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### *Downtown Parking*

At a work session the council discussed the parking availability issues on Broadway and Main Streets. Parking adjacent to the public services storage limits access to critical pieces of equipment causing a problem. A balance is necessary for downtown parking needs. Staff will work on a striping plan in an attempt to meet the needs. Additionally, a plan designating marked parallel spaces on Main could be formally established in connection with the County Road turn back project. Concept discussions involved mobile planting beds to better delineate parking areas and create 'curb appeal'. The striping plan also creates spacing needed to meet minimum requirements for a sidewalk café along Broadway. Costs for striping plan were discussed. Doing the work inhouse would save costs and is being reviewed. Cost discussion are elusive due to the full intersection geometry at Broadway and Main has not been developed and could put the city at risk of tearing out improvements for a future project if installment were to be done presently. The recommendation given to the council is review existing parking conditions, downtown striping plan and a concept plan.

### *Carver Creek Place*

The council continued discussion on the update status of the hazardous structure on Carver Creek Place. The discussion was not for any formal action. Listed ownership has vacated and abandoned unfinished structure. The history of the site was reviewed by the council. The most recent action taken was deeming the site as hazardous due to storage and condition of structure internally. An abatement order was completed and attempted to be served on owners. After much time and efforts the owners were not located thereby a default judgement occurred. The latest update was a hearing was held whereupon the owners appeared and objected. However, the judge granted the city's motion along with further contesting of the lawsuit. The time frame allotted for seeking solutions have occurred without the owners taking further steps to contest the lawsuit. The court order authorizes the city to enter the property and prepare for Abandoned Structure's demolition with a ninety day grace period to remove any personal property. As of May the city is than authorized to demolish the structure, remove and dispose of any and all property left behind to restore the property to a safe condition. The scope of work plan is being handled by staff. At that time when ready, recommendations will be submitted for a contractor and an agreement formally to conduct the work required to be done.

The City Attorney provided an update to the council at their meeting regarding the status of the property on Carver Creek Place. The staff currently is working on preparing a scope of work and soliciting quote to proceed with demolition. The demolition is scheduled after the ninety day period for the owners to remove personal property. The quote information will be brought to the council in the future prior to any demolition work scheduled to start.

### *Permit Escrows*

The Community Development Direction discussed the exploration of collecting and holding escrow funds to mitigate issues the city has seen in damaged landscaping, sod, sidewalks and driveways during and after new construction of the home building processes. Method was developed by the staff to incorporate the language in development agreements to include the provision if damages are not repaired.

### *Private Infrastructure Policy*

The city manager discussed at a work session the drafted Private Infrastructure Policy. A formal policy would allow the city staff to communicate regarding assuming ownership of infrastructure accurately and effectively. The item was previously submitted to be discussed for consideration of adoption.

The City Manager discussed with the council at a meeting the Private Infrastructure Policy. Council action required to adopt the policy regarding requests for city maintenance of private infrastructures having previously reviewed a drafted policy. The city attorney made a few recommended language and formatting changes in the updated draft.

The adoption of the Private Infrastructure Policy does not in any way prohibit or impact the City's ability to approve the installation of private infrastructure as part of a future development project. A developer may choose to forgo certain public infrastructure improvements in favor of installation of streets, streetlights, utilities, or other amenities that do not meet City specifications and will not be maintained by the City going forward. An example presented involved developer choosing to install custom streetlight currently maintained by Homeowner's Association. Private streets located in several neighborhoods are typically narrower than the typical city street meeting standard specifications. Time elapses, a request is submitted to perform work or permanently oversee maintenance or ownership of this private infrastructure. Private infrastructures over time require some repair or significant maintenance and are not budgeted to satisfy the request. Therefore, the staff is reluctant to support overtaking ownership based on costs and high probabilities of others submitting similar request. Based on this concept, the council has been asked to consider adopting a policy relating to these requests of private infrastructures. A formal policy document would enable communication of positions accurately and effectively. The adoption of the policy would prohibit submissions of requests in the future. The drafted policy was presented to the council. The private infrastructure listed items were reviewed at the meeting. The drafted primary policy drafted designated that in light of the policy background and objectives provided would be fully incorporated into the policy as formal findings of the city and would not accept or perform any work, replacement, repairs or maintenance tasks on private infrastructures within the city.

The City Manager provided further background information. The mayor clarified that this policy would be utilized in situations to clarify responses to requests and not just be sent as a generic response. The City Manager stated that this policy would provide guidelines for staff to respond to the initial request. Staff will still encourage residents to share their request with council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the city's policy involving requests for city maintenance of private infrastructure.

### *Hometown Bank*

The Community Development Director shared information regarding the Concept Plan for the proposed development at the Carver Commons involving the Hometown Bank and Coffee Shop site. Both businesses would share space. The council reviewed the issue and discussed items of interest relating to the business, location and concepts of physicality visions. The Carver site will be constructed to serve two purposes. Employment prospects were talked about.

## Exercise Equipment

The City Clerk discussed with the council the SHIP Grant for exercise equipment purchase in an effort for worksite wellness efforts for employees. The Carver County SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) Workplace Collaborative is a valuable, no-cost resource for any worksite in Carver County. An opportunity to network and share ideas to create and strengthen employee wellness programs, plus stay up to date on employee wellness trends. City staff has been participating in this program and through participation had the opportunity to apply for a grant in physical activity environment. Exercise offers many health benefits such as improved heart function, weight management, improved coordination, higher energy levels, and over all better health. This exercise equipment will be available to all employees.

