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### *Mayor Courtney's Message*

As the days get longer and the weather warmer, you know summer is on its way. I've got another bunch of updates to share this month. Make sure you read all the way through because I'm keeping the best for last!

**6<sup>th</sup> Street Project Completion** – If you remember, the first layer of blacktop along 6<sup>th</sup> Street West was laid a few days before Thanksgiving last fall. Now, crews are working finish this project, which includes adding the final layer of blacktop, curb improvements, striping and a few other finishing touches. We're anticipating the work will be complete by mid-June, weather permitting.

**2024 Budget Kickoff** – It's that time of year again. At our June 5 Work Session City staff, Council and I will begin working on the City's 2024 Budget. Our work will continue throughout the summer and fall, working toward deadlines of Sept. 29 for the preliminary levy, a "not to exceed" number for the 2024 Budget, and Dec. 18 for the final 2024 Budget.

**Juneteenth Holiday** – Due to the Juneteenth holiday, City Hall will be closed on Monday, June 19. Our second City Council meeting of the month will take place on Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

**Farmers Market** – The third annual Carver Farmers Market will return to Carver Station (1607 Hartwell Drive) on Tuesdays from 3 – 6 p.m. starting June 20 and running through Sept. 26. The City of Carver partners with the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce for the Farmers Market. For more information, including vendor details, check out @CarverMnFarmersMarket on Facebook.

**Levee and Legislative Update** – One of the last things our State elected officials accomplished last month before the close of the 2023 Legislative Session was passing a Bonding Bill. I am excited to share the City of Carver was included and will receive \$6M for the Levee Improvement Project. This is the largest amount the City has received to date and it brings the total we've received on the estimated \$12M project to \$8.8M. To say I'm excited about this is an understatement! This money will allow us to begin construction on the Levee Improvement project, which could begin as soon as next year. A huge thanks to Rep. Jim Nash, who although Carver is no longer in his district, understands the importance of modernizing Carver's aging infrastructure and has continued to advocate on behalf of our Levee Improvement Project.

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

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### *City Events*

At a council work session the City Attorney discussed the drafted ordinance regarding regulating large event with in the city. The council discussed additional staff direction pertaining to the language in the ordinance. Events occurring in the city limits require to expend significant public resources such as special services, road closures, parking accommodations and insurance coverage. These events also impact overall health, safety, and welfare of the community which can be both, positive and negative. Therefore, it was identified as a priority to develop an ordinance regulating city events within the city's strategic plans. Many sources have collaborated in the creation of the drafted ordinance to include the language, provisions for permits or licenses required. The language authorizes the city to impose reasonable conditions and permits were supplemental providing transparency and clarity. Consensus was recommended to move forward with the drafted document, staff to finalize and adoption at a future meeting.

### *County Road #40 Corridor Planning*

The City Manager provided previous discussions at a work session meeting pertaining to the former County Road # 40 Corridor Planning discussions. There were discussions held pertaining to the process of forming a Task Force, objectives for such a force and proposed study schedule. The Community Development Direction provided information relating to the infrastructure trunk service area updates. Sharing information with affected areas would be one of the next phases to be pursued. Along with commitments from developers and to continue to explore options dependent upon developer interest and commitment.

"So many books, so little time."

– Frank Zappa

### *Solicitation Ordinance*

The drafted ordinance relating to discussions for peddlers, solicitors, transient merchants and mobile food units were discussed with the City Attorney at a work session. Additional feedback from the council would be incorporated in the drafted document, as well. Adoption of said ordinance would also be reviewed.

The City Attorney and the council discussed the drafted ordinance for solicitation within the city at great length. The current ordinance imposes few regulations and lacks critical necessary language for ample enforcement. Additionally, currently regulations are limited with some businesses being inherently different from traditional transient merchants. Recommendation was submitted for a separate set of regulations specific only to them. As a result the drafted document updated business regulations pertaining to peddlers, solicitors, transient merchants, and mobile food units to provide for the meaningful regulation of these businesses. The proposed ordinance incorporates important code updates and standards for said parties defining specifics to each. Due to the challenging word regulations, a final drafted ordinance for consideration of adoption along with resolution for authorized publications was being presented for the council's input.

The final drafted ordinance regarding solicitation was presented to the council at their meeting for adoption. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the ordinance amending the chapter regarding Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants and Mobile Food Units. Motion was made and carried approving the resolution authorizing publication of the ordinance relating to solicitation in the city.

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### *Trail System*

The Community Development Director indicated to the council at their meeting that the city had received a Statewide Health Improvement Program Grant. The money received installed signs throughout the city highlighting Carver's trail system. These signs also include a QR code linked to the city's website and a full trail map with details. There are six trail loops identified. Maps are also available at City Hall. Information will be included on the city's newsletter as well as social media.

### *Federal Grant*

The City Engineer and the Assistant City Engineer discussed the certified levee project which the council reviewed the information at their council meeting. The mayor emphasized that although the amount was huge, the city had a long way to go to get the project started. The engineer pointed out that it is still not enough to start a construction project and have already applied for the 2024 Federal funds for another funding opportunity. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing execution of the FY 2022 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Levee Improvement Project.

### *Lift Station*

The Public Services Direction provided updates on the Oak Street Lift Station. There was damage to pumps. The situation was assessed, discussed and researched. New pumps to replace the two pumps were the recommendation received. The council reviewed the quotes received. A loaner pump had been installed temporarily. Warranties and life spans for these pumps was discussed. The lift station on Oak Street was determined to have more daily start-ups than other locations which is hard on the pumps. Additionally, this site services a larger area. The council discussed the topic to great length. Motion was made and carried with all yes approving the quote to MN Pump Works.

### *Municipal State Aid Street System*

The Assistant City Engineer reviewed the Municipal State Aid Street System revision with the council at their meeting. Adoption of the resolution establishing aid was up for council review. This system had been established in 2021. This was triggered by the city surpassing the population threshold. The program is to assist in construction and maintenance of their street system. The funding is generated by the State's Highway Users Tax Distribution and allocated based on population and system miles. As a part of the system maintenance, annual reviews are done by the city engineer who certifies current street mileage, along with revising routes within the system as required to optimize needs and funding. The system revision proposed currently involves adding County Road # 40 to the city's aid system. This agreement was recently executed with the county. Noteworthy value is that turnback routes are unique in that they can be added by the city and do not count against its allowable mileage added to their system. Turnback routes are tabulated above and beyond the rest of the city's street system, causing no impact on the remainder of the system that is currently in place. Upon receipt from the Commissioner of Transportation after submittal of the city's signed resolution for this system revision, the city engineer will include this route in the 2023 State Aid needs calculation. Then the route will be reflected in the 2024 State Aid funding allocation to the city.

