



### Daylight Savings Time

Yea, I know I'm such a buzz kill! Remember, Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Confusing, because in the logical mind, it's Saturday because it's overnight when it technically actually occurs. Sticker for details right? Yea, I know, who cares about finer details anyway huh? Well remember everyone, set those d\_\_n clocks back one hour when you retire Saturday night. We gain an hour of sleep and our bodies have to readjust all over again.



### Jonathan Carver Parkway Update

The City Manager updated the council on the progress of the Jonathan Carver Parkway project. Paving was done, the landscaper began work on the roundabout, and painting of the signal light was scheduled to be done. Substantial completion of the project was anticipated to occur mid-November. Details for a ribbon cutting ceremony are in the works.

### Pavement Management Plan

The council reviewed the information provided for the Pavement Management Plan after a series of discussion have been held previously. Question was asked if Elm Drive West had been overlooked. The City Manager explained that inventory had been conducted by the city staff and it was found that the street was not in immediate need of repair.

Analysis had been made based on upcoming budgets that work could be included with other street projects in the area. It was stated that implementation of the project was a good sign. Credit was given to personnel who rated the streets. Satisfaction was also expressed regarding the success of initiation of the program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Pavement Management Plan.

### MetroNet Agreement

Information was shared with the council regarding the agreement with the firm identified as MetroNet. A franchise agreement had been entered into. MetroNet proposed to construct a few dark fiber routes to locations within the city to provide the city with a public communications network. It would provide fiber services to two facilities and six parks. Request was submitted to waive the right of way permitting fees in order for MetroNet to build out its network. Cost information was inquired about. The City Manager stated that the fee is a straight pass-through cost.

The attorney stated that it would be costly for the city to install these on their own. Question was asked what a dark fiber was. The response given is that it provides for the city to run its internal communication network and is not a public internet connectivity. These fibers can also be used to provide wi-fi at the parks allowing staff to run the operate the locking systems. Question was asked if there would be trenching done which could also benefit the residents simultaneously. The City Manager stated that MetroNet's intent is to provide the entire community with MetroNet internet services. The secondary benefit would be for the city to be provided to the city facilities and parks.

Question was asked why Ironwood Park wasn't included in the area and if it could be. The City Manager stated that the staff and county could work to include additional areas not listed on the current agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the fiber agreement with MetroNet and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute the agreement subject to appropriate and necessary by the city attorney and the finalization of the parks list.

### Preliminary Tax Levy

The City Manager presented information for the preliminary levy certification. Information will be further reviewed and refined in the upcoming months. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the Preliminary Tax Levy. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Long-Term Financial Plan.

### Energy Assistance Program

The clerk presented information pertaining to the Energy Assistance Program offered by the MN Department of Commerce. This program will assist customers facing water or wastewater disconnection or past due water or wastewater bills. The CAP agency is responsible for receiving the application, determination of eligibility and working with the city for distribution of funds. The mayor works with the agency and inquired if she needed to abstain from voting pertaining to this issue. There was not any financial conflict that would prohibit her from participating. There was specific criteria to be used. Once council member was not in favor of the program.

However, since it involves Minnesota, there was an interest to participate. Question was asked if there incentive for residents to not pay bill hoping to receive funds. The attorney stated that when the allocated amount runs out, therefore it is not anticipated for those funds to last long. The program will allocate fund to those who have been disconnected first, ten proceeding to the delinquent accounts. Question was asked how the information will be distributed. Information will be put on the city's newsletter; city's website and the city staff will utilize the program's suggested verbiage to communicate this program. The city will only be the vehicle for circulating the information. Participation will be handled by the CAP agency. Questions will be directed to the agency, as well. Once the funds are approved by the agency, the city will receive the funds. Inquiry was made about prioritization and if funds would still be available to Carver residents with delinquent utilities after payments are made to those on the top of the prioritized list. There is not a definitive number of how many respondents there will be. The details of the program do indicate a ceiling cap per applicant. The CAP agency will follow procedures and manage approval and distribution. Councilmember heeded caution so that the program is not marketed in a way that encourages allowance of delinquency to an account. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Department of Commerce's Energy Assistance Program agreement between the city and the CAP agency for the water assistance program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing participation in the water assistance program.

