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*In Loving Memory of Wally Beutow and Eugene Miller*

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*Daylight Savings - 2023*

Every year we hear the same old thing over and over. People complain about changing the clocks and you only hear politicians talking about it when it happens when we “spring forward” and “fall back” in fall. This author thought I read something about it, so did some checking. Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, once again daylight savings begins so 2023.

First the question was will daylight saving time be permanent in 2023? The answer found was the US Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Act making Daylight Saving Time permanent, called the Sunshine Act. Wait a minute. Not so fast.

According to reporter William Bornhoft, “MINNESOTA — It looked hopeful earlier this year that Sunday, Nov. 6, would roll around, and Minnesota residents would finally be done with the twice-a-year clock changing that goes with the switch back and forth between standard and daylight-saving time.”

He went on to further write that state legislatures have been kicking this issue back and forth for years. That there has been at least three-hundred-fifty bills since 2015 introduced in almost every state regarding this issue. Minnesota is one of the nineteen states that enacted legislation to provide for year-round daylight-savings time, if and when Congress votes to allow said change. Congress needs to approve changes. The US Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act earlier in 2022. The present standing is that it would take effect in November of 2023 if it passes in the House and the president signs it. His article goes on, “No action has been taken on the House version of the legislation to make daylight saving time permanent, and it’s unlikely to until lawmakers can come to an agreement on a fundamental question: Which should it be, year-round daylight saving time, as the Senate version stipulates, or year-round standard time, which some lawmakers in rural states prefer?”

There was more to the article and this editor chose to not go into all those details. Google Daylight-savings and read all the different articles on the topic. I just personally become annoyed when it is only relevant when it occurs, other times it is forgotten. We only hear all this when the time comes to change the clocks. Why does it matter to anyone?

Health issues usually are the people affected the most with this jockeying of time. I’m sure there are other factors, but it is the topic of conversation, again, now that we are approaching the time to turn the clocks ahead one hour on March 12<sup>th</sup> of 2023. Just thought it appropriate to share. Skip reading this if you are not the least bit interested.

*Courtney’s Message to Carver:*

Later this month we’ll celebrate the first day of spring, but before then we’ll no doubt get even more snow. Spring can’t come soon enough as far as I’m concerned. While we’re all waiting for spring to get here, I’ve got a few updates to share.

**Community Gardens** – Registration for Carver’s Community Gardens is now open. We have both 4’ x 8’ beds and 4’ x 4’ accessible raised planter boxes. Both options are available to rent for the summer season for \$20 plus a \$20 refundable deposit.

**Creekside Park Concept Plan** – Council was presented with a revised concept for the future Creekside Park, which is located at the intersection of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Main Street West on the site of the former wastewater treatment plant. If we’re successful getting this grant the first phase of the park will be financed with the grant money, along with Park Dedication funds, which are primarily paid by new developers when they build in Carver.

**New business** – Next Steps Learning Center, child care facility opened at 1730 Monroe Drive, west of Kwik Trip.

**Public Services and Fire Department Building Project** – Space studies were conducted to identify space and facility needs in Fire and Public Services departments. The results of the most recent study shown a need for an ft addition to provide storage for fire equipment. Public Services also demonstrated storage needs. We’re continuing to review preliminary project concepts and will share a further developed project plan later for community feedback. Stay tuned!

**Changes to Utility Bills** – There is a new “Explanation of Water Usage” box at the bottom of your utility bill, which details your usage and what you’re paying for each of the different tiers of water. This information helps identify how water use translates into monthly charges. Specifically, the cost per 1,000 gallons of water goes up as water use increases. The tiered water rate system is a requirement by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to promote water conservation.

Another change is we’re now using water meter readings from November to April to calculate the “summer sewer rate,” which is the average of those months and the amount you pay for sewer from May to October. Previously the summer sewer rate was figured based of the average sewer use from January, February and March. The benefit of figuring the summer sewer rate during colder months is that water users will only be charged for their additional water usage during the warmer months and not additional sewer charges when folks are watering and using extra water outdoors. Their sewer rate will stay the same from May - October.

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



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## *Timber Creek*

The Community Development Director talked to the council about the Timber Creek draining and Utility Vacation easement which is required to schedule a Public Hearing and adopt a resolution vacating an easement. A second pond was required as part of platting of the second addition of Timber Creek. Originally it had been platted as a drainage and utility easement in order to use the pond as intended. Phase III, Final plat the area previously the temporary pond will be platted as lots.

The Community Development Director reviewed the Timber Creek Phase Three Final Plat with the council. Approval for the first two phases have been completed. Phase III involves two-hundred thirty-one of the three-hundred forty-eight homes through the planning process. Phase III of the Final Plat conforms with the approved Preliminary Plat and the lots meet the requirements. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

The Planning Commission board reviewed the Timber Creek Phase III Final Plat. The Community Development Director presented information regarding the Final Plat of Phase III for Timber Creek. The Phase III includes forty single family lots bringing the total through the planning process to two hundred thirty-one of the total three hundred and forty nine lots in the development. Question was presented regarding plans for maintenance of additional roads, emergency response and other items affected with additional development. Appropriate personnel review said items through the planning processes. A capital improvement plan is in place accounting for additional growth in the future and the streets are maintained by the developer until the project is complete. A traffic study had been completed on Ironwood Drive formerly. Access to the study will be available to the board Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Final Plat for Phase III of Timber Creek.

## *Trunk Area Study*

At a work session for the council the City Engineer presented some conceptual infrastructure projects for large future growth areas. Actual costs would be based on bid amounts and project financing expenses at said time of projects moving forward. Main questions addressed were if the southwest area infrastructure trunk line project was viable to communicate conceptually with the development community. If the infrastructure gap from the former wastewater treatment plant be consider for inclusion in the next revision to the long-term financial plan. If the Big Woods infrastructure trunk line project was viable enough with the development community. If the 212 sanitary sewer extension should be considered in the next revision of the long-term financial plan. The council consensus agreed with most of the questions except regarding the Big Woods project. Discussions will continue in the future.

