

Volume 96969696 I

April / May 2023

Number Three Hundred Ninety-Four



Mike Quinn

## In Loving Memory of Lyle Lund, Harley Thom and Sandy Kuhn

### Mayor Courtney's Message

Submitted by Courtney:

We're having a busy spring in Carver, even if the weather doesn't quite yet seem spring-like. I have a few updates to share, in no particular order:

**Carver Cleanup Day** – If you've haven't already heard, this very popular event will be held on Saturday, May 6. All the details on timing, what types of items you can get rid of and all the other important information can be found at [CityOfCarver.com](http://CityOfCarver.com).

**Community Gardens** – We still have a few plots available to rent this summer in Carver's Community Gardens, which are located downtown behind Church by the River - 109 Main Street East. We have both 4' x 8' beds and 4' x 4' accessible raised planter boxes available. For more information and to sign up to rent a plot, check out [cityofcarver.com/324/Community-Gardens](http://cityofcarver.com/324/Community-Gardens)

**Fire Department's Badge Pinning & Black Helmet Ceremony** – Last month Carver Fire held their first badge pinning and black helmet ceremony. This event celebrated five firefighters (Dave Anderson, Cody Balk, Alfred Bartels, Ryan Nicol and Katelynn Walsh) who completed all training and tasks required in the probationary handbook, which included 180 hours of classroom training. Congratulations!

**Strategic Planning** – Last month City Council, City staff and I participated in a two-day strategic planning session, where we worked to set priorities which will guide our work going forward. We're still working on putting the finishing touches on the plan, but I look forward to sharing all the details soon. Stay tuned!

**Levee Grant Agreement** – Council and I formally approved the agreement for the \$2.5M federal grant the City of Carver has been awarded for the Levee Improvement Project. You first heard about this grant in my April 2022 update, so needless to say the process of formalizing the grant agreement was a long one. And while \$2.5M is A LOT of money, we're still not at a point in the process where you will see shovels in the ground for this project. The \$2.5M will fund the environmental review (which is a requirement of the grant), preliminary design, communications and easement acquisition.

**Mayor's Office Hours** – My next Mayor's Office Hours will take place on Saturday, May 13 from 9 – 11 a.m. in the Broadway room at City Hall. There's no formal presentation, so you can stop by anytime between 9 – 11 a.m. to give feedback, share ideas and ask questions... or just pop in and say "hi!" If May 13 doesn't work for you, give me a call or send me an email (my contact info is below) and we'll figure out another time to connect!

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

Mayor Courtney Johnson

[CJohnson@CityOfCarver.com](mailto:CJohnson@CityOfCarver.com)

Cell: 612.702.7703

Facebook: CarverMayorCourtney

Instagram: Carver\_Mayor\_Courtney

*"Manipulation is when they blame you for your reaction to their toxic behavior, but never discuss their disrespect that triggered you."*  
~ Unknown

### Employee Service Recognition

The City of Carver recognized public officials and staff for their service to the community. Honored publicly was the Five Year Service Award for Erik Madigan who is a Public Services Technician I and Erin Smith, the Community Development Director. Also for twenty years of community service was extended to Firefighter, Jeff Primmer and Fire Chief/Firefighter, Cally Trimbo. Congratulations!

### Ironwood / Hartwell Intersection

The City Engineer presented an update at work session with the council regarding the intersection at Ironwood Drive and Hartwell Drive on the safety analysis conducted. This intersection is near the school. It was found to be operating safely. A recommendation was included for future installation considerations of enhanced pedestrian crossing features as traffic increases in the area.

### 2023 Street Project

The assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the 2023 Street Project topics. Question was posed regarding the original project costs. The original Pavement Management Plan had included work considered for Fourth Street for 2023. The decision had been made to not include Fourth Street in the project with consideration to incorporating work with other street work in the future, projections of State Aid Funds were not positive and the items in the projected plans were acceptable at that point. Question was also asked regarding municipal utilities projects concerning valves. The items were not in the project areas and Street Maintenance funds would not be utilized. Happiness was expressed that the bid came in under the original estimates. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding the contract to Wm Mueller and Sons for the 2023 Street Improvements Project. Motion was also made and carried with all ayes accepting the quote from Pearson Brothers Inc for the 2023 Seal Coat Project.

### Street Signage

The council continued discussions on street sign topic. At a work session meeting there had been an issue discussed regarding additional signage for the three stop signs located near the Getaway Motor Café. Question was also posed concerning moving one of the signs. The City Manager was going to discuss the item with the City Engineer. Lack of clearance to move one sign was briefly talked about. Complaints had also been voiced at the Red Oak Drive and Spring Creek intersection. Question was asked about adding additional signage if it is a two-way stop. The response was that it was a broader policy decision if requests were being submitted throughout the city. The intersection in question was reviewed as a part of the Jonathan Carver Parkway project where the present situation was deemed the best design for traffic flow. If there were issues the parties were to be directed to the City Manager for further discussions.

Discussion presumed pertaining to the additional stop sign signage at Broadway and Main. Confirmation had been received via the city engineer that a three-way stop signage would not be allowed. However, an alternative was other signage such as "Traffic from left or right does not stop" verbiage to be utilized to control approach. The City Manager stated that this signage would be installed as soon as possible.

## *Miscellaneous*

The council had a brief discussion relating to the topic of peddlers, Solicitors and Food Truck Regulations. Previous discussions were reviewed by various personnel. Further feedback on the topic was added upon continued discussions and that information would be incorporate into an additional drafted presentation to be reviewed again in the future.

The mayor discussed with the council about the State Competitiveness Fund. An investment in state funds could be sued to provide assistance for businesses and small cities to get grants. The city could possibly receive help writing and reporting on grants. The grants were specific to renewable energy sources.

The mayor had also participated in the BizTown interviews at La Academia where fifth grade students interviewed in roles that would be played in their BizTown field trip.

The mayor informed the council that Hometown Bank representative attended the Business Alliance Meeting. Also at the meeting, Deputy Chaffin attended answering questions of attendees. The city council was also told that a permit application had been received for a veterinary office, Healing Hands Veterinary Clinic expressing interest in the Carver Square location. Mayor Johnson also relayed that she had met with Senator Gruenhagen and Representative Harder along with Senator Coleman and Representative Nash. The Bonding Bill involving six million for Carver had passed in the House. A super majority was necessary from the Senate to pass, but the votes were not received. She relayed that she is still hoping it will pass and that Carver will receive funds in the future.

Regarding the City's Legislative Priorities, specifically for the items of local controls and cannabinoid legislation, Representative Nash requested a letter of support; indicating support for local regulation and the ability for cities to opt out of the cannabinoid legislation being worked on. She voiced her support but inquired about other council members opinions on the topic. Only half of the council expressed interest. The topic would be discussed again in the future.

The mayor had been appointed as the SouthWest Transit Board Liaison but is not able any longer to attend the meetings and requested appointment be made for another member to serve. Motion was made and carried with all ayes appointing councilmember Perschmann as the liaison.

Council was told that a grant received by SouthWest transit would allow a portion of the costs to install solar panels would be covered at the parking facility in Eden Prairie. Chargers are also to be installed at their stations. The interim CEO had resigned and Maria Mancilla-Diaz has taken over the temporary role. The firm is seeking to fill the CEO position with an April/May timeframe the council was told.

The council briefly discussed the topic regarding Community Leaders meetings comprised of the four communities in the school district, county and school personnel. It was relayed that the School Board has been working on the process for challenges received pertaining to available books in the district's libraries. To date, three books have been challenged. A Committee that reads the books, conducts discussions and makes decisions whether or not to remove the books is conducted. None of the challenged books have been removed from the library.

At the council meeting the annual topic of Statutory Liability Limits were discussed along with whether or not to waive the limits. Cities obtain coverage through the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust. In the past the city has opted to not purchase excess liability coverage.

