



Third Street Bridge

The council reviewed at their work session information relating to the Third Street Bridge project with the city engineer who discussed the history of the bridge, needs, the status and the next phase. Further discussions will be held to authorize proceeding with Plans and Specifications.

Green Step Cities

The Community Development Director at the councils work session updated the council on their participation status with the program. The staff advanced to a Step Two City by completing reporting of the six best practices required. These steps were completed based on daily practices throughout the city. Recognition will be heard and recognized in June at the League of MN Cities Conference. An annual update of the program had been requested.

Miscellaneous

The city manager informed the council at a work session meeting that Bolton and Menk's staff member will be working with the city while the Community Development Director takes a leave of absence in spring.

City staff conducted interviews for the Finance Director position narrowing it to two candidates. The city manager will conduct the final interview along with the city engineer and attorney to offer the position to the final candidate.

The part-time administrative assistant will be missed and was a great asset the council was informed as she has accepted another position, elsewhere. Other information relating to the new decorative lights were erected on Jonathan Carver Parkway, the first two monuments were unveiled and two other monuments on the northwest corner are to be completed. The council held a special meeting to interview members for both, Planning Commission and Heritage Preservation member vacancies.

The first meeting for the Steamboat Days committee will be held within a few weeks.

The Public Services Director discussed the purchase of road salt for the 2021-2022 contract were discussed with the council. Each year the city bids on road salt with the State of Minnesota as a cooperative purchasing venture member. For the 2021-2022 season request has been submitted for three hundred tons of salt for the allotment to the current contract which would fully replenish the reserves. Previously the city had to make two smaller purchases throughout the season based on current needs. At this time, the department would like to make one large purchase to restock the supply.

Gettysburg Leadership Institute

The council discussed authorization of the city manager attending the Gettysburg Leadership Institute in Pennsylvania. The ICMA (International City/County Management Association) is an international organization committed to developing and advancing professional local government management to create sustainable communities. The ICMA had developed a credentialing program to recognize professional local government managers qualified by education, experience, adherence to high standards of integrity and an assessed commitment to lifelong learning and professional development. The city manager of Carver has been recognized by the ICMA as a Credentialed Manager since 2010. The ICMA is hosting Gettysburg Leadership Institute to provide significant opportunities for professional development. The city council found it beneficial and worthwhile to send the city manager to this institute.

Funky Minds

The council extended a thank you and credit to Shelley Rudolf and Anna Edlund who spent much time on hosting the Light and Seek event with ice crystal luminaries. For similar types of events check Facebook pages in Carver Life and be sure to participate. The Light and Seek event per the Funky Minds leadership was a lovely weekend with ice lanterns spreading light in a magical setting in Riverside Park, and along the MN River levee to downtown Carver. Want to know more about Funky Minds and other exciting events their imaginations create for participation? Then check the Carver Quarterly Facebook page, Funky Minds Facebook page or Carver Life Facebook page for all the fun stuff they dream up to create community participation.



Funky Minds is a non-profit organization based in downtown Carver and was founded in 2003 by Anna Edlund. "The goal of the organization is to build the local community by expanding the hearts, minds and futures of local youth through a variety of no-cost initiatives. Those initiatives include after-school activities, summer programs, homework assistance sessions, community beautification projects, civic engagement, volunteerism and access to technology for youth who do not have it."

Community Gardens

The council needed to approve the Carver County SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program) Grant Agreement for the Community Gardens, Phase 2. In 2020 the council and staff created a plan for the installation of the community gardens which are presently located on the site of the Carver-On-The-Minnesota church site in downtown Carver. Two phases for the gardens were included in the plans. Phase 1 was the creation and installation of said plots. Phase 2 includes additional plots. Phase 1 installation occurred in 2021 which was very successful with reservations for all eighteen plots. Based on this success the city will proceed with Phase 2 in 2022. Additionally, the city expressed interest in adding perimeter fencing to discourage small critters from taking produce. Reimbursements were received for expenses incurred in Phase 1. Cost estimates for Phase 2 have been estimated.

With that process in mind, the city applied for additional SHIP funding. Notification had been received that the requested funds will be awarded if the city continues to move forward with their plans. The grant provides funds for supplies. The city's responsibilities include in-kind contributions in the form of labor and other miscellaneous expenses.

Water Treatment Facility

The city engineer discussed the change order involving the Water Treatment Facility Improvements project. The project includes new construction on the existing treatment facility. In addition to the new infrastructure, substantial internal upgrades and reconfigurations are being made within the existing facility to complement the overall facility expansion. The substantial amount of reconfiguration required and to provide continuity, the painting of interior is recommended. These costs would be paid with the project budget. There is sufficient contingency programming within the original bonding budget to fund the change order cost.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

- Henry Stanley...

Sixth Street

Sixth Street is a State Aid Street. A parking update will be completed by the city engineer. The engineer spoke of standard document for a state aid route. Part of the application process inquiries about road width supporting parking on both sides which in the case of this street, it is not. Therefore, there has to be a State Aid Resolution to document stated parking will not be allowed by the city. The document must be provided with the Plan and the Resolution to be attached to the application. Authorization of the Plans and Spec has already been approved. Presently there are not any guidelines for 'no parking' signs but posting will be required.

The assistant city engineer discussed with the council the parking restrictions on Sixth Street West. The council had established previously the necessity for reconstruction on the street serving as a main collector street between Jonathan Carver Parkway and the downtown area, along with surrounding regions. This street not only serves to accommodate vehicles, it also is utilized by pedestrians and bicyclists. Due to the city's recent application for local road improvement program administered by MN Dot the project was selected for the grant program with full funding. Additionally, Sixth Street West is a state aid route on the City's Municipal State Aid Street System. Therefore, state aid rules must be followed for funding eligibility. One of those rules involves the widths accommodating park. The street involved is not wide enough to allow parking. Bike lanes are also scheduled to be installed prohibiting street parking, as well. A parking restriction resolution will be necessary in order to obtain state aid plan approval and project funding. The restrictions would be implemented in conjunction with the completion of the improvement project scheduled to be substantially completed in the fall of 2022.

The city engineer discussed the Plans and Specifications for the Sixth Street West Improvements. The council reviewed the resolution to approve the plans and specifications and order advertisement for bids. Previous needs were identified previously to reconstruct the Sixth Street West Road which serves as the city's main collector. The failing corridor conveys significant amounts of stormwater runoff that cannot adequately be maintained with the existing storm sewer system that has led to localized flooding and icing issues, as well as private property impacts.

Funding request had been submitted to improve safety, address transportation deficiencies and contribute to economic development. The Sixth Street project was selected for the grant program with full program funding. The council reviewed the major components that would be addressed. The definitive project schedule cannot be completed due to the current market conditions resulting in historical supply delays impacting completion dates.

Statutory Liability Limits

The council along with the city clerk reviewed the discussion of a motion to not waive statutory liability limits was held at the council meeting. The council was told that cities obtaining liability coverage from the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust must make a decision on whether or not to waive the liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. In the past, the city opted to not purchase excess liability coverage. Additionally, the city had also opted not to waive the monetary limits established by MN statutes. If the city chooses to not waive the statutory tort limits, an individual would be able to recover a large sum on any claim which these tort limits apply to. Limit amounts were discussed. These limits apply regardless whether or not the city purchases the optional excess liability coverage. If the city were to waive the limits and did not purchase excess liability coverage, a claimant could potentially recover a far more substantial amount for a single occurrence. With this option the tort cap liability limits area waived to the extent of the members liability coverage limits and the LCMIT per occurrence limit amount. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited regardless of the number of claimants. If the city waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited of coverage purchased. There is not any additional cost to the city for not waiving these limits. The city in the past has consistently chosen not to waive liability limits.