## *Sixth Street West*

The City Manager requested more information at the work session regarding Sixth Street West. Complaints were received regarding standing water. The final lift should be completed in spring until then the catch basins won't remove all the standing water.

## *Legislative Priorities*

The council reviewed the topic of the Legislative Priorities and the City Manager provided background information. The legislative issues identified in the 2023 priorities are identical to those adopted by the city in 2022 except for the addition of regulations for THC cannabinoid products. Estimated cost for Funding for Flood Protection Infrastructure will be changed and the adjusted color on item six concerning regulation of cannabinoid products would be done. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the 2023 Legislative Priorities.

## *Sanitation Services*

The City Manager discussed the submitted request allowing investigating the topic of allowing only one garbage collection company operating in the city. The council was asked for feedback which was not supported by the council to limit only one company. However limiting the pick up to one day was inquired about. The city attorney's attorney opinion would be requested on the issue of limiting collection to one specific day.

*"Everything you can imagine is real."*

*—Pablo Picasso*

## *2023 Utility Improvements Project*

The Assistant City Engineer and the City Engineer presented information at a work session for the council about the status update, an overview of the utility project, the upcoming steps and proposed implementation dates. The council will be requested to authorize preparation of plans and specifications for the project in the future.

The Assistant City Engineer reviewed the topic pertaining to the utility project stating that the city owns and operates a complex water distribution system providing reliable water supply to residents and businesses within the city. As the city continues to grow and the system components ages, it is critical to properly maintain the system minimizing the risk of component failure which could impact system reliability. Recognizing this need several improvement projects has been identified in the long-term financial plan. The scope of these improvements have been submitted to the council. They include adding a backup on-site generator with an automatic transfer switch. To replace the Mount Hope pressure reducing valve, and add a blowoff valve on Highland Drive Watermain. The next step in the process is to prepare final plans and specifications for the project. The timetable was reviewed by the council at their meeting. Also discussed were the financial aspects of the project.

## *Sewer Usage Rates*

The Finance Director reviewed with the council the sewer usage rates, ordinance calculating summer sewer average. The council discussed adopting the ordinance amending the ordinance relating to sewer usage rates. Residents are billed for water, sewer and storm water utility services on a monthly basis. Water usage is charged based on the gallons of water running through the residential water meter. Currently, sewer usage is charged on water uses for the first three months of the year, the remaining nine months are averaged from the first three months usage. The proposed ordinance charge would charge actual sewer usage based on water consumption for the months of November through April. Due to irrigation during summer months, the charges would be an average for May through October based on the previous six month's actual usage. The change allows for a more accurate sewer average reading on the utility bills. If approved, the effective date would take effect with the January billing cycle.

## *Zoning Ordinance Update*

The Planning Commission board reviewed, discussed and amended the language in the zoning code. The board will be reviewing Variances, Conditional Use Permits, Planned Residential Districts and Planned Commercial Development Overlay Districts at upcoming meetings.

## *Hometown Bank*

The Community Development Direction informed the Planning Commission of applicant submission for Hometown Bank Concept Plan. The property is located at the corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Highway # 212. Land uses and zoning were looked at. The property is located at the corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Highway # 212. Recently, the site has become home to Kwik Trip and Next Steps Childcare. It was anticipated that site would develop with several commercial users. The proposed project is Hometown Bank and coffee shop to include a drive-through for both businesses. The proposed building will be split between the two tenants. Additional lessors are anticipated for the remaining undeveloped areas of the larger site. The area north will remain vacant for the time being. A concept Plan are the first steps in the planning process. Input from the council and the Planning Commission members will aid in the site design, laying and project specific features. Significant changes can be anticipated as the project moves forward. It is also possible that the applicant request reviewal of both the Preliminary Plat and Final Plat concurrently.

## *Disclaimer*

Any and all information used to comprise the information in the 'Villager Tower' for informing the public is by utilizing the unapproved minutes posted on the City of Carver's website. Dahlgren Township information is secured from their website. Information for events, festivities, and so forth are also found on the internet to share with the public. It is the public's responsibility to verify information by visiting sites to get all and up to date information.

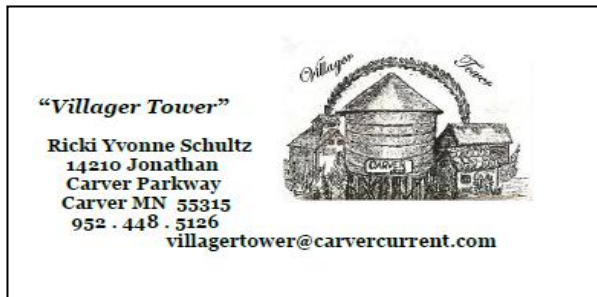
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## Carver Current

Looking for local information? Go to Carver Current website to get information you didn't know you needed. It is also where you will find the local newsletter relating to the City of Carver, "Villager Tower." You can also post information on this website. You can find links too at Carver Current. Just another way to stay in touch and know what is happening locally in the Carver area.

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## 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 usually meet every third Friday. March's meeting date is the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by Michelle:

Join us as we continue hearing from the Old Testament book of Amos in a series entitled "Restore the Roar!" during Lent. We will have services each Wednesday at 7 p.m. through March 29. We will also gather for Maundy Thursday (April 6) and Good Friday (April 7) services at 7 pm. We hope that you also join us for our Easter celebration on April 9. Breakfast will be served in the lower level of the church at 7:15 am followed by a worship service at 8:30 am.

Additionally, all young adults, ages 18-35, are welcome to our new Young Adult Community Group. Check our website for upcoming events to connect with others through active social events, and be encouraged through relationships, faith, service and more.

