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City of Carver Mayor

Interested in meeting or talking with the City of Carver's very own mayor, Courtney Johnson? She has set up a time slot to meet with anyone interested in talking or ask questions. She has invited you to, "Please join me for my next Mayor's Office Hours on Saturday, September 11, from 9 – 11 a.m. at City Hall. This will be an informal, open house style meeting with no formal agenda, so please stop by when you're downtown checking out the Steamboat Days events! If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to reach out. As always, I look forward to hearing from you! Mayor Courtney Johnson

CJohnson@CityOfCarver.com, Facebook: CarverMayorCourtney."

Pavement Management Plan

The city has been participating in a series of discussions regarding the comprehensive overview of street conditions, identify maintenance necessary and integrate financing model. The council further reviewed and discussed at a work session the topic of the funding and impact proposals, specific plan for annual maintenance funding was requested. The proposal involved a five-year plan from 2022 to 2026. Seal coating as a standard maintenance practice were also asked to be integrated into the plan. The council reviewed the proposed five-year Capital Improvement Program spreadsheets identifying the financial numbers.

Purchase of Property

The council held a closed meeting to review and discuss the property for sale non-public appraisal data for identified property.

Mount Hope Cemetery

The Rules and Regulations topic were reviewed at the Work Session and then carried over to the council meeting. The proposed draft was presented to the council. The council will review for future adoption.

The council further discussed the topic involving the Rules and Regulations for the Mount Hope Cemetery. The city reviewed the current ordinance, and reviewed adoption of comprehensive Rules and Regulations relating to the operation of the cemetery. Applicable Minnesota law authorizes adoption of rules and regulations, as opposed to ordinances, relating to the operation of a municipal cemetery. Preparations included considerations of maintenance, fairness, long-term continuity, standardizing operation, cost and maintenance provisions, reasonable restrictions, protection of grounds, as well as ease of making changes to the Rules and Regulations as opposed to the ordinance. Request was made for some verbiage changes relating to prohibition of upright monuments in certain sections. Document was amended to state allowance of both upright and flat monuments in all sections of the cemetery.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. As a part of the overall National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System permit program the city is permitted to discharge storm water. Therefore, the city is required to develop, implement and enforce the program. Annually this information is to be provided to the public. The city had made the decision to hold a Public Hearing presenting an overview of the program and the public given the opportunity to comment.

Outlander

The council approved the purchase of a Mitsubishi Outlander for the Community Development Department for further discussion by motion with all ayes. Question was asked whether or not an electrical vehicle was necessary at this time. Response was given that the issue was part of the Strategic Plan, the Green Step Cities Program and the financing was typical for said item. It was the opinion of a council member that a similar vehicle with a gas engine costing less and the low anticipated mileage could be purchased. Report read signified the vehicle as wea, underpowered and not worth the cost. It was the councilmember's opinion that money could be utilized better elsewhere. Question was also asked if it had been test driven and it had not. Vehicle maintenance would be done by the city's mechanic. There is also a five-year warranty on the car, ten-year warranty on the battery and roadside assistance is included. Another council member stated their unfamiliarity with this type of vehicle but questioned mileage availability on the battery charge. The council was told that each time the brake is used, the battery recharges. Upon reaching the point of twenty miles used, it will begin to use gas. Therefore, it is not fully an electrical vehicle. The anticipated hypothesis is that the vehicle would not travel more than twenty-eight miles per day. State bid pricing for the purchase of any vehicle would be used. Statement was submitted that several other cities have similar vehicles that are used for mainly inspections. There were not any issues and generally complimentary of the vehicle. Cost savings were inquired about. It was indicated that it would cost a dollar per day to charged versus the cost of a gallon of gas. Reminder was also submitted this notion was part of the Strategic Plan and adopted unanimously. It was deciphered that it was also a good compromise to get into green energy with a green vehicle. The state supports the purchase of this type of vehicle. For most cities it was the way to incorporate this type of vehicle utilizing the low mileage capabilities for the use of building inspections. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay approving the purchase of a Mitsubishi Outlander for the Community Development Department.

Levee Update

Representative Emmer's office informed the city that the House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Transportation, Urban Development and other related agencies approved its fiscal year 2022 budget bill including funds for Carver's Levee Project. The only other project in this district receiving funding was the 212 projects. The item is still required to go before the Senate, after which it needs to be combined. It's still has a long way to go. News had also been received from Senator Klobuchar's office recommended funding for the levee project.

"City of Carver Connections" newsletter"

Per Mayor Courtney Johnson, "Congressional Visit – On August 11, Congressman Tom Emmer visited Carver to learn more about our Levee Improvement Project. Congressman Emmer has included \$2.5 million for Carver's Levee Improvement project in a federal funding bill. This isn't a done deal, and there's still A LOT more work to be done to get our levee certified, but we're headed in the right direction!"

"Physical attraction is only part of the formula, you need laughter, music, food and friendship. You need honesty, trust, humility, and a willingness to walk through the fire." ~ Mark Anthony

Timber Creek

The Community Development Direction discussed with the council the rezoning of the development Timber Creek.

Annexation defaulted the property to agriculture. Rezoning is required as an approval step for developing. The request encompasses the entire property. Final plat approval is the last request for the council review prior to construction. The property is slated to develop in two additional phases. The proposed Final Plat is consistent with the approved Preliminary Plat. Additional acres will be acquired of parkland for an expansion of Ironwood Park.

The Parks Commission has begun work on developing programming. The draft for the proposed park will be presented to the council along with a public open house in fall. The Planning Commission had reviewed the Final Plat recommending approval.