### Steamboat Days

The council discussed the grand success of the annual Steamboat Days hosted by the Steamboat Days Committee and the Carver Lions. It was a family friendly event. Thanks were extended to the Public Services Direction and Superintendent for their coordination with the committee. Mention was also made that the entire Public Services team helped out. Thanks, were also extended to the Sheriff's Office.

"The truth is rarely pure and never simple."

~ Oscar Wilde

The Importance of Being Earnest (1895)

## *The Preserve*

The Planning Commission reviewed the rezoning and preliminary plat for the Preserve development. The Preserve proposed sixty-six single family lots that conform to the city's residential zoning. A Public Hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting. Question was asked regarding traffic for the development. Three lots are platted as ghost plats. When this ghost plat is developed, the frontage road would most likely cease to exist due to the finalization of the Highway #212 project. Developments in the city would not have direct access to Highway #212, all access roads will be within the city. Concerns were expressed regarding traffic levels. The Public Hearing was closed.

The Planning Commission discussed developments that are off of the Jonathan Carver Parkway area on the northern specter and the stages that they are in. Question was also asked about how many houses would be on Monroe Drive.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies Monroe Drive as the main collector road on the south side of Highway #212. It is anticipated that the street will go all way out to County Road # 43 at some point in the future. Quantity of homes per development were detailed. Community Development Director stated estimates are that the city is one third of the way from County Road # 11 to County Road # 43, a lot of development is to occur. Mixed use housing, higher density and commercial will all be likely to occur as the developing moves closer west to County Road # 43. However, currently, it is largely single family and the road is equipped to handle the traffic. Question was asked about who maintains the tress on the boulevard and the response given was that they city maintains them. The filtration system was discussed along with the noise study, and landscaping. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of rezoning from agricultural to residential and the preliminary plan for the Preserve.

## *Well Improvements*

Assistant engineers informed the council that while construction was done on Well #5, the determination was made that well # 5 could be drilled on the same site with a significant cost savings. The council heard reasonings of what actions were necessary to proceed with the drilling of Well 6. Question was then asked where thar savings could be applied. The funds could be applied to the debt service or utilized to explore other water infrastructure projects was the response given by one of the assistant engineers. This project was an additional project to the original. The contractor was no longer on site. Determination was made that the best way to proceed was to seek quote which could easily be quoted separately. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the change order for the water treatment facility improvements project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve change order for the municipal well number five project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the quote for well number six raw watermain extension.



## *Prosecution Contract*

The council reviewed the Prosecution Contract with the Joint Powers Agreement between the Carver County Attorney and the City of Carver. The agreement provides for prosecution of statutory gross misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors, misdemeanors other than liquor law violations and also provide prosecution for traffic and parking ordinance violations. MN statute authorizes governmental units to enter into said agreements by resolution. This is an annual process the council agrees to and involves the year 2022.

## *Sex Offender Ordinance*

The council discussed the topic of the Sex Offender Ordinance at their council meeting. The Community Development Director presented information regarding the various options, benefits and challenges related to creating and adopting local predatory offender residency restrictions. They city attorney and the Community Development Director answered questions relating to the legal aspects, along with the challenges city offices in the City of Victory faced due to the release of a predatory sexual offender into that community. The topic would be discussed with the Senator.

The city attorney touched on the topic of the predatory offender's topic with the council. The council was informed that approximately one hundred Minnesota cities have adopted ordinances restricting where designated predatory offenders may reside in communities. The purpose of such an ordinance is to establish buffers where typically Level III offenders or those who have victimized minors are prohibited from residing. The areas considered as buffers are connected to proximities of schools, parks, daycares, churches and other locations where children congregate. The council was given a brief introduction to the legal landscape surrounding local predatory offender residency restrictions. A number of offender residency ordinances have been challenged in court, none of which resulted in a precedential appellate court decision clarifying the scope of municipal authority over offender residency. However, cases do confirm restrictions are difficult to defend in court. There are two challenges that have emerged testing municipal restrictions. First ordinances have been challenged based on stat law preemption meaning that plaintiff 's clam ordinances are unauthorized and unenforceable. The rationale in the decisions made thus far is compelling.

