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Lift Station Rehabilitation Project

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the direction of the scope of the project for the preparation of the plans and specifications for the Lift Station Rehabilitation Project. Authorization was given by the council to prepare the plans and specifications for the project. As part of the detailed design, determination was made regarding the elevations for the Carver Bluffs list station which effectively elimination this lift station. Original construction the lift station was necessary as part of the development because gravity sewer was not available at that time. Details were reviewed of past connections for the development. Then the assistant engineer discussed project constraints involving the gravity sewer connection were identified. Determination was made that the soil cover was not adequate and was discussed. An inverted siphon design utilization would be necessary which are commonly used. With normal annual maintenance measure these systems operate reliably. There was also the issue of the available Right of Way. Permanent and temporary construction easements would be necessary. Possible difficult easement acquisition options were also reviewed. The proposed alignment in the preliminary plan is located primarily within the Carver Bluffs Plat Outlot B that is owned by the Kensington Knolls Homeowners, the Carver Bluffs Homeowners Association. The initial consultation with the city attorney sated that a minimum of seventy-five percent of the homeowners would be required to approve easement grant per the governing documents of the Homeowners Association. The required necessary consent would be a difficult task. Installation on the west side of Carver Bluffs Parkway would be one alternative. The east side is owned by MN Valley Lands Inc which is a subdivision of the US Fish and Wildlife and acquisition would be extremely difficult. If unsuccessful to obtain easements from the Homeowners Association then the city would need to contemplate the utilization of condemnation. Initial conversations with the attorney determined that this process would not allow for a 2021 resolution resulting in minimal interim improvements to be completed for the station for system reliability. The project was anticipated to be financed with the sale of bonds that would be issued for the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project and would be funded by the municipal sewer enterprise fund. Initial rehabilitation of the existing lift station would be less expensive than the construction of a new gravity sewer, lift stations require considerably more ongoing maintenance versus a gravity sewer over a life cycle comparison interval including annual operating costs.

A summarization of a 50-year comparison interval in present dollars for each alternative were discussed. The comparison doesn't take into consideration annual operating costs. The first Option would be rehabilitation of the lift stations involving operation and maintenance. The second option involved the Gravity Sewer Construction with lines that required very little rehabilitations over the time interval.

the construction of a sustainable long term gravity sewer connection versus continuing rehabilitating the existing Carver Bluffs lift station in the future. Determination was made that it was unfeasible to acquire additional easement rights to construct a connection at this rehabilitation interval and that the rehabilitation of the existing lift station should be completed as originally programmed. Conversion should be considered going forward. The staff was directed to prepare the plans and specifications for rehabilitation of the current lift station. Recommendation was to delay the installation of the gravity sewer connection to a time in the future when the lift station is due for its next upgrade.

Smart Water Program

The City Manager discussed the County's Water Management organization where the program features a collaboration between the county and a company identified as Rachio where discounted irrigation controllers are being offered to residents. The Carver County Water Management Organization is starting a new program encouraging residents to utilize smart controllers on their irrigation systems. These controller link to local weather conditions and provide exact water needs for lawns and gardens. The purpose of the program is to conserve groundwater resources and prevent additional runoff by increasing the efficient of the irrigation systems. This type of water conservations will save both residents and municipalities financial resources and protect the groundwater supplies. The council discussed the issue. The question presented to the city council is whether or not to participate in the program or to allocate funds providing additional incentive for the program participants. Staff was requested to move forward offering a discount for up to fifty units for a total cost to provide an additional discount/incentive for program participants.

Downtown Improvement Project

The City Manager discussed the downtown improvement project with the council. Plans and specifications overview was done. Question was posed about if the city did not pursue the change to the designated intersection of Main and Broadway, if it was still possible to add temporary signage for a four-way stop during the Jonathan Carver Parkway detour. The county was not interested in temporary signage for this type of situation. Sidewalks, infill, bump outs and additional parking in front of the Public Services Buildings were all reviewed. The opinion of addressing traffic issues should be discussed immediately was voiced. It was clear that some concerns were short term due to construction however concern was long term was a priority. It was considered that the council should wait and see how things developed. There was concern expressed regarding the ever-changing plans in the area and it was not considered wise to be re-doing items. It was the county's opinion that the intersection was safe and no issues were involved. The plan presented was not ideal however moving forward with sidewalk repairs was seen as viable since this was already an item for the project. Motion was made and failed direct the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the downtown improvement project. The City Manager indicated that the final plan will be brought back to a future meeting for approval. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to prepare a Hybrid Improvement Plan for the downtown area that works on all of the sidewalk upgrades from previous project versions.

City Equipment Purchase

The Public Services Director discussed request for the purchase of a dump truck with snow plow equipment. The plans and specifications had been approved by the council. Quotes were received. The purchase has been budgeted for. The council considered the motion for approval of the purchase.

