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Food Trucks

The community development director discussed Food Truck Regulations with the City Council. The discussion related to the discussion opportunity of projected regulations pertaining to food trucks operating within the city.

The conversation involved the discussion relating to a semi-permanent coffee provider vendor at the Community Park. This issue would be covered somewhat relating to the Transient Merchant requirements. Permitted vendors are operating at the Mills Fleet Farm parking lot with permits.

The council discussed the possibility of adopting regulations relating to food trucks. In the past the decision was made to not move forward with any regulations. The topic was revisited by the council recently. Several items were discussed involving current processes and regulations, provisions to days and hours of operation, locations and unintended consequences to regulating food trucks. Different options were reviewed. The city council has made the decision to pursue additional regulations.

Mayor for the Day

The council recognized Ms Ashlyn Dohm for Mayor for the day recognition. Ms Dohm is a sixth grader and a resident of Carver who received an honorable mention on her essay in the League of MN Cities Mayor for a Day contest. The league sponsors a contest annually to help raise awareness among young people regarding the importance of city services. Ms Dohm was recognized with a proclamation from the Mayor for a wonderful job on the essay and her interest in government. She was also invited to participate in a meeting and roll call during the meeting.

Jonathan Carver Parkway Project

The city engineer provided an update on the Jonathan Carver Parkway project at a meeting. Access to trails along the corridor will be limited during the project. Discussions are also being pursued with the school district regarding the best routes to get the students to school. There will also be a few weekend closures of the road in order to install the pedestrian underpass and perform utility work. Detour routes will be identified.

The city engineer updated the council on the Jonathan Carver Parkway project. Road was closed to install box culvers and the corresponding night work, work being coordinated with the school district and full closure of the road from Ironwood to Sixth Street. The council was also told that MnDOT reviewed the detour route at Highway # 212 and County Road # 43. Detour changes may occur due to safety concerns at said intersection. Speed bumps were placed for the purpose of speed management.

Hammers Annexation

Background information regarding the annexation of the Hammers property was discussed by the community development director. Question was asked regarding the townships review process. The township reviews the project, considers access points, clarified ownership, maintenance of roads, collect documents and fees and also make inquiries during their thirty-day review period. This process is in accordance with Orderly Annexation Agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the annexation of the property in accordance with the annexation agreement.

Street and Alley Vacation

The community development director discussed street and alley vacation with the council. A public hearing was held. Councilmember inquired about the land swap. That process could not be processed until the plotted streets and alleys on both properties were vacated. The land swap documents needed to be reviewed by the city attorney. The discussion would occur in the future. Discussion occurred that the community development director utilize some of the vacated street names in the future in the city so that tribute to the founders choosing those names would be paid tribute. Question was asked regarding the requirement or necessity to change addresses. However, this would not be required since there are not any residents on said properties. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt the resolution vacating streets and alleys described.

Carver Square

The city engineer discussed the Dahlgren Road Improvements and Assessments pertaining to the Carver Square Developer's Agreement. He also provided background information to the council. The financials were discussed since there was a large financial gap noted in the cost of the project. The overall funding plan for the Jonathan Carver Parkway Project included the utility/street bonding. Clarification was requested on the city's portion of the project. It is a local street, according to the Joint Powers Agreement the city's portion was one hundred percent of the cost. The assessment in the Developer's Agreement was asked about whether this was to be split evenly between property owners. The proposal was to be split between the three property owners. Councilmember inquired about the property owner's questions regarding this assessment. The Developer's Agreement contains waivers of rights to hearing and waivers of any rights to appeal. Therefore, the assessment runs with the land and is binding upon the property as proposed. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay approving the resolution adopting the final assessment roll and authorize the clerk's certification with the county.

Strategic Action Plan

The city manager reviewed the 2021-2022 Strategic Action Plan with the council. The council reviewed the documents presented and discussed. Action plans were to perform a use study, conduct cost and benefit analysis, as well as seek out possible partnerships relating to the future use of the Church By the River. Councilmember requested additional wording relating to the church for the city to explore internal opportunities along with partnerships. Pertaining to the infrastructure management action provision for an opportunity to review strategies for future mass transit and future use of the Carver Station. The Organizational Development action proposed to conduct an annual employee survey to measure organizational culture and identify opportunities for growth and development. Question was posed for more detail on how such a survey would be conducted. It would be an internal process the city manager indicated. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Strategic Action Plan.

