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In Memory of Doug Dauwalter

Trails

The Community Development Director discussed with the council for feedback the trail mapping. The Parks Commission had worked on an updated trail map throughout 2020 and 2021. Their work had been incorporated by the staff featuring several trail loops throughout the city's system along with proposed signage. The city has been working towards consistent wayfinding, branding and place making as well as proposed signage consistency with updates that have been installed throughout the community. Park Dedication funds would be utilized as the funding source. Anticipation was that the Ironwood Park would utilize much of the funds shifting trail map installations to 2023 dependent upon fund availability. The trail map would be available at City Hall, the city website and social media platform. The city reviewed trail signage figures and a concept plan.

Bluff Protection Ordinance

The city reviewed the Bluff Protection Ordinance in the city's zoning regulations with the purpose to preserve areas on and adjacent to bluffs by regulating activities that alter the land or vegetation in these areas. The city establishes determinations and confirmations constituting bluffs to further implement applicable regulations. The city is afforded the right to enforce inclusive of various requirements and regulations to authorize deviations and/or flexibility to said regulations and requirements. Furthermore, the city determines the bluff areas to be considered with said guidelines which they reviewed. The primary regulations imposed by the Ordinance involve buffer and setback regulations. Tier I buffer involves the top of the bluff. Whereas, Tier II involves setbacks. There are restrictions on the construction of structures, removal or alteration of vegetation, grading and/or filling. Fences, wall, stairways, lifts or landing are permitted but generally require a conditional use permit to meet specific design requirements. There are also exceptions to certain restrictions. Approvals may also include submission of landscape plans and erosion control plans. Authorizations may also concur in planned residential developments, installation of certain public infrastructure through a bluff area. Such as a field-fit public trail through a platted bluff where upon the rezoning authorized construction of said trail deemed to the city's best interests and consistent with the city's intent and objectives relating to the preservations of bluffs and natural resources. Also, state laws and city's zoning ordinances provide developers with some limited opportunities seeking variances that meet requisite standards articulated by state and local laws. Enforcement of bluff protection ordinance provides the city with various options ensuring compliance with its provisions. The ordinance imposes certain rules and regulations on landowners and authorizes the city to regulate certain activities on or adjacent bluff areas. There are a variety of enforcement options to ensure compliance to the ordinance.

#212 Highway Project

County Commissioner updated the council at a meeting on the #212 Highway Project from Carver to Cologne, other upcoming road construction project, the Federal stimulus spending to the county level, home values and redistricting. A public Open House meeting is scheduled for May 3rd at 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM at the Cologne Community Center on 1211 Village Parkway for those interested in attending.

"Do what is right, not what is easy nor what is popular."

~ Roy T. Bennett

Miscellaneous

At a work session for the council the new Finance Director was introduced along with the Interim Planner who will be filling in for the Community Development Director while she is out on a short-term leave.

The Community Development Director reviewed briefly with the council at a work session meeting the connection fee waiver concept which will be discussed further in the future. The council discussed the Fee Waiver Program details of the program and the proposed policy to be reviewed on an annual basis. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the connection fee waiver policy.

An employee draft survey was also discussed at a work session meeting with the City Manager who also provided an overview of the draft. Upon completion the city's leadership team will review the reported results. Based on the date provided, a corresponding 'action plan' will be created, reported and shared to address opportunities for leaning and growth within the organization.

The Public Services Director provided an update at a work session to the council pertaining to the Rachio Smart Irrigation Program. Funds had been previously allocated to subsidize said amount for each resident purchase. This is a new program in conjunction with the county and nine systems were purchased by residents. The program helps to conserve drinking water and increase efficiency of irrigation systems. Currently, the director is working with the county for a similar program for 2022.

A request had also been submitted to adopt a Storm Drain Program. The website would be advertised on the city's website, as well as social media accounts to provide the opportunity to the residents to participate.

The Mayor recognized Employee Service Recognition for five years of service to fire fighters, Joseph Grady, Michael Griesinger, Shaun Cox and Corey Trebiatowski, as well as the Deputy Clerk, Brenda Good. The mayor read a proclamation recognizing and thanking everyone for their years of service.

Tax Forfeited Land Sale

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the item regarding Tax Forfeited Land Sale Parcels. The county has notified the city of two tax forfeited parcels. The parcels were reviewed by the staff and there is not any benefit for the city to purchase or own these lots. It is to the best interest of the city to approve the sale of the two parcels at a public auction. The lots do not have any pending assessments and are not buildable. The other option will be given to adjacent property owners to purchase the land.

Conduit Bond Issuance

The City Manager discussed with the council the Conduit Bond Issuance resolution approving issuance of an Educational Facilities Revenue note. The city received a request to participate in the program by Taft on behalf of the Southwest Christian High School. State statutes allow cities to issue these bonds for the benefit of qualified entities.

