



Dedicated in the Memory of Glen R Reus - Dad

"My Dad"

Ricki Yvonne 'Reus' Schultz

With heavy heart this is written. Here I foolishly thought and was ever so hopeful that this year, the year of 2021 was going to be so much better in the long run than the bad luck, heart ache and sadness I have been experiencing in the last ten years. It is not. So, I guess it was not meant to be. The new year with so much hope has been devastatingly shattered right out of the gate with the loss of 'My Dad'.

Dad was my role model, my rock, my support, my never-ending supply of unconditional love. I don't think in his eyes I ever did anything wrong; even though we both knew better realistically. It didn't matter. I was the apple of his eye. It sounds strange to claim that statement but I am an only child and the product of their privateness of not sharing our personal burdens. Now he is gone and I feel somewhat lost and abandoned. My support, my final glint of hope is forever taken away. I cling to his words of advice, encouragements and love. He was strong; as I am too. He was independent, kind, gentle, caring and full of so much patience. Look out though when he took his stand and didn't budge. He was a leader in so many ways. It doesn't surprise me one bit how much I am like my parents, strong willed, stubborn, independent, rebellious, determined and dedicated despite continuously being kicked down and downtrodden. I know I am being brutally honest but it is the only way to move forward and heal.

I, we were so fortunate to have 'my dad' for as long as we did. He was ninety-two, short two months of turning ninety-three. I got to talk to him every day when mom wouldn't allow anyone to visit due to this bloody virus. That's what hurt the most, not being able to visit, see and come to do what was needed to help them. Not to mention his annual questions regarding his only granddaughter's lack of sharing in his life for the past four and half years. That is what really hurt him. Only three grandchildren and two of them ignored them for some godforsaken reason unbeknownst to us as to why. It broke his, my mom's and my heart to be shut out so cruelly but it crushes their mother's to not be able to ease my dad's anguish as he missed his granddaughters, great granddaughter and great grandson. He was heartbroken and went to his grave not being able to see, or tell them how much he loved them and missed them. This is the agony the living must cope with knowing his pain will never be absolved. He went to heaven not knowing if they truly loved him or even cared. "it. Life if too short for these dysfunctional nonsense behaviors of petty, guilt ridden and shameful attitudes displayed towards those you are supposed to love, honor and cherish. I cherish the memories of my youth, my adolescence and my adulthood having shared the support, love, and caring given to me by both my parents. It is that love given to me that will help me to move forward. I love you dad and thanks for everything you did and gave me. I am who I am because of you and I am damn proud of that. Goodbye dad.

"The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand..

We listen to reply."



~ Don Miguel Ruiz Jr

New Employees

The City of Carver welcomed and introduced new employee and fire fighters by the council at a meeting.

The newest Administrative Assistant in City Hall is Teide Fahey. The Fire Department's newest members are DeeDee Dicken and Aaron Chemnitz. Also, in the Public Services as a Tech II, Justin Bucketin.

Recreation Partnership

The City Manager discussed with the council the Recreation Partnership with the City of Chaska and reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding. The city has a contract for recreation facilities and services with the City of Chaska. These services include the use of the Chaska Community Center, Curling Center and Town Course along with the recreation staff from Chaska implementing various recreation events and programs for the City of Carver. The primary components include a three-year agreement with an option to terminate, fee structure, seasonal outreach and an Annual Report. The community survey results were reviewed by the council.

Community Gardens

The Deputy Clerk reviewed with the council the feedback received regarding the Community Gardens. The city staff has been working to finalize plans for the implementation of a community gardens concept. The anticipated kick off is for the 2021 growing season. The site at the Church-by-the-River was the most suitable location was the decision reached. The plans to proceed were discussed. The details were discussed. The Carver County Public Health awarded the City a SHIP Grant for this project. The grant provides funds for supplies, requiring the City provide in-kind contributions in the form of labor and/or other miscellaneous expenses.

The amount of the Grant will cover Phase 1 and may include Phase 2 if enough interest is demonstrated to justify creating additional plots. The City will be responsible for constructing the garden plots and installing the fencing. Additionally, the City will provide access to irrigation, compost bins, and trash bins. The gardeners will be responsible for all maintenance throughout the growing season. They will also be responsible for clearing their plot of all plant materials and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring. Based on fees charged in neighboring communities, City staff is proposing a reservation fee of \$20. In addition to collecting an annual fee, a security deposit in the amount of \$20 would be collected. If the required post-season clean-up is completed by the gardener, the applicable security deposit would be returned.

