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2022 Fee Schedule

The council reviewed proposed changes for the 2022 Fee Schedule. Annually these fees are reviewed and recommendations for changes looked at. Ordinances regarding the fee schedule would be effective January 1st, 2022. The planned schedule for review and adoption were discussed. A Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for December. Summary of proposed changes include building permit fees, cemetery fees, assessment certification fees, rental fees for Carver Station, utility connection charges and utility rates, along with water meter charges reflecting actual costs. Further discussions on the topic will be held.

Winter Alert

The Public Services Director discussed with the council the snow plowing and ice control policy. This policy has not been reviewed since 2013. The Public Services Department is submitting recommendations and edits based on the previous season's resident input, new roads, new trails, inclusive of the budget, equipment and staff safety. Paperwork presented included the proposed draft for the snow plowing and ice control policy, the existing policy, a snow plowing schedule and route maps.

Traffic Control Measures

The city manager discussed the sign and pavement marking policy with the council. On occasion when residents or interested parties request placement of street signage, pavement marking or other traffic control measures submit input, the council will consider the issue. Generally, the issue is handled on a case-by-case basis. The frequency and complexity of requests has increased. A draft has been formulated regarding Street Sign and Pavement Marking Policy in an effort to develop a uniform request process and establish consistent decision criteria. The drafted policy is to be administered by the city engineer using the objectives to provide a systematic process to address concerns through an easy-to-follow program throughout the city; evaluate concerns, provide solutions and minimize vehicle crashes; and inform residents of traffic issues. This effort will promote greater neighborhood support and better address needs as a whole. Also, offer a program that incorporates a wide variety of traffic strategies to include educational and enforcement efforts, along with other engineering tools. Work was conducted by the city engineer, community development director, public services director and the city attorney.

Housing Action Plan

The Community Development Director presented a drafted Housing Action Plan at a work session for council review and feedback. A formal adoption of the plan would be considered in the future.

Jonathan Carver Parkway

The city engineer updated the council on activities related to the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project. Completed, planned and remaining items were all reviewed by the council with the engineer. Miscellaneous items will be continued to be worked on and the final punch list and project closeout will occur in the spring of 2022.

"When you cut off someone from your life, they will never tell people the full story, they will only tell then the part that makes you look bad and them innocent."

~ Facebook

Delinquent Bills

The city clerk brought to the council the resolution to be reviewed, accepted and certify the Certification of Delinquent Bills. The resolution accepts and certifies the assessment roll for delinquent utility bills and city service bills for costs provided in response to public nuisance abatements. Recognizing the financial impact on residents and businesses related to the COVID-19 issue, the council had suspended disconnection activities related to delinquent utility accounts starting in April of 2020. From there the city implemented a certification process for delinquent utility bills. The process continued in 2021. Additionally, to delinquent utility bills, the city will consider certification of delinquent city service bills for costs provided in response to public nuisance abatements. The staff continued working to collect on all delinquent bills, however, there are still unpaid bills. Public Hearing notices were forwarded to affected residents. If the certification roll is adopted following the Public Hearing, the proposed amounts will be certified to the county auditor for collection with 2022 property taxes. Previous discussions pertaining to the ability of account holders still taking advantage of the MN Water Assistance Program after certification. The interest rate for one year in addition to an administration charge was discussed for each utility account. The council reviewed the current number of delinquent bills and the total amount that would be considered for certification. The numbers could change. The staff recommended adoption of the resolution.

Ironwood Park

At the work session meting the Ironwood Park Improvements Concept Plan was discussed. The Community Development Direct presented an update regrading programming for the expansion to the park. The development of Timber Creek would expand Ironwood Park by approximately three and half acres. The Parks Commission and staff refined a vision and amenities for the expanded park. These were presented to the council. Several items were requested to be reviewed which involved increased parking stalls, drop zone, larger park shelter, retaining the existing skate park at Community Park and relocating the satellite restrooms to a different location. An Open House for resident feedback was held. The item would be reviewed further.

