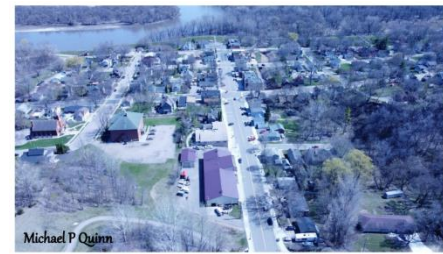


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Courtney's June Update

After a too short spring, summer is here, and I couldn't be happier to welcome the longer days and warmer weather. Summer is a busy time in Carver, and I have a few updates to share:

6th Street Project – Last month Council and I reviewed bids and awarded the contract for the 6th Street Improvement Project. Construction will start in July and will be substantially complete this fall.

2022 Pavement Management Projects – As part of the Pavement Management Plan the City is tackling a number of street projects. A mill and overlay and full-depth pavement reclamation project has started in the Eagle Ridge neighborhood, which includes Debbie Lane, Debbie Circle, Debbie Court, Griffin Street, Griffin Circle, and Skyview Lane. This year we're also going to do seal coating and crack sealing on White Pine Way (west of JCP), Broadway (north of 4th Street) and 3rd Street West (crack seal only).

MetroNet – In May, I met with representatives from MetroNet (formerly Jaguar Communications) as they're preparing to bring their fiber optic network to the City of Carver. Phase 1 of their project will bring fiber to the Bluffs and neighborhoods west of Jonathan Carver Parkway. Weather permitting, MetroNet is planning to fully connect Carver with fiber services by the end of next summer... just a little over a year from now!

SouthWest Prime – Prime is an on-demand shared ride service offered by SouthWest Transit. In the 2022 budget, we included \$15,500 for Prime, but due to higher than anticipated utilization of this service, we were recently notified that it is anticipated we'll run out of funds for subsidizing Prime service by the end of July. Council and I will be considering our options at our meetings in June and July.

2023 Budget Planning – Later this month city staff, council and I will begin working on the first draft of our 2023 Budget. The deadlines we'll be working toward are Sept. 30 for the preliminary levy, a "not to exceed" number for the 2023 budget, and Dec. 19 for the final levy, the final 2023 budget.

Report a Concern – Street light out? Pothole need attention? Do you have a question, concern, or other non-urgent issue you want to ask/share with the City of Carver? Use the "Report A Concern" button on CityOfCarver.com to make us aware of it!

If you have questions or comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

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SouthWest Transit Prime

The city's finance director reviewed the partnership with SouthWest Transit with the council. The city partnered with SouthWest Transit in 2017 offering transportation options to the residents of Carver referenced as SouthWest Prime. It is an "on demand" transit service allowing residents to request rides. This service serves Eden Prairie, Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver, Victoria, and the Normandale Community College, as well as other premium locations.

During 2017 and 2018, residents received free rides as a promotion associated with the primary agreement out of the Carver Station. Approximately two thousand rides in and out of Carver during 2018. The city was notified that his service would be discontinued in 2019. The city received feedback from residents and funded the Prime service for 2019 with the current cost to the rider paying \$ 4. Children under five accompanied by an adult ride free, as well as disabled vets with an ID card. The hours for Prime service are Monday through Friday 5:30 AM until 7 PM, Saturday's hours are 6 AM until 5:30 PM. SouthWest Prime is a separate serve from the Carver Station rapid transit service which operates from CMAQ grant funding. The Metropolitan Council and the City of Carver Council partnered to de-federalize grant dollars awarded through Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement grant (CMAQ). The city is unable to use these grant funds to operate the Prime Service. The council reviewed the financial report concerning this service. The city budgeted money in 2020 and 2021 for subsidizing the SW Prime rider program. The number of riders doubled in one year. Tracking the numbers revealed that these numbers are on track, surpassing 2021 ridership with an eighty-five percent increase thus far. The council reviewed the budget for this program. It is likely the subsidized amount for 2022 could run out by the end of July.

Traffic and Parking Ordinance

The City Manager and Public Services Director discussed with the council the topic which was requested to be reviewed concerning the Traffic and Parking Ordinance. Two specific areas were submitted for direction from the council involving snowmobile routes and winter parking while presently drafting the ordinance for council review.

Fire Department Recognition

Fire Chief Trimbo presented recognition plaques for the retiring fire fighters Phil Clay and Mike Ruegamer of twenty plus years of service to the Carver Fire Department. The two were thanked by the council and the department for their service.

Ironwood Park

The City Manager discussed information for the next steps required for the Ironwood Park project. Follow items were reviewed and discussed. The function ability of the security lights was discussed along with specifically whether they should have them illuminated during all dark time frames or turned off when the park closes. The present option pursued would that the lights be off when the park is closed. Storage, the water fountain, signs, and satellite restrooms were all discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the plans and specifications for the Ironwood Park improvements project and authorize advertisement of bids to include security lights and the additional water fountain amenity for dogs.