The Assistant City Engineer provided the council with the Municipal State Aid Program map revision and reviewed the topic at their meeting. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution establishing Municipal State Aid Streets within the City of Carver.

### *Long-Term Financial Plan*

The Finance Director was at the work session with the council to discuss the Kick-Off Plan update for the Long-Term Financial Plan. The purpose to refresh the council on the plan and guidance moving forward. Topics covered included biggest challenge of the plan, staff observations and comments.

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*"A room without books is like a body without a soul."*

*~ Marcus Tullius Cicero*

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### *Public Utilities Emergency Response Plan*

The concept for this plan resulted from an emergency water pressure issue experienced in the city. The item was discussed at a work session with the City Manager. Debriefing identified the need for stronger response protocols. An Emergency Response Plan was formulated by the utilities team. Reviews were conducted among personnel throughout the city.

### *Annual Water Report*

The council discussed the annual water report. The strategic plan included the development of a Water Guide for residents. The guide included frequently asked questions, bill information, meter reading, conservation tips and the like. This guide was then forwarded to the council. The information circulated by several means. Feedback will be incorporated into an updated version.

### *Carver Creek Place*

The owner of the property at Carver Creek Place discussed the situation with the council at their meeting. The owner provided background and circumstances related to present dilemma. Owner expressed concern regarding the demolition of the structure. Plea was made to allow selling the owner to interested party who would complete construction. The city attorney's response related to the litigation whereas the city was authorized to demolish the structure. Ample time had been provided due process and a meaningful opportunity to dispute any issues throughout the proceedings. It was not prudent for the council the litigation at the meeting. The property owner was directed to contact the attorney directly.

At the council meeting the council reviewed and discussed the Demolition Contract Award presented. Council action required was the award and approval of the contract in stated amount to Don and Wayne Excavation for the demolition of the abandoned hazardous structure at Carver Creek Place which the city has been working to abate the abandoned hazardous structure. Under MN Statutes the city was authorized legal proceedings pursuing a court order effective in February. Authorization for demolition was given in May. Property owners were notified to remove personal property required to be removed before the end of May. Several quotes were received. Initially demolition costs would be paid by the city and then subsequently assessed against the property.

### *Main Street*

The council discussed a speeding issue and an altercation with an angry speeder on Main Street. The council was put on notice of the continued speeding issue on the street. The area of main concern involved the western end down to Broadway. There is a steady stream of vehicles, long with speeding vehicles. Law enforcement in the past have handled this situation relatively satisfactorily. However, as of the late the speeding has worsened. Request was submitted for additional police presence and longer-term solution. The issue would be addressed. Calling 911 was encouraged. An increased presence would be requested from Broadway to Hickory along Main Street.

### *Mizzy's Pizza*

The council discussed Mizzy's Pizza grant application. A resolution authorizing the application was necessary to the Carver County Community Development Agency. The CDA has a grant program called the Community Growth Partnership Initiative for projects within the county. The grant encompasses redevelopment, community development and affordable housing. During the planning process, the grant had been discussed as a potential funding source for municipal utilities fees and infrastructure for the project. The city is required to be the applicant to the CDA acting as a conduit for the grant funds. There is no financial commitment required. It was recommended that the city authorize the application.

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*"I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best."*

*~ Marilyn Monroe*

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## Maintenance Expectations

The City Manager reviewed with the council maintenance expectations throughout the city. Riverside Park was one issue touched upon. The Parks Team held a meeting and there was a focus on community expectations regarding landscape areas within the city. Areas of discussion involved the roundabout on Jonathan Carver Parkway, the planting bed at Sixth Street and Broadway, planting bed at Broadway and Main by the tugboat, Levi Griffin Road, Monroe Drive, and the park playground areas. Weed free was a focus area with a 'front yard' standard ideology along the thought process of requiring seasonal help to maintain this standard. Maintenance expectations were discussed. Included in that discussion was labor hours per week to maintain the Riverside Park. The proposed mow plan would remove approximately seven and half acre of weekly maintenance. Ironwood Park mowing area is approximately nine and half acres. The proposed plan would maintain campsites, archery, boat landing, parking lot and an entrance road safety strip of turf grass standards. The remainder grow to its natural habitat. Labor could be cut seventy-five percent, leaving time saved dedicated to maintenance of featured landscape and playground areas. "No Mow" area is subject to regular flooding, leaving uneven ground and erosion issues and vehicle vandalism to turf. "No Mow" area has preliminary grant funding to be restored to native prairie and habit in the next one to three years. Councilmember feedback stated that the Riverside Park is a gem in the community with further comments regarding the overgrowth and inability to maintain properly. Another councilmember was unaware of the park utilization. Discussion of Riverside park was lengthy as to maintenance. The mayor was aware of the utilization and maintenance of the park. The mayor's preference was time prioritization at more utilized parks and other landscaped areas. Another councilmember's comment related to the reality of flooding at Riverside Park. Particular investments have not been implemented due to this flooding. Support for the proposed maintenance expectations was expressed. Work would continue for signage I the park involving public understanding the "no mow" intentional areas. Efforts will also be made for communication efforts creating awareness of this maintenance plan.

## Juneteenth Holiday Observance

The council reviewed the topic of the Legislature considering moving up Juneteenth to officially begin in 2023 instead of 2024. The city cannot conduct business on this day as it will be considered a Federal Holiday. This action would also affect the regular council meeting scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>. The city attorney stated that this will create chaos due to the short timeframe. An amendment will be required if considered a paid holiday in the Employee Reference Manual. The council discussed rescheduling the council meeting and approving the amendment to the handbook.

The City Manager reviewed information regarding the Juneteenth Holiday. A bill had been established as a state-recognized holiday signed into law on February 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year. The holiday recognized the date which slavery was abolished in the United States. Public business cannot be conducted on June 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of this holiday. The new law goes into effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. However, a provision contained in both the House and Senate state government omnibus policy bills making the new holiday effective on June 19<sup>th</sup> of this year requiring observance.