**“Change does not change tradition It strengthens it.
Change is challenge and an opportunity. Not a threat.”**

~ Prince Philip of England

City Attorney

The council was informed of the announcement that City Attorney, Larry Harris would be retiring effective June 30th, 2021. Mr Harris served the City of Carver for twenty-seven years. The mayor and the council thanked Mr Harris for all his work and guidance over the years. Good luck to Mr Harris and hopes he enjoys his retirement.

The council was introduced to the attorney, Clarissa Volpe who is an attorney in the office who will be working on some city issues going forward.

Timber Creek

Community development director discussed the Timber Creek Preliminary Plat. The council reviewed several requests regarding the proposed Timber Creek development along with an Environmental Assessment Worksheet, concept plan and annexation. The council discussed the Preliminary Plat for three hundred forty-eight residential units with a mix of seventy-four townhome units and two hundred forty-seven single family home units. The developer is identified as Summergate and the builder is Lennar. The Preliminary Plat detail residential units, expansion to Ironwood Park, robust trail and sidewalk system, as well as extensions of city infrastructure and Monroe Drive extension. Monroe Drive will be both the Timber Creek property, as well as the Hammers property.

Construction documents are consistent with the Preliminary Plat plans. The Planning Commission held the required Public Hearing. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

The Planning Commission discussed Timber Creek Rezoning and the Preliminary Plat. Property location is generally south of Meridian Fields and west of Copper Hills. There is roughly one hundred sixty-one acres and recently annexed to the City of Carver. Adjoining resident was present at the Public Hearing to discuss concerns pertaining to the water holding pond at the south end of Phase 4 adjoining said property. The issue would be addressed. Inquiries were made regarding park area plans, ravine area, trails and trail connections. Compliments were extended to the community development director and the developer for the proposed diversity of housing and maintenance of the natural area. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of rezoning from agriculture to planned residential density and the preliminary plat for Timber Creek. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution approving preliminary plat for Timber Creek.

Request has been submitted to split lot in the Timber Creek development. Reviewal of the proposed lot split to provide direction to the council. The proposed lot split encompasses Phase One of the development. The request will allow for Phase One to begin development but allow the remainder of the site to continue to be farmed. Lennar would purchase the area in Phase one once the lot split has been processed. Parcel A property would be included in the lot split for development in Phase One. The Parcel B proposed property would not be proposed for construction in Phase One. The lot split does not impact the approved annexation of the property or impact the Preliminary Plat approval. The staff recommended approval for the lot split for development.

Third Street Bridge

The city engineer presented information relating to the current condition of the Third Street bridge. A presentation included the current state, the history, key consideration and the potential for the next steps. Those steps include funding option and timing considerations with MnDOT, consideration of levee design and the needs for future bridge elevations, funding applications and finalized funding plans for replacement. Discussion was held regarding proceeding with development of plans and funding application submittals.

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Utility Terrain Vehicle

The city attorney discussed the UTV ordinance amendment. The amendment addresses the transferability of a previously issued UTV permit. Typically, the owner sells and acquires a replacement UTV. Based upon the general parameters and custom usage it the State of MN, the drafted amendment to the application section clarifies that the permit remains with the UTV providing a mechanism for the new purchaser of the UTV to be allowed to continue to use the unexpired permit with the city. The information presented was discussed and the consensus was to proceed with amendment changes. Adoption would be discussed in the future.

The City of Carver requests that you register you UTV. These vehicles can be operated within city limits on streets and roadways with a City issued permit. Permits are valid for a three (3) year terms and stickers evidencing the permit must be displayed. Obtain your permit by navigating to "Forms & Permits" or by searching "UTV" in the search bar on the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com. More details regarding UTV requirements, the City Ordinance, and the permitting process can be found on the City's website. Contact vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com with any questions or for more information.