Several of the ordinances have been challenged in federal court alleging unconstitutionality and seeking damages for the deprivation of offenders' civil rights. The two cases in St Paul and Apple Valley provide a compelling history of municipal sex offender residency restrictions that were deemed unlawful resulted in the cities having to pay monetary damages. Recent new and largely unrelated case weighs in on the issue. The Supreme Court adopted a test to determine whether or not an ordinance is a zoning regulation that, to be effective, must be presented to the planning commission and a public hearing prior to enactment. It is likely that an ordinance establishing residency restriction on predatory offender would be treated as a zoning ordinance under the new test. Therefore, would this mean that city council consider adopting said ordinance, ensuring public hearing requirements are strictly adhered to. Based on given information the conclusion drawn is that there is reason to believe that if challenged, a local residency restriction would be quite difficult to defend and enforce. Nevertheless, the city wishing to adopt such an ordinance should be in accordance with the procedural requirements contained in the Minnesota statute to include a public hearing before the planning commission. Another alternative would be to stress to local legislator's, demanding an amendment of the MN Sex Offender Program. The opinion is that the problem for the cities dis the legislator's failure to address the release of offenders acceptable for cities giving meaningful control to the cities.

## *Domestic Abuse Violence*

The council heard a presentation from the President of the Southern Valley Alliance Bord of Directors. This is an organization who assists victims of domestic violence. They work with all law enforcement organizations in Scott and Carver counties. All victims are domestic violence are referred to them. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Southern Valley Alliance is a non-profit organization. Their mission and vision to assist victims' domestic violence and to help end it. They offer free and confidential 24/7 Crisis Line, court advocacy, safety planning, support groups and community education. Did you know? 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men, in the United States, have experienced some form of physical abuse by an intimate partner.

## Livable Communities Demonstration Account

The Community Development Director presented the council with the resolution to enter into the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) which is a program organized by the Metropolitan Council. The program funding for these projects is provided to increase access to housing, jobs, services and transit in an effort to support more equitable, livable communities in the region. The city has been enrolled for the past ten years in this program. The resolution would continue the program for an additional ten years. LCDA allows for communities to apply for grant dollars when included in this program. Carver Crossing is just one of those projects. Recently the project for a second building adjacent to Carver Crossing is also a result of the program partnering with Community Development Agency. There is not a budgetary commitment for the program but the city is expected to adopt affordable housing goals for the next ten years. The City of Carver goals are decade affordable housing goal life-cycle housing goals. There is not a penalty if the city does reach the set goals, but are bench marks to work towards. The could would review the Housing Action Plan supporting the housing goals required by the LCDA program.

## Ironwood Park

The final layout for the Ironwood Park were discussed by the Parks Commission members. Budget information was also reviewed by the members. The next steps for the information are to share the results with the school district, an open house and presentation to the city council.

The Park Commission members were presented with the updated plans for the Ironwood Park development. The proposal included relocation of the skate park, a pavilion, outdoor classroom, natural play area and several future uses to include relocation of the Community Gardens, a basketball court, and pickle ball courts. Feedback was shared with the staff. Overall, the members suggested additional seating throughout the park area and landscaping. Details were also discussed regarding a natural play space and the outdoor classroom concept, along with the idea of a pump track. Members supported the construction of a pavilion offering space for events and residents, especially the Timber Creek townhome neighborhood. The next step is the recommendation submitted to the council, an open house and the project construction projected to begin in the spring of 2022.

The members next agenda items include items related to Ironwood Park and Riverside Park.

## The Carver Creamery

Well folks, you will have to wait, let's see, at least five months if not more before you can enjoy those delicious gals, guys, ooops, I meant delicious flavors of ice cream. Although the servers of the like were delightful, weren't they?

Chris and Kailan give a shout out to their community and thank everyone who stopped in at the Ice Cream Shop this past season!!!! They had an awesome first full season and they are looking forward to seeing y'all again in the upcoming year. They officially closed the doors at the close of the day October 10<sup>th</sup>. Stop crying. They will be back, they promise. And I bet with even more new flavors to coincide with the former? Hats off to Chris and Kailan for their dedication, ice cream and bright faces, not to mention the great business.