Water Treatment Plant

The assistant city engineer updated the council on the water treatment plant project. Construction of the building will continue throughout the winter. Well house construction has begun, drilling on Well # 5 is complete and the drilling for Well # 6 will begin this winter. An update on the Bluff Park Lift Station project was also given. The project was planned to be constructed this fall. Due to supply issues, the project will be on hold until spring at which time the supplies are expected to be available.

Employee of the Year

The city manager discussed the item pertaining to the Employee of the Year Program. An amendment is proposed to the program. This program was initiated in 2014 designed to recognize employees that go above and beyond in their duties. Employees are nominated and selected based on their ability to best model, "staff values". The decision falls on the city manager who is not eligible to be selected as an award recipient. The program expenditure is authorized in the city's purchasing policy. The proposed amendment increases the program totals for award winners. The amounts have not changed since the adoption of the program in 2014. Approval of the amendment was recommended.

Gilbert Property

The Community Development Director presented a Concept Plan for the property located directly south of Meadows at Spring Creek. The concept plan indicates twenty-four residential lots surrounded by bluff land. The property has a recorded cart path extending north to Spring Creek Drive from the property. Work is being done to resolve and remove the cart path. Inquiry was made whether or not this will be landlocked after it is developed. The response given was that it would be landlocked. Question was asked if the cart path could be converted to a trail. Response given was that it could be explored but not typical. Additionally, a sidewalk will give access to the trail system. Setbacks were inquired about and to meet the 2040 Comprehensive Plan density requirements. The type of trail was asked about and comment was made that the idea was acceptable through the bluffs. Landscaping options will be limited due to the drainage and utility easements. There are two ponds shown and question was asked if they were existing or new. These are new ponds to handle the water for the new development. Clarification needs to be expressed that residents are aware of the bluff area and work cannot be conducted past the line. The Planning Commission's biggest concern is the bluffs and that nothing is violated. The concept plan was received as favorable by council member, but not in favor of setbacks. Again, the issue of the bluff restrictions needs to be crystal clear.

Fire Department

The council discussed approving the purchase of pagers and accessories. The pagers currently being used will no longer work when the count implements Simulcast Fire Paging System for December 2022. The Fire Department requested the purchase of updated pagers compatible with the county's Dispatch's primary paging system. The new pagers would also offer several more programming capabilities for the future. The city's intention was to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds for said purchase. Recommendation was submitted approving the purchase.

The next item of concern for the Fire Department related to the portable radios utilized. Request was submitted to purchase new radios and chargers. The current radios are a minimum of fifteen years old. This is the end of the life cycle for these. Portable radios are the lifeline when on emergency scenes and a vital piece of equipment. The current radios being used also have some safety issues and hardware suppose for the model has been discontinued. The updated radios are also compatible with dispatch consoles, water-resistant and programmable. Again, the city would utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purchase. Approving the request was also recommended.

Water Treatment Plant

The assistant city engineer discussed the Water Treatment Facility and integration with the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA). The council needed to accept a quote for the integration. He explained that the overall system expansion effort includes integrating the water treatment facility controls into the city's overall SCADA system. The work was programmed to be completed but as a stand alone effort was not associated with an individual contract. This integration is essential to the operation of the facility. The SCADA is a computer-based system allowing for plant systems to be monitored, operated and maintained by either a local computer system or remotely using a secure connection. Quotes were solicited and received. The tabulation was reviewed. The low quote was received from Automatic Systems Company who completes this type of work regularly in treatment facility applications. The costs associated with this work will be paid out of the project budget and is included in the original bonding costs. The pricing also aligns with the original programmed within the project budget. It was recommended to approve.

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"Most woman want a man who is already successful. But a strong woman will be part of his struggle, survive it, succeed together, and build an empire."

~ Unknown

Municipal State Aid Streets

The assistant city engineer discussed the resolution establishing Municipal State Aid Streets within the City of Carver. The City of Carver is a growing community and recently surpassed a population of five thousand. This milestone achievement allows the city to establish a Municipal State Aid Street System with the State of Minnesota.