"Sometimes not speaking says more than all the words in the world."

~ Colleen Hoover

Timber Creek

The city manager informed the council that preliminary plat for Timber Creek had been received. The Concept Plan, the Community Development Director indicated had been received in 2019. The details of the plan indicated three hundred and forty-nine units over one hundred and sixty-two acres and an expansion to Iron-wood Park. It is anticipated that the Final Plat would be received approximately April of 2021.

Miscellaneous

The city discussed the resolution involving the designation of the polling place location for 2021 elections. The designated polling location would be the Carver City Hall on Broadway.

The city manager presented to the council the Long-Term Financial Plan. The city maintains this plan to identify future capital equipment infrastructure projects, staffing, operations and maintenance needs. The plan assesses the financial impact of identified requirements along with corresponding tax and utility rate impact these investments have on the General, Municipal Utilities and Storm Water funds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Long-Term Financial Plan.

The council discussed the fee schedule for the city. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amending certain fees charged by the city.

The city manager discussed the 2021 Budget and Levy information with the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2021 property tax levy.

Storm Sewer Improvements

The city engineer discussed the 2018 storm sewer improvements payment request for final payment for all executed contract items including the final reduction of retainage for the project. The punch list items were verified, the project is complete and operations. Recommendation was submitted recommending acceptance and closing out with the construction company. Payment for the project would be paid with the project budget.

Orderly Annexation

The council reviewed information from the city attorney regarding the amended and restated Joint Resolution involving Orderly Annexation between Dahlgren Township and the City of Carver. The history of the agreement was reviewed. The adopted Joint Resolution was back in 2009 for orderly annexation into the corporate limits of the City of Carver. There had been lengthy negotiations that resulted in the System Statement promulgated by the Metropolitan Council in 2005 resulting in the determination for planning for development of eastern Dahlgren Township at urban densities. The Met Council required that the city and the township enter into an Orderly Annexation Agreements for the areas planned for urban densities under the City of Carver's 2030 Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2009. That agreement had served the two parties well with minor issues. The city recently completed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Met Council expectation/requirement is that the Orderly Annexation Agreement be amended. The consensus of the two parties was rather adopting a new agreement, the appropriate means to proceed was to amend and restated the existing agreement reflecting changes discussed by the respective entities. The council reviewed the resolution with the stated amendments. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution for the amended and restated joint resolution for orderly annexation between the Township of Dahlgren and the City of Carver.

Gazebo Park Property

The community development director discussed the Gazebo Park Property acquisition. The council discussed the topic of entering into a purchase agreement. The city had been maintaining and utilizing the property in question. The previous owner of the stated property brought the encroachment to the city's attention but unwilling to sell the property. The current new owner is interested in selling. The acquired property in review involves an eight hundred eighty-two square feet. The Planning Commission determined that the land is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Recommendation was submitted to approve the purchase agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes entering into a purchase agreement with Sunshine Realty for the property adjacent to Gazebo Park.

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Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvements

The city engineer discussed items relating to the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvements. One item discussed requiring a resolution involving the MnDOT Limited Use Permit for Non-Motorized Trail executing the permit for a non-motorized recreational trail in the right-of-way of the Trunk Highway at the parkway interchange. The Jonathan Carver Parkway/County Road 11 Improvements Project including the construction of a non-motorized recreation trail along the west side of the roadway which terminates in MnDOT right-of-way near the Highway # 212 interchange. This trail provides pedestrians and cyclists the safe crossing at the highway. MnDOT requires a permit. The city will be responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of this trail segment.

The council also discussed the Joint Powers Agreement for the project with Carver County. The previous decisions and actions were discussed. The project components of the 2021 Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project include the expansion of the existing parkway from two lanes to four lanes along the corridor, intersection and streetscape/landscape improvements to include signal lights and a roundabout, trail improvements, additional lanes and turn lanes on Ironwood Drive, turn lane on Monroe Drive, Dahlgren Road improvements, pavement and storm water improvements, and improvements to municipal utilities and storm water along the corridor. Landscaping, street and utility improvements on Sixth Street West will be bid separately by the city managed by the county. Thus, in order to move forward with the project consideration for the adoption of a joint power's agreement is necessary. Funding of the project will be through a variety of resources, however, primarily through street reconstruction and utility revenue bonds. The estimated bond sale is expected to occur as early as spring of 2021 to coincide with the bond issuance required for the water treatment plant expansion project.

Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay adopting the resolution entering into a joint power's agreement with Carver County for the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project.

The council discussed the awarding contract for the Landscape Plantings Project for the Jonathan Carver Parkway project. The city entered into a joint power's agreement with the county on the project in December. The county requested the city to bid landscaping planting separately to ensure efficient management of the warranty period for all plantings. With the adoption of the agreement and corresponding construction drawings, the City Engineer moved forward with a quote solicitation process for the landscape plantings to ensure maintaining a timeline parallel with the County and their roadway construction schedule.

Presentations

The mayor and Lori Sturdy presented the 2020 Greg Sturdy Community Service Award to the teachers and staff of the Carver Elementary School. The award was named after the late Greg Sturdy, former Mayor of Carver (2011-2014), who was very active in community service. The teachers and staff at Carver Elementary were recognized for their time, support, and service that has been shared to truly make a difference in the community. Principal June Johnson accepted the award and several members of the Carver Elementary staff also attended remotely.

The Employee of the Year Awards were designated to be given to Natalie Myer, Administrative Assistant, Shaun Cox, Firefighter and Chad Shell, Public Services Director. Employee Service Awards were presented to the City Manager, Brent Marek for the Ten-Year Service Award, Dian Schwalbe, Administrative Assistant, Fifteen Year Service Award and the Twenty-Year Service Award went to Paul Schultz, Public Services Superintendent.

Massage Therapy

The council reviewed the application for a license for massage therapy license for Santi Massage. Services will be offered to Carver residents. All background were completed and no reasons were found to deny the license.

"I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path, and I will leave a trail."

~ Muriel Strode

City Manager

The city council conducted an Annual Performance Review of the City Manager. The mayor shared comments of the evaluation that were appropriate for commendation of the leadership shown by the city's manager involving the major city projects in spite of the pandemic. His handling of the pandemic was exemplary ensuring the safety of personnel and the residents. It was stated that the manager possessed a strong relationship with the community and good communication skills. The council was thankful for his service and presence, appreciated his leadership through all of the challenges presented throughout the difficult year and it was of the council opinion that they were in good hands. The city manager thanked the council for their feedback and comments, extending his appreciation.

Carver Bluffs Lift Station

The assistant city engineer discussed with the council the topic of the Carver Bluffs Station Rehabilitation Project. The council reviewed the issue of authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the Carver Bluffs Lift Station Rehabilitation Project. This lift station is a critical piece of infrastructure in the city's sanitary sewer system. The lift station receives the sewer flow from the majority of the development. The present station is approximately twenty-five years old. The components have served their useful life requiring replacement to minimize the risk of failure. Proposed improvements include complete rehabilitation of the components. The need to maintain this infrastructure was identified and noted in the long-term financial plan. The next step is the plans and specifications for the project. The work would commence the summer of 2021 with a completion by fall of 2021. There are minimal impacts expected during construction. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the Carver Bluffs Lift Station Rehabilitation project.

Flood Hazard Mitigation Program

The city manager discussed the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program with the council. The council also reviewed the resolution to adopt a Local Government Resolution for Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance. Early in 2020 the city submitted an application to the MN/DNR for this program. The application was connected to a concept plan to certify the city's flood levee. The city has been notified that it had received funding (via the State Bonding Bill) to advance the levee project. The funds will be utilized to conduct survey work, soil borings, and additional engineering work necessary to move forward with the project. The resolution simply identifies a source for matching funds and does not authorize related engineering work. A proposal relating to the specific scope of engineering is being prepared and will be provided for review in the future. The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District agreed to provide funding to assist the City with its initial match requirement.



Fire Department

"Looking for a great way to serve your community? Always wondered what it would be like suit up in firefighter gear and ride in a fire truck? Good news, we're looking for new fire fighters right here in the Carver Fire Department! These are "paid on call" positions, so although we are a volunteer fire department, you do get paid for time you spend responding to calls or at training. Applications are due to city hall by April 30th. Reach out to captain Mark Schmitz if you have questions. mshchmitz@cityofcarver.com"

Training is provided, there are retirement benefits. You must be eighteen years old and live within fifteen minutes of the fire station on Jonathan Carver Parkway. You can pick up an application at City Hall.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are temporarily meeting at the Chaska Legion at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesdays of the month during the pandemic. Their next meeting will be February 17th. There are not any upcoming events at this time. Can you guess why? Their annual Mid-winter convets usually held in Mankato is, you got it virtual this year and will be occurring February 12th and 13th.