-Worship services are at 10 a.m. every Sunday.

-Sermons are posted online at trinitycarver.com.

Please contact Pastor Jander with prayer requests or questions at:

Office: 952-448-3628

Email: office@trinitycarver.com

Website: trinitycarver.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver



## Open Gym

Open Gym is back for the 2023 season at the Carver Elementary Gymnasium but remember you have to bring your basketballs and equipment. Use common sense. It's Free. The times are 2 PM until 5 PM through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The address for the Carver Elementary School is 1717 Ironwood Drive, Carver MN. This program is provided through the recreational partnership between the City of Carver and Chaska Parks and Recreation.



## Spring Carnival

Have you heard about the Spring Carnival scheduled to happen at the Chaska Community Center on March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:PM until 7:30 PM at 1661 Park Ridge Drive. You are challenged to test your luck with St Patty's Day themed games and prize drawings. The annual event is free for members and non-members. There will be snacks and light refreshments available too.



*"You know that little voice inside your head that keeps you from saying things you shouldn't? Yea, I don't have that."*

*~ Amanda Gorman*

## MN Valley Electric Cooperative



MN Valley Electric Cooperative customers mark your calendars if you are interested in attending their annual meeting. They are holding their 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Jordan High School. You are invited to come and learn more about how your cooperative works and join them for at their meeting. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM.

Also, did you know that MN Valley Electric hosts/sponsors the Youth Tour to Washington DC? Applications are being accepted until March 15<sup>th</sup>. MVEC's representative will travel with forty other MN students and work alongside national delegates representing electric co-ops powering our nation. An opportunity to experience Washington DC. Past trips have included visiting the Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institute and the US Supreme Court. Other sites are seen too. Meet new friends, meet elected officials and spend a day on Capitol Hill with those officials and learn how the government works. More information is on the application and you can find the application at [www.mvec.net/youth-tour](http://www.mvec.net/youth-tour).

## Carver Lions



It's never quiet where the Carver Lions are concerned. There may not be any active events presently but that doesn't mean by any means that the group of members are not busy planning their upcoming events. Specifically, the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. Or their Annual Pork Chop Dinner being prepared for to occur on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Also more details to follow.

The Lions also posted their thanks as follows: "We would like to thank everyone who donated, sponsored, attended and volunteered for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Soggy Bottom Golf Fundraiser. We raised \$\$\$\$\$\$ for each recipient! Thank you again for each of our sponsors. We appreciate your help and willingness to give!" Picture posted on Facebook can be seen under caption, "Carver Shops".

The Lions also posted Congratulations to one of their own. "To Carver Lion Marv Grimm! Marv received a leadership award for his work with the Lions Hearing Foundation."

Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month at the City Hall. Want to be part of this year's Easter celebrations and the Pork Chop Dinner, stop at their meeting and see what they are all about.

The Lions' also invite you to check out the Brad Bramigk Memorial Scholarship on their website for more information.

The Lions support a wide variety of local, national, and international causes, including educational excellence. We believe that well-educated citizens strengthen our communities and improve our nation. Our commitment to educational excellence is another way we live out our motto, "We Serve."

For 2023, we are planning to award eight, \$1000 scholarships for current high school students and/or students enrolled in post high school programs in 2022-2023. Scholarships are to be used for post high school education in the 2023-2024 school year. Priority will be given to those who have not previously been awarded a Carver Lions Scholarship, but previous winners may be considered. Qualifying applicants will need to meet the requirements listed below. APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

SUPPORT THE LIONS

The Carver Lions Club is a chartered club and part of Lions International. We were chartered in 1973.

WHEN WE MEET

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Carver City Hall Community Room, 316 Broadway.

Email [carvermnions@gmail.com](mailto:carvermnions@gmail.com) for info.

**I AM. WE ARE. LIONS**

Brad Bramigk Scholarships  
Now Accepting Applications

**Apply Now**

Applications Due March 1, 2023

## Carver Shops

p There was a time when the Carver era had multiple Occasional Shops dotted throughout Carver. That landscape seems to have shifted to Chaska, Waconia areas presently. There are lots of them all over and lots that no longer exist or you need to be on that circuit to follow. However, Carver still has two. Let's keep them here huh? Other types of small businesses have popped up all over town though, some downtown, some on the outskirts, some more modern, some more traditional, some quaint but all are unique. Not to mention all the businesses run out of private residences throughout the entire area. Be sure to support the local shops. Carver Shops Occasional dates coming up are Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The April dates are the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – [www.rippleartstudio.com](http://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

Getaway Motor Café – Facebook / Instagram

Strains of the Earth – 300 Broadway Street, Carver / Facebook



## Funky Dove

Rebecca from the Funky Dove is busy scouring the planet for fantastic gifts for you all to purchase unique, one-of-a-kind and something you have to have items for her shop. All while having fun, reconnecting with her love and living life to the fullest if not her dream. She asks, did you know that they grow delicious coffee in Northern Thailand? She visited Chiang Mai for that delicious coffee. She went to the amazing market with lots of talented crafters to find those items to bring back for you. Then she saw how much snow we just got blasted with and sent her gratitude to all those who are helping

her run her shop and keeping the sidewalk shoveled. She should be returning home soon. She is sorely missed. Now she can run down to the Getaway Motor Café and see what delicious coffee's they have for her huh? I bet they are preparing for St Patrick's Day items along with all the other unique items available. Things you won't find anywhere else. Be sure to stop on by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> when the doors open at 11 AM. Stop in and hear about Rebecca's latest adventure. She will be there until 5 PM. Can't get there Friday, then she'll be open Saturday at 10 AM until 5 PM. And if that don't work, Sunday at noon the doors will be open and Rebecca will greet you with that warm, magnificent smile when you step in the door at noon. She will be there all-day Sunday until 5 PM. Welcome home beautiful! You were missed.