The Municipal State Aid Street Program is administered by MnDOT's State Aid for Local Transportation Division and provides funding to cities to assist in the construction and maintenance of their street system. This funding is generated by the State's Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund, such as gas tax, tab fees, etc and is allocated to cities based on population and system miles. Once established, an annual review would be completed by the City Engineer to certify current street mileage and then revise routes within the system as necessary to optimize needs and funding. Upon receiving final approvals from the Commissioner of Transportation, the city can anticipate receiving its first annual disbursement of funds for its system by February of 2022. It was recommended to approve the resolution.

Carver Village Christmas

The Carver Village Christmas event will be happening at the Village Hall this year! YIPPEEEEE! Unfortunately, though, the reindeer that usually chauffeur Santa are all feeling under the weather and have to forgo coming to see everyone so that they are all refreshed and ready to zip around the planet on the most important day of the year for kids, Christmas. Remember though yee little ones that it is also the day that Christ was born. They go hand in hand, you know. We must remember that. Anyway, substituting for Santa's driver will be our very own Carver heroes, the Fire Department firemen! "Thanks guys for stepping in." Vixen sends her gratitude. So, when are these wonderful guys bringing the big guy? Ready, mark the calendar by the time we publish here, it will be right around the corner. Saturday, December 4th starting at 1 PM until 3 PM. Santa will be delivered at around 1:30 PM. Then you can also see the big fire truck and maybe one of those guys will let you see it up close? Ask them, they don't bite, they just pretend to be tough and rough. They really aren't. They are like soft teddy bears on the inside. Don't forget your camera or that pesky mask. Yea, we are all still stuck with them, but it is better than the alternate after all. The firemen will also be sharing smoke alarm information and if you are lucky, they might give you a present. Yea, I know batteries, but it is much better than a poke in the eye or nothing at all. Oh yea, they ask that you bring along a non-perishable item. Let's help everyone out huh? This event is sponsored by the Carver Lions and the Fire Department. Thank you to them all.



Annual Senior Luncheon

Reminder right out of the gate, reservations required and due by December 4th, not much time left to tell you that. For what? To come and enjoy the company of others, chit chat, lunch, thank our sponsor, the Carver Lions. What are we talking about here? The Annual Carver Senior Luncheon put on by the Lions and all their helpers. (think they are Santa's helpers, don't you?) It's at the Village Hall. Lunch will be served at noon on Saturday, December 8th. But the social hour (coffee or tea, I bet, or even milk) starts at 11:30 AM. If you need a ride to the luncheon, tell Ms McGraw when you make your reservation. Sandy can be reached at 952.856.2685. So, if you 65 and older, you are considered a senior citizen and you are invited to come and have a lovely lunch and company at the Village Hall on December 8th. See y'all there, okay?



Angel of Hope

William's Wings is hosting their annual Angel of Hope Vigil on Monday, December 6th at 7 PM at Santa Vera Drive in Chanhassen. In the spring of 2015, the William's Wings Foundation donated a statue to the City of Chanhassen. The statue, along with approximately one hundred and fifty other Angels of Hope's statues around the country are viewed as a place of mourning to serve as a beacon of hope for grieving parents, families and friends. Attendees are also welcome to place a white flower at the base of the statue in remembrance of a loved one. Visit their website for more information, <https://williamswings.org/angel-hope/>



Chanhasen Landscape Arboretum

Holiday Boutique at the Apple House at the arboretum in Chanhasen. The event began in November and is running through December 20th daily 10 AM to 5 PM. The Apple House is located at 7485 Rolling Acres Road, Victoria MN.

The word is that the Apple House was transformed into the boutique format. There are lots of gifts, food and gourmet ideas for yourself or for gift giving. They are even expecting to see a few gnomes to show up at the Apple House. Check out their website for more information. (www.arb.umn.edu)



Chaska Community Center

Santa is scheduled to appear at the Chaska Community Center on December 3rd at 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM for an evening of pictures, crafts and music.



The Tree Lighting and Pictures with Santa at the Chaska Firemen's Park and Event Center are happening on Sunday, December 5th. The fifty-foot tree will be lit and is sponsored by the Chaska 100 Club. There will be crafts, cookies and pictures with Santa inside the event center.