The Planning Commission reviewed the topic involving the development of Timber Creek. Phase One which includes forty-nine single family lots and seventy-four townhome lots. The entire townhome community will be constructed with Phase One. The city staff and the development personnel are working on the alignment of Ironwood Drive. Presently as laid out, the street will not function during peak school times. The commission was advised to recommend approval of the Final Plat contingent on approval of the Ironwood Drive design. The issue will be resolved prior to the council approval. Question was asked regarding the outlots. The Community Development Director spoke regarding the green space, ponds and wetlands in those outlots. The city will own these while the home owner associations will maintain the areas at the site of the townhomes. Streets, parks, school issues and traffic control, as well as street lighting were all discussed at great lengths. Final details will be worked out when Phase Three occurs. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of Phase One Final Plat for Timber Creek contingent on approved alignment of Ironwood Drive by the City Engineer.

The council was given updates on the Timber Creek property. The city will be acquiring an estimated three and half additional acreage of parkland for an expansion of Ironwood Park. The Parks Commission has commenced on developing programing for this park. Street naming was discussed by the council. Opinion was submitted that naming of threes would be desired to honor historical references. This request would be considered. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance rezoning the property for development of Timber Creek. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution approving the Final Plat for US Home Corporation for the development identified as timber Ridge First Addition.

The Preserve

The Community Development Director discussed with the Planning Commission members the proposed Preliminary Plat and rezoning request for the subdivision identified as the Preserve. The property is located west of Meridian Fields and will be accessed primarily from Monroe Drive. The parcel is approximately thirty-five acres. Presently property is zoned agriculture recently annexation. The Concept Plan had been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Currently rezoning is required and the Preliminary Plat. The project proposed meets city specifications requirements. Once the applicant has the Preliminary Plat approval, vested land rights typically result in the sale of the property. A noise study was required as part of the Preliminary Plat approval and that study was completed. Those results had similar findings as that of the study completed for the development of Meridian Fields directly east. Proposed construction includes sixty-six family lots. Development of the property will result in two exception pieces; one in the northeast and the other at the northwest corner. Both of the existing homes remain in the township until the property owners petition for annexation. These are identified as exceptions since they are not included nor annexed as part of the development plans. The property in the north east corner has been ghost platted meaning the developer has shown what lots will look like if and when the property is included in the development. Utilities will be available for the lots when they are constructed. The exception piece in the north west corner will likely develop when the property west comes into the City.

"A hungry stomach, an empty wallet and a broken heart, can teach you the best lessons in life." \sim Robin Williams

2019 Improvements Project

The project engineer discussed the 2019 Improvements Project, the Supplemental Assessment Roll and the drafted resolution adopting the assessment roll. Previously, the improvements had been identified in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and the contract had been awarded for construction of the improvements. Those improvements have been completed. Assessments had been established for project costs for adjacent properties. Municipal utilities connections were required to be completed by property owners within the Kirche Hill Drive and Diedrich Drive neighborhood. Property owners solicited quotes and private contractors to complete work. Three assessment options were developed. There were changes to the originally selected assessment option by one property owner. This revised assessment agreement has been drafted. The next step is to hold a hearing and adopt the supplemental assessment.

Miscellaneous

At a work session meeting the council introduced a new employee to the Public Services. The Public Services Technician III, Russell Kerber was introduced to the city council members.

The city council held a special meeting for the purpose of conducting an interview for city attorney candidate. An interview, questions and discussion were held. Motion was made and carried with all ayes appointing Dave Anderson from Kennedy and Graven as the city attorney. Congratulations and welcome to the City of Carver.

From the City's very own newsletter, Courtney relayed, "Great River Greening Grants – After submitting an application in April 2020, we recently learned the City of Carver has received two grants! These funds will be used for improvements to the future Creekside Park, which will be located on the corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Main Street, including stream stabilization and removal of invasive species, seedlings, and plantings."

The Parks Commission reviewed an updated version of the proposed downtown park as well. There was interest expressed in having a performance space to be useable by community members. In the downtown park plan there was discussion of a community space, performance space and also an area for food trucks. The Commission also provided feedback for both the park specific initiatives, as well as the strategic plan as a whole.

Riverside Park concept for inclusion of several minimal maintenance areas were reviewed with talk of planting pollinator friendly habitat and natural prairie grasses. The time spent on the Riverside Park and the challenges the park presented with maintenance were discussed. The members expressed their opinions and desires to continue the archery range and horse shoe pits. The creation of bird habitats was also talked about to reduce the number of bugs in the park would also be helpful to make the park more useable.

Bond Refunding

The city council reviewed with the financial advising representative information relating to the Pre-Sale Summary for the issuance of Refunding Bonds for interest cost savings. The concept was essentially like refinancing to save money. Information was given regarding the callable status of the bonds which is a period of time when there is an opportunity to refinance with lots of different options. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale of general obligation improvement refunding bonds.

Long-term Financial Plan

The city manager discussed the Long-term Financial Plan with the council. This financial plan identifies future capital equipment, infrastructure projects, staffing, operations and maintenance needs. The plan also assesses the financial impact of these needs along with the corresponding tax or utility rate impact that these investments have in the General, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water and Park Dedication funds. Additionally, the revised plan outlines an expenditure for the use of the funds in the American Recovery Act funding. Part one in the Capital Plan Review includes capital equipment, infrastructure, hiring, and future needs. Part two, the Financial Impact Review includes Utility Rate Impact, Tax Rate Impact, and the Fund Balance Impact Review. The analysis of the Part two phase will be reviewed in the future.

