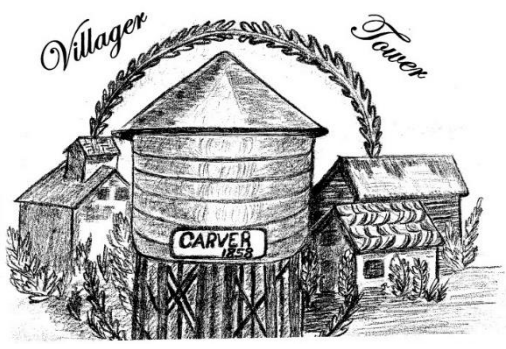


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*Courtney's Message*

Greetings!  
We're just a few weeks into spring and already it feels like we've been busy at the City of Carver. Here are a few of the things we've been working on:

**3rd Street Bridge Replacement** – Originally constructed in 1912, the 3rd Street Bridge downtown over Spring Creek was classified as structurally deficient in 2020. Because we qualified for “small city” bridge bonds from the State of Minnesota, the City’s costs to replace the bridge will be no more than \$100,000 for an estimated \$1.5 million project. That’s less than 7% of the total cost! Construction will begin this summer.

**Coming Soon... Pickleball Courts** – As part of the reconstruction of the tennis and basketball courts in Lions Park (700 Mount Hope Road) which is part of our 2024 budget, we will be adding two new permanent pickleball courts. The project should be completed this summer.

**New Business** – The same folks who own Strains of the Earth opened Seed to Harvest last month in downtown Carver. Located at 308 Broadway Street, this business is dedicated to ensuring your home garden thrives with products including lighting, tents, soil and fertilizer.

**Levee Improvement Project** – At the March 4 work session we got our first look at concept sketches for the Levee Improvement Project. These are very, very preliminary drawings and a lot can change as we work our way through the design process, but it’s exciting to see this project morph from a concept to drawings of the project. To see what I’m talking about, check out the project update presentation by visiting [CityOfCarver.com/276/Levee-Certification](http://CityOfCarver.com/276/Levee-Certification). We’re still facing a \$3.35 million funding deficit on this estimated \$13 million project, but I’m optimistic we’ll receive additional grant money from the State’s bonding bill.

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

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*February / March Obituaries*

Every day, we as humans are reminded still again that life is short, too short sometimes and we are not immortal. Many friends, acquaintances have recently passed away and mention is important on this author’s part. Wally Eischens joined his beloved Jeanne on February 8<sup>th</sup>. This author had the pleasure of knowing them both. A classmate, Jack Talbot passed on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Another well-known Carverite at one point in Carver’s history who graced the village with his fascination into hot air balloons, passed away February 26<sup>th</sup>. That was none other than Gary Born. Hollis Schwartz of Chaska lost his son, Peter on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

March is not proving to be any more prosperous for human beings as the month marches on we have lost Bev Anderson who passed on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Another high school friend passed away on March 4<sup>th</sup> and that was Chuck Poppitz. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Scott-Carver Threshers lost one of their founders, and a dear friend of mine who helped with the creation of the history book for their organization was taken from this life. Many of the East Union residents, at least the elderly ones would also have known him, it was Ron Scott who was a happy, cheerful and helpful individual.

Sympathies are extended to each and every family member who is grieving the loss of their loved ones.



*Levee Project*

At the council work session the Assistant City Engineer updated the council on the certified levee improvements project. The project was discussed with the council and the Assistant City Engineer. The Assistant City Engineer updated the council on the Levee project. The update included funding updates, schedules, phasing, work plans and concepts. The work on this project will be coordinated with the Merriam Junction Trail Project.

*2024 Preliminary Bond Structure*

The Financial Director at a council work session discussed the 2024 preliminary bond structure of the city with a PowerPoint presentation. The bond overview was reviewed along with the along with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Bond and the Equipment Certificate. The Finance Director gave an overview of the Preliminary Bond Structure topic. A Public Hearing has been scheduled.

*Capital Equipment Purchase*

The City Manager discussed equipment purchase for the Public Services Department. The council not only reviewed but discussed equipment purchases necessary for the department to adequately perform responsibilities throughout the city.

*Bluff Park Parking Lot*

At the work session the City Manager updated that additional parking at the park has been revised with additional spaces added to the exiting gravel parking lot. Plans for completion are scheduled for spring.

### *Third Street Bridge Replacement*

The Assistant City Engineer presented a PowerPoint presentation at a work session meeting with the council involving the information regarding the Third Street Bridge. There was the project update, history of needs and the current status. Information was also shared regarding the MN Dot Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant. The council was given the drafted recommended schedule and the next steps anticipated to be necessary. The original structure was constructed in 1912. The bridge is structurally deficient per inspections conducted. Replacement was recommended. The city had already received State Bridge Bonds.

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Replacement Project with the council. The project schedule was reviewed and the anticipated project completion date would be approximately the summer of 2025.

The Assistant City Engineer updated the council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge project. Plans and Specifications and ordering advertisement of bids was on the docket for the council to discuss. This bridge spans over Spring Creek between Broadway and Jorgenson Street. The county served as a sponsoring agency applying for bond funding. Approval from the MnDOT bridge office and State Aid has been completed with the Plans and Specifications. The office of State Aid has authorized the project for bidding and reconstruction. The next step is bidding the project.

Upon receipt of those bid the state aid office will provide the final funding encumbrance letter based on the low bid and prepare the grant agreement for execution. Upon award of a construction contract and execution of the grant agreement, the construction of improvements can begin. The project schedule is that in March the council authorizes public bidding, with bidding to occur and then the award of the contract in May. Construction and Substantial completion anticipated in the fall of 2024 with final completion in 2025. The bond funding reimburses all costs to replace the structure which includes restoration, engineering and construction inspection with local contribution for engineering and some construction costs. The bond funds will compensate the city for all other costs.

### *2024 Utility Improvement Project*

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the authorization for the preparation of the Plans and Specifications for the Utility Improvement Project. The council reviewed the overview of facts relating to the city's provision for municipal water. Plan program for the upcoming year to the water system were discussed. Most of the original components are thirty-five years old with the initial water distribution system being from 1988. Then there is the water tower deficiencies beginning to be apparent. The schedule was discussed. Finances for the project were programmed into the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan. Previous bidding completed determined that the assumed amounts in the CIP were not adequate to fund the improvements. The current total project cost was reviewed. The Finance Director drafted a utility revenue bond sale concept with finance of the full project. The current bond projection was discussed by the council.

The council looked at authorizing the plans and specifications for the utility improvements project identified in the long term financial plan for 2024. The Assistant City Engineer went over the data with the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the preparation of the Plans and Specifications for the 2024 Utility Improvements Project.

### *Miscellaneous*

The mayor informed the council after participating with the League of MN Cities webinar where one of the topics discussed was the proposed changes to city zoning and land use authority allowing for multi-family dwelling heights.

The council was also informed that the Chaska Library celebrated their 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Carver City council at their meeting also reflected on thoughts regarding the Burnsville tragedy that touched the lives and families of Police Officers Matthew Ruge, and Paul Elmstrand, as well as Firefighter Adam Finseth.

The council held a special meeting in February for the purpose of conducting interviewed for the Heritage Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission vacancies.

### *Merriam Junction Trail Project*

At a council work session a presentation was presented on the Merriam Junction Trail Project with Scott County, project manager and consulting group. The project would bring two and a quarter miles of paved trail, four bridges and embankment stabilization between Carver and Scott counties. Tentative plans would involve tree clearing in Carver in March and the river bridge, trail restoration to begin in the fall. Riverside Park would be closed for the duration of the project between 2024 and 2026. A Joint Powers Agreement would be drafted for adoption consideration.

Council was informed that there would be a special meeting held by the Heritage Preservation Commission to review the Merriam Junction Trail Project.

The council discussed the authorization of a Cooperative Agreement with Scott County involving the Merriam Junction Trail Project. Scott County is in the process of completing the Plans and Specifications for the said project with construction to occur beginning in 2024 and through 2027. Plans were reviewed again that will connect the USFWS Louisville Swamp Trailhead which is on the west side of highway #169 near county road #14 to the MN River bluff Regional Trail system located in the City of Carver. "The northmost bridge of the project is the Minnesota River bridge crossing which terminates on the city's levee system just east of the existing Broadway trail connection in downtown Carver. As a portion of this project, including trail connection and construction storage and staging, is located within property owned by the City of Carver, a cooperative agreement is necessary between the City of Carver and Scott County to set forth agreement terms for the plan review, construction, operations, and maintenance of the project." Provisions in the agreement were reviewed, summarized and discussed by the city council.