"Life is not about having everything. It's about finding meaning in everything."

- Joel Ranymar

Next Steps Learning Center

The Community Development Director discussed the Preliminary Plat, Rezoning and Final Plat for the Next Steps Learning Center with the Planning Commission. Reviewal of project approvals, hold public hearing, location and size were reviewed. The property is in the Carver Commons located in the southwest corner of the Jonathan Carver Parkway and Highway 212 intersection. The Planning Commission reviewed the Concept Plan for the Next Step Learning Center. Overall, both government units had positive feedback for the project with the request for an additional trail into the site. This area is commercially zoned parcel. Area is developed as the Carver Commons. Kwik Trip was the first business on the property having opened late in 2020. United Properties is the current land owner as a commercial property investment company. United Properties and the city have been working together to acquire additional tenants to fill out the commercial node at the corner of the major intersection in Carver. It is anticipated that there will be additional commercial users on the site. Next Steps is a childcare facility with locations in Chaska and Chanhassen seeking to expand into the Carver are having submitted an application for a Preliminary Plat, rezoning and Final Plat for the reviewal of the Planning Commission and the council. The Concept Plan shows a building, parking lot, and four outdoor play areas. The information included conforms to the Concept Plan and had been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Development and approvals of commercial projects move through the process simultaneously due to the nature of the site and the number of buildings. Staff completed review and the project meets the requirements of both the Preliminary and Final Plats. Both steps are requested to be reviewed simultaneously by the Planning Commission. A daycare is a permitted use in the Freeway Commercial District and meets the intent of the ordinance. The overall sit is zoned Freeway Commercial and this project requires a Planned Commercial District (PCD). Reviewal of the bulk regulations and deviations requested by the developer were reviewed. Streets within the Carver Commons are private. An extension is required to the stubbed street to offer access into the Next Steps site. The staff and the developer worked on the trail connection from Monroe Drive into the site. The trail will be on the west side of the full access into the Kwik Trip site. Additional users in the Carver Commons will also be required to connect into the trail system. The Planning Commission will review the information, as well as staff presentation, along with the project requiring a Public Hearing by the commission. Then the Commission will forward their recommendation onto the council.

Employee Survey

The city manager discussed the Employee Survey draft – Strategic Plan item with the council requiring staff direction and feedback. The council identified an initiative to conduct an employee survey. Two drafted surveys have been created for review. "Due to some distinct characteristics between the part-time and full-time employee experience, a separate survey was created for part-time employees within the Fire Department in cooperation with the Fire Chief. The survey is planned to be administered in May, with the help of an online survey tool. The intention is to conduct the employee survey on an annual basis, in order to provide the ability to measure results from year to year. Employee respondents will be able to take the survey anonymously. Once the survey has been completed by employee participants, the City's leadership team will review and report the results to the City Council. Based on the data provided, a corresponding "action plan" will be created and reported to the Council and shared with members of the employee team to address opportunities for learning and growth within the organization."

Employee Service Recognition

The following employees were recognized for their service by the Mayor, Courtney Johnson. They were Firefighters, Joseph Grady, Michael Griesinger, Shaun Cox and Corey Trebiatowski. The other employee recognized was the Deputy Clerk, Brenda Good.

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 11 AM at the Carver Village Hall. Anyone owning a business in Carver is welcome. The next scheduled meeting is April 15th.

Brookeview Development

The Community Development Director discussed the Brookeview Preliminary Plat and rezoning application with the Planning Commission members. Background information was reviewed regarding the application by Manley Development. The property is located south of Meadows at Spring Creek with an extension via Mulberry Drive. Question was asked for details regarding a private street versus a public one. The assistant city engineer explained that a public street meets the city's standards. Private streets on the other hand are roads that do not meet city's standards. Those are reviewed by the city staff determining approval or disapproval of requests. Statement was made that private roads still meet fire code requirements. The development is requesting a reduction to add the buffer with landscaping. Question was asked if residents would be responsible for maintenance and plowing which was clarified as correct. Question was asked what responsibilities would be handled by a Homeowner's Association. The development did not anticipate a creation of a Homeowner's Association. Inquiry was made regarding the type of parking planned for. Additional parking at this time did not exist. If additional parking were added, it would distract from the buffer. Question was asked about the responsible party for Outlot A. Expectations at this point are that the city would be responsible. The maintenance of erosion control and trail system requirements would be similar to the outlot in Hawthorne Ridge. Member expressed concern of erosion and the city's responsibility if erosion were to occur. The community development director pointed out that erosion concerns would be the responsibility of property owners which would likely be the homeowner's association. The Planning Commission board opened the Public Hearing on the Brookeview development. Multiple residents asked questions, voiced concerns, objections as well as expressing their opinions during the hearing. The Community Development Director, Assistant Engineer and the City attorney provided information for clarification. Fire truck access in a cul-de-sac is ninety-two feet. Density calculations will be done by city staff. An unfavorable trail can be reevaluated. The letter of credit held by the city does not decrease as the project progresses. Streets are public in front of homes; city cannot regulate parking on those public streets. Any vehicle parked for an extensive period of time should be reported to the police department. Developer comments are not related to Land Use Application. The project is entirely in the city limits so the Carver County Land Management is not required to review the project. Squares on the map signify buildable areas not house locations. Location of the constructed house deems construction of a deck. The construction engineer is on site ensuring construction compliance is upheld. The city has no financial gain aside from tax base and park dedication funds. City code defines a significant tree as eight inches in diameter or greater as the requirement to be followed. The city's role is not to either watch or determine the types of homes being constructed. A lighting plan would be upheld minus light pollution into existing homes. Background checks of developers are not role cities assume. Cities are held to a different standard regarding street construction where a public bidding process is required. The city's responsibility is street maintenance and is not equipped to do the construction of the street. Privacy concerns are open for discussions along with resolutions. Developers are not hired by the city, rather property owners choose someone who then comes to the city with a plan. A builder who doesn't want to follow the set up plans, requires re-platting involving the requirement to be heard by the Planning Commission and the city council. Then the process starts over at that point. Since Mulberry is a public street, there is no plans to erect "No Parking Signs". The types of homes proposed to be constructed are not known since a builder has not been selected. That information would be forthcoming and shared when known. Expectations that a storm water pond would be constructed and the city would maintain. The bulk of scrub trees will be removed from the lot. Since the builder at this time is not known, the fees are not determined either which would be established at the time a builder is determined. The Parks Master Plan was adopted in 2018 which is an ongoing plan being worked on constantly. The city had moved from pocket parks to a more regional park allowing for greater development.

Park Dedication funds pertaining to approval of plans and specifications for an expansion of Ironwood Park, investing a substantial amount of monies into that park. A concrete skate park, a basketball park, pavilion, an outdoor classroom for Carver Elementary and some extensive trails will all be added to the future parks planning goals. This Master Plan is a good resource and available on the city's website.

