

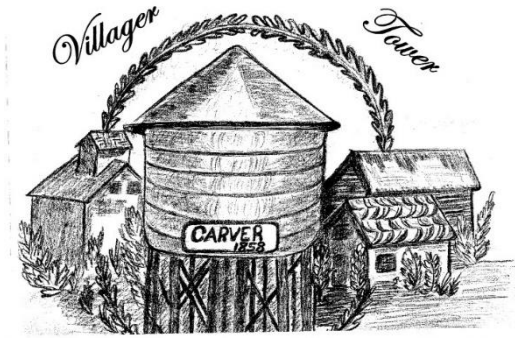


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In Memory of Gene Miller

Courtney's Message

Greetings!

May always seems to be a very busy month, and that's certainly the case again this year in Carver! With that, here are my updates for May:

Road Construction – During the third year of our Pavement Management Plan, which has a goal of extending the life of the pavement on the streets in Carver for as long as possible, the following street improvements will take place in the coming months:

Full-depth reclamation – 4th Street West between Jonathan Carver Parkway and Elm Drive.

Mill and overlay – Sibley Court, Sibley Street, Groff Street, Gilfillan Avenue and Elm Drive West.

Mosquitoes – With warmer temperatures and April showers, the return of Minnesota's unofficial state bird can't be too far away. In Carver, we're part of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD), which has been protecting the public from mosquitoes, black flies and ticks since 1958. For more information about the MMCD, including details on when/where they're treating for mosquitoes, check out MMCD.org.

Official Newspaper – With the Chaska Herald shutting down last month, the City of Carver has now designated the Waconia Patriot as the City's new official newspaper. This means we will now use the Patriot to fulfill our legal obligations for publication of meeting notices, ordinance publication, bid announcements and more. Starting June 1, the Patriot will be available at the Carver Casey's and Kwik Trip.

Lions Park Improvements – The removal of the tennis and basketball courts at Lions Park (700 Mount Hope Road) will happen later this month and construction of the new courts, which will include two pickleball courts, will take place in June. This project, where the bids came in 18% lower than the engineer's estimate (yay!), is being paid for out of the City's 2024 budget.

Now Hiring "Seasonals" – Every summer we hire temporary employees to help with gardening and outdoor maintenance throughout the City and we're still looking for a few more folks to join our team. For more information about these seasonal roles and to apply, go to CityOfCarver.com/jobs.

Mayor's Office Hours - On Saturday, May 4 from 9 – 11 a.m. I'll be holding my next Mayor's Office Hours in the Broadway Room at City Hall. This will be an open house meeting format with no formal presentation, so please feel free stop by whenever it's convenient for you!

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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Capital Building Maintenance Project

At a work session the Wold Architects and Engineers reviewed the conceptual renovation plans for the Fire Station project. Plans and specifications prepared were to be considered for authorization at a regular meeting.

The City Manager at a council meeting reviewed the Capital Building and Maintenance project details. A proposal with Wold Architects and Engineers was accepted by the city for the joint project for the Fire Station and the Public Services facility. Those proposed projects were reviewed at the meeting once again. The initial scope of the project had been modified. Presently the process is reviewing sites for a long-term solution for a new public services facility along with a land review planned for later. The Fire Station project was adjusted to an existing space renovation project converting existing apparatus bay area to a turnout gear storage. Upon tentative planning proposing a new Public Services facility the fire department would assume the remaining building space. The amended scope of the project involves the Fire Station renovation, new roof with a solar exploration, and new heating and air conditioning unit. Preliminary concepts were reviewed in March. Costs for this amendment were reviewed by the council with the financial entity representing the city.

The council continued their discussions regarding the Capital Building and Maintenance Project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the proposal from Wold Architects and Engineers to perform architectural services for the 2024 Capital Improvement and Maintenance Project.

Sign Ordinance

The Community Development Director held a discussion at a works session pertaining to review of the Sign Ordinance. The current ordinance, overview and the feedback from local businesses was shared at the work session. A discussion was also held with the city council regarding enforcement. Further discussion was to be carried over to the regular meeting. Discussion was continued at the regular meeting regarding the review of the Sign Ordinance. Additional research it was determined to be required and then continue further discussions in the future.

The council continued discussions at a work session regarding the Sign Ordinance. The city council reviewed state statutes related to signage. Feedback was shared with business owners, and community groups. Discussions were also held primarily pertaining to temporary signs while requesting information on the topic from surrounding cities on their ordinances and approaches to temporary signs. There was not any consensus on temporary signs especially in regards to community groups.

Lions Park

The Community Development Director discussed with the council the details for the construction of the Lions Park court project and reviewed the plans including reconfiguration of the basketball court and reconstruction of the tennis courts, as well as the addition of two pickleball courts. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving plans and ordered advertisement of bids for the reconstruction project.