Street Sweeping

The Connections also pointed out that: "Street Sweeping Starts in September. Street sweeping is one of the most visible aspects of the Street Department. Clean streets and gutters give our town a neat and well-kept appearance and help reduce traffic accidents and air pollution caused by dirt and debris accumulation. It also prevents pollutants and sediment from entering the storm water system and ponds. A successful sweeping program helps keep Carver in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act. City Staff will begin sweeping operations in September. As a reminder, it is illegal to blow or rake leaves or grass clippings into the street or to place trash, branches, and other debris in the street. With your cooperation, we can keep our water pollutant free!"

Iron Wood Park

The Parks Commission members reviewed concept plans for the Ironwood Park. The upcoming residential development of Timber Creek will be adding and approximate three and half acres to the site. The members talked about several different concepts which included relocating and constructing a new skate park, pavilion, nature-based play/outdoor classroom feature and a proposed trail system throughout the park. There was also discussion of relocating the community gardens to the park area. Staff will be refining the concept to include additional open quiet space, as well as the park layout.

Carver Current

Know about the Carver Current website? Good source for finding and posting local information for the area. Check out www.carvercurrent 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

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Carver Business Illiance

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 September 17th.

Carver Community Youth Baseball

Softball Association Fall Ball Opportunity By Greg Riggs Carver Baseball is teaming up with Chaska



Baseball Association to provide a Fall Ball opportunity starting in September. A Wednesday night "skills" night practice with a Sunday evening game opportunity to play ball. For more information and to register, please visit https://www.playballhawks.com/page/show/257650registration

Carver Black Sox

By: Jeff Tuma

"Late on that Saturday night in Hamburg, the Carver Black Sox defeated the Bird Island Bullfrogs with a comefrom-behind 3-2 victory. Trailing 2-0 going in to the 8th



inning, the Black Sox loaded the bases with nobody out, with Ben Alexander delivering a 2-run single to right center to tie the game. Carver had a chance to take the lead in the 8th, but Cullen McNeill, running for Alexander, was thrown out on a close play at home when tagging on a fly ball to center. The winning run was scored by Peter Benson, who was running for Sam Warner who had led off the 9th inning with a single to right. A Cole Kirchoff sacrifice bunt advanced Benson to second. Connor Cornell followed with a sharp single to right scoring Benson with the go-ahead run.

The evening belonged to Jacob Booden who picked up his first ever win for the Black Sox. Booden entered the game with one out in the 5th inning and runners on second and third. He struck out the first hitter, then on a wild pitch received a perfect throw from catcher Warner and applied the tag for the 3rd out.

Booden followed with 4 more innings of 1-hit baseball, striking out 7 total Bullfrogs.

Carver now plays the Bluffton Braves at 1:30 pm at Chaska Athletic Park on Sunday, August 29th, with the winner moving on to Labor Day Weekend." Go Carver Black Sox!

Did you know that our very own home team of the "Carver Black Sox" have had five, that's right, five consecutive State Tournament appearances?? They certainly have some good players, don't you think? Congratulations to each of them and everyone involved. Look forward to hearing if you guys playing again on Labor Day weekend!

Carver Lions

In case you missed the opportunity to join, I bet the Lions would welcome your help if you are interested and want to see what it all entails before you make that commitment you want to really make. They are very much involved with the city's annual celebration. So much to do. How does that go? "Not enough time, not



enough hands." Go get em' tiger. If my calculations are right, there will be one more meeting before Steamboat Days.

There is still time to get involved with the actual hands-on preparations, not so much the planning. Oh, the excitement, the thrill to be a part of this great event. You are missing out.

On another note, the members are discussing resuming Meat Raffles and their Trunk and Treats event. They also resume their fall schedule of meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at City Hall. Thank them for all they do for your community! Each and every member has earned and deserves it! Thank you, Carver Lions!

Farmer's Market

Farmer's Markets Reminder: The Downtown Chaska Farmer's Market last day for the 2021 season is September 15th at the City Square Park in



downtown Chaska opening at 3 PM and closing up at 6 PM. 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 having their last market on September 16th. Carver's Farmer's market will be open through the entire of month of September with your last chance being the 28th of September, on Tuesday's head on over to the Community Park and see what you need from 3 PM to 6 PM. Where you ask? At the Carver Community Park

Hrts Consortium

Visual Art News The Arts Consortium opened in August with Honoring Cultures

- 41 display. They are celebrating the diversity of cultures backgrounds and histories. Artists were asked

to pull their creativity together to expound on Honoring Cultures. You are invited to come and see the celebrations of uniqueness and togetherness tht cultures represent. This exhibit will be on display through September 18th at the Arts Center Gallery at the Chaska Community Center. Please come and enjoy, meet the artists and celebrate our local artists.

"Don't wish it was easier, wish you were better. Don't wish for less problems, wish for more skills." ~ Jim Rohn

Trinity Lutheran Church

Steamboat Days Alert:

"Our annual bazaar will be held on: Saturday, September 11, 10:00 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, September 12, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Baked goods, canned goods, garden produce, plants, embroidered and sewed items, crafts, antiques, gifts, gently used books and household items will be offered.

New this year we have a food truck that will be parked in our lower lot. They will serve corn

dogs, mini doughnuts, cheese curds, water, and cotton candy. Also new this year, Carlson's Loveable Llama's will be on the lower

lot, Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Plan to enjoy shopping, fellowship, and lunch!

Don't forget that everyone is welcome at, Trinity Lutheran Church for worship. Please join us for Worship at 9 AM Sundays. We believe that the church is not a building but people joined together by God through faith. Our prayer is to see our town awakened to and transformed by the love of Jesus.

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Carlson's Lovable Llamas, Food Truck and Bazaar at Trinity in Carver

"Elizabeth Jander, local high school senior, PSEO student at Crown College and participant in the 4-H Llama project is working with her church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Carver, to provide a hands-on llama experience over Steamboat Days weekend She recently volunteered at the Canterbury Race Track Llama Races and saw how much joy a little time with the llamas brought to families. Since Trinity has held a popular annual bazaar over Steamboat Days, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to pour a little llama love into Carver.