The major components of this agreement involved Administration. Whereupon the county will administer the contract, inspect construction of work, prepare reports and responsible for costs associated with construction. The Riverside Park closure is necessary to facilitate the construction of the bridge crossing. Restoration would be done.

Hauling routes on city streets would be limited to Old Carver Road and Main Street East unless otherwise approved by the city engineer. Then there is the levee project coordination where the county will cooperate and work with the city ensuring that the project does not interfere with the City's levee project. The county would require the project contractor to also cooperate with the city and its contractors on the levee project to ensure efficiency and viability of both projects. Another aspect involves future maintenance and the county would maintain the bridge. Those expectations were reviewed. Construction activities were reviewed with working hours discussed. The schedule currently involves tree clearing to occur in March and the overall project construction commencing in the fall of 2024. Project components located within the City of Carver are anticipated for completion in the summer of 2026 with an overall project completion date of fall of 2027. Scott County is the owner and administrator of the project responsible for project costs. Carver County is a cost share partner for the MN River Bridge crossing. Recommendation was for the council to approve.

Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Merriam Junction Trail Project are being drafted. Trail connection and construction storage areas are within city owned property. A Cooperative Agreement is then necessary between the city and Scott County. The council reviewed the agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing execution of a cooperative agreement with Scott County for the Merriam Junction Trail Project.

### *2024 Community Survey*

The 2024 Community Survey questionnaire reviewal and editing were discussed at the council meeting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the edited questionnaire proposal for Morris Leatherman companies to conduct the survey for said amount.

### *Road Salt Purchase*

The City Manager discussed the road salt purchase with the council. A motion was required to approve the purchase. Annually the city purchases salt through a cooperative with the State of MN and Compass Materials. Although the use of salt was minimal this past winter the city is still obligated to acquire the preordered material which is approximately four hundred tons.

"Do what is right, not what is easy." ~ Roy T. Bennett

## *2024 Street Maintenance Project*

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the 2024 Street Maintenance Projects. Plans and Specifications and order advertisement for bids was required to be handled by a motion. An overview was reviewed. The Pavement Management Plan had been adopted by the city recognizing the necessity required for street maintenance within the city. The next step in the process is to approve the plans and specifications for projects and receive contractor costs for work completion.

The council reviewed the item concerning streets within the city and the authorization of advertisement for bids with the Assistant City Engineer at a meeting. The Pavement Management Plan identifies as a reclamation project for several streets. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the preparation of Plans and Specifications, as well ordering bids for the 2024 Street Maintenance projects.

## *Capital Building Maintenance Project*

The City Manager gave an overview to the council at their work session meeting regarding the Capital Building a Maintenance Project. The council had accepted the proposal from Wold Architects and Engineers for improvements and maintenance at the joint Fire Station and Public Services facility involving a new storage building for Public Services and an addition to house Fire Department gear. Included in the improvements were also a new roof, and new salt storage facility. Due to the inability to secure real land for the Public Services Building, modifications have been made. As well as the costs associated with an addition for the Fire Department. Presently the city is in the process of reviewing sites for a long-term solution for a new Public Services facility planned for later this year. The fire station project was adjusted to an existing space renovation project. The amended project scope involves fire station renovation, new roof, and new HVAC units. The council will review conceptual renovation plans for the Fire Station with the opportunity explore and further define the scope of the proposed project. Future plans would then be to consider authorization for the preparation of plans and specifications for the project.

Notification has been submitted regarding Public Hearing to be held on the intention to Issue General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds. The proceed of said bonds will be used to finance improvements to the City Fire Hall and Public Services Building. "If a petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the bonds is signed by voters equal to five percent of the votes cast in the City in the last municipal general election and is filed with the City within thirty days after the public hearing, the bonds may only be issued upon obtaining the approval of the majority of the voters voting on the question of issuing the bonds."

## *Carver Place*

The Community Development Director discussed the draining and utility trail easement vacation for proposed Carver Place site. A Public Hearing would be required, along with adoption of a resolution for vacating easements.

The Carver Place proposal has been replatted several times referencing numerous legal documents to fully comprehend the entire picture of the property. The current request involves vacating all the current platted drainage and utility easements and replaced by the updated easements considered as part of the Final Plat. The trail easement through the recorded center of the property is also required to be vacated. All appropriate personnel have reviewed the item. Public Hearing notices have been published.

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the final plat submission and the drafted resolution to be adopted approving and authorizing the execution of the Developer's Agreement for Carver Place.

"Carver Place is a proposed 60-unit multifamily building to be constructed, owned, and operated by the Carver County Community Development Agency." The proposed project is a three-story high building with sixty units. It is also anticipated that applications for Carver Oake, a forty three unit senior building will be brought to the city for review in the upcoming months. A fee waiver had been approved in 2022 for both Carver Place and Carver Oaks. The developer has requested application of a portion of the waiver be reduced with the balance being available to be used towards the Carver Oaks project. The Planning Commission reviewed the final plat with approval recommended.

## *Timber Creek Phase 5*

The council reviewed the Timber Creek 5 Grading Agreement with the Community Development Director. Request was submitted for a grading agreements to be executed to begin grading work on Phase 5. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Phase 5 paperwork at their April meeting. The council is expected to be reviewing the issue in May.

## *Spring Clean Up Day*

The council discussed the upcoming Spring Clean-up Day. A motion was required to approve the proposal with Suburban Waste Services to conduct the clean-u event which is scheduled to occur on May 18<sup>th</sup> this year. The city has facilitated and funded this annual event for many years. It is intended to prevent and discourage improper or illegal disposal throughout the community of unwanted items. Eligible items for pick up include toys, furniture, mattresses, carpet and exercise equipment. Ineligible items include paint, appliances, electronics and hazardous materials. This is considered a favorable annual event.

## *Lions Park Plan - Courts*

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the topic of the Lions Park court construction.

Reconstruction has been recognized which had recently been resurfaced back in 2011. The proposed project would be full reconstruction of the courts. Through recent surveys, community feedback, as well as the Parks Master Plan there has been discussion of pickleball courts. The plan the council reviewed indicates reconfiguring the current full sized basketball court to half basketball with the addition of two pickleball courts. The proposal also includes tennis court at the Lions Park. Additional fencing would also be required. The proposal had been reviewed back in September of 2023. Funding would be from the Special Capital Fund allocated for said project.

## *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, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## *Carver Current*

Have you checked out the Carver Current website? 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." There is all kinds of valuable information on this site too. You can also post information on this website. You can find links too at Carver Current. Just another way to stay in touch and know what is happening locally in the Carver area.

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## *Carver Baseball Softball Association*

Up to date information can be found at

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

The 2024 season is upon us. Be sure to check their web page for all information relating to kids playing ball in Carver. There is all kinds of pertinent information on their webpage. Tournament teams registration information, volunteer positions information, uniform fittings, volunteers needed. Also, remember that the The organization will again be manning the concession stand during the Carver **Black Sox** home games. Support your local champions. Watch their web page for game schedules which should be posted the first part of April.

It also appears that they are seeking volunteers, coaches and umpires.

## *Carver Black Sox*

Have you checked out your local team? Check their website for additional information,

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

According the webpage, the Carver Black Sox first game will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Woody Swanson Field.





## Southwest Transit

Check their website for all other services provided. [ [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org) ]

It's that time of the year, SW Transit has resumed their Twins Express and Concert Series services thus far. And it looks like the first game ( Opener? ) is scheduled to happen on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The SW bus will take you to the game. It's quick, easy, and above all convenient according to SW Transit. You will be able to catch the bus at East Cret Station, Chaska, or SW Village in Chanhassen, or Eden Prairie SW Station. Games are April 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. For times, check their webpage. The drop and return locations is the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp. Return time is thirty minutes after the last out of the game. On the nights when there are fireworks, the return bus will a half hour after the end of the fireworks show.

The Concert Series bus runs have also returned. Upcoming dates still need to be updated, so one needs to keep checking their webpage. And of course, there are all their other services that they provide.