## *Hometown Bank Concept Plan*

The Planning Commission member reviewed the presented information regarding the Hometown Bank Concept Plan. Property was identified as located at the corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Highway # 212. The bank representative present provided history and current locations of the bank system. It was noted that the Waconia location was the first to include a coffee shop which is now their prototype moving forward. Parking spots were asked about. Green space was discussed, along with traffic flow and congestion. He Assistant City Engineer contributed the fact the traffic flow would be continued to be monitored in the area.

*"Life is too complicated to be orderly" ~ Martha Stewart*

## *County Road # 40*

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the topic pertaining to the annexation of County Road # 40 turnback of Carver County property. A resolution was necessary approving the annexation of property with an Orderly Annexation Agreement.

An overview was reviewed for the agreement entered into with the township revised in 2020 to create a process relating to anticipate annexation. The Orderly Annexation Agreement consists of prescribed land areas agreed on by both parties likely to be annexed into the city over time outlining the required steps necessary and required. The proposed area to be annexed is owned by the city and the county which includes portions of Main Street West, east of the county road and Jonathan Carver Parkway intersection. The said property as part of the annexation process also includes portions of land already located in the city limits deeming it necessary to be identified to avoid additional surveying research and identify portions required to be annexed. Thereby, the legal description accounts for the purpose of exempting the property already located in the city, state has reviewed the legal description and has preapproved the said approach. Both the city and the county request annexation due to the necessity to having full control of the roadway right of way associated with the county road turnback agreement entered into with the county. Upon annexation, the city will then be able to submit the identified section to the Municipal State Aid Street System. Thereby, all necessary information completing the orderly annexation is done. Upon council approval, information will be forwarded to the State Office of Administrative hearing for final review and approval. At that point, once the state review is complete the city will have land use control of annexed property. Adoption of the resolution would then be the council's next step in the process.

## *Carver Preserve Development*

The Community Development Director discussed the Carver Preserve Development Agreement with the council.

The council reviewed the discussion of approving the first amendment to modify the Development Agreement concerning the Homeowner's Association relating to two outlots. As a recap, the original agreement required the formation of an association consisting of responsibility to provide for the long-term maintenance of the two outlots. The requirement was put into place since it was thought originally that these outlots would remain undeveloped to be used in the long term as common areas for the development. Currently, the developer intends to retain ownership of the outlots and maintain them until they are developed in the future. Proposed development would then be subject to current land use requirement. Thereby, a homeowner's association becomes negated since the city would no longer need any obligations to be assumed. Therefore, the developer has requested a simple amendment to the original agreement.

## *2023 Utility Improvement Project*

The Assistant City Engineer requested the council approve awarding the contract for the utility improvements project to Minger Construction Companies Inc. The city owns and operates a complex water distribution system. As growth continues it is critical to properly maintain the system. This being said, the city recognizes the need, identifying several necessary improvements required with long-term financial plan. The scope of the improvements were reviewed having approved plans and specifications, and ordering bid advertisement. The council reviewed the scope of improvements outlined and presented for their review. The council then reviewed the schedule of work to be conducted as discussed. The project was programmed in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan with said amounts to be funded from the Water Fund. The Finance Director reviewed current estimates. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding the contract to Minger Construction Companies Inc for the 2023 Utility Improvements Project.

## *Strategic Planning*

The council and the department heads met to hold a Strategic Planning session. Each department presented and environmental scan for their department which included the functions performed, staff and organizational structure, data and services performed, responsibilities, trends impacting the community and challenges presented to staff and the community. These tasks were discussed at the council's work session. Additional information was also discussed further at the regular meeting.

## Spring Clean-Up

The Public Services Director discussed the topic of Spring Clean-up Day agreements. Motion was necessary to approve a Service Agreement with Suburban Waste Services conducting the event scheduled for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

For many years the city has facilitated and funded an annual event to prevent and discourage improper or illegal disposal of items. Eligible items for pick up include toys, furniture, mattresses, carpet, and exercise equipment, while ineligible items include paint, appliances, electronics, and hazardous materials. The community has responded favorably to this annual event, with 100 to 115 tons collected in previous years. There was also discussion of a yard waste drop off site which was being worked on.

## Levee Improvements

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the 2022 Federal Grant Agreement and for the council to consider a motion authorizing the execution of the 2022 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Needs had been identified prioritizing improvement to the levee system. This is critical to the infrastructure that must be maintained. The costs of the improvements were reviewed. The city continues to seek external funding sources to make this project successful. Project funding had been applied for and the city recently was notified that this project was selected for the Community Project Funding grant program administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The city must execute the attached grant agreement in order to receive this funding. Receipt of this funding would allow for project work to resume in 2023. Priority needs for the coming year include completion of federal environmental reviews for the project required for grant award, preliminary design to finalize any easement needs, project communications, project phasing review based on funding received and the final design based on phasing.

## 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.

© 2023 RYS CREATIONS

## 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 at city hall. May's meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

© 2023 RYS

CREATIONS

### "Villager Tower"

Ricki Yvonne Schultz  
14210 Jonathan  
Carver Parkway  
Carver MN 55315  
952 . 448 . 5126  
villagertower@carvercurrent.com



## Dahlgren Township - Screamtown

Screamtown owner/coordinator attended the Dahlgren Board meeting with a list of changes requested for the annual event which was discussed with the board and local residents. Neighborhood consensus opposed any changes. Concerns of crowd control were brought up. Extended hours were not a welcomed request. A board member had attended the event and was of the opinion that the highway noise was more excessive than the event. A noise study had been done and the event was compliant with the state standards. The township recommended an increase from an average attendance of six hundred per night, to a limit of two thousand people at any one time. The board opposed the extension of time from 11 PM to 12 AM. Three board members were in agreement with an additional Thursday opening with a cap of twenty-three days total to be open with one board member in opposition of the request. Allowed to be open on the day of Halloween hours limited to no later than 10 PM. The decision removing the requirement of Deputies for traffic control would be determined at a Public Hearing held by the county. Three board members were not in opposition of the request for an additional access point on an additional road along with the ability to highlight the area with theatrical sets, lighting and props along with additional parking allowed on the southwest corner of the property. Request was also submitted for additional woods space for the night trail on the northwest portion for the hayride road which three board members agreed to.



## Carver Lions

You do know and have heard that the Carver Lions never sit still, haven't you? They are always busy planning or doing for the community.

Their Easter Egg Hunt was a smashing success despite the uncooperative weather. At the time of composing this newsletter they were busy preparing for their Pork Chop Dinner which we all know was nothing short of successful. You can bet your bottom dollar that they are also helping with the upcoming Fire Department Bike Rodeo I, May 20<sup>th</sup>, right?

The Lions also wish to thank all those who came to their Easter Egg Hunt too.

Oh yea, they would also like to extend their thanks to the past district Governor, Glenn Kaufmann and Lisa of the Chanhassen Lions Club who came to their meeting in April. They also viewed a presentation to learn about the history of the Lions Club, Global causes and their local district. How fun huh? They also welcomed a new member.

Did you know that the Carver Lions volunteer in all kinds of different ways? They help with fundraisers, roadside cleanup, work with the Fire Department, city and businesses? That's just the start. They also raise money to give it away. They provide scholarships, eyes glasses for kids, donate to locate families in need and the list goes on and on. Then there is the Community Services that they provide. Well you know, we talk about them all the time, right? Looking to fill your life with goodness, check out the Lions.

Their meetings are held at the Village Hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Want to meet a great bunch of people and be a bigger part of something huge? Then get to their meeting and join.

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

Carver Lions  
Shredding Event  
Saturday, May 13

Also, remember the Lions are planning their annual Shredding Event. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get your documents securely disposed of. Also remember there is a two box limit per car, paper only and it's free but donations are accepted. Where? When? The event will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM until 11 AM. It's happening at the Community Park at 600 Sixth Street in Carver.