## Carver General

Over at the Carver General on Third Street the two lovely ladies in charge of the unique shop are already of the spring mindset. They are just as weary of winter as the rest of the population living in Minnesota. They ask too if you are looking to add some personality to your home? You need to come on over to their shop. The gals invite you personally to stop by and check out what treasures they have found for just you to spice up your own home. Their usual hours are the third weekend of the month opening on Thursday at 10 AM until 5 PM and then again on Friday and Saturday with the same time schedule. Sundays they open the doors at noon and close at 4 PM. Their hope hours for sales in March are planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Weather should be much more pleasant then. Maybe?

Pssssstttt...don't forget to drop by next too of Carver General and check out what 'The Good Junk Garage' has hidden inside too!

## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Per the Chaska Valley Family Theatre, Big Fish, will be opening on March 10th and playing through March 19th at the Chaska Community Center Theater in Chaska. The musical theater performance is directed by Casey Radmann. It's based on the celebrate novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, BIG FISH tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest...and then some!

"The Director, Casey Radmann, is a long-time resident of Chaska and an accomplished storyteller at Chaska Valley Family Theatre performing in and directing numerous productions over the years. Casey is particular about what he directs, only choosing shows where he feels a personal connection to the characters and the story they convey."

The Chaska Community Center Theatre is located at 1661 Park Ridge Drive in Chaska. Tickets are \$ 20. ( 18 and over ), student/Senior tickets are \$ 15. Tickets for the upcoming performance are currently on sale and can be purchased on line at [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org). Group Discounts available, call the box office at 952.250.7206 or email [cvftmail@gmail.com](mailto:cvftmail@gmail.com).

So when are the performances you ask? Friday, March 10th, 7 PM, Saturday, March 11th at 2 PM and 7 PM, Sunday March 12th at 2 PM, and Friday, March 17th at 7 PM. A Sensory Friendly Performance will be held on Saturday, March 18th at 2 PM and then an evening performance at 7 PM. The last show will be Sunday March 19th at 2 PM.



Did you Know that the activities at the theatre are possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund?

It should also be duly noted that the BIG FISH, the Musical is presented through special arrangement through Theatrical Rights Worldwide ( TRW ). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by TRW.

The above information was provided by Tom Muhs from the theatre. Thanks!





## Carver Baseball Softball Association

Up to date information can be found at

[www.ccybsa.com](http://www.ccybsa.com)

Registration is available on their website for 2023 Coaches and Managers for the upcoming season.

Be sure to visit their website for additional information.

Also, it states under caption, "Friends Requests", as these registrations are coming in that they are seeing a lot of multiple 'friend requests'. They are going to go to a system of a "Mutual Friend Request". Simply put, both families must.

The organization held softball clinics on February 19<sup>th</sup> and on the 26<sup>th</sup>. They are scheduling Uniform fitting on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Church-by-the-River in Carver, 109 Main Street East and that will happen at 10 AM until 3 PM. Volunteers are needed to help out, by the way.

Speaking of volunteers, the Carver Baseball/Softball Association still needs volunteers for various related positions. Please contact the organization if you are willing to help or could help. Let's support the Carver kids! Questions, interested, maybe, contact the group by emailing [ccybsa.reg@gmail.com](mailto:ccybsa.reg@gmail.com). Oh yea, can you spread the word too about the organization too? There are lots of kids out there, I bet who would like to play and don't know about the Carver Baseball/Softball Association.

Another note: The group is very disappointed that their travel softball plans fell through. They will keep trying. Interested in playing softball for Carver, they are doing the same thing as they did last year playing in the Waconia League. They have 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade levels registrations up and running.

**SPREAD THE WORD!!!!** Remember, tell all your friends, neighbors and acquaintances about the association. Word needs to get out. What better way, than by mouth huh?

## Arts Consortium

The Carver County Arts Consortium staff announces that they are hosting a 2023 Poetry Contest. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a poem by midnight of March 1st for con-sideration in the poetry contest. Poems can be submitted to [poems@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:poems@artsofcarvercounty.org). The winning poems will be posted on the ACCC website and invited to a Poetry Celebration when the dates are firmed up. For full eligibility requirements and submission details, visit [www.artsofcarvercounty.org/poetrycontest](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org/poetrycontest).

Don't forget about the Artist Conversations being hosted for monthly gathering of artist to share and discuss their work with each other. All artists are welcome, bring your writing to share or to get inspiration, show-and-tell your latest creations or work on a project in the company of others, share marketing strategies and show/share opportunities. They say, most of all, Build Community. The Artists Conversations are held the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6 PM until 8 PM at the Chaska Community Center. Input from you is also requested. Regarding their Artists Conversations. Would coffee and chat on Saturday morning work better or Sunday afternoons? Or perhaps a different evening that you could join them? You are invited to email [AbigailBlytheArt@gmail.com](mailto:AbigailBlytheArt@gmail.com) on times that work for artists? Meet at the Gift Shop and feel free to bring snacks to share if you can.

The Youth Art Show began in January and is ongoing through February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The exhibition presents the very best artwork made by students across Carver County and the works of the children of the Arts Consortium members.

**Larger Than Life Exhibit:** The Arts Consortium is presenting the Larger Than Life Exhibition scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. This is in collaboration with the Chaska Valley Family Theatre's BIG FISH the Musical. The exhibition will feature art of any medium that expresses the theme. A reception will be held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Gallery at 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

The Arts Consortium group also welcomes their new Executive Director, Christy Branham. Zachary Hedner, who was the former director, has accepted a new position as Theatrical Operations Manager for Norwegian Cruise Lines. Congratulations to Zachery. Welcome to Ms Branham.

Ms Branham is an established Twin Cities artist, business owner and educator. She has worked professionally as a silversmith/jewelry designer, illustrator and graphic designer. Currently, she is a costume designer for multiple theatre companies throughout the Twin Cities.