Carlson's Lovable Llama's

Carlson's Lovable Llama's will be on the lower lot at Trinity on Saturday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

The bazaar will be held on: Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, September 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Baked goods, canned goods, garden produce, plants, embroidered and sewed items, crafts, antiques, gifts, gently used books and household items will be offered."

Southwest Transit

Along with SW Prime's Park and Fly Service to the Airport, 494/Airport Service along 494 MSP Corridor; don't forget SW Prime's service to Non-



Emergency Medical Transportation trips available if needed.

SW is also offering rides to the Gophers football games. This service will start on September 2nd and run through November 27th. All the start times are not published yet and the website will update as they are announced so be sure to check their website for additional times, information and scheduled pick times and their locations. Return time scheduled to be a half our after the end of the game and you will board the bus where you were dropped off at 25th Avenue Southeast and 6th Street Southeast. Round trip ticket is \$5, cash only. Children five and under ride free.

"You only have so much emotional energy each day. Don't fight battles that don't matter." ~ Joel Osteen

East Union Lutheran Church

Happy to let y'all know that the East Union Church is once again hosting their Chicken Dinner for all of you have missed the good food, good company and ability to socialize. Pastor Sarah also says, "You can expect a warm welcome and friendly people available to help you find your way around. We make it easy for people to get connected and involved with each other no matter what the age or background. We hope you will come and join us!" You can join inside the sanctuary or on Facebook at 9 AM on Sundays.



The church also invites you to attend their Rally Sunday, scheduled for September 19th. Also, their first day of Sunday School and Confirmation following their 9 AM service. There are games, fellowship and fun for all ages on their agenda to share with everyone. Lunch will also be served.

Their Chicken Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th with the doors open at 4PM and serving until 6 PM. They feature homecooked chicken, potatoes, corn and homemade desserts. All are welcome! Adults \$ 12 and children under 10, \$ 6. Just in case you aren't familiar, the address is 15180 County Road 40, Carver. Don't miss out.

Oh also, they are also taking donations again for the Towel Ministry in collaboration with Love Inc. You can contact the church for more information if you interested in donating.

West Union Lutheran Church

Meanwhile over at West Union Lutheran Church you are welcome to join them in worship also at 9 AM on Sundays. Worship is currently inside and on Facebook Live. "Small church with a BIG Heart!"



Don't forget that on Sunday, September 12th the church is having a Polka Worship. They will be led by the Jolly Ramblers. They also will be celebrating Rally Day where their Children's Ministry Station starts.

They are also preparing for their West Union Country Market and Craft Sale planned for Saturday, September 25th from 9 AM – 2 PM. They will have food, pumpkins and gourds, fall decorations, homemade canned goodies, bake sale, crafts and kids' activities.

2021 SteamBoat Days

Life is slowly returning to the new normal all around us. Even SteamBoat Days is going full steam ahead with precautionary measures for this Not even "it" can stop the blasted virus. determination of humankind unwavering to bring vou all the fun and festivities involved in hometown celebrations. You will find fun, contests, events. Car show, sports, runs, church participation, businesses, vendors, garage sales and on and on the list goes. The event is set to kick off Friday, September 10th at 4 PM. The flyers are attached so you can find your delight. The event goes through



Sunday. There is a live band Friday night, don't forget the infamous water fights, street dance and fireworks Saturday night. Sunday is the parade, Marvin and Evelyn Grimm are the grand Marshall's. Thank you everyone for your hard work, dedication and once again giving the community a wonderful memorable event. Watch for that pesky Territory and his gang when you are in town. I'm sure they will be lurking about for any scoop they can get. See y'all there.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Theatre is so happy to announce that they will be conducting auditions for their upcoming performance in December of Disney's Newsies the Musical. Rehearsals scheduled to begin

October 3rd which is right around the corner everyone. Auditions are being scheduled for September 19th and the 20th. If interested, go to their website and find all the pertinent details necessary. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for further information.

"A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep." ~ Saul Bellow



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. September's Occasional Shop dates are September 16th through the 19th.

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/Website The Good Junk Garage – Facebook Temperance Arts &t Gifts – Facebook The Funky Dove – Facebook

Jordan Heimatfest

The Jordan Heimatfest is a community celebration held in Jordan. There is food and fun for everyone and everyone is invited to come and celebrate its heritage. There is a car cruise and dancing in the streets, festivities and Gemutlichkeit. This first started out as "Hub



Valley Days" in its glory days. The name changed in 1985 to become larger, community focused celebration. "Heimatfest" means homeland festival. Local organizations and volunteers are the heart of the event. The car cruise and parade are held in historic downtown Jordan while the remainder of the festivities are held in Lagoon Park featuring a waterfall, the Mill Pond and shaded park grounds.

The celebration on Friday is kicked off with the car cruise (4:30 PM), food booths and a street dance in downtown Jordan with live music and beer. Saturday is a full day of events including the 5K and Fun Run, parade (11 AM), entertainment, contests and all-around fun all day long. Saturday night feature is fireworks. "Come Home to Celebrate!"

Sever's Fall Festival



Yep, it's that time of the year, harvest, fall, things that go bump in the night time. Sever's

invites you to "Continue the tradition or start a new one". For more detailed information on their website <u>www.seversfestival.com</u>. Sever's is the home to the Midwest's first and largest corn maze. They also have expanded their festival to fall lights and holiday lights. Invitation is extended to come for the massive corn maze, join in for the jumping pillows, the giant slide, the corn pit, and tire mountain. There are also live shows, along with food and drink. Opening day is September 10th and will run through October 31st. They will also be open MEA Weekend, Thursday, October 21st (10 AM – 6 PM) and Friday, the 22nd (10 AM – 8 PM). The times for other open days will be Fridays open at 1 PM until 8 PM, Saturdays, 10 AM to 8 PM and Sundays 10 AM – 6 PM.