The transaction allows the borrower, Southwest Christian High School, the ability to get better interest rates on the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. There is not any risk for the city, no role in payment or doesn't pay debt service. The city will however collect an administrative fee based on the amount actually issued by the city. The request also has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Brookeview Housing Development

The Community Development Director provided an overview of the project and the Preliminary Plat. Comments were summarized to the council at their meeting. There had been a high level of community engagement on the issue. Statement was made that this development was not the right project for this land. There is a need for growth, but that growth needs to be responsible growth was the opinion given. The opinion that the most important aspect of the issue involved the interference with the bluff and it having a negative impact on numerous natural resources in the area. Another opinion was stated that the development was being squeezed into this parcel. The bluffs were a major issue. A walking path on a narrow strip was advised was not feasible. City stated that trails in the backyards in established neighborhoods would not be pursued. It was considered that this should be a citywide guideline. Decrease of home values rights for legal action was inquired about. There was concern expressed regarding two storm water ponds access and maintenance easements through back yards. The land is unique with lots of trees, wildlife homes, bluff and two special bodies of water. It was stated that the variance should have less lots, larger lots and it would address all concerns voiced. Advice voiced was to be respectful, give full effort, and educate yourself on concerned issue. Another concern voiced involved the containment of the storm water runoff for the Bluff Ordinance. Opinion was voiced that the development would be setting a precedent for future development projects.

Another resident voiced concerns relating to the retaining wall. Still another concern voiced involved water flow and runoff. Another resident was of the opinion that several outstanding questions from the Planning Commission meeting remained unanswered. Enforcement of storm water and bluff requirements were inquired about with a formal response be given from the city. It was the opinion that the risk of ecological harm from this project was huge. Response was given that "Minnesota's Construction Storm Water Permitting is an extension of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System which is part of the Federal Clean Water Act. Because this project would disrupt more than one acre of land, there are State and Federal agencies such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and so on that they will be partnering with to ensure compliance."

Opinion was voiced that there is zero room for error with this project. Violations of the ordinances would be reported to the Federal, State and local agencies. It was also stated that it was the opinion of the resident that any alterations negatively affect the land and the water on the property. There was also the item involving pollutants on the property posing a risk to both surface and ground water. Increased volume of runoff could cause severe erosion of the bluff and the receiving waters. The interaction with the developer for one individual was extremely questionable and offended to say the least. The Planning Commission members did take this item very seriously, statement was made. Compliment was also issued regarding improvements on the plan that had occurred. The density was a huge concern. Comment was made that not everyone is going to get what they want, however, overall, the presented plan was a much improved plan since the initial concept plan. Comment was also given regarding an area where a lot had a small grove of trees. Conservation, barriers were also done. However, due to surrounding construction, change of water flow, drainage the trees slowly began to die. Their scenic view was gone. Several mature trees replaced the loss. All the precautionary, best planning and good will looks good on paper, but excavation causes damage to existing landscape. Request was made for the council to reconsider the density of building in the area. The City Manager talked about many of the points raised at the meeting. The City Attorney stated that public comments alone cannot be the reason for denial of a project. The city would be required to follow the ordinances and their legislative discretion in considering the application during consideration of approval of the project. The developer markets their product between the developer and individuals. The Met Council's variance process was asked if it was relevant to this project. The Met Council would have a Comp Plan Amendment process that would be required for this project. Due to the work done on the 2040 Comp Plan, these items are not taken lightly by anyone. They would not however, go below three units per acre because this is the requirement to meet specifications connecting to municipal sewer. The City Manager added that if the Met Council discovered that the city were not in compliance, they have the ability to stop said development if it does not meet their standards for density. Clarification was presented that there are easements throughout the entire development for the city to conduct future maintenance.

Pertaining to the building area, and storm water ponds, the Community Development Director clarified that there is the lot area, the set back and the easement. Clarification was also given regarding the drainage and utility easement line on the plat that goes past the high-water level for the pond. The City Attorney clarified that when these plans are reviewed that there are significant regulations that the city reviews to include best management practices. None of this is overlooked and is a very substantial part of any development review. It should also be noted that these plans are preliminary plans. It would be difficult for any developer to spend the money or for the city to spend the time to get these plans finalized. It would be addressed as the project moves to the Final Plat approval. The input has been significant. Over the course of the time passed, the developer has reduced the lot quantity, added a berm and other items. Comment was made that it was unheard of to have a developer implement these kinds of concessions between the Concept Plan and the Preliminary Plat. Concerns were heard and changes were made. Opinion was voiced on how it was liked how the way the development fit within the property. There was no hesitation with moving forward with rezoning. Council member stated that serviced on the Planning Commission prior and has seen many developments go into the bluffs. Also has seen the Bluff Ordinance updated and each time improved ensuring protection of the bluffs. Confidence was voiced with the Bluff Ordinance and the Developer's Agreement process. Many items happen and many avoided. Many details discussed will be refined with the Final Plat. The private road issue was reviewed. The Preliminary Plat requirement is that the developer enter into a specific agreement that is separate from the Developer's Agreement for the private road maintenance and easement.

The City Attorney recommended a small amendment to the Resolution removing language regarding park dedication credit for trail construction. This action would allow the right to obtain cash in lieu and tie the trail construction to the planned residential development. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance rezoning the property for Brookeview. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay adopting the resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Brookeview with the amendment removing language regarding park dedication credit for trail construction.

Sixth Street West Improvement Project

The Assistant City Engineer discussed authorizing the Plans and Specification for the Sixth Street West Improvement Project. Parade Route removal of equipment during Steamboat Days was discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution to approve the plans and specifications, to include ordering advertisement for bids for the Sixth Street West Improvement Project.