Carver Bluffs Lift Station

The assistant city engineer discussed the Carver Bluffs Lift Station Rehabilitation project. Council was looking at approval of plans and specifications, as well as order advertisement of bids for the project. Options had been presented. The anticipated project schedule for this rehabilitation, include approval of the Plans and Specifications and order bid advertising for June, public bidding in July, award the summer of 2021 and then construction. The project is included as a 2021 Capital improvement project in the long-term financial plan. The project will be financed through the previously completed bond sale associated with the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement project. The bond sale served said amounts for the completion of this project aligning with the current Engineer's total project estimate.

Municipal Building Space Study

The city manager reviewed with the council the topic of the space study for the public services department and the fire department. The city council discussed formerly the need to determine needs and costs related to the operations of the two departments. Informally the needs have been discussed for several years. However, no analysis of the space or relative costs have been prepared. The city's current Capital Improvement Plan identifies the structure as a storage building in 2024. The architects met with the city and provided an overview of the space study process to defi objectives for the outcome. The primary objectives identified were that the Public Services Department stores a significant number of vehicles and equipment outside. The study should facilitate indoor storage opportunities. Several buildings throughout the city are utilized for storage of vehicles and equipment and should be more consolidated creating greater departmental efficiencies. The old fire hall on Broadway Street has been identified as a redevelopment priority in the city's strategic plan. The Fire Department needs to separate turn-out gear from the main apparatus bay at the fire station. The space study should identify said need. The plan should identify short-term solutions to existing space needs, while also providing a "master plan concept" to assist the City in future space challenges. The council had prioritized the use of the existing owned properties for any new space and building needs. The Public Services Director and the architect's firm have been working together to document existing spaces and uses. Preliminary findings of the study will be presented to the council. The approved study will then be incorporated into the City's capital plan of Long-Term Financial Plan. The study identifies two short-term scopes and a 'Master Plan' scope of work to complete plan objectives.

June Utility Statements

Reminder from the City of Carver: The City of Carver residents on their June utility statement will be included the federally mandated municipal well test fee. The fee is submitted to the State Department of Health. They then decide which public wells to test throughout the state.

"Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them."
~~ William Arthur Ward

Community Calendar

June 2021

June 2 nd	Carver Lions Meeting Happy Anniversary Kerry and Kathy! SW Metro Ambassador Committee Meeting
June 4 th	SW Metro Chamber Business RoundTable
June 5 th	Happy Birthday Kim! All About Dog Days
June 6 th	Happy Anniversary Jared and Amanda! SW Metro Chamber Meet And Greet
June 7 th	Council Meeting Happy Birthday Scott!
June 8 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Last Day of School – Kindergarten through 5 th
Grade	East Union Elementary – 5 th Grade Graduation Happy Birthday Joy! Last Day of School – 6 th Grade through 12 th Grade
June 10 th	Happy Birthday Matthew!
June 11 th	Graduation – Eastern Carver County School District Happy Birthday Dennis! Happy Birthday James!
June 13 th	Happy Birthday Alexis!
June 14 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting School Board Work Shop Flag Day
June 15 th	Happy Anniversary Dennis and Sharon!
June 16 th	SW Metro Chamber Luncheon Meeting Chaska Farmer's Market Begins Carver Lions Meeting
June 17 th	Planning Commission Meeting Through 20 th Occasional Shop Weekend Arts Consortium – Purple Reigns Carver Business Alliance Meeting
June 18 th	Happy Anniversary Zim and Becky!
June 19 th	Yoga Retreat Day
June 20 th	Happy Father's Day Summer Begins 2021 Summer Solstice Canoe Trip
June 21 st	Council Meeting Happy Birthday Lucy! Ridgeview Golf and Taste Celebration
June 22 nd	Happy Anniversary Paul and Kim! Happy Birthday Rob! SW Metro Chamber Meet and Greet
June 23 rd	Happy Birthday Amanda! Chaska Farmer's Market
June 24 th	Happy Birthday Greg!
June 25 th	Happy Birthday Brad!
June 28 th	School Board Meeting
June 30 th	Happy Anniversary Terry and Shirley! Happy Birthday Yvonna! Happy Birthday James! Chaska Farmer's Market



Municipal Utilities

From the City of Carver newsletter: "Maintenance and Inspection of the Sanitary Sewer System, the Public Services Department will be performing routine maintenance and inspections of its sanitary sewer system. Sewer jetting, also known as hydro jetting, uses a high-pressure water system to clean the sewer main of debris. Remember, all drains in your home flow into the same sewer pipe. The following items should be disposed of in your trash can . . . DO NOT flush into the sanitary sewer system: * Diapers * Flushable wipes * Paper towels * Disinfectant wipes * Fats, oils, and grease * Foods that do not grind up well in the garbage disposal Improper disposal of these items has caused backups in both private sewer services and the City main line. REMINDER: Property owners are responsible for the maintenance, repair, and cleaning of the service line from the house to the City main line. Thank you for doing your part to ensure backups don't occur!"

