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Daylight Savings

Remember this weekend daylight savings ends Sunday morning at 2 AM on November 6th. Most devices automatically change time but for all those items that don't or for some of us still in the past, we need to set those devices back one hour and we gain an hour in our lives again.....tsk, tsk. "The devil made me do it." Smile, we only live once and need all the help we can get!

Go Vote

Remember too, exercise your rights as an American citizen and go vote. City of Carver residents vote at City Hall, 316 Broadway, if memory serves me right, believe polls are open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM. Dahlgren Township residents vote at the Parish Hall at the East Union Church, 15180 County Road #40. Let your voice be heard no matter who you support. It really does count.

Water Treatment Facility - Ribbon Cutting

The city council of the City of Carver held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Water Treatment Facility on Mount Hope Road in Carver.

The event was held on October 3rd at the Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project attended by the mayor and council members, along with city staff and community members.

Courtney Johnson

Greetings-

It's been a few months since I used this newsletter article to share a wide variety of Carver updates, so here goes, in no particular order!

6th Street West - Progress continues on the 6th Street West Improvement Project. A large portion of the road was paved last month. The remaining work will wrap up and 6th Street will reopen before Thanksgiving. Next spring, the remaining

landscaping and final layer of pavement will be completed.

Historic Preservation Award - Last month I was honored to accompany members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) as they awarded the 2022 HPC Awards. The recipients were Trinity Lutheran Church (417 Oak), which added a significant addition in 2017 which seamlessly blends in with the historic church, and Gregg and Meg Witt (420 Broadway) for the renovation of their home which they transformed from a dilapidated property to a beautifully remodeled home.

Water Treatment Facility Expansion - After 21 months of construction, last month the ribbon was cut on the \$12M expansion of Carver's Water Treatment Facility. Now the City of Carver has the capacity to treat 2.7 million gallons of water a day, more than double our previous capacity of 1.2 million gallons of water a day.

Truth in Taxation Statements - New in 2022, the State of Minnesota is requiring cities, school districts and counties to share levy and budget information in specific categories for the current and previous years. This Supplemental Budget Information document will be included as a second page to your 2023 Truth in Taxation statement, which is sent by Carver County and will arrive in the mail later this month. While this information will provide a greater transparency about all three entities' budgets, the way the information is presented may be confusing. If you have any questions on the City of Carver's portion of the Supplemental Budget Information, please give us a call at 952-448-5353.

Ironwood Park Expansion - The new 3.5-acre expansion of Ironwood Park is starting to take shape. The site has been graded, trails are placed, utility work is complete, the concrete for the new skate park has been poured and the aggregate base for the parking lot is in place. Construction will continue throughout the winter and will wrap up next spring!

As always, if you have questions or comments about any of the items listed above or any other topic, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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House of Representative District 17B

Voting related, Candidate Bobbie Harder for the MN House of Representative District 17B attended and introduced herself to the city council. The newly created District 17B in the MN House of Representatives consists of the majority of Sibley County, easter section of McLeod County, and the western part of Carver County. She told the council that she is looking forward to working with the city.

"They are scared of women like you.

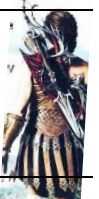
Women with hearts big enough to house suitcases full of pain.

Women with laughs so therapeutic they can heal wounds.

Women with passion fierce enough to start wildfires.

They are scared of what they can't tam or understand."

~ Billy Chopata



Enterprise Fund

The Finance Director discussed the 2023 Enterprise Fund Budgets and reviewed the facts that the city maintains a long-term financial plan identifying the financial impact of factors affecting the tax rates, utility rates and the city's abilities to invest in capital improvements. The importance of updating the plan annually is for the purpose of adding additional year's data to keep accurate data for rates and revenue changes. The current draft reveals that funds are operating adequately with growth estimations calculated. The council will consider adoption of the Long-Term Financial Plan for the annual process. A workshop will be scheduled relating to the topic of Fee Schedule to include utility rates and connection fees.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the 2023-2027 Long-Term Financial Plan.