Another casualty of this bloody virus once again is the Soggy Bottom Golf tournament. However, hats are being sold and can be purchased at the three bars. There is also a chance to win a gift certificate that can be utilized at one of the bars by taking a "selfie" with your prized possession hat and submitting the photo to the Lions Facebook page. Funds collected for this fundraiser will be given to a longtime resident diagnosed with terminal cancer. So, grab your 2021 hat and let's help out our recipient, shall we?

Hey, on the brighter side of things, the Carver Lions are discussing and making tentative plans for the Annual Pork Chop Dinner. They are contemplating the date as April 30th. The bloody virus will be the determining factor on whether the dinner will be a drive-thru or a sit-down event. Let's hope it will be a sit-down and everyone can visit with their friend, neighbor, acquaintance or a brand-new friend? Yea Carver Lions. Be sure, if you are interested in being a part of their group, now is the time to join. Get a jump start on participating in a great event.

The Lions would also encourage you, if possible, to help out our bars who are now open again with limited capacity per the Governor's order. It has been spreading like wildfire that the food is really good coming out of these establishments, but none of you really need to be told that do you? We all must pull together and help each other out during these stressful times, don't we?

City hall is open to the public again. The hall portion is not yet available for renting yet though. Check with the city personnel.

The Lions would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Lions are still collecting used glasses, old hearing aids, used ink jets and cell phones. These items can be placed in the plastic bucket at the Post Office in Carver. The items will be collected and distributed to the proper places for use. Thanks.

The Lions usually try to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Now most meetings are on Zoom. Some have been in person at the legion in Chaska. Call any Lion Member to find out more current information.

Mardi Gras

Here's an interesting tid bit for anyone interested. The traditional Carnival parades in New Orleans for 2021 will not be happening. The locals are planning to celebrate with virtual parades, the Joan of Arc stationary parade, and houses to be decorated like floats. Talk about utilizing creativity and imagination huh? The Jefferson Parish is contemplating holding parades later in 2021. The information is probably irrelevant and useless but found it interesting to share none the less. It also goes to show you, everywhere, everyone is at the mercy of this bloody virus, not just us. Food for thought.

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

~ Judy Garland



Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tournament

The Carver Lions and the Soggy Bottom Committee regretfully inform everyone that there will not be a Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tournament in Carver this year at Riverside Park. However, that small detail is not going to stop or slow down the dedicated people who organize this event who are geared to the fundraising efforts designed to assist their community struggling with medical needs. The event goes on through sales of the hats which can be purchased from the Carver Lions for \$ 25. Each. The hats are available at your local bars in town or you can contact Cathy Elke or Kristy Mock. See more below about this year's recipient who remember is a Carver resident.



Soggy Bottom Fundraiser

Recipient

"Jill Curry has been a Carver resident for the last 26 years. In October 2020, she went to the hospital with stomach and back pain. In November 2020, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 terminal pancreatic and liver cancer. (the same diagnosis as Jeopardy's Alex Trebek) Jill had to leave her job she loved almost immediately. She is currently receiving heavy chemo treatments to prolong her time, and is hoping for a miracle.

We are selling Soggy Bottom stocking hats in addition to raising money on the Jill Curry Eventbrite donation page. Locations for hat purchases will be announced, as we will not be hosting our traditional event at Riverside Park this year.

If you would like to support Jill Curry with an additional donation, please do at the Eventbrite site.

Thank you!

Carver Lions Club & Soggy Bottom Committee"

Carver Community Youth

Baseball/Softball Association



BREAKING NEWS!! BREAKING NEWS!!
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CCYBSA Registration Opened Sunday January 24th!

Carver is pleased to offer the following programs:

- T-Ball: Two different divisions of T-Ball Offered; T-Ball & T-Ball/Coach Pitch

- Community Boys Baseball: All ages starting 7 yrs old & up

- Community Girls Softball: All ages starting 7 yrs old & up

- Travel Baseball

CCYBSA Fan Gear Shop - Now Open!