## Community Highlights

March 2023



March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lion's Meeting Happy Birthday Annette!
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Happy Birthday Cindy! Happy Birthday Hannah!
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No School Happy Birthday Taffney! Happy Birthday Addie!
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Bob!
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Max! Happy Birthday Cheryl! Happy Birthday Brittany!
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Owen!
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	National Slam the Scam Day
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Sandy!
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Begins
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carver Elementary PTO Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Birthday Andrea! Happy Birthday Alex!
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Preservation Meeting Meet and Greet Dahlgren Township Annual Meeting
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lion's Meeting
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Business Alliance Meeting
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Rylee! Council Meeting School Board Meeting
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Begins
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Jacob!
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Keith!
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Charlie!
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday James!
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Beth!
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Laurie!
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Daniel!
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	through 31 <sup>st</sup> – Spring Break/No School Meet and Greet Happy Birthday Cheryl! Happy Birthday Lisa! Happy Birthday Ken! Happy Birthday Paul!

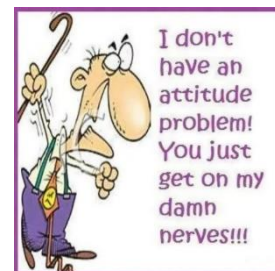


## National Slam the Scam Day

Ever heard of it? On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year Social Security gives you the tools to recognize scams and stop scammer from stealing your money and personal information which in this day and age happens way too often and is growing by leaps and bounds. Share scam information with friends, loved ones, family etc. "Slam the Scam!" Social Security said to recognize the four basic signs of a scam. First, scammers pretend to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They threaten you with arrest or legal action. Scammers tell you to pay using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account. Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General.

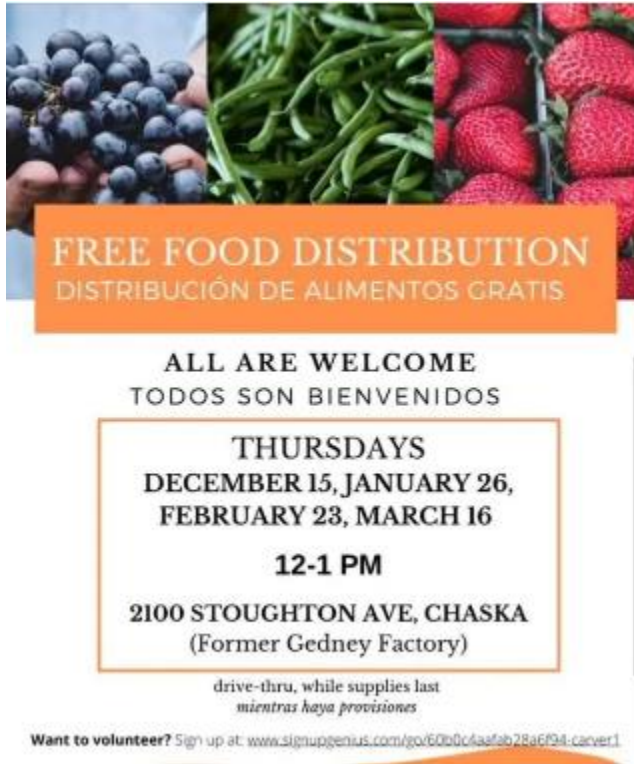
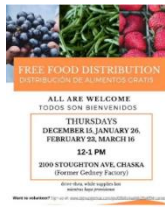
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"Plan for the future, manage the present!"



## Free Food Distribution

Did you know that there is a free food distribution event locally for those less fortunate or hit hard suddenly with an unexpected catastrophe? March 16<sup>th</sup> is the next date of distribution. This is for community support and happens at the former Gedney Factory in downtown Chaska on 2100 Stoughton Avenue. According to the flyer, it's a drive-thru. If you are interested in volunteering, you can. The next distribution is scheduled for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.



## MN Zoo

Looking for something for the kids to do during school break? The Minnesota Zoo is offering "School's Out Camp" for spring break. The zoo is running a weeklong camp in late March for kids needing something fun to do and it this one is an animal-focused experience. Oh, and by the way, this feature is compliments of the Chanhassen Villager newspaper written by Alyssa Huglen. So she gets the credit. Just passing along the information with my own spin, so to speak. So what else does Alyssa have to tell us? The camp is from March 27<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> for students in first through third grade. The zoo holds summer camps, "school's out camps" over spring break, MEA break and winter break. The focus for March is on extreme animals and looks into the radical things they can do. "This camp focuses on all of those things — the attention grabbers, the fun facts and the mind-blowing things that some animals can do."



Each of the five days hosts a specific theme. The article in the Chanhassen paper gives you more information on specific days themes. They will learn about the topics through participating in arts and crafts, games, stories, interacting with animals and exploring different habitats within the zoo. There is also the zoo's Wings and Things animal show and a dolphin training demonstration. Not sure when the deadline is but there room for twenty kids. If interested contact the zoo or go to their website for more information.

"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely." "Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

~ Roy T Bennett

## Carver Community Gardens

The Community Gardens registration is now open for the Community Gardens that are located behind the Church-By-the-River at 109 Main Street East. Time is running out for applications. They have to be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> and Carver residents take priority. The plot assignments follow after the applications are received. Reminder: rental fees are \$ 20 plus a \$ 20 security deposit. Two plot options are available. There are both 4' x 8' beds and 4' x 4' accessible raised planter boxes. Both options are available presently for rent for the 2023 summer season. For more information visit the city's website, [www.cityofcarver.com/234](http://www.cityofcarver.com/234) for program details and registration information.