The direction also discussed with the council the summary budget statement explaining that the State of MN has now required cities, school districts and counties to provide current and previous years' levy and budget information for the public. The statement would be consolidated to display entities' information on a single sheet. The new document would be forwarded with the Truth in Taxations statement. The summary budget data inclusions were reviewed.

Employee Service Recognition

The Mayor presented the 5 Years of Service Recognition for two firefighters for their service to the City of Carver. They are Firefighters, Matthew McCoy and Nathan Dingler. Thanks and congratulations guys!

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

The city held a Public Hearing regarding the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program required annually. One item questioned involved tree and shrub removal to storm water ponds. In some areas they are outlots and in other areas private property with drainage and utility easements. Question was also asked regarding dredging of ponds.

If sediment were found then that would be the logical step. There were no public comments heard at the Public Hearing on the topic.

Miscellaneous

The issue of approving the Department of Commerce's Energy Assistance Program between the City and the SCD Cap Agency for the Water Assistance Program required that the mayor recuse from voting due to the fact that she is on the board at the SCD Cap Agency.

The city discussed with the Community Development Director the topic pertaining to the donation of real property of two parcels to the city. The two parcels are adjacent to city owned property and are remnant pieces without improvements and are unbuildable. The said property abuts public streets requiring reconstruction in the future which also could be utilized as right-of-way's depending on the scale of the reconstruction projects.

The Mayor conducted interviews for Biz Town at Carver Elementary. BizTown is a Junior Achievement program. The students learn about and interview for jobs in their communities.

The City Manager informed the council that the Carver Fire Relief Association has expressed interest in joining PERA.

2023 Preliminary Levy

The Finance Director provided information regarding the 2023 Preliminary Levy. Question was asked where franchise fees would be revealed on a utility bill if the city were to have one. The council discussed several minute items. Statement was made about difficulty finding information on other city's websites. It was the opinion of the mayor that Carver's website was not as difficult to find the required information. The Finance Director is attempting to draft additional documentation so that levy and budget information is easier to understand and posted when complete. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2023 Preliminary Tax Levy for said amount.

I have three sides:

The quite side

The Fun and Crazy side

The side you never want to see



Certificate of Appropriateness Appeal

The city manager provided the council with information relating to the issue of the Certificate of Appropriateness Appeal for window replacement at residence. The council accepted her request to put new windows in the property even though they did not conform to the Historic Preservation Guidelines. The windows do not open which is a fire hazard. Discussion was held emphasizing the importance of window and door alterations. The issue was more visual than structural. The window of appeal had expired and the specific application was resubmitted. The Heritage Preservation Commission denied the application both times. The city manager expressed that the photo of the home was too old and did not provide a true picture of the historical photo. Windows are expensive to replace. The material of the windows were the issue. There was a lengthy discussion regarding following guidelines for consistency throughout the historic district. Question had been asked how many windows had been altered in the past which seemed to be the case in the back of the house. Overall, agreement was reached with the Commission's decision to uphold the guidelines but requested leniency on the backside. Doing such would set a precedent. The city manager clarified that each home has its own story. The look of the windows in each home replaced over the course of time maybe different, but the material is the most important. The council was required to be fully aware of their decision setting a precedent for future applications. The city attorney pointed out that for all intensive purposes the council agreed with upholding the commission decision, therefore should reference the requirements on design guidelines. Those guidelines would be incorporated into the resolution to be drafted and brought back before the council for approval. The contractor announced the need for decisions to be made that are uniform, and if they allow different windows on the back of the house which is not the case; consideration must also be considered of the additional cost to the homeowners. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to create a resolution upholding the Heritage Preservation Commissions decision of denial of the Certificate of Appropriateness for said property.