## Carver Lions

Don't forget the Lions are still collecting old eyeglasses or hearing aids. You can drop them off at Harvey's Bar and Grill, the Post Office, Carver Ridge Senior Living building or at Lenzen Chevrolet dealership in Chaska.

Oh yea, just so you know there are ongoing projects too, like Roadside Clean up; Blood Drive dates; and weekly Meat Raffles. Speaking of the meat raffles, be sure to check their Facebook page for when and where their meat raffles are occurring, along with other up to date information. Don't forget to apply for their available scholarships too posted on Facebook and their webpage. ( [www.carverlions.org](http://www.carverlions.org) )

One of the Lion's members posted about upcoming meat raffles at Harvey's. those dates are Saturdays, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Lions are also preparing for their Annual Shred-It event that tentatively announced scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>.

On the 'Carver Life' posting the Lions shared a thank you to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect, Chuck Toltzman for speaking at their meeting. Mr Toltzman is a member of the Winthrop Lions and a trustee for the MN Childhood Cancer Foundation. He spoke about the work that the foundation does with the U of MN Masonic Children's Hospital, Camp KACE and matching grants to families affected by childhood cancer. The university's Masonic Children's Hospital is working on an app for children with cancer. The app will be available to patients throughout their life in order for them and their physicians to track how their treatments affect them in the future. While Camp KACE gives childhood cancer patients, as well as their siblings the opportunity to experience summer camps.

The foundation also works with clubs in our district to provide matching grant money for families in need of assistance due to medical costs. Interested in more information? Visit:

<https://mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org/>  
<https://www.kampkace.org/>

The Carver Lions also announced that they are once again hosting a Shredding Event which will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Community Park. Have paper waste you need securely shredded? Here's your opportunity. Each vehicle allowed two boxes. See you there!!! Need more information? Contact them at [carvermnlions@gmail.com](mailto:carvermnlions@gmail.com)

The Carver Lions shared with y'all that at their meeting they helped the Easter Bunny. That's right the Easter Bunny was in town to make sure kids were taken care of on their Easter hunt. The Lions stuffed 3000 eggs with candy, "Yes." They said, you read that right. They hoped to see kids at the park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Can you just imagine how happy they have had to have felt? The joy in their hearts when they saw those kids scampering all about to gather up those eggs filled with candy by people who poured their hearts and soul into this event for the kids?

"I share this flower in loving memory of someone I have in heaven. Not a single day goes by that I don't think of you."

~ Post by "Laura"



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## Arts Consortium

The Executive Director, Kathy Oliphant in her newsletter for the Arts Consortium group that "the arrival of spring signals the start of summer art festival season." On an annual basis, the ACCC organizes three major festivals. Art Stock happens in July at the Parley Lake Winery. Art in the Park is in August at the Firemen's Park and the Chaska Event Center Registration for this event opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, if you need to know and are interested in participating. Go to their webpage for more information. Lastly, is the Big Woods Art Wander that happens in September and is a self-guided Studio Tour.

The Annual Awards Exhibit is happening now until the end of April, Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup> to be specific. Reminder: The reception is planned for Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The director stated that "As Always, our artists blew it out of the park with their fabulous submissions." Did you know tht you can cast your vote for the People's Choice Award at the gallery? She also reminds everyone that if you didn't get to see the Member and the Life in Abstraction exhibits; the Member Exhibit will be in the Waconia Library and the Life in Abstraction exhibit will be hosted by the Chanhassen Library in March and April.

Don't forget the Pride Gallery Exhibit is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday. "Artists Conversations are held the third Monday of each month from 4 to 6 PM. The gallery can give you the location of this conversation. Or for more information, text Liya (612) 867-9278 or Abigail (952) 380-7924.

Then there is the upcoming classes which include Beginner's Stained Glass class with only two spots remaining. The classes began in March and end April 18<sup>th</sup>. Sun Catching Garden Stakes Class is scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget if you are interested in teaching a class, that's still an option. Music at the ACC is producing a compilation of original music for their 2024 CD.

Let's not forget the Music and Literary Joint Venture; "The Triumph of Spring" which is a words and music event to be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Chaska Community Center at 7 PM. Writers, poets and musicians will be writing a poem, short story or music with specific prompted words.

Coming in summer of 2024 will be a sponsored event titled, "Flash Fiction." Writers are invited to submit one unpublished fiction story to read to the public. See their webpage for more information.

There is a 2024 Poetry Contest. Unfortunately, the deadline already occurred. Winners will be announced at the end of April.

The gallery has new hours so you know. Those hours also are dependent upon volunteer availability. Check their webpage for more detailed information and specifics.

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

The non-profit organization accepts volunteers too. You can become a member too. Donations and sponsors are always welcomed.

## Instagram:

"Eight things to remember when going through rough times:

1. Everything can – and will – change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. And there is always, always, always something to be thankful for.



## 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 for April 11th through the 14th.

Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook - 2024 Season opening April 12th

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

Mizzy's – website / Facebook



## Funky Dove Boutique

News is news is news.

Spring has sprung in the Funky Dove and the beaded hummingbirds are strung and flowers are in all the cool, fun vases in the shop!

New funky hats and jewelry have come in with the new season and lots of clothing is On Sale.

Be sure to talk with Rebecca about her jewelry classes so you can get in on one of them. Dates don't coincide with class dates with publishing only monthly. So, check in with her and learn how to make exquisite, unique, one-of-a-kind bracelets from the talented and creator of her own creations.

You also really need to get on over into Carver to the store. Seems Rebecca is bored as she's turned to modeling these days. You need to help keep her busy and into town. Get over there, go there, now, check out all her unique, special, fun and wonderful goodies. Promise, you won't be disappointed either. She has "For the first day of Spring some pretty shacket flannels in green & mauve for any season in Minnesota! Good for layering under and over other shirts. The pink cotton shirt & light green one are for sale and on sale, as well as the plum

velvet pants."

She's got lots and lots of different kinds of bunny things in the shop. With Spring and Mother's Day right around the corner, just betcha those will be her next 'go to' inspirations, don't you think? You'll find a little bit everything and a variety of a lot of things.

A saying posted caught my eye, "Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save. They just stand there shining." By Anne Lamott. Catchy, don't you agree?

Then there was Rebecca being Rebecca with this: "What do you bring when you stay at someone's house, a friend or family, who has invited you to sleep & stay in their home while you are on vacation?

Do you bring anything?

I do. I love to bring host-ess gifts .

It was fun to gather an assortment of little fun treasures from the shop for my friend on my recent trip & stay at her home in Colorado.

She posted a Thank You on FB"

Are you on your way to the shop? If nothing else, just to meet her? Who in this world is this thoughtful anymore? Check out her Facebook page for more!

## Carver General

Hurry, hurry....You'll miss Carver General's May Mother's Day treasures if you don't get over there in April. You know why? They won't be available again until after Mother's Day. Don't say you weren't warned You can just bet your bottom dollar that the two gals are busy with all kinds of spring things and wonderful items for mom or your yard or even your home. What do you think?

Remember too, their hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sundays noon until 4 PM.

While you are there visiting with the ladies, don't forget to stop right next door at the Good Junk Garage and check out what's going on over there that you just have to have.

## Getaway Motor Café

St Patrick's Stand Up Comedy Night was a special feature at Getaway Motor Café on St Patrick's Day. Believe they also had specialty cocktails for the occasion, as well. Something to the effect of Getaway Grasshopper, Mint Julip cocktail which didn't happen to catch their catchy names this round. The highlight of the comedy was Ben Marcotte who was also their featured guest of the evening. Did you get to see it? OOOOps! Guess they only had one specialty named cocktail for St Patrick's Day.....the Getaway Grasshopper.

Catchy eh?

Also heard that Twin Cities Live's hosts are going to be visiting Getaway in April for a feature on their program. Who is going to be so lucky as to rub elbows with these famous celebrities besides Nathan and Terah and their baristas? Will it be you? Will it be Ben Leber or Elizabeth Ries or maybe even Kristin, Mike or Kelli who join them?

Did you also hear about this? Getaway is up for a design award thanks to all the hard work of Studio Grey Design. How about that huh?

Just what do you suppose the Getaway Motor Café team have brewin' for Mother's Day? You can bet, it will be catchy, fantastic and something to rave about, don't you think? Fancy catchy cocktail names? Oh and also, be sure to remember that Thursdays through Saturday coffee service ends at 4 PM while cocktail service begins at 4:30 PM.