Arts Consortium Christmas Music Show

"On December 11th the Brueske's will be doing a Christmas Music Show from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Chaska Community Center Theater. This brother/sister duo bring a nostalgic Christmas show with great songs and carols. They combine beautiful, tight harmonies, lush piano, and upright bass solos with stories of Christmas past to make every performance a memorable event. Join them live!"

Chaska Valley Family

Theatre

Upcoming production is Disney's Newsies. Tickets are available. Check their website for specific show times will be December 3rd through December 12. Check their website for more information, times, purchase of tickets, etc.

(www.cvft.org) Newsies is presented through special arrangement - Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. "Based

on a true story of the Newsboy Strike of 1899. When young newspaper sellers are exploited beyond reason by their bosses, they set out to enact change, and are met by the ruthlessness of big business. Helped by the pioneering reporter Katherine, the working children of New York prove the pen is greater than the sword. Disney's Newsies will be performed at Chanhasen High School."



The Funky Dove

Rebecca would like to thank each and every one who have come into her shop over the past year and supported her. She is spreading love and joy to others. She is also celebrating the One Year Anniversary of the Funky Dove. That's right she has been here gracing our fine downtown area for a year. Congratulations. Remember to stop in for Christmas gifts. She has a great selection. Don't forget, the shop is festively decorated for the holidays too and well worth the time to stop in and peek at it." She has a beautiful selection of unique, quality gifts for all ages! You will find the shop open every weekend Friday to Sunday. Hurry, time is running out.



"There are three types of men:

Lovers of Wisdom
Lovers of Honor
And Lovers of Gain"

~ Plato

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa... and he's really, really tired

Written By: Tammy Swift

From a unionized workforce and burnt-out reindeer to supply shortages, Jolly Old St. Nicholas may have one heck of a holiday season this year.

FARGO — What with all the talk of supply shortages, worker shortages and transportation bottlenecks, I am concerned about potential toy shortages this season.

How will Junior become an important TikTok influencer without Unisex Crocs? Will Little Suzy's dreams come true if she doesn't have a \$35 Dream Seeker Doll with which to share her secret wishes? How can we expect Jimmy to develop normally if he doesn't receive a Galactic Snackin' Groku?

I'm also worried about Santa. Elf labor is highly specialized and the word is that they have unionized and are no longer content with being paid with gingerbread and pats on the head. Also, thanks to Amazon, people's delivery expectations have become completely unreasonable. How can Santa compete? Have you ever tried to design, build and package an entire 75-piece train set when you have same-day delivery?

That's not to mention the fact that Rudolph decided to retire early because he realized it was madness to deliver to every boy and girl on the planet on a single night, especially when you had to wear a mask over your crowning glory: your famed red nose.

Yup, word has it that COVID caused a mass reindeer reckoning, with even workaholic Blitzen scratching his horns and second-guessing his career choice. They say Blitzen opted to join a petting zoo, which is run by a kindly, old couple who remind him of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Nowadays, his job description consists of munching on grasses, hay and apples, while allowing small children to pet him. He says it isn't bad work, except when the occasional kiddo gets a lollipop stuck in his fur.

Never fear, boys and girls. Your toys will still be delivered, as Santa has invested in some heavy-lift cargo carrier drones to take up the slack.

And then there are the supply shortages. How can you make snow globes and marbles without glass? Or toy cars and Easy-Bake Oven pans without metal? The final straw has been the plastic shortage, as we know at least 97 percent of the world's toys contain plastic. Santa and his leadership team have done their best to pivot and are hoping kids will love their L.O.L. Surprise! Dolls. (The real surprise is that the dolls are made out of hemp and their Dance Machine Cars are actually macraméd from bamboo yarn.)

In the last few years, Santa had attempted to run a more nimble and modern operation by switching the North Pole Factory to Just in Time manufacturing. (Or, as he liked to call it, "Nick of Time" manufacturing. Heh-heh.)

He was tired of heating and paying rent on all those massive warehouses of inventory, so was able to gauge exactly what children wanted — and which children were naughty — through a sophisticated network of Elves on the Shelves (outfitted with AI) and Alexa devices.