"Hope is independent of the apparatus of logic"

~ Norman Cousins

Miscellaneous

The City Engineer presented information to the council at a meeting concerning the water tower coating maintenance project. There will be an upcoming necessity to recoat the water tower on the north side of the city within the next five years. It would be prudent for the council to begin the process of financial planning for this project. Feedback was given on exterior design allowing the staff the opportunity to proceed with those details when developing the scope and plans.

The City Attorney also presented an overview at a meeting regarding the Development Agreements Overview and the city's role in reviewing and approving said documents.

Community Events and Strategic Plan Initiative was also discussed requesting input for coordinating welcome events in parks for the purpose of promoting community activity, engagement, and education with residents. The staff is scheduled to meet with the Chaska Parks and Recreation staff for upcoming plans for events.

Candidate, Chad Tschimperle for MN Senate, District 17 introduced himself to the council at a meeting sharing information for his candidacy.

The council was informed that there may be an available grant from the Carver County Community Active Living Funds to fund a substantial portion of the Trail Sign and Map Project. This was an opportunity with Great River Greening for the project to take Riverside Park to a natural type of park.

The City Attorney and the City Manager have been working on an infrastructure policy for various private infrastructures privately owned, including streets and streetlights.

The City Attorney is also working with the staff on an ordinance review pertaining to peddlers, hawkers, solicitors and transient merchants. Standard updates and legal changes will be not only reviewed but updated.

At a work session the council discussed traffic and vehicles parking ordinance with the attorney. The staff had been working with amendments to the ordinance regulating traffic and vehicles. The process was prompted by the need to amend some parking regulations specifically related to Third Street. This need provided the opportunity to review the entire contents of the issue that may be warranted for changes. A drafted amended ordinance was prepared for review and discussion by the council. Said review will also provide the opportunity to clarify parking violations, non-parking violations, increase fines, eliminate unnecessary language, remove provisions, clarify parking restrictions, along with many other items relating to the ordinance. The discussions would preclude final drafting of updated ordinance for further review and producing an updated final version of the ordinance for approval.

The city manager brought to the attention of the council options for organizing an organics recycling event in the city facilitated by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Conduit Bond Issuance

The City Manager presented details regarding the request for the city to participate in the issuance of conduit revenue bonds by Taft on behalf of the Southwest Christian High School. The Taft Law firm and Head of the SW High School were also in attendance of the meeting to provide additional information for the schools needs for these funds. Closing was scheduled for the first part of May. Chaska was not eligible to participate in the program. The City of Carver was a good choice because of the neighboring jurisdiction and several students are residents in the city. Specifics were inquired about regarding the money. Plans are to expand their athletic facilities, along with a new field house with three gym floors, bigger weight room and locker rooms. These additions will assist in the school's programming, as well as surrounding communities and activity organizations seeking athletic space. The school attendance has been increasing especially in recent years. The city held a Public Hearing with no public comments received on the topic. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution issuing an Educational Facilities Revenue Note.

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

~ Thomas Carlyle

Next Steps Learning Center

The Interim City Planner presented information regarding the rezoning, preliminary plat and the final plat for Next Steps Learning Center located on the Carver Commons property next to Kwik Trip. The daycare meets the intent of the zoning district. Applicants Jeremy Spaude, Matt and Ashley Kerber were in attendance to introduce themselves and answer any questions. The Developer's Agreement was discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance and amending the Planned Commercial Development of Carver Commons. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the preliminary plat and final plat for Next Steps Learning Center. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving and authorizing the execution of the Developer's Agreement for Carver Commons second addition subject to any changes deemed necessary by the city attorney. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving and authorizing the execution of the first amendment to the Carver Commons Developer's Agreement for trail construction subject to any changes deemed necessary by the city attorney.

The Planning Commission board held their Public Hearing regarding Next Steps Preliminary Plat, Rezoning, and the Final Plat application. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of rezoning for Next Steps Learning Center, as well as the approval of the preliminary plat and final plat.

MetroNet

A representative met with city officials regarding preparations to service the area with fiber optic network to the City of Carver. Phase I of the project included supplying fiber optic capabilities to the Bluffs and neighborhoods west of Jonathan Carver Parkway. The companies' plans anticipate connecting Carver with fiber services by the end of next summer. There had been a preconstruction meeting with MetroNet. Several different neighborhoods were selected to start installation with plans to progress throughout the entire remainder of Carver.

American Rescue Plan Act

The Finance Director reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act relating to the adopting the resolution electing the standard allowance for the funds allocated from the Act. The act became law in 2021 to provide funding to support the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and aid in recovery. Eligible and ineligible uses of funds was established under the interim final rule. Four broad categories of uses include replacing lost revenues, public health, and economic impacts, premium pay, and water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The city needed to calculate and provide documentation for lost revenue outside of the categories. Most of the city's revenues increased or remained largely flat during the pandemic. It would be challenging, if not impossible to demonstrate the appropriate revenue loss to offset with for the total amount allocated. The final rule replaced the interim final rule providing broader flexibility by offering standard allowance for revenue loss rather than calculation. Under the final rule the city's entire award would qualify for category one expenses. This rule provides more flexibility in spending option to consider and streamlines the reporting requirements. Use of funds can be for any regular government service including maintenance of infrastructure or pay-go spending for building new infrastructure. The council discussed the amounts allocated in the funding. Associated costs must be incurred on or after March 2021, obligated by December 2024 and expended by December 2026. The final analysis and recommendation from the financial firm and the League of MN Cities are strongly encouraging to elect the standard allowance providing the most flexibility and ease reporting requirements. This would not change the council intended use budgeted from the ARPA funds.

