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In Loving Memory of Ralph Schlegelmilch and Gary Bengston

Mayor Courtney's Message

Greetings-

I can't believe November is already here. However, the days are shorter and the weather is cooler, so it's hard to deny it. I've got a brief list of updates to share this month. Here goes!

New Council Member – With Joy McKnight's resignation from City Council in August, Reid Welch was appointed last month to fill the remainder of this term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2024. Reid has previously served on Carver's Planning Commission and is on Carver County's Parks Board. Please join me in welcoming Council Member Welch!

NEW BUSINESS: Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital – Dr. Carissa Haverly recently converted her mobile veterinary practice to a new brick-and-mortar location in Carver Square, which is located at 4735 Dahlgren Road, Suite #300, southwest of the roundabout. Healing Hands' goal is to provide exceptional and compassionate care for your four-legged family members. Please check them out!

Heritage Preservation Award – The Getaway Motor Café (120 Broadway) was selected by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) as the most outstanding preservation project of 2023. The HPC guides and promotes the preservation of approximately 100 structures in Downtown Carver designated on the National Register of Historic Places. Earlier this fall I was honored to join HPC Commissioners Dave Schultz and Tim Guerre, along with Council Member Erik Perschmann, to present the Roise family with this award.

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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Getaway and Veterinary pictures all submitted by Courtney

Reid Welch/Swearing In - Courtney

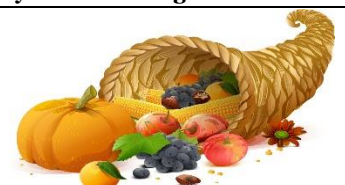
Daylight Savings

Here we go again; daylight savings time and still no action from those 'um' what should we call them? I guess to be nice and fair, we'll just call them politicians and leave the derogatory comments in the box, huh? Yep, it's that time of the year again to turn the clocks back on hour. (Spring forward' fall back cliché) So when do we do that? Sunday, early morning, November 5th. We all know though, everyone does it the night before, Saturday, right? This is when the days get shorter and shorter until winter solstice on December 21st.

Did you know that that is the shortest day of the year. There is the constant discussion and hopes that the twice a year changing clock ritual will become a thing of the past? There was a bipartisan support in Congress to keep daylight savings time permanent as of March of this year but no action had been taken on that bill called Sunshine Protection Act of 2023. Go figure huh? Another bill was introduced in March which would give states the option to stay on daylight savings but that stalled. Again, go figure. Did you know that Hawaii and Arizona are the two, only two states who do not participate in daylight savings time? Last word was that in 2022 the US Senate passed legislation to make daylight savings time permanent in 2023. While the bill, dubbed the Sunshine Protection Act, was unanimously approved by the Senate, it stalled in the House of Representatives before expiring altogether. So here, we are, November 2023 and have to turn the clocks back still again. All derogatory remarks and opinions stifled for this editor. Feel free to think what you want. Everyone is entitled to their opinion.

New Councilmember

The newest addition to the City of Carver council is Reid Welch is not a complete stranger to civil service. According to the reporter from the Chaska Herald, Reid has served on the Planning Commission and is a member of the Carver County Parks and Recreation Commission. He also commented that it was sooner than he had anticipated to serve on the city council but the vacancy created the opportunity for him. Reid is a computer engineer and also has served on the Planning Commission Board for five years. He likes being involved as well as being a source of direction to be taken. His family supported his decision after discussing it with them. His goal he says, "I'm looking forward to more involvement with the city and trying to balance what is good for the city as a whole as the community continues to grow."



2024 Enterprise Fund Budgets

The Finance Director discussed with the council the purpose of Enterprise Funds which involved water, sewer and Storm Water funds in order to provide enough revenue sufficient to achieve the projected year-end cash balance to cover three months of operating expenses, the following year debt service payments and capital acquisitions, as well as reserves for future capital improvements. A good portion of the revenue from Enterprise Funds are the result of user charges which is why it is important that the city charges appropriate rates to achieve the targeted cash balance.

The city has been able to monitor utility rates for its Enterprise Funds by maintaining a five year long-term financial plan to complete future capital needs, growth assumptions and operation projections. The city has been working with Northland Securities to prepare a ten year financial plan the model rates. The draft of the plan displays rate increases for the 2024 budget. The drafted ten year plan was to be presented to the council. The annual fee schedule will be reviewed to include utility rates and connection fees. The Enterprise Fund Budgets will be considered for final adoption tentatively in December.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program with the council. A Public Hearing required to be held, as well. As part of the overall National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System permit program, the City is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to discharge storm water to waters of the state under the small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. As part of this permit, the City is required to develop, implement, and enforce a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program with required control measures. Those measures were reviewed once again by the council with the engineer. One of those requirements was that the city must provide an opportunity annual for the public to provide input on the adequacy of the storm water program.

The Assistant City Engineer presented the council with proposed amendment to the zoning code pertaining to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit. The MN Pollution Control Agency updated rules within the permit necessitating changes to the city's Zoning Cod. The council will review the proposal and in the future consider adoption.

A Public Hearing was held for the Annual MS4 Permit. Assistant City Engineer provided necessary information for the annual requirement to develop, implement and enforce a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. A resident Recommended providing a quick guide for residents and businesses detailing relevant information on the requirements.

The Assistant City Engineer discussed amended Zoning Code changes proposed to the Storm Water Pollution Program. Once again the history and requirements of the program were reviewed. Periodically the MPCA updates this permit which incorporates new rules. After the permit is updated, cities must apply for permit reissuance. Permit reissuance has been obtained by the city. As part of this reissuance the city must update their city code to comply with the new rules. Two articles that require updates include management and discharge detection and elimination. The Planning Commission held a Public hearing reviewing the proposed changes to the zoning code. There was not any public input at the hearing and the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the proposed changes to the zoning code. The council also reviewed the proposed changes.

City Council Appointment

The City Manager provided information regarding the appointment process for City Councilor vacancy. Interviews were held. Five candidates were interviewed for the council vacancy. Five candidates for council vacancy position were thanked for their interest and time. Motion was made and carried with all ayes appointing Reid Welch to the vacant city council position through 2024.

"At first people refuse to believe that a strange new thing can be done, then they begin to hope it can be done, then they see it can be done—then it is done and all the world wonders why it was not done centuries ago." ~ Frances Hodgson Burnett

Preliminary Levy

The Finance Director provided an overview of the 2024 Preliminary Levy to the council. The council has been in the which was reviewed at the council meeting after the staff did as requested. Clarification was also given regarding the Final health and dental insurance final costs. Updates will continue to flow in over the next few months as the information becomes available. The mayor was satisfied with the budget allowing the city to focus and begin concentrating on Strategic Planning items setting the community up for a good future and allowing to be financially strong. Once again, the Preliminary Levy cannot be raised once accepted. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2024 Preliminary Levy.

Miscellaneous

Councilors extended thanks to the city staff and Public Services for all their support for Steamboat Days. It was a great event. Any suggestions can be forwarded to steamboating@yahoo.com. Thanks and appreciation, if not Mucho gratitude to the Steamboat Days Committee was also announced at the meeting.

Getaway Motor Café were presented the Heritage Preservation Commission Award. The award was presented personally to Nate, Terah and Johnnie Roise at the Getaway Motor Café located at 120 Broadway. What is the Carver Heritage Preservation Award you ask? It is to recognize and award a project that exemplifies the preservation and restoration of a structure in the Carver Historic District.