2022 Infrastructure Project

The City Engineer discussed the 2022 Infrastructure project with the council and the bid award. There was a question about why the two bids received varied so drastically causing apprehension. The engineer was not sure why they were so far apart but there could be several reasons. Further stating that Killmer Electric was a reputable contractor. The thought process led to assumptions of lots of change orders which would increase costs. The city engineer pointed out that the scope of the project was well defined and did not anticipate many change orders. A five percent contingency plan was incorporated into the bid. Question was asked if this overage could cause other items to be delayed in the long-term plan. The finance director clarified it would not affect other items. Clarification was requested regarding the ARPA funds pertaining to limitations and restrictions. The attorney was of the opinion that the contract needs to be in place by the end of 2024 and the work would be required to be completed within a year or two. Question was asked about Sanitary Sewer fund money and depleting other projects. It was not believed that this would occur as documented in the long-term plan. Question was then asked effect on long term plan and priorities. The Finance Director clarified as similar to adding a piece of equipment. If the project were awarded at present what would the work timeline be was asked. Fall was estimated to be the start to begin. Projects would be analyzed by priority with adjustments were discussed. The ending date for this project is projected to be December of 2023. Concerns were voiced about waiting on this project. The manager inquired for clarification on estimate preparation. The response was the June/July timeframe. The city manager pointed out that if the council prioritizes one over the other, the one not prioritized could potentially be the one that fails. Public Services has portable generators and resources for temporary fails. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding a contract to Killmer Electric Company for the 2022 Infrastructure improvements project.

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2023 Prosecution Contract

The Joint Powers Agreement is with the county and is between the City of Carver, County Attorney, the Carver County Board of Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, and the City of Carver, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, to provide for prosecution of statutory gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanors violations, other than liquor law violations directly involving establishments, organizations or individuals with liquor licenses or permits issued by the City of Carver and also to provide for prosecution of municipal traffic and parking ordinance violations.

Carver County Attorney's Office Mark Metz, Carver County Attorney Carver County Attorney Metz provided an overview of the Prosecution Agreement, Veteran's Court, Drug Court, Opioid Settlement, and other trends happening in Carver County.

Certification of Delinquent Bills

The Finance Director discussed scheduling a Public Hearing for the Certification of Delinquent Bills. A Public Hearing would take public comments for the proposed resolution certifying to the county auditor for collection with property taxes all delinquent utility bills or city services bills for costs provided for public nuisance abatements. Recognizing the financial impact on residents and businesses related to COVID-19. This process suspended disconnection activities related to delinquent utility accounts starting in April of 2020. The city then moved to a certification process for these delinquent utility bills, which is still in place. Certification of unpaid utility bills allows the city to save time and resources, along with avoiding amplified customer conflict associated with shutting off services on delinquent accounts. Throughout the year attempts are made to collect. A Public Hearing is required by law. These assessments are certified to the County Auditor for payment with the 2023 property taxes.

Municipal Utilities

The City Manager discussed the Connection Charges Ordinance regarding municipal utilities. The council would be required to adopt the ordinance amending the city code regarding the municipal utilities' connection charges. The staff had been directed to research the methodologies utilized to determine local fees from the Metropolitan Council Environment Services. The city uses the sewer available charge as determined by the MCES to determine connection charges. The determination is consistent with other metro cities. The proposed ordinance amendment provides alignment of the city's policy position for outdoor dining areas. Special assessment term amended by removing restrictions that limit the city's decision-making authority.

Mizzy's Pizza

The Community Development Director discussed the Assessment Agreement with Mizzy's Pizza. Mizzy's Pizza requested a special assessment for the municipal utility's connection fees. Typically, the city collects fees prior to releasing a building permit. An assessment agreement would allow the business to pay for their connection fees over a ten-year period. Agreement would be filed with the county and run with the property. The city has done this in the past. The agreement was prepared by the attorney.

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. November 18th is the next scheduled meeting.

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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Edith-Anne Award

Just a reminder what this award means and is for from the city's website:

"In July 2015, the Carver City Council voted unanimously to approve the Edith-Anne Award for Property Excellence, an award designed to recognize Carver residents that go above and beyond to maintain their property. The award honors the work of Edith Herman and Anne Neils, who were both instrumental in the creation of Carver-on-the-Minnesota's vision in the 1960s. Carver-on-the-Minnesota's mission was to stop the wasteful deterioration of a typical 19th Century river town.