*"Forgive but dont forget, or you'll get hurt again. Forgiveness changes the perspectives. Forgetting loses the lesson.*

*Dont be intimidated by other people's opinions. Only mediocrity is sure of itself, so take risks and do what you really want to do.*

*A man who seeks only the light, avoiding his responsibilities, will never find enlightenment. And one who keeps his eyes fixed on the sun ends up blind."*

*~Akash Kumar*





## 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, May 18th through the 21st. Should even be warm then too.

Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook - OPEN for 2023 SEASON!

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 just might want to make a special attempt to stop at the Funky Dove real soon! She is busy thinking April showers brings May flowers! Actually more accurately, “April showers, Hoping May flowers.” “I hope the snow is at bay and the flowers can bloom again!”

Funky Dove: “Old and new revisited, just like the shop.” Be sure to check out her Facebook page and see her modeling the fantastic clothes she had just waiting for you to come and get. She will be adding more beautiful spring and summer clothing styles suitable for teens to adult ladies. There is the pink crushed velvet shirts, purple and black velvet pants that you can choose hem length. She has jeans available that are a plant based fabric and so soft! She has dresses that were made in Thailand, made of Thai cotton which is a really lovely fabric according to Rebecca. She also has leather bags handmade by “Jems” in Thailand. I think you will be surprised at how much quality items she has obtained from Thailand and the only way you are going to get to see them or share that experience is to stop by and check it out physically! But remember to check her Facebook page and get a modeling preview of some of her clothing items. It's worth it.

Don't forget too, she has new Dusty Rose Bralettes displayed. What are bralettes? “A bralette is a lightweight bra without an underwire, designed primarily for comfort. Bralettes are also sometimes worn as outerwear top, and are also designed as undershirts for girls developing breasts.” Is the official explanation. Rebecca says, “They are really comfortable and stylish.”

What else? Page Saver – know what that is? Stop in and Rebecca will show you. Tree of Life pendants with gemstones are available at the Funky Dove. Really pretty. Earrings are available too. Know about the Tree of Life mythology? Guess where to go to find all about that? Colorful ‘scrubbies’ by Penny are also making their debut at Funky Dove too.

Now let's talk about the Elephant in the Room. Heard of that cliché? Read on: There are elephants in the room at Funky Dove for a reason. They are the national animal in Thailand and considered to be good luck. Rebecca says that they are amazing animals which they are. She teases that some have escaped from Thailand and guess where they landed? Thai elephants in Carver are looking for appreciation. She has plush, leather, ceramic, silver, stone and metal elephants for you to come and choose from. You can also go on her Facebook page and view her pictures.

So there you have the latest from the unique shop in Carver for this month. It's your loss if you don't get down there and check out her newest items she is sharing with everyone along with all the other information we just reviewed.

She is a wealth of charm, wit, information and positivity. Even if the sun isn't shining, she brings joy and cheer your way!

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

PS: The Funky Dove will be closed, Sunday, May 4th.



## Carver General

What do you suppose the Carver General's May main theme will be? Seems that is a pattern for our two favorite ladies at Carver General. Their Facebook page stated that they were “...all dressed up and ready for their April show....” So am quite curious what their May theme will bring. Guessing Mother's Day theme or maybe Father's Day? Or is that the next month's theme huh ladies? Well the fact is, our time schedules do not line up.

The ladies specialize in their words, imperfect home and garden décor by the way. Old, used, renewed, repurposed, reuse or whatever other term you can use to describe their unique items that you won't find unless you come and look. Also included in that description is vintage and antique, not mention uniquely unique, if you know what I mean. You just never know what treasure you will find. The shop hours are usually the third weekend of every month. This month's May dates are May 18th through the 21st, and yes after Mother's Day, unfortunately for this posting. “A day late and another dollar short”, again huh? Thursdays through Saturday hours, open at 10 AM until 5 PM. Sundays, Noon till 4 PM.

While you are in town and finished with shopping at the General Store, be sure to stop next door at the Good Junk Garage and see what treasures are there? Then over to Funky Dove for your day brightener. Be sure to visit the Carver Creamery for an ice cream treat, Getaway Motor Café for whatever delight you crave or even the bars for that matter. Only in Carver do you get this special welcoming treatment by the wonderful shop owners! Until next month, “Sayonara”; “Adios”; “Hejda” and “ลาก่อน”. Oh, what would we do without the internet these days huh?

*“Moms hold their child's hand for a moment  
And their hearts for a lifetime.”*

*Nitya Prakash and/or Diane Frankenstein*



*Happy Mother's Day*

## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

If you were thinking about getting those registrations in for the Chaska Valley Family Theatre summer Dragonfly Theatre, now is the time. Their week on is sold out ( July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> ). They still have spots for week two ( July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> ) and encourage you to sign up while you still can.

The Dragonfly Theatre Arts Camp welcomes young actors from 8 – 14 back for their 18<sup>th</sup> summer of theatrical fun. The six day camp explores different aspects of musical theater from auditions, set and prop design, dance, singing and performance. They will be performing Finding Nemo Jr. For more information, <https://www.cvft.org/dragonfly>

Don't forget either, the CVFT actresses and actors are working hard on their presentation for Matilda scheduled for performances on June 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will be available soon. Check their website for updates or Facebook for additional news.



## Carver Black Sox

According the Black Sox website: [www.carverblacksox.com](http://www.carverblacksox.com) they opened their 2023 Season on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Woody Swanson Field ( Community Park ) at 2 PM. Winter was still gripping the climate but I bet the guys had fun anyway and it's one more encouraging sign that it will get warmer. Right? Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> the team will be playing in Winsted against Winsted at the Denis M Campbell Field. I bet their avid fans are going. Check their website for more information.



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by Trinity Lutheran Church:  
We believe that the church is people joined together by God through faith. It is our vision and prayer to see our town and city awakened and transformed by the love of Jesus. We welcome you to join us for worship on Sundays at 10 AM (9 AM starting on May 28th).

See what's happening in our church on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver> or listen to audio recordings of our sermons online at [trinitycarver.com](http://trinitycarver.com). Pastor Jander would enjoy meeting you. Please feel free to contact us anytime:

Office: Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver

Phone: 952-448-3628

Email: [office@trinitycarver.com](mailto:office@trinitycarver.com)



## Carver Baseball Softball

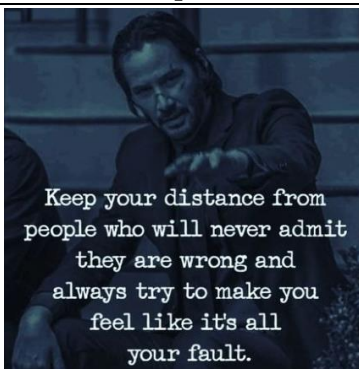
### Association

Up to date information can be found at [www.ccybsa.com](http://www.ccybsa.com)

The Carver Baseball/Softball Association held a Community Park Clean-up Day that was amazing even though the weather was not great. The company, and the results, however, were fantastic. Thanks extended to everyone who gave it their all!

The organization is happy to announce too that they will be operating the Concession Stand for and during the Black Sox home games.

Coaches and umpires are still needed, along with volunteers. Contact Mark Damon if you are interested or email him. His email address is available on their website, [www.ccybsa.com](http://www.ccybsa.com). Remember the cliché, "A lot of people doing a little, not a few people doing a lot". PS: Rosters and schedules are posted on the website too!



## Arts of Carver County

Where should one begin? Their exhibitions at the Community Center for May is identified as "Creations from Preschool". That exhibition will be on display beginning May 10<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. June's exhibition is titled, "Over the Rainbow" scheduled for review June 1<sup>st</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Moving forward; The Colorful Fused Heart Pendant class is taking place May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 10 AM at the Chaska Community Center where you can expect to create two pendants with glass. More information on their website: [www.artsofcarvercounty.org](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org).