"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death."

~ Robert Fulghum



Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for worship every Sunday at 9 am and consider bringing your Dad on Father's Day, June 20, at 9 AM.
We are partnering with St. John's Lutheran church in Chaska to offer Vacation Bible School this summer, June 21-25. Registration information available on our website.
Office: 952-448-3628; Email: triluthsecretary@gmail.com;
Website: trinitycarver.com; or
Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver

SouthWest Transit

Well things are certainly looking up and improving? Don't you think? The SouthWest Transit has announced their Twins Express event on their website. That's right, we can begin to mingle again and get out and see the fun things that are happening. Monday through Friday starting June 8th, fans can take the bus to the Twins games. Fares for the month of June are free!!!!!! Don't that just beat all huh? Not only is this quick and easy, but convenient and free in June! Win, Win, wouldn't you say? So let SouthWest Transit take you "Out to the Ballgame". By the way, these trips are pick up only at the SW Village station at Highway 212 and Highway # 101 in Chanhassen. Hey that's only a skip and a jump from little ole' Carver. Remember though, there is no service from Carver, East Creek, Chanhassen or SW Stations.
Oh, one more thing, you need reservations which are required in advance. For more information, check their website, www.swtransit.org. You will find more information, pick up, return locations, purchase tickets, and fares. Run, don't walk and make your reservations!

NEWSFLASH: Starting June 1st, there are NO MORE SW Prime capacity limitations. Just one more sign we are all alive and allowed to interact once again. Yay! Saturday, June 5th SW Prime Services resumes. For current express bus schedules go to their website for that information. SW Prime Service also has what's called 494SP Airport Service. You can find more information on this too at their website. They are offering service along the 494 corridor. And last, but not least, SW Prime has expanded to Shakopee. There's a new Grocery Getter service through SW Prime, as well. This service is Monday through Friday at 9 AM through 12 PM for \$ 2.00. Again, for more information check their website.

WeCAB also provides safe, affordable and flexible supplemental transportation in Carver County's Service areas too!



Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Updates

For everyone interested, weekly updates are posted on line at www.co.carver.mn.us/jcimprovements.

Stay Informed as the JCP/11 Project Continues:



Jonathan Carver Parkway/11
IMPROVEMENTS



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Carver Creamery

For the most accurate information and times, check their Facebook page:
[Facebook.com/thecarvercreamery/](https://www.facebook.com/thecarvercreamery/)

Their newest flavor added is the Root Beer Float – Creamy vanilla ice cream swirled with crisp root beer Italian ice for a bold new twist of an old favorite. Available while supplies last. Some of their other flavors include the standard Vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, Banana Cream Pie, Exhausted Parent, PB Hearts Chocolate, Zanzibar, Ultimate Oreo, Superman, Coconut Almond Bliss, Cookie Dough, This Just Got Serious, Blue Moon, Heaps of Love, Munchie Madness, Black Cherry, Burnt Butterscotch, Mackinac Island Fudge, Mint Chip, Caramel Chaos, Cotton Candy Twist, Root Beer Float, Vanilla Chocolate Chip Soy and Raspberry Lemon Italian Ice. There are also two non-dairy options available for those interested.

To the best of the author's knowledge, hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday 4 PM – 8 PM, Friday and Saturday, Noon to 8:30 PM and Sunday, Noon to 8 PM.

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 June 17th through June 20th.

The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – NOW OPEN - 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



“Old County Road # 40 Underpass”



Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

The Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association (CCYBSA) serves the Carver, Minnesota and other surrounding communities enriching the lives of every child with the desire to play baseball, soft-

ball, and t-ball while providing a fun, safe, and enjoyable youth sport experience. Contact Gregg Riggs for more information, or check their website, www.ccybsa.com.

