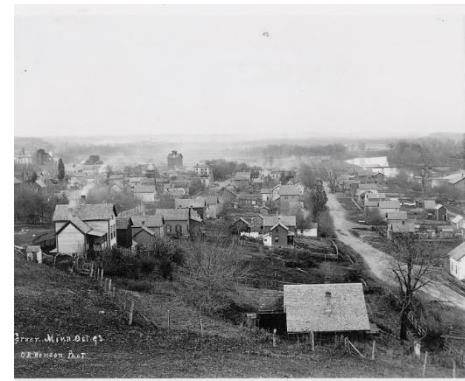


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In Loving Memory of Joe "Cocoa" Lipinski and Phil Fritz

Sixth Street West Improvement Project

The city council reviewed the information regarding the variance resolution pertaining to state aid operation. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution requesting a variance from standard for State Aid Operation for the Sixth Street West Improvement Project.

Bicyclists

Councilmember discussed the issue of bicyclists and traffic control signs. Notations were made on occasion of not obeying rules. Question was asked about rectifying situation. Concerns would be relayed to law enforcement. The city attorney clarified that bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, therefore also need to obey traffic control signs.

Liquor Licenses

The city clerk discussed with the council the necessity for an amendment to the Liquor License Ordinance concerning liquor license eligibility. Inquiry had been made concerning on-sale license for a new business. Reviewal of the current ordinance revealed limits the city's ability to issue a license to a new business within the first twelve months of operation. Suggestion was submitted to eliminate the verbiage therefore allowing new businesses the opportunity. All other city and state requirements for a license would be met. Approval was recommended.

The council then reviewed the liquor license renewals pending the submittal of the required documentation. The businesses reviewed were for Kwik-Trip off sale; Harvey's Bar and Grill with the extended outdoor sidewalk café area, off-on sale inclusive of Sundays; Lisa's Place with extended patio area, off-on sale inclusive of Sundays; and the Doghouse bar with extended patio, off-on sale inclusive of Sundays. Renewal applications were forwarded to the Carver County Sheriff's office for the annual background check required. After approval required documentation is sent to the State's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division for final approval. Approvals were recommended.

Irrigation Agreement

The city manager reviewed the request from the Copper Hills Homeowners Association to enter into an agreement. Part of the agreement of the Copper Hills development was a water reuse system construction in conjunction with Carver County Water Management Organization requirements. The reuse system draws from the storm water pond to provide water for irrigation to common areas specified as a number of private lots and Olsen Park. Formalizing the terms of an irrigation agreement were began back in the beginning of 2017 with the homeowner's association. The agreement encompasses maintenance, liability, and payment of future costs of the system. The terms of the agreement were not finalized in 2020, instead the city chose to step back from the partnership. As a result, there was an inability to irrigate Olsen Park. The drought conditions of 2021, along with the maintenance factors resulted in significant damage in the park. Recent action is the resumption of discussions to finalize the irrigation agreement. The latest version of an agreement is to be believed to be acceptable by the board of the association. Request is submitted to adopt the agreement prior to the associations approve in order to expedite work planned for the Olsen Park site to restore an acceptable turf.

Trail Maintenance Agreement

The city manager discussed with the issue relating to the approval of the Trail Maintenance Agreement with Carver County. The county has agreed to reimbursement provision for snow removal maintenance on the section of the MN Region Bluffs trail within the city. Public Services staff of Carver will maintain snow removal within the city from County Road # 40/Main Street East to Carver's border. Snow removal will be done after a two inch or greater

Affordable Housing Connection Fee Waiver Program

The city's interim planner discussed with the council the resolution involving the Community Development Agency's connection fee waiver application request. The council adopted a waiver policy as a tool to implement the city's goals for promote affordable housing which is a priority in the Comprehensive and City's Housing Action Plans. The waiver program is tiered based on a project's level of affordability and the area's median income. The policy further outlines reporting requirements. The policy is intended to be reviewed annually to ensure continued meeting goals with the city's long-term financial plan process. The agency is requesting the maximum allowed for the future project in the city. The request is for the proposed project consisting of two wings that make up one building. This Hartwell Drive location does not involve any land use approvals required. The current request is strictly for a waiver of connection fees and does not guarantee approval of any such land use applications. One wing in this new building tentatively is identified as Carver Oaks Senior Residence, while the other is identified as Carver Place Apartments.