The next category of news involves the "New Song Collection" with an event taking place at 7 PM at the Parkey Winery located on 8280 Parley Lake Road in Waconia on May 18<sup>th</sup> until 8:30 PM. This is where songwriters and musicians will perform original compositions with their insight and discussion on their writing process. It's free, by the way. Need more information? Contact Steve Kelzer at [info@artsofcarvercounty.com](mailto:info@artsofcarvercounty.com).

Finally, a new twist to exhibiting the creations of artists in Carver County. Whereas, previously artists would pick up their work and move one after Arts Consortium exhibit ran it course. They are incorporating something new with the help of the Gallery curator and library liaison. Art will be featured at local libraries for a limited period of time. So if you take the time to go visit the Chaska, Chanhassen, Victoria or Waconia libraries, you can further admire local artists works and inspirations. What a deal huh? More exposure, more time and more lives to impact, huh? The 'Larger Than Life' exhibit will be previewed next at the Waconia Library and then onto the Chanhassen library. Guess what, if you really like a piece, you can purchase it too.

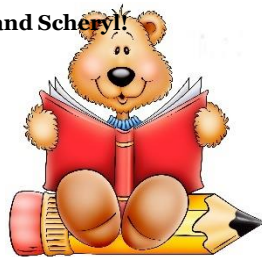
Also read that: "New Era". Did you know that the Arts Consortium has been in existence since 2009? They are experiencing leadership turnover presently. They are in the process of hiring a new executive director, president and web maintenance individual. There is a lot of renewing occurring. They recently also restructured their gift shop. The gift shop is by the way staffed with volunteers and is located in the Chaska Community Center. "The consortium is not just pictures." The gallery curator said, "There's all kinds of art, which includes the written word and music. There is ceramics, glass, jewelry, felting, photography. There's just a variety of the arts represented." Looking for those "one of kind" art pieces? You are encouraged to visit the gallery. The curator went on to share: "[The ACCC] seems right now to be a well-hidden secret to most of the community and I would like to do whatever I can to change that," she said. "We have so many really talented people in Carver county and I would like for them to be introduced a little bit more generously to the community than they are now."





## Community Highlights

May 2023



- May 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Barb!  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Carver Lion's Meeting  
Happy Birthday CarolAnne!  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Anastasia!  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo  
Happy Anniversary Lee and Krissy!  
Happy Birthday Jim!  
May 6<sup>th</sup> Carver Clean-up Day  
May 7<sup>th</sup> World Laughing Day  
Happy Birthday Cassie!  
May 8<sup>th</sup> School Board Work Session  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Madison!  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Meeting  
Meet and Greet  
Happy Birthday Chris!  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Chaska  
Happy Birthday Traci!  
May 13<sup>th</sup> Carver Lion's Shred-it Day  
East Union Plant and Bake Sale  
Fishing Opening  
Chanhasen High School Prom Night  
Happy Birthday Breanna!  
May 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Tim!  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Carver Lion's Meeting  
Happy Birthday Matthew!  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting  
Carver Shops Weekend  
Happy Anniversary Erin and Luke!  
May 19<sup>th</sup> Business Alliance Meeting  
Happy Birthday Scheryl!  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Bike Rodeo  
Chaska High School Prom Night  
Armed Forces Day  
Happy Birthday Tiffany!  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Happy Anniversary Leon and Scheryl!  
Happy Birthday Julie!  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> Meet and Greet  
Happy Birthday Jackman!  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Keith!  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day  
No School  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Craig!  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Happy Birthday Karalyn!  
Happy Anniversary Bruce and Bonnie!

## MN Landscape Arboretum

The MN Landscape Arboretum always has something to offer. May is chucked full of different kinds of things to explore, see, learn, do and participate in. Be sure, if you can, to go to their website: [www.arb.umn.edu](http://www.arb.umn.edu) and check their calendar for all the stuff going on. There is the May markets going on through the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, Rainflower project May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>, Bud Break 5 K on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, Plant Sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Their Mother's Day Brunch is sold out. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, you can celebrate National Public Gardens Day, on the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> is the Gathering Partners Conference. Oh, here you go, An Evening with the Bugs on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. You can join the Knit/Stick with the Auxiliary on select Wednesdays and Fridays throughout May. Can't forget the Yoga sessions at the arboretum amongst the flowers, gardens, greens and outdoors, indoors sights. Lots of other exciting things going on too, on-line classes, see the beekeeper, photography. The days are jammed pack full.

The Rainflower Project caught my attention. It was created by a local ceramic artist, Damien Wolf who promotes positive mental health and suicide prevention. He designed the art installation to honor people who have been affected by suicide, remember people who have died by suicide and acknowledge the survivors of suicide.



*"My mental state is: Looking fine on the outside but falling apart on the inside."*  
~ Unknown

## East Union Lutheran Churches



The congregation of East Union is getting all revved up for their Annual Spring Sale and Homemade Bake Sale planned for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM until noon. There will be all sorts of plants, quilt raffle, homemade goodies, coffee truck, and lots of fun. Flyer attached for more information.

Memorial Day Service is planned for promptly 7:30 AM in the cemetery with the Honor Guard present for anyone interested in participating.

Also, the congregation is planning and preparing for their Ice Cream Social to be held on Father's Day. Dad's will receive a free sundae!

Don't forget that there are still Towel Helpers Needed! 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!

Also Food Shelf Donations 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 submit it. Thanks are extended for donations!

## West Union Lutheran Church



Over at West Union Church on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> their service will be the Blessing of Tractors beginning at 9 AM where during the service the tractors and garden equipment will be blessed outdoors.

Also, the Honor Guard will be present at the 9 AM Memorial Day service. After service cookies and coffee will be served.

Be sure to come by on any given Sunday at 9 AM for their services with Pastor Adam Teske who has been with the congregation since November of 2020. Their physical address is: 15820 Market Avenue, Cologne MN. Their mantra is: "Gathered, Growing, Grounded and Giving in Jesus' name."

## 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.

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Chaska



The SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce is excited to host the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Chaska. This event is highly publicized, a community event attracting nearly two thousand area residents annually and offers tremendous opportunities for area businesses to participate and the event is open to the public free of charge to attend. It is also a 'Rain or Shine' event being held at the Firemen's Park in downtown Chaska. Being held at Fireman's Park due to road construction this year. However, in the event of severe weather, the backup date will be Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

A footnote: Taste of Shakopee Business Expo is scheduled for June.

*"We know what we are but not what we might be"*

~Wm Shakespeare

## Southwest Transit



Another sign that spring/summer has or is supposed to have arrived is that SouthWest Transit has a special route for what they are calling their 'Concert Series' routes have already begun and are scheduled through November. See their website for more information and their departure and return times, and pick up locations. [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org). You can go see Luke Combs at the US Bank in May, Taylor Swift at US Bank in June. Beyonce is coming to Huntington in July. August will be hosting Pink at the Target Field, while over at the US Bank in August you can go see Ed Sheeran. The last of the Concert Series in November will be Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks at the US Bank.

Summer Adventures is resuming in June as well. Again, check their website for updates. Will cover this topic more in the next issue of the newsletter. Twins Express routes are back for 2023 as well. All Twins home games Monday through Friday all summer long, you can just take the bus to the games. This service will begin after June 13<sup>th</sup>. Pick-ups will be from East Creek Station, SouthWest Village, Chanhassen and SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie. Again, additional information is on their website.

Check for other routes you might need a ride to and from for their services. They have lots.