Spring Clean Up Day

The Public Services Director discussed the Spring Clean-up Day agreement. Suburban Waste Services will be the company contracted for the clean-up which was decided to be May 7th. For many years the city has facilitated and funded the annual event. The event is intended to prevent and discourage item being improperly or illegally disposed of throughout the community. The event involves residential curbside pickup waste removal of larger items.

Ironwood Park

The City Manager discussed the plans and specifications for the Ironwood Park Improvement Project, along with authorizing advertisement of bids. The city has been working on a concept for new amenities in an expanded park area in Ironwood Park. The Timber Creek Development resulted in estimated three acres of additional park land from Park Dedication requirements. A series of meetings, workshops, and community engagement resulted in including skate park, picnic shelter with casual seating spaces and permanent lawn games, full sized basketball court, trail system improvements and an outdoor classroom adjacent to Carver Elementary. The council reviewed plans and specifications for the project. The council requested additional information involving additional security lights, water fountain amenity for dogs, and park signs. Storage Facility for local sports association for equipment storage were reviewed.

"Hire character. Train skill."

-Peter Schutz

Third Street Bridge Reconstruction

Third Street Bridge Reconstruction Project was presented by the city engineer. Approval of the project would put the project on the calendar in November of 2022 until July of 2023. MnDOT has awarded Carver County as a sponsoring agency to the City of Carver, bond replacement funds as a "Small City". The bond funds would compensate the city for all cost to replace the structure under the program rules. Construction in 2022 also means that residents will be impacted with the Sixth Street project also occurring, additionally consideration has to be recognized as Steamboat Days will also be slated for the fall calendar. Construction likely wouldn't be started prior to the fall of 2022. The Plans and Specifications would be completed in 2022 but there is some flexibility when building would be done. Question was asked if the city would get another chance to look at any cost changes for this project. They could have an opportunity for another review. Then there was the difficulty of comprehending the differences for levee requirements and the city's expense. Funds were confirmed for a functioning bridge with no frills and little landscaping. The intent is to make the future levee system ties into the project. The mayor inquired if the only aspect to make it levee compatible would be a higher wall or railing. The engineer pointed out that any bridge railings would need to be reinforced with rebar to eliminate rebuilding in the future since the height was the most substantial element. The Main Street bridge was considerably lower than the Third Street Bridge and the railing would be required to nine or ten feet in height which was not practical. The goal was to restrict the necessity for sandbagging at the Third Street Bridge. The mayor asked if the city had fund to proceed with the project. The finance director has been working on that determination. Question was then asked if levee funds could be used to make levee compatible. The city manager would check to get that answer. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing preparation of plans and specifications for the Third Street Bridge replacement.

Infrastructure Improvements Project

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the Infrastructure Improvements Project requesting authorization for preparing plans and specifications for the infrastructure improvements. The American Rescue Plan Act provides aid to cities as a response to the pandemic. Eligible uses were reviewed by the city which compliments projects identified in the city's long-term plan. The Fire Department used funds to purchase radios and pagers. Funds were identified to include the infrastructure improvements to the city's public utility infrastructure. The City Engineering and Public Services staff have completed a detailed review of previous identified projects determining a final scope of improvements that can be completed.

Next Steps Learning Center

The Community Development Director discussed adoption of the ordinance amending the Planned Commercial Development of the Carver Commons. The council also reviewed the resolution approving the Preliminary and Final Plat for Next Steps Learning Center. A motion to approve and authorize execution of the Developer's Agreement was deemed necessary by the City Attorney along with a motion of the First Amendment for trail construction. Next Steps Learning Center submitted applications for rezoning, Preliminary Plat, and Final Plat for a daycare center to be located on the Carver Commons property. The council had already reviewed the Concept Plan. Kwik Trip is currently located on the Carver Commons property. Additional commercial tenants are anticipated in the future. The daycare center meets the intent of the current zoning district of the property. There are also locations in Chaska and Chanhassen. Four outdoor play spaces and required infrastructure for the building include site access and parking. Hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6 PM. Streets are considered private thereby plowing and maintenance will be done by the property owners. A trail connection to Monroe Drive has been added since the Concept Plan review. Opening of the facilities is anticipated to be the fall of 2022.

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South West Transit

The SouthWest Transit Twins Express has returned for 2022. Let SouthWest Transit take you to the ballgames when they play at Target Field. It's quick, easy, and above all convenient. No traffic hassles, no parking hassles, no parking fees. What could be better? June 7th is the first trip scheduled to begin for the season. Check their website for additional information and times, www.swtransit.org.

The drop-off and return location are the 7th Street Ramp (Garage A) After the game you board the bus where you were dropped off. The return times are twenty minutes after the last out of the 7th inning. Note, during the State Fair, 7th inning bus. Twenty minutes after the last out of the game. On the nights that there are fireworks, the return buses depart twenty minutes after the fireworks end. The Fares are \$ 5/Round-trip. Children five and under ride free, as do disabled veterans with and identification ride free.