The proposed action preemptively observe Juneteenth beginning on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in order to avoid any scheduling challenges. All the technicalities involving time, shifts etc were reviewed. Then the council reviewed the amendment to the Employee Handbook making Juneteenth a paid holiday for city employees.

## Bluff Road Reclamation

The City Manager discussed with the council the Bluff Road Reclamation Change Order. The city had adopted a Pavement Management Plan identifying street maintenance projects throughout the community along with a corresponding funding plan. The annual Street Maintenance Levy is the primary source for street maintenance projects. Previously, a bid was accepted. Since the project came in under engineer's estimate additional areas in need were considered. A section of Bluff Road was cited as a strong candidate for expedited maintenance. Bluff Road had been identified in the PMP for 2027. The area was reviewed and discussed. Determination was made sufficient funds were available for the Bluff Road repairs.

## Carver Preservation Award

The Heritage Preservation Commission members reviewed the two nominations for the Carver Preservation Award.

The information was reviewed by the commissioners and discussed, along with both submissions receiving the award. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding 417 Oak Street and 420 Broadway properties the 2022 Carver Preservation award. The plaques will be made for each submitted property and the sign will be in the yard for six months. Congratulations to the winners!



## Disclaimer

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

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## Carver 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, June 16th.

## 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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## D-Feet Hearing Loss

The MN Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk to D-Feet hearing loss to be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. With fees for this event it includes entry into the arboretum, parking, lunch, lots of activities and games. And don't forget a free event T-shirt too. Kids under twelve free! There is fun for everyone planned. A chance to change a person's life through registration donation. Root Bear Floats are on the menu too. Dance to Chaska's Teddy Bear Band or Bemidji's Empty Cooler Band.



## Carver Black Sox

The Carver Black Sox are well into their season and games are scheduled on their website. [www.carverblacksox.com](http://www.carverblacksox.com) Be sure to check their website for additional information.

Brief June postings: Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Green Isle team; Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Cologne team, home game; Juen 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Plato team; Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> playing North Branch Team, the 3 PM game to TBD; Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, TBD. Then on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is a home game against the team Minnetonka Millers, Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, another home game against new Germany, Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, home game with Norwood; Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Mayor team, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, home game against St Boni and finally closing out the month on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June will be the Watertown Team.





## 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 in their own right. 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, June 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. July's dates will be the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 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

Be sure to stop at the Funky Dove and see the beautiful flock of hummingbirds that arrived on her doorstep! Hurry before they are all gone. They are gorgeous! Come catch some before they are all gone. Also decorative chimes have found their way inside her shop. And the handbags are unique, one of kind, never get anywhere else, direct from Thailand. Very unique, absolutely divine. They are “hand drawn, designed, cut from raw and oil tanned leather, sewn by hand, hand tooled and assembled. Each bag takes three days to one week for the whole process.” These are a real passion for him and his creative motivation. The creator/artisan has many leather items but these handbags were the only items from his shop she could bring back. Check her Facebook page and the shop to see these magnificent creations. [ PS – your support would really help them with their dreams! ]

You would truly be amazed at what you will find and the variety of items you will find at the Funky Dove. She has freestyle genie harem pants, shorts, garden décor, soaps, cards, trinkets, dried flowers, plaster cherubs, mirrors and so much more and let's not forget the gnomes!

If you haven't already been to the shop on Broadway next to the beauty shop, you are cheated of an experience of your life and a whole lot of things that you didn't know you needed or wanted.

## Carver General

Brenda and Ann are celebrating that spring has finally arrived. They will be open June 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. They were filled, the operative word there is, were; with patio furniture, statuary, planters, buckets, tubs, benches, bird baths and their usual great furniture items and home décor just waiting for you to come and see and hopefully take home to adorn your home and share with others. Be sure to stop by Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 10 AM and won't close until 5 PM. Bring dad over on Sunday, Father's day. Let him pick out his own present? I know, not all of the guys are into this, but you know what, there are a lot who are. You would be surprised.

And oh yea, they also want to remind you that that road construction all over in Chaska has the bridge temporarily closed over to Highway 169. Think through June, but there is a short detour right through downtown Chaska, just follow the signs and come on over to Carver. We are at 109 East Third Street. They promise, it will be worth the trip and the hassle. Yea, it's a hassle, but what isn't these days huh?

And as the gals put it, “The shop is brimming with perfectly imperfect home and garden décor” just waiting for you to come and see and pick up.



## Getaway Motor Cafe

If you haven't already discovered the Getaway Motor Café on the corner of Broadway and Main then you have missed the highlight of your day, week, month. You better get over there and check it out quick before you miss out on anymore. There just is never a dull or quiet moment happening there on that corner. Striping of parking spots has been achieved, trees have been trimmed, an outdoor patio is being worked on and constant upgrades are being conducted. The Airbnb is up and ready. If they aren't serving coffee, tea or hot chocolate, then they are busy serving cocktails and craft beers. Not to mention the food delicacies being smuggled through the doors. It's the most talked about topic as of late, you know. You can just bet that they up to their ears and tea kettles with ideas for Father's Day.



## Carver Creamery

Rumor has it that there is a new extended patio to devour that delicious ice cream cone or sundae at the Carver Creamery.

Also heard that their latest newest Italian ice flavor is Strawberry Hibiscus. The season is well under way with all kinds of varieties of flavors. Remember they do catering too.

Their new hours posted as of Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> are Monday through Sunday, noon to 9 PM. You know where the best ice cream in Carver is and that you can check their Facebook page for their latest flavors, right?



**“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”**

**~ Maya Angelou**

## Carver Lions

There is not much to report as far as the Lions events but rest assured they are not sitting doing nothing. It is only that actively nothing to report on. Behind the scenes is a whole another story though! Their Pork Chop Dinner was a huge success again. Posted that they served two-hundred and ninety six guests, along with twenty-three fellow Lions. Thanks to everyone, as well as congratulations.

Now on the other hand, Carver Life posted lots of exciting information concerning the Lions. The Carver Lions were visited and spoke with Jordan Lions and Lioness Todd and Deb. They discussed the Jordan food shelf and Todd is the Zone chair who updated the members on officer training and club excellence awards. They had also hosted the blood drive and collected sixty-nine pints of blood. The Lions also support the D-feet Walk held at the Arboretum on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Induction of new officers will take place at their June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Remember, they go to their summer meeting schedule this June only meeting once a month until September when they resume their two meetings per month. Remember too, they are all participating in working on Steamboat Days.