## Carver Creamery



Just in case you hadn't already heard? Like who hasn't? Really? Seriously? The Carver Creamery is open!!!! They opened officially on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Saw a posting on Facebook but don't think those are set hours for summer, but read Friday opened from 4 PM until 9 PM and then on Saturday and Sundays at noon until 9 PM. Check their Facebook page for exact times and see if they are open. They also plan on officially extending to summer hours seven days a week on, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Also saw that they have three dairy free/vegan flavors for those of you interested. Chris and Kailan invite you to come and check out their new oat milk options; Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies, Brown sugar, cinnamon and vanilla vegan oat cream mixed with all oatmeal cookie dough, chocolate roasted pecans. There's a mouthful literally and physically huh?

They also have Black Cherry Oat and Raspberry Lemon Italian Ice which are both gluten free. Go downtown and check out what other flavors they are offering, along with good company and welcoming good cheer. Something new this year too, they have some fundraisers planned for local schools in early May. So be sure to stop by on any of the dates listed because 50 % of proceeds will go to those organizations. May 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser for LaAcademia, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Cologne Academy, and May 10<sup>th</sup>, St John's the Baptist in Jordan.

Did you know that they offer catering? Raach out for pricing to them. Welcome back to another season. Look forward to sharing their updates with everyone too.

## Camping with the Stars



Interesting caption wouldn't you say? The MN Astronomical Society is hosting their annual 'Camping with the Stars' the Shakopee Valley News reported. Article went on to say that with the help of Colin Kilbane, each child in 2022 got to launch their own rocket at the event at Baylor Regional Park. For more information, contact the Carver County Parks website which is where you can also reserve a spot, reserve a pass for the day or the entire weekend.

The article stated that you can spend July 21st through the 23<sup>rd</sup> among the stars at the park as the M Astronomical Society holds a weekend of tours, classes and activities for all ages at the their annual 'Camping with the Stars' event.

Campsites will be available in the park campground and on the ballfield next to the observatory. The throughout the weekend the weekend, the observatory conducts various informational talks, prizes, solar viewing and activities throughout the day and night. So if you are interested or would like more information, visit the Carver County Parks website; [www.carvercountymn.gov](http://www.carvercountymn.gov), scroll down to 'parks and trails', click on 'Observatory' and read where to follow their directions for more information or you can go to [mnastro.org](http://mnastro.org), Eagle Lake observatory.

*"All Our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them"*  
~ Walt Disney

## Eastern Carver County Schools



### Carver Elementary

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grad Band and Music Concert is scheduled for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. In the morning at 9 AM is also their PTO meeting. On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grads will have their Music Concert. Welcome Kindergarten Kick-Off is being held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade District-Wide Track and Field Day with a Rain Date, of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, the PTO Fun Run is scheduled. On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, it is the observance of Memorial day and there is no school district wide. Track and Field Day for Carver Elementary will be held on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Clover Ridge

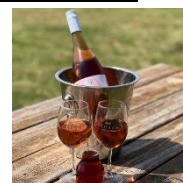
Over at Clover Ridge Elementary school, they are planning a Band Concert for Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Chanhassen High School / Chaska High School

Chanhassen – yep, it's that time of the year again. The Chanhassen High School Prom will be at the Chaska Event Center starting at 7 PM until 10 PM on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Over at the Hazeltine National Golf Club on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 PM and dancing the night away until 11 PM will be hosting the Chaska High School Prom.

In other district news. Be sure to check school district website for up to date and the latest dated info for the "112 on-line" information for the Community Equity and Inclusion information. A very informative and handy tool for residents in the school district. There's the 'Community Partnerships' and 'Community Support' sections where you can learn all kinds of ways to help you and your family such as most recently, Car Seat Check-ups, Free Internet, Free Food, and Fare For All scheduled again for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, all kinds of other information relating to various levels of interest for those residing in the community and kids in different schools.

## Schram Vineyards



Did you know that Schram Vineyards in Waconia is offering "Celebrate moms of all kinds" at the Waconia vineyard?

Looking for something special or different for the Mom in your life? Here's a terrific idea. Or even just to treat mom or dad for whatever reason. They specialize in: "We always have something going on at the vineyards! The Schram Tasting Room kitchen is open every day with wine and beer friendly bites to eat. We feature food trucks on most Friday nights and Saturdays from mid-April through October. We always have a food menu available from our kitchen." They have events all throughout the month of May and I bet June too, didn't look that far to be truthful with y'all. On Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is their Wine Blending Workshop. Then on the 5<sup>th</sup> is scheduled Live Music with Matt Hannah; May 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Derby Party; May 10<sup>th</sup>, Cheese and Wine Pairing; May 12<sup>th</sup>, Live Music again with Scott Zosel and May 13<sup>th</sup>, Schrampayne Tasting. The list goes on. Check their website for more information and events, [www.schramvineyards.com](http://www.schramvineyards.com) Their location is Airport Road in Waconia.

But back to Mother's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May opening at 10 AM until 6 PM with the highlights advertised as Cucumber Mom-jitos, Momosa Bundle, frozen wines, Dunny Days Food Truck for Special Brunch Menu, Live Music with Clayton Carrier and the Tasting Room menu shareable which will be available all day. Moving onto the Mother's Day Sparkling Tasting. They ask what better way to celebrate Mom than toasting some bubbles!?! There will be a tasting experience exploring the vineyards wines. Not to mention what you will learn about different winemaking styles or why Minnesota grapes make such amazing bubbly wines. An opportunity to taste traditional champenoise and charmat method sparkling wines. After the class you are invited to stay and enjoy bites of eateries. Class starts at 12:30 PM. Just saying, it's an idea.

## Ruby's Pantry



Have you ever heard of Ruby's Pantry? Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin. There is no income or residency requirements. For \$25 donation you can receive an abundance of groceries. They gather various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles. For more information, [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org).



## Fishing Opener

Did not expect it to prove so difficult to ascertain the exact day of when fishing opens in the State of Minnesota this year. I think I finally nailed it down to "The 2023 MN Fishing Opener begins on May 13<sup>th</sup> with about one point four million licensed MN anglers in preparation for the season." So what's the problem you ask? Well, let me tell you I kept finding different dates. The DNR site says, walleye, sauger and northern pike opens in MN waters. Still another site said starting was May 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Still another source stated May 12<sup>th</sup>. Still in another place found the following statement, "The 2023-24 fishing season officially began March 1 but fishing opportunities have been ongoing. Official fishing opening was March 1<sup>st</sup>." Talk about confusing? While trying to find the date, subsequently, found some interesting facts and decided an article was warranted to share with everyone. Yea, yea, 'oh brother, seriously?' Yes, seriously.

Did you know or even care that this year is the 75<sup>th</sup> MN Governor's Fishing Opener? Fishermen for fishermen will know that it is being held in Mankato. I know, some of you could care less. Well, there are plenty of things I could care less about, but am aware enough to know that there are others who are very interested in their sport. We will leave it at that. Won't get on my bandwagon or soap box right now. Moving forward, this is the fifth time the opener will be held in southern Minnesota. Explore MN is coordinating the event. There are three entities collaborating with one another to present this tourism event. They are the state's tourism promotion office, the Governor's office and the DNR. Numerous events have been planned in Mankato to kick off what they are labeling as the 'summer tourism season'. Some of those events include Fun Bike Rides, guided e-bike tours, kayaking, goat yoga, live music and more. Did you also know that the first opener was a cooperative promotion between the state's resort industry, media and public officials? It was said, "Today, the emphasis is even broader." Further saying, "The special partnership continues today with a promotional focus on a host community as well as recreational opportunities statewide."