## Architectural Services

The council the architectural services project involving the Fire Station and Public Services building project. A proposal was submitted with the schematic design and design development phases of the proposal. Wold Architects plan to prepare detailed designs and refined cost estimate for the building addition to the Fire Station and new storage building for Public Services. The proposal includes an assessment, review, recommendations and estimate for roof work, HVAC units, storage facility and solar opportunities. The services reviewed industrial use in the downtown historic district and has been identified as a redevelopment priority in the city's strategic plan. The study should identify alternative space and location for the existing uses in this building, so that the property may be redeveloped. The Fire Department identified a need to separate turn-out gear from the main bay in the garage. It would reduce exposure to harmful exposures. The plan should also identify short-term solution for existing space needs while providing 'master plan concept' to assist in future space challenges. The council prioritized the usage of existing property for any new space and building needs. These findings were reviewed and communicated which was also incorporated into the city's Long-Term Financial Plan. With the current plan identifying project construction in 2024. The project scope include the Public Services Department to construct building on the current site. They discussed the location and other related items with the ultimate goal to approve.

The City Manager presented information on the Fire Station and the Public Works Services Building project. The mayor inquired about the line item in the 2023 budget. The City Manager explained that it was not a line item, but rather funding by an interfund loan. The architectural fees will be paid back with project bonding funds when received. The purpose and attempt is to make the building safe for the Fire Department. Storage for the Public Services Building will not be as visible, but the efficiencies should be considered. Growth for the Public Services building will be a future challenge, unless other options for land become available. The guiding principles offered was questioned. Response of an overview of the schematic and design elements used with the project so that the City Council could offer their input on guiding principles. Question was asked about the retention pond and the response was that it would not be moved. Other options to mitigate the issues with the pond will be addressed as the project moves forward the Assistant City Engineer pointed out. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the proposal from Wold Architects and Engineers to perform architectural services for the Fire Station and Public Services Building Project.

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*"Once you start working on something don't be afraid of failure and don't abandon it. People who work sincerely are the happiest."*  
~ Chanakya

## Letters of Credits

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the acceptance of improvements and release of the letter of credit for the Hawthorne Ridge development. Public improvements have been constructed by the developer.

Acceptance of improvements and release of letter of credits for Meridian Fields, First Addition was also reviewed by the council and the Assistant City Engineer. Improvements and final inspections were conducted and found to be satisfactorily completed. The Letter of Credit item involving the Meridian Fields, Second Addition held the same circumstances. However, Warranty bonds were procured and there is no need to retain any amount of the letter of credit.

The Assistant City Engineer also reviewed the letter of credit involving the Grading Agreements for Hawthorne Ridge and Meridian Fields which also were constructed by the developer and final inspection conducted determining that the improvements were satisfactorily completed.

## Creekside Park

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the grant application for the Creekside Park proposal. The council reviewed approval of the resolution to submit the application for the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Heritage Grant for the Creekside Park. The former wastewater treatment plant site has been looked at for several years under the Parks Master Plan guidelines created by the city. Several park ideas have been drafted for the council to review. The staff then identified the DNR Outdoor Recreation grant as a potential source of funding to see the realization of Creekside Park. A concept plan had been provided, along with discussions, layout and design. Resident's opinions were sought, as well. The feedback was positive along with requests for additional information and details for a park. A resolution adopted would indicate the next steps forward and submit the application to the DNR. The success of this grant would then indicate that the city would work with the DNR to solidify time schedules and project details. A grant match would also be required from the city's Park Dedication funds. Failure of receipt would mean development would not be possible.

The Community Development Director provided an overview of the DNR grant pertaining to the Creekside Park proposal. The director has received confirmation on the large components of the project stating that the DNR had funded all features in Phase I previously. The DNR has a huge focus on accessibility. Suggestion was made that the city keep in mind feedback received in the past. Feedback opinion in one facet was that the pollinator plantings should be considered and question posed whether or not to include this in the grant submittal. Question was asked to explain the difference between the Park Dedication Fund and the General Fund. The mayor added that a request be incorporated to include in the Parks Master Plan. The director stated that the Parks Master Plan shies from having a neighborhood playground in every development as it places the community scaled parks in larger scales. It was explained that Park Dedication fees are paid by the developer on each lot to be used only for parks. The General Fund pays a small contribution to Park Dedication. Statement for clarity was also presented that the Parks Master Plan is part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan process which is kept as a separate document. The City Manager expressed that this proposal was defined by the Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and the City Council. This fund is for the city's best interest to utilize on parks. Additional land is not necessary to be acquired for this project. The mayor was of the opinion that many details could be discussed if the city were to receive a grant for this project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing application submittal to the DNR Outdoor Heritage Grant for Creekside Park.

I have no special talent, I am  
only passionately curious.  
Albert Einstein - 1879-1955  
Physicist-Nobel Prize Winner





## *Utility Improvements Project*

The Assistant City Engineer reviewed the Utility Improvement Project details with the council. The next step in the process is approving the Plans and Specifications and order advertisement for bids for the project. The overview presented involves the fact that the city owns and operates a complex water distribution system to the residents of Carver. As the city continues to grow and system components age, it is critical to maintain ensuring reliability. Several needs have been identified within the long-range financial plan. The council reviewed the summary of the scope of improvements necessary in the 2023 Plan program to include a backup generator, replacement of valve at the Mount Hope Road station, and a valve on Highland Drive watermain. The next step in the process is the approval of the Plans and Specifications, and authorize advertisement for bids for the project. This project was programmed in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan funded from the water funds.

The Assistant City Engineer provided the council at their meeting with updated information on the utility improvements project. Question was presented regarding the Mt Hope Road being torn up still again. Explanation was given to the work being done to avoid future digging up of the road again. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Plans and Specifications, along with the order to advertise for bids for the 2023 Utility Improvements Project.

## *Large Events Ordinance*

The City Attorney directed the council on the drafted ordinance regarding regulating large events. The staff and council discussed the drafting of the ordinance language for regulating large events. Public resources are expended frequently for large events occurring within the city. This draft was identified as a priority on the city's strategic plan. The staff is seeking comments, questions, suggestions and feedback for the drafted document. As a result, there may also fee schedule adjustments requiring to be addressed, as well. It was the staff's opinion that discussion with the council was precedent prior to addressing fees related to the issue. Decisions to follow would be dependent upon the discussions and consensus of whether or not to move ahead with the proposed ordinance making necessary amendments to the presented draft for future discussions.