You did hear or read that Getaway is now offering gluten-free items from @siftglutenfree, didn't you? Well, they are. Some items are even dairy free and nut free. Nate, Terah? New email address? [hello@getawaymotorcafe.com](mailto:hello@getawaymotorcafe.com)?

Be sure to stop in to meet old friends, make new ones, enjoy the atmosphere, drinks, food and see if you can still get on of those Getaway Grasshoppers. Maybe those pesky leprechauns already took them to that gold chest at the end of that rainbow by now huh? PS, you do know that Getaway is also on Facebook and Instagram, right?

## Mizzy's Pizza

What do you suppose is going on over at Mizzy's Pizza? Heard there is a bartender named Zack and one named Jeff? Who else? Said on FB post that Jeff was fun, especially serving Bud Lights. What's the inside joke here huh? Zack it has been said is the life of tug-of-war and your cocktails. ??? Did you also know that there is Happy Hour at Mizzy's? Well there is. Booty Bingo???? Sip and Stamp? Also understand that there is a secret recipe Lasagne being served at Mizzy's too. Don't forget, pull tabs are available too.



## Carver Creamery

It's official! Carver Creamery has posted on Instagram and Facebook that their opening day is right around the corner. Chris and Kailan said, "Get ready to break out the spoons and thaw out your taste buds because our ice cream season is about to kick off. We will be opening our doors on April 12th." That's right, you read that right, Friday, April 12th is the official 2024 Opening Day for the most favorite ice cream shop in Carver to reopen for the season.

Kailan added that they are aiming to open Shep's Creamery in Cologne mid May!!!! YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Schram's Vineyards

Have you heard about the Waconia Wine Hop happening on Saturday, April 13th? You are invited to 'hop' your way around Waconia Wine Country for a very special spring tasting at three award-winning wineries within five miles of one another in Waconia. Where you ask? The Sovereign Estate, the Schram Vineyards and the Parley Lake Winery are the three hosting wineries. It's also a "RSVP" event.

Each winery is offering wine tasting of four different wines, special wine deals or music and food. It's starting at noon and going until 6 PM. Last check-in is at 4 PM, by the way.

So where are these wineries? Sovereign Estate is located at, 9950 North Shore Road, Parley Lake Winery, 8280 Parley Lake Road and Schram's Vineyards, 9950 North Shore Road, Waconia for all three. Have Fun!

On April 21st, Schram's Vineyards is presenting their Spring Experience Market. Doors open at noon and the event goes throughout the day until 5 PM. It's their way of saying, "Think Spring!" Come and enjoy a beautiful day at the vineyards to explore and create with their spring-themed vendor activities. A variety of local businesses will be in attendance to provide engaging product experiences to learn, create and take home. Some ideas include spring bouquets, design your own earrings, candles, plant creations, bath salt bars, and along with win-centric activity.

Again, this is happening on Sunday, April 21st. See you there. Did I mention, you need to "RSVP"?

Another "RSVP" event that might be a bit ahead of ourselves is Schram's Mother's Day Sparkling "Schrampagne" Tasting event. Looking for something different, unique to do for mom? Well head on over to Schram's Vineyards for their interactive sparkling wine tasting event planned for you and mom to participate in together. They are offering for you to explore the MN sparkling wines made by Schram Vineyards and AxeBridge Wine Company and to include their 'gold medal winner' Sparkling Frontentac Blanc. You will also learn about the different sparkling winemaking styles along with "why MN grapes lend themselves to making such amazing bubbly wines." To celebrate "Mother's Day" the special for this holiday at Schram's, each ticket will include a personal assortment of mini pastries/desserts to go with the bubbles! Can't beat that, now can you? There is also being offered 'Private Events.' Interested? On their website is a form to fill out and you will be contacted with details.

Little ahead of schedule but tickets are on sale now for their May 4th Kentucky Derby Party over at Schram's Vineyards which also request "RSVP's." So, anyone interested would or should know now. Right?

The vineyards have stated that it is one of the most spectacular events of the year. Prizes for best dressed in each gender, best derby hats and the best dressed couple. There will be a Derby Tent, photo opportunities, live music, delicious food, wine tasting, wine shots and Schram's version of a Mint Julep!



An update was announced for the vineyards Kentucky Derby event planned. "Get ready for an unforgettable experience." "Brand-new outdoor tent and LED jumbotron. Now, cheering on your favorite horse will be easier than ever!" They stated. You can expect "a day of high spirited fun as we celebrate the most exciting two minutes in sports in true southern fashion."

Did you know that the vineyards have Bocce Leagues? Registration opened in February for spring, summer, fall leagues are forming for Tuesday, Thursday evening and Sunday afternoons. "Wine in one hand, bocce in the other! Join one of our seven leagues." You are invited to bring your friends for a regular gathering and enjoy some friendly competition along with wine and beer. Leagues are available from May through October. Prizes for winning teams!

Tuesdays Session # 1 on Tuesdays will be May 21st through July 9th. Session # 2 dates are July 16th through September 9th and Session # 3 will be held September 10th through October 15th. Thursdays sessions planned include Session # 1 May 16th through July 11th, Session # 2, July 18th through September 5th and Session # 3 will be September 12th through October 17th. Sunday afternoon's Session # 1, June 1st through August 4th, Session # 2 will be August 11th through October 6th.

Don't forget to check out the vineyards web page for all their other events and see who is playing music.

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

## Schram Haus Brewery

All the chatter this month is the Great Goat Fest at Schram Haus Brewery which is one of their most favorite events of the year. "Some may even say it's "the Goat." This is the day that they release their spring bock beer with an afternoon of fun with goats and music! You are invited to come for a fun day for their Haus-made craft beers, their annual release of their Bock, enticing food trucks, toe-tapping music by Traveled Ground and Matt Hannah from 2 PM to 6 PM, beer poking and of course, the Goats! There are plans for goat races throughout the day, cuddling, photo ops, t-shirt cannon launches and tantalizing beer poking. What is beer poking? You have to go to Schram Haus to find out. Oh, there is a Goat Treasure Hunt planned too. Pre-sale tickets are available. The official hours are from noon until 6 PM. The brewery is open until the usual 10 PM that night and the celebrations will continue into the evening with Matt Hannah performing from 6 PM until 9 PM. "Adults and kids alike are welcome to join in on the festivities, but please leave your furry friends at home and pet the goats instead!"

Also, the Schram Haus would like you to know that their Cane Fighter Blood Orange IPA is now on tap. It's their Flagship IPA with a sinister twist of Blood Orange. For all their news, music venue, got to their webpage: [www.schramhausbrewery.com](http://www.schramhausbrewery.com)



## MN Valley Electrical Cooperative

The MN Valley Electrical Cooperative has announced that their annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jordan High School at 7 PM. There are two open seats in District I and one seat in District II and III. Official announcement and ballot for the Board of Directors election were mailed out the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>. Need additional information? Visit their webpage: [www.mvec.net](http://www.mvec.net). Thanks are also extended to member-owner's!



## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM until 11 AM at the Chaska Legion there is a Pancake Breakfast going on hosted by the Chaska Lions and Cub Scouts Pack 301. It's all you can eat. Gluten-free will be available too. Just bet there will be sausages? Or maybe bacon, or not? But there will be pancakes, juice, coffee or just plain water. Proceeds support a variety of community programs and initiatives.

Did you know that it's the American Legion's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday? Or that they are the nation's largest veteran service organization?