What else is SW offering? Besides their regular offers of SW Prime 494/Airport Service or SW Prime MD, or SW Ride or even SW Prime Essential? All the information about these is on their website. Well, pre tell it seems that they are again offering for the 2022 summer season Summer Adventures where you can go on a new adventure every Tuesday beginning June 7th through August 9th. So where are they taking you June 7th? You will be visiting the Como Zoo, June 14th, The Science Museum, June 21st the Mall of America and if you missed the zoo adventure on their first trip they will be returning again on June 28th. July's line-up is July 12th, Minnehaha Falls, weather permissible; July 19th, Lake Minnetonka Regional Park; July 26th, the Minnesota Zoo. (Oooh, I would like that, haven't gotten to go there yet. How about you?) August 2nd will be featuring Valley Fair and to complete the summer season, August 9th the Como Zoo is on the line up. Times may vary but pick up times at the East Creek Station in Chaska will begin at 10 AM and return times around three in the afternoon. Just as an observance, don't think admission costs are included in the bus fares. Round-trip Fares are adults thirteen to sixty-four, \$ 2.00. Sixty-five and older, \$1.00, as well as children twelve and under and handicapped are a \$ 1.00. Disabled Veterans will be allowed to ride free. They will be happy to accommodate groups of ten or more too, but contact them about that.

Carver Creamery

Carver Creamery is open as many of you are fully aware. Their present hours are Friday's at 4 PM until 8 PM; Saturday and Sundays Noon until 8 PM. They are officially featuring such flavors as Zanzibar Chocolate, Yippee Skippee, Ultimate Oreo, Superman, Banana Cream Pie, Chocolate, Exhausted Parent, Black Cherry, Heaps of Love, Old Fashioned Vanilla, Mint Chip, Cotton Candy Twist, Mackinac Island Fudge, Strawberry, Blue Moon, Chocolate Raspberry, Truffle, Rhubarb Crumble, Maple Nut, Coconut Almost Bliss, Cookie Dough, Rainbow Sherbet, NSA Cashews and Caramel, Raspberry Lemon and finally, Italian Ice. Be sure to stop in and see what other flavors have been added or check out their Facebook page. They are also now offering something called Ice Cream Flights. If you want to know what they are about or you already know, for those who don't, be sure to know you are invited to the Carver Creamery to try them out. Now if we could only get the sun and the warmth to cooperate with the season huh?

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, May 20th.

East Union Lutheran Church

Heads up everyone! The East Union Lutheran Church Annual Plant Sale is almost here. The date is Saturday, May 7th, 8 AM to noon. There should be some interesting and great items to buy. There will also be their 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. The Honor Guard will be at site at 7:30 AM for a brief service at the cemetery on May 30th.



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, May 19th through Sunday the 22nd. June's dates are Thursday, June 16th through Sunday, the 19th. 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

Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook



The Funky Dove

Before or after enjoying that ice cream over there at The Carver Creamery, be sure to cross the street to stop and say 'hi' to Rebecca at the Funky Dove. She always has something new and exciting to share with you. She recently asked if you have heard of the Swedish cloth? Stop in and she will be more than happy to explain them. Then there are the gemstone pendants, flowers, macrame, not to mention all kinds of unique, interesting and assorted random gift ideas she has to offer. You can also visit her Facebook page for more information too. You won't be disappointed if you stop in and visit!

Chaska Parks and Recreation

Chaska Parks and Recreation is celebrating May. One of their first events lists National Bike month. Check out their Facebook or Instagram (@Chaskaparksandrec) for activities and more details to offer to celebrate bike month and bike safety tips, trail routes and more.



May 11th is Taste of Chaska. It has been said that this is a great evening event for the community and an opportunity to connect with neighbors, enjoy live music, sample foods and beverages from local restaurants and sponsored by the SW Metro Chamber of Commerce. The event is also scheduled for 5 PM until 9 PM at the City Square Park. It is Chaska's 36th Annual Taste of Chaska. There will also be business vendors, along with food vendors, beer and wine tent, kid zone and live music.

On May 13th is Chaska Cubs Home Opener and Lead-off Party for those of you interested at the Athletic Park at 5 PM in Chaska. Come and cheer on the Cubs as they open their 2022 season at home. Purchase a Dugout Pass and you will be able to get food specials for purchase. Got the Cubs Facebook page for more information.

May 30th is the Memorial Day Parade in Chaska. Service at Veterans Park following the parade at 10 AM. This event is sponsored by the Chaska American Legion Post # 57.

Another event is the Chaska Summer Concert Series that begins in June. The concerts will be held in the Chaska City Square Park at 7 PM until 8:30 PM on Fridays. The lineup is June 10th playing Three Chord Monte, on June 17th U of M Summer Band will be entertaining the crowd, June 24th is MN Valley Community Band then we move into July. More information next issue on the Summer Concert Series.