Parks

The Parks Commission update was given to the members of the Planning Commission. The Community Development Director updated the members regarding the structure of the Parks Commission at the start of the 2022 year. A less formal group would be comprised referenced as parks Advisory Group to encourage more participation, involvement of more people and build the community. The current Parks Commission members would be invited to participate with the advisory group. The Planning Commission will take a more intensive role in reviewing of park projects.

Sixth Street West Improvements

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the Sixth Street West improvements, bids and agreements, resolutions awarding the contract, authorizing execution of grant agreement, and authorization of execution of Master Partnership Contracts. Reconstruction of Sixth Street West needs had been previously identified by the council. The failing corridor serves as vehicle route, pedestrian, and bicycle route. The corridor also conveys significant amounts of stormwater runoff inadequately able to maintain with the existing storm sewer system in place. Application was submitted for funding determining local road regionally significant as a result of safety improvements, address transportation deficiencies and contribute to economic development. This project was selected for the grant program with full program funding. The Plans and Specifications address major components.

In order to construct the improvements and receive the funding from MnDOT, the city must execute the grant agreement. The city also has the opportunity to enter into a Master Partnership Contract with MnDOT. This contract would allow completing portions of construction materials testing requirements for State Aid Projects. This partnership would offer efficiency and reduced costs. The project schedule includes awarding contract and executes MnDOT grant agreements, allowable construction timeframes, substantial completion date of October 2022 and final completion date of June 2023 allowing for final wear course paving and striping in spring of 2023. Additionally, a project milestone has been included to prepare the site for Steamboat Days celebration. Requiring the project area provide gravel roadway surface or better for the celebration and removal of equipment from parade route. Plans and specifications and bids were completed. Recommendation was submitted to award the contract to BCM Construction. The city attorney reviewed the grant agreement and master partnership contacts.

The curve proposed at the corner of 6th Street and Broadway prompted response from MnDOT that this curve did not meet the horizontal curvature so the stop sign must remain at that intersection in order to get approved plans from MnDOT. The engineering staff will be formally requesting a variance from MnDOT's Variance Committee to allow the city to convert this to a continuous curve with a reduced speed limit, but at this time the project will proceed with a stop sign at that intersection. Question was asked regarding the project continuing or being held up with the variance process. City Engineer confirmed that the project will continue moving forward as approved. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution awarding the contract to BCM Construction for the Sixth Street West Improvement Project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution authorizing the execution of the local road improvement program grant agreement with MnDOT for the Sixth Street West project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing the execution of the Master Partnership Contracts with the State of Minnesota.

Street Maintenance Project

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the 2022 Street Maintenance Project and the review of the adoption of the resolution awarding the contract. The city currently owns and maintains approximately twenty-six miles of local roads. Existing streets continue to age with new streets added to the system. It is important to follow a systematic approach to street maintenance to extend pavement life as long as possible until major reconstruction efforts are required. Having recognized this need the city adopted its first Pavement Management Plan. With that plan in place the council continues to follow their proposed schedule by awarding contracts and construction. The city engineer prepared final Plans and Specifications and bids were received. The street maintenance project will be funded with street maintenance funds. Recommendation was submitted to award the bid to GMH Asphalt.

The assistant city engineer presented information regarding the Pavement Management Plan for 2022 including the Eagle Ridge neighborhood for reclamation, mill and overlay project scheduled for the summer of 2022. Bids were received with recommendation to approve bids from GMH Asphalt Corporation. Separate seal coat project on White Pine Way and Broadway bid quotes would be held later and brought to the council at that time. Residents would be notified of the schedule once the project was scheduled. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding the contract to GMHJ Asphalt Corporation for the Street Maintenance Project.

Levee

The mayor received word that the city would be receiving funding for the certified levee project. It would be federal funding from the omnibus bill, a great source of funding toward the overall project. The mayor spoke with the senators involved presently but next year due to redistricting changes putting Carver in the Senate District # 17 and the House District #17B next year which are both new districts. Therefore, Senator Coleman and Representative Nash will not be representing the City of Carver any longer.

Brookeview

The interim planner discussed the final plat for Brookeview with the Planning Commission. Previously the Preliminary Plat had been reviewed. This property had historically been landlocked pending adjacent property development required in order for developing area south of Meadows at Spring Creek allowing direct access via Mulberry Lane. The final plat displays small single-family development consistent with the preliminary plat and the city's Comprehensive Plan. Parcel development had been considered at the time of the Meadows construction and utilities were considered for additional connections along with municipal utilities. The proposed Final Plat consists of twenty-two lots and recently rezoned with a Planned Unit Development overlay in conjunction with approval of the preliminary plat. Much of the property is unbuildable and bluff area therefore, a greater density on upland was required. Additional details include a rustic trail connection allowing for down access. There have been challenges with the bluff area, accesses, cart paths and driveway. The staff and the development team have worked through technical issues having reached design agreement for the proposed plan and neighborhood layout. The final plat is the last step in the process. Lots and zoning, streets, access, sidewalks, utilities, park land dedication, buffer and landscaping issues were all reviewed by the Planning Commission members. The staff recommendation requested the Planning Commission review the Final Plat and recommend approval of the Final Plat to the City Council. Continuing addressing of items will continue between the Planning Commission, City Council, staff, developer, and project engineer in the Developer's Agreement. The updated agreement will be reviewed by the council.