Miscellaneous

The city Manager discussed the retirement announcement of Cathy Elke tentatively July 24th, 2024. He also shared updates about the League of MN Cities Annual Conference scheduled for June, the monthly water report along with the council's input, the Highway # 212 bridge railing, seasonal employees for public services, Parking review safety and the acting city manager.

At the council meeting a guest shared concerns regarding election integrity matters in the State of Minnesota with the city council at a regular meeting.

The council discussed approval of a notice of public hearing on the intent to issue General Obligation Improvement Plan Bonds and the proposal to adopt a Capital improvement Plan. The City Manager provided additional information regarding the proposed amount for the bond issuance.

The Capital Equipment purchase information was presented by the City Manager. Motions were made and carried with all ayes authorizing the purchase of the equipment listed as necessary.

The mayor met with representative from the Hometown Bank. There are plans to have a Grand Opening event which may include a fun run. The bank associated individuals are also discussing the incorporation of historic photos of Carver in their design elements for the new building.

The council was told that Ryan Finke, the former principal of Carver Elementary has accepted a new position in the Dominican Republic and will be departing the school staff at the conclusion of this school year. Mr Finke compliments of the internet Co-Pilot stated that he has fifteen years of experience in education and previously held the position of Assistant Principal at the Richfield Middle School along with roles as dean, instructional coach, targeted services and summer school coordinator, along with English and Language Arts teacher in the middle level. He will be succeeded by Sam Blank who will be the new Carver Elementary School scheduled to resume that role as of July 1st, 2024. Congratulations to both gentlemen and lots of luck.

The Parks Advisory group participated in a Pickleball class.

The council reviewed a resolution supporting the retention of city zoning authority. The resolution concerns decisions regarding local zoning and land use that best fits community needs.

The Planning Commission board discussed with the Community Development Director the topic of an upcoming transportation facility project for Eastern Carver County Schools.

At the Planning Commission meeting, announcement was made that Zoom meetings will no longer be available.

Carver Place

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the Final Plat for Carver Place. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Final Plat for Carver Place.

An Easement Vacation Public Hearing was held at the city meeting. The Community Development Director presented information relating to the drainage and utility easements, along with the trail easement for the Carver Place project. There were not any public comments presented. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution vacating drainage and utility easements, as well as trail easements. The Community Development Director provided the details of the Final Plat for Carver Place and the Development Agreement. The Community Development Agency representative and Ivy Properties representative were at the meeting to discuss details of the project. Motion was made and carried with all aye adopting the resolution approving the Final Plat for Carver Place. Motion was then made and carried with all ayes authorizing the execution of the Developers Agreement for Carver Place subject to necessary changes required by the attorney.

The Planning Commission was told that the Community Development Agency had been awarded funding for Carver Oaks which is a proposed forty-three senior unit adjacent to Caver Place with work tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2025.

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."
— William W. Purkey

Third Street Bridge Project

The city's assistant engineer and engineer were both at the council meeting to provide information for the reconstruction of the Third Street bridge between Broadway and Jorgenson Streets. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the plans and specifications, and order advertisement for bids for the project.

At a work session meeting a motion was made and carried with all ayes to have closed session to discuss the Third Street Bridge Easements. Proposals were discussed and reviewed about purchase of permanent and temporary easements for the said project.

Discussions were continued at the council meeting regarding easements on the Third Street Bridge project. The Memorandum of Understanding was the highlighted topic of discussion at the meeting. The bridge spans over the Spring Creek between Broadway and Jorgenson streets. It was constructed in 1912 and it's service life has spanned over a century. The structure has deteriorated and has been classified as structurally deficient. An application for bridge bond funding was submitted and awarded. Plans and specifications were drafted, approved and authorizations for bidding were all completed. Permanent and temporary easements are necessary to construct the improvement and maintain the replacement. Permanent and temporary definitions were all reviewed by the council. A Memorandum of Understanding had been created with property owner.

2024 Street Improvement Projects

The Assistant City Engineer reviewed the status of the street improvement projects within the city. Per the adopted Pavement Management Plan this year marks the third program year of this plan. The 2024 plan identifier reviewed the streets involved as part of this phase of the plan. Due to the feasibility constraints, trail fog seal adjacent to Spring Creek Drive was removed from the Trails Map plan. The schedule was reviewed, contracts and construction were discussed. Final plans and specifications for the 2024 Street Improvement Project were prepare. Bids were opened in March with bids received and tabulated. The costs, bids, etc were all discussed and reviewed by the council. The projects would be funded using a combination of city street maintenance funds, state aid funds and city water enterprise funds. Motions were made and carried awarding the contract to Valley Paving for the 2024 Street Improvement Project along with acceptance of the quote from Gopher State Seal Coat for the trail fog seal project with all ayes.

Utility Bond

At a work session, the Finance Director gave an overview and summarization of the Water Treatment Plant project and the Utility Bond spending. The project was awarded in November of 2020. There has been six change orders over the course of this project. The finances were reviewed by the council. Savings allowed the ability of other projects being funded. An unexpected repair will use the remaining balance of the bond funds. A Public Hearing will be held on Capital Improvement Plan Bonds.