Combined these wings will total one hundred-three new units targeting different household income levels and increasing affordable housing. Breakdown of area median income units were reviewed. The project schedule to apply for MHFA funding is July of 2022, receipt of funding estimated for December of 2022 with proposed construction start in October of 2023 all dependent on various financing and land use approvals attained. All those facts in mind an anticipated completion date of the end of June 2025. The request presented was strictly for a waiver of the connection fees and does not guarantee other approvals required for the project. It was also expressed that it should be noted that recommended approval would be expressly contingent on CDA obtaining the necessary land use approvals required, paying city utility fees, executing, and recording an instrument against the project property guaranteeing project affordability and ensures annual reporting to verify affordability. Additionally, the approval would expire at the end of 2024 in the event that a building permit has not been pulled on or before that expiration date requiring re-application under any then-current programs. Approval of any such subsequent application not guaranteed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution to approve the Affordable Housing Connection Fee Waiver application from the Carver County Community Development Agency.

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Brookeview Final Plat

The interim planner discussed the resolution involving the approval of the final plat for Brookeview. The council reviewed motions to adopt the resolution approving the final plat, authorizing summary publication of rezoning, and execution of the Development Agreement. Previously the council had reviewed and approved the preliminary plat and rezoning. The property historically had been landlocked until construction of Meadows at Spring Creek allowing direct access to Mulberry Lane. The Final Plat displays small lot single family development consistent with the Preliminary Plat and the city's Comprehensive Plan. Proposed final plat displays twenty-two lots. Due to much of the property being bluff and deemed unbuildable, a rezoning was allowed requiring an allowance of greater density.

Additional site details include a rustic trail connection to Broadway, or Snake Trail, showing access to the downtown area. The cart path extending north of Green Ash Drive to Spring Creek Drive will cease to exist requiring deed remnants of the cart path belonging to adjacent landowners. The private driveway access could be utilized in the future for property owner. Utilities will be stubbed to the property line for accessibility. The staff and the development team worked through technical issues of the proposed plan and neighborhood layout reaching and design agreement. Minimal tree clearing will be required throughout most of the site, buffering is proposed. This is the last step in the process. The sole access will be from Mulberry Drive. The north and south extension will be a public street while the east and west will be private. The city will not be responsible for the east and west street. Maintenance of this section will fall to the Homeowners Association. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the project.

The Brookeview Final Plat presentation was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The developer attended the meeting to answer questions. Question was asked about how the homeowners would be made aware of the bluff regulations. The interim planner explained that the conservation easement displayed on the title would signify to any potential buyer of the easement protecting the bluff. Deck construction would require a variance process. Brookeview Court will privately owned and maintained street. Mulberry Lane will be a public street. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the final plat for Brookeview to the city council with conditions that the staff and the developer address comments in the developer's agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the final plat for the residential development identified as Brookeview. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing summary publication of the ordinance rezoning the Brookeview property. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving and authorizing execution of the Development Agreement for Brookeview subject to changes decreed by the attorney.

Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance

The city attorney discussed with the council the amendment of the ordinance regulating to traffic and vehicles. The Staff had been working on several amendments to the ordinance pertaining to the issue. Parking on Third Street prompted the review warranting changes required. The result of the work included clarifying parking violations, fine increases for parking violations, eliminate unnecessary language, street parking distance to driveways, parking restrictions relating to railroad crossing, authorize parking areas, ^{prohibiting} parking within fire lanes, and overnight parking in designated areas. Additionally, prohibit snowmobiles on paved public trails, and add an authorized snowmobile route. Also, to authorize law mowing equipment in unimproved right of ways for maintenance. Further discussion was held at a council meeting. Staff was directed to pursue inclusion and incorporating further discussed items into the ordinance.

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 July 15th meeting.

"Life ought to be a struggle of desire toward adventures whose nobility will fertilize the soul."
Rebecca West

Heritage Preservation Commission Ordinance

The city attorney discussed the ordinance relating to the Heritage Preservation Commission. A drafted amendment was reviewed after feedback was heard from members of the commission inclusive of recommendations from both the staff and commission members. The purpose of the amendment was to polish the language, clarify authority, clarify enforcement tools, and provide a clearer outline of the process required for receiving, reviewing, and processing applications for certificates of appropriateness. To clarify the city's specific historic design standards, authorize the commission's ability to impose reasonable conditions and specify that building permits or other approvals be denied if a required certificate is not obtained.