### "Villager Tower"

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"Nothing in the world is harder than speaking the truth and nothing easier than flattery."

~ Fyodor Dostoyevsky

## Arts Consortium

The Arts Consortium is calling for artists for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Show.

You are invited to showcase your works of art. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Show begins November 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through December 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, the Arts Consortium will have a different look. There will be a special showcase holiday weekends on Thanksgiving weekend with Small Business Saturday and on the second weekend in December with Santa and Holiday Music Event. Each of these weekends will be extended with long hours and through Sunday. Where is this occurring you ask, well head on up to the Arts Center at the Chaska Community Center in Chaska.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Bruske's will be doing a Christmas Music Show from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Chaska Community Center Theatre. Check the Arts Consortium website for more details as the date gets closer. [www.artsofcarvercounty.org](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org)

## Music News

Music News/New Song Collective

The Chaska Community Center

Theater reminder is also presenting

the 'New Song Collective' which began

in October going through December

9<sup>th</sup>. This is a gathering of songwriters

and musicians performing original music. You are invited

to join them for some amazing local

talent.

## Visual Art News

The Arts Consortium continues

hosting their very popular show which opened in

September continuing through December 29<sup>th</sup>. Celebrating local artists and their amazing talents in all areas of art.

Carver County is home to a great number of creative and inspiring photographers, painters, writers, poets, sculptors, potters, jewelers and glass artists.... it's hard to name them all. You are invited to come and appreciate their work throughout the winter holidays.

## South West Metro Chamber Annual

### Gala

The Chamber is almost ready for their annual Gala,

Chamber Royal. The event will be at the Hazeltine

National Golf Club on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday, at 5 PM

until 9 PM. The Chamber is a non-profit organization supporting

and helping to strengthen their member businesses and stimulate

regional prosperity. The Annual Gala offers a great way to connect

with business leaders while enjoying a fun event. Nor formal wear

required. The continued support is appreciated. The chamber

strives to continue to represent the business owners and employees

in the southwest region.

## Carver Current

Know about the Carver Current website? Good source for finding

and posting local information for the area. Check out

[www.carvercurrent.com](http://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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## 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 November 19<sup>th</sup>.

"False face must hide what the false heart doth know."

~ William-Shakespeare-



## Special Announcement

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Looking for the special something for yourself or someone else? Guess what, your chances of finding that 'just right' item just increased. Did you know or hear that the Carver General Store, Carver Shop 'Special al' Specialty shop is adding open times just for you to come and get that once in a lifetime treasure or treasures you seek?. They are having extra sales dates just for you in November. That's right, they are adding a few extra sale dates in November. Doors will be open at 10 AM.

Their regular occasional sale weekend is November 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, but, BUT! They will also be open on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and are you ready, Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for their Annual Opening of Deer Hunting weekend sale.

So, while that hunky hubby or companion of yours away taking Bambi's mother away from him/her, you can be out shopping to your heart's content. I know guys, some of you don't mind all that much, but let's face it guys, ninety five percent of male testosterone brutes don't approve. Go on, admit it. I won't tell. Neither will Ann or Brenda. The gals will be bringing out their wonderful holiday décor! They will also be open on Black Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and don't forget Small Business Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Carver General Store will be open then too. Go get your calendars girls and jot down the dates. That's November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Got it! See you there.

Lots of luck guys getting your trophies too. I'm open to being served dinner guys??? [ We could debate my disapproval of your shooting those four legged lovely creatures. ]



## 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. October's Occasional Shop dates are November 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> and December's dates are 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget, your Christmas gift for that someone special might be there waiting for you to come and purchase. Times running out. Yea, it's closer than you think. Hate to be the one to burst your bubble thinking, "Oh, I have plenty of time." No, you don't.

### The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – Closed for the winter - The Carver Creamery – FB “See you in Spring”

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – [www.rippleartstudio.com](http://www.rippleartstudio.com)

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB

Strange Birds - [facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website](https://facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website)

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook



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## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is presenting their fall fundraiser at the Fireside Theatre in the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM with performances by some of your favorite faces from the Chaska Valley Family Theatre.