The mayor stated that since Highway 212 is now fully funded, the group, Big Four are focusing on Highway 5 through Victoria, Chanhassen and Waconia, along with 82nd Street in Chaska and Chanhassen. There is a fly in to Washington DC promoting transportation funding for Carver County. The mayor participated in last year's fly in. The mayors met in St Joseph. Over the last four years the Mayor's Association Annual Conference has had to be cancelled. The association is attempting to find alternatives for group meetings.

The council reviewed the Prosecution Agreement with the Carver County Attorney to be considered for adoption.

Southern Valley Alliance Executive Director was at the council meeting relating information and statistics involving domestic violence services provided by the organization. October is considered Domestic Violence Awareness Month also.

The Community Development Director provided updates to the council regarding the grant project with Green River Greening for Creekside park. A preconstruction meeting had been held. Thirty-six trees in the creek area will be removed. The technique will be used involving reinstallation of trees along the creek bed to help with erosion control. The council requested information be shared via social media and the city's website.

The Parks Advisory Group had a meeting. The Parks Master Plan, park dedication funds and the future parks maintenance fund were all looked at by the group. City of Chaska representative, Erin Link was also at the meeting to discuss the recreation agreement Carver has with the City of Chaska. The group was off to a good start.

Water Treatment Plant Filter

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the water treatment plant filter # 2 Diagnostic work. The council reviewed a motion to accept the quote from Magney Construction for contracted services for the filter plant exploration work. Recently, expansion on the water treatment plant was completed. The expansion included gravity filters, existing filters which were not rehabilitated as part of this plant project. It was recently observed failures with the existing filters. The exact cause of failure was not known presently, diagnostic work was required to be completed before a repair method could be finalized. Magney Construction completed the expansion and were familiar with the plant processes. Recommendation was submitted that this firm be contracted to diagnose the problem in order for repair work to be completed this winter during low water demand usage.

Cost Share Agreement

The Public Services Direction discussed a Cost Share Agreement involving PreCise Salting Equipment with the council. The agreement will be with the Carver County Watershed Management Organization for PreCise Salt Tracker hardware. The agreement with the county would involve installation of hardware on four salt trucks. The newest acquisition truck already has the technology installed. This technology helps to reduce the amount of salt applied on roadways resulting in less usage and less chlorides discharged to regional water bodies.

Timber Creek Phase Four

The Community Development Director discussed the final plat for the Timber Creek Phase Four development with the council. The council reviewed the resolution adopting approval of the Final Plat, authorizing execution of the Developer's Agreement subject to the City Attorney's changes. The city had approved the first three phases for this project. Phase Four proposes sixty-six additional lots. The final tabulation for the development is two-hundred ninety seven of the three hundred forty eight homes will be through the planning process. The Final Plat for Phase Four conforms to the approved Preliminary Plat with lots meeting the requirements. The Final Plat was also reviewed and recommended approval by the Planning Commission Board. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving Timber Creek Phase Four Final Plat. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing execution of the Developer's Agreement for Timber Creek 4th Addition subject to recommended changes by the City Attorney.

Service Recognition

Employee years of service recognition honored employees. Vicky Son-Eiden, City Clerk received the Five Year Service Award. Natalie Meyer, Administrative Assistant and Chad Shell, Public Services Director were also honored for their service with recognition certificates and thanked by the mayor.

Fire Department

The Fire Department submitted request for the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe's from the City of Chanhassen. One vehicle would replace an existing pick-up utilized as a command while the other would be an addition to the fleet allowing the department to realign and have a utility vehicle. This purchase would negate the planned purchase of a vehicle in 2024.

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, November 17th.

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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"Do what is right, not what is easy."

~ Unknown

Gateway to Carver

Gateway to Carver
Former County Road 40 Visioning

The Community Development Director discussed the issue regarding Gateway to Carver, Country Road # 40. The city acquired owner-ship of the county road in December of 2022 which stretches from Jonathon Carver Parkway to downtown, extending to County Road # 61. There are several names affiliated with the track as it winds through Carver, Main Street West, Breodawy, Fourth Street East and Old Carver Road. This process occurs periodically when a city is directly impacted by decision along a corridor. Since the street traverses through downtown and across much of the southern half of the community, the city has more vested interest in the operation, maintenance and construction of the corridor. Not only now responsible for the expanse of road, the city now has control over how the corridor looks and functions. The city must be mindful of key intersections, trail connections and the overall look and feel of the corridor. A Task Force has been formed identified as Gateway to Carver. Business owners and residents along the corridor as well as resident throughout the community can provide valuable and meaningful feedback for the project. The Task Force held their first meeting providing feedback on how people utilize the road, and the challenges that they felt were visible. The group focused on concerns at the Mount Hope Road and Old Carver Road intersection, as well as the intersection of Broadway and Main. Their second meeting was held with staff to discuss visioning work completed with conceptual drawings. The Heritage Preservation Commission will also be reviewing the information due to the historic downtown area impacted. Other government units who reviewed their conceptual drawings were the Planning Commission, Business Alliance group, Park Advisory Group and the City Council. Residents along Main Street East met to see proposed traffic changes with the project. A table was set up at the Fire Department Open House event manned by staff to gather greater community feedback. A project page is available on the city's website and comments were submitted. The key intersections reviewed thus far also earned the focus and attention for overall pedestrian safety at both intersections. Importance was also placed on a trail from Jonathon Carver Parkway to the downtown area.

Seventh Annual Tree Lighting

The 2023 Seventh Annual Carver Tree Lighting at Gazebo Park in Downtown Carver, Minnesota is slated to go ahead folks. Mark your calendars, plan to attend. It's in the works everyone! Grab that cup of hot chocolate, hot Toddie or coffee and come on down town for the quaint, cozy get together. You never know who you will bump into. One year the fire truck brought Santa, , Smore's one year with hot cider was available. Was there a wagon ride one year? Who remembers or am I dreaming again? On Saturday, November 25th at about 11 Am a dedicated group of volunteers gather up the ornaments, lights and all the other paraphernalia necessary for the festivities and head on down to the park to begin the preparations for the lighting later. If you want to join them and help, I'm sure no one will turn you away. Then as the skies darken, and nightfall descends at about 6 PM, they flip the switch, plug in the plug and WALLA! That little evergreen comes to life and glows with glistening, sparkling colors to official welcome Carver Village Christmas season all illuminated for the 2023 season. I know, it's not as fancy or as elaborate as the neighboring Fireman's Park but there is something to be said for simple, homey and classy if not a more smaller intimate affair as the one in Carver. Don't you agree?



Here is your official invitation from the Carver on the Minnesota members who invite everyone to welcome the holiday season and join them on Saturday, November 25th between 5 and 6 PM at Gazebo Park for the lighting of the holiday decoration. We plan to have refreshments such as s'mores, hot chocolate, and hot cider. There will be a fire pit for the s'mores. The actual lighting will take place at about 5:45 PM.

Also, anyone is invited to join them decorating the tree and the area. Decorating will start at 11 AM that same morning the 25th with an expected completion between noon and 1 PM depending upon the number of helpers. Then they will all return to meet that evening between 5 to 6 with the actual lighting at about 5:45PM. See you there.

Carver Lions

Looks like the Carver Lions will be meeting the third Wednesday in November only, that date would be the 15th. Social starts at 6 PM, catered dinner at 6:30 PM (cost) and meeting begins at 7 PM. General membership Meeting, speakers and general business is conduct-ed. They meet at the City Hall and the present President is Bob. Come meet them, see what they are up to now and join them in community projects throughout the year. Guarantee you won't regret it.