For more information, visit www.ccybsa.com

Baseball, Softball, and T-ball Players and Families,

A few exciting updates to the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association:

- The new CCYBSA Website is now live! The website address is www.ccybsa.com

- The new CCYBSA Logo has been revealed! A Bulldog "mascot" was chosen to pay tribute to the first school in the Carver area, East Union Elementary School. The color scheme was selected to resemble, and be similar to the new Carver Elementary School in a Light "Carolina" Blue color with a mixture of gray, black, and white colors in the logo.

- New Uniform Designs coming in 2021 for all programs.

- A Fan/Spirit Wear website with apparel and accessories is coming soon.

- CCYBSA is now on Social Media! "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook (

[Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association - Ccybsa](https://www.facebook.com/CarverCommunityYouthBaseballSoftballAssociation)) and on Twitter (@ccybsa)

More information and updates coming soon including 2021 program offerings and registration information for a 2021 season!

"If we could look into each other's hearts and understand the unique challenges each of us face, I think we would treat each other more gently, with more love, tolerance and care."

~ Marvin L. Ashton

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 meeting is February 19th.

Parks Master Plan

The Parks Commission members reviewed the Parks Master Plan amendment pertaining to the Jonathan Carver Parkway project with the Community Development Director. There was discussion of reallocating monies in the Master Plan for a rectangular rapid flashing beacon. Proposed installation would be at the roundabout offering additional safe crossing. This beacon and the overall park system were discussed relating to future development. The commission also discussed their wish for an additional underpass versus the beacon. Motion was made and carried with all eyes recommending approval of the Parks Master Plan amendment.

Trails

The Community Development Director introduced a new project relating to the trail map development. The goal of the new project was to increase community use of trails and awareness. Loops would be created based on different lengths and uses. The commission desire was to have maps reflect types of trail and use of trail users. Colors label trails at this time, hope was to identify each trail and name the different loops, along with signage. Themes were also discussed to include historical names with interesting landmarks along the trail loops along with other creative options. Discussion was held for a loop to include the new Hawthorne Ridge and Oak Tree trail along with several others including trails downtown and the Snake Trail. The maps would be drafted and discussed in the future. The proposed trail project over the Minnesota River and donation dollars were also discussed by the commission.

Trinity Lutheran Church

David Jander

During Lent 2021, we will have physically-distanced Ash Wednesday and Lenten services at 7 p.m. beginning on February 17th. We also invite you to join us for worship services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Audio recordings of our sermons are posted online at trinitycarver.com. We would love to pray for you. Please contact Pastor Jander with prayer requests or questions at:

Office: 952-448-3628; Email: triluthsecretary@gmail.com;

Website: trinitycarver.com; or Facebook:

www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver



64th Annual Ice Fishing Contest

By: Chaska Herald

The Chaska Fire Department Relief Association's 64th annual ice fishing contest, typically held at Firemen's Park in February, is canceled this year, according to Chaska Fire Department Chief Tim Wiebe.

The Chaska Event Center is traditionally used as an indoor portion of the contest, with raffle tickets, prizes and food. That considered, Wiebe said the COVID risk would be too high.

"How do you manage the amount of people inside the event center with all the restrictions on capacity?" he said. "Is it a good idea getting people together at this time?"

It's the first time the event has been entirely called off, though some years the ice fishing portion was canceled due to weather.

Wiebe added the department is discussing a possible summer or fall replacement event, but nothing is decided yet.

The fire department is also turning 150 years old this year, Wiebe said, which may offer a celebration of some kind in the future.



"Villager Tower"

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Carver Current

Were you aware of the Carver Current website? Good source for finding and posting local information for the area. Check out www.carvercurrent.com Well worth checking out. 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. © RYS Creations 2021

NFL Super Bowl LV



Not a sports person, so if any mistakes are made "mea culpa, mea culpa".
Dependent on internet for information.



Super Bowl LV is available live on CBS, streaming via CBS All Access, and streaming free on CBSSports.com, and on the CBS Sports app on your phone, tablet, and connected TV devices. The game is scheduled for 6 PM ET between the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers and to be played at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. The home of the fifth Super Bowl to be hosting the game.