*“All Together Now!”* features songs from MTI's beloved catalogue of musicals including *Annie*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Come From Away*, *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Godspell*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Hairspray*, *Into the Woods*, *Les Misérables*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Matilda*, *My Fair Lady*, *Once on This Island*, *Rent*, *Waitress* and many more!

*All Together Now!* will kick off Chaska Valley Family Theatre's 25th Season! Join us at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

Special thanks to Music Theater International and Chanhassen Dinner Theaters for their generous sponsorship.”

The theatre is also taking this opportunity to announce that auditions will be taking place for the production of *Bright Star* to be presented in March of 2022.

“Auditions will take place at the Chaska Community Center Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-2:00pm. Callbacks are currently scheduled for Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We will require full vaccination from all vaccine-eligible participants.

Please prepare an approximately 32-bar cut from a song of your choosing. An accompanist will be provided. Please bring marked sheet music in the correct key. There will not be a dance portion at the initial audition so you do not need to dress for movement. Please make sure to sign up for a time slot as we will not be accepting walk-in auditions at this time. Sign up for a time slot here:

<https://www.theaterforms.com/cvft/BrightStar/auditionform/>”



## Small Business Saturday

Downtown Chaska – Small Business Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 AM until 6 PM in downtown Chaska. You are invited to come downtown for sales and fun events to support the Chaska businesses. You can find more information on their website, [www.downtownchaska.com](http://www.downtownchaska.com).



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“Touch comes before sight, before speech. It is the first language and the last, and it always tells the truth.”

~ Margaret Atwood



## Chaska Community Center

December's Chaska Community Center activities so we don't miss publication are as follows. Santa visits the Chaska Community Center on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is expected to arrive at 4:30 PM and visit until 6:30 PM. Come and visit, get your picture taken, crafts and music are also planned to

delight and entertain you.

Then there is the Tree Lighting and pictures with Santa at the Fireman's Park at 6 PM until 7:30 PM on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Loads of family fun are planned just for you as they light the fifty-foot tree. The event is sponsored by the Chaska 100 Club. Afterwards you can come in and warm up inside the event center to enjoy crafts, cookies and get your picture taken with Santa.



## District # 112 Foundation

The District # 112 Foundation is getting ready for their biggest fundraiser of the year scheduled for Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hazeltine National Golf Club. The theme for this fundraiser is the Roaring 20's themed Gives! Soiree. They are planning on traveling back in time one hundred years to the 1920's for a night of Gatsby-era music, lavish food and fun. All this to support the important work for students and staff of the Eastern Carver County Schools. You are requested to dust off your glad rags, grab your friends and find your way to the speakeasy. You will enjoy exquisite appetizers and desserts prepared by Hazeltine's world-class chefs, a silent auction and live music provided by Chaska Valley Family Theatre. Tim Blotz from Fox 9 KSMP-TV is scheduled to join the festivities as their emcee. Event will begin at 6 PM at an exclusive VP Cocktail Hour and the program to begin at 7 PM with a Wine Toss, Silent Auction followed by live music.

Look what I found on Facebook! The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is asking for your support for the annual "112Gives! Soiree! With their Roaring 20's theme. They said that there is a VIP Hour that starts at 6PM. The main event starting at 7 PM. They are also having a special Musical performance that you will see a sneak peak of their upcoming productions at this event. The cast members will be signing numbers from Disney's 'Newsies', as well as MTT's 'All Together Now' Cabaret. Attendees will also receive a special discount code for both performances! That should interest a few huh?



## 2021 Winter Lights

The Arboretum once again for the 2021 winter season presents their popular Winter Lights display with a walking tour. Hours are extended for visitors to enjoy the Arboretum's gardens filled with lights. Tickets are on sale. There are also special event nights featured.



Those are Opening Night is November 18<sup>th</sup>. December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be Photography Nights, Family Nights, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Date Night on December 16<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve Party on December 31<sup>st</sup>. General admission hours are Monday through Thursday at 5 PM until 9 PM. Friday through Sunday hours are 5 PM to 10 PM.