There is also the Firemen's Park Concert Series scheduled to be held on Wednesdays and also the Concert in the Park on Tuesday's. Tuesday's Concert's in the Park will be held at the Chaska Firemen's Park beginning in June and running through August. The first concert will be June 14th at 10:30 AM and the Bazillions will be the feature. The second June concert is Kids Dance at 6 PM on June 28th. More details to follow for July and August. Moving over to the Wednesday's concerts, it appears that this will be a double bonus and if you attend the Downtown Farmer's Market you will also be treated to music. That's how I read their advertisement. Someone correct me if I am wrong, please. It reads that the Firemen's Park Concern Series will be at the Chaska Firemen's Park on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 8 PM. It also states that from 4 PM to 6 PM at Downtown Farmer's Market. Then lists the dates and the bands. June 15th Sawyers Dream, June 22nd, The Authorities and June 29th, Vinny Rose. Oh wait, there's an asterisk which may mean this is the only band playing at both events. Deceiving, so not real sure on this. I am however, inclined to interpret that there are two dates only where the bands will be at both locations. July's bands will be forthcoming in upcoming issues.

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.

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Carver Black Sox

Their website is: www.carverblacksox.com
The Carver Black Sox season is underway.
Check their website for schedule and news.



Carver Baseball / Softball Association

The Carver Baseball/Softball Association is still seeking board members and coordinators for anyone interested, contact the organization at caybsa.rg@gmail.com. It appears that there is also still a need for 2022 umpires and coaches. Rosters are posted. Coaches for all levels are still needed, especially t-ball. The games will officially start May 9th and starting with the older kids.



"The world isn't divided by race, gender, or sexual orientation.

It's divided by the wise and fools, and fools divide themselves by race, gender, or sexual orientation."

~ @ project_knowledge

Trinity Lutheran Church

We believe that the church is people joined together by God through faith. It is our vision and prayer to see our town and city awakened and transformed by the love of Jesus. We welcome you to join us for worship on Sundays at 10 am. See what's happening in our church on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver> or listen to audio recordings of our sermons online at trinitycarver.com. Pastor Jander would enjoy meeting you. Please feel free to contact us anytime:

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Arts Consortium

The upcoming gallery shows are the Creations from Preschool from May 16th through May 27th and Invited Showcase starting May 4th and running through May 13th with a reception planned for May 12th.

The exhibit gallery hours are Monday through Saturday during Community Center Hours. Their gift shop hours are Wednesday through Friday at 11 AM until 6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM.

Classes are returning to the Arts Consortium agenda. Paint Pour Fused Glass Art will be offered Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. For more information, check out their website. Remember too that volunteer opportunities are always welcomed. Also, register now for the ACCC Awards Exhibit which is planned for June 1st through July 15th. There will be cash awards and prizes. More information available on their website, www.artsofcarvercounty.org.



Carver Fire Department

Also, the Carver Fire Department is preparing for the Carver Bike Rodeo and Spring Safety Event on May 21st beginning at 9 AM and running until noon. 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. Car seat safety checks-appointments required. Contact Esther at 651.796.8142 to make an appointment. For the Bike Rodeo, be sure to bring your bike and helmet. There will be bike safety checks, helmet fitting and bike safety tips. Be sure to stop by and check the event out.



Brews & Bones

The Schram's Haus Brewery event got moved to May 15th thanks to the weather not cooperating. So, the hosted Brew and Bones event at 3700 Chaska Boulevard in Chaska will happen on Sunday May 15th. The brewery's hours are noon until 7 PM. Remember, it's free to attend and check it out. 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 "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]



"Happy Mother's Day Moms"

Stick's Tavern

You did know that Stick's Tavern is a family-owned restaurant at the Dahlgreen Golf Club, didn't you? It is a restaurant and bar serving the Carver County area and beyond and has good food too. "Stick's Gastropub/American Faire style menu is created using only high quality, fresh, locally sourced ingredients from MN farms and producers at a fair price." Not to mention the fantastic view of the gold course, a family friendly dinner atmosphere and a full-service bar. They are also now serving lunch and dinner.

Don't forget, Stick's offers Sunday Fundays Specials; Taco Tuesday, Happy Hour at 4 PM; Half-priced Whiskey Wednesdays alongside Wings Wednesday's ad Happy hour at 3 PM, 6:30 bingo starts; Thursdays are Talls for Smalls, Happy Hour 3 PM and Trivia Thursdays; Friday's offering is \$ 2 Busch Light Cans, 3 PM Happy Hour and Fish Fry which are all on the May calendar. Saturday's Happy Hours begin at 2 PM.

Mondays Sticks is closed. Hours of operation are Tuesdays 5 PM – 10 PM, Wednesday and Thursday, 3 PM to 10 PM, Friday 3 PM to 11 PM, Saturday 9 AM – 11 PM and Sunday 9 AM to 7 PM. Be sure to check out their website for more information, www.stickstavernmn.com



Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are busy as usual with all their community activities. They are constantly busy planning for the community. Shredding event coming up. They are involved in the Bike Rodeo. Their monthly meetings which everyone is welcome to attend are the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Starting in June, they will be going to their one meeting per month until September. Steamboat Days Committee Meetings have resumed for the 2022 festivity. The dates for the event will be the weekend of September 11th. Website; www.carversteamboatdays.info.



Canoe Trip

Carver-on-the-Minnesota is hosting their 10th annual MN River trip and picnic. You are invited to join them for a three-to-four-hour canoe trip and picnic on the historic MN River between Jordan's boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park. Great way to spend Father's Day too. The trip is scheduled for June 19th beginning at 8 AM until noon. For more information or to make reservations, contact Ken Forner at 952-368-3052 or kenforner@outlook.com.