Unfortunately, due to all those other aforementioned complications, he can no longer draw on backup inventory. That means he can't substitute Little Robbie's request for a "Space Jam: A New Legacy" Super Shoot & Dunk Playset with LeBron James figure, with the less-popular Toe Jam: Super Clip & Buff Footcare Playset with James Earl Jones figure.

Poor Santa.

He deserves more than milk and cookies this year.

In fact, I think I'll leave him an Xbox Series X.

Just as soon as it arrives from China ...

Holiday Gift Show



The Arts Consortium is presently hosting their 4th Annual Holiday Gift Show at the Chaska Community Center. It is running through December 29th. They are showcasing beautiful works of art made by talented local MN artists. They have a wide selection of one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted gifts.

There is a special showcase holiday weekend with Santa and Holiday Music Event.

Through December 23rd they will be open from 11 AM to 6 PM and then at 9 am to 12 pm on December 24th, Closed on Christmas Day. We have two special weekends that we will have extended hours for the entire weekend.

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 December's dates are 9th through the 12th. 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

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB

Strange Birds - facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook



Carver Current

Know about the Carver Current website? Good source for finding and posting local information for the area. Check out www.carvercurrent.com well worth checking out. An excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, local news, school activities, sports results etc. Also, a great site for sharing important information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the “Villager Tower” can also be found on this website, among other valuable information. © RYS Creations 2021

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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 December 17th.



New Song Collective

New Song Collective is scheduled for December 9th through the 12th where songwriters and musicians will perform original music with their insight and discussion of their writings process. The public is invited to participate. This

will be at the Chaska Community Center Theatre. There is a suggested donation of \$ 10, beverages and snacks are planned to be served.

Sever's Holiday Lights

The Holiday Lights show can be seen all week long. A drive-thru experience of over 2.5 million dynamic, color-changing lights to set to your favorite holiday tunes. You can even come in your pj's! Bet, you didn't know that did ya? So grab an extra blanket and come on over and check it out. “It doesn't get more jolly than this.” Sever's says. The light show can be enjoyed through January 2nd. 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

“Do what is right, not what is easy.”

~ Roy T Bennett



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 to include, December 1st and 8th will be Photography Nights, Family Nights, December 2nd and 9th, Date Night on December 16th and New Year's Eve Party on December 31st. 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.

SouthWest Transit

Heard about SouthWest Transit Bus curb-to-curb option?

“SouthWest Transit East Creek Transit Station at 2120 Chestnut St. N., Chaska

Save extra walking and hassle: Hop on the bus to bypass the gatehouse and enjoy with direct-to-Visitor Center convenience! Purchase the General Admission Winter Lights: Southwest Transit Bus option on Friday, Saturday and Sunday general admission nights (no service December 31st). There is no additional charge to take the bus -- your curb-to-curb bus ride is included with your regular Winter Lights Ticket admission price. Buses will run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 10 p.m., with the first bus leaving the station at 4:45 p.m.

Bus Service Days:

November - 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, 28th

December - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 26th

January - 1st, 2nd”

Don't forget about the Vikings Football Express Service, or the Gopher's Football Express Service and other services provided by SouthWest Transit. Visit their website for more information; www.southwesttransit.org

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 at the Village Hall.



The Lions are keeping busy during the holiday season with hosting and sponsoring the Village Christmas, Senior Luncheon and all the other wonderful things behind the scenes they do. Also heard that the Soggy Bottom Golf Tournament is being worked on and scheduled for February 5th. Watch for more information.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



St Nicholas Catholic Church

Heard through the grapevine that St Nicholas is planning a Pancake Breakfast on December 5th from 8 AM until noon.

Also has been posted on their website that regularly scheduled masses have been resumed. Additionally, a weekday mass will be held on Fridays at 6 PM.