So, there you have it. Anyone is welcome to comment on this article. I would really like to know why this was so difficult to get an exact date. And, I know that there are many types of fish out there in the rivers, lakes, etc. Truth be known when I was quite young, both my dad and my grandpa took me fishing. I didn't like it either. Typical girl, no offense to anyone, didn't like the having to touch the slimy worm, much less killing it. Yuck! So there, if nothing else, you get a good laugh out of this and get to complain about 'silly girls'. Just remember, there are women out there who aren't at all afraid or squeamish to hook that worm, get that fish, scale it, cook it and eat it. This author, is just not one of them and I commend the ladies who are! Go get em' gals. With that being said, have a great fishing opening day!

## Carver Bike Fun Run

Do I dare say, the Carver Bike Run is back? Different club? Different riders? Regardless, the Doghouse is where the event will begin is what this author understood from the posting. It is hosted by ABATE of MN, Inc ( American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education ). The organization is a non-profit, grass roots organization promoting positive aspects of motorcyclists and to protect the right of motorcyclists. So, you ask what are the details? It is to happen on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration is scheduled for 10:30 AM. Kickstands up at noon. And you thought, I wouldn't figure that out huh? Everyone is welcome. There will be food at the last stop and door prizes throughout the ride. So, remember, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, fire up that motorcycle and join them at the Doghouse in Carver and register at 10:30 AM. The downtown is ready to welcome them!



*"When you meet someone who tries their hardest to stick by you regardless of how difficult you are, keep them. Keep them at all costs because finding someone who cares enough to look past your flaws isn't something that happens every day."*

~ Instagram posting

## Domestic Violence

Ran across this article and felt it only appropriate to share with y'all. The more help people can get access to, the better. Support is out there in the vicious cycle of everyday living, especially for those who are abuse survivors too. For the past several years, the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis have partnered with Canvas Health, a trusted local independent mental health and substance use organization. They offer support for those abused by members of the clergy or others representing the Catholic Church. The support is provided through Canvas Abuse Response Services. Provides safe, confidential, and compassionate place to share concerns. There are professionals available during business hours Monday through Friday. As well as a 24-hour crisis line. Services are provided at no cost. They can be reached at 651-291-4497. Ongoing counseling is available with Canvas Health at one of the many twin cities metro clinics. They accept most insurances and a sliding fee is also available. It should be also noted that no one is turned away based on their ability to pay for the services.



## The Grief Club

In that same vein of support, just heard about 'The Grief Club' located in Chanhassen. Check out their website for more information and see what exactly they are all about; [www.griefclubmm.org](http://www.griefclubmm.org) or to get help and support that you feel you need.

Their website says: "Why we do it...It is imperative that every bereaved child, teen and their family, from every Culture and social circumstance have access to comprehensive, grief focused, trauma-informed, whole family, compassionate care." The founders state on their site that: "The journey to the creation of The Grief Club of Minnesota began for the Co-Founders, Cara and Sarah, when they were children as they both experienced the deaths of significant family members. They both recognize and understand the multifaceted emotions that they are felt when a family member dies and the importance of grieving and healing together as a family."

Just another facet for help for the stress of every day compounded with many other kinds life tragedies that test us daily. Just one more facility available for help.



## Connect Up Carver

Have you heard about Connect Up Carver? Or Carver County – Carver Link? What is it, you ask? The county officials' goals are to get more than two hundred thousand homes and local businesses, along with the school online through Connect Up Carver. A project that will expand fiber connectivity infrastructure. CarverLink is Carver County's publicly owned broadband fiber optics network. CarverLink went live in 2013 and currently has ownership or use of approximately six hundred plus miles of fiber throughout the county and the surrounding local areas that is used to connect public and community support locations.

"The Connect Up Carver would leverage the existing CarverLink middle mile Initiative fiber infrastructure to construct additional middle mile fiber to areas in Carver County (primarily rural) that are identified as having under/unserved locations, that in parallel with other collaborations and initiatives that CarverLink is actively facilitating and/or participating in, would provide universal access to wired fiber connectivity to everyone in Carver County."

You can get more information by going to their website: [www.carverlink.com](http://www.carverlink.com)



## "My Sweet Addiction"

"I will never be known as a passive, quiet person.

I will have a voice for myself, for those like me and for those I love. I will stand for us, the broken ones. The brave ones. The ones who bared their throats to the wolves of the world and survived.

Who are still hunted, holding onto what's left saying, "I dare you." You try to silence me and I will speak louder. I will raise my voice. I will write more words. I will speak. I have no capacity for silence when there is so much that needs to be said. And so much more that needs to be done."

~ Carrie



## Cars and Caves - 2023

The Car Show Season is here according to the Chanhassen AutoPlex home of Cars and Caves car shows. AutoPlex as a reminder is the first one of its kind private garage condo community in Chanhassen. They have thusly posted their summer schedule which began the end of April but all you car enthusiasts knew that already, didn't you? Their shows are held the last Saturday of the month until September. They also announced that they have new hours and invite you to come and see. Their hours, by the way are 9 AM to 1 PM. April was an open show for anyone interested in what has already passed us by. Their May 27<sup>th</sup> show is identified as 'Classics', 25 years or older. June will feature on the 24<sup>th</sup> the Italian; Ferrari, Maserati, Fiat, Lambo and the likes. Moving right along to July 29<sup>th</sup>, will be American, Ford, Mopar, GM, Pontiac, etc. The British will be inclusive of MG, Mini, Aston, Jag, McLaren on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Wrapping up the season this year will be German, Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, and the VW on September 30<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to come and "Check out some of the garages at the next show or look at them at our virtual car show. Cars and Caves invite all exotic, classic, and collector car owners to drive in and show their cars. Don't miss the best monthly car show in Minneapolis/St. Paul area." Their website: [www.chanhassenautoplex.com](http://www.chanhassenautoplex.com) Can't get to their location, check out their website.



## Victoria Classic Car Night

Discover Classic Car Night 2023 is returning. The event is organized by the Victoria Business Association. They invite you to come and see the draw to classic cars from all over the metro area to downtown Victoria. The event is held the second and fourth Wednesday of summer months. Come and learn about the show pieces from their proud owners and meet other enthusiasts. There is also live music at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand from 6 PM to 8 PM. Don't forget the downtown restaurants offering food and beverages. Those dates being Wednesdays, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The times for the shows are 5 PM to 8 PM.



## Carver Announcements

**Yard & Garden Organic Waste Event:** Saturday, May 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Carver Station/SouthWest Transit Station (1607 Hartwell Drive) This is a free event and open to all City of Carver residents (IDs will be checked). Items accepted include: leaves, plants and flowers, grass clippings, garden waste, mulch, and brush and branches (nothing larger than 3 feet in length). Items NOT accepted include: food scraps, food soiled paper products, dirt, rocks, landscape fabric, construction materials, and related items.



**New Trail and Wayfinding Signage!** As you are out and about during the warmer temperatures, you will find upgraded trail and wayfinding signage throughout Carver! Signage has been installed throughout town, highlighting Carver's trail system, using grant funds from the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). The signs include a QR code that you can scan to be linked to the City's website and the full trail map. You can also visit [www.cityofcarver.com/171](http://www.cityofcarver.com/171). There are six (6) trail loops identified of varying lengths and difficulty levels. Maps are also available at City Hall if you would like a paper copy.

*"Youth fades; Love droops; the leaves of friendship fall. A mother's secret hope outlives them all."*

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes



## April Gossip - Not Gossip

**Fact:** Dahlgreen Golf Course is open, opened April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Fact:** There will be an honor Guard Service on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the East Union Church site.

**Fact:** The Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for East Union Lutheran Church in June.

**Fact:** May is Bike Month and on May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 3 PM until 5 PM at the Courthouse Lake in Chaska, there will be the Chaska Bike Rodeo & Community Bike Ride occurring.

**Fact:** Carver Creamery has opened for those ice cream treats.

**Facts:** Last day of school for Eastern Carver County Schools for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Last day of school for ECCS schools for Sixth Grades through Seniors is June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Graduation for Chanhassen High School (ECCS District) will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Graduation Ceremonies for Chaska High School (ECCS) will be also held at Grace Church but at 7 PM.