Another Facebook post read: "Now that we've recovered from Steamboat Days it's time to post some photos and say thank you to everyone who planned, volunteered, and participated in the weekend. To Lions Kristy and Deirdre and the rest of the Steamboat Days committee - you are amazing! Congrats to Lion Tim, who was honored as the parade grand marshal. " You will have to go to their Facebook page for pictures.

Steamboat Days was once again the hit of the year, along with the fireworks display as always. Event was successful, fun and full of music, beverages, comradery and of course, lots of work and clean up. Thanks to everyone involved including participants. Another year added under the belt and probably already planning and preparing for next year.

One of the Lions posted on Facebook and would like to share with you: September meeting wrap up. The Lions September meeting started out with a delicious dinner of tacos. "After dinner held our general meeting. Lion Christine introduced her friend Liza and we had zone chair, Perry form the Shakopee Lions as a guest."

"Have YOU (yep I'm talking to you!) ever thought about joining our club? We typically meet once a month, on the third Wednesday of the month. Social/catered dinner starts at 6 pm, with the meeting at 6:30. There is a nominal charge for dinner and we ask that you rsvp so we have enough food. Meetings usually last about an hour and are held at Carver City Hall. Send us a message for more information or just show up!

So now you want to know what a zone chair is, am I right (yes, yes you do)? A zone chair is a committee chairperson who advised the zone chairperson about masters within the zone and makes recommendations affecting all clubs in the district. We are in district 5M2. Other clubs in our zone 4 include Belle Plaine, Chaska, Hamburg, Jordan, Shakopee and Shakopee Valley.

What's coming up:

October 4th we'll have a general membership meeting at 6 PM Carver City Hall. I know, I know, I said it's (TYPICALLY) the 3rd Wednesday but we wanted to throw a curve ball in there for all Twins fans .

October 18th, we'll be hosting our 50th anniversary dinner and program at Carver City Hall. Reservations are required by 10/9. Dinner is \$20/person. Please message us for more info as space is limited.

October 22nd hosted trunk or treat on Main Street in downtown Carver. Encouraged bringing your ghosts and goblins for treats!

November 12th bring your appetite to Carver City Hall for the annual pancake (and eggs and French toast and biscuits and gravy..... you get the idea) brunch. Phew! Did you make it to the end of this post? If you did, you're awesome. Now have a great day and we hope to see you at a future meeting."

On October 18th, the Lions will be celebrating their anniversary party with club member's from Carver, guests from other Lions clubs and several spouses of past members. There will be a dinner and recognition night at Village Hall. Congratulations to each and every member and thanks for all that they do."

For a complete list of officers in the Lion's club, go to their website: www.carverlions.org; under caption and you can read about the history of Lions and see the present officers listed or contact them via email.

The Lions posted pictures on their Facebook page for Trunk and Treats. Be sure to check it out. Appears that Llamas, fire truck, Carver County Mounted Posse and lots of people were celebrating the Halloween event which the Lions sponsored by the Carver Lions. Their next big event is Carver's Village Christmas scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Can't forget, they also help the Carver on the Minnesota members with the Annual Tree Lighting event scheduled for Saturday, November 25th.



News Flash - Market Bucks

Have you heard for future reference? Since most of the Farmer's Markets are now done for the 2023 season, but the Chanhassen and Chaska Farmers' Markets received approval to partner with Market Bucks which is a program allowing SNAP dollars to be used to purchase items at the local farmer's markets. Market Bucks helps low-income individuals and families participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to access fresh, healthy and local foods.

Farmers markets are a great place to find fresh fruits, vegetables and other foods for the entire family to enjoy. "Visit Minnesota Grown from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for information about locally grown foods and to find local Minnesota farmers and markets."

"Market Bucks for SNAP/EBT Recipients

SNAP, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is a federal food assistance program. Recipients of SNAP can double their SNAP/EBT purchases at participating farmers' markets through the Market Bucks program. Spend \$10 at the market on your EBT card and get \$10 free every time you shop! Find participating locations here."

Did you know that there are more Community Gardens in Carver County? There are many communities who offer community garden plots for a small rental fee. Planting a community garden plot allows residents to choose what foods they grow, teach children where food comes from, and participate in physical activity. Carver Community Gardens, Carver MN, Norwood Young America Community Garden, Olson Community Garden, Chanhassen, Waconia Community Garden, Watertown Community Garden and West Union Church Community Gardens. The 2023 season obviously has ended but for future reference next year. This information might come in handy. For more information or to mark this information, you can go to the Carver County website and find more details and phone numbers. Visit: www.carvercountymn.gov or www.hungersolutions.org/programs/

Carver Black Sox

Have you checked out your local team? Check their website for additional information, www.carverblacksox.com.

The Region 7C tournament marks 8 consecutive years that Carver has qualified for the tournament and the 6th appearance in the last 7 years in the MBA State Tournament.



East Union Church

Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner is on the calendar at the East Union Lutheran Church. (15180 County Road # 40, Carver) The meal features meatballs (Swedish), and gravy, potatoes, corn and homemade desserts. You ask when can you expect to come to sit down to feast? Sunday, November 5th at 4 PM, serving until 6 PM.

Thanksgiving services will be a shared community worship service on November 20th at 7 PM. Check their websites to see which church exactly will be hosting the service on that evening at the time of writing it looked like it might be the church in BellePlaine.



West Union Church

Puzzle Mania is planned to occur over at the West Union Lutheran Church site. The fun is anticipated to begin at noon and last until 2 PM on Sunday, November 19th. What I could find about Puzzle Mania is that is teams of four to six people who have a friendly puzzle solving competition with a \$ 100 prize per puzzle table. Food and beverages are planned to be served for the event.



Carver Creamery

Much to everyone's dismay, summer is over and the Carver Creamery is closed for the season! On the brighter side, before you know it, it will be spring and they will reopen. See you all in spring of 2024!



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 your local businesses.

Carver Shops Occasional dates quickly approaching, and November is bonus month, two dates available to shop. Those dates are November 3rd and 4th and then again November 16th through the 19th.

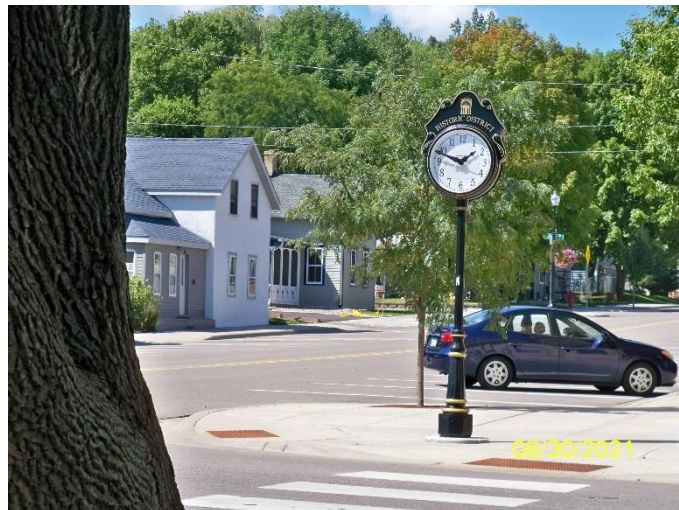
Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook - 2023 season
Closed for season..BooHoo