Other Carver Life ( Facebook ) posting were in regards to the question if anyone wonders how the club supports the community throughout the year. They discussed how bike helmets were provided at the Carver Fire Bike Rodeo recently. A Better Society out of Chanhasen provided bikes. Tim lead this project. Thanks Tim. After the event the department demonstrated their new extrication equipment ( Jaws of Life ) that were donated last year.

Lion Dean Nelson was highlighted being a member since 2005. His achievements featured include the managing of the Pork Chop Dinner, Sunday Brunch, Plastic Recycling Program and is the chef du jour for the D-Foot Hearing Walk. He also is active in the Steamboat Days processes. He also volunteers for the Chaska FD and PD activities. Congrats and thanks!

So there you have the latest that this editor found to tell you about which is probably redundant to some but there are always those few who don't see it all. So if you are interested and want to know more or even help, remember their summer meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at City Hall.  
"Lions are ready whenever and however our communities need us!"



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church  
Everyone is welcome at Trinity Lutheran Church!  
Please join us for our Summer Worship Services at 9 AM every Sunday morning.



Upcoming special dates at Trinity: One student will renew his baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation during our worship service on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Please join us as we encourage him in his continued faith journey.  
Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, celebrate Father's Day with us as we worship together and also welcome our new members into the faith family here at Trinity.

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:  
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## Carver Baseball Softball Association

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

The organization reminds you that team pictures will be held the week of June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> with a make-up date of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Recommended that you keep an eye on your team's schedule to find times and dates that will be posted there.



Volunteers are still needed. Volunteer shifts are still available for concession stand and field maintenance. Thanks to those volunteering. The Carver Baseball and Softball group will be operating the Concession Stand during the Black Sox homes games. Umpires are still needed. Contact Mark Damon at [carverbaseball2023@gmail.com](mailto:carverbaseball2023@gmail.com) for more information.

Pitch Hit and Run in Chaska and Waconia. Chaska held their event in May. Waconia will be holding the event, Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Lions Field on 927 Wildcat Way in Waconia. Host contact information is Ryan Naughton at [naughtonryan@gmail.com](mailto:naughtonryan@gmail.com).

What is Pitch Hit and Run you ask?

"Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) events provide boys and girls an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills, with the opportunity of earning a chance to attend and compete for a Championship during the 2023 MLB World Series! Approved local events give youth organizations an opportunity to provide a free and high-quality experience for their participants. Even more, by hosting, they expand their programs, while building a strong relationship with MLB, MiLB, and its partners. The Pitch, Hit & Run program is a free event series for boys and girls, and consists of a series of movements that are important in baseball and softball. Participants will compete in either 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, or 13-14 age division, with the Age Cut-off set on November 15, 2023. They will be tested, and their measurements will be recorded for points. Based on their scores, they will advance from a local event to a Team Championship and then to the National Finals hosted at the World Series."

Be sure to check their website for game times and places at [www.ccybsa.com](http://www.ccybsa.com) and click on caption, "Calendar" for their dates, times and locations.

## Taste of Shakopee and Business Expo

Everyone is invited to come across the river over to Shakopee at the Huber Park ( 150 Fillmore Street North, Shakopee ). For what you ask? For Shakopee's Taste of Shakopee and Business Expo happening on June 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM until 4 PM. Plenty of activities are planned for the day thanks to JCI Shakopee and the Parks and Recreation personnel. Big fun day and tasting Shakopee's best. Also, there will be Free Bikes for Kids MN Ironman Bike ride in the morning.



"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

~ Bernard M. Baruch

## 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>



Matilda performances to be held at the Chaska High School on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM; Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM and 7 PM, Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Then again on Friday, Friday at 7 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM and 7 PM and the last performance will be held on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM.

## Southwest Transit

Posted on their website is that the East Creek Station will be closed in June for improvements. Be sure to check their website for information, other regular services and don't forget about their summer adventures, concert series or twins express features for the summer. [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org)



I am a person who wants  
to do a lot of things  
trapped in a body  
that doesn't.





## Arts Consortium

First off we have the June Artist Conversation items. Contact Abigailblytheart@gmail.com if you are interested to learn the date and place. At publication, was not available that I could find. What you need to participate is an interest in speaking with other artists. They discussed the work they had brought to share at their last session and talked about an artist's journey creating their work. At their next conversation they decided on PRIDE themed work which will be just in time for the June Gallery show. Welcome to bring anything being currently worked on too to share.

The Over the Rainbow exhibit starts June 1st. You are invited to help celebrate Pride Month. Many artists have created beautiful, thought-provoking pieces. More are needed to make this exhibit a success. Don't miss out on this opportunity to spread love, kindness and understanding. There will not be a formal artist reception, however, there will be Pride Picnic, Saturday, June 17th starting at 3 PM until 6 PM at McKnight Park It is hosted by the Chaska Human Right Commission and supported by the Chaska Park and Recreation and the ISD 112 Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club.

Question is being asked: "Do you have a class that you would love to teach for the ACCC?" (Arts Consortium of Carver County) Request is being made to sign-up to teach a class. All that is necessary is to focus on the art and teaching. They will take care of the rest. They will reserve the space, advertise and post class-sign-up, and then pay you to teach. Submit ideas to [classes@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:classes@artsofcarvercounty.org).

New Song Collective planned for Thursday, June 8th at 7 PM at Parley Lake Winery in Waconia. Songwriters and musicians perform, discuss their writing processes and give insight into their music. The public is invited to participate.

In Literary news: "If you have a personal story about something funny, inspiring, tragic, ancestral, daring, full of conflict, contradiction or mystery you'd like to tell, the Literary Committee of the Arts Consortium of Carver County (ACCC) has an opportunity for you. It's an evening of flash memoir we're calling Memoir: Flash Me set for Wednesday, June 21 in the Wilder Room at the Chanhassen Library, 6:30 – 8 PM. Sign up by submitting story title and word length to [flashme@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:flashme@artsofcarvercounty.org). Do not send story text. This is not a contest.

Deadline to reserve a reading slot is June 14. Participants do not have to be ACCC members or residents of Carver County. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

An invitation is also extended to come and visit their newly updated Gift Shop. They are open on volunteer availability. The public's support is appreciated. The Gift Shop hours are Thursday, 10 AM – 1:30 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM; Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM; and Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Volunteers are always welcomed. They also are extending an invitation to consider volunteering at the Arts Center. It is a great way to learn more about the ACCC, and to see what they have for sale constantly updated. Check their website for more details. [www.artsofcarvercounty.org](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org)

## East Union Lutheran Churches

The East Union congregation extends invitation to participate in Sunday services.