## Schram Haus Brewery

Have you ever been to the formerly known Bockfest at Schram Haus Brewery? First off, they are now naming it Schram Haus' Goat Fest. It is happening March 18<sup>th</sup> which is on a Saturday and starts at noon until 6 PM. Get your tickets in advance and pay less than at the door. Go to their website for more information and to get tickets. So what's all the fuss? You are invited to come for the day and try out the Haus-made craft beers and the unique, yearly Bock release, enticing food truck, toe-tapping music, beer poking and of course, the Goats. They are planning on having goat races, goat cuddling, and goat picture opportunities. Don't forget, dressup contests. Does that mean to dress up like a goat? There will be t-shirt cannon launches, exciting beer poking and new merchandise you can collect. They do ask however that you leave your pets home for this event and pet the goats instead. Gotta go, just thought of a great costume so I get closer to those two adorable goats above. Remember, March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.



## East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Lutheran Church is looking forward to worshipping with their sister church, West Union again this year. The outline of the Lenten Season for March is as follows; since it's too late to tell you about February. Wednesdays March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are at West Union, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are at East Union. Meals will be served at 6 PM, worship following at 7 PM at the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday on April 6<sup>th</sup> will be held at West Union at 7 PM while Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will be held at West Union at 7 PM.



The congregation is also working on plans for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for their Pancake Breakfast; Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Plant Sale and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> their Ice Cream Social. Interested mark your calendars. I bet they wouldn't turn away volunteers either.

Towel Helpers are still needed according to the church personnel handling this event. East Union has an active role in a Towel Ministry, part of ECC Love INC. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving the towels to the client's home. You will receive training too! Email Ann Decker: [adeckerchaska@gmail.com](mailto:adeckerchaska@gmail.com) if you are interested!

Food Shelf Donations are welcomed as well. There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept donations for the local food shelves. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please write "food shelf" on your check or envelope and put it in the offering plate. Thank you for your donations! You could mail a donation too if that is more feasible but remember to the PO Box when sending mail to the church. Our address is PO Box 283, Carver, MN 55315.

## Arts Consortium

The Arts Consortium of Carver County invites writers, poets and songwriters to submit original pieces to an event identified as "The First Breath of Spring: Words and Music". The prompts include Tenderness towards another, the earth, etc; Mirrors, to the world, to the self. Of feelings, etc and Loss, people, objects, time, etc. Pieces should be under five minutes long. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Chaska Community Center Theatre. Another note that if you have poem that you would like to have set to music or a tune in need of lyrics, the artists here will help you and work out a collaboration. Results will be showcased in an evening of short stories, poems and music. Entries should be submitted to [info@artsofcarvercountry.org](mailto:info@artsofcarvercountry.org) or contact Steve Kelzer at 952.465.2384. Submission deadline is March 20<sup>th</sup>.





The City of Carver council would like to know your thoughts on the Creekside Park development. The city is requesting grant funds from the DNR for development of the park. Creekside Park is located at the corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Main Street West. Proposed elements include pickleball courts, dog park, disc golf and an extensive trail system. Questions and feedback are to be directed to Erin at [esmith@cityofcarver.com](mailto:esmith@cityofcarver.com)

~ Thomas Huxley



Spring at the MN Landscape Arboretum should be on your “To Do” list. Never-ending things are always going on to see or to participate in whether it be just walking, painting, flowers, classes or yoga. They have offer. Some highlights for March are featured over there off of Highway # 5, visit their

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM you can participate in what's called the March Full Worm Moon Hike. The hike will begin at the Sensory Garden parking lot. There will be bonfires too. Another full moon hike is planned for April too.**

Then on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM they will be holding their MapleFest Pancake Breakfast which is a fundraiser. This event celebrates maple syrup season with all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in MacMillan Auditorium. Make reservations for communal seating. The menu includes, obviously, Pancakes and Maple Syrup. Also served will be sausage, selection of pancake toppings, coffee and orange juice. By the way, did you know at the personal at the Arboretum tap more than three-hundred and fifty maple trees every winter? Visit the arboretum to learn more about their maple tapping process.

Hager

Colleen Ireland has organized a Go-Fund Me fundraiser for Megan Ireland. This was posted on Carver Life. Megan is in need of a heart transplant.



Megan is undergoing the most challenging part of her life, both physically and emotionally. Daniel, her husband is holding down the fort at home while she is in and out of the hospital. Her family and friends are banding together to ensure that she can afford and get the medical care necessary to live. She has struggled most of her life. She has two small children and a husband along with so many others who love her. There is also a CaringBridge page created for her. For more information, google Megan Ireland-Hager and you can read the entire story.

If you would like to help financially, you can go to [www.gofundme.com/f/megan-irelandhager-heart-transplant/donate](http://www.gofundme.com/f/megan-irelandhager-heart-transplant/donate)

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~ Lotus Flower Press



“By caring about the happiness of others, we find our own.”

~ Plato

**Remember if you are interested and looking to visit with our senior residents, you can come to the Village Hall on Thursday, March 9th for Coffee, Cards and Conversation from 1 PM to 3 PM. It's free.**



**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> is Carver Fire Community Outreach event. At the Carver Fire Station the firefighters of the Carver Fire Department will be giving out FREE batteries and information about smoke alarms. The firemen asked that you remember to check your batteries as you change your clocks ahead this year.**

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> the Carver-on-the-Minnesota will be offering a history presentation at 7 PM at the Carver City Hall. It is a free event to learn about the history of southern Minnesota and the land along the Minnesota River. Members of the organization are putting this event on. Come and join them. Meet new friends.**

**Again, Community Gardens – Registration for Carver’s Community Gardens is now open. Available, both 4’ x 8’ beds and 4’ x 4’ accessible raised planter boxes. Both options are available to rent for the summer season for \$20 plus a \$20 refundable deposit.**

Interested in being a firefighter for the City of Carver? The Carver Fire Department is accepting application for paid On-Call firefighters. Training is provided, retirement benefits are offered. You are required, however, to be eighteen or older to be considered. And you must live within fifteen minutes of the Fire Station. Where is the Fire Station, you ask, the physical address is 801 Jonathan Carver Parkway, Carver. To orientate yourself by physical landmarks, down from Sixth Street West end, beside the dental, chiropractic office, across the road from the Community Park, or ice rink before housing development going south. Can't miss it. Interested individuals can go to the city's website ( [cityofcarver.com/jobs.aspx](http://cityofcarver.com/jobs.aspx) ) Applications will be accepted at City Hall through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have more questions? You are invited to contact Captain Luke Swirtz at [lswirtz@cityofcarver.com](mailto:lswirtz@cityofcarver.com).