Ironwood Park

The assistant city engineer discussed the Ironwood Park improvements. The council reviewed motions to award a contract and authorizing execution of the cooperative purchase contracts. The city has been working on the development of a concept plan for the expansion of Ironwood Park. Through a series of meetings, workshops and community efforts, the result is a final park design that includes a concrete skatepark, picnic shelter, casual seating spaces, concrete lawn games, a full-sized basketball court, trail system improvements, and an outdoor classroom adjacent to Carver Elementary. For the overall work to be conducted on the park, there are three separate contracts.

The Ironwood Park project was discussed further with the council. Approximately an additional estimated three acres of land were added to the park. Question was asked about estimated cost being higher than the original bid and the response was that it was approximately six percent higher, but the overall total project came in at two-point two percent higher. There are a few different funding sources available including and unallocated fund balance from the audit, and a special capital fund balance that could be utilized. An inter-fund loan was not suggested to be used. Also, an additional five percent construction contingency built-in could be another resource of funds. The assistant city engineer stated that the substantial completion date projected was November of 2022. Restoration work was anticipated for 2023 at which time decision would be made as to opening in totality of is some would be required to be closed for a period of time. The project quote was higher than budgeted in the long-term financial plan, therefore proposal was offered to remove the park shelter from the project at this point while adding it back in at a future date. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding contract to G Urban Companies Inc for the Ironwood Park Improvement Project. Motion was made and carried with five ayes and one nay authorizing execution of the Cooperative purchase contract through the MN Cooperative Purchase Venture for the park shelter. Motion was made and carried authorizing execution of the Cooperative Purchase contract through Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing the skate park.

Timber Creek

The interim planner discussed the Timber Creek Phase Two lot split/minor subdivision with the council. They reviewed the resolution approving a minor subdivision to facilitate the next phase of the development. Since approval of the preliminary plat the developer has begun construction on the first phase. Presently, work is being directed to begin phase two, however the remainder will not be final platted until subsequent phasing is completed. Lennar will purchase the area in phase two once the minor subdivision has been processed. Property labels as Tract A in the Registered Land Survey will be included in phase two. All property labeled as Tract B is not proposed for construction. Tract C is anticipated to be part of a future project which includes the Wagner property to the south and is not planned for construction. The lot split does not impact the approved annexation of the property or the city's previous preliminary plat approval.

Steamboat Days

The Steamboat Days Committee are meeting. They are accepting food and marketplace vendors. Check their website for information pertaining to the city's celebration at CarverSteamboatDays.info or you can email steamboating@yahoo.com to get information or answer questions.



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.

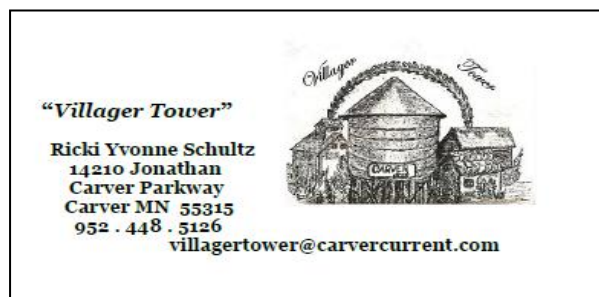
Don't forget about Summer Adventures every Tuesday through August too.



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.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 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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Carver Youth Baseball / Softball

Association

Notification: The Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association is still searching for coordinators and a Softball Coordinator which is a board position. You can contact them on their website: ccybsa.com

The program is still also looking for coordinators and a Softball Coordinator. Please contact the organization via their website if you are interested.

The organization also states that the rosters are posted for all levels. The schedules are being posted as they are receiving them. Coaches are still needed on all levels, especially t-ball.

The Dibs Session is now active for Clinics. The organization is still looking for four volunteers to run drills and batting cages for Softball. The organization is also still looking for six volunteers to run drills and batting cages for baseball.

Another announcement that the organization would like you to know is that pizza is available at the Concessions compliments of Mizzys Pizza from Belle Plaine for \$ 3.00 per slice. Stop by support the community kids and volunteers of the Youth Baseball/Softball Association.