13th Annual Southwest Metro Chmber Golf Tournament

Like to golf?

Or how about networking?

Marketing exposure or business?

A fall afternoon outside connecting with other Chamber members? Submitted by: Darrin Noble

Are you seeking a way to help our Chamber, a nonproit in its efforts to provide opportunities for members to engage in throughout the year? ...Do you have an item you would be willing to donate for our raffle/fundraiser?

These are all reasons why our members are getting involved in the upcoming 3th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, September 20th. This is a key fundraiser or our Chamber and there are various ways to support your Chamber.

Golf (register a foursome or sign up individually--member and non-member rates)

Sponsor (various levels, including a hole sponsorship) Donate an item for our raffle (e.g. gift card to your business or another Chamber member, a basket, event tickets, lodging, etc.). Thank you for considering how you might get involved in helping our Chamber have a successful event--much appreciated! . Check-in, lunch and driving range time is 11 AM. Dinner to be served at 5:30 PM and the event expected to be done by 6:30 PM.



Carver Fire Relief Golf

Tournament

The Carver Fire Relief Association is a non-profit organization that supports the volunteer members of the Carver Fire Department. The relief association was established to provide



retirement benefits to its members and supports active-duty volunteers with funding and events throughout the year. This year's golf tournament is no different. Please consider coming and joining us for a day of camaraderie, fun, golf, prizes and dinner. The date of the tournament is Friday, September 24th. With Shotgun start at noon. For more information, you can go to <u>www.carver-fire-relief-</u> <u>tournament.perfectgolfevent.com</u>. You can register on line. Support your local fire department and the retired firemen.

Nickle Dickle Day

City of Waconia residents and businesses invite you to come and participate in Nickle Dickle Day in Waconia. Come and stroll through the arts and crafts fair, the library book sale and the car and truck show. Great shopping and deals all around town. "A day not to be missed!" The committee in charge of the event say.



There will be live music to listen to while enjoying delicious food. You can even run in a Nickle Dickle Day race, if you want. You can watch the duck races and the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. So come on over and check out Waconia's duck races, car/truck sow, arts/crafts, great food, kid zone, contests, games, shopping, music and fun and so much more. Oh, oh, oh, you can find all this action on Saturday, September 18th.

Hrt and Apples on the Lake

"Excelsior Art & Apples on the Lake September 18-19, 2021 While Art on the Lake is traditionally held in June each



year, with the ongoing uncertainty of events, we wanted to ensure we wouldn't need to cancel 2021 as we had to in 2020. Thus, this year we are moving Art on the Lake to September."

This event is a fun fusion of two beloved events! For one year only, Art on the Lake and Apple Days join forces to make one memorable weekend celebration for the community. Excelsior Art on the Lake marks its 40th year in 2021! It is a high-profile event with loyal following, art admirers, collectors and buyers. There will be over one hundred and forty artists displaying original works among live music and varieties of foods being offered. While Apple Days is a coveted lakeside festival celebrating with the community, art, locally produced food, and good old-fashioned street dance. There are craft booths, Happy Apple Kids Corner, food vendors, history tour, Apple Pie contests, and live entertainment all presented during the event. Not to mention popular beer and wine garden to wet your whistle.

Hope everyone is inclined to come and visit us over the weekend event and make it an annual trip in the future. For more information, times, etc., go to their website for more details, www.excelsor-lakeminnetonkachamber.com.

"She will give you every chance, her heart may slowly break, but when she is done, you will only realize because she will be consumed by silence instead of <u>forgiveness."</u> ~SL Heaton [Ravenwolf]



September at the Arboretum

In the Chaska, Chanhassen, Excelsior corner is the Mn Landscape Arboretum as many of us know. It is a thriving, beautiful nature site with many, many fun activities always going on. I have tried to get notifications from their public relations personnel but I believe they are way too busy to keep up with notifications. So, I try my best to check the events occurring there to include for anyone to participate in the fantastic displays and education. Fall is a busy, productive time of the year for human beings, nature is not any different. So, if you want more information, go to their website, <u>www.arb.un.edu</u>. Scroll over to events and check out the information there and then over to news and check out their magazine. If you can't go in person, at least you can see the wonderful displays shown on line.

Below I highlighted some of the more major activities about to occur.

Glass Pumpkin Patch

The Auxiliary hosts this section who present fundraising events which include the Summer Garden Tours, Arb Glass Pumpkin Patch, Fall Harvest Sale, Quilt Raffle and Holiday Sale.

At the Snyder Building and Morgan Terrace on September 9th starting at noon until 4 PM, see website for more dates, times and information. There are award-winning professional glass artists displaying and selling their glass pumpkins, demonstrating glass blowing and offering small class instructions. There are over two thousand gorgeous and colorful glass pumpkins in all sizes, shapes

and colors for sale in a unique fall setting display. Purchases support the artisans and the arboretum. There will be free glass-blowing demonstrations daily. This event continues on Sunday.

Fall Karvest Sale

Friday through Sunday, September 24th through September 26th you are invited to come and join in on creating seasonal floral arrangements, greeting cards, botanical products, knitted wearable accessories, gifts for the house and both functional and whimsical wood-crafted items. Tulip bulbs will be available too this year. Friday and Saturday's events begin at 9 AM and closes at 4 PM. Sunday's hours are 11 AM to 3 PM.