Broadway Boulevard Trees

The Public Services Director discussed with the council the trees which are growing larger than the sidewalk grates on Broadway Boulevard. It was suggested that any changes relating to the trees or sidewalk grates should be included in the Downtown Sidewalk Project scheduled. Concerns were voiced regarding the size of the trees. Options were discussed.

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. Their June meeting is on the 17th.

South West Transit

Don't forget that 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.



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"Push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you"
~ Lou Ludwig

Summer Concert Series

Tuesdays at the Chaska Fireman's Park identified as 'Concerts in the Park' will begin Tuesday, June 14th at 10:30 AM presenting 'The Bazillions'. Tuesday, June 28th at 6 PM the *Kids Dance* is scheduled. To make your calendar complete will give you July and August dates and will remind you in the upcoming issues. July 12th, *Kids Yoga* at 10:30 AM; July 26th at 6 PM, *Kid Power with Rachael*; August 9th, 10:30 AM, *The Alphabits* and finally at 6 PM on August 23rd, the *Jolly Pops*.

The Firemen's Park Concert Series, obviously at the Chaska Firemen's Park at 6 PM until 8 PM entertainment will include June 15th, *Sawyers Dream*, June 22nd, *The Authorities*, June 29th, *Vinny Rose*, who by the way will also be at the Chaska Downtown Farmer's Market at 4 PM until 6 PM. July's lineup will July 13th, *The Tuxedo Band*, July 20th, *Chad Edwards Band* who will also entertain participants at the downtown market, July 27th, *Traveled Ground* and finally capping off August on the 3rd will be *Dave and the Rockin All Stars*; August 10th, *Lower North* (listen to them at the farmer's market too. Ending the summer on August 17th premier will be *The Resonators*.

Fridays will also be music presentations if you are interested in attending at the City Square Park in downtown Chaska starting at 7 PM and concluding at 8:30 PM. Those entertainers will be the *Three Chord Monte* starting the Summer Concert Series on June 10th; June 17th *University of Minnesota Summer Band*; June 24th *MN Valley Community Band* and finally July 8th, the *Eden Prairie Community Band*.

Over in Chanhassen which is co-sponsored by the City of Chanhassen and the Old National Bank will be presenting their 2022 Summer Concert Series. These concerts will be on Thursdays starting June 9th and running through August 4th at the City Center Park Plaza in downtown Chanhassen. Everyone is invited to come and participate. "Performances in a variety of genres will run from 6:30-8 PM, with food trucks and concessions at every performance. Bring your friends, family, kids, and lawn chairs and enjoy the free entertainment!"

"2022 Concert Series Kickoff Event: Thursday, June 9 Join us for our very first kickoff event for the annual summer concert series! Enjoy a performance from classic rock cover band [American Bootleg](#), giveaways, free kids' activities, and concessions available for purchase from [Mario's Italian Kitchen](#) food truck. Make sure to arrive right at 6:30 p.m. – the first 250 attendees will receive a free ice cream treat, courtesy of [J&R Complete Auto Repair](#) in Chanhassen!"

The balance of the schedule is as follows:

June 16th, *Craig Clark Band*; June 23rd, *Raquel and the Wildflowers*; July 7th, *The Jolly Huntsman*; July 14th *Joey Stephens*; July 21st, *Westwind Swing Band*; July 28th, from 11 AM – 12 PM, *The Teddy Bear Band*, then at 6:30 will be *Ragtown*; closing out the summer on August 4th will be *Sawyer's Dream*.

Looking for more information go to the City of Chanhassen's website.

Over in Victoria there is scheduled Concerts in the Park too. They invite you to come enjoy this summer's concert series at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand at 1730 Stieger Lake Lane in Victoria to enjoy a variety of performers.

Concerts in the Park series begins Wednesday, June 8th and goes through August 10th on Wednesdays. The times are 6 PM until 8 PM. If you really enjoy music and have a lunch away from your desk, head on over for Victoria's Lunch Time Tunes and listen to kid-friendly entertainers starting June 22nd and running through July 20th at noon until 12:45 PM, also at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand.

Oh, Oh, can't forget about the Canterbury Park Summer Jam July 21st weekend through the 23rd. Here is where you will find the biggest names in rock, country, and rap. Scheduled entertainers are Blake Shelton, Kane Brown, Trace Adkins, and Nelly.

If someone knows of more, let me know and I will be happy to post it, villagertower@carvercurrent.com

"Never Forget Where You've Been Never Lose Sight of Where You are Going and Never Take for Granted the People Who Travel the Journey With You."