The CCYBSA is pleased to partner up with and provide Food Trucks to serve eats and treats during game nights starting the week of May 24th at Carver Community Park! We are pleased to offer the following trucks throughout the season:

[Fatbellies BBQ](#)

[Kona Ice of Twin Cities](#)

[Smooth Move Food Truck](#)

[Cookie Dough Bliss - Twin Cities](#)

[D&D Goodies](#)

[Sunny Days Comfort Foods](#)

[Zoe's Gone Bananas](#)

[Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard](#)

[Droolin' Moose](#)

[Minne-Scoop-Ta](#)

[Granite Rock Pizza Truck](#)

[Auntie M's Gluten Free](#)

[Pretty Great Cheesecake](#)

Possibly more trucks to come!

A post will occur weekly to share the current week's schedule of Food Trucks who will be on site for the week.

Come grab some eats and treats, watch some ball games, and enjoy the night in Carver at Community Park!

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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“With a new day comes new strength and new thoughts.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Carver Lions

Here is the news from the Carver Lions Club: The pork chop dinner turnout was very good. Sold 359 meals, which is 29 more than last year. Lions awarded six scholarships, two from Chaska High School, two from Chanhassen High School and two College students.

The Lions have worked VERY hard at beautifying Lion's Park, which was needing a lot of TLC. Last fall, painted the shelter and a few weeks ago, pulled a LOT of weeds and did several new plantings. It is looking SO much better!

Their shredding event, which was held on Saturday, May 15th was also a huge success! Everyone must have cleaned out their files during COVID. We had 117 cars come through and shredded 3,600 pounds of paper.

At the Lions last meeting on Wednesday, May 19th, their District Governor, Anna Wickenhauser was in attendance. She had the honor of inducting three new members into the Carver club.

Also, the gambling fund is doing well. The Lions are thrilled to share that several donations will be made to various organizations, including \$5,000 to the fire department for a new call radio, \$10,000 to fund Steamboat fireworks, \$10,000 to the Alzheimer's Association, \$2,000 to Southern Valley Alliance and various amounts to be determined to Launch Ministries, Bountiful Food Shelf, Families Moving Forward and Auburn Manor.

As for their meetings this summer, typically have only one during the months of June, July and August (on the 3rd Wednesday), however, there will have two in June (the 2nd and the 16th). Backup location is always Village Hall, but trying holding them at Lion's Park (weather permitting...their last meeting was cut short due to the tornado sirens going off!)

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 June 18th.

Carver Black Sox

The Carver Black Sox game schedules are posted on their website at www.carverblacksox.com. Be sure to check out their website for up-to-date information, updates, and schedules. Go watch them play. Heard that they are pretty good!



Farmer's Markets

Reminder: The Downtown Chaska Farmer's Market is scheduled to open on Wednesday, June 16th at City Square park in downtown Chaska opening at 3 PM and closing up at 6 PM. This market will run every Wednesday through September 8th. There will not be any markets on August 18th or 25th. Everyone is invited to come join the vendors. Farmer's Markets are hosted by SW Metro Chamber of Commerce. Victoria's Farmer's Market will be opening July 1st. Check the SW Metro Chamber of Commerce website for more information.

Newsflash! In case you hadn't heard, Carver will also be participating in the Farmer's Market circuit. The Carver event will begin on July 13th through September 28th on Tuesdays, also from 3 PM to 6 PM. Where you ask? At the Carver Community Park.

Chaska Valley Family

Theatre

Be sure to check their website for updates (www.cvft.org) or their Facebook page.

"Newsies" is their next planned production at the end of the year. Live on U-Tube you can view Virtual One Art Festival.

Don't forget their Dragonfly Camp happening in July. You can get more information on this at their website too. There are two camps in July. Their first camp is scheduled for July 12th through July 17th. Second camp dates are July 19th through July 24th. Their performance this year will be Frozen Jr.