## *Solicitation Ordinance*

The City Attorney also discussed with the council the drafted ordinance regarding Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants and Mobile Food Units. Most cities impose regulations on solicitations via ordinances. These solicitors provide benefits and challenges. Solicitors not only provide opportunity to bring products to the community, but they also can be a hindrance from time to time. The regulations must be reasonable and cannot violate any constitutionally protected rights. Currently, the city's ordinance imposes very few regulations on these solicitations and lacks some critical necessary language for ample enforcement. Currently, a permit is on required. However, the city does currently regulate mobile food units having to apply for a permit allowing some regulatory authority but lacks a separate code section that specifically addresses such. The presented drafted proposal which is primarily intended to accomplish two items. First, it amends the Current Ordinance to incorporate necessary code updates for regulating peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants, which are not only necessary to provide for better enforcement but are also important in light of recent case law challenging these. The definitions and descriptions of the identified solicitors was reviewed. Secondly, this draft creates a separate article regulating mobile food units given their unique characteristics. Potential changes with the draft would affect the city's fee schedule addressing application fees and fees allowing food trucks to operate on city property. It was the staff's opinion that the council input should be integrated prior to establishing any recommendations for said fees. The drafted ordinance includes provisions that are recommendations. The council was requested to review and decide the local policy.

*"When you take risks you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail and both"*

*~ Ellen DeGeneras*

## *Commission Appointments*

The council reviewed and discussed the recommendations for appointments to the Heritage Preservation Commission and Planning Commission vacancies. Comment was voiced that it was unfortunate that there weren't more opportunities than board positions available. Comment was also made that there again was more applicants than board member positions. Thanks and gratitude were extended to participants interested. Motions were made and carried with all ayes appointing Sandra Kelly and Jill Finney as board members to the Heritage Preservation Commission. Everyone interested was encouraged to keep an eye out for future openings.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes to appoint Phil Schechter from first alternate to board member on the Planning Commission. Motion was made and carried with two ayes and one nay to appoint Daniel Vellek from 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate to board member on the Planning Commission. Motion failed to appoint Mary Nelson to the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate position. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to appoint Ried Welch to the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate position. Motion was made and carried appointing Mary Nelson to 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate position with all ayes.

## *Miscellaneous*

The City Manager informed the council that the contracted service for maintenance on the Public Services and Fire Department equipment is set to expire. Staff is researching options to provide the service going forward.

The City Manager informed the council that now is the time to take the opportunity to rename Old Carver Road/4<sup>th</sup> Street East since the city will be taking ownership of County Road # 40. The council was not interested at this time to take any action to rename the road.

As of May 1<sup>st</sup> the city will be kicking-off the Long-Term Financial Plan. Changing from a five year to a ten year plan is proposed. The 2024 Capital Equipment Certificate will be a part of the Long-Term Financial Plan. The council will be reviewing a presentation in the near future.

The Merriam Junction Regional Trail project has been progressing quickly. This project could have a huge impact on the City of Carver's downtown area and the levee project the council was informed.

## *2023 Street Improvements*

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the 2023 Street Improvement Projects Awards. Currently the City of Carver owns and maintains approximately twenty-seven miles of local streets within the city limits. As these existing streets continue to age and new streets are added to the system, it is important to follow a systematic approach to street maintenance. This need has been recognized and adopted its first Pavement Management Plan. This year is the second year of its inception.

The current project cost estimates for these projects as of January 2023 review along with added constructability benefits, the council provided guidance to defer the 4th Street reclamation to 2024. This would be completed in conjunction with the remaining mill and overlay streets for the River Oaks neighborhood north of 4th Street which is already programmed in the 2024 plan. Also, as part of the 2023 Streets Project, the resurfacing of tower #2 entrance was added to the project scope along with maintenance of sanitary sewer and watermain items as identified in preliminary design and requested by Public Services. The council discussed and reviewed the overall project schedule. Contracts award in the summer of 2023 with a fall construction is the present plan schedule. Prepared Plans and Specifications are completed and open for bids. The six bids received were reviewed and tabulated. Low bidder was WM Mueller and Sons, Inc. The City Engineer also prepared final plans and specifications for the 2023 Seal Coat Project and bids opened. The low bidder was Pearson Brothers Inc. Both projects to be funded using a combination of City Street Maintenance funds along with Municipal Utilities enterprise funds.

## *Open Gym*

2023 Open Gym season at the Carver Elementary Gym is about to close. 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. Until 2024, thanks for the great opportunity.



## Carver Shops

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 quickly approaching, Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Should even be warm then too.

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

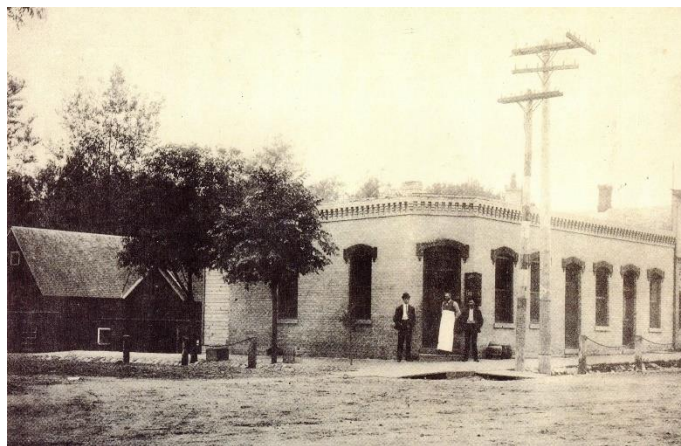
Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook

Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook

Getaway Motor Café – Facebook / Instagram

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



## Funky Dove

You do know about the small shop at 221 Broadway right? That small shop where the Post Office used to be? Next door to the beauty shop? On the same block as Lisa's? Yea, you know where it is right? There is this gorgeous blonde who owns it, her name is Rebecca. She hails from Chaska. ( I have to tell you, she is a doll, friendly, positive, full of cheer, warmth and giving that oozes from her inner soul. She is charismatic and charming. Don't tell anyone, but I went to school with her uncle. ) Anyway, if you haven't met her or haven't visited her shop, get your touché over there and check it out. There's a bunny she says names, "Gnomey Cottontail is watching traffic go by" in the front window, "And would like to be adopted." She has bunnies galore just itching to be part of your Easter Celebrations.