Roots Return Heritage Farm

Visiting the farm. The farm will be leased for the 2022 season. Perennials fruits only.

"ABOUT US: The farm is an ardent supporter of land stewardship, conservation, and education. We are a no-till farm which means we only till soil when we need to plant products. Cover crops are direct-sowed which make 'green manure' used to keep our highly erodible soils covered, holding land, nutrients and moisture to grow healthy products.

The farm participated in a 3 yr MN Dept of Ag invasive pest study, is a MN Ag Water Quality Certification recipient, earned Carver County soil & water conservation district's award, and works continually on cover crop management practices. Lori sits on the advisory board for Carver County Water Mgmt. Org and MN Ag Water Quality, is a board Director for MN Institute for Sustainable Ag, and MN Ag in the Classroom. We support the U of MN Bee Lab, Bee Squad, and Native Bee Atlas. The farm's permanent brick is in the Bee Lab pollinator garden, and we support their outreach and event efforts. Supporter U of MN CFANS college undergrad and graduate scholarship programs. Lori is a registered mentor for CFANS undergrads. Yes, Lori is a U of MN grad (Gopher)!"

"Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies tht daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become."

~ C.S. Lewis



Chaska Valley Family

Theatre

You are invited to join the Chaska Valley Family Theatre for their 4th Annual Fundraiser Cabaret honoring the incomparable Stephen Sondheim. It's a cabaret celebrating Sondheim's music and lyrics, the legendary composer's who inspired his works and a few notable creatives when he inspired. The event will be May 20th and 21st with a 7 PM reception with Music at 7:30 PM with light refreshments. The event will be held at the Chaska Community Center Theatre. Tickets are on sale and you can contact the theatre for additional information. www.cvft.org or Facebook

The theatre is also announcing that auditions for the summer production of "Shrek the Musical" occurred. The cast will be announced soon with tickets available in May. The production will run July 29th through August 7th and Rehearsals are scheduled to begin late May.

Dragonfly Theatre Arts Camp

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre's Dragonfly Theatre Arts Camp is gearing up for the summer camp. Young actors ages eight through fourteen are welcomed to come participate in their 17th summer of theatrical fun.

This is a six-day camp for young actors to explore different aspects of musical theater, from auditions, set and prop design, dance, singing and performance. The summer camp show for 2022 is the Seussical Kids.

"Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical KIDS, a fantastical musical extravaganza. Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat, our narrator, tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child, who gets in trouble for thinking too many "thinks." Horton's challenge is twofold — not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!"

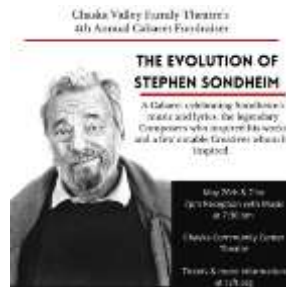
Dragonfly Theatre Arts Camp will be held in the Chaska Community Center Theater at 1661 Park Ridge Drive during the weeks of June 27th - July 2nd and July 11th -16th. Monday through Friday 9 AM -4 PM. Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM with dress rehearsals in the morning, and a free performance for family and friends at 2 PM. Tuition: \$300.00/camper

Actors should bring a nut-free packed lunch, and water bottle. A nut-free snack will be provided each day.

Partial scholarships to Dragonfly Theatre Arts Camp may be available, thanks to our generous donors. To sponsor a child or to inquire about scholarships, please contact us at cvftmail@gmail.com.

All campers and staff will be required to wear a mask over their mouth and nose while at camp regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be removed for performance only. Chaska Valley Family Theatre reserves the right to update mask policy dependent on local health guidelines.

Please contact us by email at cvftmail@gmail.com with any questions.



Landscape Arboretum

Bud Break 5K I happening on Sunday, May 1st. Come and welcome spring with a 5K run/walk through the arboretum's gardens and grounds.

Yoga in the Gardens is also on Sunday, May 1st at 10 AM - 11 AM.

May Markets also on May 1st from 10 AM - 4 PM. Walk through spring blooms while shopping to sixty local artists and artisans on weekends through the month of May.

Thursday, May 5th through June 28th come to the arboretum for Birds, Birds, Birds: Art Takes Flight at the Arb in the Reedy Gallery. 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)



East Union Elementary

Don't forget to stop out at the East Union Elementary School on May 20th.

As each day passes the days are even more numbered for the closure of the beloved East Union Elementary School located in East Union/Carver area. Seems that the day have sadly arrived for saying goodbye and there will only be memories left in our minds and hearts. 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 close its doors officially at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Preparations are taking place to celebrate its 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/euelegacy and follow the link on that website to share. Be sure to go to that site and see all the posted pictures.

The Open House is planned to celebrate the school history, give alumni and the community members the chance to visit the school. The 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"



Dahlgreen Golf Club

The signs of spring are showing. Dahlgreen Golf Club planned an April 21st opening and so all you golf lovers call the club house and schedule your t-time. Did you know?

"Dahlgreen Golf Club is a championship 18-hole golf course located five miles west of Chaska, Minnesota. Founded in 1969.