"Get outside and enjoy the crisp, fresh air of a winter evening, as you experience 16 outdoor light displays, featuring flowers, nature and winter fun, on an accessible, stroller-friendly walk that's just over a half-mile. Warm up midway through the walking tour at a bonfire and roast marshmallows over the fire -- s'mores packages will be for sale. Artist Jennifer Hedberg's luminescent ice sculptures will also be part of the display. Embrace all that a Minnesota winter has to offer -- dress for the weather!"

You can also avoid driving and parking by taking the Southwest Transit bus option on weekends. Opening night, the Lighting Ceremony will be at 6:30 PM. Then stay to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Live music by the Holiday Heralds will be also on site.

## Sever's Fall Lights

It's that time of the year again. Looking for something different to do? Come out to Sever's and enjoy the Fall Lights from the inside of your car as you dive through the glowing musical light display that you won't see anywhere else. The Fall Lights are already lit up for your enjoyment. The show begins at dusk on Friday and Saturdays until 9 PM.

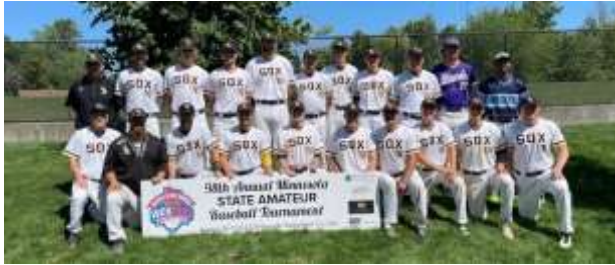
All tickets must be purchased on line. It's a half mile course and you can park in the observation lot for the full program or you can drive through as many times as you would like.



## Sever's Holiday Lights

The Holiday Lights show will open on November 26<sup>th</sup> with a drive-thru display of over 2.5 million dynamic, color-changing lights to set to your favorite holiday tunes. "It doesn't get more jolly than this." Sever's says. The light show can be enjoyed through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The light show will be Friday, Saturday at 5 PM until 10 PM. Sunday through Thursday hours are 5 PM to 9 PM. Need more information, check their website: [www.seversfestivals.com](http://www.seversfestivals.com)

## Carver Black Sox



### Black Sox Finish Season With 22-11 Record

The Carver Black Sox season ended with a 3-1 loss to the Bluffton Braves in the 98th Minnesota Amateur Baseball State Tournament. After taking an early 1-0 lead on a leadoff triple by Connor Cornell and an RBI single from Kyle Dalton, the Sox were held scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The third inning proved to be costly for Carver as they yielded 3 unearned runs on 3 errors.

Andrew Weber started the game on the mound throwing 4 1/3 innings, taking the loss. Alex Twenge came on to throw 3 2/3 innings of scoreless baseball striking out 4. Jacob Booden finished the game with a strikeout. Ben Alexander had 2 hits for Carver.

The 22 victories on the season were the 2nd most in Carver Black Sox history.

## Carver Black Sox Turkey



## Bingo

They are back everyone! The Carver Black Sox are again hosting their Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Carver Village Hall at 316 Broadway, Carver. Support the team!

## Holiday Tea

The MN Arboretum holiday tea tradition returns again for 2021. Dates are limited as many of the dates for December are sold out. You are invited to spend a cozy afternoon in their Tea Room or Fireplace Room and enjoy a selection of traditional teas accompanied by soup, finger sandwiches, pastries or other delightful treats. Teatime is 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Go to their website, scroll down to Holiday Tea and follow prompts to see if space is still available in December.



"Wars produce many stories of fiction, some of which are told until they are believed to be true"

~ Ulysses S. Grant



## Carver Lions

The Carver Lions meat raffles have been resumed, check their Facebook page for more information. The Lions are once again meeting the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Come and join them.

The Lions wish to thank everyone for coming out for the Lion's Trunk or Treats event! It is estimated that over four hundred kids came for the fantastic event. Thanks are extended to everyone who participated in any way. It was a successful event. The photo is compliments of Facebook posting. Presently the Lion's are working on the Sunday Brunch planned for Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Serving will commence at 9 AM and continue serving until 1 PM at the Carver Village Hall. Be sure to come and enjoy the company of others and the good food.



"At this time of year, we are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for. Wishes for you this Thanksgiving is that you find yourself surrounded by those you love."