This mission was put into action through the purchase and renovation of key properties in town. Some of these buildings, like the gazebo and the "Church by the River," were eventually donated to the City. Their efforts to restore and preserve many of Carver's historic buildings helped the town recover from economic despair and would eventually lead to Carver's placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980."

With that being said, the mayor, Courtney Johnson attended the Edith-Anne Award presentation that went to Sandi and Tom Twining for their hard work and wonderful display at 200 Third Street West. Congratulations!



South West Transit

You heard about Southwest's newest offer right?

Called SW Perks, it's a rewards program. Riders earn points for riding their express service, along with SW Prime. Earn points faster too, sing their Go-To cards. You connect your Go-To Card, MetroPass, College Pass or U-Pass to your account and receive points every time you use it for your ride. Rewards SW Transit offers through SW Perks are gift cards ranging from \$10 to \$150. SW Perks began this program October 24th and you only need a phone number linked to your perks account to gain points. The points will show up in your account at the beginning of each week on Monday. See their website, if you have access to a computer for more information, www.swtransit.org.

SouthWest Transit is still offering rides to the MN Gophers Express for Home Games but remember ends November 19th. Return times are twenty minutes after the end of the game and you will board where the bus dropped you off. You can use the service from the Chaska East Creek Station, or SW Village Station in Chanhassen or even Eden Prairie SW Station. See the website for times and more details.



Then there is also the MN Vikings Express service from the same stations listed above to catch a ride to the games. That service for December 18th. There will not be any service on Thursday, November 24th on Thanksgiving Day against the Patriots team or on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th against the Giants team. Again, after the game, board where the bus dropped off and the return time is twenty minutes after end of game. Check their website for more information.

Then there are all their other services offered that can benefit you too.



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Carver Lions

Your local Lions are busy with new projects and community needs. The Lions never stop volunteering or thinking about others, you know. Their meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the City Hall. Their latest preoccupation is the upcoming brunch to be held on Sunday, November 13th. Doors open at 9 AM, closing at 1 PM. Servings to include French Toast, Pancakes, Bacon and Sausage, Omelet Bar, Hash Browns, Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy and more! Flyer at the end of the newsletter. They are also making preparations for the Carver Village Christmas Event and not to forget the Senior Luncheon also in the works and scheduled to happen on December 14th at the Village Hall. Do you think the Lions members are afflicted with ADHD? Thanks to each and every Lion for their unending stream of energy and support of the fine city and its residents. They are like the Energizer Bunny that doesn't stop huh?



Carver Minnesota Lions Club
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Kim Whaley

October 23 at 5:56 PM · 🌐

It was a great day for the event I'm the chair on. Trunk & Treats we estimate we had 500 kids this year! So much fun! #carverlions

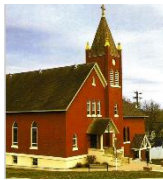
Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by Michelle:

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to our Thanksgiving worship service, held on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 23, 2022) at 7 PM.

We also welcome you to attend our weekly 10 AM. Sunday services. We believe that the church is not a building; rather, it's people joined together by God through faith. Our vision and prayer are to see our town awakened to and transformed by the love of Jesus.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver, MN 55315 - Worship Service - 10 AM - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class - 8:45 AM - Office: 952.448.3628 - Email: office@trinitycarver.com - Website: www.trinitycarver.com - Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver



Dahlgren Township

Dahlgren Board member Modeen resigned his seat on the board. The township board formed a committee to canvass for potential candidates to fill the vacancy. Gentleman was contacted requesting to fill the supervisor vacancy and he accepted. Welcome to the

Dahlgren Board, Keith Kooiman who will serve his term to the end of 2024. The position will be placed on the 2024 ballot.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is preparing for the December presentation and performances of the Elf, The Musical. They will have their opening production on December 2nd through December 11th and tickets are available on their website, www.cvft.org.



Auditions were held for their spring 2023 presentation of Big Fish. Coming in the summer of 2023 is Matilda.