Parks Funding

A parks funding review was conducted with the Community Development Director, and the City Attorney. An overview of park funding and a discussion regarding park dedication prioritization were all looked at. The City Council provided feedback related to the park dedication fees, which should be included in the 2025 Fee Schedule was also discussed.

2024 Utility Improvement Project

The council reviewed extensively the discussions involving the Utility Improvements Project. The council would be required to approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize bidding for the 2024 Utility Improvements Project and for the Water Tower Reconditioning Project. Items have been identified by the council for improvements within its long term financial plan. The 2024 year determines several improvements to the water system and the scope of those improvements were reviewed by the council. The construction schedule was also reviewed and discussed along with the financial review.

"Be a light for those who lost their will to burn"
~ Jake Thompson

Official Newspaper

Council discussed the designation of new official newspaper for the city. The city adopts an organizational resolution at the beginning of each new year satisfying the requirements annually designating an official newspaper for posting public notices. The beginning of 2024 designated that official newspaper to be the Chaska Herald. In April of 2024 the Chaska Herald along with all of the Southwest News Media newspapers announced their intent to cease operations at the end of April. Thereupon, the city finds it necessary to designate a new official newspaper. The Waconia Patriot and the Minneapolis Star Tribune were contacted for pricing information for public notices. The Waconia Patriot covers local news and events for Carver County. The Star Tribune covers the entire Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area. The Star Tribune is available for purchase at Casey's and Kwik Trip. Purchase of the Waconia Patriot will be available for purchase at the same locations beginning June 1st of 2024. Publication costs were compared. The Waconia Patriot was recommended to be chosen. A resolution has been drawn up stating the designation of the Waconia Paper as the city's official newspaper.

Commercial / Industrial District Review

The Community Development Direction and the Planning Commission members have analyzed the first draft of the residential sections of the city code and ready to move forward to other land uses. The current version of the city's code had several commercial district which could be combined and better defined for future conditions. The current districts are identified as the central business district, freeway and general commercial districts. The city has adopted a Comprehensive Plan with a district as part of future land use map but does not have a drafted district in the City Code. At the time of drafting the Comprehensive Plan the commercial/industrial use areas were viewed as job centers, office spaces and light manufacturing. The Planning Commission members will be reviewing a first draft of this district identified as commercial and industrial. The proposed language for said district blends with the existing Freeway Commercial and Industrial district. Guiding information for the proposed district was compiled of surrounding communities. Existing commercial spaces and how they are zoned will be discussed along with proposed additional commercial districts to be worked through.

Carver Fire Department

Facebook posting showed a video of the Life Link helicopter landing. While the Carver firefighters were training they had an unexpected, unique visitor the posting said. The Life Link helicopter made a hovering descent where the firefighters learned about what to do for creating a safe landing zone and saw firsthand just how much equipment actually fits into the confined space of the chopper. How cool!



Disclaimer

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

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Carver Business Alliance

The Carver Business Alliance is a collaboration of business owners, community leaders, and local officials working together to promote, enhance, and create opportunities for commerce in the City of Carver. Business roundtable discussions are held, and City of Carver updates are provided at each meeting." They usually meet every third Friday at city hall. May's meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 17th.

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

~ Bernard M. Baruch

Merriam Junction Project

Picture compliments of SW Media Publishing

There was an interesting article in the Chaska Herald by Noah Mitchell about the Merriam Junction project in both Scott and Carver counties. Hope you got to read it.

Did you know that the proposed trail will be a redevelopment of once was the railroad corridor?

Use your imagination here and think about what it was like to be some of the only people back then to drink in and absorb the beauty of untouched nature and land and now people will be able to walk that same path? Neat huh? Well at least for some. Noah said bikes will be allowed too. Well, not in those exact words, but you get the general idea here, right? Will be ADA compliant too. Not many of those around I hear. The proposed project began to be discussed as far back at 2008 (16 years ago. Progress moves slow sometimes. (?) According to Noah's article; quote: "Local cross-country and cycling teams are also excited about the project, according to Freese. A cycling team coach even joined Scott County representatives in a legislative session to advocate for funding for the project.

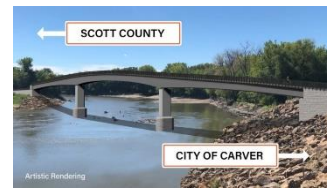
Furthermore, the project will have an educational component, Freese said. The project is partnering with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to present information on how Dakota people have used the river valley.

"The plan is to have interpretive information about the use of the river valley by the Dakota," Freese said. "This has been a real partnership in that way."

Once the construction process begins, which Freese said will likely be in September after the project finds a contractor, there will be some interruptions to current trail use. However, construction access to the trails will be routed away from downtown Carver to minimize disruptions, according to Scott County Transportation Planning Manager Craig Jensen.