## Community Highlights

April 2024

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| April 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Council Meeting<br>Happy Birthday Joe!   |
| April 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | International Fun at Work Day<br>Happy Birthday Kelly!<br>International Children's Book Day  |
| April 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Wayne!  |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Happy Birthday Jim!  |
| April 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Pancake Breakfast  |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup>  | School Board Work Session<br>PTO Meeting/Clover Ridge Elementary<br>PTO Meeting/Carver Elementary<br>Dahlgren Township Board Meeting     |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting<br>Coffee and Connect (Chamber of Commerce)   |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup> | MN Valley Electric Coop Annual Meeting<br>Carver Creamery Official Opening Day!<br>Happy Birthday Kerry!                                 |
| April 13 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Anniversary Aaron and Karen!   |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup> | International Plant Appreciation Day   |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Ava!<br>Council Meeting<br>Tax Day  |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Cheryl!   |
| April 18 <sup>th</sup> | Planning Commission Meeting<br>Happy Birthday John!  |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup> | Carver Business Alliance Meeting   |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Scott!<br>Happy Anniversary Wayne and Michelle!<br>Husband Appreciation Day   |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup> | Happy Birthday Jim!  |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | School Board Meeting<br>Passover<br>Earth Day<br>Happy Birthday Al!<br>Happy Birthday Kitty!<br>Coffee and Connect (Chamber of Commerce) |
| April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Happy Birthday Aaron!  |
| April 25 <sup>th</sup> | Take Children to Work Day  |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup> | Carver Lions Pork Chop Dinner<br>Happy Birthday Emily!   |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup> | Arbor Day  |
| April 30 <sup>th</sup> | Happy Birthday Lili!<br>Happy Anniversary Rachel and Greg!   |

## Parents Night Out

Parent's Night Out by the Carver Macaroni Kid Calendar is scheduled to happen on Friday night, April 5<sup>th</sup> with Bounce Bash (Bounce House 0 and then on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> with the theme, Shiver Me Timbers and then on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday night is Flower Power. Believe these are all occurring at the Chaska Community Center from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Carver Macaroni Kid also reminds of Toddler Storytime on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to 11 AM at the Waconia Library. The same day only at 6:30 PM to 7 PM at the same library is Family Storytime. If you are interested.



## Chaska Community Center After School Care Program

The Chaska Community Center is introducing an "After School Care" program. The program serves as an afterschool child care for the 2024/2025 school year for District # 112 elementary schools. Students would be bussed to the center to step in for fun according to the flyer announcement. Students will enjoy a healthy afternoon of snack, homework time, fun with friends, gym play and on special days, swimming or ice skating. Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup> (2024) Website: [www.chaskamn.gov/880/CCC-After-School-Care](http://www.chaskamn.gov/880/CCC-After-School-Care) or you can email [rbland@chaskamn.gov](mailto:rbland@chaskamn.gov) for costs and more details.



## Master Gardner

Did you know that every spring to kick-off the gardening Season with Garden Fever is an annual event? Who is this? The Carver-Scott Master Gardeners is who. This year, according to Kristy they are celebrating twenty-five years of this festive, inspiring and educational event. This year's event is called "Garden Fever Horticulture Day" and will be held at the Chaska Event Center on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM until 3:30 PM. The primary goals are to inspire gardeners of all ages. They offer top-notch, research based education not just at this event, but throughout the year. You are invited to join them for a special celebration and bring gardening ideas and goals to life. At this event at the Event Center will be educational sessions, vendor fair, silent auction, Garden Art Sale and door prizes. On-line registration is encouraged and you can register at: [www.carverscottmastergardeners.com/garden-fever/](http://www.carverscottmastergardeners.com/garden-fever/) Need more information? Email: [kimock@umd.edu](mailto:kimock@umd.edu)

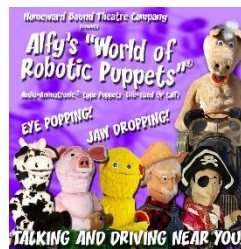
## Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

By no means can it be presumed that things are not happening at the MN Landscape Arboretum. On the contrary, just not any specific highlights for April. There are however ongoing programs happening all the time there. There are classes, yoga, gallery exhibits, knot and stitch and story time. Let's not forget the peaceful walking the trails to take in the beauty of nature. Check their webpage to see what catches your attention. [www.arb.umn.edu](http://www.arb.umn.edu)



## Homeward Bound Theatre

Speaking of the world of artistry and entertainment. This keeps popping up in research of articles for the newsletter. Ever heard of Homeward Bound Theatre Company? A performing arts non-profit organization to creatively impact local communities is what their cover page says. Their performing artists include 4' high interactive robotic puppets, story tellers, musicians, comedians, jugglers, magicians, balloon artistry and more. They are based out of Chanhassen. Their webpage also state, "perfect for fairs, festivals, daycares, libraries and events." If interested, check them out at: [www.homewardboundtheatre.org](http://www.homewardboundtheatre.org)





## Children's Theatre

Did you know or hear about this year's production? "A Year with Frog and Toad" A Children's Theatre Company original production. It was a three time Tony Award Nomination Musical.

Well, let me enlighten you. The "Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is delighted to announce the complete cast and creative team for [A Year With Frog and Toad](#), the 3 -time Tony Award®-nominated musical ("Best Book," "Best Score," and "Best Musical") that made its World Premiere at CTC in 2002 before moving to the New Victory Theater in New York, and then to the Cort Theatre on Broadway (now the James Earl Jones Theatre). Based on the "Frog and Toad" books by Arnold Lobel, A Year With Frog and Toad features a book and lyrics by Willie Reale, and music by Robert Reale. CTC's 2024 production will be directed by Artistic Director Peter C. Brosius, with music direction by Denise Prosek and Victor Zupanc, and choreography by Daniel Pelzig. The production will run from April 23-June 16, 2024 on the UnitedHealth Group Stage. Opening night is Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

"It is a joy to bring this tender, witty and utterly delightful story of a very special friendship to the stage," said director Peter C. Brosius. "These characters have endeared themselves to millions through Arnold Lobel's books and this musical which has gone on to be produced across the nation. It is an honor to direct this beautiful show with this fabulous cast and creative team."

[A Year With Frog and Toad](#) was originally presented on Broadway by Bob Boyett, Adrienne Lobel, Michael Gardner, Lawrence Horowitz and Roy Furman, featuring original direction by David Petrarca.

Reed Sigmund will be reprising his role as Toad from CTC's 2017 production of A Year With Frog and Toad and Jay Goede will be returning to the role of Frog, which he originated in CTC's 2002 world premiere and the subsequent Broadway production.

Meet Frog and Toad, best friends who embark upon a year's worth of adventures with great merriment, comedic agility, and joyful song-singing. Join them as they go swimming (and boy does Toad look "funny in a bathing suit"), rake leaves until they "ache, ache, ache," and send letters via a real live "Snail with the Mail!" Sing along while Frog and Toad bake "cookies, cookies, cookies" in the only show from Minnesota ever to be nominated for three Tony Awards®, including Best Musical!

A Year With Frog and Toad will be the final CTC production directed by Brosius, who will be departing the organization on June 30, 2024 after 27 years. It was recently announced that Rick Dildine, currently serving as Artistic Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF), will succeed Brosius as CTC's next Artistic Director, beginning July 1, 2024.

A Year With Frog and Toad runs from April 23-June 16, 2024 on the UnitedHealth Group Stage. This show is best enjoyed by all ages. Tickets may be purchased at [childrenstheatre.org/frog-toad](https://childrenstheatre.org/frog-toad) or by calling the ticket office at 612.874.0400. Ticket prices start at \$15."

School groups interested in attending can contact [schools@childrenstheatre.org](mailto:schools@childrenstheatre.org) for more information.

A Year With Frog and Toad has a run time of 2 hours with one 20-minute intermission.

This production is best enjoyed by all ages. Lap passes are available for children 3 and younger.

Something else you might want to know or might be interested in: Per Macaroni Kid provider, you can enter to win a 4-pack of ticket vouchers. How, you ask?

"Four family 4 packs of vouchers will be drawn from all valid entries to receive vouchers for A Year with Frog and Toad at Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis. You must be a Macaroni Kid subscriber to win. If you are not a subscriber, you will automatically be subscribed."

"Entries will be accepted March 14, 2024 through April 14, 2024. Winners will be drawn on April 15, 2024 and contacted via email. No purchase necessary. Must be 18 or older and a Macaroni Kid Subscriber to win. Only one entry per household please. We NEVER sell or distribute a subscriber's email address or information in any way, though the winner's name and email will be shared with giveaway sponsor for purpose of coordinating prize redemption. MUST RESPOND TO WINNER EMAIL WITHIN 24 HOURS. TICKETS CAN NOT BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED."

"Vouchers can be redeemed for available performances April 23-June 16, 2024

Visit <https://www.childrenstheatre.org/> for showtimes and more information." Good luck!



## Cars and Caves Car Shows

Hey everyone, it is that time of the year again. The trees are budding, grass is getting greener and lush, the motorcyclists are out enjoying the warm weather and the car enthusiasts are gearing up for another year of sharing their love for the old classics. That's right, it's time for the Cars and Caves over in Chanhassen to open their doors and share their enthusiasm and care for those old goldies but goodies. Some may not appreciate the dedication and admiration but there are still plenty around who do. The last Saturday of the month starting in April through September over in Chanhassen is the Cars and Caves Shows. They are hosted by Chanhassen AutoPlex and this is possible with the sponsor support. They are also featured on the website, Explore MN.