Construction costs are outrageous presently. However, it is the developer's decision whether or not to move forward with their plans and projects. The Sheriff's Department has been alerted and requested to monitor traffic in the Meadows area related to construction traffic. PRD is Planned Residential Development which is a process in the City's code; not a variance. To obtain a variance a hardship must be established to allow an amendment to a rule. A variance is not necessary for a Planned Residential Development (PRD). Rezoning-2 to Planned Residential Development is common for cities relating to smaller and larger sizes in districts. The Park Dedication requirements are defined by land and finances. Much of the Park Dedication funds have been allocated for Ironwood Park. Additional plans are in site for additional parks that would include dog park, splash pad, and a full baseball/softball complex in the city's growth area. A comment pertaining to fifteen percent of a Planned Residential Development being preserved for a common open space where a bluff area would qualify.

The assistant city engineer addressed the storm water management issue. During the Concept Plan approval phase, staff worked very closely with the developer's engineer regarding this issue. An extensive network of pond and filtration basin controlling storm water leaving the site was completed. To prevent erosion of the bluff, discharge would be routed through the existing storm sewer system. It was considered a big accomplishment for this project.

A storm pons system has also been reviewed on the east side of the property being reviewed. The systems have been designed for a hundred-year rainfall event which is the highest design standard for storm sewers. Bluff protection and erosion control throughout the entire development project will use a silt fence aligning the bluff setback.

East/West private drives with the cul-de-sac discussion involved explanation that grading with bluff setbacks does not allow for homes to go on the north side which essentially are backing the existing lots within the Meadows at Spring Creek. It is not possible to get a road across the area either. Topographic perspective, the grade naturally drops off to the south aligning with home placement back yard grade decrease.

Question was asked if the review process with the Watershed District has begun. The project is within the Lower MN Watershed District. There is a municipal agreement with the watershed board where the city reviews and administers all storm water permitting rules for the district. The city's ordinance are consistent with the district's rules.

Regarding the topic of staff reports, recommendations and the Public Hearing processes. It is standard practice for city staff provide a written report to the Planning Commission prior to a public hearing. The reports contain staff recommendations about the project. The Planning Commission makes its recommendations after hearing public comments. Nothing done on the application deviates from the standard practice that the city utilizes with any land applications. Denying land use applications are not valid reasons based on comments regarding the developer. The Planning Commission focus is on the merits of the application, public input and items brought to the board's attention.

The issue of letter of credit is the city always protects its interest and the interests of the community in development agreements. The development agreements always include a financial security requirement. This ensures proper construction. These letters of credit are irrevocable and always required. It is a guarantee by a federally insured bank to pay the city if there is a developer default. Terms cannot be changed by the developer while the city has the opportunity to draw on the entire amount.

The commissioner inquired about the side yard setback decrease meeting the requirements. The Community Development Director stated that additionally to the side yard setbacks, the request made was lot size decrease.

The city does not gain financially from development projects. The residents benefit from lower taxes and new parks.

The function of the Planning Commission is to protect residents and property owners, along with those who in the future desire to relocate in the area. Outlot A is almost as big as the developed area. Therefore, protecting a large piece of property in that outlot. The number of houses was questioned. The director explained that the city sets the density, not the specific number of lots. The developer establishes the number planned lots. This project meets the density requirements, but the number of proposed lots can be reviewed. Different calculations are run. Statement was made that there was a lot of input received. The Planning Commission establishes their recommendations to approve contingent upon decisions made by city staff, developer and residents. The commission does not have the right to deny a developer who meets the requirements. This particular development could be tweaked. Comment was made that it would be valuable to further research for the upper cul-de-sac to create a more acceptable buffer. Public, private street issues require more amendable solutions. Buffers, landscaping and size of some lots was reviewed in more depth. Density issues were discussed. Question was asked about density. The director pointed out that the density is set with the Comprehensive Plan and the Met Council sets the standards that the city must meet including the density requirement. An amendment could be made to the Comprehensive Plan but most likely would not be supported by the Met Council. The entire parcel is fourteen acres with only approximately six acres that are buildable. Question was asked about if the issue was approved at that meeting would it mean that approval of that would be for twenty-four lots. The director stated that the option would be to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat with the intention that the staff and the developer return with density calculations. Board would like to see revisions to the plans. The land owners have the right to develop but it would be preferable that compromises are made prior to final approval. Statement was also made that lot numbers preferred to be changed and a review of the summary meeting occur with the developer and the neighbors. Another comment was stated that favor of improvements to the disruption of the neighbors, lots numbers, improvements with the private street via landscaping and buffering. The attorney advised that the Planning Commission had two options. The first is a recommendation contingent on staff and developer seeking other options regarding the reduction of lots. The issue would be reviewed again by the Planning Commission. The next step is the issue presented to the council to make a decision based on the findings. The second option was to table the recommendation giving the staff the opportunity to research options. The Public Hearing has been held and the public would be welcomed back to listen to future discussion. Question was asked if consideration of zoning request and preliminary plat could be separated into two separate meetings? The city attorney stated that it didn't make sense to separate the two actions. Question was then asked if there time to review different scenarios before the council meeting. The director stated that developer's purchase agreement could be affected but the Planning Commission there were two options to be chosen. The Planning Commission was reminded that they were recommending the final decision was the councils. Motion was made to recommend approval of the preliminary plat for Brookeview with the condition that the staff review the density and other options. Further discussion was held pertaining to concerns proceeding forward, allowing the council to make the final decision which basically then took the Planning Commission out of the discussion. Concerns were understood but the council would ultimately make the decision with the Planning Commission's input included. The council liaison stated their appreciation of the opportunity to hear the resident's input and feedback as it was very valuable. The Planning Commission's input, resident input and the commission's recommendations are all important facets of the governmental functions. From a timeline perspective, it would be feasible to move forward with the second option proposed by the attorney tabling the item. Question was asked whether or not the Planning Commission tabling the item would throw the project timeline. The director replied that it might affect the developer but the city I on a different timeline. A roll call vote was conducted with all ayes and the motion carried. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to recommend approval of rezoning for Brookeview with the condition that the city staff and the developer work together to review density calculations. Question was asked if there would be a Public Hearing for rezoning. The director stated that there will not be a Public Hearing but the council can choose to take public comments.

The Community Development Director discussed the Preliminary Plat and Rezoning of Brookeview with the council. The council reviewed the adoption of the ordinance to rezone the property, and adoption of the resolution approving the Preliminary Plat. The proposed Concept Plan had been reviewed previously. Applications were found to be complete and in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The present Preliminary Plat shows twenty-two lots versus the original twenty-four lots. Plans and the Preliminary Plat additionally display two cul-de-sacs for home access and a proposed trail connecting into the city's larger trail system. The developer is Manley Development and will be sold to a builder once the planning process is complete. The project was reviewed with resident feedback by the Planning Commission. Significant changes to the Preliminary Plat and plans were completed. Those changes included lot reduction, realignment of Brookeview Court and with additional landscaping throughout the site. The changes reflected in an updated project information packet was delivered to affected property owners. t

The rezoning request involves changing from Agriculture to R2 with a Planned Residential Development (PRD) overlay. The rezoning request includes deviations from the R2 district on lot size with sideyard set back. Similar projects include Oak Tree, the Meadows at Spring Creek and River Bluff Estates. The Preliminary Plat and proposed plans have been reviewed by the city staff, adhering to adopted city standards and are similar to recent developments throughout the City of Carver. Feedback from the Planning Commission meeting were considered, resulting in changes in both the Plat and the plans. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval including requests to decrease lot count and increase buffering. Adopt the ordinance rezoning the property and approval of the Preliminary Plat were also recommended.