Severs' Holiday Lights

Is it a good or bad sign that the Severs' Fall Festival has come to an end and the holiday lights performance replaces the corn maze? Here we are 2022 almost history and gone and venturing into the year-end holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, not to mention the New Year! Where did it go huh? That's right once again the Severs' property will be all lit up with over 250,000 plus lights to create a magical display for the 'ooh's and aaah's' of those who are uplifted to watch the twinkling, sparkling and mesmerizing little, big and tiny bulbs.

You can get tickets on line at www.seversfestivals.com.

"Holiday light display dances in time to the best songs of the season, and with festive food and drink vendors. It's pretty much guaranteed to be merry." They invite you to "pile into the car - this is one show everyone will want to see."

Opening day November 24th and runs through January 1st.



MN Landscape Arboretum

Don't forget the Winter Lights over at the MN Landscape Arboretum.

Everyone is invited to stroll through the Arboretum gardens starting November 17th and running through January 1st.

"Gardens decked out in Winter Lights. Enjoy fresh air as you explore outdoor light displays, highlighting flowers, trees and the beauty of nature on a .75-mile walking route. See the new sixteen-foot weeping willow tree and walk through the giant apple, which pays tribute to our Horticultural Research Center's apple research. Stop by S'mores village to warm up near a fire and buy s'mores kits to roast marshmallows."

What a good way to impress that someone special how much they mean to your idea? Or show that partner that you do pay attention to what they like and you don't. Or how about just because I knew you wanted to see thought process. Go on, buy those tickets and prepare for a special bonus with the one you love so much.

Then you can also visit the "Oswald Visitor Center and Snyder Building which will also be decorated for the season. We're delighted to announce the return of our twenty-five-foot Poinsettia Tree, created using more than five hundred red, white and pink poinsettias. You might also hear holiday tunes from local performers from our live Music Series, offered on select nights."

There are also special theme nights available along with photographers. Hey there will also be date nights for adults and a New Year's Eve celebration for all ages. Not too soon to start planning before everyone is all full and reservations are full.

Go on, risk it. One never knows what bonus or rewards you will achieve thinking about someone else other than yourself? Call and get your tickets.



"Sometimes the strongest amongst us are the ones who smile through silent pain, cry behind closed doors and fight battles nobody knows about."

~ Althea Romig

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, November dates are the 17th through the 20th. Looking for that one of a kind special Christmas gift for that special person, heads up, shop dates for December will be December 8th thru the 11th. The perfect place to find that perfect gift, remember. Can't be duplicated from anywhere else. And you are about to start your Christmas shopping, right?

The perfect spot 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





Funky Dove

Rebecca said, "I'm just running like crazy getting Xmas and an event at Schram Vineyard's. Getting ready for Xmas & running around like ten elves in one body!

I'm shopping for people who are shopping for other people who have no idea what they want?!!!"s that.

Meanwhile back at the shop the elves there are getting the shop ready for the Christmas shoppers.

Here's an idea for you just like you see in the picture, right sown to the gems on the fingers: Black knit fingerless gloves with thumb holes & gemstone rings.

Those are just a few of the new things Rebecca has added to the shop over the weekend! She is busy stocking up and putting out all kinds of treasures for you holiday shoppers looking for that one of a kind and a good deal. Also, remember, sometimes she has a lot of somethings and sometimes only one of its kind. Be sure to stop and check it out. And over at the Carver General

Carver General

Brenda and Ann continue to celebrate their beautiful autumn days in their shop at 109 Third Street East in Carver. You can't miss it! Across the street from Gazebo Park, next door to the Good Junk Garage and down the street from the Hair Salon. You know where it is, right?

They would also like to remind you that their holiday season begins with a special treat and a special sale which begins Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th.

Get over there quick. You don't want to miss that opportunity. Hurry before someone else buys your treasure before you can.



2022 Heritage Preservation Award

The Heritage Preservation Commission recently presented the 2022 *Heritage Preservation Award* to two property owners who have made efforts to preserve or restore the exterior of their properties located within the Carver Historic District.

Congratulations to the 2022 recipients:

* Gregg and Meg Witt (420 Broadway); and

* The members of Trinity Lutheran Church (417 Oak Street).