~Susan Gale

Farmer's Markets

Wow, there are more markets than you can shake a stick at. There are markets as far as Buffalo and as close as Carver. Tuesdays you will find fresh produce in Excelsior, Minnetonka, and Carver. Wednesdays in Shakopee, Bongards, and Chaska, Thursday, Victoria and Saturday have Chanhassen, Mound, Hopkins and Norwood/Young America. And every day in Waconia at "At the Farm". I didn't go any further. If you have a computer, in the search just type "Farmers Market" and see what you can find.

Will concentrate on giving you the information for the three major ones I have been reporting on. Those being Carver, Chaska, and Victoria. Then we will expand our horizons, and I will give you limited information on the ones that I found.

Carver's Farmer Market will be opening Tuesday, July 12th at 3 PM until 6 PM. The Market will be open until September 27th at the Carver Station.

Chaska Farmer's Market will be at the downtown City Square Park beginning June 22nd at 3 PM until 6 PM.

Remember there will be entertainment on specified dates.

Then on Thursday you can head on over to Victoria Farmer's Market at the ENKI Brewing Parking Lot at 3 PM until 6PM. Their opening date July 7th and selling their produce until September 22nd. Need ENKI's address? 1495 Stieger Lake Lane, Victoria, MN.

Back to the extended cities farmer's markets starting with Tuesdays. Excelsior's event is named Farmers and Artisan Market which is scheduled to start selling produce on June 14th through August 30th at 2 PM until 6 PM. The market is at the Excelsior Elementary School's back lot. As long as you are already in Excelsior, Minnetonka is not far away.

Yep, Minnetonka has gotten on the band wagon too and has a market. You will find fresh produce at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, Ice Arena B Parking lot on 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. With that out of the way, Tuesdays starting June 7th through September 27th starting at 3 PM until 7 PM.

Didn't find what you were looking for in Chaska on Wednesday. Well, you can either run over to downtown Shakopee and then over to Bongard's west of Cologne or vice versa. Their logo, "From our Fields to your Table".

Market is at Shakopee Lewis Street lot. Their opening day is June 22nd at 9 AM until 1 PM and will be available through August 3rd. Bongards Farmers Market is at the St John's United Church site, 12984 Country Road #51, Norwood/Young America mailing address. From 3 PM until 6 PM on Wednesdays beginning June 1st and ending September 28th.

Saturdays offers a whole menagerie of choices that you can map out yourself and pick the order you want. Chanhassen at 7700 Market Boulevard, City Center Park Plaza Parking lot at 9 AM until 1 PM starting June 4th and running through September 24th. Mound's Farmers Markets has already opened and runs through October 8th, opening at 8 AM until 12:30 PM at 5515 Shoreline Drive in Mound. Hopkins Farmers Market is at 16 9th Avenue from 7:30 AM until noon starting June 18th and runs through October 29th. Behind CarQuest in Norwood/Young America area with an address of 309 North Faxon Road North is from 9 AM until noon with September 17th and October 1st dates. Yea, you read that right. Want to go as far as Buffalo? Across from the Buffalo Cinema from 8 AM until noon, nice drive and can stop by lake and watch the scenery. They have already opened and will be open for business until October 29th.

The last one I found was At the Farm in Waconia. Lots and lots of information that you may want to explore yourself. There were specials, oodles of information and may fit what you seek. www.atthefarm.com located at 8880 East Highway # 5, Waconia. Phone number 952.442.4816. They are already open and are open through October. Their hours are Monday through Saturday at 10 AM until 4 PM, Sundays, 11 AM until 4 PM.

Happy shopping everyone. I probably should have looked if Belle Plaine and Jordan have farmer's markets but think you all have enough information here to absorb. Want more, let me know, I will look it up and post it. If there is anyone out there who would like to add to the information, let me know. Will post it.

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Arts Consortium

Interested in learning more about Carver County Arts Consortium? They are holding their Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at the Chaska Community Center. They will be conducting official board business, presenting a recap of their past year, 2021 Annual report and member discussions.

The Arts Consortium is preparing for their ACCC Awards Exhibit beginning June 1st. This event is a first-time event with the production of a juried show presenting awards. First prize for "ACCC Artist of the Year". This exhibit will run through July 15th. There will be an artists' reception to be held on the 16th of June.

Art Stock event is inviting new and returning artists for this year's event of the summer. They are celebrating their 11th Anniversary starting on the 9th and 10th of July. Enjoy the Art, fine wine, live music and the picturesque scenery of Parley Lake Winery and Deardoff Orchards.

Music news is gathering on Thursday, June 9th at the Community Center Theater at 7 PM featuring songwriters performing live with Doyle Turner, Ted Hajnasiewicz and Yvette Nelson. Beverages and snacks provided.



The Literary Committee has created a new opportunity for telling your personal story. They are calling it 'Flash Memoir: Significant Events', an evening of short personal stories of one specific incident in a writer's life. This event is scheduled for June 9th from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Wilder Room at the Chanhassen Library. Questions: Contact Jim Kane at:

flashmemoir@artsofcarvercounty.org.