The December Services for St Nicholas and Guardian Angels times are listed as follows:

Saint Nicholas Day			
Mon	12/6	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas
Immaculate Conception of Mary			
Wed	12/8	12:00 PM	Guardian
Angels			
Wed	12/8	7:00 PM (bilingual)	Guardian Angels
Wed	12/8	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas
Christmas			
Fri	12/24	4:00 PM	Guardian Angels
Fri	12/24	10:00 PM	Guardian Angels
Sat	12/25	9:00 AM	Guardian Angels
Sat	12/25	11:00 AM (Spanish)	Guardian Angels
Sat	12/25	9:00 AM	Saint Nicholas
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God			
Fri	12/31	6:00 PM (bilingual)	Saint Nicholas
Sat	1/1	9:00 AM	Guardian Angels

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to our Advent worship services, held on Wednesdays (Dec. 1st, 8th, and 15th.) at 7:00 p.m. We also welcome you to attend our weekly 10 a.m. Sunday services.

Our Student Ministry Christmas program will be during our 10 a.m. service on Dec. 19th.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us at our Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24th and our Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver, MN 55315
Worship Service (Sunday after Labor Day through May) – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class – 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8:45 a.m. for the 2021 - 2022 school year

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Website: www.trinitycarver.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver

East Union Lutheran and West

Union Lutheran Churches

East Union Lutheran Church's Christmas worship is planned for December 24th to celebrate Jesus' birthday at 4 PM, 5:30 PM and 7 PM. Regular worship services are 9 AM on Sundays.



The Towel Ministries are continuing to collect towels. The need is great. Ann Decker heads this ministry.

Over at West Union Church Christmas Eve Worship will be at 4 PM and 9 PM.

Also, the West Union Lutheran Church is hosting the Polar Express on December 15th starting at 6 PM and ending at 8 PM.

"Santa's train isn't working this year, so he's asked us to host his north pole visit on December 15 from 6-8pm. Santa will meet with kids, our West Union choir/band will be singing carols, cocoa treats, fire pits. An evening

of delight and wonder for all as we get excited for celebrating the birth of Christ." This is the official word expressed by those who know. Check it out!

"Don't follow your dreams; Chase them!"

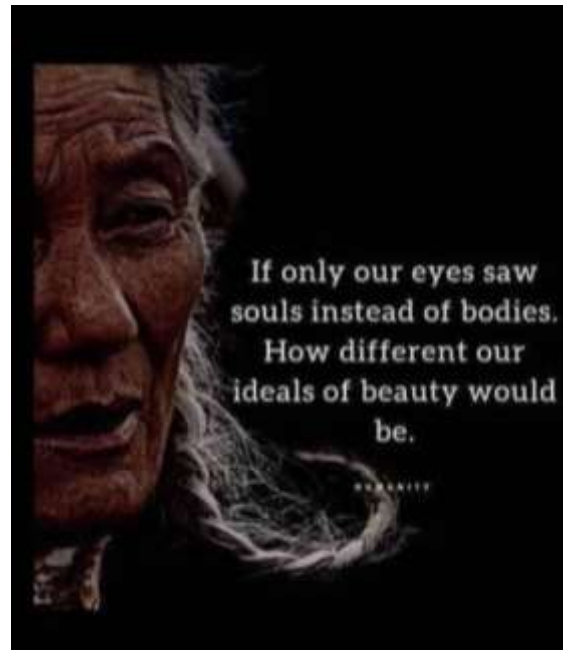
~ Portia Sarris



Community Highlights

December 2021

- December 1st Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Chelsea!
- December 4th Carver Village Christmas
Happy Birthday Patty!
Happy Birthday Shayla!
- December 5th St Nicholas Pancake Breakfast
- December 6th Council Meeting
School Board Meeting
Hanukkah
Happy Birthday Tommy!
- December 8th Late Start
Senior Citizen Luncheon
- December 9th Happy Birthday Katelyn!
- December 10th Happy Birthday John!
Happy Birthday Cody!
- December 13th Parks Commission Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- December 14th Heritage Preservation Commission
Happy Birthday Aletta!
- December 15th Lions Meeting
Polar Express Extravaganza -
West Union Church
- December 16th Planning Commission Meeting
- December 17th Carver Business Alliance Meeting
Happy Anniversary Carol and Ken!
- December 19th Happy Birthday Jim!
- December 20th Council Meeting
- December 21st Winter Begins
Happy Birthday Destini!
Happy Birthday Riley!
- December 22nd Happy Birthday Sandy!
- December 23rd through December 31st
Winter Christmas Break – No School
- December 24th Christmas Eve
- December 25th Christmas Day
- December 26th Happy Birthday Mike!
- December 27th Happy Anniversary Norm and Susan!
- December 28th Happy Birthday Linda Rose!
- December 29th Happy Birthday Miranda!
Happy Birthday Sharon!
- December 31st New Year's Eve
Stephanie Swanson



"Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and best days give memories."

~ Unknown

Peek A Boo Baby

What do think Mr John Funk Jr would have to say about the newest amenity, "Peek A Boo Baby" taking up residence at 308 Broadway in Carver?



What does Mr Funk have to do with Peek A Boo Baby? Well, let me tell you, Lindsey Hauge, (the owner) is taking her place in the footprint of the history books in the First State Bank which was built in 1908. I won't go into all the staples that have graced its historical features, but the latest was Rosehips and Willow. As you all have noticed, there has been an abundance of new shops popping up around downtown Carver!

So, what exactly is Peek A Boo Baby? It is a studio where you can go to get to see your little bundle of joy as early as fifteen weeks according to Lindsey who is a certified sonographer. She has a strong passion for women's health, in particular obstetrics. She will answer any and all questions you have regarding scans, appointment times, her packages available, her process, etc. Her website is full of information as well. Lindsey is striving to open its door on January 1st 2022. Be sure to check it out for more information. www.peakaboobabyus.com.

Lindsey stated it is hard for her to imagine going through an entire pregnancy and only being able to see the baby twice, which is why she wanted to open up a studio where the mom-to-be can come in and see the baby whenever she chooses. She says, "It's a bonding experience for moms, dads, family and friends." She wanted to be able to bring this tender, precious moment to more moms. Hence the purpose of the opening Peek A Boo Baby. This type of studio offers the ability to get elective keepsake photos of their baby from 15 weeks until full term. She also relayed, "Pregnancy ultrasounds are clinical and due to the pandemic, no one is allowed to go with to appointments, Hauge said. Her goal is to offer a spa-like atmosphere to put moms at ease. The studio allows moms to bring up to 10 additional people with to the ultrasound."

The studio also offers several different services, including 2D imagining, which are the classic black and white photos; 3D imaging, which makes the photo three-dimensional and adds coloring to the baby and 4D imaging, which is a moving image of the baby in real time. She will also be offering virtual HD imaging, which is unique to the studio. The image is even more realistic, lighting can be adjusted to get the clearest photo of the baby. Peek A Boo Baby will also be available to be rented for gender reveal parties or baby showers. There is even the option for her to come to your home for a private, in-home ultrasound!

Last but not least, Lindsey says, "TIS' THE SEASON TO BE MERRY! Need a gift for the mama to be? Gift cards are available for purchase! Give the mom-to-be in your life the gift of seeing her baby dancing in real time! Let's celebrate all of the mamas this holiday season!"
"A 3D/4D ultrasound studio for keepsake photos of your unborn baby!"

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Carver Village Christmas



**Carver Village Hall
Downtown Carver
Saturday, December 4, 2021**

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Santa arrives by fire truck at 1:30pm
Treats, Crafts, & Coloring Contest
Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa.
We request that you please wear a mask.

The Fire Department will have smoke alarm information,
and are giving away FREE batteries for your smoke detector!
*Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation.

Sponsored by the Carver Lions & the Carver Fire Department



CARVER SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 8, 2021

**Carver Village Hall
316 Broadway, Carver, MN**

Seniors (65+) are invited to the Annual Senior Luncheon
Sponsored by the Carver Lions

Social: 11:30am. Lunch served at Noon.

Reservations required.

Deadline: Saturday, December 4

Contact Sandy McGraw: 952-856-2655

If you need a ride,
please let us know when
making your reservation.