Their show criteria involves all collector, muscle, antique, street rod, exotic vehicles and vintage motorcycles. Show area includes 'Classic', cars manufactured between 1925 and 1948 in original or restored condition; 'Collector', cars that are at least 25 years old, have been restored or maintained in original conditions; 'Muscle', high-performance American-made produced between mid 1960s and early 1970s; 'Antique', cars at least 45 years old in original or restored condition; 'Street Rods', custom-built cars designed to resemble cars from 1930s and 1940s; and 'Exotic Vehicles', which are high-performance sports cars and luxury vehicles, typically rare and expensive. 'Vintage Motorcycles' classified as at least 35 years old in original or restored condition.

So when are their show dates, you ask? First off, they would like you to know that each month is a featured theme with the makes of featured vehicles in the center of the campus. Also, new hours are established for 2024. Show times are 9 AM to 1 PM. Their first show is April 27<sup>th</sup> and is an open show. Classics will be displayed May 25<sup>th</sup>. In June it will be the Italian cars; Ferrari, Maserati, Fiat, Lambo and so on. July will feature American on the Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The British, MG, Mini, Aston, Jag, McLaren will be presented August 31<sup>st</sup>. September 28<sup>th</sup> the German Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche and VW.

Cars and Caves is also happy to announce that they are resuming their Weekday Wednesday Summer Nights shows from 5 PM to 8 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>.

So where is this place you might ask? You can find these car enthusiasts over at 8150 Audubon Road in Chanhassen.

I would strongly advise that you also check out their website for all their information. [www.chanhassenautoplex.com](http://www.chanhassenautoplex.com)

## Yellow Brick Comedy

There has been a lot of buzz about this YellowBrick Comedy as of late. Time to formally introduce them and get people to check their webpage out.

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

Says "located in Chaska MN and is dedicated to providing a quality stand-up comedy show for your venue or event. We are a comedy group in the southwest metro and we partner with other local groups, venues, nonprofits, comedians and producers to provide you with the best possible show. Our goal is to feature local and national comics that will make you laugh hysterically and leave you wanting more. We will provide a quality show with quality comics for whatever event you need."

On the webpage you will find categories listing their events, list of their comedians, photos and some of their past events. Then's there's "MORE" where you will find 'Joke Folk 55+ Seniors and comedian details. Check it out. The world can always use more laughter, smiles and jokes.

If you are interested: The Yellow Brick Comedy (YBC) is scheduled to perform at 7:30 PM on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Buck Hill Event Center where YBC will be presenting, Stand Up Comedy per the posting to Carver Life. Headliner, Mike Brody; featuring, Comrade Tripp; and host, Khadijah Cooper at the ski and snowboard area, again at Buck Hill.

## Stick's Tavern

So what's going on over at Stick's Tavern this upcoming April? Appears to be the usual fun with bingo and music bingo, not to mention trivia nights and Taco Tuesdays? Then there is the Sunday Brunches. I just bet they are also preparing for all their golfer buddies to return to say hi along with their regulars.? What do you think. Need or want more information? [www.stickstavern.com](http://www.stickstavern.com) or their Facebook page.



Where Laughter is No Joke





## City of Carver Announcements

Spring Road Weight Limit Restrictions: "The City of Carver follows MN Department of Transportation schedule for imposing and removing spring road weight limit restrictions. This requires large trucks to reduce the weight on each axle of the vehicle to five-ton on City of Carver roadways. All roads within the city limits are 5-ton per axle. The City of Carver does not issue permits for overweight vehicles during the spring load restriction period. The roads exempt of this, which are 7-ton per axle, are: 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Levi Griffon Road, Commerce Drive and Monroe Drive."

For additional information, visit MN DOT's website.

City of Carver is hiring seasonal positions in Public Services for 2024. Tentative start date is end of May to beginning of June. Five positions for seasonal maintenance worker and a seasonal gardener. For job descriptions and more information, visit the city's webpage: [www.cityofcarver.com](http://www.cityofcarver.com)

The City announced the date for their Annual Clean Up Day that date is Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Items must be placed at the curb by 7 AM. See the city's webpage for more information.

The city's community gardens open Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, plus at the time of this writing there were still available plots. The gardens are located behind the Church-By-The-River at 109 Main Street East. Plot rental is \$ 20 plus a security deposit of \$ 20. There are two options available, raised beds ( 4' x 8) or planter boxes, ( 4' x 4'). Go to their website for more information.

## Chaska Historical Society

Caption: "What?! Murder and Mayhem in Chaska?!"

The Chaska Historical Society extends an invitation for you to join them on a new walking tour of historical Chaska during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. "It is not for the faint of heart nor children." They say.

"Want to know what happens in Chaska when a horse gets drunk? Ways you might end up in jail for a week or maybe a year? And which day of the week you are not likely to wind up in a fight? Here's your chance to find out!" The walking tour will be less than a mile and will happen rain or shine, so you know. Tickets are non-refundable and are \$ 20 apiece.

Dates are: If you are 18 or older, register to join us at the Chaska History Center:

Friday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM

Friday, May 3 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 PM

Coming up in June at the society will be a living history tour of Mt Pleasant Cemetery. Watch for more details upcoming or visit their webpage.

Did you know that the society is promoting and selling what is called Chaska Brick Soap? Looks just like the Chaska bricks that came from the Kelin Brick Yard. Be sure to stop in and pick up your very own Soap Chaska Brick. They are far lighter than the real thing, more useful, much cleaner and quite a conversation piece to say the least.

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church

We believe that the church is people joined together by God through faith. It is our vision and prayer to see our town and city awakened and transformed by the love of Jesus. We welcome you to join us for worship on Sundays at 10 am (9 am starting on May 26th).

See what's happening in our church on Facebook

At [www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver](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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Phone: 952-448-3628

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

"Sometimes later becomes never. Do it Now."  
~ Patrick Notebook



## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The 2024 Dragonfly camp registration is closed. Both weeks are also sold out by the way. If you are interested though, you can email and be put on a wait list: [CVFTmail@gmail.com](mailto:CVFTmail@gmail.com)

Have you heard that the Chaska Valley Family Theatre is forming a choir? They are. Registration is open now for the Adult Choir. They invite you to come sing with them. A six week session, two hours each. The times are 10 AM to 12 PM on April 13<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> finishing up June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This choir is designed for adult sixteen plus. They will be meeting at the CVFT Warehouse at 4280 Norex Drive in Chaska. Will they see you there ready to warble those vocal chords and be heard?

Next on the CVFT's agenda is the auditions for the upcoming performance of "The Addams Family." You can sign up on line. Auditions will be held Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with call backs to be on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those interested are asked to prepare for 32 bars of vocal music. Bring sheet music as there will be an accompanist. Piano pitch may also be warranted. Come dressed to move and expect to be at the audition for a minimum of an hour and a half. First there will be singing conducted and then participation in a group dance audition. Did we mention that this is a new musical comedy? The Director is Kevin Berg, Music Director, Sean Barker, Choreographer, Annie Tillotson and Stage Manager, Tom Muhs. Performances are scheduled for June. Visit their website for more information about the theatre. [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org)

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is also offering Adult and Teen Education! There is a Tap Class for teens and adults in April. Class is designed for ages twelve and up. Times are 10 AM to 11 AM on April 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>, then May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and then again in June on the first and the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is what the theatre had to say: "Shuffle off to Buffalo with Kate McCall! In this weekly tap class, you will continue to grow your tap vocabulary while building a strong technical foundation. This 60-minute class will include a warm-up, progressions across the floor and combos. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and a love to dance! Please bring your own tap shoes.

This registration is for 6 sessions (60 minutes each)." For more information: [www.cvft.org/cvft-dance-classes](http://www.cvft.org/cvft-dance-classes)

Then on the same dates a second class being offered only from 11 AM until noon, same age bracket, same teacher is the Musical Theatre Dance for tens and adults. Their words were: "Triple threat alert! Join Kate McCall to work on your storytelling through dance while learning foundational dance movement to music from some of the most popular Broadway shows. This high energy 60 minute class will help you have fun with every move. Plus, you'll break a really good sweat! Any level of dance experience is welcome! Participants should wear jazz shoes or sneakers."