Community Highlights February 2021

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| February 1 st | Council Meeting
Happy Birthday Terrence!
GroundHog Day |
| February 3 rd | Happy Birthday Darrel! |
| February 5 th | through 7 th French Affair – Fine Art |
| February 6 th | Hooked On Books |
| February 7 th | SuperBowl |
| February 8 th | Park Commission Meeting
Dahlgren Township Meeting
School Board Workshop |
| February 9 th | Heritage Preservation Meeting
Happy Birthday Bonnie! |
| February 10 th | Late Start
Happy Birthday Adam and Tommy! |
| February 11 th | Happy Birthday Justice! |
| February 12 th | Lincoln's Birthday
Happy Birthday Renee!
Happy Birthday Maddie! |
| February 13 th | Valentine's Day |
| February 14 th | No School |
| February 15 th | Happy Birthday Kim!
Happy Birthday Katie!
Happy Anniversary Dwight and Janet!
President's Day |
| February 16 th | Council Meeting
Happy Birthday Bob! |
| February 17 th | Lion's Meeting
Ash Wednesday
Happy Birthday Bruce!
Happy Birthday Tom! |
| February 18 th | Planning Commission Meeting
Through 21st Occasional Shop Dates
Carver Business Alliance Meeting |
| February 19 th | Happy Birthday Peggy! |
| February 21 st | School Board Meeting |
| February 22 nd | Happy Birthday Sandra! |
| February 23 rd | Happy Birthday Faye! |
| February 28 th | Happy Birthday Skylar! |



Southwest Transit



New Grocery Getter Service through SW Prime
Need some essential items at the grocery store?
SouthWest Transit is now making it a little easier.
"Grocery Getter" service will provide \$2 rides (one way) on SW Prime to and from select grocery stores in the SW Prime service area (Shakopee not included).
Use SW Prime Monday - Friday between 9:00am and 12:00pm to go to the following locations - and the ride is only \$2.00
Rides must be booked over the phone, so call today and get to: Cub Foods, Lunds & Byerlys, Target, Wal-Mart, Aldi, Costco, Coopers, and Kowalski's,
SW Prime Grocery Getter ... This is not your mom's wood-grain station wagon!
Call today ... 952-797-7463

Service to Shakopee

SouthWest Prime is an on-demand ride service (similar to Lyft/Uber) that operates in Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Chaska, Carver, & Victoria. SW Prime is now providing in & out service to Shakopee. On-line booking is available with the SW Prime App or by simply calling 952-797-7463
Safe: We are cleaning and sanitizing our buses and facilities each and every day. Professionally trained, friendly drivers are all masked and capacity limits on buses are in place to allow proper social distancing.
Convenient: Easy for getting around town for dining, shopping, doctor appointments, errands, etc.
Affordable: On-demand transportation at a cost of \$4/ride
Monday - Friday: 6:30am to 6:30pm - Cost: \$4/ride

Attention All Prime Riders

New Capacity Limitations for SouthWest Prime
Effective December 1, 2020 - SouthWest Prime is implementing these capacity restrictions to help minimize interactions between passengers, drivers, and vehicles.

1 Passenger Trips: If you reserve a ride for just yourself, a driver will pick you up from your location and take you directly to your destination.

Group trips: For reservations of more than 1 passenger, a maximum of 2 passengers is allowed per trip provided the other passenger is in your household or in your social circle that you are consistently in contact with.

Note: Call 952-797-7463 to let SouthWest Prime know that you will be travelling with an additional person so we can send you a large van that allows for social distancing.

Thank you for your patience as we all work together during this challenging time to maintain a healthy environment aboard our buses. Safety is our number-one priority so please continue to do your part by following these simple steps:

Keep at least six feet away from drivers.

Put your face covering on before you board and wear it during your entire trip.

Practice frequent handwashing and use hand sanitizers.

ATTENTION ALL SW PRIME RIDERS

Effective Saturday, March 28th

-SW Prime will not operate service on Saturdays until further notice.

-SW Prime will continue to operate regular hours of 6:30am to 7:00pm on weekdays.

-Consistent with SW Prime policies, and to ensure the safety of our drivers and passengers, drivers will not be assisting riders in any way beyond essential assistance in and around the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.

There is also a 'reduced service schedule' available to review on their website: www.swtransit.org.

Ice Rink

The ice rink at Community Park is open and ready for skaters!

New this year, the City has also set up an additional leisure rink (no hockey) in the parking lot at Community Park, which is also open and ready for skaters!

Consistent with other Covid-19 precautions in the City, the warming house will not be available for use at this time.



Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates are normally held the third week of the month. Check websites and Facebook pages for updates on each shop's availability. Support our local shops too. Occasional Shop dates for February are February 18th through the 21st.