"She broke her own heart, holding onto him."

~ R.H. Sin

Meridian Fields

The Community Development Director discussed the fund transfer for Meridian Fields. As part of the construction of utilities in the Meridian Fields development, the developer was asked to install a larger municipal line in order to serve the development moving west. The city was then responsible for the cost difference. The Developer's Agreement prescribed the oversizing credit be awarded by removal of the sewer connection fee and reduced water connect fee at the time of permit. Credits issued during the designated years did not appropriately coincide resulting in credit reconciliation based on the provisions within the agreement. The total oversizing credit has not been reached thereby the city currently does not owe the developer over what is required in the agreements. The considered resolution authorizes transfer from the Sanitary Sewer Fund to the Water fund based on credit stipulation in the agreement. In the future these oversizing costs will be paid up front opposed to using the credit system on permits.

Hammers Concept Plan

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the Hammers Concept Plan. The Hammers property located west of Meridian Fields submitted a concept plan application for development. The plan indicates sixty-eight single family homes with street connections of Fields Drive in Meridian Fields and as an extension of Monroe Drive. Currently the property is located in Dahlgren Township within the city's orderly annexation agreement. Additional applications submitted annexation would be required. Due to the proximity of the highway, a noise study will be required prior to the Preliminary Plat approval. The property developing is considered low density residential and meet the guidelines of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The site is unique however, due to a large, existing wetland in the center of the property which would be largely preserved. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal.

The Community Development Director informed the city that they do not have land use right over the property. If the owner sells and develops in the future, it could be done by any developer. Designation was pointed out that the larger outlot to the west is currently owned by the family and presently are not interested in selling or developing at this time. Question was asked about some configuration of some lots. Changes were a possibility in the preliminary plat.

Question was posed regarding a potential trail. There would be an exploration of a connection however there could be constraints. Consistently with trail connectivity and utilizing natural trails with current conditions was important. Home prices were inquired about. There would also be significant buffering.

Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project

Representatives from Bolton and Menk were present at the council meeting to communicate plans for the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project. They reviewed the stages of construction, detours and local access during the project as well as other key points. Information will be available on a weekly basis via email updates and the project website:

www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/projects-studies/jonathan-carver-parkway-highway-11-improvements or www.co.carver.mn.us/jcpimprovements

You can also go to the city's website and link that way, as well. The project was scheduled to begin March 22nd and last through November of 2021. The project overview is that from march to November, the JCP will be under construction from Fourth Street to Highway 61. Work will also be occurring on some of the local side streets near intersections. Construction will occur in three main stages. Traffic will be detoured via County Roads #50, # 43 and Highway # 212. You can also sign up for weekly email updates if you are interested.

Trail Map

The Parks Commission held a discussion with the Community Development Director regarding the drafted trail map. The map would be posted on the city's social media and available at city hall for those interested in new trail, and the loops that exist in the community. There had also been discussion of naming the trail loop as well as signage once completed. The commission expressed interest in naming the loops after historical figures from the community.

Chaska Recreation Agreement

The Parks Commission discussed ideas to be submitted pertaining to the Chaska Recreation Agreement with the Community Center. Several ideas brainstormed include scavenger hunt, story walks, photo competition, community BINGO, challenges for kids and virtual group fitness classes. The ideas would be submitted to the Chaska staff for programming ideas.

Annual Pork Chop Dinner

Did I hear there's a dinner downtown in Carver? And who may I ask would be the instigator of such a wonderful event? Give you three guesses and the first two don't count...that's right, the Carver Lions have gone above and beyond once again! Got to love them don't you? So what do you say? Don't have to cook dinner, get to see people, have a delicious meal and get out of the house? Sounds like a good deal to me, how about you? A little bird, in fact she was brown, ivory and hungry told me tht there would pork chops, cheesy hash browns, green beans, breads and dessert. Can't beat that combination can you. I know you don't like green beans, don't let the kids see, but give them to the dog, Unfortunately though, we humans should be eating far more vegetables than we do, so just eat them. Let the dog have the gone, but only if you supervise especially those little ankle biters, don't want them getting hurt. Anyway back to the food and seeing others. The little feathered fowl told me that it's take-out, drive-thru but there will be weather permitting limited indoor/outdoor seating too. WOW huh?! The to-go meal will be \$ 12. Kids ten years old and younger get to eat for \$ 6.

Oh you need to know where to go? The new City Hall. You will order on the Fourth Street Hill and come around to Main in front of City Hall to receive your delicious, delectable meal. For the sake of the newcomers, that's at 316 Broadway, main street, downtown, only street going through downtown Carver. Sorry, getting carried away here with writer privileges. Oh, you need and want to know when don't you? Friday, April 30th at 4 PM until 8 PM. See ya' there. Be sure to thank the Lions for doing this for you too! Thanks guys and gals.