Summer 2021

Chaska's scheduled 'Chaska Summer Concert Series'. Tuesday, June 15th for an hour beginning at 6 PM at the Fireman's Park, you can enjoy the Bazillions Kids Band. The Castaways are prepared to entertain at City Square Park for an hour and half beginning at 7 PM, Friday June 25th. Closing out June on the 26th over at Fireman's Park at 6 PM for two hours you will be entertained by Sayer's Dream and Bark in the Park Event. July's concert series schedule is as follows:

At the Fireman's Park, July 16th, Friday, 7 PM – 8:30 PM, Salsa delSand Latin Band; on Friday, July 23rd at City Square from 7 PM to 8:30 PM will the MN Valley Community Band; last on Tuesday, July 27th at the Firemen's Park at 5:30 PM to 8 PM playing Kids Dance, Music DJ.

What's Bark in the Park?

All four-legged furry friends are invited to join in on the fun. Pet vendors will be featured, pet organizations, doggie giveaways, obstacle course, phot booth, games and more! More information at the Chaska Parks and Recreation Department.

The Arts Consortium now located at the Chaska Community Center has scheduled exhibits for all summer. The Arts Consortium is also



requesting artist to 'Express Yourself in Purple'. Exhibit planned for June 2nd through July 3rd in conjunction with the exhibit, a county wide event entitled 'Purple Reigns' honoring Prince posthumously as their 2021 Honorary Member on June 17th. [reference extra insert]

July's Exhibit, Micro Mystery Tour and September Honor Cultures Exhibit. There's more. For more information, go to www.artsofcarvercounty.org. Artstock Art event too, check website for more information and reference insert in

newsletter.

Recreation on Wheels is scheduled to begin their fun. This is a mobile recreation program at the Chaska Veteran's Park. This will be on Wednesdays beginning June 23 through August 11th starting at 10 AM and ends at 11:30 AM. There will not be any program on July 7th. What exactly is this. It's the Block Party Wagon full of interactive games and equipment to facilitate unique and engaging outdoor activities for kids of all ages. There are group games, craft activities and fun fitness challenges promoting physical activity and interactions.

The 45th annual River City Days event in Chaska has been scheduled for July 23rd through the 25th. Visit their website for more information; www.chaskarivercitydays.com. "River City Days Business and Health Expo at City Square in Chaska on July 23rd at 4 PM to 6 PM. The expo will be a one-stop shop for information on all types of things that pertain to Home and Garden, Food, Fitness and Fun! Join the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce and experience this widely publicized community event with other area businesses. City Square Park will be filled with people, arts and handcrafted booths, food booths, entertainment, games for children and other activities surrounding the park."

Newsworthy note talking about 2021 summer. The Chaska 36th Annual Taste of Chaska has been slated to occur in August, Wednesday, August 18th to be specific. Will follow up later with more information. The Chamber hosts this event and considers it a great evening for the community to connect with local businesses and neighbors, as well as sample the variety of foods.

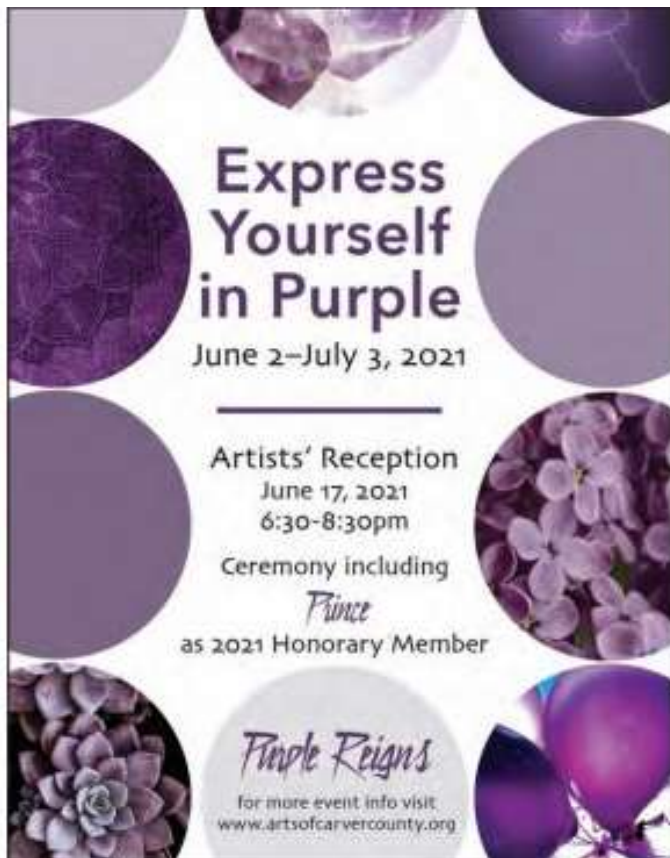
Valleyfair is open. Don't forget the Beach Blanket Kids Dance later in July. The State Fair is scheduled to happen. The Renaissance Festival in August will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Little bird told the editor SteamBoat Days plans are in the works too. Oh goodie! Stay tuned for other events this editor can find. Remember too, the return of Fire and Ice in Chaska scheduled for October.