Integrated Arts Academy (ECCS) Graduation will take place June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the Chaska Event Center.



Speaking of Integrated Arts Academy, they will also be holding their Annual Gala on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM until 7 PM at the school's Administrative Building on 11 Peavy Road in Chaska. The event is free, and everyone is invited, including alumni, students, and families. Come and enjoy their event for the annual event, There will food, silent auction, visual arts displays, Plant and Pesto Sale and so much more!

Compliments of the Chaska Park and Recreation booklet, Concerts in the Park will be starting again in June. Watch for updated information in the upcoming edition of the "Villager Tower".

In the myriads of researching for information, ran across the fact that Farmer's Markets should be starting up in June.

ValleyFair officially opens their 2023 season on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Then they are closed Monday and Tuesday, weekdays opening then begins with 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM times and weekend hours, 11 AM until 7 PM. It appears then that they summer daily opening begins on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Check their calendar for times, dates and other information. [www.valleyfair.com](http://www.valleyfair.com)

Also along those same lines of thought regarding ValleyFair, KSTP announced that visitors ages fifteen and under must have a chaperone after 4 PM according to their new updated policy. Chaperones must also be at least 21 years of age to enter and remain in the park until closing. Youngsters inside the park without a chaperone will be subject to ejection.

It should also be noted that the Getaway Motor Café has officially launched their "It's Wine Launch Weekend" on April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already checked out the new business, it is strongly suggested and recommended that you stop in and introduce yourself.

Word is that there is Donut Sudays at St Nicholas Church on top of the hill on Fourth Street. After Mass on the third Sunday of every month, donuts are served. Also, the Prayer Garden is open year round at St Nicholas. So, as the weather warms and you are looking for peacefulness or serenity, stop at the Prayer Garden to reflect for a few minutes.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Canoe/Kayak Trip and Picnic will be coming up soon in June, 2023. Carver on the Minnesota has hosted the event in past years. The event is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. It's a three to four hour canoe trip on the historic MN river between Jordan's boat landing and Carver's very own Riverside Park. The purpose of the event is to help people experience the natural beauty of the river, connect with the history and have fun. Am working on getting more information.

Chaska and Chanhassen High School seniors are excited and getting ready for the annual proms and graduations. It is the season eh?

Strains in Carver held their grand opening.

Carver County Kyak season open yet?

That's all I got for now.....

*"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."*

~Oscar Wilde

**"I'm Still Your Mom"**

**"When you no longer listen or care what I say.**

**I'm still your Mom. When you decide I'm old fashioned and want to go your own way. I'm still your Mom. When you talk back, complain and argue. I'm still your Mom.**

**When you figure you know more than I do. I'm still your mom.**

**When you move away and take a piece of my heart with you. I'm still your Mom. And I will love you still as much as the first day I held you in my arms. I'm still your Mom. And I will pray for you and make sure your wings are strong enough to soar. I'm still your Mom.**

**I'll want what's best and will sacrifice my plans for yours. I'm still your Mom. I'll always have room for you and a hug to welcome you. I'm still your Mom. And until my last breath, I'll keep carrying your love with me. And I will thank God every day for the privilege and joy it's been to be called ~ your Mom."**

Mother's Day is **the third highest** selling holiday for flowers and plants.

It's typically **the busiest day** of the year in the restaurant industry.

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, **the Mother of the Gods.**



In Hindu tradition, Mother's Day is called **"Mata Tirtha Aunshi"** or "Mother Pilgrimage fortnight", and is celebrated in countries with a Hindu population.

Mother's Day is celebrated in close to **50 countries** in different parts of the world.

# CARVER MOTORCYCLE RIDE

HOSTED BY TRI-COUNTY ABATE OF MN  
SATURDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



**\*EVERYONE WELCOME! \$20.00 Per Person**

**\*FREE FOOD PROVIDED AT THE LAST STOP!!!**

**\*ONLY \$15.00 WITH PURCHASE OF ABATE MEMBERSHIP (must be purchased May 6th)**

**\*Registration starts at 10:30am / Ride leaves at noon rain or shine**

**\*Register at The Dog House Bar in historic Carver, MN starting at 10:30am**

**\*Follow MN TRI-COUNTY A.B.A.T.E. on Facebook for latest details**

**WIN DOOR PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE RIDE!!!**

Donations to ABATE of MN are not tax deductible

**JOIN ABATE OF MN**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual**

It's typically **the busiest day** of the year in the restaurant industry.

## Timeline

**1914**

President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day a national holiday.

**1934**

The U.S. Postal Service issued a Mother's Day stamp featuring Whistler's Mother.

**2020**

Mother's Day was celebrated virtually amid the COVID-19 pandemic.



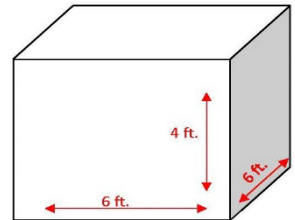


# CLEAN UP DAY

## MAY 6, 2023

**Items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am**

**Curbside collection will be provided for items placed at the curb in an area no more than 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft.**



### **THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

Items outside of the 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft. maximum collection area

General recyclables (cans, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, etc.)

Appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, a/c, ranges, refrigerators, etc.)

Electronics (phones, computers, tv's, etc.)

Hazardous Materials (paint, batteries, oil, tires, bulbs, etc.)

Concrete, Bricks, and Shingles

Brush, Leaves, Grass, & other organic material

The City of Carver and its contractor have the right to refuse hauling of any materials based on safety concerns, hazardous waste regulations, or the safety of personnel. Participation in Clean-Up Day is limited to property owners and residents of the City of Carver. Questions about Carver Clean-up Day can be directed to City Hall by calling **(952) 448-5353** or by visiting [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com) for more program information.

### **GENERALLY ACCEPTED MATERIALS**

**Kids Toys and Household Items**

**Furniture (disassembled)**

**Carpet and Pads (rolled securely)**

**Mattresses and Box Springs**

**Misc. Construction Materials**

**If you have materials that are not accepted, please consider an option for recycling or reuse. Appliances, electronics, and other hazardous materials can be disposed of at:**

**Carver County Environmental Center**  
116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN  
Phone: 952-361-1835  
[www.co.carver.mn.us](http://www.co.carver.mn.us)

# *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!

---

**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.



# **Carver Lions Shredding Event**

**Saturday, May 13**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

**Community Park**



**Collect your paper waste to shred.**

**2 box limit per vehicle**

**Paper Only**

**Free! Donations accepted.**

**PROSHRED**  
**SECURITY**   
INFORMATION DESTRUCTION AT YOUR DOOR



CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

# SPRING SAFETY EVENT AND BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 A.M. - NOON

CARVER FIRE STATION 801 JONATHAN CARVER PKWY, CARVER

BRING YOUR BIKE, HELMET (IF YOU HAVE ONE),  
AND A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

- Bike obstacle course • Safety Tips
- Helmet Fitting • Refreshments
- Bike safety checks by a professional bike mechanic

*Bike/Helmet scholarships available.*

*Send requests to: [CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com](mailto:CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com)*



**Free  
Family  
Event!**

To schedule a car seat check please contact  
Esther DeLaCruz at (651) 796-8142  
[cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com](mailto:cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com)





# Join Carver on the Minnesota for our 2023 canoe/kayak trip



## **This is a great opportunity for first time river adventurers!**

*Carver on the Minnesota is hosting our 11th annual Minnesota River trip. This is a FREE event, but donations are always very much appreciated.*

*Join us for a 3-4 hour canoe trip on the historic Minnesota River between the Jordan boat landing and Carver's Riverside Park.*

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

*Carver on the Minnesota will help shuttle paddlers between boat landings.*

*The purpose of this event is to help people experience the natural beauty of the Minnesota river and to connect with the history of the Carver area.*

*The trip will take place Saturday, June 24th, beginning at 10am, and ending at approximately 1pm. The event will take place rain or shine, but would be canceled for dangerous weather or river conditions.*

*For more information and to make reservations, contact us by 6/16/23.*

*Ken Forner 952-368-3052 (office)  
kenforner@outlook.com*

**CARVER ON THE MINNESOTA**





## Night Marauders – Getaway Motor Café

Territory, Raschevious, Rascal and Bandeet finally emerged from the river bottoms as the sun shone brightly in the blue skies having pushed "Old Man Winter" out for still another season making their way to learn about the new craft coffee and cocktail hangout which opened at 120 Broadway in historic Carver in January.