The regional trail master plan will continue to develop after the completion of this project, according to Freeman. In 2028, construction will continue along Marshall Road to complete a 20-mile trail loop.

Next up in Carver County is the Circle the Brick project, which will connect to the Southwest Regional Trail at both ends, according to Walsh."



Carver Black Sox

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

Checking their webpage this was their game schedule posted. Be sure to go and cheer on your local team! It appears that their season will open with their first game at the Woody Swanson Field here in Carver on May 5th at 2 PM on Sunday and playing the Watertown team. Sunday, May 12th at 4 PM again at the Woody Swanson field playing against Belle Plaine. Tuesday, May 14th at Tahpah Park, Schepler Field with Shakopee Indians. Saturday, May 18th 2 PM, Woody Swanson Field, versus Cologne. Sunday, May 19th at 2 PM playing Young America on the Woody Swanson Field. Wednesday, May 22nd, 7:30 PM at Norwood Sports Complex/Zellman Field, Norwood. Thursday, May 23rd, Chaska Athletic Field, Chaska Cubs. Wednesday, May 29th in Glencoe at Vollmer Field, versus Glencoe. Then June 1st in Carver (Woody Swanson Field), Saturday at 2 PM they will be playing against Winsted. And finally, Sunday, June 2nd at 5 PM against Green Isle at Woody Swanson Field. There's more on their webpage!

Let the games begin! Summer season is officially here! Support your local team!

Agusta Ball Club

The Agusta Ball Club requested a liquor license from the Dahlgren Township Board for their tournament scheduled to be held May 31st through June 2nd at the August Ball Park. They also requested approval for liquor license for their 52 Club raffle scheduled to occur in October.

"Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead
Walk beside me... just be my friend"

~Albert Camus

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 Current

You have heard and read and checked out the Carver Current web page right? www.carvercurrent.com It is also where you will find links, information about what is going on in your community and locally. Dan has been kind enough to post the Villager Tower for years now. We want people to submit news, ads, and information on the site so that people have a source to know where to find pertinent information which is important and necessary. If interested in publishing on the site, go to web page and click on 'Contact Us.' With the closing of the Southwest Media Publishing, Dan posted the following:

This website was launched in 2010 with the aim of increasing the availability of local information on the internet. Over the past 14 years, it has gathered news from local sources and has notably been the publisher of the "Villager Tower" newsletter by Ricki Schultz, as well as "Historic Carver on the Minnesota River", a book by John von Walter.

The three of us are united in a simple desire to publish information, historical or current. My personal interest is in historical preservation – a real problem in the digital age.

With the [news of Southwest News Media shutting down](#), it appears we are at risk of losing our local newspapers. I will be taking action to personally preserve digital content from swnewsmedia.com to reduce the risk of the digital content being lost forever.

The role that Carver Current has to play going forward is not clear to me. It has always been less engaging than platforms such as Facebook and Nextdoor, where I believe most people get their local news.

I plan to continue hosting local content on this site. If you share our goals of publishing and preserving local information on the internet and would like to contribute in some way, please reach out.

Dan Rue

Please contact me with any feedback, news stories, pictures, or letters you would like to share. Include your name and contact information if you would like to be published on Carver Current. Contributions may be lightly edited for spelling and grammar.

Carver Baseball Softball Association

Up to date information can be found at 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.

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



Exhibitor Open House

Posted on Carver Life was a question if anyone was interested in exhibiting at the Carver County Fair this year? The Carver County Junior Fair board is partnering with 4-H and FFA to host an Open house for exhibitors on May 5th at 1 PM until PM at the fairgrounds in Waconia for anyone interested. A flyer is also inserted at the end of the text of the newsletter for more information, if you are interested compliments of Ms Patti Dietzel. Presenters will be exhibiting their livestock and non-livestock projects. There will also be representations from 4-H, FFA and open class. Activities for kids and information for adults will also be available.

Excellent opportunity for anyone in the county and kids who might be interested in any of the groups mentioned above. [flyer attached]



Southwest Transit

Check their website for all services provided.

[www.swtransit.org]

Looks like SW Transit has some position openings, Vehicle Maintenance Technician, Community Engagement Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator and Express Route Drivers. See their webpage for more information.

It's that time of the year too, SW Transit has resumed their Twins Express and Concert Series services thus far. Times, and dates are all on their webpage. This is a quick, easy, and above all convenient means of transportation. You will be able to catch the bus at East Cret Station, Chaska, or SW Village in Chanhassen, or Eden Prairie SW Station. The drop and return locations is the 7th 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. Kenny Chesney will be at the US Bank Stadium at 5 PM on May 4th. Take the bus to see him and the following: June 7th and 8th, Noah Kahan, Xcel Energy Center, 8 PM; June 20th and 21st, Morgan Wallen at US Bank Stadium at 8 PM; July 7th, Niall Horan, Xcel Energy Center, 7:30 PM and on July 28th, Foo Fighters at Target Field at 5:30 PM. Schedules, times, dates, pick up and drop off locations all available on their web page.