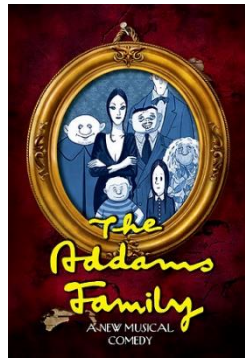
Two for on sort of to make your trips and efforts worthwhile! They also warn that they are able to process refunds or credits for classes missed, by the way.

Thirdly, there is the Adult Choir being offered April 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and then finally June 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those are 10 AM to noon. Designed for ages sixteen plus. More information: [www.cvft.org/cvft-choir](http://www.cvft.org/cvft-choir)

Here's what they had to say about this one: "Build community and create new friendships through music. All are invited and no experience is necessary. Cultivate and nurture your love for singing with our passionate choir directors and our CVFT community. This registration is for 6 meetings (2 hours each). The cost of registration will cover all repertoire materials."

## Diaper Drive

Recently the West Union Lutheran Church held a Diapers and Wipes drive. Unfortunately, their deadline drop date didn't correspond with publication of this newsletter. Darn it! However, by the same token doesn't mean giving can't continue, does it? It stated on their posting that "Donation drive....growing a pile, but if you know babies....they don't stop using these." You can still donate to Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Cologne (or, I bet, Chaska too.) Just because the deadline has come and gone, babies usage doesn't, poverty doesn't have deadlines either. So, if anyone is so inclined and by the Power of Suggestion, consider donating regardless. Thanks.



## East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Towel Ministry partnering still with Love Inc. Always in need of towels, or monetary donations or even volunteering with this activity is appreciated and welcomed. Then there is all the buzz about the new photo directories taking place in the congregation. Those dates are May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> for the scheduled photography session. Please be sure to update your current address and phone numbers at this time too.

Vacation Bible School sign is upon us, as well. VBS will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Thursday at 9 AM until 3 PM. Volunteers are needed. Grades K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible with no registration fee.

Coming up in May is their annual Plant Sale. Watch for more details coming.



## Eastern Carver County Schools

The Chaska/Chanhasen athletes/students have made some awesome achievements according to the school's website. The Chan Storm Boys Hockey competed at state. The Chanhasen Football team were honored as Class 5A state champions. The Chaska Storm Hawks Swim and Dive team competed at the state tournament. Then there was the Knowledge Bowl team ( Chaska ) who took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at the Regional Tournament. At the State DECA competition the Chaska DECA team competed. DECA stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America.



Over at the Clover Ridge Elementary school, the PTO organization is preparing for sponsoring a family fun event called Color Fun Run scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

There is lots of information on the school's website. Check it out. [www.district112.org](http://www.district112.org)

## Carver County Parks

Carver County presents their annual special events with more information on their webpage. [www.carvercountymn.gov/departments/public-works/parks-recreation](http://www.carvercountymn.gov/departments/public-works/parks-recreation)



It's much easier to 'google' carver county parks and go from there to find what you are after which at this point Day Camps. Registration recently opened for summer day camps. On April 6<sup>th</sup> though over at Baylor Regional Park an annual special event is happening called "Mapy Syrup Festival". In July, another event is the Earth Day Event which the date is to be determined yet. In July is their Mud Run. Also in July is Camping with the Stars and the date for Trail of Fun also is yet to be determined. There's lots of various things to check out for Day Camps, Summer Camps, program of partners and a list of county partners if you are interested.



## Three Rivers Parks

[www.threeriversparks.org/page/summercamps](http://www.threeriversparks.org/page/summercamps)

The Three Rivers Parks offer an array of summer camps for kids age four to fifteen providing lifelong memories. They can explore nature, engage in outdoor recreation, learn about golf, fishing, farming and even art. Nature exploration involves camping. Then there is hiking, biking, or walking, fishing or golfing. Gale Woods farm gives a farm experience where they can interact with animals while learning about agriculture too. Nature inspires art and creativity. There are summer camps offered at Baker Outdoor Learning Center, Gale Woods Farm, nature and visitor centers or golf facilities. There is a camp brochure offered for more detailed information. There is financial assistance too everyone for scholarships for program fees and discounts for those qualified. There is inclusion and program support with qualified staff.

## "Keep Going"

"No matter how bad things are right now. No matter how stuck you feel. No matter how many days you've spent crying. No matter how many days you've spent wishing things were different. No matter how hopeless and depressed you feel. I promise, you won't feel this way forever. Keep Going."

~ Unknown

## Father's Day Canoe / Kayak

Canoe/Kayak event normally held Father's Day weekend has been disrupted by the work being done at Riverside Park in Carver. Discussions are being held on alternatives if necessary, so you know in advance. Was informed though that the event will go one. So watch for updates. By the way, rumor has it that the park will be closed through the end of March for tree cutting for the Merriam Junction Trail/bridge crossing and then again in September after Steamboat Days through June of 2026 or even later for the trail/bridge crossing construction. Watch for those updates too.

So, there you have the news about the Father's Day weekend Canoe and kayaking information. Water Levels are also a consideration.



## So why do they use Ashes?

Interesting and fun to share. Do you know why ashes are used on Ash Wednesday? The meaning? The symbolism? Where they come from?

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday represent mortality, penance, and the repentance for sins. Applied by clergyman on the forehead in the form of the cross with the reminder or blessing of the human origin and destiny. Those ashes are from the burnt palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. That ash cross is a reminder for others to witness.



On Ash Wednesday, Christians, especially Catholics can be seen with the smudge on their foreheads which signifies deep religious beliefs. It is the acknowledgement of sin where Christians believe that Christ gave his life for the sins of humans when he died on the Cross. It symbolized mourning and repentance. Application by the clergyman is followed with "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Traditionally these ashes from the burnt palms on the Palm Sunday celebrations are supposed to symbolize Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. Palms were used to celebrate his arrival. Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the Lent period leading up to Easter which is also the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Then there is the topic of fasting and abstinence practiced by Catholics.

So what's the purpose here? Just found it interesting and a reminder what the purpose of it all is in this hurry, rush, rush society we exist in and seem to forget that we need to be vigilant of others and act kindly towards others even when we don't always understand the reasoning for the way or why we act the way we do or how/why we treat others. A reminder that materialism is not always the best choice and that we need to maybe get back to our own fundamental infrastructures of ourselves. Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of our human frailty, the need for forgiveness and understanding of others and what Christianity is really about no matter what denomination it is.



"Happiness is like Jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."

~ Anonymous



## Gossip - Not Gossip

Word just came in from Hocus Pocus on some more exciting news happening locally that the witchy good witch from the west pulled from her magic hat for y'all. Be sure to look to the west and tell her thanks to the wind. Wendy Wind will see that the mumblings reach Hocus Pocus.

Hocus Pocus also put the rumblings into Wendy Winds ear to reach the newsletter person that the question was to be asked if you were aware that there is not only just a Goodwill Store up on the hill of Highway # 41 in Chaska, to the right of the Home Depot? But apparently, there is a Goodwill Wholesale facility according to Graham from the SW Publishing , aka Chaska Herald reporter. You met Graham, haven't you? Hocus Pocus said he's quite the character, very knowledgeable and handsome too this author heard. Anyway, back to business at hand, Graham had a whole write up in the paper and on the Carver Current webpage, dated March 20<sup>th</sup>. Read it. It's quite interesting and another venue to shop!!!! Oh, it's called Goodwill Wholesale and can be found at 312 Lake Hazeltine Drive, Chaska.

April is considered National Pet Month. Did you know that?

Also the week of April 7th through the 13th is National Library Week. Bet you didn't know that either, did you?

Victoria's Classic Car Nights will be coming up soon. At the time of publishing contacted the President of the organization to get the exact dates which near as this author could establish it looks like, so far, Wednesday's and to start in June. Watch for updates.

Was unable to verify if this is actually happening or not but will post it and if someone can verify this, that would be great. The Tri-County ABATE Carver Motorcycle Ride event for 2024 allegedly is slated to happen on May 6th ( ? ) in Carver at the Dog House Bar where registration is to happen? Don't take this as an actual reality because again, unable to verify.

Don't forget that Taste of Minnesota is back on for this year with the dates being July 6th and 7th on the Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis. Watch for more updates coming as we get closer to the date.

There has been talk of the infamous Channel 5 Twin Cities Live show planning on coming to none other than the Getaway Motor Café for a feature in April. You do know about that show, right?