Carver Creamery

Carver Creamery is open. Summer hours posted on their Facebook page say open daily noon to 9 PM. Head on down to downtown and treat yourself to their delicious company and ice cream treats. See if they are still available the Key Lime, Zurtle Zanzibar, Blackberry Lemon Bar, Blue Moon, or Electric Watermelon. Wild!



Saw too that they are offering pre-packaged prints for sale. Not sure all flavors available but they featured to check out Calliope flavors" Chocolate Crispy Rice Treat, Lemon Lavendar, Mexican Hot Chocolate and Brandy Old Fashioned! Hmmm, sounds interesting huh?

So many flavors, so much to choose from. Almost need to stop by daily and checklist to check off all you have tasted huh? Anyone take the time to figure out if you check each flavor all summer long?

Summer Concert Series

Tuesdays at the Chaska Fireman's Park called as 'Concerts in the Park' are ongoing. Be sure if interested stop by on 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, at the Chaska Firemen's Park at 6 PM until 8 PM entertainment continues with July's lineup: 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.

Friday the 8th of July will be the final concert planned under concert in the park. Drop by and see 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 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's schedule are 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, 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 Wednesdays through August 10th, 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 through July 20th at noon until 12:45 PM, also at the Charlson Thum Community Bandstand.

Don'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

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

"We need diversity not only to perpetuate life but also to thrive and enrich our lives together"

~ David M Woods

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. Further research turned up that Belle Plaine and Jordan also have markets for you.

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 is open at 3 PM until 6 PM on Wednesday. Also on Wednesdays, head on over Burrough Bowl parking lot at 235 South Ash Street in Belle Plaine from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM Farmer's Market. They are open through the middle of October. Questions? Email: belleplainefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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 sell produce 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 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 market 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 through 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 through September 24th. Mound's Farmers Markets is 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 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. Jordan can also be included on your Saturday run at Highways 282 and 21 open at 9 AM and closes at noon.

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! Anything to add? Contact villagertower@carvercurrent.com

"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society"
.... ~ Theodore Roosevelt



Arts Consortium

The Arts Consortium Awards Exhibit is ongoing through July 22nd. Gallery hours Monday through Saturday during Community Center hours. If you would like more information about this exhibit or any others, visit their website: artsofcarvercounty.org.

In the Woods Exhibit opens July 27th and runs through August 26th featuring artwork showcasing woods, nature, wildlife, animals, or things found in the woods. This theme is open to interpretation and they would love to see what 'In the Woods' means to you. They will also be hosting an Artist's Reception on Wednesday, August 3rd at the Arts Center at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Come and meet the artists, you can even taste and enjoy locally produced wine and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Their ArtStock event of the summer is another must do event for those interested. It's their 11th Anniversary and to take place on July 9th and 10th. They invite you to come enjoy the art, fine wine, live music and take in the picturesque scenery of parley Lake Winery and Deardorff Orchards. Art-Lovers come from throughout the cities and beyond. Rumor has it that there are over fifty booth sites for artists. Come, be a part of a great adventure, mingle with the artists, maybe even purchase some great art or just enjoy the wine?

Intro to Writing - 101 will be held on Saturday, July 16th at the Chanhassen Library's Longfellow Room.

"Have you ever thought about taking a stance in writing? Is there a story inside you but you don't know the first thing about how to get it onto paper? Start here with Intro to Writing 101, a beginner's course to the basic principles of plot structure, fleshing out characters, and world building. We'll explore simple steps to get your creation started through pop culture analysis and a writing prompt exercise. You'll also get a writing prompt book to take home to continue your journey outside class!"

Cars and Caves

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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 will participate in an auto extravaganza featuring collector, classic and exotic cars to see 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:

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)

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 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.



Carver Lions

"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege" quoted on Carver Lions Facebook page....

Your 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; The Lions are also planning for the annual hosting of the foreign exchange students which is planned for the end of July, specifically, Friday, July 29th. 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!