You did know that she got back to the United States right? She was abroad expanding those creative horizons, you know. This is what she had to say:

" Making jewelry is really my joy & why I started the shop in the first place. I've kind of given it a back seat to other priorities in the shop & so on my trip I realized that my jewelry brand "Fly Free Lee" needs to go through a rebranding. This is a temporary look while new designs get whipped up. I also have new beads & ideas.... I've changed ALL the gemstone earring wires to 925 Sterling Silver & the gold wires are gold fill or plated."

So, tell me, what are you waiting for? Stop over at her shop and check things out. Get that bunny and find all kinds of other treasures she has in the shop. We don't want to let her get away, now do we?"

Shop hours are: Friday: Noon to 5 PM; Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday: Noon to 5 PM

## Carver General

Speaking of bunnies, you know where else you can find more bunnies? 'Tis the season huh? Eggs too., not to mention all kinds of other stuff too. Bunnies don't just represent Easter, you know, they are spring related too and the shop is gearing up for SPRING DÉCOR! You never know, you might be looking for what they have this month and you didn't even know it. Their constant highlighting of different set ups is interesting all in itself. The Carver General is open for their monthly sales, Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their hours you ask? Usually Thursday through Saturday they open the doors at 10 AM and close them at 5 PM. Sunday their open from noon until 4 PM. What will you find there? Let's see, great selections of vintage and antique furniture, yard and garden décor, primitives, galvanized, industrial, books, linens, glassware, art and so much more. You have to stop by and check them out. You have no idea the experience you are missing out on. Truly, two charming, friendly gals. You will find them at 109 Third Street East in Carver. Right around the corner from the other shop next to the beauty shop on Broadway. Here are some of the comments from their Facebook page:

"I highly recommend this unique shop. The owners are two of the best pickers I have ever met. Each month you will find a wonderful collection of items at great prices. Combine this with great customer service, a beautiful shop you will have a wonderful time."

"My hubby & I went for the first time in January. Loved it the minute we walked in! The ladies were pleasant and happy to engage in conversation. The prices were great! The selection is varied and will meet many different tastes. Everything is nicely arranged & displayed. Can't wait to go back in March! Well done ladies."

"A hidden gem! So fortunate to have such a treasure shop in Carver. The ladies do an amazing job of sourcing items and creating display vignettes to help spur your own creative decorating ideas. The service is impeccable and the prices are extremely reasonable. If you enjoy unique finds and bargain prices you'll love Carver General."

And oh yea, while you are there, drop by next door, still more bunnies and more at the Good Junk Garage. Promise, you won't be disappointed with any of these shops!



Happy Easter Everyone !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





## 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 Lions

You do realize that it is never quiet where the Carver Lions are concerned, right? They are always doing something for the community in some way, shape or form. They are busy planning for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and their Annual Pork Chop Dinner on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Don't you really want to be another faction of history to be credited with contributing to your community? Go check them out at their meetings and see how you too can contribute. They are all putting their heads together to celebrate their fifty years of being an organization too. Not to mention also working on Steamboat Days which is believe or not, in less than six months away. "Time flies when you are having fun", they say. It's true too. Just ask anyone. They hold their meetings at the Village Hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Want to be part of this year's Easter celebrations and the Pork Chop Dinner, stop by and check it out! Dare you!, No, double dare you!

"Lions are ready whenever and however our communities need us!"



## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

This past month, this editor received an invitation to see firsthand the actors and actresses perform "Big Fish" at the theatre at the Chaska Community Center. To say the least, this editor was impressed, honored and above all, grateful for the generous invitation. If you have any interest in arts, theatre, movies, creating, you should check this out. Just saying; it was a real treat.

The troupe is now preparing for their next production, Matilda scheduled to open in June. Word is that their "actors and production crew spread to the winds following each production. But shortly after a new group comes together to begin a new with our next production." The new production crew is already assembling and setting up auditions for early to mid-April for "Matilda". Don't pass up the opportunity to get involved with this community theatre. Posting was made on the Carver Life Facebook page that auditions are scheduled to occur at the Pioneer Ridge Middle School on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM until 9 PM. Interested, go check it out.

Also, remember too that registration for the 2023 DragonFly Camp opens April 1<sup>st</sup>. Their summer camp production will be Finding Nemo Jr. Summer camp dates are July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>. Where you ask? At the Chaska Community Center on 1661 Park Ridge Drive in Chaska. Their website has more information on the camp and productions. ([www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org)) or you can email them at [cvftmail@gmail.com](mailto:cvftmail@gmail.com) for more information and answer to your questions.

Thank you to the Chaska Valley Family Theatre for the opportunity to see firsthand the blood, sweat and tears along with all the pride and joy in what you all offer and give to temporarily transport people to a happier place of make believe for a little while.

## Carver Black Sox

According to the Black Sox website: [www.carverblacksox.com](http://www.carverblacksox.com) they will be opening their 2023 Season on Sunday, April 23rd on the Woody Swanson Field (Community Park) at 2 PM. Should be warm and snow gone by then right?

That's a month from today. As this author looks out the window at the depths of the white stuff, keep telling myself, it will be gone soon. Playing ball only proves that, right? Also, the Black Sox will be playing the 30th of April, May 6th and 7th and the 14th. More information on their website. Be sure to stop and watch your home team.