They are planning for their Annual Ice Cream Social and invite you to join them on Father's Day, June 18th from 4 PM to 6 PM for their Ice Cream Social and Car Show. Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, chips, pie and sundaes are on the venue. Not to forget mentioning that dad will all get a free sundae.

Also, 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!



## Community Highlights

June 2023

June 1<sup>st</sup> Global Days of Parents  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> National Donut Day  
Happy Anniversary Kerry and Kathy!  
June 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Kim!  
June 6<sup>th</sup> K-5 Last Day of School  
Happy Anniversary Jared and Amanda!  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Scott!  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 6-12 Last Day of School  
Integrated Arts Academy Graduation  
Happy Anniversary Joy and Chris!  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Graduation  
June 10<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Matthew!  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Dennis!  
Happy Birthday Jane!  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
June 13<sup>th</sup> Work Session School Board Meeting  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Meet & Greet  
Happy Birthday Alexis!  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission  
Occasional Shops Weekend  
Happy Anniversary Sharon and Dennis!  
June 16<sup>th</sup> Carver Business Alliance Meeting  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Taste of Shakopee and Business Expo  
June 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day  
East Union Ice Cream Social & Car Show  
Happy Anniversary Zim and Becky!  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth Day  
June 20<sup>th</sup> Carver Farmer's Market Begins  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Chaska Farmer's Market Begins  
Lions Meeting  
Happy Birthday Lucy!  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Happy Birthday Miley Sue!  
Carver Vehicle Fair  
Victoria Farmer's Market  
Happy Anniversary Kim and Paul!  
Happy Birthday Rob!  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Happy Birthday Amanda!  
June 24<sup>th</sup> Carver-on-the-MN Canoe/Kayak Trip  
Happy Birthday Greg!  
Happy Birthday Bradley!  
June 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
June 26<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Beve!  
Carver Farmer's Market  
Chaska Farmer's Market  
Happy Anniversary Shirley and Terry!  
June 27<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Yvonna!  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday James!  
June 30<sup>th</sup>



## 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).

The next pop-up Pantry is scheduled to be at Grace Church ( 9301 Eden Prairie Road ) in Eden Prairie on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM until 6:30 PM.



## Carver Announcements

The City of Carver wants to remind you that the Carver Vehicle Fair is scheduled for Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Carver Station from 6 PM to 8 PM. Also the Carver-on-the Minnesota's Canoe/Kayak trip on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM.

Carver Summer Concert Series has also been announced in the city's newsletter which is also published on their website. The Kids Concert, John Kern is being held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at the Gazebo Park at 307 Broadway. Then on Friday at the Gazebo Park will be Family Entertainment night with Vinnie Rose. Oh, that's Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 PM.

The Carver County Library Program is presenting Brodini the Magician at the Village Hall on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.



## Cars and Caves - 2023

The Chanhassen AutoPlex home of Cars and Caves car shows continues their 2023 season.. AutoPlex as a reminder is the first one of its kind private garage condo community in Chanhassen. Their summer schedule is posted on line.  
[www.chanhassenautoplex.com](http://www.chanhassenautoplex.com).



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. June's feature on the 24<sup>th</sup> will be 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."

## Victoria Classic Car Night

Discover Classic Car Night 2023 has returned. 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.



## Winemaker's Dinner

The Schram Vineyards extends an invitation to join them at their Winemaker's Dinners this summer. They are located at 8785 Airport Road in Waconia. The Culinary Chef and Winemaker for Schram Enterprises have teamed up to bring a unique culinary experience featuring locally crafted artisan wines from AxeBridge Wine Co and Schram Vineyards paired alongside four elevated courses. Each course will be presented by the chef and the winemaking team for a fully immersed pairing experience. Guest will have the opportunity to hear from the makers themselves while indulging in a four course dining experience. The dinners themselves will be occurring at AxeBridge Wine Co in Minneapolis. The first dinner will be entitled, "Swine and Wine" to be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.



The next dinner will be "French Cuisine and French Hybrids" on July 20<sup>th</sup>, "Mediterranean Themed" will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and finishing out this invitation will be held September 21<sup>st</sup> titled "Plant Based Pairings."

AxeBridge's address is 411 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis.

## Art on the Lake

What is Art on the lake? It's an event held in Excelsior on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> kicking off the Paint the Port. The Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber describes it as, "a high profile event and enjoys a loyal following of eighteen thousand plus art admirers, collectors and buyers. There are over one hundred twenty artists displaying original works amidst live music and a variety of food offerings. It is an engaging creative event., showcasing an Henthusiast with their unique shops, galleries and restaurants. It is said to be an inspiring experience. For more complete information to [www.excelsiorlakeminnetonkachamber.com](http://www.excelsiorlakeminnetonkachamber.com), go to events, click on appropriate dates on their calendar. That is if you have computer access. This editor is fully aware that there are many who don't have computer access and how frustrating it is when the world has moved to technology.



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hatred cannot drive out hatred: only love can do that."

~ Martin Luther King Jr

## Summer Concert Series

Kids Tuesday's in the park features at the Gazebo Park in Carver will be John Kern on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM. Over at the Chaska Fireman's Park on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM until 7 PM, you will be entertained by the Jolly Pops.

July: All on Tuesdays, Chaska Fireman's Park, July 11<sup>th</sup>, The Brazillions; July 25<sup>th</sup> will be Auntie Dallas and Uncle Siam performing at 6 until 7 PM at the Firemen's Park in Chaska and then last event will be at Ironwood Park on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 until 11:30 AM featuring Kids Yoga.

Wednesday night Concerts at Chaska's Fireman's Park are as follows:

June 14<sup>th</sup> - 6 - 8 PM Dirty Shorts

June 21<sup>st</sup> - 6 - 8 PM Zachary Scot Johnson

July 19<sup>th</sup> - 6 - 7 PM Kashimana (Kash)

July 26<sup>th</sup> - 6 - 8 PM Traveled Ground (Bark in the Park Event)

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6 - 8 PM Hunkered Down Blues

August 9<sup>th</sup> - 6 - 8 PM The Castaways

Friday Night Concerts at Ironwood Park, Carver will be:

July 21<sup>st</sup> - 7 - 8:30 PM Vinnie Rose

August 4<sup>th</sup> - 7 - 8:30 PM Sawyers Dream

August 18<sup>th</sup> - 7 - 8:30 PM Solid Gold

## Carver County Parks

For more information contact the Carver County Parks division or download their 2023 Program Guide from their website.