Then there is the NYA Springfest Artisan Fair where the Literary Committee is sponsoring a table at the fair on June 4th from 9 AM until 3 PM in Norwood/Young America. All authors/writers who have in print/hardcopy books to come and sell their work and interact with current and future readers alike. If interested, email Amy at literary@artsofcarvercounty.org for information or how to sign up.

Cars and Caves

Compliments of SW Metro Publishing – Chanhassen Villager

Car enthusiasts do not forget that Chanhassen holds their Cars and Caves events hosted by Chanhassen Auto Plex and should be seen to believe. Events are held at 8 AM until noon the last Saturday of each month. You can see these fantastic vehicles until 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:

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)

Carver Current

You have seen the Carver Current website, haven't you? It's the perfect online 'go to' site for local information. Be sure to check it out; www.carvercurrent. An excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, local news, school activities, sports results etc. Also, a great site for sharing essential 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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Classic Car Nights

Victoria's Business Association has organized the

Classic Car Nights return for the summer and early fall of 2022. Life is back in full swing folks. Don't let it pass you by. Get out there and enjoy everything you can. Victoria invites you to come and see the classic cars from all over the metro which will be on display in downtown Victoria every second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting June 8th and happening until September 28th. The show begins at 5 PM allowing you to share, talk, recollect, learn history and be part of something bigger than ourselves until 8 PM. I bet you all know someone or have seen these magnificent machines out and about. I know a couple of them are in my neighborhood. It is so fun to see them, hear them and watch the pride of the owners shine gloriously. Don't miss out.



Canoe Trip

Just a quick reminder that 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. Might be a great F Father's Day gift for that outdoorsy guy of yours, huh? Great family fun too!



"Little Ears Should Hear"

"The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation is conducting its annual "Walk to D-Feet Hearing Loss" Fundraiser which will be held on June 4, 2022, at TWO beautiful locations: The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, and Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, Minnesota.

We hope you will join at one of these two sites in raising funds and awareness for hearing loss and the isolation associated to those inflicted with hearing loss.

Your financial support allows us to implement and endorse programs such as the:

Lions Children's Hearing Center (established in 1995)
Lions Children's Hearing & ENT Clinic (established in 2011)

Lions Professorship (established in 2021).

Diagnostic equipment for the new clinic (2011).

New testing booth and related state of the art testing equipment (2021)

Please help us support the important clinical care, research and programs pledged by the Minnesota Lions Hearing T
We need your support!



Carver Lions

The local Lions are busy with their usual business at hand, families, friends, their lives, and the community. They are preparing for September's annual event, participating in hosting the D-Feet Walk at the Arboretum on Saturday, June 4th. See attached flyer for more information and the article on the event, "Little Ears Should Hear". Our special Lions will be serving hot dogs and walking to support the cause. This event raises money for hearing loss. The Lions are also planning for the annual hosting of the foreign exchange students which is planned for the end of July. Don't forget, the Lions are on their summer schedule until September. They meet only once a month during the summer. They plan on meeting the third Wednesday of the month and hope to hold their meetings at the Lions Park. Weather will determine whether the meetings get moved to the Village Hall. Interested in doing great things and really being a part of your community? Go and check them out at their meetings and sign up to join!



"One moment can change a day
One day can change a life and
One life can change the world"



~ Unknown

Trinity Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome at Trinity Lutheran Church! Please join us for Summer Worship at 9 AM every Sunday morning.

Upcoming special dates at Trinity:

Sunday, June 5 some of our teens are renewing their baptism vows and confirming their faith. Please join us as we encourage them in their continued faith journey. Sunday, June 19, celebrate Father's Day with us as we worship together.

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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Email: office@trinitycarver.com



Carver Creamery

Carver Creamery is open. Haven't seen summer hours posted as of yet, but I'm sure it will be posted soon. Check their Facebook page for up-to-date hours, flavors, new flavors, and any pertinent information you might need to know and then head on down to downtown and treat yourself to their delicious company and ice cream treats. Newest flavors heralded Caramel ice cream drizzled with espresso-spiked chocolate ribbons and chocolate-covered espresso bean flakes. Kris and Kailan encourage you to come check it out the newly stocked flavor while supplies last. They also recently stocked seasonal flavor Lemon Meringue: fresh lemon and fluffy marshmallow ice cream swirled together with a tart lemon ripple. So many flavors, so much to choose from. Almost need to stop by daily and checklist to check off all you have tasted huh? Enough summer days to include each flavor?



Sticks Tavern

Don't forget to stop out at Stick's Tavern and check out the menu, play Trivia Tuesday on Tuesday's or Bingo on Wednesday's. Keith and his staff all kinds of fun things, treats and good food for you to do. You can also play a round of golf if that is your thing too. A whole nother world right here in our small community growing by leaps and bounds. Let's grow our businesses too.



Also, 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

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is preparing for their raucous and rambunctious fairytale extravaganza named "Shrek the Musical". This event is scheduled to premier at the Chanhassen High School Theatre in July of 2022. Actually, performances will begin July 29th through August 7th. For more information if you are interested go online to the ticket sales for times and performances. This is a hilarious fairy tale where curses are reversed, monsters get the girls, donkeys and dragons find love and princesses are beautiful in all shapes and sizes as should be in real life too, huh? Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, they say, isn't it? It's true. What better way to reiterate that than to go and see this production? Questions? Contact the theatre at cvtmail@gmail.com



"It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform."