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

The Lions are sort of taking a stopping to take a breath, or at least catching their breaths. Their pork chop dinner, as always, a huge success. May is their last month until fall for two meetings per month before they resume their usual schedule. June, July and August they only meet once a month and if memory serves me right, those meetings are the second Wednesday of the month. Want to be certain, contact a Carver Lion or check with city hall for their meeting night. All is quiet on the home front for the time being. Short of their usual business and meat raffles. They are however, working on the Shred-It event, Bike Safety and the D-Feet, MN Lions Hearing Foundation event at the arboretum on June 1st. Good job everyone. Thanks for all you do.

Lion's posted on Facebook about April's Blood Drive thanking everyone They stated, "exceeded our goal of 76 units of blood at today's American Red Cross Blood Drive. A huge shout out to the donors and volunteers." Additionally, another post made pertained to their guest speaker at their meeting who was named Greg from Humanity Alliance. An interesting fact that they learned was that Humanity Alliance fed 5,600 meals in 9 counties which I believe was done on April 19th.



This hit me like a brick:

Healing is so hard because it is a constant battle between your inner child who is scared and just wants safety...your inner teenager who is angry and just wants justice... and your current self-who is tired and just wants peace.

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 May 16th through May 19th.

Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook - 2024 OPEN
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
Mizzy's - website / Facebook



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Funky Dove Boutique

Have you checked out Rebecca's Facebook page? Funky Dove....If you haven't, suggest you do so. New profile picture that is simply lovely. It definitely showcases the softness, the care, and the wonderful lady she portrays. It was one of the first things that struck this editor that first time I walked through that door at Funky Dove. She just generates a charming charisma, warmth, positivity and genuine compassion of softness and caring. So, if you don't at least just go in to meet Ms Rebecca, it's your loss forever. Still another telltale of who she is, she posted, "It's the little things, the little wins, however, it's my business which in my world it's a big thing." Furthermore, making her permanent mark in Carver's history with her very own business stamp depicts her business! Congrats Rebecca. It's not a little thing, it's a big thing and it's huge in your world. I just betcha she is having fun stamping away. What do you think? It's a big deal, you know it is.

The Funk Dove is also hosting copies (free) of "The Edge" magazine. She posted the Table of Contents for you on her Facebook page. See, there's your excuse to just get downtown and meet the infamous smiling, ray of sunshine and sensitivity to make your day. (Let me warn you though, beneath that softness can run a mean streak if you hurt her.)

Our very own travelling delight flew to Miami! She's a jet setter too. You would just be amazed at what uniqueness she brings back for y'all to shop for! She models tool. Not hard on the eyes either. So guys (that's you men, guys), now you have got an excuse to step into Funky Dove's world and say 'hi.' Unless, you're married, in that case, just stay home. Sorry, in that sort of mindset as writing this.

Rebecca also offers classes. Did you know that? See, you just have to get in there, otherwise, you will never know what you are missing out on! And it's a lot of opportunities to get that one of a kind, cozy, comfy apparel, soaps, candles, just the right card you've been searching for, dust collectors, pictures, art, jewelry, and the list is endless what you will find at Funky Dove. So see you there. Just need a pick-me-up, Rebecca is just the medicine you need!

Carver General

You went and missed it. Missed your huge opportunity to mom (or even yourself) that hidden treasure with just your name on it before Mother's Day. I told you to get on in there before we missed the dates in May. There's hope guys! You got one more chance before Father's Day to stop in and find that item screaming to go home with you for dad. You don't get there this month, it's too late. Their June sale dates are the 20th, after Father's Day. The find ladies mind set is on summer items right now. They are determined to find you yard fun and garden stuff which this author got accused of collecting 'yard trash.' While this author prefers to refer to it as 'yard treasures' just like Ann and Brenda. And you can just bet your bottom dollar that the ladies ensured that you will find treasures at the Carver General. They search and work hard to locate just the right décor for you to find for inside and outside appeal.

So, rush right on down to Carver General. Their May dates to be opened are the 16th through Sunday the 19th. Hours again are Thursday through Saturday at 10 AM until 5 PM and on Sunday at noon until 4 PM. Remember, last chance to find dad or the hubby his Father's Day present. Just saying.

Oh yea, while you are there and when you done with the fine ladies finding that long lost "I have to have this"; drop over next door at the Good Junk Garage. He really doesn't sell or have junk. You will find all kinds of long lost treasures to be repurposed and decorate and use in his shop too. (On Facebook too) It's a secret Treasure Trove joint, but don't tell anyone! Okay?

Getaway Motor Cafe

Getaway staff and guests had a special treat with a special dining experience that was held in April with Sunny Days Comfort Food called Tate and Toast. There was delicious food. Specialty drinks and lots of fun, smiles and conversations.