The Lion's new officers were sworn in at their meeting recently. They are as follows:

President: Kristi Mock

1st VP Bob MacMullan

2nd VP Chip Peglow

3rd VP Dean Nelson

Secretary Kim Whaley

Treasurer Cathy Elke

Lion Tamer Kyle Jensen

Scholarship Jim Weygand

Vision Lori and Chris Jerome

Publicity Kristy Mock

Membership Marvin Grimm and Tim Craig

Gaming Manager Deidre Peterson

Gaming Manager Assistant Kris Eklund

Board of Directors:

2nd Year Tim Craig, Heide Henry, Bill Buckingham

3rd Year Kris Eklund, Chris Jerome, Barb Swanson



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 premiere at the Chanhassen High School Theatre 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. Be sure to go and see this production? Questions? Contact the theatre at cvftmail@gmail.com



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 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.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church in Carver invites the community to a special "Worship in the Park" followed by a potluck picnic on Sunday, July 24. The worship service will begin at 10 am at Lions Park. If possible, please bring a dish to share and your own lawn chairs or blankets, plates, utensils, and drinks. Everyone is welcome at Trinity Lutheran Church where we seek to build relationships with Jesus Christ and one another. We look forward to welcoming you at this special event.

We hope that you would also join us for our usual summer worship service time of 9 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver.

See what is happening in our church on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver> or

watch recordings of our sermons online at trinitycarver.com. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jander anytime:

Phone: 952-448-3628

Email: office@trinitycarver.com



East Union Lutheran Church

The Towel Ministry at East Union partnering with ECC Love Inc needs towel helpers. Contact Ann Decker at adeckerchaska@gmail.com to see what exactly they need, how you can help. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving towels to the client's home. Training is offered too.



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 1st through the 5th for anyone looking for that information.

The church is also hosting the Bedding Ministry. Collecting XL Twin Sheets (neutral patterns and colors) and XL blankets for university bound foster kids. New, packaged items only. They request help sending the students off with fresh bedding for a fresh start. All donated are asked to be received prior to August 1st. Cash donations are also welcomed. You can contact Sybil Haas at libbysoo7@gmail.com

"A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others"

~ Ayn Rand

Summer Meals for Kids

Free pop-up food market this summer (June 21-September 1) open to all students and families.



Tuesdays 3-5 PM

Chanhassen Elementary

Wednesdays 4-6 PM

Chaska Middle School East

Thursdays 3-5 PM

Carver Public Utilities Building
117 Broadway North, Carver

YOU CAN HELP

Sign up to volunteer or
donate food or financially

eccc.mn/summermealvolunteer

A partnership between A Better Society, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, Carver County Public Health, and Eastern Carver County Schools

The Laws of Detachment:

- Allow others to be who they are.
- Allow yourself to be who you are.
- Don't force situations.
- Solutions will emerge.
- Uncertainty is reality.
- Embrace it.

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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 July 21st through Sunday, the 24th. August dates, a8th through the 21st.

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

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

Rebecca is busy creating new jewelry. Did you know she did that? Stop in at the Funky Dove and ask her about her skills and her products. She is also participating at the ArtsStock @ Parley Lake Vineyards in Waconia, July 9th and 10th.

Also, she wants you to come and see and know that the beaded hummingbirds are back. Well, actually the live ones are too but not at her shop. She has multiple colors for you too.

I can guarantee you; you won't be sorry if you stop in and check out her shop. She is quite a gem! Lots of luck at ArtStock.



Carver General

Remember Carver General in the old General Store or Carver Flowers most recently on Third Street? Two frugal friends, Ann and Brenda who are "seasoned veterans in the vintage/antiques business with a shop in a delightful old building in historic downtown Carver. We've worked hard to find great decor for your home and garden, at good prices. Look forward to seeing you!"

The Carver General is packed to the rafters with amazing, charming, random, cool, and unusual décor just calling your name. Stop by and check them out. You won't regret it. I bet you will also find that item you just had to have too, and you didn't even know you needed it.

Strive

Strive's posted her summer hours on Facebook. Due to timeframes of publications, it is not possible to keep up with fluctuating changes so be sure to check her Facebook page for updated times accordingly and posting relating daily highlights, specials, and news. Good job Trisha. Her summer hours were posted and they are and not set in stone as the 4th of July week has time changes. Summer hours posted Monday through Friday 6:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Saturday 8 AM to 11 AM. Where can you find her? Over by the Fire Station, chiropractor, daycare, and dental office on Dahlgren Road. Be sure to check her Facebook page for open times. July 4th she will be open from nine to noon.