Rascal sat down with his back to the wall in the small cozy hangout space of the Getaway Motor Café and watched the young man and young lady mixing up their coffees, hot chocolates, espressos, lattes that Territory finally allowed them all to actually slurp up. There were real humans sitting at the tables, lounge chairs, tall stools and at the island before the baristas. Everyone had their noses buried into their laptops or phones not paying any attention to the four furry critters who meandered into the establishment through the front entrance. Territory was even allowing them each to bask in devouring one of their tasty pastry delights which in the past had been forever forbidden to touch.

"They aren't even paying any attention to us." Raschevious whispered amazed looking around, then over at the booth area.

"Boy, they have really fixed this up since the last time we were in here." Bandeet commented gazing at the cozy, welcoming atmosphere that made you feel right at home, all toasty and warm if not leaving you with the feeling that you completely belonged here.

There was a shelf against the original brick facade on the south wall with greenery weaving around the pots across the top, a round fiery fireplace in the corner beside the huge front window above the tables. A long table in the middle of the room while on one side wall were small tables along the booths beneath the brick façade which she assumed was the original brick. There were humans sitting on the other side of the room on the lounge chairs. A small play space by the window for the little people. Closer towards the kitchen area she eyed the display shelf adorned with gift items of coffee, mugs and t-shirts, memorabilia, and supplies. Rascal squirmed inattentively attempting to look beyond behind the opening into the hidden area that he presumed was the kitchen/storage area hidden from public view only to be distracted by the displayed menu bulletin kiosks above the doorway, specialty cocktails and then his eyes dropped down to the counter to the equipment lined up across the counter behind the baristas working diligently. Territory shot him a dirty look to sit still, not to be heard, seen or cause any kind of trouble. Rascal was certain it was a test. He dare not screw this up. After all, this was the first time that they actually interacted with the humans.

Rascal recalled Territory's warning earlier before they left, "Do not under any circumstances do anything that will frighten these humans, make them not welcome us or cause any disturbances." He scolded, looking directly at Rascal who was always the instigator of trouble, "Of any kind. We are going to oblige the owner's invite to come and taste their products. Rascal, you do anything to disrupt this visit, you will never, I repeat never ever join us again anywhere."

Rascal had nodded sheepishly, cowering behind Raschevious knowing Territory meant business.

"Bandeet, you are in charge of him." He had snarled gregariously at them as they proceeded to make their way into town.

Rascal straightened up to listen to Raschevious utter, "This is our third visit here." He quietly looked over at Bandeet, "It is so different."

"I heard someone talking about how extensive the work was to bring this to this incredible state." Bandeet quietly replied still gazing in amazement at what was so clean, sharp and overwhelmingly hospitable.

Rascal was silent not daring to speak or so much as move for fear he would be banned forever from joining them ever again gazing at the two whispering to one another, while watching Territory ordering and getting their delights.

The pretty manager with the dark brown hair pulled back assisting him with her dazzling smile that Rascal couldn't help but get lost in dreamily. Territory returned with their magnificent treats after what seemed to take forever.

"Here you go Raschevious, your Espresso and Bismarck." Territory set it down, "Bandeet, Apple Fritter and Latte."

She thanked him graciously.

"Rascal, Hot Chocolate with Raspberry flair and your favorite, a glazed Donut." Territory winked at him.

Rascal nodded fearfully watching Bandeet delicately bite into her pastry looking at him precariously.

Territory sat down beside Rascal with his Mocha Latte and Cinnamon Roll to look about the room at the humans still coming and going steadily. The customers who got up to leave only to be replaced by still another not paying any attention to the mischievous furry four enjoying their magnificent delicacies while watching attentively, taking it all in.

"Busy place huh?" Territory asked not at all surprised since previously he had been slyly sneaking into town to spy.

Rascal deftly bit into his donut deliberately so he wouldn't have to say a word to get into trouble which after all was his middle name and constantly irritating or agitating Territory somehow no matter how hard he tried not to.



"They are having an Airbnb upstairs." Territory informed them. "Ellie, their new General Manager said that there is a photography session slated for the Airbnb with Hello Dolly Photography. So things are happening as planned."

They all listened attentively as they carefully nibbled on their indulgencies of delicious pastries and watched the humans not to mention uneasy having never interacted this closely with the humans in the past.

"Well Nathan and Terah have said all along that they wanted to create a space for people to gather." Territory relayed comfortably.

"They certainly have seemed to do that." Raschevious looked around at the continuous flow of patrons in and out the door.

"Didn't he tell you when you spoke with him that he had dreamt since he was a little boy that he wanted to have a business that was a brick building on a corner at the end of a street?"

Territory nodded taking a sip gingerly eyeing the young baristas busy filling orders masterfully.

"Nathan relayed that it turned out to be quite the venture to see it become a reality, a real challenge, time consuming, longer than they anticipated, not to mention their learning experiences." He looked around the room, "Lots of research, bumps, obstacles and then finally the end product to bask in their achievement."

"Why did they decide on a coffee shop?" Bandeet asked curiously.

"Nathan said that as they were going through the process and residents asked about what they were going to do, the conversations kept resulting in a gathering place for people and they missed their 'Cup of Coffee' shop." Territory reflected.

"Then what Territory?" Bandeet asked interested intensely listening to his explanation.

"They wanted a place for everyone to be able to gather, since there wasn't any real gathering spot besides the bars. He and Terah put their heads together and came up with this idea and then set to work. They talked with experts, former owner of the 'Cup of Carver', learned all they could and held onto their dreams."

"They certainly have outdone themselves." Raschevious replied in awe.

"They sure did, didn't they?" Territory took another sip and glanced over at Rascal trying so hard to be unheard and unseen.

Territory winked at the little guy impressed with his good behavior for a change.

"So where, how and why?" Raschevious questioned.

"What do you mean Raschevious?"

"Where are they from?"

"They met in Mankato, lived in northeast Minneapolis and Terah was, is a teacher locally. Nathan rode his motorcycle through and was talking with the owner across the street of the old station. They talked with Kyle and Terra who owned the building prior. He also dealt in real estate, he told me. After deciding to move out of state, Kyle and Terra reached out to Nathan and Terah and the process began."

"Wow." Bandeet sighed.

"Rather appropriate when you really think about it," Territory indicated thinking back at conversations he had heard throughout all their raids in town.

"What's that Territory?" Raschevious inquired curiously.

"How after all these years, what once was the gathering spot after the dances at the Riverside Pavilion, this was the place to come to and here we are, today, smaller area, but the same concept has been reborn once again?"

"What's that Territory?" Bandeet questioned not following his train of thought.

"The Riverside Bar was the place to gather back in the day, food, drink and here we are in the future and it's the Getaway Motor Café serving coffee, crafted cocktails and giving people a spot to gather." He sighed, "Seems only appropriate, wouldn't you say?"

They all nodded as a small little person entered holding his grandfather's hand and pointed to the four furry critters enjoying their basking in amongst the humans that they had avoided previously. Rascal waved his little paw to the little tyke and she giggled.

"This is the place to be at." Territory announced with proclamation.