Music is coming in May to Getaway Motor Café. Did you hear that buzz about town? Private concert showcasing their new album, Clark and Mason Machtemes and the Traveled Ground. The event is scheduled to happen on Wednesday, May 15th. "Get ready to experience soulful tunes in a cozy sitting on our patio" is what Nathan and Terah said. Serving wine flights and full bar menu.

Getaway Motor Café ---- continued -

Twin Cities Live had to reschedule their visit at Getaway Motor Café for a feature on their program. This editor is holding her breath and crossing her fingers to get a personal opportunity to bring you all the highlights of their visit with the owners, Nate and Terah, along with the baristas. Stay tuned.

Weekends are filled up with food trucks in downtown Carver at the end of Broadway! Live music too. Check out their web page: www.getawaymotorcafe.com for full disclosure and all the information necessary to pick just which night you are going to go to GMC for dinner. Will it be Thursday? Friday? Saturday? Or Sunday? What food are you craving because heard tell they are all delicious! And a mentioned already, a special event, music event on Wednesday the 15th! It's the place to be besides Carver Creamery.

Mizzy's Pizza

Mizzy's announced that the patio season has arrived. Beginning in May the patio services, music and fun will be open through September on Fridays and Saturdays. Calling on all interested musicians to contact Mizzy's, DeAnne and/or Jeff!! DeAnne also said, "the drinks taste better on the patio!"

Did I see that there's possibly catering or was that a rumor? Or that they have a Happy Hour daily from 3 PM to 5 PM and then again at 9 PM until closing? What time is closing? Check their web page or Facebook for hours of operation. You are invited too to become a member of Sip and Stamp Passport. What is that? From the picture this editor saw, probably depicts exactly as interpreted reading. Boy, sometimes, this author really feels stupid and isolated. The long and the short of this program: explore local businesses, get stamped and enjoy your beverage. Card filled up, reward? Discovered researching this that there is a whole slew of local businesses participating. That web site lists them and explains the programs for the rest of you who feel as dumb as I do. [www.sipandstamp.com] by the way is the web page to educate yourself or find out who else is participating. One customer also wrote that they were 'frequent flier members' of Mizzy's with no passport required. Somehow I ask, is this a private or inside joke? Cute regardless. Not that it even matters. Anyway, be sure to stop for a great pizza, a terrific brewski of your choice, and some music on the patio now open, and just kick back and relax while someone else makes your dinner !!!! Sounds like an excellent plan to me. How about you? Can't help but wonder what DeAnne and Jeff have up their sleeves for Mother's Day? Or even Father's day for that matter?

Side of the bar note here: Jeff and DeAnne's daughter, Alexa is a math teacher at Cologne Academy running for "America's Favorite Teacher." Bet you didn't know that if you haven't checked their Facebook page. She could use your help in getting more votes to advance into the 'top 5' slot. (Americasteacher.org) I'll just bet you that you could ask mom or dad and they would be more than happy to share how to help advance their daughter.



Carver Creamery

It's official, Carver Creamery has opened! Saw a post that they featured Banana Cream Pie on Facebook and Instagram. Do you suppose they still have some? Better rush on downtown and find out if they do or what other flavors they have. Yummy, yummy, yummy, hope you got some.

Everyone has to know by now that the Carver Creamery doors are open ad serving all kinds of yummy flavors of ice cream. Right? Also, appears temporary, or at least for the time being that their hours are Friday 4 PM to 9 PM, Saturday and Sunday at noon until 9 PM. Weekend flavor features are another highlight. They are just beginning to get wound up for the upcoming summer. Hurry on down and get your ice cream fix.

Also, The Carver Creamery is helping the schools and non-profit organizations on days that they would not normally be open. April dates have already passed but fifty percent of the proceeds on these Ice Cream Social fundraisers will go to designated schools. Three recipients already having benefitted in April since their opening has been La Academia PTA, Warrior Dog Rescue and the Cologne Academy Compassion Fund. Their next fundraising event will be Wednesday, May 1st with the recipient being Carver Elementary PTA and then on Thursday, May 2nd for Jordan's St John's the Baptist School. Great job guys and all of the patrons who love that ice cream!

Strains of the Earth

Strains of the Earth, Carver held a terrific event in downtown called 420 Event with games, prizes and the Jordan location hosted the local artist, Garrett Kopka. Garrett also presented his Tie Dye artwork in Jordan since they too celebrated the day. Just so you know. There were wild flowers which according to their Facebook page were dynamic and you can just bet that they flew out the door fast There was live music in Jordan. Wendy Winds also heard a rumor that there is going to be a variety of musicians featured throughout the year which turned out to be false just as the wind took it away as quickly as it arose. So, no, that feature only happens during the 420 event. Sorry. Such as letdown, don't you agree? Oh, oh though rumblings were that both locations did have GrassPorts, prizes, food trucks and samples for those over twenty-one years of age and older. Hocus Pocus also learned that there's to be yoga held too. Wendy Winds learned too that SOTE Sanctuary is the yoga studio located in Jordan who host weekly classes and special events monthly for sound healing and Ayurveda events. Check them out at www.MNSOTESanctuary.com to learn more.