~ Kat Summers

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Carver Village Christmas and Tree Lighting Ceremony

That's right this is the fifth year for the Annual Carver Village Christmas Gazebo Park Tree Lighting. Hard to believe, isn't it? Yea, I know, "No, it isn't." I forgot, a tree was specifically planted and I have forgotten to check on the progress of its growth. Anyone else remember and check? Like it matters really.

Anyway, here is the official word: "Carver on the Minnesota would like to invite everyone to welcome the holiday season and join us on Saturday Nov. 27 between 4pm to 6pm at Gazebo Park for the lighting of the holiday decorations. We plan to have refreshments such as s'mores, hot chocolate, and hot cider. We will have a fire pit for the s'mores. The actual lighting will take place at about 5:45pm

We also invite anyone to join us decorating. Decorating will start at noon on November 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday following Thanksgiving) and should be done between 1 and 2 pm depending on number of helpers. We will meet that evening between 4 to 6pm with the actual lighting at about 5:45 PM."

See you there? "Someone tell Territory so he and his pals can com



### SouthWest Transit

Have tickets for the George Strait, Chris Stapleton and oh yea, Little Big Town concert at the US Stadium on November 13th and don't want to drive downtown? Guess what? You got it; you can take SouthWest Transit. Details on their website. [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org)

After the concert, you board where the bus dropped you off at Gateway Ramp. Be sure to reserve your bus seats in advance by November 11<sup>th</sup> through the SWT mobile app. Fares are \$5 round trip and children under 5 ride free.

And don't forget, you can also take the bus to for the Vikings Football Express, Gophers Football Express, SW Prime 494/Airport Service, Grocery Getter and SW Prime MD. Check their website for all the details.



### St. Nicholas Catholic Church

The following is the Mass Schedule for Guardian Angels and St Nicholas Catholic Churches:

#### All Saints Day

Mon.	11/1	12:00 PM	Guardian Angels
Mon.	11/1	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas

#### All Souls Day

Tues.	11/2	7:00 PM	Guardian Angels
Tues.	11/2	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas

#### Thanksgiving

Thurs	11/25	9:00 AM	Guardian Angels
Thurs	11/25	9:00 AM	Saint Nicholas

#### Saint Nicholas Day

Mon	12/6	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas
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#### Immaculate Conception of Mary

Wed	12/8	12:00 PM	Guardian
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Wed	12/8	7:00 PM (bilingual)	Guardian Angels
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Wed	12/8	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas
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#### Christmas

Fri	12/24	4:00 PM	Guardian Angels
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Fri	12/24	10:00 PM	Guardian Angels
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Sat	12/25	9:00 AM	Guardian Angels
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Sat	12/25	11:00 AM (Spanish)	Guardian Angels
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Sat	12/25	9:00 AM	Saint Nicholas
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#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Fri	12/31	6:00 PM (bilingual)	Saint Nicholas
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Sat	1/1	9:00 AM	Guardian Angels
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### Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to our Thanksgiving worship service, held on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 24, 2021) at 7 p.m.

We also welcome you to attend our weekly 10 a.m. Sunday services. We believe that the church is not a building; rather, it's people joined together by God through faith. Our vision and prayer are to see our town awakened to and transformed by the love of Jesus.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver, MN 55315  
 Worship Service (Sunday after Labor Day through May) – 10 a.m.  
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class – 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8:45 a.m. for the 2021-2022 school year  
 Webstie/Facebook/ Office: 952.448.3628 or  
 Email:triluthsecretary@gmail.com



### Community Highlights

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Council Meeting All Saint's Day Happy Birthday Judy!
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vote
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lion's Meeting Happy Birthday Deb!
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carver General Occasional Shop Weekend Happy Anniversary Russell and Jacque!
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings End
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Carver Elementary PTO Meeting Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Brunch Happy Birthday Bob!
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting Chaska Family Theatre – All Together Now
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lion's Meeting
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	through 21 <sup>st</sup> - Occasional Shop Weekend East Union PTO Meeting Planning Commission Meeting Carver Elementary PTO School Carnival Opening Night – Winter Lights Happy Birthday Zac!
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carver Business Alliance Meeting Black Sox Turkey Bingo
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Happy Birthday Tim! Happy Birthday Allyson! Happy Birthday Marvin!
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren!
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	through 26 <sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break No School
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day Happy Birthday Doug!
November 26 <sup>th</sup> and November 27 <sup>th</sup>	- Occasional Shop Weekend
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gazebo Tree Lighting
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Rachel! Happy Birthday Michael! Hanukkah Begins Start of Advent
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	No School Happy Birthday Ken!
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Taylor!