Summer Camps are on the agenda at several parks. Waconia has an Adventure Camp on June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>; Summer Day Camps at Lake Minnewashta June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> or July 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>; Baylor Adventure Camp is June 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>; and then there is Wasserman Adventure Camp in Victoria offering camp June 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> or August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. Some Adult Specialty Programs noted too. Sunset Paddle Board at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park on June 9<sup>th</sup> or Coney Island Kayak on Lake Waconia is offered June 10<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup> or September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



POSTER CONTEST WINNER—Leon Goetz, chairman of the Carver Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Poster contest presented Lisa Lund, 9, with her toy fire truck.

*Do You  
Know Who  
This is?*

Recognize the people in the photo? Thanks to Facebook/Carver Life posting, Lisa Lund. The clipping is from the Chaska Herald in November of 1977, the November 9<sup>th</sup>

Edition. Thanks for sharing Lisa!

The caption reads: "Poster Contest Winner -Leon Goetz, Chairman of the Carver Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Poster contest presented Lisa Lund, 9, with her toy fire truck. The truck was awarded to the Fourth Grade East Union School student for drawing her winning poster. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Lyle Lund of Carver."

Couldn't resist sharing this with y'all. I have known Leon and Scheryl for a long time. They just celebrated their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in May. They were married in 1977. How coincidental? Just had to share this with anyone who also knows the couple. Congratulations Leon and Scheryl. Many, many more and anyone who has clippings of past Carver residents and would like to share, you know what to do.

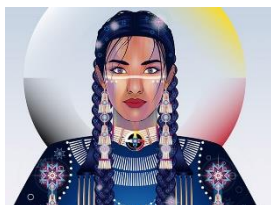
"Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do."

~ Rob Siltanen



## *Landscape Arboretum*

Did you know that the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has an Osprey Cam? It was up and running as of April this year. Be sure to check it out: [www.arb.umn.edu/osprey-cam](http://www.arb.umn.edu/osprey-cam)



Always something new and old to see, learn, experience at the arboretum. Check out their website under the caption of 'Events' for full details of all that is happening there. There's music happening in the Garden throughout the summer beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. You can do yoga, walks, check out "Forest Bathing", learn about bugs, bees, hike, firefly viewing nights and bike.

Some of the highlighted events include their annual fundraiser, 'Gala in the Garden'. You are invited to join them to celebrate education on June 15<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 PM to 9 PM back at the farm at the Arb. It's hosted by MN Landscape Arboretum Foundation Board of Trustees. It's their signature fundraising event. Start your evening with featured Farm-to-Table dinner, celebratory toast and lively conversation with other supporters. Celebrate the incredible impact of education at the arboretum and learn how these transformational experiences connect people with the living world and each other. It's been called an inspiration through outstanding displays, natural areas, horticultural research and education. Be sure to reserve your tickets.

Ever experienced Family Fun at the Arb? This event is happening on Saturdays June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM until 4 PM. Here you can learn what is growing on at Minnesota farms, food gardens, crop plots and orchards. There are hands-on learning experiences too. Meet the food growers and producers, as well as learn about their work. You can taste Minnesota through plant-to-plate cooking demonstrations and samples. Explore exhibits, games and hands-on activities. Tour the farm and see crop plots, food gardens, orchards and so much more.

Dakota Sacred Hoop Walk is still another highlighted feature for the month of June the arboretum entitled Dakota Sacred Hoop Walk. First, it should be noted that the exhibit picture is named "Wohpe" by Marlena Myles who is a Twin Cities Digital Artist and a member of the Spirit Lake Dakota Tribe. She has created an augmented reality art exhibition in partnership with the arboretum, which will begin in the Harrison Sculpture Garden. Visitors are able to use their mobile phones to download the Revelo AR app to view digital images and audio at stops along the walk where you will learn about Dakota culture and history.

This is a Grand Opening event happening Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 PM until 5 PM. Reserve your tickets.

Come and celebrate their grand opening of the Dakota Sacred Hoop Walk. There will be five stops featured on this first-of-its-kind ongoing exhibit. The day will begin rain or shine and a welcome, along with orientation Art Talk with Ms Myles in the MacMillan Auditorium, then onto "High Point" for a walk in the Harrison Sculpture Garden.

The second stop the "Arrival of Spring" sits at a cedar and maple tree duo, onto "Tree of Life" which takes place at a majestic oak tree, Stop four is nestled in a peaceful pine grove for "Whispering Roots" and the last stop concludes the walk in the Ornamental Grass Collection at the "Kiciuzapi" sculpture titled, "Hold Each Other Sacred". You are invited to enjoy a celebration featuring Native arts and crafts, food, storytelling, performances and more! On a side bar it is recommended that visitors download the Revelo AR app from Pixel Farm in advance of visiting. Also, be sure to allow for notifications while using the app.

Finally, the last highlighted June feature is called the Ag and Aviation Day where you are invited to join the Growing to Lead interns at the Farm at the Arb celebrating the history where you will find food, music, presentations, and a drone demonstration. Gigi Coleman is the special guest for the morning session at 10 AM until 11:30 AM. Ms Coleman will present her one-woman show about the life of Bessie Coleman who was the first Black woman to earn her pilot's license and she is the great-niece of Bessie Coleman. Anthony Chu of the Federal Aviation Administration is also a guest. Box Lunches are available too. The afternoon activities are from 1 PM until 4 PM to include drone demonstrations, Gallery Garden Tours, sample food traditions from the Gallery Garden and last but not least there will be music.



Charlie Chaplin  
lived 88 years  
He left us with four  
statements

Nothing is forever in the  
world, even our problems  
I love walking in the rain  
because no one can see my  
tears

The most important day in  
our life is the day we don't  
laugh

Six biggest doctors in the  
world;  
Sun, Rest, Exercise, Diet,  
Self Respect, Friends

Stick to them at all stages  
in your life and enjoy a  
healthy life.