The Quilt Raffle is an annual event where the Auxiliary creates show-stopping. Handmade quilt for the popular Quilt Raffle fundraiser. The themed 2021 quilt, "Sights and Sounds of the Arboretum" is on display in the Red Barn. Raffle tickets are available for purchase. The raffle drawing will be in the Snyder Auditorium on Saturday of the Fall Festival Harvest Sale in September. Interested in more details, you can call 612.625.9865.

The Holiday Sale is scheduled for December. The 2022 Summer Garden Tours are not scheduled for specific dates yet. Check out their website to keep apprised of dates, times and events.

Scarecrows in the Garden

Come visit the numerous scarecrows in the garden at the arboretums annual display on the Dahlgren Terrace and Scarecrow Hill. You're even encouraged to take a selfie with a scarecrow, then vote for your favorite creation. Experts from Bachman's created six new scarecrows tht stand-out alongside scarecrows designed by the staff at the arboretum. Last year, Covid the Kid, was voted best scarecrow and was created by staff at Lyndale Bachman's. There are pictures of more on their website. Check them out, they are pretty creative and amusing.

Third Annual Apple Jam

Saturday evening, September 25th is the place to be at is at the arboretum farm for their Third Annual Apple Jam event. Here is where you can enjoy family fun featuring an apple-related scavenger hunt, apple bingo, lawn games and concessions with beverages included from the Excelsior Brewing Company. You can also enjoy live music from the Daisy Dillman Band from 6 PM until 8 PM. Register by September 4th for this event.

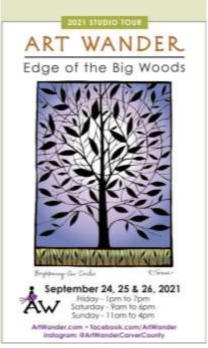
*Ar*t Wander

The Art Wander has been an ongoing event for nine years. They are planning a tour for the fall of 2021 again. The dates for the tour are weekend of September 24th. Carver County's Edge of the Big Woods Art Wander begins Friday, September 24th at 1 PM with the tour ending at 7 PM. Saturday the 25th the tour will begin at 9 AM and end at 6 PM. Sunday, the 26th scheduled times are 11 AM until 4 PM. You will find more details on line at <u>www.ArtWander.com</u>, Facebook and also on Instagram. Artists will be showing and selling art at fifteen studios. Artists are local and regional. There are potters, painters, printers, jewelers, glass and fiber artists who are all looking forward to sharing, talking. Seeing and demonstrating their work in unique "working studio" environments.

This event began with the motivation to get into some of the local artists' studios. It is fun, inspiring, thrilling and exciting to see the unique areas where the wonderful creative endeavors are conceived and brought to life. As the event has expanded, guest artis have been included at each studio to add additional interest. It is a self-guided tour.

Check out the studio map to find the locations. Guests are appreciated and the event would not occur without people coming on these tours. They all look forward to seeing you all. You can browse their website to learn more about the artists. Many are also represented at the Arts Consortium Art Gallery at the Chaska Community Center and at the Unearthed Arts in Waconia (unearthedartmn.com)

"G've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." —Maya Angelou







Schram Haus 3rd Annual

Oktoberfest

If you haven't been to the Schram Haus Brewery yet, one should probably go check it out. Did you know that if you visit their website or attend the

establishment that they have all kinds of neat things occurring there? Go to their website, <u>www.schramhausbrewery.com</u>, scroll over to events and check it out.

However, the reason for this article now is they are gearing up for their 3rd Annual Schram Haus Oktoberfest to happen on Saturday, September 25th with the doors opening at 11 AM. Hey they are also partnering with the Guardian Angels all Festival. Looks like there may be a shuttle bus. It has been said by some that this just might be the best Oktoberfest celebration around. You are invited to get your lederhosen and dirndls ready for the festive day celebrating great beer, music, fun, food and dress! There are also pre-sale stein packages available. There is a kick-off concert scheduled for Friday, September 24th to begin at 6 PM and playing until 9 PM. Beer, new releases include Oktoberfest and other special beers with details to follow soon. There are contests to include costume, stein holding, and a keg toss. Lots of games too; T-shirt cannon, song and games from Jolly Huntsmen, giant beer pong, horseshoes and bags, etc. Don't forget the food. There will be Ruhland's Strudelhaus with sweet and savory strudels and Bavarian pretzels, Tollefson Family Grill with brats, pork sandwiches, etc. and check their website for "Stay tuned or more!". Unfortunately, pets are not allowed at this event. Kids 12 and under will be admitted to this event free. A \$5 admission fee is required for children older. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available including Coke products and our Wingman Root Beer. See you there!

Guardian Angels Fall Festival

Share a secret with y'all. It ages me, I know. I remember as a kid my parents taking me to the Guardian Angels Church Festival. It was always in the playground area which was in the middle of the school, the gym with the alley running parallel to the playground and school. The huge



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tents, the line in the gym to get your plate and the people everywhere. I have fond memories of those days. Anyway, if you have never been to the GA Festival, you really should add it to your bucket list. It looks a little different, I bet from when I was a kid. A Tractor/Car Show? Mexican food? Go figure. Back in the day there were only two dinners served, Beef and Sausage and a Turkey Dinner, no alcohol was served. Even I should go check out the new setting.

The festival will be held on Saturday, September 25th, starting at 11:30 AM and concluding with Celebration of the Mass at 4:30 PM. There is a Car/Tractor Show at 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM. Serving Mexican and American food, plus fresh cut French Fries, beer, and wine will also be served. There is a Cash Raffles scheduled, Country Store and a Silent Auction. There will be bingo, kid's games beanbag toss competition and Karaoke/DJ featuring 50's-70's classic rock, class country and old-time music. You will find all this fun at 215 Second Street in Chaska. It is an unforgettable experience.