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by Michelle:

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Please 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.

We will return to our regular worship service time of 10 AM the week after Easter, on Sunday, April 16.

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. We would love to meet you, you are always welcome in this place.

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## 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. Registration closes Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. They have a tentative start date of May 15<sup>th</sup>, by the way. See spring is coming.

Still waiting for the sunshine, snow melt, warmth and season to open. Meanwhile the organization still is seeking umpires which are needed for both baseball and softball. Near as could tell, also, always seeking volunteers to help with the various tasks associated with the entire operation. To steal the phrase from another non-profit organization comprised of volunteers, "A lot of people doing a little, not a few people doing a lot".

Anyone looking to help out, contact Mark Damon at [carverbball2023@gmail.com](mailto:carverbball2023@gmail.com).

The organization would also like to announce that the Carver Baseball and Softball group will be operating the Concession Stand during Carver Black Sox home games. Their first game is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, opening their 2023 season. Coaches are also needed, by the way.



## Schram Haus Brewery

Bummer, the Goat Fest event was postponed in case you hadn't heard. What happened? They said that their backyard winter wonderland remained too wintry this year. Therefore, they moved their Goat Fest to take place on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> instead. "Same time, same place, same awesome beers, same great music and best of all, same super-fun Goats!" They said. Fun will begin at noon and go through 6 PM at the Schram Haus Brewery. The attractions scheduled include goat petting, photos, and racing. There will be live music by the Traveled Ground. Food trucks, craft beers and wines. Beer poking, campfires, games and oh so much more! Complaints are being received by "Old Man Winter". Where is he?

Hiding? Find him. Also there is another event occurring on April 7<sup>th</sup>, National Beer Day. Separate article further down.



*"There are always things you can't change but your attitude is never one of them."*

*~ Unknown*

**"Impossible is just an opinion."** ~Paulo Coelho

## Arts Consortium

The Larger than Life Exhibit is still happening at the gallery at the Community Center until April 10<sup>th</sup>. Their next featured exhibit is named 'Animals and Dragons' to be on display from April 12<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup> with a reception scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Glass Fusing Classes in Spring are back. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 to :30 PM at the Community Center will be a class on Small Dish Beginning Glass Fusing. Come and create your own small dish where you develop an abstract or realistic miniature design out of fusible glass. More information or to register go to [classes@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:classes@artsofcarvercounty.org). Or perhaps you would rather create a Colorful Fused Heart Pendant. In this class create two pendants. This class is scheduled to occur on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM until 10 AM, also at the community center.

Did you know that you are invited to share your expertise and artistic passion with others at the Arts Consortium arena? Is there something you would like to teach? Submit your ideas to [classes@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:classes@artsofcarvercounty.org).

New Song Collective...songwriters and musicians will perform original music with their insight and discussion of their writing process. The public is invited to come and participate at the Community Center Theatre on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Interested, email [info@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:info@artsofcarvercounty.org).

## Schram Haus Brewery National Beer Day

The staff at the Schram Haus Brewery would like to invite you all to come and celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Prohibition's End and National Beer Day Party being held at the brewery on April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at noon until 10 PM.

"National Beer Day is naturally awesome on it's own, but April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that glorious legislation passing, so we felt the need to celebrate in a special way." Annually National Beer Day celebrates the end of Prohibition that once again allowed the American people to enjoy alcoholic beverages starting with beer. Schram's personnel was of the opinion that there was a need to celebrate in a special way. You can bet that they have special events and special beer for the event too. Guests visiting the brewery who are ninety years old and older will receive a free pint of beer and those guests who are eighty through eighty-nine will receive half off their pint purchase! Come and join the fun. Doors open at noon and close at ten. A toast to National Beer Day!

## Wine Hop - Schram's Vineyards

Schram's Vineyard is having a special Easter weekend Hop. You are invited to follow the bunny trail from winery to winery for a hopping day of wine tasting and fun! Each winery is offering wine tasting of four different wines, special wine deals and food. The event will open at noon at each winery. Last check-in will be at 4 PM. Choose the winery and time where you want to start and then hop to the next. Schram - Parley and Sovereign are the wineries participating. What day you ask? Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and is hosted by Waconia Wine Country called 'Special Easter Weekend Hop! Have fun.



## Community Highlights

April 2023



April 1st  
April 2nd

Happy Birthday Joe!  
Palm Sunday  
West Union Pancake Breakfast  
Happy Birthday Kelly!  
Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Wayne!  
Lions Meeting  
Happy Birthday Jim!  
Good Friday  
No School

April 7th

April 8th  
April 9th  
April 10th

Easter Egg Hunt  
Easter Sunday  
School Board Work Shop Meeting  
Carver Elementary - PTO  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Happy Birthday Kerry!  
Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen!  
Happy Birthday Ava!  
Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Cheryl!  
Tax Day  
Happy Birthday John!  
Lions Meeting  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Happy Birthday Scott!  
Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle!  
Through 23rd - Occasional Shop Dates  
Business Alliance Meeting  
Happy Birthday Jim!

April 20th  
April 21st

April 22nd

April 23rd  
April 24th

April 25th

April 26th

April 28th

April 29th  
April 30th

Earth Day  
Happy Birthday Al!  
Happy Birthday Kitty!  
East Union Pancake Breakfast  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
School Board Meeting  
Schram's Goat Fest  
Happy Birthday Aaron!  
Administrative Professionals Day  
Happy Birthday Emily!  
Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner  
Arbor Day  
Project Life-Cycle Bike Tuning & Repair  
Polka Worship - West Union Church  
Happy Birthday Lili!  
Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg!