"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow them."

~ Louisa May Alcott

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

~ Dale Carnegie



Purple Reigns

Purple in Minnesota usually makes people think of Prince. The Arts Consortium is honoring Prince June 17th at Arts of Carver County at the Chaska Community Center. If you are a Prince fan, you probably don't want to miss it. If you aren't a fan, you probably shouldn't miss it anyway. He was a terrific artist and such a loss of talent. Public relations have relayed that with the Prince Estate's approval, Prince is posthumously being named as the ACCC's Honorary Member for 2021, Prince Rogers Nelson. It is the 5th anniversary of his passing. The ACCC is focusing on and celebrating Prince' musical genius and his international acclaim.



2021 Artstock Art, Wine and Music Festival

Ten Year Anniversary Celebration is planned on July 10th and 11th. More details to follow, July 10th and 11th however, is a two-day art and music festival. The ACCC will be holding a fundraiser at the Parley Lake Winery on Saturday. You can also check the website for more information.



Recreation Collaboration

"The City of Carver has a recreation partnership for programming and resident rates at the Chaska recreational facilities. Carver residents are eligible for resident rates at the Community Center, Curling Center, Town Course and Par 30. Additionally, recreation programs and events are hosted in both the cities of Carver and Chaska.

"Upcoming youth and adult activities scheduled in Carver include: Adult Bean Bag League, Storywalks, Tennis Camps, Teen Programs (Outdoor Cooking and Survival Skills), Youth Camps, (Archery, Nature Hikes and Minecraft)

"In addition to these programs, residents are eligible for the resident rates for programs that are held in Chaska. Sign up to receive program details and newsletters by visiting: www.chaskamn.com/729/Programs-Newsletters".

Summer Meal Kits

Eastern Carver County School District news: Thanks to an extension in federal funding, Eastern Carver County Schools Nutrition Services is able to provide free meals this summer to children up to 18 years old. Weekly meal kits are FREE but must be pre-ordered using the order form links below. Note: students enrolled in district summer programs including Club Care, Summer EdVentures, and elementary and middle school Summer School, will also receive free meals and will receive separate instructions on how to order free meals while attending these programs in-person.

Meal kits for June will be distributed on Wednesdays: June 16, 23, and 30th. Use the links below to pre-order each kit.

- #1 -- Brunch Meal Kits - order by June 6th for pick-up on June 16
- #2 -- Orange Chicken Meal Kit - order by June 13th for pick-up on June 23rd
- #3 -- State Fair Favorites -- order by June 20 for pick-up on June 30th

If you have any questions, please contact the Nutrition Services office at 952-556-6150 or Nutrition@district112.org



SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce



There are three big events being sponsored by the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce this June of 2021. There is the Brews and Bones Event to be held on Sunday, June 6th at 3 PM until 6 PM at the Schram Haus Brewery at 3700 Chaska Boulevard, Chaska. Free to Attend! The Chamber and Schram Haus Brewery hope you can join them in the fun for this fun dog friendly event! Stop by and check out local vendor booths featuring veterinarians, dog food suppliers and dog friendly businesses~. You can also enjoy the variety of tasty options of craft beer that Schram Haus has available for purchase, as well as get your picture with your four-legged friend by Lynn Laumann Photography. Food truck will also be in site. There will also be a Pet Look-A-Like Contest and a Best Dog Trick Contest with prizes. PS All dogs must be on a leash for this event.