Hocus Pocus and Wendy Winds also reported that were even food trucks with absolutely delicious foods there at the event in both locations. Yahoo, spring has finally sprung!!! "And what on earth was that truck out front of Strains of the Earth over there in Jordan with the strange big old round worm weaving its way down the stairs into the caverns of caves?" Hocus Pocus asks. Well, wouldn't you just know it, Kaley contacted Hocus Pocus to answer her question.

Jordan Strains of the Earth location is in the process of restoring the cave system behind their location. If everyone is really interested and would like maybe Kaley will give us updates? What's that saying? Ask and you shall receive? Is that it? Doesn't always work, but sounds good.

Oh and don't forget, over in Carver next to Strains of the Earth is the Seed to Harvest located in Carver only. They are open Monday through Friday and has everything you need to grow your own cannabis at home. They also have general gardening supplies too. Have you been there to check out what is going over there?



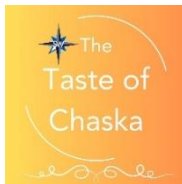
Stick's Tavern

Stick's is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch Buffet! Recommend reservation by the way. On line they posted the menu, if you are interested; breakfast, lunch and kids menu. Check it out. May 12th from 9 AM until 2:30 PM. www.stickstavernmn.com - Facebook page too.....

Remember too, there is Taco Tuesday (Trivia Tuesday); Wednesday Bingo, Thirsty Thursday, Prime Rib Saturday and Sunday Buffet. Check their Facebook page, under events, for all their events, fun, deals and times. You know where they are located, right? At the Dahlgreen Golf Course at 6940 Dahlgren Road, Chaska.

39th Taste of Chaska

Things and people seem to be getting back into the swing of the somewhat normalcy with all the local annual events returning and reappearing, huh, as people get back to socializing? The 39th Annual Taste of Chaska is gearing up for your tastebuds at the Fireman's Park in Chaska on Wednesday, May 8th beginning at 4 PM until 8 PM, rain or shine. Although, in case of severe weather, the backup date is May 15th. There will be multiple food vendors planned for the spectacular well attended venue as many descend upon the city. There will be live music too. Did we mention that the hosts of this event is the Southwest Metro Chamber? They deserve recognition and credit along with all the sponsors, too many to list in this small venture called a newsletter. Be sure to check the chamber's web page for all kinds of various pertinent information too. www.swmetrochamber.com



Friendly Electric

This was just too good not to share with y'all! Thanks Justin for the cute story!

"And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a job creator." So God made a small business owner. God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night worrying about how to make payroll. I need somebody who's okay with paying their employees before they make a single dollar. I need someone who will take all the risk to sign the front of the check....so that others have the privilege of signing the back. I need someone who will risk their life savings just to break even every year and hope that the next will be better."

So God made a small business owner.

"I need somebody with a personality strong enough to handle a complaining customer and yet gentle enough to train a new employee. Somebody to run payroll, stock the shelves, skip lunch, run across town to hand deliver an order to an elderly customer, work late, and not get back to your own house until 10:30 PM." So God made a small business owner.

I need someone who will work 70 hours a week, every week, and be able to tolerate the media AND EVEN THEIR OWN FRIENDS saying that business owners "aren't paying their fair share." So God made a small business owner.

God had to have somebody willing to always put the customer first, sometimes even before their own family. God needed someone willing to open early, stay open late, miss their kids' baseball games...just so that other parents wouldn't have to. So God made a small business owner.

God needed someone who would get people what they need, when they needed it, for a fair price.

Someone who could be being a living example of the old-fashioned virtues of self-reliance, hard work, and not spending more than you make.

God needed someone to keep the American dream alive.

So God made a small business owner."



Plant Walks

Ever heard of Plant Walks? It's a thing, really. It is presented by the Dream of Wild Health and Indigenous Food Network. Everyone is invited to join in-person plant walks with Hope Fanagan and Anthony Barela and learn about plants that are edible and medicinal. Sure sounds interesting. One walk already happened. However, if you hurry, you can get over to Minnehaha Falls on Thursday, May 2nd, or on Tuesday the 7th of May at the Bloomington Ferry Trail Bridge and the last one will be on Tuesday, May 21st at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Flyer posted in back of newsletter for email addresses for more information if you are interested.



