key RBI.

Relief pitching from Mark Ulrich and Jacob Booden preserved the win. Booden struck out 4 in 2 1/3 innings and earned the save.

The Black Sox now play the St. Patrick Irish this coming Saturday at noon in Milroy. Tickets for Booden this Saturday's game can be ordered from Dustin Brockoff, dbrockoff@yahoo.com. We have an allotment of 125 tickets, with any unused tickets being offered to the opposing team.

GO SOX!

Black Sox Pound Out 18 Hits in 14-2 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 14-2 win over the Clinton Cards in the first round of the Minnesota 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 Jay Bresnahan single and a 2-out 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 Melz single; producing a 5-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 3 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.



Carver Lions

"Pork chop dinner was absolutely fantastic! The whole drive-through concept worked very well."

"The Lions drive-up Pork Chop dinner was a great success!"

Was said to have served 330 people and ran out of everything except the meat which was good.

"Pork Chop Dinner went well. Thank you to all who supported the Lions event."

Above were some comments overheard throughout the community Yea, Carver Lions!!!! Congratulations on job well done. Again!

The Lions are still working out the details regarding whether or not the Trunk or Treat event will occur. Still another event the collateral damage of the bloody virus! They will be meeting to discuss the item on October 7th at the Chaska Legion. (If you are interested in participating.) They are on their winter schedule again, two meetings per month. When was that again? As if everyone doesn't know by now huh? The first and third Wednesday of the month. Again, they are meeting at the Chaska Legion. Why? Oh yea, the Bloody Virus is calling the shots these days and forcing us to play by its rules. They are conducting a service project as we are preparing the news. They will be painting and making minor repairs at the Lions Park Shelter. The shelter is screaming for TLC. Plans are to do plantings around the park in spring. With sadness they Lions report that their fall Pancake Brunch and Senior lunch in December have both been cancelled. Will we ever get to share in these wonderful events again? On the silver lining side, if there really is? There is less work and time spent on these great events for the volunteers, more time with their family and what they want to do. What do you think? I think, we need to buckle down and show this Bloody Virus that we are smarter and better and get back to normal by using our heads and when we are sick, stay home, wash our hands and use our brains when it comes to others. What do you think?



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 October 16th.

Roots Return Heritage Farm

By: Lori Cox

VISITING THE FARM

Welcome~ U-Pick 2020 Season is Now Closed.

We know Covid-19 caused no one to have the year they planned for. However, we will move onwards and upwards and be thank for all that helped us through! Thank you! Thank you!!!!



Chaska Community Center - Trail of Fun

On Friday, October 23rd at the Chaska Community Park at 1151 Hundertmark Road you are invited to join the Parks and Recreation Department team for their outdoor spooky trail walk! They have created a pathway for you to have fun. You will be surrounded by jack-o-lanterns carved by our community, games, trick-or-treating and so much more! The walk is estimated to take a half an hour to forty minutes. The start time and time for registering will be between 4 PM and 7 PM. There is a five dollar per person fee for the event for children two years of age and older. Littler munchkins will be given free admission.


Per time spots the maximum of people will be forty to fifty.

Jack-o-Lantern Pumpkin

Would you like your pumpkin creation to possibly be included in their trail of fun walk? Then gather your neighbors, friends, family, or maybe even an organization? How about your place of employment? Or another business? Get everyone involved, to carve pumpkins and bring them to the event! There are prizes. That's right judges will award prizes for the best in show! You need to deposit those prize-winning creations off at the Community Park on Friday, of the 23rd in October by the way, between 10 AM and 2 PM. Register by the 16th of October.

What a great way to still allow the little people to enjoy Halloween?

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Where the ball game begins

Find us on line at: www.cityofcarver.com

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

Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for October 15 through 18th.