## MN Landscape Arboretum

Always something to do or find at the MN Landscape Arboretum. Some highlights for April at the arb is the April Full Pink Moon Hike happening at 7:30 to 10 PM on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. A self-guided hike basking on the glow of the full moon. April's Pink Moon is called that for the pink moss phlox that begins to bloom in April in other parts of the country. Bet you didn't know that, did you? In Minnesota, it blooms in May. The hiking path goes around the Green Heron Pond lit with pink uplights to illuminate the surrounding landscape. The hike starts at the Sensory Garden parking lot near the Ordway picnic shelter. Multiple bonfires will be staged for just you.



Looking for something different to do on Easter morning? The arboretum has a bunch buffet in the MacMillan Auditorium on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM and ends at 2:30 PM. For more information, check their website.

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day and you are invited to spend the day at the arboretum to celebrate all things trees. The holiday honors the planting, upkeep and preservation of trees. Complete a Tree Bingo card and learn about the trees at the arboretum. You are invited to try Forest Bathing. A what? A nature-based mindfulness exercise. Listen to tree stories at Story Time from the Anderson Horticultural Library. Check out the Tree Mob series in the gardens. Experts will share the arb's living tree collections and then take home a tree sapling to plant in your own yard. For more information visit their website: [www.arb.un.edu](http://www.arb.un.edu)

"Your passion is waiting for your courage to catch up."

~ Isabelle Lafleche



I can please  
only one  
person per  
day. Today  
is not your  
day.  
Tomorrow's  
not looking  
good either



## East and West Union Lutheran Churches

With the Easter season on the horizon, the East Union Lutheran Church congregation is preparing for Holy Week along with the congregation at the West Union Church. Maudy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> worship services will be at West Union with service at 7 PM. While Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> services will be held at East Union Church at 7 PM. Easter morning services, April 9<sup>th</sup> are planned for 9 AM at East Union while over at West Union they are planning a 6AM worship.

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.

Also, the East Union congregation is getting ready for their Pancake Breakfast scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 9 AM worship service. They also will be having their annual plant sale in May. Watch for details.

Meanwhile over at West Union Church. Easter Sunday worship is planned for 6 AM. Also, they will be hosting their Pancake Breakfast on April 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 8 AM and closing out at noon. Then on April 30<sup>th</sup>, they are planning their Polka Service with the Jolly Ramblers. May will be their blessing of tractors service.

## Carver County Historical Society

The Carver County Historical Society extends an invitation to those interested to experience the 1800s lifestyle. Upcoming summer camps are taking registration for summer camps. Two different camps are being offered by the society. The first one will be June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Down on the Farm Camp. This is for children in kindergarten through second grade. Children will get the opportunity to learn what life was like on the farm in the late 1800s. To include chores like butter-making and laundry, to games and crafts. Experience firsthand how the pioneers lived.

The second camp will be June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town on the Map Camp for third through six graders to learn how pioneers worked to have their newly-formed communities recognized. Learn how the pioneers planned for success, faced hardships and obstacles out of their control. Campers will learn of the success and failures of early settlers and how some communities made it on the map while others faded into obscurity.

For more information you can call 952-442-4234. To sign up: [carver-county-historical-society.coursestorm.com](http://carver-county-historical-society.coursestorm.com).

## Singing Friends Chorus

Did you know that Norwood/Young America has a community chorus? They do. They are called the Singing Friends Chorus and they are presently preparing for a spring concert series centered on the theme of 'Gratitude'. If you are interested in participating in the group, you can look them on Facebook or contact Jane Christopher. Their director is Karen de Boer. Their concerts are planned for Saturday and Sunday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first concert is on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at 2 PM in Glencoe at St Pius Catholic Church. The address is: 1014 Knight Avenue, Glencoe.

The second concert is on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Church of Peace in Norwood/Young America, south side of Highway #212 going west [ 424 Franklin North ]. There is no charge to enjoy our Gift of Son. A free-will offering is available if you would like to donate. Refreshments will be served following both performances, coffee, lemonade and cookies.

Want to bet they are homemade? Go and find out. Heard this chorus is really, really good too. They sing a variety of music.



## April Gossip - Not Gossip

So what's with the title? Some of the information given is talk of the town that is fact but there are also rumors that are not true and some that are just fabricated for fun to see if you are paying attention. ( Dry sense of humor ) Mostly to make the newsletter informative and fun and share pertinent information.

The Steamboat Committee has resumed meetings in 2023, in fact, rumor was that they met in February on a Monday. So they are beginning to wake up and start formulating what will happen at Steamboat Days in September of 2023. For the life of me, though, it is the best kept secret in town unless you are associated with the right people to know when, where and who meets?????

Next Step Learning Center up on the northern portion of Jonathan Carver Parkway is open. They are on Monroe Drive by Kwik Trip and the Carver Station.

For all you Renaissance fans and haters. Yes, there are those who don't like it at all and then there are those avid annual attendees and the people who love it. Anyway, the Scott County commissioners have agreed to allow the festival to continue. Trafficking issues need to be worked out still too. So, 2023 Renaissance is a go.

Did you hear about the Best of the Best? Chaska Swnewsmedia ( Chaska Herald ) delivered the winners today. Carver is part of the Best of the Best. This is not gossip. This is published in the paper. Carver Creamery won as the best Ice Cream/Parlor, Strains LLC for best CBD Seller, and the best elementary school, Carver Elementary. Congratulations!

The Carver Creamery is advertising for hiring for help. Word is that they will open sometime soon. Check their Facebook page.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> it's an Earth Day Celebration at McKnight Park by the Jonathan Elementary School off of Highway # 41 in Chaska 11 AM until 2 PM. There will be a variety of outdoor and environmental exhortors who will be present to help us appreciate our wonderful natural world. It's a free event where it will include an interactive nature hike, food trucks and activities for the whole family.

Valleyfair is hiring for the 2023 season.

That silly groundhog was sure wrong this year. Six weeks of winter was March 16<sup>th</sup> week and boy that couldn't be farther from the truth. Heard that Duluth experienced 125" of snow this year. North of Brainerd is still buried under mounds of snow and we are just starting to see the white you-know-what starting to go away but leaving behind puddles and ice rinks everywhere you move. We all know what comes next, ug, flooding.