PS: There's a flyer in the back of the newsletter for you too with all the information, in case I missed anything.

Southern Valley Alliance Sip Away for SVA

Mark Olson:
The Southern Valley Alliance is set to host it's virtual gala:
Southern Valley Alliance announces its 22nd annual gala, "Sip Away for SVA." The fundraiser will take place on Friday, April 30, but due to COVID, it is a virtual event this year.

"While we will miss seeing everyone in person, the virtual event option allows everyone to participate from the comfort of their own home," stated SVA Executive Director Christie Larson, in a press release.

The event will include an online silent auction, which will open Wednesday, April 28, a live-streamed program, as well as virtual wine and beer tastings by Schram Vineyards in Waconia. All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support the programs at SVA who, in the last year, served over 1,500 victims of domestic violence in Scott and Carver counties.

Tickets are \$100 for a pair and include three crawlers of different flavors and two bottles of wine from Schram Vineyards, access to the virtual tasting event on April 30, four cupcakes from Emily Grace Cakes, two cheese varieties from Bongards and an SVA swag bag. For more information about the event, or to purchase tickets, visit SVA's website at www.svamn.org or call 952-873-4214.



"When you know your worth, no one can make you feel worthless."



~ Anonymous -- "Ravenwolf"

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions were talking about the hopes and possibility of returning to meeting twice monthly as soon as April. Check to see where and when they are meeting and if they are meeting the first and third Wednesday of the month.

The Lions also still encouraging to patronize the local bars who are open again. It has been spreading like wildfire still that the food is really good. Be sure to stop in to get dinner and take it home.

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. Meetings have been held using Zoom. Be sure to call any Lion Member to find out more current information.

They are busy with plans for their annual Pork Chop Dinner on the 30th of April and working on the Shredding event scheduled for May.

Carver Fire Department

Carver Fire Department is still looking for firemen!! Carver Fire is Hiring! The Carver Fire Department is taking applications for paid on call Fire Fighters. The training is provided, there are retirement benefits. You must be older than eighteen though and you have to live within fifteen minutes of the Fire Station. Applications are due by April 30th. Applications are available on the city's website at www.cityofcarver.com. Need additional information? Contact Mark Schmitz at mschmitz@cityofcarver.com



Carver Community Youth

Baseball / Softball Association

The Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association (CCYBSA) serves the Carver and other surrounding communities enriching the lives of every child with the desire to play baseball, softball and t-ball while providing a fun, safe and enjoyable youth sport experience.



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 April 16th.

Carver Current

Know about 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.

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"Villager Tower"



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"Never forget how rare you are." ~ Anonymous

Carver Creamery

It's official. Spring is here and warmer weather should be following soon. (Really sticking my neck out here aren't I?) The ice cream faerie dropped by to let ya'll know that the Carver Creamery is officially opening April 16th, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, So there you have it, it's official! What you have been waiting for all winter, to get downtown and have some more of that delicious ice cream, good company, good conversation, warmer weather, sunshine and companionship eh? Between the anger, pandemic, businesses closed and the gloom hanging everywhere we all need some breath of fresh air and hope, don't you think? Oh yea the little faerie also said that as the weather warms, they, being the fine owners of the business, will be expanding hours and days. Oh goodie! Over summer they plan to be open seven days of the week. Oh, oh, oh, also they have new local area employees. I bet some of you already know who huh? See you soon both Kailan and Chris say! Let's not disappoint them, go down and get your ice cream. How does that go? "I scream, they yell,, no that's not it? Anyone remember how that goes?"



MN Valley Electric Cooperative

The MN Valley Electric Cooperative is holding their 84th Annual Meeting of the Members online on Tuesday, April 6th. Registration will be required. This will be virtual meeting this year scheduled to begin at 7 PM. As a member of MVEC, you have the opportunity to elect the cooperative's governing director and approve Bylaw changes. There are three districts in MVEC's service territory, determined by population. Annually, there is one director seat open in each of the three districts. Filings for a three-year term open in November and close late-January in districts.



East Union Lutheran Church

EASTER SUNDAY 9am outdoor festive worship followed by an all-ages egg hunt (bring your own chair, share this invite, see you there, or join us virtually.



St Nicholas Catholic Church

According to the website, there are not any services being held at St Nicholas at this time. Alternates are Guardian Angels in Chaska, Victoria and Shakopee.

Easter Mass will be at 11 AM, space is still limited and reservations are required. You can email or call Deacon Jim

Trinity Lutheran Church

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Join us for our Easter Worship Service at 8:30 AM, April 4th. We will return to our regular worship service time of 10 AM the week after Easter, April 11th. Audio recordings of our sermons are posted online at trinitycarver.com. We would love to meet you, you are always welcome in this place.