The new HomeTown Bank building is all enclosed and they are currently hiring.

Riverside park will be closed until the end of March which by publication time is already gone, but then you know why you couldn't get down there, after the fact. There was tree clearing, again telling you, for the Merriam Junction trail/bridge crossing. Word from Hocus Pocus is that after Steamboat Days the park will again be closed through or later June of 2026. Then they will be constructing the trail/bridge crossing.

Watch for two permanent pickleball courts at the Lions Park. So get your teams lined up and reserve the courts.

The date for the Carver-on-the-Minnesota canoe trip event usually held the weekend of Father's Day is still not officially confirmed. Should be hearing more about that soon too.

## Husband Appreciation Day

Found this interesting too and couldn't resist sharing, so bear with me. Ever heard of Husband Appreciation Day?

And yes, I looked up if there is a Wife Appreciation Day. We won't even get into that topic. But found this rather amusing and for some it is very appropriate, for others not so much. And Guys, don't let this go to your heads. Ok?

It was said, "More romantic than Father's Day, more serious than National Boyfriend Day, and with less pressure than Valentine's Day."

So what's the fuss about? The day is observed the third Saturday in April, April 20th to be exact. Also known as "National Husband Day or World Husband Day." Was said also to be a little-known holiday dedicated to the men in your lives who show up for women in bold and subtle ways every day of the year. It is a day for women to express fun-loving spirit to those lucky spouses and to present the opportunity to be creative, thoughtful and show their appreciation for their partners. This author never heard about this day prior. How many others have or haven't?

How many don't need a special day to tell their guy how much they love or appreciate them?

By the way, there is other days throughout the year celebrating partners which didn't know either. There is National Spouses Day which is January 26th and Wife Appreciation Day which is September 19th.

So, in light of bringing this important day to your attention. You know what to do or not do or who really deserves to be honored on April 20th.

**"Solitude is for me a fount of healing which makes my life worth living.**

**Talking is often a torment for me, and I need many days of silence to recover from the futility of words,"**

**~ Carl Jung**



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### OPENING DAY APRIL 12TH



Liked by drea\_ibby and others

the carver creamery Get ready to break out the spoons and thaw out your taste buds because our ice cream season is about to kick off! We will be opening our doors on April 12th! 🍦 #carvercreamery #openingday #countdownbegins

## Seeds to Harvest

Hear Yee!!!! Hear Yee!!!! Hear Yee!!!! Carver has still another business gracing the main drag of downtown Carver. Who? What? When? Where? How? Let me tell you, first by introducing, Seeds to Harvest with a beautifully designed logo and store name with the backdrop of the red building and the green geometrical lattice type artwork at the very top of the upstanding former Funk Bank building next to city hall. "Grow Seed to Harvest" words in the center of the upper portion of the structure. Impressive!

Who? – "The same folks who own Strains of the Earth opened Seed to Harvest last month in downtown Carver. Located at 308 Broadway Street, this business is dedicated to ensuring your home garden thrives with products including lighting, tents, soil and fertilizer."

What? Mother Nature's miracle.

When and Where? Opened March 20<sup>th</sup> at 308 Broadway Street, Carver

How? "Believe in helping people by listening to them, educating them and providing the with a high quality product."

Some other very important information is: "Co-pilot:

Strains of the Earth is a family-owned holistic store located in Carver, Minnesota. Our mission is rooted in the belief that Cannabidiol (CBD) is Mother Nature's secret miracle. We noticed that the CBD industry often misrepresented its products, so we decided to create a space where transparency and quality prevail.

Here's what you need to know about Strains of the Earth:

Product Quality: We offer top-shelf, hand-curated products that work. Our commitment to honesty means we never misrepresent the content of our CBD and other holistic offerings.

Third-Party Testing: All our products undergo rigorous testing by world-class labs to ensure industry-leading quality and safety. [We partner with Adams Independent Testing for this purpose.](#)

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact Information:

Phone: (952) 600-7595

Whether you're curious about CBD or seeking holistic wellness products, we invite you to visit Strains of the Earth and experience quality, honesty, and love firsthand."

There are some very interesting information and background information on their webpage that is well worth your time to read and absorb, even if you don't agree with the topic. It's very informative, interesting and mind opening to say the least so you are encouraged to read more. Strains of the Earth website: [www.strainsoftheearth.com](http://www.strainsoftheearth.com)

Seeds to Harvest webpage: [www.strainsoftheearth.com/seed-to-harvest-mn](http://www.strainsoftheearth.com/seed-to-harvest-mn)

Oh, in case you didn't already know? There's a store in Jordan and in Carver. Jordan's address is: 415 Broadway Street South, Jordan/Carver: 300 Broadway.

You know what else you should know? It's a retail location that will have exclusively grow equipment and supplies.

They look forward to meeting you and welcome you to come learn more about Mother Nature's Secret Miracle.



Looking for an after school care option for the 2024/2025 school year? Check out the Chaska Community Center's newest program!

## REGISTER APRIL 1!

### WHAT WE OFFER:

- ✓ Healthy Snack
- ✓ Engaging activities like gym time, swimming, ice skating and more!
- ✓ Learning time & homework help
- ✓ Bussing direct from school with parent pickup as late as 6PM!
- ✓ Serving 5 District 112 schools: Clover Ridge Elementary, Carver Elementary, World Learner, Kinder Academy, and La Academia.







# Pancake Breakfast

*\*With all you can eat pancakes\**

**When: Saturday, April 6th, 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Where: Chaska American Legion, 102 W 4th St.**

**Host: Chaska Lions Club and Cub Scouts Pack 301**

**Cost: Ages 12+ = \$8.00, Age 4-11 = \$5.00, Age 0-3 = Free**

**American Legion Members = \$5.00**



*Chaska Cub Scouts Pack 301 is chartered by Chaska American Legion Post 57*

**Friday, April 26  
4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Carver Community Hall**

316 Broadway, Downtown Carver



# **Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner**

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

**Youth & Adults \$15.00**

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

**4 & Under Free**

Tickets available at the door.



# SPRING PLANT SALE

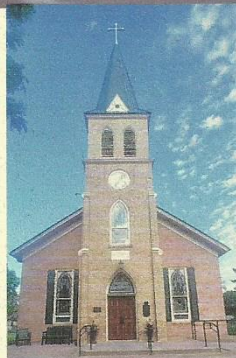
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# HOMEMADE BAKE SALE

## Saturday, May 11th 2024

## 8am–12pm

Hundreds Of  
Hanging Baskets.  
Vegetables & Herbs



Flowering Annuals  
Potting Soil  
Fertilizer

**East Union Lutheran Church**  
**15180 Co. Rd. 40 Carver, MN 55315**



**Get Your Mothers  
Day Gift Here**





# **Carver Lions Annual Shredding Event**

**Saturday, May 11  
9:00am - 11:00am  
Community Park**

**Collect your paper waste to shred.**

**2 box limit per vehicle**

**Paper only**

**Free! Donations accepted.**





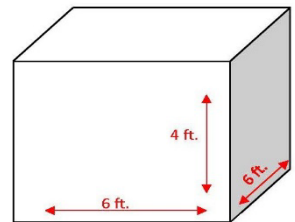


# CLEAN UP DAY

## MAY 18, 2024

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Concrete, Bricks, and Shingles

Brush, Leaves, Grass, & other organic material

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

### **GENERALLY ACCEPTED MATERIALS**

**Kids Toys and Household Items**

**Furniture (disassembled)**

**Carpet and Pads (rolled securely)**

**Mattresses and Box Springs**

**Misc. Construction Materials**

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

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

# SPRING SAFETY EVENT AND BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, May 18th  
9:00 A.M. - NOON

CARVER FIRE STATION 801 JONATHAN CARVER PKWY, CARVER



BIKE/HELMET SCHOLARSHIPS

Email request to:

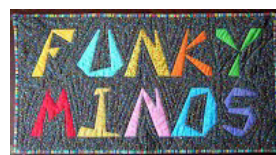
[CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com](mailto:CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com)

## Join US!

\*bring your bike, helmet (if you have one) and a parent/guardian

- Bike Obstacle Safety Course
- Helmet Fitting & Demonstration
- Bike safety checks by mechanics
- Refreshments & Donuts!!
- Meet Local First Responders
- Online Safety info for kids/parents
- Summer Activity Ideas!
- Other safety info

*Free  
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