~ *Happy Father's Day* ~

**My silence  
means I am  
tired of fighting**

and now there is nothing left to  
fight for. My silence means I am  
tired of explaining my feelings to you,  
but now I don't have the energy to  
explain them anymore. My silence  
means I have adapted to the changes  
in my life and I don't want to complain.  
My silence means I am on a self  
healing process and I am trying to  
forget everything I ever wanted from  
you. My silence means I am just  
trying to move on gracefully  
with all my dignity. – Aarti Khurana



*"There is darkness in light, there is pain  
in joy, and there are thorns on the rose."*

Cate Tiernan



## *June Gossip - Not Gossip*

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 at 7 PM

Integrated Arts Academy ( ECCS ) Graduation Ceremony will take place June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the Chaska Event Center [ 3210 Chaska Boulevard ]

"Chanhassen High School's Kelly Lutgen named 2023 Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Kelly Lutgen, social studies teacher at Chanhassen High School, who was named the 2023 District 112 Foundation Teacher of the Year. In total, 46 teachers were nominated by students, parents and peers.

Other finalists were:

Rachel Alrick, Chaska Middle School West - Andy Beauchamp, Clover Ridge -Katie Rotunda, Chaska Middle School East - Tali Sinjem, Chanhassen High School - Andrew Waller, Chaska Middle School East"

"The Paisley Park House Band..... Members of the Chanhassen Jazz Band had the opportunity to jam on stage at the NPG Music Club at Paisley Park in Chanhassen on May 8. The group performed three short sets of tunes on the same stage that Prince often held late-night performances.

"Chaska Middle School West music teacher Eric Songer was recognized by the Country Music Association and their foundation for Music Teachers of Excellence Award! Thirty music teachers from across the country have been announced as 2023 Music Teachers of Excellence. Now in its seventh year, the program was created to recognize educators who are having the greatest impact on their students, using the power of music as an avenue for change. The CMA Foundation will hold its seventh Music Teachers of Excellence ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in Nashville.

"This guy is the true definition of goat," said West principal Alicia Fischer. "His dedication and passion for middle school students in music education is unparalleled."

2023 Steamboat Days info in case you are looking...email - [steamboating@yahoo.com](mailto:steamboating@yahoo.com) or on line at [www.carversteamboatdys.info](http://www.carversteamboatdys.info). The dates for this year are September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> and they have events listed on line at their website.

St Nicholas Catholic Church would like to announce that they are celebrated Father Tony's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination on Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup>. His specisl day began with an 8 AM Mass and was followed by s delicious hot breakfast buffet. An even celebration is planned for July for anyone interested in checking this out and getting more information. Congratulations to Fr Tony.

Did you know about this? This editor didn't so thought would share....."Carver County Fair Exhibition Information

Did you know there are MANY ways for you to participate in the Carver County Fair this summer? One of the primary goals for the fair is to build the Education Exhibit participation at the Carver County Fair! The fair this year is August 9-13, 2023. The Education Department has an Exhibitor Handbook. These pages outline all the divisions and classes available for students to enter their projects/art. Students have the opportunity to compete against other students in the county and potentially win a ribbon and possibly even cash!"

A new restaurant opened in Shakopee called 'Tacos at Don Ramon'. The SW Publishing wrote the article pertaining to the restaurant and their grand opening hosted by the Shakopee Chamber. Those chamber members were some of the first to enjoy the Mexican cuisine at its new location on 1561 First Avenue East in Shakopee, formerly Mr Pig Stuff.

In researching local information ran across this article too, but for the life of me now, can't remember where. Sorry.

East Union Elementary building sold to Southwest Metro Intermediate District 288.

"The building that once housed East Union Elementary will live on as an educational site. The school-district owned property, consisting of approximately eight gross acres with a 22,608 square foot elementary building in Carver, is being sold to Southwest Metro Cooperative District, ISD 288.

The plans for the building are to utilize it for K- 8 Level and four Special Education Programs for the eleven member district that serves many southwest metro area school districts including Eastern Carver County Schools.

"Those programs lack adequate facilities in this area, which can create waiting lists for students to receive services," Karen DeVet, director of finance and operations for Eastern Carver County Schools, said. "The proposed space closely aligns with our mission and values for our school district

The old bank building next to the City Hall and between Ripple Art Studio and City hall housed Peek-A-Boo-Baby is up for rent being presented by Creative Real Estate LLC, Ann Tran compliments of Carver Life/Facebook. According to Lindsey's Facebook page, she is moving to Waconia and the new name, "The Hive". Meanwhile back in Carver, the 1908 Funk Bank building is for rent right on Broadway for a perfect location for so much with its "handsome brick storefront with windows facing downtown Carver's Broadway Street." "Enjoy the old West style high ceilings in the ground floor and the storefront windows to display your wares, a new fully ADA compliant restroom, and a rear loft for your paperwork."

This is also where this editor read "This year, Steamboat Days is to be September 10- 12 and is to feature a Wild West Show". Anyone care to confirm this rumor? Steamboat Days for September 2023 though, the dates are September 8 through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Schram Haus Brewery celebrated in May their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary since opening. They had a party to mark the occasion.

Also, Schram Haus Brewery is happy to announce that their Social Sundays are back as well.

Remember too, if you are looking for good food and as nice place to take those distant visiting relatives and friends, Sticks Tavern over at the Dahlgreen Golf Course has good food. Its family owned. Atmosphere is friendly, full service bar, did I mention good food? Reservations are not required, but if you have a large party, you know what to do. You can follow them on Facebook for specials and events. Speaking of events, don't forget about their Wednesday Bingo, Live Bar Trivia Tuesdays throughout the summer, Sun Funday, Taco Tues, Whiskey Wednesday, and their Signature Cocktails. Did I mention the good food you can have?

Speaking of Sticks Tavern, did you know that the Dahlgreen Golf Course hosts tournaments? Or that it is an 18 Hole Championship course with four sets of tees? It is. They are open for the season by the way. Give them a call and go play golf. I miss the game personally.

Did you all know that Mike Webb, former Carver Mayor owned Dunn Brothers in Chaska? Did you also know that they closed? They did. Your establishment will be sorely missed Mike. Sorry to hear the news.....

July will be here before we know it. With July comes Fire and Ice, BBQ Days, Scott County Fair, Excelsior Crazy Days, Cologne Glad Days, River City Days, anything else? Arts Consortium is planning their Annual Awards Show Exhibit in July. I'm sure with all the wineries locally, those establishments have plans? What do you think?



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*"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."*

*~ Albert Einstein*

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# Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk

TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS



**JUNE 3, 2023**  
**9:30 AM**

**MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM - CHASKA, MN**

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2023mlhfwalk/>
- Text DFEET2023 to 50155 to register or donate!