Employee Policies

The city manager discussed the Employee Policies and amendments to the Employee Handbook with the council. The city has a series of policies that document employee work place rules, leave provisions, fringe benefit and other related procedures. The council was being asked to consider approval of amendment to the Employee Handbook. Non-DOT / DOT provisions relate to rules established by the Department of Transportation for employees performing duties under the commercial driver's license. Staff consistently reviews and recommends amendments to these policy documents. Consideration for adoption by the council that amendments primarily include language clarification, updates to employment law and recommended formatting by the city attorney.

Disclaimer

Information in this newsletter is for information only and is comprised from the unapproved minutes were referenced for the contents of this newsletter. Websites on the internet are also referenced. Full details can be located on the City of Carver and Dahlgren Township websites.



2022 Budget Amendment

The city manager discussed the 2022 Budget Amendment resolution. The manager reviewed the decision as part of the 2018 Budget that the city funded a part-time Administrative Assistant position. The position initially was created to handle increased and essential receptionist duties. Over time, the position has evolved into a more significant role, providing elevated customer and internal support services for the administration, community development and public services departments. As this workload and complexity increased, a second position was created in 2019. He further explained that the duties were split into a 'morning' and an 'afternoon' shift. Recently, the city has experienced a vacancy in one of the part-time positions, taking the opportunity to look at short and long-term staffing needs in this area. Based on the expanding workload, the increasing resilience of the position to provide core duties and services, the transient nature of the position and the ability to delay an additional full-time "Permit-Tech" Hire, a concept was developed to transition the existing part-time positions into one full-time position. A budget amendment is necessary to be considered and adopted. This creates a budget gap.

"Challenge yourself with something you know you could never do, and what you'll find is that you can overcome anything."

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. The Occasional Shop dates are Thursday, April 21st through Sunday the 24th, May's dates are Thursday, May 19th through Sunday, the 22nd. It's the place to find that unique, one-of-a-kind treasure. Stop in and check the shops out. There are also lots of home businesses that are not advertised here but if you dig, you find them. Check out Carver Life on Facebook and find the troves of treasures on line.

The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – Tentative Spring Opening April - The Carver Creamery

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

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook



The Funky Dove

Rebecca Liestman

"I'm sure some of you must recall or even bought a small vase from last year's collection? Well, I got more vases for this year!"

These are thick, stocky, circular ceramic vases with a distressed, crackled, antique look which gives a little pop of color, warmth and intrigue to any indoor décor. Leave your vase empty or add some real or faux flowers to it. You can place the vase on its own or introduce it to a story of your own like a frame of your loved one and a candle stick perhaps. It's up to you. There are so many options. Plus, the colors make them great for any time of the year."

Be sure to stop into the Funky Dove and check out all the neat, unique and 'I have to have' items.

Carver Creamery

It's official!!!!!! Spring is here, goodbye Old Man Winter!!!!!! The Carver Creamery is set to open for the official ice cream delights of the season on Friday, April 15th. Do a jig, run around in circles, jump up in the air, act like a kid, whoop and holler. Thank you, Chris and Kailan, for welcoming in the new season for 2022.

Compliments of their Facebook page: The Carver Creamery is also now accepting applications for the 2022 season! You are asked to email Chris@carvercreamery.com to inquire about the job and to get an application. Visit their Facebook page and check them out, if you haven't already. PS: You have to be 14 years old to apply.

Thanks guys and welcome to the new year! This author just knows everyone is not only excited to be able to devour your delectable but to welcome your happy faces back!!!! Stay tuned for more.



DogHouse

Hey everyone.... LISTEN UP.... Brian from the DogHouse would like to extend his personal invitation to each and every one to come join him and his patrons at the DogHouse Bar for Tap Tuesday's and Thursdays. Domestic is \$ 2.00 and imported for \$ 4.00. Come on in and join in on the fun and see what else is going on at the DogHouse. There are lots of exciting events from time to time, music, pool, seeing old friends, making new ones, get out for some fun.



Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative would like to announce that the 85th Annual Meeting of the members of the coop will be held and members are invited to attend on Tuesday, April 5th at the Arlington Community Center at 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington from 7 to 8 PM. There are three districts in the MVEC's service territory, determined by population. Annually, there is one director seat open in each of the three districts. Chaska, Carver, Dahlgren are all included in District 2 which the incumbent, Gary Haberman is unopposed.



Minnesota Twins

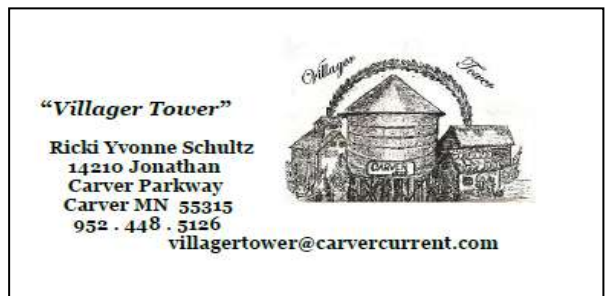
For the sports fans out there, the Minnesota Twins Baseball team will be having their opening day at Target Field on Thursday, April 7th. They will be playing the Seattle Mariners. That's all I got for you except another clear sign that Spring has sprung and warmer temps are here to stay for a little while.



Carver Current

You have seen the Carver Current website, haven't you? It's the perfect on line 'go to' site for local information. Be sure to check it out; www.carvercurrent.com. 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, history information, links, etc.

© RYS Creations 2022



Chaska Parks and Recreation

The Chaska Parks and Recreation Activities, the Spring/Summer 2022 Activity Guide brochure is available on line. Check it out and you can scan their QR code to sign up.

Two events that are popular and you might want to check out for the summer childcare option.

Extreme Kids Summer Day Camp Chaska Community Center - For kids entering Grades 1-6 in Fall 2022 Mark your calendar! Registration opens on Tuesday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. for this popular summer childcare option. View program details such as dates, hours, and fees at www.chaskamn.com/647.

Angry wife's note to husband:

"Your dinner is in the recipe book on page 32 and the ingredients are at the store."



"The secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine"

~Mike Murdock

St Nicholas Catholic Church

The last Lenten Fish Fry over at Guardian Angels Church in Chaska will be held on Friday, April 8th from 4 PM to 7:30 PM.

Interested in Friday's Catholic Stations of the Cross? Friday, April 1st at St Nicholas at 7 PM and Friday, April 8th at Guardian Angels at 7 PM.