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/Website](https://www.facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website)
 The Good Junk Garage – Facebook
 204 Studio - photography – Website
 SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook
 Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook
 The Carver Creamery – Facebook



Community Calendar

October 1st Happy Birthday Dennis!
 Happy Birthday Coreen!
 October 2nd Happy Birthday Tim!
 Happy Birthday Todd!
 October 3rd Small Fall Market – West Union Church
 October 5th Council Meeting
 October 7th Late Start Schools
 Carver Lions Meeting
 Happy Birthday Kari!
 Happy Birthday Meagan!
 Happy Birthday Joy!
 October 8th Happy Birthday Sara!
 October 9th Happy Birthday Linda!
 Happy Birthday Laurie!
 Happy Birthday Carol!
 Happy Birthday Sarah!
 October 10th Small Fall Market – West Union Church



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October 21st Carver Lions Meeting
 Happy Birthday Larry!
 October 22nd Happy Birthday Steve!
 Happy Birthday Brandon!
 October 23rd Business Alliance Meeting
 October 25th Happy Birthday Melissa!
 October 26th East Union PTO Meeting
 School Board Meeting
 Happy Birthday Carl!
 Happy Birthday Kate!
 October 29th Happy 71st Anniversary Mom and Dad!
 October 31st Halloween
 Happy Birthday Phil!

October 11th Happy Birthday Ryan!
 Happy Anniversary Steve and Tiu!
 Happy Birthday Beth!
 October 12th School Board Workshop Meeting
 Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
 Parks Commission Meeting
 Happy Birthday Donnie!
 October 13th Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
 Meet and Greet
 Happy Birthday Sonjia!
 October 15th MEA School Break – No School
 Carver Shop Occasional Shop Weekend
 October 15th Planning Commission
 Happy Birthday Andrea!
 Happy Birthday Oliver!
 October 16th MEA School Break – No School
 Business Alliance Meeting
 October 18th Happy Birthday Tim!
 October 19th Council Meeting
 Happy Birthday Annette!
 Happy Anniversary Linda Rose and Ken!



“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in way that will lead others to join you.”

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

2020 Disappointment Continues

By: Ricki Yvonne

Well everyone, we are still being hostage by the Bloody Virus. Too many events have been cancelled to keep up. Let's have a universal new year's resolution this New Year's Eve. A better 2021 where we can see our friends and do things together again? Do I hear a second to that idea?

On a brighter note, however, I was able to find some stuff going on and you can keep reading to see what I found. If I missed something, feel free to post it on Carver Current's website. Like Trunk or Treat updates. If I get them, I will post, but in case I don't, you are more than welcome to post.

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## *Sever's Fall Festival*

“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 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](http://www.seversfallfestival.com).

## *Sever's Holiday Lights*

A magical drive-through display of 1,000,000 plus lights synchronized to festive music in Shakopee. Sever's Holiday Lights Season will be from October 9<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The 2020 Fall Sever's Lights Season occurs Thursdays through Sunday 6 PM – 10 PM. The 2020/2021 Winter Season, Holiday Sever's Lights starts November 26<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday through Thursdays, 5 PM – 9 PM, Fridays and Saturdays, 5 PM through 10 PM. For more information, [www.seversholidaylights.com](http://www.seversholidaylights.com). Sever's is also a Proud Partner of Toys for Tots!

## *Screamtown*

“In short, Screamtown will be very different this year, but still a terrific experience. We want everyone to be happy, scared and safe. We are excited to see you!”

Six massive haunted houses, one low rice. There are timed, spaced ticketing strategic guest pacing, outdoor/open mazes and reduced gathering spots. Mask are required. New in and out model, you start and you leave. All tickets are timed tickets. There are VIP, Drive-thru and Combo-Pass, VIP Tickets and regular admission. Check their website for more detailed information. [www.screamtown.com](http://www.screamtown.com)

Weekends will begin October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Friday and Saturday Booth closes at 10 PM, attractions closed at 11 PM. Sunday Booth closes at 9 PM, attractions close 10 PM > Last day, Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## *Abandoned Drive-Thru*

“Hayride not open due to Covid-19 proximity concerns, but... our new drive-thru haunt will.” Producers reinvented the hayride “haunt-finder, comes in the all new Abandoned Drive-Thru. Incredible sites, surprises and great scares! Stay in your car from start to finish. No recommended for anyone under the age of ten. Approximately a twenty-minute experience. Go online for the time ticket event. [www.theabandonedhayride.com](http://www.theabandonedhayride.com) Official open is always dusk/dark. Friday and Saturday ticket booth closes at 10 PM, attractions 11 PM. Sunday booth closes at 9 PM, attractions at 10 PM.