On Wednesday, June 16th at 11:30 AM until 1 PM is the Chamber's Membership Luncheon, Strategies to Leverage Social Media for Improved Customer Communication and Sales. Amy Saldanha, Founder and CEO of Kiddywampus, will talk about effective social media strategies you can leverage for improved customer communication and sales. Popular platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok are regularly used by customers now days. Business leaders need to know how to better utilize these important tools in their efforts to achieve their goals and increase sales.

Prior to founding Kiddywampus (a specialty toy retailer with locations in Chanhassen and Hopkins) In 2006, Saldanha practiced law as a civil litigator in Chicago. Then she had stints in operations and talent management at several digital start-ups.

Come join us and meet the speaker.

Then there is the Farmer's Markets all starting up in June and July that is hosted by the Chamber. Reference separate article titled, Farmer's Market in the newsletter.

SteamBoat Days

The SteamBoat Days Committee is meeting to plan a fantastic event for the residents and guests of Carver. The editor was told that you can find the most up-to-date information on their new website: www.steamboatdays.info.

Be sure to check it out. There is also a Facebook page. Below, inserting flyer from their Facebook page. Check it out if you can. Will post what I can when I can.



What we know so far is: Steamboat Days 2021! September 10-12 Preview of Events:

- Fire Dept Water Fights
- Medallion Hunt
- City-wide Garage Sales
- Kids Play Area
- Fishing Tourney (w/Carver Bait Shop & Lisa's Place)
- Friday Band - PopRocks
- Car Show
- Marketplace
- Harvey's Bean Bag Tourney
- Wild West Show Downtown
- Saturday Bands -- Ragtown, Johnny Holm Band
- Saturday Fireworks
- Parade
- FOOD TRUCKS

Do you own a food truck? Know someone who does? Contact Monica Hron at monicahron@yahoo.com.

We understand as restrictions are lifted, everyone has a different comfort level for public gatherings. Please participate to your comfort level.



2021 ArtStock Art, Wine and Music Festival

Saturday, July 10, 10am to 5pm

Sunday, July 11, 11am to 5pm

ArtStock is a 2-day art & music festival. In addition to the artist booths and the picturesque, vineyard/orchard setting, live music fills the air both days enhancing this wonderful, summertime experience.

The Arts Consortium of Carver County welcomes all artists and festival-goers to the 2021 ArtStock Art, Wine & Music Festival which includes an assortment of exciting new artists, as well as old favorites, representing diverse media such as photography, sculpture, wearable arts, glass, fibers, painting, and more... there is truly something for everyone!

EVENT LOCATION

Parley Lake Winery 8280 Parley Lake Rd, Waconia, MN

ARTSTOCK MUSICIANS

We are pleased to announce the musical lineup for July 10th and 11th. Tara B, Matt and Holly, Traveled Ground, Ted Hajnasiewicz, Lehto and Wright and the Blue Skies Band.

ACCC FUNDRAISER

We are having an ACCC fundraiser at Parley Lake Winery on Saturday evening at 7pm (July 10th), a performance by the extremely popular Monroe Crossing, an internationally known bluegrass band. Tickets will be available for purchase through Parley Lake Winery.

VOLUNTEERS

If you'd like to be on the Festivals Committee, or if you know someone who might be interested in being a Volunteer during ArtStock, please complete the Volunteer Form on our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page on our website.



CHASKA PARKS & RECREATION

BARK IN THE PARK

TUESDAY, JUNE 29TH
6:00-8:00 PM
CHASKA FIREMEN'S PARK

Calling all four-legged friends! Join us for this annual event featuring pet vendors and community pet organizations, doggie give-a-ways, obstacle course, photo booth, games and MORE!

Live music by Sawyer's Dream
6:00-8:00 pm

A stylized, abstract background image for the 'Micro Mystery Tour' poster, featuring concentric circles and organic shapes in shades of brown, black, and white.

Micro Mystery Tour

July 7– August 7, 2021

Artists' Reception July 22, 2021
6:30-8:30pm

FREE Meal Kits for All Children All Summer



Weekly meal kits will be free to children up to 18 years old through the summer of 2021 thanks to extended federal funding.

Each kit contains 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches for each child. The meal kits are full of student favorites with a combination of ready-to-eat foods and frozen items to bake at home.

Order your meal kit each week:
<http://eccs.mn/weeklymeals>