Triduum (3 day religious observation) for Maundy (Holy Thursday) Thursday and Good Friday, Easter are all held at Guardian Angels as follows:

Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil

Mass for Lord's Supper, Thursday, April 14th, 7 PM

Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 15th, 3 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Friday, April 15th, 7 PM

Easter Vigil on the Holy Night, Saturday, April 16th, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

8 AM – English – Guardian Angels

10 AM – English – Guardian Angels

10 AM – English – St Nicholas

12:30 PM – Spanish – Guardian Angels

PS: Donut Sunday at St Nicholas in Carver - Donut Sundays will be every 3rd Sunday which began on March 20th



East Union Lutheran Church

Heads up everyone! East Union Lutheran Church is planning for their Annual Plant Sale. The date is Saturday, May 7th, 8 AM to noon. Interested in donating? They are seeking handmade donations, such as bird houses, bird feeders, old wooden boxes, anything that could be transposed into a planter. There will also be the annual bake sale. You got it.... Only homemade items or canned items can be donated. A coffee truck will be available and hanging baskets and of course, more plants. Mark the date.

Services for the church. Palm Sunday 9 AM worship, 10 AM Fellowship. Easter Sunday, Worship at 9 AM.



Trinity Lutheran Church

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Please join us for breakfast at 7:15 am and an Easter Worship Service at 8:30 am on Sunday, April 17. We know that visiting a church for the first time can be a bit overwhelming. What you need to know is that we are a community of broken people, for broken people, discovering together how God has a purpose for our lives. That's what drives us, and we're saving a seat for you! Audio recordings of our sermons are posted on our Website at: trinitycarver.com; Office: 952-448-3628; Email: office@trinitycarver.com; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver>



Carver Baseball/Softball

Association

From the website the information below is being shared.

The DIBS Session is now active for clinics!

However, seeking four volunteers to run drills and batting cages for Softball and six volunteers for Baseball. Reminder, fielding masks and helmets with masks are required.

Clinics at the Dome is all set!

Clinics will occur at the Dome on April 10th from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Softball times are 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM for all Softball players and for all Baseball players, ages 9 to 15 are 9:45 to 11:30 AM.

Registration is open until April 8th. Know anyone who wants to play Softball or Baseball, be sure to send them over.

The CBSA is still in need of Board Members and Coordinators. In order to have a successful season and a successful program then community help is necessary and needed. The organization has plenty of volunteer opportunities. If interested send an email to cvybsa.reg@gmail.com.

Baseball and Softball Umpires for the 2022 season. Travel Tryouts are scheduled. The online store open too.



Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Be sure to visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for all the information and all the things they have to offer, hours, times, cost, etc. (www.arb.umn.edu) A synopsis below:



Reflections from Our Natural World in the Reddy Gallery: Through May 2nd

Journey through Japan: Traditional Woodblock Prints in the Anderson Horticultural Library and The Art of Flying: Bird Images in they Skyway Gallery: both events through August 12th

Yoga in the Garden: April 3rd 10 AM – 11 AM

Pollinator Friendly: Cafe Gallery: April 17th through May 22nd

Double Discount Days/ Gift and Garden Shop: April 15th through April 29th

Full Pink Moon Hike: April 16th 8 – 10:30 PM

Easter Brunch: April 17th 9 AM – 2 PM

Yoga in the Gardens: April 21st at 6 PM to 7 PM and April 24th at 12 PM to 1 PM

Auxiliary Garden Tour: April 27th

Bud Break, 5K: May 1st

Don't forget Arbor Day at the Arboretum on the 27th of April and the Auxiliary Private Garden Tours registration opens the same day.

Arts Consortium

Carver County Arts Consortium will be hosting the Songwriters of Carver County Concert - April 7, 2022 at the Chaska Community Center Theatre. 7PM - 8:30PM Free to the public, donations accepted. The event is celebrating woman composers. Come hear local singers/songwriters performing original music. More info can be found at artsofcarvercounty.org. You can also contact Steve Kelzer at music@artsofcarvercounty.org.



Since April is National Poetry Month, the Literary Committee is hosting Celebration of Poetry - April 11, 2022. Event starts at 6:30 PM at Shepard of the Hill Presbyterian Church (145 Engler Blvd, Chaska, MN 55318). April is national poetry month, and we are celebrating by reading our favorite poems (including some originals), and talking about why we love poetry.

Green Card Voices: Touring Exhibit is open in the Chaska Community Center Gallery from April 1-30, 2022. This exhibit shows portraits and stories of immigrants who live in Minnesota. The Arts Consortium of Carver County is holding a reception on April 14, 2022 with wine, snacks, and live music. More info can be found at artsofcarvercounty.org

Carver Fire Department



Did you know that the Carver Fire Department began as volunteer department in the late 1800's? Fun trivia fact for you.

Another fun fact: Ever heard of Sparky, The Fire Dog? Kids, ask mom and dad to help you sign up on

Sparky.org and learn more about Sparky. Anyway, it seems Sparky is 71 years old and is celebrating his birthday. Rumor has it, he has the biggest heart. Their Facebook page stated that kids know and love him, parents grew up with him and grandparents remember his message of fire safety since 1951. The firemen ask that you help them wish Sparky a very Happy Birthday! #Sparkysbirthday

Also, the department is preparing for the Carver Bike Rodeo and Spring Safety Event on May 21st. This event is hosted by the Carver Fire Department, in partnership with Carver County Sheriff's Department, a Better Society, City of Carver, Carver Lions and Funky Minds. More details next upcoming issue.



Carver Black Sox

According to the Carver Black Sox website, it appears that their first game for the 2022 Season is scheduled for April 23rd at 2 PM at the Woody Swanson field in Carver. Thus, their season begins! For game schedules and other information visit their website, if you have computer access.

Their website is: www.carverblacksox.com



"The secret of your success is determined by your daily agenda."

~ John C Maxwell

Community Highlights

April 2022

- April 1st No School
April Fool's Day
Happy Birthday Joe!
- April 2nd Happy Birthday Kelly!
- April 4th Council Meeting
Happy Birthday Wayne!
- April 5th MN Valley Electric Coop Meeting
Happy Birthday Jim!
- April 6th Lions Meeting
- April 7th MN Twins Opening Day
- April 9th Carver Lions Easter Egg Hunt
- April 10th Palm Sunday
West Union Youth Pancake Breakfast
- April 11th Dahlgren Board Meeting
East Union POT Meeting
School Board Work Session
- April 12th Meet and Greet
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Happy Anniversary Kerry and Brad!
Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen!
- April 13th Happy Birthday Ava!
- April 14th No School
- April 15th Business Alliance Meeting
Passover Begins
Easter Sunday
- April 17th Happy Birthday Cheryl!
- April 18th Council Meeting
Happy Birthday John!
- April 20th Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Scott!
Happy Anniversary Wayne & Michelle!
- April 21st Planning Commission Meeting
Occasional Shops Weekend
Happy Birthday Jim!
- April 22nd Earth Day
Happy Birthday Al!
Happy Birthday Kitty!
- April 23rd Black Sox Opening Game
- April 24th Brews and Bones – Schram Haus Brewery
West Union Polka Worship
- April 25th School Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Aaron!
- April 26th Meet and Greet
Happy Birthday Grace!
- April 29th Arbor Day
Carver Lion's Pork Chop Dinner
- April 30th Happy Birthday Arlan!
Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg!
Happy Birthday Lili!