September Fall Family Fun

The Chaska Park and Recreation announce all Family Fun event scheduled for Saturday, September 25th starting at 11 AM until 1 PM at the City Square Park in downtown Chaska. Everyone is invited to join the Downtown Business Alliance and the City of Chaska to celebrate fall with Kidsdance music, root beer floats and inflatable fun!



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover." -*Mark Twain*



The City of Cologne is featuring Oktoberfest on October 2nd starting at 5 PM until 11 PM. Purchase a \$30 tick to the fundraiser event and you will be afforded the opportunity to be entered into a raffle for a cash prize, enjoy delicious German-themed food (included) and beverages (cash bar), enjoy the sounds of the Highliners live polka band in the "biergarten!" It has been said, *"Grab your lederhosen or dirndl!"* A limited number of event tickets and quilt or gun raffle tickets are available at the Cologne City Hall. Cash or check only. (PS, need not be present to



win any raffle prizes) If you have any raffle or ticket or even sponsor questions, you are asked to email <u>member.colognelions@gmail.com</u>

Some background information on the event is as follows:

This is an annual Lions Club fundraiser/celebration going back to its roots to bring guests more entertainment, more authentic food, more beer, wine, ciders and more "Prost!" (Cheers!) than ever before. This year's fest will showcase a revitalized and elevated experience on Saturday, from five till eleven at the Cologne Community Center. What makes this special is it not only its longstanding history as a community staple event, but the reach it has across generations of fest-goers with offerings for all. Oktoberfest boasts a full "biergarten" serving up plenty of German beer and craft beer favorites along with very energetic mx of Polka. New in 2021, get in the spirit at the craft spirit garden where they offering up sips of superb craft cocktails and spirits while enjoying the sounds of festive live music outdoors. Don't miss this timehonored tradition as the Community Center is transformed into a German paradise.

Coming in October

Wow, from famine to exploding full steam ahead the world seems anxious to get back out and resume all the fun extravaganzas of former days. If September wasn't busy enough, October is definitely in the



competition. Just scratching the surface, we have October 1st opening with Screamtown, Abandoned Hayride, possibly Trail of Terror, ValleyScare and Sever's Fall Festival all in full swing. Then there's the Fire and Ice relaunch, Jack-o-Lantern Trail Halloween Jamboree, Trunk and Treats and let's not forget Halloween. This does not include double checking for other events. Welcome back everyone! We survived for still another round of fun. Be careful though, that pesky 'Virus' isn't done. Watch for the next issue, if you dare.

Compliments of Reed Favero posting:

Edna MN Actor



Stuck between overemotional and

emotionless at the same time

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

— Mae West

Community Calendar September 2021 4144545999999 September 1st **Carver Lions Meeting** Chaska Farmer's Market State Fair through September 6th September 2nd Victoria Farmer's Market September 4th Renaissance - Wine, Chocolate & Romance September 6th Labor Day First day of School September 7th Council Meeting Happy Anniversary Terri and Howie! September 8th Chaska Farmer's Market September 9th Victoria Farmer's Market **Happy Birthday Jeff!** September 9th Glass Pumpkin Patch September 10th SteamBoat Days Weekend Jordan Heimatfest Sever's Fall Festival Opens Happy Birthday Crystal! Happy Birthday Lori! **Renaissance** – Pet Fest September 11th Happy Birthday Hannah! September 12th West Union Polka Worship Grandparent's Day **Happy Birthday Dwight!** Planning Commission Meeting September 13th Dahlgren Township Board Meeting School Board Work Session September 14th Heritage Preservation Meeting Happy Birthday Caroline! **Carver Lion's Meeting** September 15th Last Day of Chaska Farmer's Market Happy Birthday Sandy! Happy Birthday Terri! Happy Anniversary Andrew and Katie! Last Day of Victoria Farmer's Market September 16th **Planning Commission Meeting** September 17th **Business Alliance Meeting** September 18th Scarecrows in the Garden Renaissance - BBQ, Bellies & Beer Waconia Nickle Dickle Days Excelsior Art and Apples on the Lake September 19th **Happy Birthday Tony! Council Meeting** September 20th September 21st Happy Birthday Mom! Happy Birthday Hooker! **Autumn Begins** September 22nd Happy Birthday Missy! Happy Birthday Bonnie! September 23rd Happy Birthday Mike! Happy Anniversary Sonjia and Jim! Happy Birthday Eveylyn! September 24th **Carver Fire Relief Golf Tournament** Art Wonder Happy Birthday Molly! September 25th West Union Country Market Renaissance - Shamrocks & Shananigans Apple Jam 3rd Annual Schram Haus Brewery Oktoberfest Guardian Angels Fall Festival East Union Chicken Dinner September 26th Happy Anniversary Barb and Darrell! September 27th **School Board Meeting** Happy Anniversary Shawn and Phil! Happy Birthday Darren! September 28th Last Day of Carver's Farmer Market Happy Birthday Janet! Happy Birthday Cassandra! September 29th Happy Birthday Brandon! September 30th Happy Birthday Richard! Happy Birthday Lee! October 2021 October 1st **Renaissance - Festival Friday** rom: **Opening Screamtown & Abandoned Hayride** Happy Birthday Denny! Happy Birthday Coreen! October 2nd **Oktoberfest – City of Cologne** TIM ON VallevScare Opens Happy Birthday Tim!

Happy Birthday Todd!