— Roy T. Bennett

Carver Baseball/Softball Association

The times for all the different teams are posted on their website, ccybsa.com. The organization still has teams that do not have coaches. Interested in being a role-model, aiding a kid who just might possibly be the next great baseball player, even make it to the majors? Here is your opportunity. Carver has had its greats, for the life of me, his name escapes me, and I apologize sincerely. Just hit me, it was Brad, Brad Gulden. He was twenty-two when he was recruited. So, there you go, you could be instrumental in some great player moving forward to the major leagues. Step up to the plate ladies and gentlemen, be there for the kids, help them learn how to play ball and be good at it. I believe the board is also still seeking coordinators too. Contact Jim at ccybsa.reg@gmail.com



Jim added that the program still needs hope running the program. There are lots of volunteer opportunities within the program. Anyone interested can contact him through the programs email address, listed directly above. Also, thanks to the Carver Lions for their generous donation to the program.

FireFly Viewing Nights

Have you heard about the FireFly Viewing Nights at the MN Landscape Arboretum? Sounds interesting enough. Believe, reservations might be required but could be wrong. The viewing begins at 8 PM until 10:30 PM in the Sensory Garden. The nights scheduled are June 23rd – June 25th, July 1st, and 2nd, and then again on July 9th.



The arboretum states, "Experience the magic of summer nights at the Arb with hundreds of fireflies flashing through the sky. Bring your family and friends to marvel at the wonder of these glowing winged beetles (also known as lightning bugs). Begin your firefly viewing experience by gathering in the Sensory Garden Parking Lot to learn about these special creatures from Minnesota Master Naturalists and to plan your hike for the evening. Pick from four options for firefly viewing hikes throughout our grounds. We'll note which route offers the best viewing each night.

Wildflower Garden (1/2 mile); Bog Walk (1 mile); Three-Mile Walk (2.25 miles); or Farm Trail (2 miles).

Time permitting, guests may take more than one route.

This could be fun huh? Romantic stroll with the loved one, recapture the lost magic of days gone by? Get away from the kids for a couple hours for time alone with your partner? Just because? Just to escape stress and pressure? Be with nature? Enjoy the evening nights? Time to reflect? Remember as a kid we would go grab a jar and go out to capture the flickering bug and it would be dead in the morning because it didn't have air? I know morbid memory. But hey, we were kids. Enough reasons to maybe think about going?

Do what you can,
for who you can,
with what you have,
and where you are.

The choice you make today
will usually affect tomorrow.

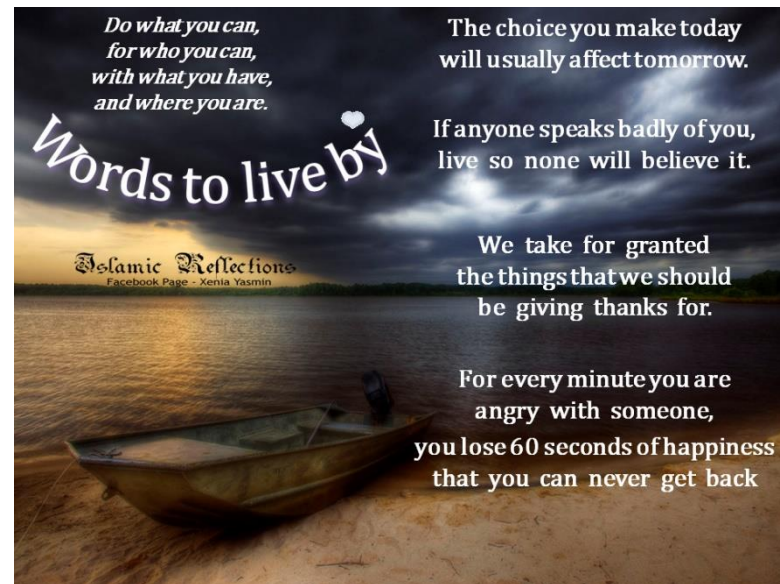
Words to live by

If anyone speaks badly of you,
live so none will believe it.

Islamic Reflections
Facebook Page - Xenia Yasmin

We take for granted
the things that we should
be giving thanks for.

For every minute you are
angry with someone,
you lose 60 seconds of happiness
that you can never get back



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 and up to date information. Be sure to support our local shops too. The upcoming Occasional Shop dates are Thursday, June 16th through Sunday, the 19th. July's dates are Thursday, July 21st through Sunday, the 24th. 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 can find them. Check out Carver Life on Facebook and find the troves of treasures online.

The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – NOW OPEN – updates on Facebook

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – www.rippleartstudio.com

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The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

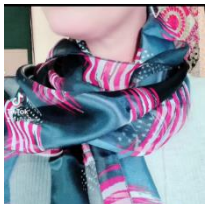
Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook

Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook



Michael P Quinn



The Funky Dove

Rebecca says, "The Funky Dove is a small shop inspired by my love to make jewelry, along with talented friends and family who have joined to cocreate a lovely welcoming, uplifting space of artisan crafted decor, wreaths, soaps, candles, chocolate, antiques & more."