Brews & Bones

The Schram's Haus Brewery will be hosting the Brew and Bones event at 3700 Chaska Boulevard in Chaska on April 2th at 3 PM until 6 PM. The backup date due to inclement weather will be May 15th. It's free to attend. The Southwest Metro Chamber and Schram Haus Brewery invite you to come and join them for the fun dog friendly event. At the same time, you can check out local vendor booths featuring veterinarians, dog food suppliers and dog friendly businesses. At the same time, you can also enjoy the variety of tasty options of craft beer offered by Schram House for purchase. You can also get a picture with your four-legged friend by Lynn Laumann Photography. There will be food trucks on site. There will also be Pet Look-A-Like Contest and a Best Dog Trick Contest for prizes. Reminder: All dogs must be on a leash for the event.

Are you aware that Schram Haus Brewery has all kinds of different types of events occurring all the time? Such as Trivia Mafia, Live Music, Food trucks, as well as comedy shows from time to time. Check their website for additional information. [www.schramhausbrewery.com]

"TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE BRILLIANT, RICH, BEAUTIFUL, OR PERFECT. YOU UST HAVE TO CARE."

~ MANDY HALE

Sticks Tavern

Have you stopped out at Sticks Tavern located in the clubhouse at the Dahlgreen Golf Course lately for their delicious food and company? The golf season should be opening soon with spring on its way, so remember to stop Sticks Tavern for a bite to eat or a beverage to wet your whistle. Did you know that they feature Taco Tuesdays 2.o? Wings/Bingo Wednesday's? Or Sunday Brunch? For the 2022 upcoming season, the owner is scheduling Trivia Night moving to Tuesdays which will begin in May. They have tournaments and other events filling up their Thursdays presently. Be sure to go and check it out. You just might find that you will a lot of fun huh?



They are closed on Mondays; Tuesday's hours of operation are 5 PM until 10 PM; Wednesdays and Thursdays hours are 3 PM until 10 PM; Fridays are 3PM – 11PM; Saturdays, 9 AM – 11 PM; and finally, Sunday's hours are 9 AM until 7 PM.

Check the website [www.stickstavern.com] for calendar information like happy hour times, specials, or beer, wine and signature cocktails information. Menus are listed, as well.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre will be holding virtual auditions for "Remembering Sondheim" productions planned in May. There will be an hour of music that was composed, written or influenced/mentored by Sondheim. Performers cast will be performing in two ensemble all-company numbers, as well as the potential to be featured in solos/duets/small groups. The song assignments will be forwarded to cast chosen. The performance dates are May 20th and May 21st.



The theatre is also announcing that auditions for the summer production of "Shrek the Musical" are also occurring. The production will run the last weekend in July with a possible extension. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin in late May. Auditions, on the other hand will be held Sunday, April 3rd from 5 PM to 8 PM and Tuesday, April 5th from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Chanhassen High School. Invited call backs will be Wednesday, April 6th. More information and sign up is on their website [www.cvft.org] If you plan to audition, it is highly recommended you read the entire instructions on line. In order to audition, you must be signed up with an audition slot. Contact information also available on line.

"Best of the Best"

For all of you who haven't seen, didn't notice or don't get the Chaska Herald. There was an insert in the newspaper that was labeled, "Best of the Best" where local businesses were nominated and showcased in their feature. This is the fifth year of the event and they plan on continuing this tradition next year. Therefore, if you need more information or want to make sure your favorite business is showcased, contact the SouthWest Metro newspaper and get the information necessary to nominate that business you feel is the best. Carver certainly hailed with numerous nominations! Congratulations everyone.

For those of you only interested in Carver's "Best of the Best", the following is the list of nominees. However, it should be noted that Carver Elementary was the winner for Best Pubic Elementary Schools. Other categories and nominees were: Best Outdoor Festival, Carver Steamboat Days; Best Bingo Night, Harvey's Bar; Best Golf Course, Dahlgreen Golf Course; Best Auto Care, Carver Automotive; Best Auto Dealership, Lenzen Chevrolet-Buick, Chaska ((John Lenzen – Carver); Best Boutique, Funky Dove; Best Heating, Encore Heating and Air; Best Insurance, Carver Insurance Group; Best Hair Salon, Charlie Mack Salon; Best Senior Living/Care Center, Carver Ridge Senior Living; Best Breakfast, Best Burger, Best French Fries, Harvey's Bar; and Best Ice Cream, Carver Creamery. Congratulations to everyone!

Sometimes

It's better to keep silent than to tell others what you feel
Because

It hurts badly when you come to know that they can hear
~ Unknown

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are busy as usual with all their community activities. They are busy planning for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, district meetings, Pork Chop Dinner, upcoming Bike Rodeo and all the other community activities that they have their fingers into which by the way is a good thing, not a bad thing. That's not to mention their monthly meetings which are held at the Village Hall the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Want to join in on all the fun and not miss another minute, better get to their meeting.

On Saturday, April 9th the Carver Lions will be hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Park in Carver, off of Jonathan Carver Parkway (across from the new Fire Station). The kids ages one through ten are invited to come play, bring your Easter basket, dress warm, leave the dog at home and come join the Easter Bunny at 10 AM.

Also, the Lions are busy with preparations for the Pork Chop Dinner scheduled to happen on Friday, April 29th. Serving from 4 PM until 8 PM. See inserted flyer for more information.

Congratulations are also extended to Marv Grimm who has been nominated for the Lion's Hall of Fame:

Marvin Grimm has been an active Lions Club member for 22 years. Family: Marv is married to his wife, Evelyn and has 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

His local Lions involvement centers on the Carver Lions Club. He has chaired the annual pancake breakfast, led the committee on renovating the Church by the River project in Carver, has served as club president, and currently serves as membership chair.

Beyond the Carver Lions, Marv has served as Zone 2 Chair. Most significantly, Marv served as District Governor from 2015-2016. He and his wife, Lion Evelyn, have attended numerous club, zone, and district meetings.

He has attended every District 5M2 convention since 1999. He attended the 5M2 Multiple Convention for the last 15 years and has attended all District Cabinet meetings.

Marvin has served as a Trustee for the MN Hearing Foundation for 5 years. He chaired the Defeat Walk Fundraiser Chair, the Hearing Foundations largest fundraiser.

Marvin has attended 2 International Lions Conventions: Montreal and Hawaii. He took the lead in starting Lions Clubs in New Prague and Mayer. Marvin's working career was at Green Giant where he worked as a supervisor for 25 years. Marvin is an excellent woodworker, donating projects for numerous local charitable fundraisers such as the MN Landscape Arboretum.

In addition, Marv has volunteered at the MN Landscape Arboretum for 30 yrs. Some of the events he has volunteered at include the Annual Pancake Breakfast. He belongs to the Arb Woodworkers group that makes projects for annual fundraisers. Has volunteered at the Arb Learning and Research Center.

Why? Marvin is a committed volunteer and leader in Lions and in his community. He is always willing to step up and volunteer to make his community a better place. He has employed his many talents to help raise money for charitable projects. He is very conscientious and dedicated to all the projects he takes on. Marv exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and service of the Lions organization.

In the words of Carver Lions Jim and Joanne Weygand, "Both Marv and Evelyn have been pillars of the Carver Lions community in their personal actions, their promotion of all things Lions, and their activities in the State, National and local Lions community. They support other local Lions groups too, not just Carver. He is a true hands-on leader. We've been blessed to have them both in Carver.