Unofficial Upcoming Gossip

June has come and gone and now we are entering into July. We are going to blink, and it is going to be August. All kinds of things happen in August too, there's the Scott-Carver Thresher's Steam Show in Jordan, the Carver County Fair, the Renaissance begins, the state fair, those are things I can think of off the top of my head.

Eastern Carver County summer school has started. ValleyFair is running full steam. Canterbury is an option too, so is Mystic Lake. Can't forget WeFest either. That's all I have at the moment. Not much is it? Oh, there is the Flags and Honor MN Car Show coming to Chaska in August. We'll check into details more next issue. There's Touch a Truck and Art in the park too.

Chaska Park and Recreation will be hosting Art In the Park and CD Release Party in August, along with Beginning Stained Glass Class in August. More details in the upcoming issue.



Laugh when you can,
apologize when you should,
and let go of what you
can't change.
Life's too short to be
anything... but happy.
- Anonymous



Sometimes, silence can be more powerful

than proving a point and at other times speaking up
seems to be more effective than staying mum.

Maturity is all about knowing when to speak up
and when to remain quiet.

July Highlights

We start the month of July with Independence Day, the 4th of July. Many cities surrounding us have events going on. It's hard to choose which city you want to go to, which city to see the magnificent fireworks. There's Chaska, Chanhassen, Shakopee, Waconia, Excelsior, Victoria, Jordan, Belle Plaine, just to name a few. With computer access for many, you can check individually which has what you seek. Way too many to try to write about it, getting brain strain in this heat trying to decide what someone would like to hear about. So, letting you all check it out this year. Yea, I know cop out. Realistically though, too many of us have our favorites and already know where you are spending your day.

Moving right along, there are so many things going on around us, too many to even attempt to catch them all. So will try to do the highlighted annual events so many of us know about, love and attend. Coming up on the weekend of the 15th of July is Belle Plaine's BBQ Days. There is the Car Roll-in on Friday, Saturday's Parade with the theme, The 80's, music, beer garden, carnival rides, and fireworks the entire weekend starting July 15th through Sunday the 15th. Mark your calendars. Want more information, their website is www.belleplaine-festivals.org.



Unfortunately, that same weekend, Friday, and Saturday Chaska is also slated to present their Fire and Ice Festival on July 15th and 16th at the Chaska Fireman's Park. Their website lists all their activities, www.chaskamn.gov. They will have fireworks both nights at 10 PM.

Then there is Chanhassen's 9th Annual Penny Carnival scheduled for July 22nd starting at 2 PM until 4 PM. There you will find to explore a mini-midway with carnival games, bouncy house, face painting, treats and popcorn. What else do you need to get into the summer spirit? The event is at the Chanhassen Recreation Center on Coulter Boulevard in Chanhassen. Need more information? www.Ci.chanhassen.mn.us.

Over in Shakopee at Canterbury the Summer Jam concerts kicked off on Thursday, July 21st and have live music through Saturday, the 23rd. If you don't have tickets or need to know who is playing, you can go to the website for more information, www.tsummerjam.com. Memory serves me right; I believe Blake Shelton will be there. Wouldn't that be nice to see him? Shane Brown? Yea, I'm a country person.

Meanwhile, also over in Victoria on the 21st there is the Truck Rodeo where you can explore the big trucks and machinery. Their event starts at 6 PM until 8 PM at the Recreation Center on Kochia Lane. Then the following week in Victoria on Wednesday the 27th the Victoria Fire Department will bring the water for the Pop-Up Splash Pad event.

This event starts at 1 PM and is over at 2 PM. It's also at the Recreation Center.

From there you can head on over for the opening the Scott County Fair on Wednesday the 27th. The fair will be ongoing through Sunday. All the details, events, schedules, and other information be found on their website, ww.scottcountyfair.org.



Between running back and forth to Jordan, you might want to go over to Cologne and check out their city's event. That's right it's Cologne's 21st Annual Glad Days. All the information you want to know about can be found on their website, www.colognegladdays.com. Their event is July 21st through Sunday, the 31st.

Not to forget Chaska, starting Friday, July 29th through Sunday, the 31st is the 46th River City Days. They have a whole schedule of events going on too. There are vendors, entertainment, food, drinks, games, information booths and a medallion hunt. The goal of the volunteers is to showcase organizations and community. For more information on events and times, check out their website: www.rivercitydays.org.