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates
Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook
Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – www.rippleartstudio.com
Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook
Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook
Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook
Getaway Motor Café – Facebook / Instagram
Strains of the Earth – 300 Broadway Street, Carver / Facebook



Funky Dove Boutique

Rebecca is back from her trip to Thailand. Welcome home! Be sure to stop in and say hello and check what she has for sale. Bet she is clearing out summer, fall items and Halloween thingamagigs. What do you think? Bet some of you have already been downtown to welcome her home. Be sure to check out her Facebook page. There are lots of interesting items and videos to see, as always. She has some soft pocketed sweatshirts in she is trying to see how they go. Thought I heard her say something about purple, plum colors. She also discovered she has free, no charge, 'live bugs' she would be happy to send home with your purchases. She has a 'clearance corner', candles, scrubbies, jewelry of all kinds and the most adorable, sweetest weighted gnomes too. Don't forget too she has a basket full of bralettes with a variety of colors available for you. She says: "Sexiness and comfort does sell at the shop." She also said that one thing about these bralettes is that they are 'warm'. Try it out. She has a black padded plunge bralette with French inspired lace style too. You can read all about it on her Facebook page. And I bet she will soon be preparing to decorate for the holiday season too. For her hours of operation check her Facebook page.

Carver General

Come find your treasure at Carver General in November. Remember, it's your bonus month. The Carver General will be open for business the weekend of November 3rd and 4th, Friday and Saturday. Believe that's Hunter's Widow Weekend? Yep. Then again the shop will be open for business the weekend of November 16th through the 19th. Don't forget, I bet you will still find oodles of home, garden and holiday décor in the shop too. Their store is packed full of treasures calling you names. From pretty, to primitive, old, Victorian, in shambles just the way you like and all summer, fall, winter or what notes available that you are looking for. They have it all. See you there! Also, their hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, 12 PM to 4 PM. Don't forget to check out their Facebook page.

Be sure to drop by next door too at the Good Junk Garage. Store is also stocked with so many things that you won't find anywhere else according to the owner of Good Junk Garage.

Getaway Motor Café

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The café has added to their website. They now have a calendar of events that you can check out and plan ahead. Looks like Tuesday, November 7th they are hosting a ticketed event called: "GMC Comedy Show x Yellow Brick Comedy" from 7 to 9 PM. Bet you can stop by and ask questions and get more information. On their events calendar are also listing of food trucks expected and the dates. Check it out. www.getawaymotorcafe.com



Also on their website is the menu with Fall Specialty Drinks and of course other information too. Be sure to check out their Facebook page and Instagram too.

Mizzy's Pizza

Mizzy's has "Socktober" (Share a pair to show you care!) Alexa Misgen would like you to know: "1,500 pairs of socks!! That's our goal at [Cologne Academy](http://CologneAcademy) -- Can you help?!? Did you know socks are the most needed, but least donated, item in homeless shelters? With your donation, we can help people get back on their feet! This year I am helping lead the National Junior Honor Society at our school. Our NJHS Chapter kicked off "SOCKTOBER" on October 1st! If you are willing to support their efforts you may drop off donations at Cologne Academy or click on the following link to view my Amazon wish list. <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1IE2H8VOW42MU...> SHARE SHARE SHARE!!!!!!

Remember too, special event, meeting, office Christmas Party, or a birthday celebration? Mizzy's can accommodate larger groups gatherings. Give them a call and let them help you plan. Also game day specials happen at Mizzy's. They are major Viking fans and it shows. Check their Facebook page for all kinds of information and see great reviews of the joint!





Carver Baseball Softball Association

Up to date information can be found at www.ccybsa.com

Community Highlights

November 2023

- November 1st Lions Meeting
All Saint's Day
Happy Birthday Judy!
- November 2nd All Soul's Day
- November 3rd No School
Happy Birthday Deb!
- November 5th Daylight Savings Ends
Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner/
East Union Lutheran Church
Happy Anniversary Russell and Jacque
- November 6th Council Meeting
- November 7th Election Day
- November 11th Veteran's Day
- November 12th Lions Sunday Brunch
- November 13th Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
School Board Meeting
Carver Elementary PTO Meeting
- November 14th Heritage Preservation Meeting
Meet & Greet
Happy Birthday Bob!
- November 15th Lions Club Board Meeting
- November 16th Planning Commission Meeting
Give to the Max Day!
- November 17th Carver Business Alliance Meeting
- November 18th Council Meeting
Happy Birthday Zac!
- November 19th GA Pancake Breakfast
- November 22nd through 27th - No School
- November 22nd Happy Birthday Tim!
Happy Birthday Allison!
Happy Birthday Marvin!
- November 23rd Thanksgiving
Happy Anniversary Loren and Deb!
- November 24th Black Friday
- November 25th 7th Annual Tree Lighting at Gazebo Park
Happy Birthday Doug!
- November 27th Cyber Monday
- November 28th Meet & Greet
Happy Birthday Rachel!
Happy Birthday Mike!
- November 29th Happy Birthday Ken!
- November 30th Happy Birthday Taylor!



Southwest Transit

Check their website for all other services provided. [www.swtransit.org]
The last trip for their special express, Concert Series is on November 10th to go see Stevie Nicks and Billy Joel at the US Bank Stadium. The Minnesota Vikings Express is running through January 15th with service from East Creek Station, Chaska, SW Village, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie's SW Station pick up and drop offs. Then there is the MN Gophers Express. SW Transit presented the U Of MN Golden Gophers service for all home games in 2023 through November 15th. Drop off times may vary depending on traffic and closures. Don't forget their other services offered, SW Prim, SW Perks, Prime MSP Airport, SW Prime Edge, Prime Essential and Prime MD.

Schram Vineyards

Did you hear or even know that Schram Vineyards was named MN best winery? Did you know that you could reserve private events at the vineyard too? Or that you can join their Wine Club, wine experiences or partake in their monthly featured events? They are in Waconia on Airport Road between Victoria and Waconia.

November's scheduled events include locally crafted sip and shop. An RSVP event on November 1st. On November 3rd they have live music scheduled, tablescaping and wine, RSVP for November 8th, on November 9th is Wine Blending, also an RSVP event, Friday November 10th RSVP for the Grater Good for November 16th and so much more! Visit their website for a full list of events at the vineyards, www.schramvineyards.com. December there is plans for what's is being called Nashville Concert Series. More details to follow.



Carver Announcements



Great River Greening Project

Tree removal has begun along Main Street West/County Road #40 for a project the city is doing in partnership with Great River Greening. The city was awarded grant funding from the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Outdoor Heritage Fund, both of which are state funded programs. In total, the city received dollars for creek stabilization, natural habitat creation, and creek bed erosion protection. The project was permitted by the Carver County Water Management Organization, the MN DNR, the MPCA, and the US Corps of Engineers. Work is anticipated to be done on site this fall and a planting event in the spring as part of the project. The trees being removed on site are installed in the creek bank use a toe wood method. Any questions regarding this project can be directed to Erin at esmith@cityofcarver.com



Landscape Arboretum

Always something absolutely awesome at the MN Land-scape Arboretum. For all the details and full details, visit their website: www.arb.umn.edu



The newly expanded Apple House opens for their season with their holiday boutique on Saturday, November 4th through December 20th, 10 AM to 5 PM. It's during November and December that the AppleHouse turns into the Holiday Boutique, selling holiday items, along with apples, and winter squash while supplies last. You can always find new ways to explore the Arboretum in each season. There is 1,200 acres of gardens, plant collections, natural areas and trails. They also offer a variety of multiple events and activities to enrich your experience. There is always something going on daily.