They both were so welcoming and encouraging to us when we joined Lions. Getting us involved in multiple Lion, and community activities."

Marv built those lovely display cases we had for our Lions activities and awards. Darn if he isn't always a helping hand for any project, blood drive, Easter Egg Hunt, student exchange program, fund raising brunches and dinners. He is a font of knowledge about all things Lions. And most of all he is such a wonderful person. It's a pleasure to know him and Evelyn and support this award.

This nomination is respectfully submitted by Durk Peterson, Carver Lions Club President on behalf of the Carver Lions Club.

"Everyone's journey is different.

Don't compare your path to anyone else's!"

~ Unknown



Unofficial Upcoming Gossip

The Carver Creamery, Chris and Kailan have given an update on the purchase of the Old Shep's Bar in Cologne. Their original plans changed and are now leasing the space to Logan Pass Coffeehouse. Shep's Creamery however, is still going to happen. However, it will be out of their Vintage Airstream in the back of the parking lot of the building. They are working on revamping the Airstream and hope to have them completed to open in the summer of 2022. They ask that you stay tuned for updates on Shep's Creamery and checkout Logan Pass Coffeehouse Facebook Page. Congratulations Chris and Kailan.

Dahlgreen Golf Course is getting ready to open their 2022 Golfing Season.

The Carver Lions are making plans for roadside clean-up in May sometime.

The Chaska Valley Theatre will be putting on their music cabaret, Remembering Sondheim in May. The musical, Shrek is planning a late July performance and possible extension beyond the first weekend in August.

The East Union Lutheran Church is busy preparing for their Annual Spring Plant and Homemade Bake Sale scheduled for May 7th beginning at 8 AM.

The two high schools in the Eastern Carver County School District are busy with prom preparations, plans and all that goes with that gambit. Chanhassen High School will be having their 2022 Prom at that Chaska Events Center on Saturday, May 14th. While on Saturday, May 21st at the Hazeltine National Golf Course, the Chaska Senior High School will be holding their event.

East Union Elementary School is planning an Open House to celebrate 'The Legacy of East Union Elementary School' on May 20th. Pen

Multiple organizations are busy with plans to hold the Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 21st.

As far out as June, the Carver-on-the-Minnesota is busy planning their Annual Canoe/Kayak trip and picnic for June 19th.

As we approach closer, updates will be posted and this was all I found for the moment. Need everyone to help submit information. Ya'll know that the bars run their specials, fundraisers and happy hours? I don't have specifics and my timeline probably doesn't coincide either. Tried. But some additional Carver exposure about local businesses are below.

Mr Bruce Bednarchuk also posted on Carver Life about a CD Release and the date to meet him is missed in my deadline timeline. It was stated that "Bruce Bednarchuk is not only an extremely wonderful singer/songwriter, but is also a soon to be retiree with a new album on the way!" Release CD "Troubled Shores" Welcome to Carver.

Carver Life posted about an article written on Lakeview Industries located across from Mills Fleet Farm. For those interested in checking it out, "Minnesota's Lakeview Industries focused on strategy, people and culture to break through a ceiling and into....." Bizjournals.com

The third interesting post on Carver Life involved the business on Broadway, Peek A Boo Baby, owner Lindsey Hauge.

Voyageminnesota.com ran an article: "Community Highlights: Meet Lindsey Hauge of Peek A Boo Baby - Voyage Minnesota Magazine. Today we'd like to introduce you to Lindsey Hauge. Lindsey, we appreciate you taking the time to share your story with us. Where does your story begin?"

Did you know Carver Bait has a podcast?

Just added, all you golfing enthusiasts, interested in knowing when the Dahlgreen Golf Course is opening? Steve told me that the week of April 11th, call the Pro Shop at 952.448.7463 for updated information. Visit their website too for all the information you are looking for! www.dahlgreen.com

"Failure is not Opposite of Success: It is part of it. Most people think that failure is the opposite of success, they assume that because they made an attempt that was not successful, that they have failed. They are wrong, because they are only on the right part towards success."

~ Joseph

East Union Elementary



For quite some time there has been numerous discussions regarding the closure of the East Union Elementary School located in East Union/Carver area. Seems that the day has sadly arrived for the end of the consistent, constant battle to keep it open has finally arrived. The infamous structure has been teaching children since 1963. Chances are that in many circumstances, there are some local families have third generation alumni.

East Union Elementary, the smallest school in the Eastern Carver County (formerly District # 112) District will be closing its doors officially at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Preparations are taking place to celebrate it's fifty-nine-year legacy with an Open House, 5:30 - 7:30 PM on Friday, May 20th titled Celebrating the Legacy of East Union Elementary. If you have any East Union Elementary photo or documents would like to share on a special East Union Legacy webpage, contact the school or go to eccs.mn/eulegacy and follow the link on that website to share.

The Open House is planned to celebrate the school history, give alumni and the community members the chance to visit the school. The school's personnel are both sad and excited about new expectations for their future, per the school's principal, Jay Woller. Jay also stated, "We want current students/families and past alumni to know about the event. We'd love to connect and hear their stories."

West Union Lutheran Church

Like Polka music? Like Pancakes? Well here you go. Be at West Church Lutheran Church on April 10th from 8 AM until noon they will be having their outh Pancake Breakfast. Eat until you are full!!!! Can't beat that. On April 24th, the Jolly Ranchers will be joining the congregation to enjoy polka music. Then you are invited to join in for a delicious Spring Breakfast church fundraiser hosted by the Fellowship Committee from 10 AM till noon. They will be serving an assortment of delicious egg bakes, fresh fruit, fresh baked muffins, juice and coffee. Cost will be \$ 10 for ages 13 and older, \$ 6, ages 6 - 12, and free (ages 5 and younger).



EST. 1963

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF EAST UNION ELEMENTARY

Save the date!

East Union Elementary Open House
Friday, May 20
5:30-7:30 pm

East Union Elementary
15655 County Road 43, Carver

Community members and alumni are welcome!

"If we could look into each other's hearts and understand the unique challenges each of us faces, I think we would treat each other more gently, with more love, tolerance and care."

When others try to
rain on your dreams,
carry an umbrella
& dream on!

"Jane Lee Logan

Princess Sassy Pants & Co™



2022 Carver Lions Annual
Easter Egg Hunt

Hey Kids Ages 1-10
Join us!

Saturday, April 9, 2022
10 a.m. Community Park
(6th St and County Road 11)
in Carver

Please be on time. **NO PETS!**
Please dress for the weather!

Bring a bag or basket
for your Easter eggs!

Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner

No need to make dinner, come and join the Carver Lions for the Annual Pork Chop dinner at the Carver Village Hall

When: Friday, April 29th, 2022

Time: 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Carver Village Hall

316 Broadway, Downtown Carver

Cost:

\$15.00 - Adults

\$7.00 - Kids (Ages 10-5), Under Age 5-Free

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



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



Night Marauders - Primo Piano Studio

Territory, Raschevious, Bandeet and Rascal all headed up to the Spring Creek neighborhood to talk with Charay about her sharing leftover St Patty's Day cupcakes or cookies so that they could head back down to the River Oak neighborhood for their concert with Sara.