Dahlgreen Golf Course is still closed too. Check their website for updates. Would presume that once the snow is gone, movement that then the course will be postings openings.

"Everyone get their property tax statement in the mail?"

Were you surprised by the sharp increase in the Estimated Market Value of your property this year? To begin this conversation, it is the counties request that the general public contact the Assessor's office for information related to their specific value and classifications on your property tax statement. Values of home increased and as taxes go, expect it to increase again. If you question your valuation, call the assessor's office for answers.

"Please contact the Assessor's Office at 952-361-1960 and we will put you in touch with the appraiser assigned to your area, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your property value and/or classification"

"You must have your property inspected for any Local or County Board to make a change to your property value or classification, so contact the Assessor's Office as early as possible"

## Ripple Art Studio

Mary Williamson - Carver Life posting

Ripple Art Studio is back on the Calendar with a ton of fun classes!! Something for everyone from Adults, Teens, Little-ones and Homeschool students! [www.rippleartstudio.com](http://www.rippleartstudio.com)

Check out the Calendar of classes and keep an eye out for special events - A collaborative event coming up on Earth Day with Strains of the Earth!!

Contact me with any questions or thoughts!! Looking forward to seeing the Studio busy with creative activity!!



## City of Carver Announcements

### Seasonal Road Restrictions



City wishes to remind everyone about the seasonal road restriction in effect during the spring thaw.

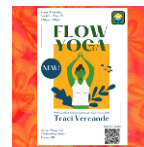
"The two primary causes for premature deterioration of our asphalt streets are weather and traffic. As the frost is leaving the ground during the spring thaw, the gravel under the street has high moisture content, which affects the load carrying capacity of the asphalt pavement. Therefore, the City of Carver does not issue permits for overweight vehicles during the spring load restriction period.

The exact dates on which seasonal limits go into effect and are removed vary depending on annual temperature variations. The City of Carver follows Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) schedule for imposing and removing spring road weight limit restrictions.

Additional information can be found by calling MnDOT at 651-366-5400 or by visiting MnDOT's website: Start and End Dates - Seasonal Load Limits - MnDOT ([state.mn.us](http://state.mn.us))"

### Flow Yoga

Enrollment opened March 20<sup>th</sup> for the Flow Yoga which will meet every Thursday for eight weeks from 6 PM to 7 PM at the city hall. The starting date is April 6<sup>th</sup> and going through May 25<sup>th</sup>. The instructor is Traci Vercande. The class uses postures and stretches in combination with the breath to develop flexibility and relaxation. Special attention is paid to proper alignment of the body to bring balance, strength and calmness into your life. Everyone is welcome and you are asked to bring a yoga mat.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Did you know that every two seconds someone in the US needs blood. Your blood donation can save lives. Give blood. One never knows when it will become imperative to your own life. Be proactive and be prepared along with considerate to others. It is important to give blood. Someone's life may depend on it.

Think about it. The City will be holding a blood drive on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall in the Community Room at 316 Broadway in Carver. It's possible that you might need an appointment. The times given were noon until 6 PM. For more information, [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Project Life-Cycle Bike Tuning and Repairs

At the Carver Station Parking Area on 1607 Hartwell Drive there is an event occurring called Project Life-Cycle Bike Tuning and Repairs to be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM and until 2 PM. Basic repairs, adjustments and cleaning will be provided at no charge.

### Street Sweeping and Fire Hydrant Flushing

You know its springtime when cities begin street sweeping. The City of Carver is preparing for April street sweeping and Fire Hydrant Flushing. Guess what, April is almost here, if not already into April at publication time. Street sweeping is one of the most cost-effective ways to remove sediment, metals, petroleum products, trash, and vegetation accumulated on streets, construction sites, and parking lots. So that these toxins do not seep into storm drains, streams, and waterways; they need to be removed. As well as assisting in keeping the storm drains clear to reduce flooding during heavy rains and not to mention helps mitigate water pollution. City personnel request that when the sweeper is in your area or neighborhood, please remove vehicles off the streets. Also, fire hydrant flushing is an important to assist in the maintenance of municipal water distribution. When the city does this systematic flushing it allows a high velocity flow through the mainlines. Remember, it may cause temporary discoloration of the water but does not pose public health threat. To clear lines to the resident's possibly, you can try to run cold water closest to the water meter for minutes to clear the lines.

### Carver Community Gardens

The Community Gardens registrations opened for the Community Gardens located behind the Church-By-the-River at 109 Main Street East. Check if there is still available space. Supposed to have been submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Plot assignments were done. Rental fees are \$ 20 plus a \$ 20 security deposit. Two plot options are available. There are raised beds and planter boxes. For more information visit the city's website, [www.cityofcarver.com/234](http://www.cityofcarver.com/234) for program details and registration information.



### Community Partnerships

Did you know on the Eastern Carver County school's website that there is a section dedicated to community events? It's District # 112 Equity and Inclusion Department. Valuable and pertinent information available there. Where can you find more? Got to school's website [www.district112.org](http://www.district112.org), scroll down to what's 'Happening at Eastern Carver

County; the '112 On Line' latest date will give you site you what you need, then scroll down to Equity and Inclusion. Also a box for newsletter with past information.

Included here is:

Ever heard of the Community Closet? The FLC Parent Advisory Council ( PAC ) announces the reopening of the Community Closet located at the Family Learning Center next to the main office at 110600 Village Road, Chaska.

The community Closet is made up of donated items and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families can come in, and take whatever items they need anonymously. The hours of the office are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3:30 PM.