Opening day is Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> weekends until Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. See online for pricing. Haunted Drive-thru, VIP and Drive-in Thru Combo Pass. Where to go, 7525 US-212, Chaska.

## *Valley Scare*

“Closed in 2020 Due to Covid.

Beware! ValleySCARE is coming back again in the 2021 fall with a brand-new vengeance. Watch as the park takes a terrifying turn at the Midwest's largest Halloween event. With more than seventy-five rides, haunted mazes, scare zones, sand monsters prowling the park, there is something to satisfy everyone's devilish desire. As darkness falls, this Halloween Haunt comes to life with more than three hundred creatures and monsters occupying more than a done of the most intense haunted attractions including hair-raising mazes and walkway scare zones. Guests can also brave the fog and darkness while strapping into their favorite thrill rides. Enter at your own risk...”



## *Trail of Terror*

Another casualty of the Bloody Virus is the Trail of Terror which will also be returning in 2021.

## *Night Marauders - The Carver Creamery*

Territory and Raschevious were planning their trip downtown to the new shoppe on Broadway. Territory had serious doubts about allowing Rascal to join them.

"What's wrong Territory?" Raschevious inquired.

"I'm considering very seriously to not allow Rascal to come along to the Carver Creamery." He admitted tenaciously.

"I know better than to ask why." Raschevious sadly agreed.

"He just doesn't see to grasp the idea of there is not touching the merchandise. It's just not allowed." Territory shook his head.

"It's in his nature to be curious. You certainly can't expect anything else for heaven's sake. He can't change who he is." Raschevious reminded.

"Yea, but it is absolutely imperative that we don't touch these things when we go in their shoppes."

"Yes, I know." Raschevious moaned, then excitedly chirped, "What if?" Then realized realistically that his sudden enlightened idea wouldn't work either.

"What?" Territory scoffed, "Duct tape his paws to his sides." Territory said exactly what he was thinking.

Raschevious chuckled nodding.

"Yea, the thought has crossed my mind. But no, that will never do either and I have seriously considered that idea on several occasions."

"I don't suppose a stern talking to will suffice either." "We are talking about ice cream Raschevious." Territory scowled.

"Yea." Raschevious relented forlorn, "It's almost better to leave him behind." "He just has no self-discipline, no willpower, no comprehension of the seriousness of his touching and the results of doing such." Territory contemplated regretfully, "I really hate to have to ban him all together but he has to learn."

"He won't stay behind." Raschevious commented after thinking about it for a while.

"That's what I have been afraid of." Territory stated resigned, "At least, if he is with us, we can keep a closer eye on him."

"What if we took Rhapsody along with us. Solely for the purpose of keeping an eye on him."

Territory was shaking his head no vigorously.

"Why not?"

"She's worse than him." Territory sank down on his haunches, "The other day I had to sit on her to keep her from running through a group of people entering the shoppe to get inside and dig in the bucket of ice cream." He sighed, "And let me tell you, that almost didn't work either."

"What happened?" Raschevious asked in disbelief.

"Thank goodness Bandeet and Lavender happened to come along just when they did."

"What did they do?"

"Lavender threatened to spray her if she didn't sit still and stay put." Territory rubbed his jaw sternly recalling that unpleasant experience. "She got a whiff of that Cinnamon Stick ice cream and there was no stopping her."

"But you did? Didn't you?"

"Lavender did."

"Well then what are we going to do Territory?"

"We are going to go find Rascal and give him an ultimatum. That's what we are going to do." Territory adamantly determined and headed for the river bottoms to find Rascal.

Territory, Raschevious, Bandeet, Rascal and Lavender set out for their venture to the adorable ice cream shoppe at 300 Broadway in Carver. Rascal was nervous. Lavender was ready. They arrived and had to stay hidden on the levee for quite some time while the staff finished closing up. Several times Raschevious boxed Rascal's ears. Rascal knew, he screwed this up this time, that was it. He would not ever, ever get to go along again. Territory made it very clear. This was his last chance. He chewed on his paw anxiously. He could do it. He knew he could. The four slipped in the back door as soon as the staff locked the front door.

"How did you do that so fast?" Rascal quizzed fascinated.

"Figure it out." Bandeet hissed. "Don't touch a thing." She warned.

He nodded.