Historic Carver Kiosks



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE STRUCTURES AROUND **CARVER?**

In 2014, members of Carver On The Minnesota, Inc., a civic non-profit corporation, proposed to the City of

Carver the creation of informative kiosks to be placed around the Historic District, depicting various aspects of Carver's history. The iron kiosk frames were made by Schilz Ornamental Iron, Inc. in Shakopee. Ken Forner, of Promotion Graphics in East Union, made the panels and protective coverings for all of the kiosks and installed them into the frames. The bases were created from historic materials where possible, including Carver brick, limestone salvaged from the supports of the former Minnesota River bridge as well as concrete. The photos and narratives were provided by John von Walter, Carver's local historian.

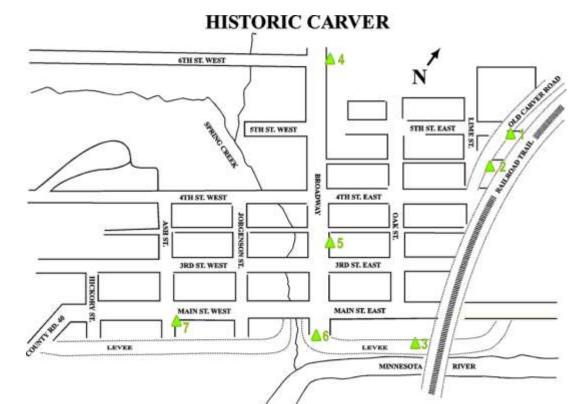
As of August, 2021, six historic kiosks have been installed (along with historical information provided to Carver County for their trail head near Depot Park), with two more historic kiosks in the planning stages.

The location of these kiosks is shown below.

-	#	Location	Content description	
:	1	Trail Head	The Historic City of Carver	
:	2	Depot Park	(Side 1) Railway Depot/Mill/1898 Map of Carver Side 2) Grain Elevator/Minneapolis Hotel/Railroad Bridge/ 1980 Historic District Map	
:	3	Riverside Park	(Side 1) Pavilion/Ballroom/1911 County Fair/1904 Baseball Team/ Riverside Park in the 1980s	Anna Andreas
4	4	6th & Broadway	(Side 2) Railroad Bridge in 1871 & 1920/1965 Minnesota River Flood (Side 1) Historic Broadway/Overlook views/Dauwalter Motors (Side 2) Snake Trail/Railroad Bridge	And And
ł	5	Gazebo Park	(Side 1) Planters House Hotel/Nelson Drug Store/Brunius Drug Store/ Carver Post Office/Basler House Hotel/Broadway in 1870 & 1880 (Side 2) 1870 Historic District Map/300 Broadway/Central Hotel	
	6	Levee & Broadwa	· · · ·	
,	7	Ash & Main	Also located here: 1890 Steam Tug Boat and Wood Carved Steamboat Captain (Side 1) Carver Rapids/Jonathan Carver/Jean Baptiste Faribault/ Alexander & Ann Ramsey/Chief Mazomani (Side 2) 1874 Andreas Map of Carver/Carver Views of the Minnesota River/Main St W Buildings/Carver Flour Mill/Masonic Temple	

Submitted by Annette Hentz







WEEKEND FESTIVITIES AWAIT!

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 4:00 PM Lions Beer Tent Opens
- 5:00 PM Food Vendors
- 5:30 PM Medallion Hunt (check Lions FB page for clues)
- 5:30 PM Fire Department Water Fights
- 8:00 PM Band Pop Rocks
- * * * Catfish Contest (contact Carver Bait Shop)

SATURDAY

* * *	Food Vendors	
9:00 AM	Car Show	
10:00 AM	MN Marketplace	
11:30 AM	Bean Bag Contest (contact Harvey's)	
2:00 PM	Wild West Show	
5:00 PM	Band - Ragtown	
Dusk	FIREWORKS	
* * *	After Fireworks - The Johnny Holm Band	

SUNDAY

* * * Food Vendors 1:00 PM Parade Grand Marshals: Marvin & Evelyn Grimm

There's Morel

- City-wide Garage Sales Thursday through Saturday
- Kids Play Place Friday and Saturday

Want More Info? Visit the Carver Steamboat Days website at carversteamboatdays.info

Questions regarding Steamboat Days 2021 can be directed to: steamboating@yahoo.com

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Friday Night

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Saturday

Food Vendors Car Show - 9:00am MN Marketplace - 10:00am Bean Bag Contest - 11:30am (contact Harvey's) Wild West Show - 2:00pm Band - Ragtown 5:00pm - Dusk Shuttle Service Begins 6:00pm - Ends 10:00pm FIREWORKS - Dusk Band - Johnny Holm Band - After Fireworks

Sunday

Food Vendors Parade - 1:00pm Grand Marshals - Marvin & Evelyn Grimm

There's More!

City-wide Garage Sales, Thursday - Saturday Kids Play Place, Friday & Saturday



Looking for more info? Check out our website at: www.carversteamboatdays.info

FAQs, links to the bands and Presenting Sponsors, links to our partners, the SW Transit shuttle service map, and for our list of food and marketplace vendors.





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East Union Lutheran Church Annual Chicken Dinner

Featuring home-cooked chicken, potatoes, corn, & homemade desserts

Sunday, September 26 4pm-6pm

Adults \$12 Children under 10 \$6

East Union Lutheran Church-15180 Country Road 40 Carver

- Saturday September **25th** 11:30-4:30 JARDIAN ANGELS FALL FESTIVAL FOOD Hamburgers Hotdogs Fresh-cut French Fries Authentic Homemade Mexican Food **BEER & WINE** CAR/TRACTOR 12:30-3:30
 - Ca\$h Raffle
 - DJ/Karaoke Featuring Rock from the 50s, 60s & 70s, Classic Country and Old-time

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- Crafts, silent auction, kids games & prizes
- 4:30 Catholic Mass

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