Thank you for your work and commitment to historic downtown Carver!



November 8	General Election 2022 – Tuesday, November 8 Polls Open: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Precinct Location: City Hall – 316 Broadway Video of the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum for City offices can be found on the City's website at cityofcarver.com under "Watch City Meetings & View Agendas & Packets" at the bottom of the home page.	
November 10	Coffee, Cards & Conversation – Second Thursdays of the month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, and March 9 Free drop-in event at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Get to know your neighbors: Play cards, share conversations, and enjoy refreshments. Stop in for a fun afternoon! Sponsored by the City of Carver, Chaska Parks and Recreation, and Carver Ridge Senior Living	
November 13	Carver Lions Sunday Brunch – Sunday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway French toast, pancakes, bacon, sausage, omelets bar, hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and more! Adults: \$15, Ages 6-12: \$10, Under 6: Free Veterans and First Responders: Free	
November 17	The Singing Cowgirl – Thursday, November 17, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. FREE! Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Sponsored by the City of Carver, Chaska Parks and Recreation, and Carver Ridge Senior Living	
November 21	Tot Time Art in Carver – 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays: November 21, and December 5 Free drop-in event for toddlers at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway	

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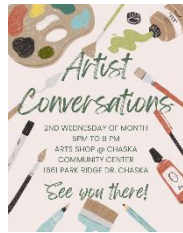
Tickets are on sale for the Brueske's Holiday Concert. Need to purchase them by November 18th. Their performance will be December 17th at the Chaska Community Center Theatre at 4 PM. They are renowned professional singers, Jeff Brueske and his sister, Tara. Their December concert will be a night of Christmas classics.

Be sure to register for the Annual ACCC Members Show. The exhibition will feature the very best artwork of any medium, any style or theme made by Carver County Arts Consortium members. This is their opportunity to showcase the work by everyone. The visual art items for this show must be for sale, books and music CDs referencing their work in the gallery will be for sale in the gift shop. Registration is due by 9:30 PM on November 10th. So hurry, if you are interested in participating in this event. For more information go to their website. The exhibit days are November 16th through December 31st. There will be an Artists' Reception on December 1st at the Gallery from 6³⁰ PM to 8:30 PM.

The Arts Consortium is introducing a new idea to create community with artists! They will be hosting Artist Conversations, a monthly gathering of artists to share and discuss their art together. Any artistic medium is welcome. Bring your writing to share or to get inspiration; show and tell your latest creations, work on your art with the others, share marketing strategies or just share and show opportunities. The ultimate goal is to Build Community. These gatherings will be held every second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM until 8 PM at the Arts Consortium Gift Shop. You are also invited to bring noshes (nutrition) to share, if you are able. The next Artist Conversation is scheduled for November 9th.

Don't forget to register for the Arts Consortium Holiday Gift Show. They are preparing for their annual Holiday Show where they transform the store into a Winter Wonderland. This is a show that runs in their retail store alongside its Member's Show exhibition in the gallery. All made by Arts Consortium artists. They do however ask that you limit your items because there are many artists and limited store space. Show dates are November 4th through December 31st. There will be a Show Reception on December 1st from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at the Arts Consortium Art Store.

The Arts Consortium is also happy to announce the Human Rights Commission Logo Competition affiliated with the City of Chaska. They are requesting submissions of logo design reflecting the goals of the organization. This competition opened October 1st and runs through November 30th. Artwork must be original. The final selection and award will be made December 22nd. Submissions will become the property of the Rights Commission and the City of Chaska. The logo design preferred will reflect the mission of the Human Rights Commission, promotes inclusion and tolerances, serves as a bridge between the community and the city, embraces



and cultivates cultural diversity, builds partnerships and is welcoming. Requirements can be found on the website of the Arts Consortium. This is not full information disclosed in this article so be sure to check their website for all the information. www.artconsortium.org

As for Literary information, starting in November writers through the country are celebrating "NaNoWriMo" which is short for National Novel Writing Month. This is an annual adventure for writers on all levels to challenge themselves by writing fifty thousand words in thirty days. Interested in learning more? Then check out www.nanowrimo.org and register your material. There are also options in Carver County. See the Arts Consortium newsletter for more information.