The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – Closed for the Season - 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

SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook



French Affair ~ Fine Art

Join us A French Affair - Bienvenue Welcome to our French inspired weekend getaway right here in Victoria. Since we still can't travel to France - we are bringing France to you. Join us on Feb 5, 6, 7 in the Notermann Building (under Ruby's Roost) Shop the market with over 12 Fine local Artists, paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, clothing, foods, macarons, French Soaps, lotions, candles, flowers and more. Reservations Required! Click on green link to reserve your departure time to embark on your French Affair.

Feb 5,6,7, 2021

Friday 9 AM – 7 PM

Sat 9 AM - 7 PM

Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM

artwork on event logo by Colette Bruneliere



East / West Lutheran Churches

East and West Union Churches are worshipping together again this year for Lent. 'toward a more perfect union.'

Ash Wednesday begins our humble walk toward the cross with Jesus. This year, you can come to East for worship at noon or 6pm. Both services will be followed by drive-thru imposition of ashes. You may tune in from your car through FM radio, or watch it live on Facebook.

The remaining Wednesdays in Lent we invite you to drive in at noon or tune in at 6pm. The schedule is as follows:

We're hoping both the noon and 6 PM times will allow you to have a meal while enjoying worship, kinda like the way we've always done it before. You could even make yourself some soup.

During Holy Week, we will worship independently on Palm Sunday, March 28th. We will all be invited to God's Table at 6pm on Maundy Thursday, April 1st. And, on Good Friday, we will focus on the cross at both noon & 6pm.

Our theme for this Lenten Season is Forgiveness. Looking forward to the journey with you.



All my life, I was told who and what I should be, how I should act and the choices I should make.

I'm done living my life by the opinions of the people who don't know me and frankly, don't care and don't matter.

If they had their way, they'd have me be just another copy in a world full of unoriginality.

I can't live that way, because I'll never be happy trying to be whatever it is they think I should be.

They didn't walk my road, endure my struggles and nearly drown in the storms of my life..

So, when they try to whisper in my ear their opinion of me and my life, I'm going to smile and walk away.

I'd rather die in the flames of a passionate life than to slowly wither away in a life devoid of love and passion.

Sure, they'll judge me, they'll mock me and probably shun me, but I really don't care anymore.

I'm not going to try to make anyone but myself happy, because that's all I can really control.

I'm going to chase my dreams, enjoy my life and soak in the beautiful moments that surround me every day.

The rest of them will never understand that about me and they don't have to.

I'm not asking for permission or approval to live my life the way that I choose.

Life is hard enough without trying to please people that don't care in ways that don't matter about things that are irrelevant.

Forget what the world thinks I should be.

This is my life, my journey and my choices.

Whether I'm different, unique or one of a kind doesn't really matter, because I'm not being who I am to make a statement.

I'm choosing my path for the best reason of all..

To be happy..

And no one can ever take that away from me,

Now or ever.

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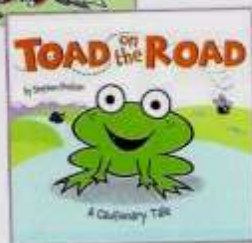
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Night Marauders - Unusual Guest - Charlie Mack Salon

"I don't understand Territory." Raschevious whined following his leader trustingly as they ventured back to the river beyond the levee dodging the infrequent presence of humans.

"How many times do I have to tell you Raschevious? We have a responsibility to the residents here." Territory scowled irritably and stopping dead in his tracks on top the levee.

The large, plump, multi-colored, softly furred critter with the black mask covering his now disenchanted face turned to his comrade and ruefully stared directly into the eyes of his friend as though they each stared into a mirror at one another. One with agitation and the other filled with bewilderment.

"We have been there before is all I am saying." Raschevious argued belligerently.

"Yes." Territory smirked, "Yes we have. We were here after the Carver Junk Company vacated, after Mustard Moon vacated and then there was Ripple Art Studio, now we are visiting Charlie Mack Salon." Raschevious peered back at his leader still puzzled.

"All different types of businesses but same structure." He clarified, so he thought.

"I get that part Territory." Raschevious resigned, "But the beauty salon is not anywhere near the realm of an Occasional Shop description. We haven't ever invaded businesses. She is a business and not anything remotely close to the types of shops we have been publicizing or even raiding for that matter."