From 1919 to 1965, William G. and Emma Tessman, Sr. farmed the land on which Dahlgreen Golf Club is built. Of their five children, only Blanche, married to Paul Stans, and Bill, were living in the area when the family was considering what to do with the farm. When Emma suggested a golf course, the "seed" was planted in the minds of Bill, Blanche and Paul.

Since the land was located in Dahlgren Township, Paul suggested adding an "e" and the dream was given a name: Dahlgreen Golf Club. Dahlgreen's front nine, formerly a farm pasture for dairy cows, opened for limited play in 1968. The "pro shop" was a wooden box nailed to a tree where patrons dropped in their green fees. The original clubhouse was built in 1969. Bill seeded the back nine in the fall of 1971 and in 1972, Dahlgreen Golf Club became an 18-hole course.

Many changes and improvements have taken place over the years. Holes 17 and 18 were part of the original front 9. When the back 9 opened, holes 5 and 6 were altered to allow the entire front 9 to be played east of the clubhouse. Over the years water and bunkers were added, hills cut down, tees boxes expanded, and many trees planted, all in an effort to make Dahlgreen more challenging, fair and serve as a "true test of golf."

Leagues and tournaments have always been an integral part of Dahlgreen. The men's, women's and couple's leagues were formed in 1969. Many club-sponsored tournaments throughout the season offer opportunities to compete and have fun.

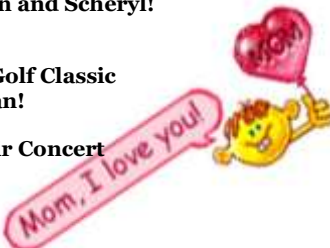
It's hard to imagine the days of a patron box nailed to a tree, given Bill's, Paul's and Blanche's long-term goal of making Dahlgreen one of the finest golf courses in Minnesota. Thanks to the continued support of you, the golfer, Dahlgreen has continued to grow and improve. We thank you for being a part of our history and making the dream of Dahlgreen Golf Club a reality."



Community Highlights

May 2022

- May 1st - Happy Birthday Barb!
- May 2nd - Council Meeting
- May 3rd - Happy Birthday CarolAnne!
- May 4th - Lion's Meeting
Happy Birthday Anastasia!
- May 5th - Happy Anniversary Kris and Lee!
Happy Birthday Jim!
- May 7th - East Union Lutheran Church Plant Sale
Carver Clean-up Day
Happy Birthday Cassie!
- May 8th - Mother's Day
Happy Birthday Madison!
- May 9th - Carver Elementary PTO Meeting
Carver Elementary Spring Band Concert
East Union PTO Meeting
School Board Work Session
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Chris!
- May 10th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Traci!
- May 11th - Two-Hour Late Start
- May 13th - Happy Birthday Breana!
Happy Birthday John!
- May 14th - Carver Lions Shredding Event
Chanhassen Prom Night
- May 15th - MN Opening Fishing
Brews and Bones – Schram Brew Haus
Happy Birthday Tim!
- May 16th - Council Meeting
- May 17th - District Wide Track and Field (5th Grade)
Meet & Greet
Happy Birthday Matthew!
- May 18th - Lions Meeting
Happy Anniversary Erin and Luke!
- May 19th - Carver Elementary PTO Spring Festival/Color Fun
Run/Carnival
Planning Commission Meeting
Occasional Shop Weekend
Happy Birthday Scheryl!
- May 20th - Business Alliance Meeting
East Union Legacy Celebration
Happy Birthday Tiffany!
- May 21st - Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo
Chaska Prom Night
Happy Anniversary Leon and Scheryl!
- May 23rd - Happy Birthday Julie!
School Board Meeting
Crown College Annual Golf Classic
Happy Birthday Jackman!
- May 24th - Meet & Greet
- May 25th - Carver Elementary Choir Concert
- May 28th - Happy Birthday Keith!
- May 30th - No School
Memorial Day
Happy Birthday Craig!
- May 31st - Happy Birthday Carolyn!
Happy Anniversary Bruce and Bonnie!



Cars and Caves

Compliments of SW Metro Publishing – Chanhassen Villager

Their caption read that “You’ll never know what you might find at Cars and Caves, including the Scooby-Doo Mystery Machine.”



“Cars and Caves, the outdoor auto extravaganza of collector, classic and exotic cars hosted by Chanhassen AutoPlex, is returning for the 2022 season.

Events will be held from 8 a.m.-noon the last Saturday of each month, beginning in April and running through September.” The event is free to attend and each month they highlight a different local, Non-profit organization.

The Chanhassen Auto Plex is a private garage condominium located at 8150 Audubon Road, Chanhassen where there are one hundred twenty owners. Each month, more than three hundred vehicles roll in for display on the Chanhassen Auto Plex campus. Many of the one hundred twenty unique, personalized garage condos, referred to as “caves” are open for you to come and see. Kurbside Catering will be selling food and beverages. Non-profits will accept on-site donations.

The 2022 Cars and Caves schedule featuring non-profit and car clubs are;

Ooops...publishing date missed and April 30th was Cars Against Crime

May 28: Happy Tails Rescue & Cody's Heroes

June 25: Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest

July 30: Special Olympics Minnesota (Porsche Nord Stern Car Club display)

Aug. 27: Wishes and More (Ferrari Club display)

Sept. 24: Chanhassen Fire Department (MG Clubs display)

Unofficial Upcoming Gossip

Just a reminder that the two high schools in the Eastern Carver County School District are busy with prom preparations, plans and all that goes with that gambit, if not excited about the event. 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.

The Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Annual Crown College Golf Classic, presented by Vos Construction and will be held on Monday, May 23rd at Island View Golf Club with a 9 AM shotgun start. All proceeds will benefit Crown fund providing scholarship support.

Before we know it, May will be over and June will be here. What comes with June? That's right Graduation. According to the school calendar the last day of school is June 7th for kindergarten through fifth grade, June 9th for sixth grade though twelfth. June 10th is Graduation Day.

Victoria's Discover Victoria Classic Car Night will be starting in June and running through the summer and early autumn. More details to follow in the upcoming edition of the newsletter.

Taste of Shakopee at Huber Park is scheduled for June 18th.

The biggest topic of conversation is the upcoming farmer's markets. Here's what is out there thus far, Chaska's Farmer's Markets are scheduled to start in June, Victoria near as I can tell will be begin in July and Carver's are scheduled for Tuesdays, July 12th through September 27th. Then there is Shakopee's Farmer's Market also slated to begin in June. As the month of June approached, updates will follow.

Chaska's Fire and Ice event will be happening in July. Canterbury's Summer Jam is also slated for July. Victoria's Volkfest is also back on the calendar in September.

I'm absolutely positive I missed some other important, viable upcoming events. Submissions welcome, reminders appreciated and help is invaluable. Thanks.

Hey! Don't forget your mom on Mother's Day!!!!

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”

~ Alan Kay

Spring Plant Sale

Homemade Bake Sale

Saturday, May 7th 2022 8am-12pm

Hundreds of hanging baskets,
flowering annuals & vegetable plants

Get your Mother's Day gifts here!

East Union Lutheran Church

15180 County Rd 40 Carver MN 55315

New this year
a coffee truck!



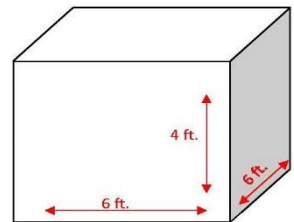


CLEAN UP DAY

MAY 7, 2022

Items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am

Curbside collection will be provided for items placed at the curb in an area no more than 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft.



THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

Items outside of the 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft. maximum collection area

General recyclables (cans, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, etc.)

Appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, a/c, ranges, refrigerators, etc.)

Electronics (phones, computers, tv's, etc.)

Hazardous Materials (paint, batteries, oil, tires, bulbs, etc.)

Concrete, Bricks, and Shingles

Brush, Leaves, Grass, & other organic material

The City of Carver and its contractor have the right to refuse hauling of any materials based on safety concerns, hazardous waste regulations, or the safety of personnel. Participation in Clean-Up Day is limited to property owners and residents of the City of Carver. Questions about Carver Clean-up Day can be directed to City Hall by calling **(952) 448-5353** or by visiting cityofcarver.com for more program information.

GENERALLY ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Kids Toys and Household Items

Furniture (disassembled)

Carpet and Pads (rolled securely)

Mattresses and Box Springs

Misc. Construction Materials

If you have materials that are not accepted, please consider an option for recycling or reuse. Appliances, electronics, and other hazardous materials can be disposed of at:

Carver County Environmental Center
116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN
Phone: 952-361-1835
www.co.carver.mn.us

Carver Lions Shredding Event

Saturday, May 14

9:00am - 11:00am

Community Park



Collect your paper waste to shred.

2 box limit per vehicle

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CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

SPRING SAFETY EVENT AND BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
9:00 A.M. - NOON

CARVER FIRE STATION | 801 JONATHAN CARVER PKWY, CARVER

BRING YOUR BIKE, HELMET (IF YOU HAVE ONE),
AND A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

- Bike Obstacle Course
- Helmet fitting & Safety Tips • Refreshments
- Bike safety checks by a trained bike mechanic

Bike/Helmet scholarships are available.

Send requests by April 22 to: CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com



**Free
Family
Event!**

To schedule a car seat check please contact
Esther DeLaCruz at (651) 796-8142
cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com



Join Carver on the Minnesota for our 2022 Summer Solstice



2017 Carver on the MN Fathers day

— *The Perfect Father's Day Outing!* —

Carver on the Minnesota is hosting our tenth annual Minnesota River trip and picnic. This is a FREE event, but donations are always very much appreciated.

Join us for a 3-4 hour canoe trip and picnic on the historic Minnesota River between the Jordan boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park.

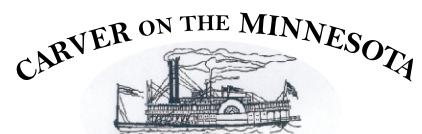
Use your own equipment or contact us for availability of rental equipment.

The purpose of this event is to help people experience the natural beauty of the Minnesota river and to connect with the history of the Carver area.

The trip will take place Sunday, June 19th, beginning at 8am, and ending at approximately noon. The event will take place rain or shine, but would be canceled for dangerous weather or river conditions. If canceled, July 17th is the backup date.

For more information and to make reservations, contact us by 6/11/22.

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