Their spectacular Winter Lights show has opening night on Thursday, November 16th and runs through December 31st. Plan ahead for the holiday season and secure your tickets. New for the 2023 season will be a color-changing tunnel, a Winter Village on Scarecrow hill and a field of sunflowers. You are invited to be the first to experience the magic of their Winter Lights. Also, consider joining them for their lighting ceremony planned to start at 6 PM in the Oswald Visitor Center to welcome and thank everyone. That will happen on Thursday, November 16th. Come see their winter-themed décor indoors and outdoors with live music from the Minnesota Chorale. The self-guided walking tour set at your own pace to stroll through the gardens decked out in lights and enjoy the fresh air. The outdoor light display highlights flowers, trees and the beauty of nature. Revisit the sixteen foot Weeping Willow in a news space and walk through a giant apple paying tribute to the Arboretum's Horticultural Research Center. You will also be able to purchase s'mores to roast over an open fire at the S'mores Village. The Oswald Visitor Center and Snyder Building will also be decorated for the season with a twenty-five foot Poinsettia Tree and four seasonally decorated, fresh-cut trees. Their Poinsettia Tree was created by using more than five hundred living plants displaying colors of red, white and pink with hues of gold, orange and green poinsettias. You might also hear holiday tunes from local performers from their live Winter Music Series offered on most weekends. There are also special themed nights planned for families, couples and photographers on select nights. Or perhaps make reservations for a romantic night under the stars with that special companion. Stroll through the display with adult-only individuals and listen to live music or maybe even catch the Ballroom Dance Studios class? Check their website for full details.

Then there is the Winter Music Series Friday, November 17th through December 23rd. You are invited to share in the spirit with concerts from local musicians and community groups in the seasonally decorated Great Hall and hear enchanting tunes.

Here's a bonus....plan to attend the New Year's Eve party at Winter Lights at the Arboretum on Sunday, December 31st. Bring the family and/or friends to celebrate the end of 2023 with a magical walk through the arboretum. There will be family friendly games and live music with the Traveled Ground. Take a picture in a photo booth, add your hopes and dreams to the new Year Wish Tree and make a craft to take home. Then enjoy countdown celebrations on the hour at 5, 6 and 7 PM and again at 8, 9 and 10PM.

SW Metro Chamber Gala



The Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Chamber Gala at the Chaska Event Center on Thursday, November 2nd. The event will begin at 5 PM and the fun will continue until 8 PM. There will also be a Silent Auction. For more information, visit the chamber's website: www.swmetrochamber.com The physical address for the event center is 3210 Chaska Boulevard, Chaska.

The Annual Celebration Gala hosted by the chamber which is a non-profit organization that supports and helps to strengthen our member businesses and stimulate regional prosperity. The Annual Gala offers a great way to connect with a range of business leaders while enjoying a fun event! Come as you are! No formal wear required. Wear your company log, business casual or dress up. The choice is yours.

They are also hosting the Annual Mayor's Luncheon scheduled to occur Wednesday, November 15th at the Chaska Event Center. Why? It's where local Mayors from Chanhassen, Chaska, Carver and Victoria are welcomed. An interesting event to hear about the past year's accomplishments, successes, failures? Just kidding. It's also a means to hear about what is foreseen for the four cities in the upcoming year. Naturally, for more information, check their website or call and ask.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Rehearsals are taking place and auditions completed for the upcoming performance of "A Christmas Carol." Performances are scheduled for December 1st through the 10th. So you know, *A Christmas Carol* was originally presented by Radio City Entertainment at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden.

Remember hearing about Scrooge? Well, Ebenezer Scrooge is/was/ a prosperous curmudgeon who believes personal wealth is far more valuable than the happiness and comfort of others. With an infuriated "Bah! Humbug!" Scrooge summates his feelings of Christmas tidings and charitable giving, but he's forced to face his ~his Past, Present, & Future. Thanks to their guidance, Scrooge recognizes his faults and greets Christmas morning with a cheerful "Happy Christmas" before spending the day reconnecting and sharing love with those that mean the most to him. Tickets went on sale in October so come join the team for Dickens' most beloved tale to life on the Chanhassen High School stage this holiday season. Be sure to check their website (www.cvft.org) and Facebook page for more information.

Sever's Holiday Lights

It's that time of the season again. Sever's Holiday Lights are gearing up to take your breath away with their 2023 light show at 3121 150th Street West in Shakopee. (off of Highway # 169 south towards Jordan) Start a family holiday tradition. They have massive holiday light display that dance in time to the best songs of the season with festive food and drink vendors too. They don't think that you will be disappointed at all. Tickets have to be purchased on line folks. The course is about a half mile long. Recommended to drive through and then park in the observation lot to take in the full program. You can also drive through as many times as you choose. They also anticipate that most evenings are sellouts so purchase tickets on line ahead of time. They are open seven days a week starting, Friday, November 24th and running through until Monday, January 1st, 2024.

Hours to come and enjoy the brilliant show is Sunday through Thursday at 5 PM until 9 PM; Friday and Saturday hours will be 5 PM until 10 PM. The week of Sunday, December 18th through Thursday, December 22nd, the hours will be 5 PM until 10 PM. Have a large group expect corporate discounts. You are asked to please inquire for details by emailing us at seversholidaylights@gmail.com. For more information, www.seversfestivals.com

Recommendation for the least busiest time is considered Mondays through Thursdays. Typically weekends are the busiest. You are also asked to please remain in your vehicle once in the drive-through course. You are invited by the staff at Sever's to come and "Make your holiday really sparkle."

"The secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine."

~ Mike Murdock

Arts Consortium

"Life In Abstraction" Exhibit showing through Friday, November 24th. A lot of art lends itself to interpretation, but none as much as abstract art. Without identifying characteristics, what the viewer sees becomes almost completely up to the viewer. There is a lot of freedom in that- both for the creator and for the audience. An artists' reception was held in October.

The Annual ACCC Annual Holiday Gift Show will be held Friday, November 3rd through Saturday, December 23rd with a reception scheduled for Friday, December 8th at 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

Artists Conversations gathering, you will need to contact the arts gallery for up to date information. Upcoming classes include Beginner Stained Glass Classes scheduled for November 9th, 16th, 30th and December 7th, Gnome ornaments fused glass ornament class, December 6th, Paint-Pour Project, December 14th, Fused Heart Pendants happens on December 16th. For more information, visit their website: www.artsofcarvercounty.org

Remember, if interested in teaching a class, contact the Arts Consortium to sign up to teach.



Autumn Gold will be at the Chaska Community Center Theater on Friday November 17th at 7 PM.

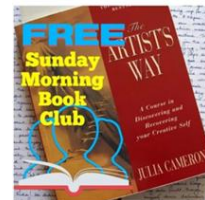
You are invited to submit a poem, short story or musical composition using these prompt words *Changing Minds, Spooky Spirits, Gift, If Only, Call of the Wind or Distant Voyager*. Results will be a live performance of the results.

Free Piano: A friend of the ACCC has a Yamaha baby grand piano to rehome. It is her hope that it can be played and cared for by another musician. If interested and able to move, please email the ACCC at info@artsofcarvercounty.org

Sunday Morning Book Club

The Sunday Book Club – the Artist's Way, 10 AM for an hour, free began on September 10th.