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

Website: trinitycarver.com

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



West Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

Price: Free - Public · Anyone on or off Facebook West Union Lutheran hosts an uplifting and high energy Easter Celebration outdoors! Immediately following the service will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

The worship celebration will feature great music with trumpets and band! Pastor Adam will preach the promise of new life.

At about 9:30, after the worship celebration, we'll send kids off for the Easter Egg Hunt.

There will also be yard games and plenty of time for fellowship. Catch up with your family and friends at our glorious Easter Celebration: Roll that Rock!

Join us on Easter Sunday April 4 at 9AM for this incredible outdoor celebration!



"Make sure you don't start seeing yourself through the eyes of those who don't value you." ~ Anonymous

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 April 15th through April 18th.

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/Website
 The Good Junk Garage – Facebook
 SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook
 Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook
 The Funky Dove – Facebook



Community Calendar

April 2020

April 1 st	April Fool's Day Happy Birthday Joe!
April 2 nd	Good Friday Happy Birthday Kelly!
April 4 th	Easter Sunday Happy Birthday Wayne!
April 5 th	Council Meeting Happy Birthday Jim!
April 6 th	MVEC Annual Meeting
April 12 th	Parks Commission Meeting School Board Work Shop Day Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Ramadan Happy Anniversary Brad and Kerry! Heritage Preservation Meeting Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen!
April 13 th	Happy Birthday Ava!
April 14 th	Occasional Shop days through April 18 th
April 15 th	Business Alliance Meeting
April 16 th	Happy Birthday Kelly!
April 17 th	Happy Birthday John!
April 18 th	Council Meeting
April 19 th	Happy Birthday Scott!
April 20 th	Administrative Professional Day
April 21 st	Happy Birthday Jim!
April 22 nd	Earth Day Happy Birthday Al! Happy Birthday Kitty!
April 25 th	Happy Birthday Aaron!
April 26 th	School Board Meeting Happy Birthday Emily!
April 30 th	Pork Shop Dinner Arbor Day Happy Birthday Arlan! Happy Birthday Lili!

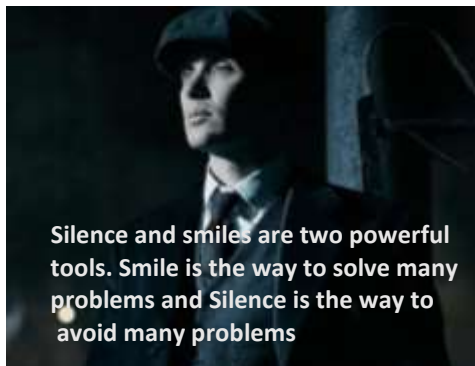


If you're gonna rattle my cage, you best make sure I'm padlocked in it.

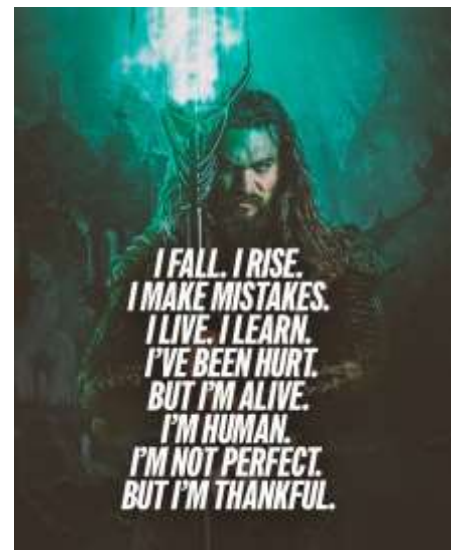


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Silence and smiles are two powerful tools. Smile is the way to solve many problems and Silence is the way to avoid many problems



I FALL. I RISE.
 I MAKE MISTAKES.
 I LIVE. I LEARN.
 I'VE BEEN HURT.
 BUT I'M ALIVE.
 I'M HUMAN.
 I'M NOT PERFECT.
 BUT I'M THANKFUL.

Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner

No need to make dinner, come and join the Carver Lions for the Annual Pork Chop dinner at the Carver Community Hall
Take-Out Drive Thru Dinner!

When: Friday, April 30th, 2021

Time: 4:00PM – 8:00PM

Location:

Pick up at Carver Community Hall

316 Broadway, Downtown Carver

Cost:

\$12.00 To-Go Meal

\$6.00 – Kids (10-years old or younger)

Enjoy pork chops, Cheesy hashbrown potatoes,
green beans, bread and dessert.

Limited indoor and outdoor seating (weather permitting)



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



Call Dean at 952-221-2884 for more information.