“When you lose someone close it changes your perspective. A beautiful ancient tree full of wisdom and knowledge fallen on the path due to the chaos of nature – As people climb and duck under the “obstacle”, I can’t help but to think it’s your way of saying you will always be with us. An amazing chapter closed, You will be missed immensely.”

~ Tim Adam

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~Lotus Flower Press

## *March Gossip - Not Gossip*

Did you know that Carver County Public Health offers the Moderna vaccine at their regular, Tuesday COVID-19 vaccine clinics? The clinics are at the Carver County Government Center from 4 PM to 6 PM. It is for individuals age six months and older. Primary series and bivalent boosters available. If you have any questions you can call 952-361-1559. Walk-ins are welcome. If you go to the courthouse website you can schedule an appointment. Missed February date but March clinics are to be held on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Carver County Health and Human Services also offer additional services including public health clinics to be held on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mark your calendars too for East Union's church upcoming events. They are planning for their Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. May is their annual Plant Sale with the scheduled date of Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Then in June on Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> is their Ice Cream Social.

Community Partnerships: District # 112 ( Easter Carver County Schools ) has an Equity and Inclusion Department which has a section on its website dedicated to community events?

There is the Community Closet which involves the Family Learning Center parent Advisory Council ( PAC ). They are proud to be announcing the reopening of the Community Closet located next to the main office at the Family Learning Center at 110600 Village Road in Chaska. So what is the Community Closet? It is made up of donated items and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families are able to come in and take whatever items that they may need anonymously. Family Learning Center hours are Monday to Friday 8 AM to 3:30 PM.

Free Meal Benefits: Students certified as migrant children under the Migrant Education Program ( MEP ) of Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act are categorically eligible for free meal benefits through the School Nutrition Program.

SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce invites anyone interested to come for their morning "Meet and Greet" where it is a great opportunity to meet and network with other Chamber Members. Guests are also welcomed. You can find their meeting placed on their website ( [www.swmetrochamber.com](http://www.swmetrochamber.com) ) On Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> they will be meeting at 8 AM until 9 AM at the AT & T Store on 760 North Chestnut Street, Chaska. Free to Attend by the way and coffee is provided. You also have a chance to win a door prize!

Meet and Greet will be holding two meeting in March. The second one will be at the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce at 600 Market Street in Suite 200 in Chanhassen on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM until 9 AM. Did we mention, it's free?

Have you ever heard of RUBY'S PANTRY? Ruby's Pantry will be at Grace Church in Eden Prairie ( 9301 Eden Prairie Road on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 PM until 6:30 PM. RUBY'S PANTRY distributes food at Pop-Up pantry locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin. There is not income or residency requirement and for a \$ 25 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. They gather various food overages, surpluses and bumper crops into generous food bundles. Ready to join the sustainability movement? The environment and your budget will thank you for it. If you have any questions, please call Loretta at 651-674-0009 or go to [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org) for more information. Sort of looks like this event possibly happens every first Thursday of the month but check their website to be sure.

Lenten Season and Fish Frys: I was given and found this list but if you know of more, let me know and I will try to post them. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday there are two fish fry's happening. At the Church of Ascension, Norwood/Young America from 11 AM to 7 PM or until the fish is gone will be going on. While in Chaska at Guardian Angels on the same day will be Fish Fry from 4 PM to 6 PM. Guardian Angels Knights of Columbus will be hosting Fish Fry's on the Fridays starting at 4:30 PM on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM until 7 PM. [ PS - Don't forget that it's Donut Sundays at St Nicholas Catholic Church in Carver on third Sunday of every month after mass, too ]

Another source told us that there might be Fish Frys beginning as early as February 24<sup>th</sup> at Harvey's but that's before publication, anyway double checked. Guess what, every Friday starting at 4 PM until 9 PM during Lent you can enjoy fish at Harvey's. Bonus, all you can eat guys!

Another Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Norwood Baseball All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry at Willkommen Park Pavilion at 4 PM until 8 PM. I'm sure there are more, but ....

Little birdie stopped to inform me that Carver Creamery will probably open for the 2023 season sometime in April.

Now there's an event to be anxious for, huh? Warmth, good company, sensational ice cream flavors and the perfect opportunity to see friends and visit.

What other gossip - not gossip did I hear about? Black Sox will be opening their season, Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Woody Swanson Field. Check their website for updates and more news.

The new Next Step Learning Center posted on Carver Life a bit back that they were hiring. Not sure if they still are, but it might be worth checking out? They also held an Open House in February. Through the grapevine of social media, this editor learned that their doors opened on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The mayor posted pictures on Instagram of the new facility. Welcome to Matt and Ashley. Interested in seeing Courtney's sharing, [carver\\_mayor\\_courtney](https://www.instagram.com/carver_mayor_courtney). Thanks Courtney.

Another Carver Life posting regarding the Luminary Lights Walk. "Beautiful moonlit walk through the lit paths."

"Very pretty. Looks like a very old farming homestead." There were really nice pictures posted too on Carver Life.

Melinda Langlie also posted on Carver Life letting everyone know that she has/had times open in her studio for piano and/or band instrument lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays. She teaches all ages by way. She invited everyone to check out her studio Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/langliemusicstudio](https://www.facebook.com/langliemusicstudio) or email her with questions. She is an experienced licensed music educator teaching private lessons.