"Have a big enough heart to love unconditionally, and a broad enough mind to embrace the differences that make each of us unique."
~D.B. Harrop



Community Highlights

July 2022

July 3 rd	Chamber Business Expo
July 4 th	4 th of July
July 5 th	Council Meeting
	Happy Birthday Doug!
	Happy Birthday Mitch!
July 6 th	Happy Birthday John!
	Happy Birthday Hunter!
July 8 th	Happy Anniversary Joe and Allina!
	Happy Birthday Dan!
July 9 th	Dahlgren Township Meeting
July 11 th	Business Alliance Meeting
July 12 th	Happy Birthday Maria!
	Happy Birthday David!
July 13 th	Happy Birthday Paul!
July 14 th	Fire and Ice Festival
July 15 th	Happy Birthday Krissy!
	Happy Birthday Doug!
July 17 th	Council Meeting
July 18 th	School Board Meeting
July 19 th	Planning Commission
July 21 st	Occasional Shop Weekend
	Happy Birthday Becky!
July 22 nd	Happy Anniversary Doug and Aletta!
July 23 rd	Happy Birthday Charity!
July 24 th	Happy Birthday Janelle!
July 25 th	Happy Birthday Marvin!
	Happy Birthday Kallie!
	Happy Birthday Bonnie!
July 26 th	Happy Anniversary Tony and Jane!
July 27 th	River City Days
July 29 th	Happy Anniversary Dan and Carol!

Respecting Others

"When more love and less hate becomes your mantra, it will put you on a path to respecting diversity, accepting others, being a light, and making a real difference in our society." ~Germany Kent

"The origin of great leadership begins with the respect of the commander for his subordinates." ~John Schofield

"You can believe what you like, but you must learn to be tolerant." "What does that mean?" asked the child sullenly.

"That means respecting other people's convictions."

What are convictions?" Sophia screamed and stamped her foot.

"Letting others believe what they want to believe!" her grandmother shouted back. ~Tove Jansson

"...Signs of the purest form of human love: the love that has nothing to do with emotion or affection; the love that say we will treat each other kindly and respectfully, regardless of how we happen to feel about each other, because we know that's the only way a human community can thrive." ~Hugh Mackay

"An inclusive world starts with each of us choosing to respect perspectives other than our own, treating everyone with respect and choosing to stand up for others who need our support. More than anything else, this is what going beyond diversity truly means." ~Rohit Bhargava

"Disrespect prevents love from growing."

~Anoir Ou-Chad



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A photograph of the exterior of The Carver Creamery, a two-story brick building with green window frames and a green door. An American flag is flying on a pole to the right of the entrance.

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A black and white photograph of a plumber using a wrench to work on a pipe.

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The Arts Consortium of Carver County is proud to be celebrating the 11th Annual ArtStock: Art, Wine & Music Festival on July 9th & 10th, 2022! Enjoy the Art, fine wine, live music, and the picturesque scenery of Parley Lake Winery and Deardorff Orchards in Waconia, MN! The festival runs from 11 AM - 5 PM on July 9th & 10th.

ArtStock attracts over 1,200 guests each day! Art-Lovers come from throughout the Twin Cities area and beyond for the opportunity to purchase great art, listen to live music, taste & purchase award-winning wines and a variety of foods from metro-area food trucks. We are featuring art from over 50 local artists and vendors.

Do not miss this event – voted the best festival in the southwest Twin Cities!

The Arts Consortium of Carver County welcomes all artists and festival-goers to the 2022 ArtStock: Art, Wine & Music Festival which includes an assortment of exciting new artists, as well as old favorites, representing diverse media such as photography, sculpture, wearable arts, glass, fibers, painting, and more... there is truly something for everyone!

For more information visit our website: artsofcarvercounty.org/artstock

Who: The Arts Consortium of Carver County and Parley Lake Winery are teaming up again for the 11th Annual ArtStock: Art, Wine & Music Festival on July 9th & 10th, 2022. This festival is selling pieces and artwork from over 50 local vendors. And will be featuring over 10 local bands and singer-songwriters throughout the event.

When and Where: The event will be held at Parley Lake Winery in Waconia MN. 8350 Parley Lake Rd. Waconia, Minnesota. 11 AM- 5 PM on July 9th & 10th, 2022.