*Sign up Today!*



Minnesota Landscape  
**ARBORETUM**





# COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CAR SHOW

(weather permitting)

June 18, 2023

4:00-6:30pm

Sloppy joes, Coleslaw, Chips,  
Homemade Pie, Ice Cream Sundaes

\*\*\* Free ice cream sundae for all Dads! \*\*\*

East Union Lutheran Church  
15180 County Road 40  
Carver, MN



# Carver Vehicle Fair

**Thursday, June 22 | 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Carver Station | 1607 Hartwell Drive, Carver, MN**



**Carver Public Services | Carver Fire | Carver County Sheriff |  
MNDOT | SW Transit | Farm Equipment | Food Trucks |  
Bounce House | Yard Games | Magician**

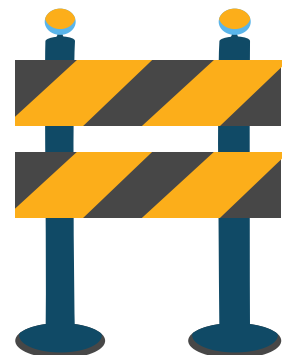


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**Matt Lorenz**

**952-368-4440**





# 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*



**Fare for All:** Fare For All is a pop-up grocery store. They sell packs of fresh produce and frozen meat at up to 40% off of retail prices. Everyone and anyone can shop at Fare For All across 30+ pop up sites in the Twin Cities and Greater MN. Shop for quality, nutritious foods at discount and budget-friendly prices.

Chaska location: Crown of Glory Lutheran Church at 1141 Cardinal St.

Summer dates: May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24



**FARE FOR ALL**  
*Food that makes cents*

## Community Support

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf serves Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, Victori and the surrounding area, helping people with hunger relief.

During everyone's life there is a period when we need help. For many this help comes in the form of food assistance to get them through their time of need.

Donate now! Or need help?

Hours:

Monday – 9 AM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday / Wednesday – 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday / Friday – 9 AM – 12:30 PM

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month – 9 AM – Noon

A new food program has been scheduled on the first and third Thursdays through July from 4 PM to 7 PM that will cater primarily to the Latino community with cultural specific food and Spanish speaking volunteer on site to assist. This program is made possible by Mi Casa, His House, the Sennah Foundation and the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf.

COVID Vaccines:

The next Carver County Health and Human Services clinic, for individuals six months and older, is from 4 PM to 6 PM on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Carver County Government Center.

Pfizer and Moderna primary series ( now bivalent ) and boosters available. Questions? Call 952-361-1329.

Walk-ins welcome, or schedule an appointment.



## Free Pop-Up Produce Market This Summer

- Choose from a variety of food options: produce, dry goods, dairy, and more
- Food options vary each week
- Open to all students and families
- No registration needed
- No personal information required
- Come as often as you want



FIND MORE INFORMATION AT

[WWW.FINDFOODCARVERCOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.FINDFOODCARVERCOUNTY.ORG)

**CHASKA MIDDLE  
SCHOOL WEST**

140 ENGLER BLVD, CHASKA

**WEDNESDAYS  
4-5:30 PM**

**JUNE 14 -  
AUGUST 16**



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:

[WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/60B0C4AAAFAB28A6F94-CHASKA1#/](http://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/60B0C4AAAFAB28A6F94-CHASKA1#/)

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**at schools & other sites**

## Free Nutritious Meals For Kids 18 And Under

Only a click away, the Free Meals for Kids mobile app will help families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota.

**How it works:**

- 1 Download the Free Meals for Kids app to your cell phone.
- 2 Use the app to find the nearest site providing meals by GPS.
- 3 Click on the nearby site and use the Site Updates tab for more details.
- 4 Share the app with friends, neighbors and on social media.

Free Meals for Kids can be downloaded at Apple or Google Play app stores.

There are free meal sites across the state at schools and community locations. The app provides location, directions to the site and hours and days of operation. More sites are added daily. For more information: [www.hungerimpactpartners.org](http://www.hungerimpactpartners.org).

Information provided from Equity and Inclusion at Eastern Carver County Schools

Elevating Equity in ECCS Partnership



## Farmer's Markets

<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>	<u>Saturdays</u>
	<b>Chaska</b> <b>6/21 - 9/20</b> <b>Fireman's Park</b> <b>3210 Chaska Boulevard</b>  <b>6/21 - 8/9 5 PM - 8 PM</b> <b>8/16 - 9/20 4 PM - 7 PM</b>  <b>No Market on 7/5</b>	 <b>Victoria 6/22 - 9/28</b>  <b>Enki Brewing Parking Lot</b> <b>1495 Steiger Lake Lane</b>  <b>3 PM - 6 PM</b>		<b>Chanhassen 6/03 - 9/30</b> <b>City Center Park Plaza</b> <b>7700 Market Boulevard</b>  <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>
<b>Carver 6/20 - 9/26</b> <b>1607 Hartwell Drive</b>  <b>3 PM - 6 PM</b>  <b>No Market on 7/4 or 9/19</b>	 <b>Bongard's 6/7 - 9/27</b> <b>St John's United Church</b> <b>12984 County Road 51</b> <b>Norwood/Young America</b>  <b>3 PM - 6 PM</b>	 <b>Excelsior May - October</b>  <b>301 Couty Road # 19</b>    <b>2 PM - 6 PM</b>		 <b>New Prague May - October</b> <b>Community Baptist Church</b> <b>500 CR 37</b>  <b>9 AM - 12 PM</b>
<b>Minnetonka 6/6 - 9/26</b> <b>Ridgedale Commons</b> <b>12590 Ridgedale Drive</b>  <b>3 PM - 7 PM</b>	 <b>Shakopee 6/21 - 6/28</b> <b>7/12 - 7/19 - 7/26</b> <b>8/02 - 08/09</b> <b>Lewis Street Parking Lot</b>  <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>			
	<b>Mayer June - August</b> <b>Mayer Lutheran High School</b> <b>306 7<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays</b>  <b>4 PM - 7 PM</b>			

Open until October / DAILY

Waconia At The Farm  
8880 State Highway 5

Monday through Saturday  
10 AM - 4 PM  
Sunday 11 AM - 4 PM

Delano - Wednesdays

Glencoe - Thursdays

Watertown - Fridays

Mound - Saturdays  
Hopkins - Saturdays  
Buffalo - Saturdays