Location: 7700 West Old Shakopee Road, # 175, Bloomington MN, "Calling all aspiring artists and creative minds. Join the Arts Creative's Katie Ross and our group guide, Abigail Davisson for a brand new Artist Book Club! We'll be diving into the inspiring book, "The Artist's Way," every Sunday morning for thirteen weeks starting in September. Whether you're an artist, maker, teacher or someone on a spiritual journey, this FREE Book Club is for you! Let's explore the depths of creativity together. See you there!"



Schram Haus Brewery

The Schram Haus Brewery is introducing Fun Bags League at the Haus. Couples, friends, family come and join Fun Bag League on Thursdays starting November 2nd. Teams registrations, sign up under events on their website. (www.schramsbrewery.com)



And of course, there are all kinds of other events taking place at the brewery, as well. There is food trucks, meat raffles, live music, special events and projects such as paint and sip or Trivia Mafia-Hunger Games and then there is the Haus Holiday Market being held on December 3rd.



"Never settle for anything less than you deserve, It's not pride, It's self-resept." (Note: typo in original)

~ Chanakya

Gossip - Not Gossip

Reminder: The Greg Osterdyke Community Service Award nominations are due by November 15th. What is this? Some may know and some may not. More detailed information can be found on the city's website. Will give a summarization though and this is fact, not fiction:

"Several years ago the City of Carver created a community service award designed to recognize the time, support, service, and dedication that individuals and organizations have given unselfishly to our community. In 2019, the City Council renamed the award program after the late Mayor, Greg Osterdyk, in recognition of his many years of service and dedication shared with the community. It is important to acknowledge the hard work of citizens that truly make a difference in our community.

The Dahlgren Township Association annual meeting will be held December 7-9, 2023.

Did you know that October is/was Domestic Violence Awareness Month? That it began over thirty years ago supporting and connecting advocates working with survivors? It goes on more than we know and it goes on even here. The Southern Valley Alliance stated that calls in the last two years have doubled and there is an increased need for programs.

"Ending domestic violence takes neighbors, businesses, faith communities, families, friends, and coworkers willing to be involved in ending the cycle of abuse. We all have a critical role to play in supporting survivors of abuse and preventing it from continuing in our community. I hope you will take time during the month to take just one step to assist and advocate for survivors."

Did you know that Carver County requested funding for Lake Waconia Regional Park? Request was submitted for the third phase of the park project and plans to match those funds if approved. This funding would be put towards a picnic pavilion, playground, fishing pier, docks, parking lot expansion, trails and other park amenities.

Here's some more fun facts that you might not have known. Through partnerships with local organizations, the Eastern Carver County Schools Equity and Inclusion department hosted free produce market weekly in June through August. There were nearly one hundred volunteers who worked approximately a thousand hours to provide this market to families. Between the Chaska Middle School West and Norwood Young America Pavilion sites, 3029 family visits reached more than ten thousand people with 137,511 pounds of food being distributed. It was also estimated that more than one hundred and sixty five thousand meals were provided throughout the summer through the market. Eighty four percent of families experienced food insecurities in the past twelve months. Seventy two percent reported needing food assistance while forty-eight percent experience the continued need for food. There was twenty-four varieties of produce offered throughout the summer. This program made people feel like they belonged to the community. If you are one of those families in need, you can visit, if possible, www.findfoodcarvercounty.org for more insecurity opportunities.

From a Chaska Herald's article of looking into the past thought it would be nice share with you all in case you didn't see it in the local newspaper. "October 16th, 1862: Jack Frost, ESQ, has paid us nightly visits for the past week, causing everything in the vegetable kingdom to wither by his cold touch: of course the leaves are falling fast, and the forest will soon be "stark-naked."

The other passage involved October 17th, 1957: "Lystad's Exterminators of Minneapolis will bait the city dump for rats today (Thursday) and warn pet owners to keep their animals away from the city dump for the next week to ten days." Anyone remember where the old Chaska dump was? Yea, I know, I'm dating myself. Who cares really? Just found it a fun fact to share with everyone.

Here is some more fun facts for you also found from the Chaska Herald reporting. Westbrook Community Church donated one thousand pounds of fresh produce to a local non-profit distributor. The produce came from their garden during a recent youth initiative for delivery to Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska. The garden produce consisted mainly of sweet corn, tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumbers, beans, onions, peppers, radishes and carrots. Mark Danielson is the man who organized the garden project which began in 2022. Also, Westbrook high school student collected almost six hundred pounds of food during a trick-or-treat similar event asking for food donations instead of candy. Thanks and congratulations to everyone involved.

Looking for holiday events? Stumbled across this website with umpteen events going on that someone might be interested in. You have to go to their website for all the information. (www.twincitiesmom.com) Trust me, it's worth it to check it out. I didn't even know all these things went on. Check it out.

"Family Friendly Holiday Events | In & Around the Twin Cities

by [Rachel Nevergall](#) November 18, 2022

The Twin Cities area is alive with magical holiday events this year and there is something for everyone. From unique Santa visits (trains, sleighs, hay rides, even breweries!) to quaint downtown festivals and everything in between, we have gathered it all in one place. This list is sure to keep your family busy all season long."

Carver Lions Sunday Brunch

The Carver Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast called Sunday Brunch this year is happening on November 12th, Sunday starting at 9 AM and serving until 1 PM at the Village Hall in the Carver Community Room. Hungry already? Then come on down into downtown Carver and sit to feast on French Toast, Pancakes, or at the Omelet Bar. There will be homemade sausage, bason and hashbrowns and scrambled eggs too. Don't forget if you are craving Biscuits and Gravy, they are going to be available too. Wow, you can't get all that at your breakfast table or can you? Beverages will be available too. Veterans and First Responders will be served free!! Don't miss it. The food is really, really delicious!!!!



Guardian Angels Pancake

Breakfast

The Chaska/Carver Knights of Columbus have extended an invitation to all those interested in hankering for pancakes. Over at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church gym at 8 AM until noon on Sunday, November 19th you can indulge in pancakes, blueberry pancakes, French toast, sausage, and/or scrambled eggs accompanied by coffee, juice, milk or water. Adult tickets selling for \$12, children ages 6 - 12 \$5, children under five eat free. Or families with minor children in the same family can pay flat fee. The proceeds go to the church in part and local charities. The gym is located on the corner of First Street and Cedar Street in Chaska.



Alpha Baby Bottle Campaign

Here's a novelty idea eh? Ever heard of Alpha Baby Women's Center? Want to help a mom choose life? Fill a baby bottle to support Alpha Women's Center's pro-life mobile clinic. Alpha Women's Center is a pro-life Christian ministry serving in the Chaska and surrounding areas providing free medical support services displaying Christ's love to women with pregnancy needs. You can pick up a bottle in the back of church at Guardian Angels in Chaska. Just fill it with cash, change, or checks and return it to the collection box in church by November 5th. Donations help moms.



Give to the Max

You have heard of Give to the Max Day, haven't you? They are celebrating fifteen years of impact with donations to various charities.

You are invited to join in for Minnesota's annual day of giving! It is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th. (PS: Early giving begins on November 1st) So what is this, in case you don't know or have never heard of it: "Want to help make an even greater impact on this day? Please consider a matching gift! All matching gifts provide an added incentive to other community members to donate as well. All funds raised help enable us to respond to the current demand for services and more, to those facing food insecurity. If you are interested in learning more and/or want to provide matching dollars, please reach out to Pattie at either patti@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org or 952-556.0015. Thank you!"