And did you hear that Strains of the Earth had a Medallion Hunt? That was also posted on Carver Life. The Stankey family found it. Congratulations to them. The staff thanked everyone who took part in the fun event. Sounds like they will be planning more.

Carver Life also does postings about community meals at St John's Lutheran Church in Chaska at 300 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Several churches in the community host meals and everyone is welcome and invited to participate. Every Monday at 5:15 PM until 6:15 PM is at St John's. Then stumbled on information about the last Wednesday of month, Waconia Moravian Church serves from 5:30 PM until 6:15 PM at 209 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Waconia. The last Thursdays of the month at 301 Oak Street in Excelsior at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church a community meal is hosted. Also, the third Saturday at 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM at 881 Third Avenue in Excelsior you can dine at a community meal at the Excelsior United Methodist Church. There are angels everywhere looking out for others in this sometimes negative based atmosphere and for those down on their luck and been kicked too many times.





## *Night Marauders - Strains of the Earth*

"Now that it is warming up some are we heading to downtown to check out what's been happening all winter while we were hold up back here in the bottoms?" Raschevious asked checking out his shadow finally since the big orange orb finally made its appearance once again.

"I've been downtown Raschevious." Territory informed him smugly.

"You have?" He asked quite surprised.

"Of course, I have."

"Here comes trouble." Raschevious exhaled irritably.

"Afternoon Rascal." Territory greeted smirking.

"Did you hear?" Rascal was out of breath, "There's a new shop where you can get pot."

"No, there isn't." Territory barked agitated right off the bat. "Don't be a buffoon! There is no one selling pot."

Territory said severely scowling menacingly at Rascal.

"That's what I was told."

"Well, you were told wrong." Territory testily snapped.

"So, what is this Strains of the Earth shop next door to the Creamery?" He scoffed thinking he was one up on their leader.

"It's a holistic store for medicinal needs." Territory informed him gravely.

"That's partially true."

"So educate me if you are so smart." Rascal rebelliously shot back with a smug smirk thinking he knew more than the elderly leader could possibly begin to know or understand.

"Rascal, Rascal, Rascal." Raschevious scolded condescendingly.

"You don't know anything." Rascal snarled back viciously.

"Are you two about done?" Territory asked impatiently.

"So, what are they doing, if not selling pot?" Rascal snapped bitterly.

"It's CBD."

"Huh?" Rascal stated looking at him doubtful and quite surprised.

"CBD, or cannabidiol, is one of hundreds of different ingredients found in cannabis (called cannabinoids). CBD is the most recent and most popular derivatives of hemp. It has even overtaken its famous cousin, THC" He paused before continuing, "CBD is non-intoxicating, which means it does not make you 'High.' However, it is a powerful compound with many uses and health benefits."

"So what does this CBD really do?"

"Researchers have found that it helps in cases of anxiety, panic disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder." Territory added, "CBD and THC are both found in the cannabis plant, but the way they interact in the human body is different."

Rascal shook his head trying to clear it and make sense of Territory's account, when obviously he has been sorely misled.

Territory continued solemnly, "I was also told that as the legal use of hemp and other cannabis products grows, people are becoming more curious about their options, which include both CBD and THS products."

"So, you explained what CBD was. What's THC?" Raschevious asked interested and attentive.

Territory responded, "Tetrahydrocannabinol is the psychoactive part of cannabis, but it also has health benefits. As I stated before, different cannabinoids work in different ways, THC causes euphoria and helps kill pain."

Flustered and now somewhat embarrassed, he was momentarily dumbfounded. Raschevious was of the impression that his little buddy had been rightfully put in his place for being so snarky.

"Mr Crammond launched his own company in 2018, including another shop in Jordan." Territory told them knowledgeably, "The purpose is to help people better manage daily pain stress, or insomnia in a way that isn't a sedative or addictive. These products can alleviate symptoms of stress, anxiety, pain, seizures, gastrointestinal issues, type 2 diabetes, cancer and more!"



Rascal's eyes got as big as saucers as he listened to his elder.

According to Mr Crammond, "There is still an enormous misrepresentation of cannabis products and lack of information. The misconception is that it's 'bad for the body' and 'only a drug' when that's not quite true." Territory explained.

"And you learned this how?" Rascal asked skeptically.

"By speaking with Mr Crammond, this man's mission is to educate himself and others of the holistic good that can be achieved using products derived from the plant identified as 'weed'," He continued, "but also by researching, reading, listening, and having an open mind." Territory replied credibly.

"But we have all been stuck here in the snowbanks in the bottoms by the river."

"You know that Territory is never idle. He must have found a way to get into town without our knowing and has talked with this man." Raschevious rationalized knowing how sneaky and clever Territory could be when necessary.

Territory continued to educate his attentive audience, "They have a large selection of tinctures, edibles, topicals, flower, apparel, personal/intimate care products and hardware for both THC and CBD products. They also offer many healthy mushrooms and other holistic products in their two shops to help with wellness needs."

Raschevious and Rascal were hanging onto every word Territory was saying.

"The owner of the stores in Carver and Jordan said his whole purpose is two core things: 'education and helping people. That's what they stand for and that is what they will always stand for.'" Territory further emphasized. "Perhaps instead of listening to those who don't know or understand; you should utilize your skills, go to the computer and key-in [www.strainsofearth.com](http://www.strainsofearth.com) and understand what is really going on downstairs in Carver at 300 Broadway. Or better yet, take a stroll over to the old brewery in Jordan, also on Broadway Street on the south end of town." Territory encouraged smugly.

Sheepishly Rascal looked up his elder to ask, "Can't you just take me next door to the Creamery and introduce me to the staff?"

Territory rubbed his jaw paternally and somewhat proudly, "Now Rascal, why would we do that?"

"So I can apologize to them both and meet them?" He timidly inquired.

"We'll see."