There is a Waconia Writers Group meeting every Monday in November at 6:30 PM until 8 PM at the Waconia Library. For more information, contact Jen Anderson. Starting November 7th at the Chanhassen Library they will be hosting the NaNoWriMo meetups at 3:30 PM until 5:30 PM in the Longfellow Room at the library. For more information on this go to www.carverlib.org and go to the Events and Registration tab.

The Arts Consortium is honoring with a Special Spotlight on the Waconia Writers Group. "We are writers of all genres and experience continually learning from each other as we grow as writers. We have members who are just beginning their writing journeys, and members who are actively pursuing publication.... and everyone in between! Our tools range from notebooks, to laptops, to cocktail napkins, to our ability to tell a story from memory. WWG MISSION: To offer an open and encouraging environment in which to share, read, discuss and celebrate our work. WWG VALUES: We are serious about our work but don't take ourselves too seriously. We're respectful, curious, supportive and – most of all – have fun with our writing.

Community Highlights

November 1 st	Happy Birthday Judy!
November 2 nd	Lions Meeting
November 3 rd	Happy Birthday Deb!
November 4 th	No School
November 5 th	Happy Anniversary Russel and Jacque!
November 6 th	Daylight Savings Ends
November 7 th	Council Meeting
November 8 th	Election Day
	Meet and Greet
November 11 th	Veterans Day
November 13 th	Carver Lions Brunch

November 2022



November 14th Dahlgren Township Board Meeting

November 15th School Board Meeting

November 16th Happy Birthday Bob!

November 17th Heritage Preservation Meeting

Lions Meeting

Planning Commission Meeting

Occasional Shops Weekend Sales

Holiday Lights Begins

November 18th Carver Business Alliance Meeting

Happy Birthday Zac!

November 21st Council Meeting

November 22nd Happy Birthday Tim!

Happy Birthday Allyson!

Happy Birthday Marvin!

November 23rd through November 28th – Thanksgiving Break

No School

November 23rd Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren!

November 24th Thanksgiving Day

Severs Fall Holiday Lights Opens

November 25th Happy Birthday Doug!

November 28th Happy Birthday Rachel!

Happy Birthday Michael!

November 29th Happy Birthday Ken!

November 30th Happy Birthday Taylor!



Sixth Annual Carver Tree Lighting Celebration

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Grab the kids, jacket, keys and head on down to downtown Carver at Gazebo Park. This will be the sixth year that the Carver-on-the-Minnesota members host the event of the tree lighting at the Gazebo. Great opportunity to see friends, meet new friends, meet the people who organize the event and see our very own tree quaint, simple, but delightful tree lighting. At 4 PM the gathering is expected to begin and have a cup of coffee or cocoa. There will be a woodfire to have S'mores. Lights on the tree will be lit at 5:45 PM.

"When setting out on a journey do not seek advice from those who have never left home." ~ Rumi

Pumpkins

I know it's a little late, but have you ever wondered or even questioned why we carve pumpkins? Who cares huh? Guess some of those who question and are thinkers are the types of people who would pursue answers to such a question, wouldn't you say?

So for those who aren't interested in the answer will just skip the article. For some others they will read it out of curiosity and then there are the people who would want to know why.

Searching the internet which sometimes is a wonderful thing, other times not so much. Used to be when this author grew up, you had to go find an encyclopedia, Britannica, or go to the library or ask your elders for that answer. You didn't ask your friends because they would make fun of you for asking such stupid questions.

For those of you who are interested, this is what I found from Britannica and a site called Country Living. Pumpkins once carved are often referred to as 'jack-o'-lanterns with a history of being associated with Halloween. Pumpkins were not always used though. Turnips were used in folklore.