Where is he?

Remember the revered Carver "RiverBoat Captain" also dubbed "Steamboat Captain"?

Where is he? Where did he end up? Does anyone care? Does anyone know? Somewhere I thought or I vaguely remember hearing where the carving went but for the life of me, can't recall now. We are talking about back in 2003/2004 folks. Some people may not even know about our River Boat Captain. What better place or time to resurrect the carving? It began with the deterioration of a stump outside the old Temperance Hotel. A former Steamboat Days committee commissioned to have the old elm tree carved and we had our very own River Boat Captain. The old tree has been succumbed by the dreaded 'Dutch elm' disease which was the reason for the carving.

Where was it originally? If memory serves me right it was close to the garage of Lucie's and before what is now known as Getaway Motor Café. Correct me if I am wrong, someone. That's where he stood for a long time. Tale is that the carving rotted and tipped over and was then put behind the then Fire Station. From there? Who knows? Again, does anyone really care?

The history of our Steamboat Captain is: The 1981-1984 Steamboat Committee who consisted of the inspirational community members who love their community were Bev Swanson, Monica Giese, Chris Anderson, Phylis and Arlan Pauly along with Pat Chalupsky. The work on the carving began during the 1985 Steamboat Days event and was carved by Kathleen Reiton. So where is our illustrious carving of the Steamboat Captain these days? I expect an answer someone.....

Moving on: there was a second carving done of our esteemed captain. This was where this author became very confused and began digging. Thanks to my friend Jim who prefers to remain nameless filled in the blanks for me along with the other two friends of mine who were involved. Don't have their permission to publish their names at the time of this writing.

As the story goes: Carver on the Minnesota began looking into replacing our esteemed captain due to the arrival of the tugboat, "The North Wind" in 2011. The thought process was since they had this tugboat, the sight also needed its captain. (The Villager Tower, 2011, issue 277 you will find the article about the tugboat.) Jim, John and Peter went down to Minneapolis to get the log to bring back. From there the log went to Matt's on Highway #212 where at his sawmill cut the log to the dimensions needed. Peter then proceeded to carve the final product which you will now see at the end of Broadway near the "North Wind." There used to be a Tugboat Committee, as well. Anyway, back to the 2nd carving sage; after Matt finished, the prepared wood was then moved to Peter's where he carved our esteemed second captain to oversee "The North Wind." In the beginning he also had a pipe in his mouth but some vandals removed it. Such a shame. The project was funded by the Carver on the Minnesota members.

Another interesting tidbit of information regarding the second venture to replace our original esteemed carved captain was that the Carver on the Minnesota had hoped to create and install historic-themed carving in Carver and along the trails but the then Park and Recreation Commission were not interested in the idea. And there you have it.

Purple Patch Program

Information for this article is compliments of SW Media Publishing.

October marked the 37th recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The issue of domestic violence remains prevalent but the society's understanding and treatment of the issue has changed since 1987.

Southern Valley Alliance for Carver and Scott Counties is the counties primary resource for victims of domestic violence which was founded in 1982 formally known as the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women. To reflect the organization's broadening scope of work, the name was shortened.

An Alliance and partnering with law enforcement agencies was formed in 2021. Alliance relies heavily on the relationship with law enforcement agencies along with other nonprofit and community organizations. Along with the changing attitudes in society, offenses are taken more seriously than in the past.

Southern Valley Alliance has partnered with law enforcement agencies in Scott and Carver Counties to raise awareness and funds for domestic violence causes through the Purple Patch Program. Each agency has a limited edition, purple version of the agency's patch in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each patch can be purchased on the Southern Valley Alliance website for \$15, and proceeds will be used to support the services the Alliance provides. Participating agencies include the Carver and Scott County Sheriffs' Departments, as well as the Elko New Market, Belle Plaine, Chaska, Jordan, New Prague, Prior Lake, Savage, and Shakopee Police Departments. Just thought everyone should know and be more aware and maybe consider donating if you can.



Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital

This editor is probably the last one to have heard about the new vet in Carver on Dahlgren Road across from the Community Park and beside the Fire Station, not to mention the dentist, Strive, daycare, pizza place etc. Forget anyone important, oh yea the chiropractor. Dr Carriss Haverly, I believe is the name of the vet in town?

Dr Haverly is originally from Prescott, Arizona where it's rich with cowboy history tucked into the Arizona chaparral. As a little girl her dream then was to be an artist but her talents were focused on animals. Her name, "Carissa" means "a tender touch."

Visit her website for more information (www.healinghandsvethospital.com) and full details that you might need. Territory is undecided if he really wants to risk seeing and meeting the doctor. We'll see what the doc has to say and see if we can Territory and the gang to go visit and have a chat with her.

The Chaska Herald/SW News Media recently just published an article written by Chuck Rupnow. Dr Haverly stressed her major goal for the New Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital is: "We want to be defined by how we treat our pets, their owners and our staff," she said. "At Healing Hands, we utilize a low-volume, high-touch concept, meaning there will be longer appointment times so we can spend more time with patients and owners."

Heard through the grapevine that she had a Grand Opening event on Friday, the 13th of October but officially opened for business on Monday, the 16th of this month. Congratulations and welcome from the "Villager Tower". The clinic/hospital is offering a wide range of services for dogs and cats to include wellness exams, vaccinations, dental care, surgery and radiology. The office is equipped with top-quality technology and equipment the reporter stated which I am pretty sure came from the doctor too. The clinic has three technicians/assistants and the doctor hopes to grow her staff.

"MY kids used to believe my kisses healed their Boo-Boos. Wonder if they realize now their hugs magically heal my heart?"
~ Anonymous



Sticks Tavern

Can't forget about Sticks Tavern in Dahlgren Township at the Dahlgren Golf Course, now can we? For full information and complete details, check their website. (www.stickstavernmn.com) They are closed on Mondays.



They offer Buck Off Sunday, Taco Tuesday, Whiskey Wednesday, Talls for Smalls on Thursday and Live Bar Trivia on Thursday nights. Bingo every Wednesday. During fall and winter is Music Bingo on Tuesdays and appears to start on November 21st but don't quote me on that. I could be wrong on the date. Check with the experts at Sticks for accurate information and times. Buck Off Happy Hour at 3 PM.

Some special events found was on noon on Saturday, November 4th, "Hunter's Widow's Weekend" is Purse Bingo. On November 19th, the 26th and December 3rd Sticks Tavern is offering All-You-Can-Eat Sunday Brunch.

Tim McGraw Fan? Sticks Tavern is holding BARGO/Tim McGraw tickets on Saturday, November 25th. Huh? Ten games of Bar Bingo with tons of cash and prizes. Game 6: "Last Man Standing" round with pair of Tim McGraw tickets for April 20th, 2024 at the Excel Energy Center. Game 10 has modified cover all jackpot, thirty numbers.

Eighteen plus free to play Bingo, 7 PM. But must be 21 to wind some prizes.

Jingle Belle Trolley

Jingle Bells Trolley on Excelsior Streetcar Line. The first ride is Saturday, November 24th, 25th and 26th at noon until 4 PM. Then again December 2nd through the 4th. Appears that the fun begins at 11 AM and goes until 3 PM. You are invited to come for a trolley ride, sing Christmas carols and listen to holiday stories. Candy canes and letters to Santa are also talked about. There is also Santa's Sleigh Experience at the Hitching company November 27th, December 4th and December 11th. Times vary it said but includes crafts, and a carriage ride.