Carver County Public Health offers Moderna vaccines at their regular, Tuesday COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Check with the county's public health department for more information. [ [www.co.carver.mn.us](http://www.co.carver.mn.us). ]

Need internet? Stay connected at home with Internet Essentials from Xfinity. Fast, reliable and free – You can get Internet Essentials or Internet Essentials Plus at no cost when you qualify for and enroll in the Affordable Connectivity Program ( ACCP ). Be sure to check and see if you qualify.

Latest information provided prior to publication of the newsletter; advise you check site the weekly.

There is a car seat checkup: A free event to have your car seat or booster checked to ensure it is properly installed. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM until noon at the Victoria Fire Station at 1500 80<sup>th</sup> Street. You can register by emailing Esther DelaCruz at [CPSAssociates.DelaCruz@gmail.com](mailto:CPSAssociates.DelaCruz@gmail.com).

Community Support: Free Food distribution: This event is scheduled for Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 PM at the former Gedney Factory site at 2100 Stoughton Avenue, Chaska. This event is sponsored by the CAP Agency, City of Chaska, Carver County and St John's Lutheran Church.

Want to volunteer? FARE For ALL: it's a pop-up grocery store selling packs of fresh produce and frozen meat. Everyone can shop at thirty plus pop up sites in the Twin Cities and Greater MN. The Chaska location is Crown of Glory Church at 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska. Upcoming dates are April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Free tax assistance: In person, by appointment only. Chaska's Moravian Church at 115 E. 4th Street. Mondays through April 10. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. For an appointment, call 952-373-1766 during office hours (9 AM to 4 PM).





# *West Union Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast*

Sunday, April 2 2023 – Palm Sunday  
8 AM - Noon  
Everyone is Welcome.....

Pancakes, toppings, sausage, applesauce  
Juice, milk or coffee



## East Union Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast

Proceeds to support our Youth & Education Program

**Sunday, April 23**  
**8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

15180 County Road 40, Carver, MN

**Breakfast includes:** Pancakes (regular and gluten free), toppings (butter, syrup, strawberries, and whip cream), sausage, warm apple sauce, juice, milk, and coffee.

**Bring a friend - all are welcome here at EULC!**



# Carver Lions



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday,  
April 8, 2023      10:00 a.m.

Community Park  
800 6th St. W., Carver

Please be on time. NO PETS!

Bring a bag or basket  
for your Easter Eggs



**Friday, April 28  
4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Carver Community Hall**

316 Broadway, Downtown Carver



# **Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner**

*Enjoy pork chops, cheesy hashbrowns,  
green beans, bread and dessert.*

**Youth & Adults \$15.00**

**Kids (5-10) \$7.00**

**4 & Under Free**

Tickets available at the door.

# *Spring Plant Sale*

## Homemade Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13th 2023 8am-12pm

Hundreds of hanging baskets, herbs,  
potting soil, flowering annuals &  
vegetable plants

Get your Mother's Day gifts here!

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**East Union Lutheran Church**

15180 County Rd 40 Carver MN 55315



Back by popular demand:  
Coffee truck and quilt raffle



New this year, learn how to plant a  
pollinator garden. Apply for a  
\$350 grant onsite.



# Food Resources in Carver County



Healthy Carver for a Lifetime

## FOOD SHELVES

Food shelves provide food and basic items.

### **Bountiful Basket Food Shelf**

1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska  
(952) 556-0244

[www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org](http://www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org)

### **Friends for Life Food Shelf**

309 Lewis Ave South, Watertown  
(952) 955-1980

### **People Reaching Out to People (PROP)**

14700 Martin Drive, Eden Prairie  
(952) 937-9120

[www.propfood.org](http://www.propfood.org)

### **Southwest Carver County Food Shelf**

10 First Avenue NE, Norwood Young America  
(952) 467-1870

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

### **Waconia United Food Shelf**

11 South Elm Street  
(952) 442-3878

[www.waconiafoodshelf.org](http://www.waconiafoodshelf.org)

## **Abundance Food Program**

115 East 4th Street, Chaska

Abundance provides free food to people in need.  
Food varies based on availability but may include  
prepared meals and fresh produce.

Contact His House Foundation at (612) 325-4693 for  
hours and additional information.

**CAP Agency Senior Nutrition** provides  
quality, nutritionally balanced meals for  
individuals who are disabled or 60 and older.

Participation is NOT based on income but  
financial assistance is available. To participate,  
contact the CAP Agency at (952) 402-9855.

**The Hunger Solutions Helpline** can help  
identify food resources in your area. 1-888-711-1151 and  
<https://www.hungersolutions.org/find-help/>

## **Free Food Distributions**

Free food distributions occur throughout the metro.

Find local events on Carver County's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CarverCounty>

**The WIC Program** provides nutritious foods and  
nutrition education for low-income pregnant, postpartum  
women, infants and children up to age 5. Call (952) 567-  
8229 or go to [https://www.capagency.org/education/  
women-infant-children-wic/](https://www.capagency.org/education/women-infant-children-wic/)

**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
Program (SNAP)** helps supplement food and  
nutrition needs. Eligibility depends on household size  
and income. Apply online at <https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov>  
or call the CAP Agency at (952) 496- 2125 for assistance.  
SNAP benefits can now be used online at Walmart and  
Amazon.

## **School Meals for Kids**

Districts are providing school meals at no cost for  
students for all or part of the year. Contact your child's  
school to learn more.

## **Transportation and Grocery Delivery**

**SW Prime** provides on-demand rides for residents of  
Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver and Victoria.

Financial assistance is available. Call 952-797-7463 or  
visit [www.swtransit.org/sw-prime/](http://www.swtransit.org/sw-prime/)

**SmartLink** offers free grocery delivery from any store  
with online shopping and curbside pickup for Carver  
County residents. Call (952) 496-8341 to set up  
a delivery.

Get Help Ordering Groceries Online from

**Gopher Grocery Assistance Program.** Call (612) 626-  
FOOD (3663) or visit [z.umn.edu/ggap](http://z.umn.edu/ggap).