They had talked to Sara in advance and she promised them that she would serenade them on her beautiful grand piano while they shared their treats with her. While scouring the newly developed areas seeking to find what everyone was up to, they had been meeting frequently with Magic Mixing Bakery for leftover treats from Charay. For quite some time now the pesky little devils had been bothering Charay for her delicious and delectable treats only to end up loitering close to Sara to be serenaded by the beautiful calming sound of trebles and clefts permeating the air as she played or was teaching her next protégé.

Today, Territory and his sidekicks were basking in the sunshine waiting for Sara to return home. Something had to have disrupted her plans. The house was dark and empty. The air was void the sounds of the piano keys being struck. Territory had learned that Primo Piano Studio began lessons in September of 2021 teaching beginning and intermediate students to play the Grand or upright piano inside the house. She had spent all summer getting everything all lined up and ready. Lesson consisted of weekly afternoon and evening lessons. Monday through Thursday from three in the afternoon until eight those evenings she was teaching eager, sometimes reluctant students the joys of music. She even makes special arrangements for in-home lessons depending upon the circumstances or situation. She also taught on-line lessons. Besides her beautiful playing, Territory liked her and enjoyed visiting with her. She had referred to him as the 'fur bandit' when she first encountered him lurking outside her window listening intently.

Territory had also established with the pretty lady that she would schedule an initial meeting with potential students and their parents because it is most beneficial to meet and get a feel for the personality and skill levels of each individual. Who ever thought there was so much more than just learning how to play an instrument? Patiently, Sara explained that it merely meant to exemplify their capabilities as a pianist establish expectations, goals, method books and requirements. There are three semesters she upholds, Fall, Spring and Summer. Territory also learned that Sara most recently had been teaching lessons online and is happy to have been able to return to working one on one again with her students to help to shape them into competent musicians. She also talked about how rewarding it is to see the look of accomplishment on her student's faces when they master a musical piece after many hours of hard work.

Territory told the others, "Yes, it takes hours of practice and playing to be as accomplished as Ms Sara."

Sara does online, or thirty minute and forty-five minute in person sessions. Her thought process evolved that for studying for an advanced repertoire and competitions with the benefit of digging deeper into the complicated techniques and studying of the more complex elements of music theory. Her lesson format basically involves the fact that there is a lot of variety in what a lesson appears as because each student is unique. Sara pointed out that every student progresses uniquely based on their natural abilities, the amount and quality of practice along with the individual intrinsic motivation. Sara's style is an emphasis on quality versus quantity and is mindful of incorporating technique, theory, and music history in every lesson. Territory learned that meant tempo, articulation, symbols, composers, theory, analysis, dynamics, etc. Her goal is that the student learns the building blocks of Music, not just one song. It had not ever occurred to Territory that there was so much more than just sitting down and running your fingers over those eighty-eight keys to create such melodies that were resonated throughout the airwaves.

Territory also learned from Sara that important skills are learned and developed studying music. That music education opens the path to life-long learning, if not helping to develop self-expression and creativity. She also told him that music has shown to improve recall and retention of vocalization, along with improving math skills. Territory could identify with her theory that music brought not just enjoyment but also relief from stress. "Working hard and achieving a goal can provide a great sense of accomplishment. Making music is also a great source of stress relief." Music can and does become an enormous coping strategy through very difficult times. Last, but not least, Sara pointed out to Territory that music is the building of the foundation to relationships.

"It's nearly impossible to make music with another human and not form a connection! Music is collaborative." Sara impressed upon him.

While playing piano is often considered as a solo activity, it is not. There are those listening to the creation of the sounds being infiltrated throughout the air to permeate the ears of those listening being it human or mammal. Then there are the cases when there is an accompaniment with other musicians, other instruments, concerts, events or social gatherings.

"Music brings humans together. Pianists calm the psyche." Sara had told Territory one afternoon.

"What you so deep in thought about Territory?" Rascal nudged the obese raccoon still munching on the cookie in his paws.

"What Sara said to me about the studio." He lazily expressed.

"What was that?" Raschevious asked shoving the last cookie into his mouth.

"That the mission of Primo Piano Studio is to foster musical talent, to provide students with the needed skills to become confident and expressive musicians." Territory told them earnestly. "Her motto, Excellence, therefore, is a habit!"

"I've heard her playing." Bandeet offered.

"It's magical, isn't it?" Territory declared.

Bandeet nodded in agreement.

The four raccoons heard a car approaching and quickly moved to get out of the way of the car pulling into the driveway.

"Hello boys, Bandeet." Sara greeted as she got out of the car.

"Ms Sara." Rascal bashfully replied.

"How are you all today? I see you had your treat already." She pointed to their empty box.

"Raschevious didn't save you any." Rascal tattled eagerly.

She laughed and said, "That's alright, I don't need any more sweets."

"Ms Sara?"

"Yes Bandeet?"

"When you aren't teaching, what do you like to do?" She asked her curiously and timidly.

"Well, let's see." She began as she thought for a minute, "I enjoy listening to music, working in my garden. I really enjoy shopping for home décor and classic literature." She finished, "Why?"

"Just curious." She responded shifting from one paw to another nervously.

"Do we get to hear you playing today?" Raschevious asked anxiously, if not hopeful.

"You really do enjoy listening, don't you?" She asked leaning down to pat his head.

"Yes mam'." He quietly admitted turning his head timidly.

"Well, I have a student coming any minute, but I promise, after that I will play a special composition for you, one of my favorites." She told him.

As Sara looked up to see the car pulling up, the four raccoons scattered out of sight while the teenager got out to go inside for their lesson.

They all gathered under the window to listen to the lesson of the day.

"He's quite good." Bandeet declared moving with the beat.

Forty-five minutes later, the young man was leaving.

"Ready my fur bandits?" Sara asked as she opened the window for them to hear better.

"What are you going to play?" Raschevious inquired unsure why he asked her because he understood none of it, only enjoyed the melody and sounds of the beautiful composition filling the air.

"I will play you Chopin's Nocturne 1 Opus 9." She replied as she vanished.

Once the harmony saturated the atmosphere, Territory closed his eyes to absorb every single sound and note invading his ears. It was purely heaven for him. The mere frequency of the tones took him back to his early days when he was just a kit before he took his treacherous ride to present. It gave him peace to hear her playing.

Sponsors



Stick's Tavern

Located at Dahlgren Golf Course
6940 Dahlgren Road
Chaska MN 55318

Keith Hinrichs
952-448-1676

www.stickstavernmn.com



ROAD CONTRACTORS ~ BLACKTOP SURFACING
WASHED SAND AND GRAVEL

831 Park Avenue PO Box 247
Hamburg MN 55339

Phone: 952-467-2720 Fax: 952-467-3894
info@wmmueller.com

Equal Opportunity Employer www.wmmueller.com



Happy Easter!



Barb Swanson

REALTOR®

Cell (612) 695-6265
Office (952) 368-0345

207 Chestnut St. #100
Chaska, MN 55318

barb@advisorswest.com



Adam Holder, D.D.S.

P: 952-960-9060



dr@carverdental.com

4725 Dahlgren Road
Carver, MN 55315

www.carverdental.com



Giese's Plumbing & Services



New Germany, MN
Eric Giese: 612-483-6203
Del Giese: 612-202-3780
Fax: 952-353-1588
email: gieseem@msn.com