The Excelsior Streetcar Line is located in downtown Excelsior on Water Street between Third and George Streets. You can board the trolley it said at the Water Street Ticket Booth and platform next to the Excelsior Library, 337 Water Street, Excelsior. There are two free parking lots and limited on-street free parking. Also, it was said that the trolley is not handicap accessible. (www.trolleyride.org)

Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to our Thanksgiving worship service, held on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 PM.

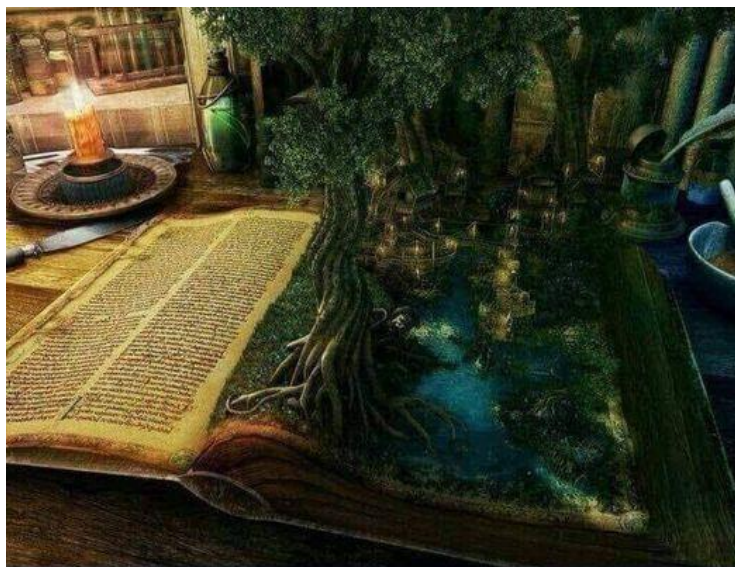


We also welcome you to attend our weekly 10 AM Sunday Worship Service. We believe that the church is not a building; rather, it is people joined together by God through faith. Our vision and prayer are to see our town awakened to and transformed by the love of Jesus.

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

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same I this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

~ Wilma Rudolph



A BOOK IS NOT MERE PAPER AND WORDS.
IT IS A DOOR AND A KEY.
IT IS A ROAD AND A JOURNEY.
IT IS A THOUSAND NEW SIGHTS
SENSATIONS, AND SOUNDS.
IT HOLDS FRIENDSHIPS
EXPERIENCES, AND LIFE LESSONS.
A BOOK IS
AN ENTIRE WORLD.

"Happy Thanksgiving"



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 thirty plus sites in the twin cities. Shop for quality, nutritious foods at discount and budget-friendly prices.

Chaska's location is: Crown of Glory Lutheran Church at 1141 Cardinal Streets. Thursday, November 16th is the next available open date.



Bountiful Basket / Cologne

Have you heard? Compliments of the Chaska Herald for the information being shared with you. The Bountiful Basket Food Shelf opened their Cologne site. It is to help those in need who live in Cologne, Hancock, Benton, San Francisco and Dahlgren townships residents. The new site is at the St Bernard Catholic School site on 300 East Church Street. They will open every Thursday from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM and on Fridays, 10 AM to 2 PM. Depending on demand hours are subject to change, just so you know. Mi CASA will also be providing a bilingual English/Spanish interpreter on Fridays. You can also schedule an appointment by calling 952) 988-2802. Another contact if you have access to a computer at: www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/Cologne.



Bountiful Basket

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf serves Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, Victoria, and 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.

Hours

Monday – Wednesday – 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Thursday/Friday – 9 a.m. – 12:30 PM

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month only - 9 AM – Noon



Bountiful Basket Food Shelf's School Snack Program

Providing 400 healthy snacks each month to all schools in District 112!

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf is once again partnering with the Eastern Carver County School District to provide healthy snacks to kids in need. While all kids are now eligible for free breakfasts and lunches this school year, kids still need additional food assistance and energy throughout the day. All snacks will be distributed discreetly through school counselors, social workers, nurses, etc.

A HUGE thank you to the District 112 Foundation for their generous financial support of this program!

How can you help? ... Host a School Snack Drive!

In addition to the amazing financial support we received from the District 112 Foundation, we also need our communities' continued support via school snack drives! Additional snacks collected from the community will be distributed at all schools and at both Bountiful Basket Food Shelf locations (Chaska & Cologne). Please consider hosting a School Snack Drive to ensure all kids can perform at their peak levels! Snacks should be "smart snack certified" including items such as:

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.

The next pop-up Pantry is scheduled to be at Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Road) in Eden Prairie on Thursday, November 2nd at 5 PM until 6:30 PM. Held the first Thursday of the month, registration begins at 5 PM. Food bundles available at 5 PM.



Free Food Distribution: All are welcome, while supplies last. Old Gedney Factory in Chaska at 2100 Stoughton Ave. Next events? November 16th. Sponsored by CAP Agency and the City of Chaska.

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Minnesota Free School Meals bill was signed into law. This provides all students in our district one breakfast and one lunch each school day at no charge. A la carte items including snacks, beverages, and second entrees, are available to purchase in our elementary, middle and high schools. Students who wish to purchase a la carte items must have a positive balance in their Nutrition Services account. Application for Educational Benefits (Free & reduced priced meals):

Your student may qualify for educational benefits. Qualifying for educational benefits may grant your student access to reduced or waived school-based fees including:

• technology insurance • athletics and activity • community education class • field trips • Parking

Additionally, it may qualify your family for discounts in the community such as:

• 50% off Southwest Transit

• Discounted internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program

• Free membership to the Children's Museum

• Summer P-EBT benefits

Educational benefit data also qualifies our school district for additional funding that is critical to support the needs of students.



# **East Union Lutheran Church Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner**

**Featuring meatballs & gravy, potatoes, corn, &  
homemade desserts**

**Sunday, November 5  
4pm-6pm**

**Adults & Youth \$14  
Children ages 4-10 \$7**

**East Union Lutheran Church—15180 Country Road 40 Carver**





# Sunday BRUNCH

Sunday, November 12  
Carver Community Room  
316 Broadway, Downtown Carver  
9:00am - 1:00pm

The Carver Lions are serving:  
French Toast, Pancakes, Omelet Bar  
Homemade Sausage, Bacon,  
Hashbrowns, Scrambled Eggs,  
Biscuits & Gravy and more!

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| Adults                      | \$15.00 |
| Youth 5-12 yrs              | \$10.00 |
| Youth 4 & Under             | Free    |
| Veterans & First Responders | Free    |





# Jingle Bells Trolley

*Christmas stories  
and carols on  
the streetcar*



*12 to 4 PM  
Friday - Sunday  
Nov 24 - 26  
Dec 1 - 3  
Fare \$3*

**Excelsior Streetcar Line**  
*TrolleyRide.org*





# **CHRISTMAS TREE** *Lighting* **CEREMONY**

**CARVER ON THE MINNESOTA INVITES YOU**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
GAZEBO PARK, DOWNTOWN CARVER  
5PM - 6PM, LIGHTING 5:45PM**

**REFRESHMENTS SERVED  
S'MORES FIRE PIT, CIDER, HOT COCOA**

**WANT TO HELP?  
STOP DOWN AND HELP DECORATE  
11AM - NOON ON SATURDAY, NOV. 25**

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