"Wow!" Raschevious oohed and aahed delighted hurrying right over to the glass case freezer that held the tubs of ice cream that still permeated the air.

Territory was looking around at the sparse space but so full of life and obvious aura, if not still penetrating the senses of smell. Rascal was heading for the freezer where the tubs of ice cream were hidden from their view.

"Don't touch!" Territory yelled with certainty.

Rascal cowered and clung by the back door not daring to move forward but his eyes were darting wildly from the bulletin board to the counter to the glass case, to the freezer beside him to his companions. Territory checked the front door as the staff was still outside chatting.

"Smell that black licorice ice cream; the pecans, the cherries, Oh, the cinnamon, the chocolate." Bandeet swooned.

They all turned to look as Rascal dropped to the floor in a heap sitting on his paws and moaning.

"I can't. I can't." Rascal groaned pathetically.

Raschevious went over to him and patted his back, "It's okay buddy. You're doing alright. Look." He found a cup on the floor still filled with some ice cream. "Take this and go wait outside." He handed him the discarded cup.

Rascal immediately slipped outside to sit down beside Lavender and savored the small amount of ice cream.

Suddenly Territory announced, "We have to go."

"What's wrong Territory?" Bandeet watched Territory swaying and hesitating.

"Now. This is too tempting. The Rainbow sprinkles, the Krunch and chocolate sauce, the whipped cream, the hot fudge, smell that Ultimate Oreo?" Territory was caving to the temptation that was too much to deny their instinctual fiber of their core being.

"Get the door." Raschevious ordered and ran to Territory.

"Territory, listen, we are leaving now." He pulled him reluctantly and giving into his hungering yearning.

Raschevious struggled pulling the unwilling leader out the door back outside.

"Thanks." Territory lay on the ground heaving anxiously.

"And you were worried about Rascal." Raschevious teased.

Rascal smugly discarded the empty cup into the trash can. "I did good, didn't I Territory?"

"You did good Rascal." Territory praised his friend and chastised himself for being weak.

Territory settled in to formulate his thoughts and compose his review for Chris and Kailan and The Carver Creamery. The little adorable ice cream shoppe now open at 300 Broadway in Carver. The moment that defined he almost lost it and gave into his old habits of scrimmaging for food, and succumbing to his biggest weakness, devouring the delectable, delightful swirls of the spun milky smoothness of the dairy world, ice cream. Even as he sat down to recreate the evening, he felt weak and overcome with the memory of the drowning in the scent of ice cream, chocolates, sprinkles, and whipped cream. He cleared his throat, picked up his pen and began his review.

"The Carver Creamery is the most delectable, delightful space that could exist for all of those who like ice cream. Chris and Kalan have twenty-four varieties of flavors. It is this writer's contention that they have varying flavors throughout their season which is scheduled to open and captivate their loyal fans until October, weather permitting.

The offer sundaes with themes occasionally, shakes, malts, homemade waffle cones and some beverages. But truth be known, their loyal subjects come for the ice cream. Their offerings include cone or cup, waffle cones. Then there's the single, double or kids scoop. Heard from hanging around that they are quite generous scoops too, not those wimpy kinds you find in the big cities. Small or large shakes or malts, general flavors. It would be this writer's opinion that they bet they can special order those too? Oh, they offer floats too. Imagine that. What did one expect, it's an ice cream shoppe? Makes one faint at the mere mention of ice cream shoppe. Reminds me of the candy-striped Bistro Ice Cream Parlor table and chairs set and brings that ambiance to mind when I think back standing in the middle of that delightful little space. Made me homesick for home in Pine River. Anyway. Back to the task at hand here. Sundaes, our connoisseur's offer the standard Hot Fudge, Caramel, Turtle, but best of all; Build-Your-Own Sundae. Appeared they offer Coke products for beverages and oh yea, water. What can I say, if you don't stop in and meet the owners and treat yourself to the delicious product they are offering, you are missing the best experience in a lifetime?

Heard several customers ranting and raving with praise and credulous words of wisdom. The shoppe is a Family Favorite. Best addition to downtown. Wonderful. Superb. Delectable. Delightful. So nice to be able to sit down outside in back or in the Gazebo Park and enjoy the premium ice cream. Think it's a good staple destined to make quite a mark in little old Carver. What do you think?"