"I realize that fact Raschevious." Territory began as the two began to meander gradually back to their comfort zone of home to discuss the topic further. "But the building itself, the history and the concept they chose to display the openness of this venture not only intrigues me but warrants the recognition of the transition."

"Huh?"

"This whole established proposed suggestion of demonstrating the concept of the business was brilliant."

"I still don't get it." Raschevious shook his head still totally confounded.

"Do I have to take you back there, sit you down across the street and make you sit until you envision the whole notion?" Territory snapped frustrated.

Raschevious expression stared back at him blankly and clueless. Territory was even more frustrated, flustered and threw his arms up into the air despairingly.

"What am I missing? What is it that has you so enthralled with this concept that I don't see?" Raschevious pleaded perplexed and just as flustered with their inability to connect.

"Sit down." Territory instructed firmly.

The two sat down facing one another. Territory thought a minute, searching for the words to articulate what he somehow missed to interpret clearly.

"When I first went there and watched what they were doing I began to understand what they were trying to achieve. The whole concept was exhilarating. Then when it was finished and you could just sit on the outside and look in and see exactly what was going on inside it was exciting, novel and thrilling. This whole open window door idea was fascinating. It was like watching a giant television screen and knowing what was going on behind the usual closed doors. We have had to always get behind the doors to see what was happening inside. This whole new concept is mind blowing. You don't have to get inside, you can see everything right through the walls, doors, whatever. It was revolutionizing Raschevious." Territory relayed with excitement in his tone.

Raschevious was now beginning to grasp his vision and what was going on inside his head.

"I get it Territory. I get it. I get what you are talking about now."

"Think about the whole idea. About what went on behind that door before we could see right through it. I found myself daydreaming about what went on behind that door previously. I couldn't stop wondering."

"Yea." Raschevious was thinking about the previous owners and what was all missed.

"This is not a product you pick up and take home. It's one you can watch be created and watch it walk out the door."

Something you see created right before your eyes. I watched her cut people's hair, completely change the person that walked inside and come out something completely different with a style, cut, color change or curls that weren't there when they went in. It was mind boggling. They are creating something right before your eyes and you get to see it from the moment they walk in until they walk back out. Not something visible anywhere else." His voice trailed off.

"Yea." Raschevious was caught up now in the same vision.

They were silent or a few minutes.

"That's why you decided to revisit." Raschevious suddenly blurted.

"That and the drastic change from its predecessors." He answered marveled still. "Not to mention that what was once the old jail cell is now their breakroom. It's more like the imagination has been released and allowed to wonder like never before possible."

"I think you have been in the sun too long Territory." Raschevious dismissed his dreamy state of wonderment as a delusion from a sun stroke unable to share in his enthusiasm.

"You asked why we are revisiting this place." Territory snarled disappointed. "Nor did you question when we revisited the original post office site."

"That was different."

"How?"

"Still the theme of Occasional Shops products."

"So, you are now going to tell me how to choose which establishment we raid?"

"No. Not at all. I just didn't see what you did and I didn't understand your preoccupation with this hair salon."

"And now?" "I can't say I understand or share your enthusiasm but it makes more sense to me now."

"I know it's different from the other shops we visited, but felt it was worth our time to share." Territory justified his choice.

"So, it's not so much the business itself, it's the ability to see without actually coming inside and the high-end results as a result of this owner."

Territory nodded. "So what other information did you attain in your quest to revisit?"

"She has been in business as a hairdresser for over twenty years, considers herself a hair psychologist and is determined to make her customers feel important, reenergized and beautiful. A high end customer service environment."

"Maybe she would consider giving our old coats a makeover huh?" Raschevious teased.

"Nice try. I don't think there is much they could do but to make our course coats a little softer."

"Never know Territory, if she is such a magician, maybe we could be reinvented to handsome, undeniably sought-after balls of luscious fur."

"Don't be stupid."

"Can't we at least ask her."

"No!" Territory snapped.

"She runs a top-notch luxurious experience with five professionals who are not going to allow the likes of us into their pristine establishment. We will continue to sit outside and look through the glass and dream the impossible."

Rascal, Rhapsody and Lavender all came through the thicket to find the two conversing having heard the tail end of their conversation.

"You went without us?" Rhapsody whined.

"We didn't go inside." Raschevious informed them his tone indicating disappointment.

"No need to." Rascal spoke up, "You can just sit outside and watch them all working." He looked to Territory.

"That's right. It's different." Territory sighed.