The origin is an Irish myth about a man named Stingy Jack. Seems Stingy Jack attempted to trick the devil for his own monetary purposes. When Stingy Jack did, God didn't allow him into heaven nor would the Devil allow him to enter Hell. Stingy Jack was doomed to roam the earth for eternity. Legend in Ireland has it that people began carving demonic faces out of turnips to frighten Stingy Jack's wandering soul away. When Irish Immigrants immigrated to the United States, it was said that they began carving pumpkins instead.

So you may ask, how did jack-o'-lanterns become associated with Halloween? "Halloween is based on the Celtic festival [Samhain](#), a celebration in ancient Britain and Ireland that marked the end of summer and the beginning of the new year on November 1. It was believed that during Samhain the souls of those who had died that year traveled to the otherworld and that other souls would return to visit their homes. In the 8th century CE, the Roman Catholic Church moved [All Saints' Day](#), a day celebrating the church's saints, to November 1. This meant that All Hallows' Eve (or Halloween) fell on October 31. Traditions from Samhain remained, such as wearing disguises to hide yourself from the souls wandering around your home. The folklore about Stingy Jack was quickly incorporated into Halloween, and we've been carving pumpkins ever since."

So taking it one step further and you might ask how or what did Stingy Jack do to end up in this demise? Irish folklore has said that Stingy Jack had a fondness for playing tricks on the Devil. It was said that Stingy Jack invited the Devil for a drink, living up to his nickname, refused to pay, persuaded the Devil into turning himself into a sixpence. Instead of using the coin, Stingy Jack put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, preventing the Devil from changing back into his original form. Eventually Stingy Jack released the Devil with the provision that the Devil didn't come after him for a year. When each encountered one another again, Stingy Jack persuaded the Devil to climb a tree and pick an apple. While the Devil was up in the tree, Stingy Jack trapped him, carving a sign of the cross in its bark and forced the Devil to leave Stingy Jack alone for ten years and not to claim his soul when he died. Cliché that comes to mind here, "Sold your soul to the Devil" but doesn't really apply because he said he couldn't claim it and hence the forcing Stingy Jack admittance from Hell.



Hence, upon Stingy Jack's death and the refusal of entry into Heaven or Hell. Stingy Jack condemned to spend his afterlife roaming the world. To light his way, Stingy Jack carried a lantern carved from a turnip (pumpkin) with a red-hot ember burning inside, a gift from Hell from the Devil. Fitting huh? This ghostly light was seen as superstitious.

"For several centuries the Irish hollowed out turnips or mangelwurzels and carved scary faces into the external flesh. A candle was inserted into the hollowed vegetable, which, when lit, accentuated the ghoulish features of their creation. They were either placed in windows or carried as the revilers went out souling to frighten the unwary and to ward off evil spirits. There were even competitions."

"Halloween with its ghoulish costumes, trick-or-treating, and pumpkin lanterns might strike some as being an American cultural import, but it has been with us for centuries, just in different forms."

At the risk of getting into trouble and to pen the famous, "Paul Harvey", yes showing my age and I dare you, look him up. There you have it, Paul Harvey's words, "Now you have,..the rest of the story."



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

A note from a Mother

I gave birth to you, but you came with no instructions. All I knew was that I loved you long before I saw you. I know I made some mistakes and for that, I am sorry, but I was doing the best I could with what I knew. Everything I did for you, I did from love. You are my child, my life, my dreams for tomorrow. I will always LOVE you and there is nothing that could ever destroy my love for you.

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Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 13

Carver City Hall, 316 Broadway

9:00am - 1:00pm



Vets & First Responders Free

Adult \$15 Ages 6-12 \$10 5 & Under Free



Carver Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 26

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Downtown Gazebo Park

Lighting of the tree at 5:45pm

Sip hot chocolate and cider.

Roast s'mores over the bonfire.

Sponsored by: The Carver on the Minnesota





Carver Village Christmas

Carver Village Hall

Downtown Carver

Saturday, December 3, 2022

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Santa arrives by fire truck at 1:30pm

Treats, Crafts, & Coloring Contest

Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa.

We request that you please wear a **mask**.

The Fire Department will have smoke alarm information,
and are giving away FREE batteries for your smoke detector!

*Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation.

Sponsored by the Carver Lions & the Carver Fire Department