### November 2021



"Diamonds are found only in the dark places of the earth; truths are found only in the depths of thought."

~ Victor Hugo



## *Edith-Anne Property Excellence Award* *From : Chaska Herald / Southwest Media*

Written by: Chuck Rupnow

“Randy Sefkar enjoys landscaping at his Sibley Street property in Carver. That enthusiasm doesn’t necessarily end at his property boundaries.

“I do my yard, and the median out there, where I’ve planted ornamental grass and tulips,” he said, followed by a smile. “As I get done with my yard, at times I expand out to others.

“I have friends and neighbors who joke a bit about it, but I just like to help them out,” Sefkar said. “Let’s just say, I may have overstepped my bounds a bit; may have edged someone else’s property or mowed their yard.”

Sefkar and his wife Beth recently received the city’s Edith-Anne Award for Property Excellence, an honor recognizing Carver residents for property maintenance.

Given the meticulousness of the Sefkar property, no neighbors have ever complained about his occasional efforts on their properties.

“I am a bit of a perfectionist about it,” Randy said, getting a large smile and

nod of approval from Beth. “I like things to look nice.”

“The award is recognition for the amount of time and effort that we, mostly he, puts into our yard,” Beth said, noting that she favors more interior design work, but helps with selection of flowers and pots for the outdoors. “We’ve always cared about what our house and yard looks like. We take pride in what we own.”

“This kind of validates all the hard work that’s gone on here,” Beth added. “But, the yard, well, that’s pretty much all him. I’ll help out a bit, but the yard is kind of his thing.”

There was only one tree on the property when the couple purchased it two decades ago. Now the well-designed landscaping includes, in part, a variety of trees and shrubs, perennial garden, multiple flowering areas and small pond.

The couple, which has three adult daughters, used to have a large vegetable garden on the property, but that has been replaced by more decorative items. His vegetable garden interests have shifted to other locations.

“I’ve increased the perennial garden several times,” Randy said, adding that he tries to “always have something in bloom from spring to fall. I like to have a change of colors out there.”

Passersby slow down or stop at times to provide comments about the yard, which is on a corner lot.

“I don’t do it for that, but it’s nice to hear positive comments,” he said. “I’m glad people enjoy the beauty of it.”

Randy’s interest in gardening and landscaping comes from his parents and grandparents, who combined had impressive produce and flower gardens. “I learned a lot from them on how to take care of things.”

“I think sometimes I drive my wife crazy; saving packets and seeds to get things growing the next season,” he said. “It’s my hobby. We all need something besides work, and this is mine.”

The Edith-Anne Award honors the work of Edith Herman and Anne Neils, who were both instrumental in the creation of Carver-on-the-Minnesota’s vision in the 1960s, according to the city’s website. Carver-on-the-Minnesota’s mission was to stop the wasteful deterioration of a typical 19th Century river town.”



### *What Else?*

A big bird and I mean a big bird told this editor That Nutrition Strive over’ on Dahlgren Road has been all a buzz with activity going on. Tricia has been over there working hard to get the new shop reopened. Watch her Facebook page for updates.



Meanwhile Nathan and Terah it seems have been scouring the countryside while for ideas, advice, and things to bring back to Carver for their Getaway Motor Café for all of us to enjoy! They are working on getting all their stuff in place to open as well. Check their Facebook page for updates too or Instagram.

Otherwise haven’t heard much. How about you? Anything anyone would like to share? Fundraisers? Specials? Events? Always willing to add to share with the rest of the community. Realize my timeline doesn’t always work but remember Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Only have one more issue before Christmas if there is anything special you want to share or tell others about.



*Happy*



*Thanksgiving*