Looking for something special for dad? Bet Rebecca can help you find it. How about something patriotic? She has lots of things for that. Just check her Facebook page and see all the delightful items she has and the wonderful creative thoughts and all the warmth and love she has to share.

Here is one of her latest posts, at least for my timeline of writing this newsletter. You have no idea what you are missing if you don't take the time to stop in and check out her shop and talk with her. She is the true gem of the store. Many of you know this already, don't you? "Have you ever dreamed of having an American scarf with red, white, and blue flags? I've got you covered if you have. One is silky, one is cotton, one is an infinity style, and one is not. Forever in style, as forever a patriot. The scarves are fashionable & they keep the draft off your neck, therefore keeping you warm & comfortable."

Unofficial Upcoming Gossip

June is here. Yep, you know what I am going to say next, before we know it, June will be history and we'll be whizzing through July and summer will be gone. Summer months are busy, aren't they? June 7th is the last day of school for kindergartners through fifth grade. Sixth graders and high school kids will have to remain in school until the 9th of June. June 10th is graduation. ValleyFair Theme Park is open for the summer season. Like who didn't know that?

June 11th and 12th over in Excelsior on Water Street is Excelsior Art on the Lake event engaging creative connections with artist's personal story with the vibrant lake community, showcasing an array of outstanding artistic works. The historic lakeside village draws art enthusiasts afar with their unique shops, galleries, and restaurants. This event is an inspiring experience for not only the artist but with the public. Local musicians are also scheduled to entertain the public, along with regional food vendors for the two-day event.

2022 Taste of Shakopee and Business Expo is scheduled for June 18th, starting at 10 AM until 4 PM in Huber Park. Plans are that the park will have plenty of activities during the day calling it a 'Big Fun Day and Taste of Shakopee' concurrently. An Ironman Bike Ride is happening in the morning.

Big name music events for June include Eric Church and Morgan Wallin at the US Bank on June 11th. Hinckley will be hosting Lady A also on the 11th of June. June also is famous for Winstock in Winsted.

Getting a little ahead of ourselves let's take a peek at July highlights. All around 4th of July events, Chaska Fire and Ice July 15th and 16th; Belle Plaine BBQ Days, July 16th – 18th; Excelsior Crazy Days, July 21st – July 24th; Cologne Glad Days, July 28th – July 31st; and River City Days, Chaska, July 29th. Let's not forget the county fairs happening all around us too. Shakopee is hosting a 'Rhythm on the Rails' on Wednesdays beginning in July and going through August. Check website for more information, Shakopee Chamber of Commerce.

Some other country acts scheduled is the Lakefront Music Fest over in Prior Lake has Sammy Hagar, Uncle Kracker, Toby Keith, Randy Houser and more. County Jam is July 21st, Alan Jackson will be the Xcel July 29th, August 4th is WeFest. US Bank Stadium on August 6th will be featuring Kenny Chesney, Dan and Shay, Old Dominion, and Carly Pearce.

That's what has been found so far. I'm sure there are more missing. Feel free to enlighten this editor.

Hey! Don't forget dad on Father's Day!!!!

Community Highlights

June 2022

June 2 nd	Happy Anniversary Kerry and Kathy!
June 5 th	Happy Birthday Kim!
June 6 th	Council Meeting
	Happy Anniversary Amanda and Jared!
June 7 th	Last Day of School for K – 5 th Grade
	Happy Birthday Scott!
June 8 th	Happy Anniversary Joy and Chris!
June 9 th	Last Day of School 6 th Grade – 12 th Grade
June 10 th	Graduation
	Happy Birthday Matthew!
June 11 th	Happy Birthday Denny!
	Happy Birthday Jane!
June 13 th	Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
	School Board Work Session
	Happy Birthday Alexis!
June 14 th	Meet and Greet
	Flag Day
	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
June 15 th	Happy Anniversary Denny and Sharon!
June 16 th	Occasional Shops Weekend
	Planning Commission
June 17 th	School Board Meeting
	Business Alliance Meeting
	Happy Anniversary Becky and Zim!
June 19 th	Father's Day
June 20 th	Council Meeting
June 21 st	Summer Begins
	Happy Birthday Lucy!
June 22 nd	Happy Anniversary Kim and Paul!
	Happy Birthday Rob!
June 23 rd	Happy Birthday Amanda!
June 24 th	Happy Birthday Greg!
June 25 th	Happy Birthday Bradley!
June 30 th	Happy Anniversary Terry and Shirley!
	Happy Birthday Yvonna!
	Happy Birthday James!



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."



~ Bil Keane



HEARING FOUNDATION, INC.

2022 ANNUAL WALK



- Date: June 4th
- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2022mlhfwalk/>

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.

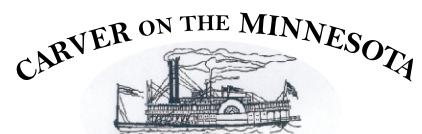
Use your own equipment or contact us for availability of rental equipment.

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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