Southern Valley Alliance

The Southern Valley Alliance Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled to happen on Thursday, May 16th at 3 PM until 6 PM at 103 Third Avenue East in Shakopee. Questions? Email: info@svmn.org The organization is celebrating the opening of their new Domestic Abuse Advocacy Center in downtown Shakopee welcoming them to the city. This event is an opportunity to support their hard work and all their efforts! The event is hosted by the Shakopee Chamber and Visitor Center. For more information on the advocacy: www.svamn.org



Yard and Garden Organic Waste Event

Have any garden waste you need to disregard? Guess what there is an Organic Waste Event happening on Saturday, May 11th at 9 AM until noon at the Carver Station up on Hartwell! It's a free event for City of Carver residents. Id's will be checked. For more information, see attached flyer at the end of the newsletter!



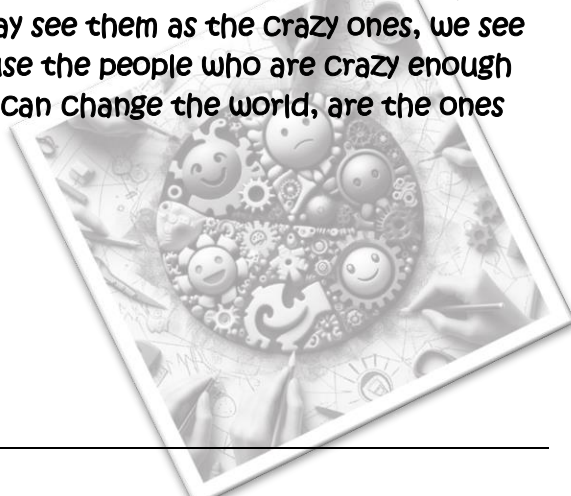
Items accepted: leaves, plants and flowers, grass clippings, garden waste, mulch, and branches (anything less than 3 feet in length). Items NOT accepted: food scraps, food soiled paper products, dirt, rocks, landscape fabric, construction materials, and related items.

"Most of the scars on people's hearts weren't left by their enemies, they were left by the people who claimed to love them the most."

~ Jessica Allen

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

~ Steve Jobs



Arts Consortium

The planned June exhibit is identified as "Pride!" Check their web page for more details.

In May, the third Monday of the month is the Artist Conversations group. Want to participate? For more information on where they will meet and all, text Liya 612-867-9278 or Barb at 612-910-0971.

The Arts Consortium members would also like invite you all to come to a music event at the Chaska Community Center Theater's on May 10th, Friday at 7 PM. Writers, poets and musicians are asked to create these prompt words: "Sweet, Perfect, Long Ago, Roll, Flawed, That was Fun and Make it Stop" and submit their art work by May 6th to www.artsofcarvercounty.org The results of this creation will then be performed live on the tenth.

New Song Collective category announces area musicians performing at Parley Lake Winery where you are invited through September to see firsthand the artist's work. Their bios are available on Arts Consortium webpage. Some of May performers, specifically the 18th of May will be featuring Oliver Brooks and then on May 25th Hawthorne Oachs.

Performances are scheduled from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.

A side note here and not to take away from Arts, but take the time, if you can, to visit the Parley Lake Winery webpage and see who else is performing at their facility, as well as what else is happening there. They also have some openings. It would be well worth your time to check it out: www.parleylakewinery.com located in Waconia at 8280 Parley Lake Road.

Also coming this Summer from the Literary Committee will be their sponsoring a July Flash Fiction event. Writers are invited to submit one previously unpublished fiction story of 700 words or less and read their story to the public. No pressure there huh? Currently there is not any theme or word prompts applicable. Watch their webpage for further updates and information.

For any and all information, visit their webpage, full of interesting details, opportunities, and news. Also their art gallery new hours were announced. Wednesday, open 10 AM – 5 PM, Thursday, 10 AM to 5 PM and then at 6 PM until 8 PM > Friday, Saturday hours, 10 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday at 11 AM until 3 PM.

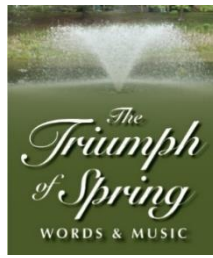
Schram's Vineyards

Don't forget about the Kentucky Derby party over at Schram's Vineyards on Saturday, May 4th at 3 PM – 7 PM.

There's also Friday night live music every weekend for the summer in the Tasting Rom. Perfect Pairings has a new menu announcement too. There is plenty of Patio seating to enjoy food, music, along with some fine wine.

Summer hours are now in place too. Winery hours: Tuesday and Wednesdays, 2 PM – 8 PM; Thursdays and Fridays, Noon till 9 PM; Saturday 11 AM – 9 PM and Sunday 11 AM to 6 PM. Be sure to check their webpage for more information about all that is happening in their vineyards. www.schramvineyards.com

Don't forget their Mother's Day event! Or if you are interested in their Bocce Leagues.



Schram Haus Brewery

Summer hours at the Schram Haus Brewery began in April. Tuesday's are reigniting Tuesday Trivia and Mafia at 6:30 PM. The doors are open at 4 PM and will close at 9 PM also introducing new weekly specials. Tuesdays and Thursdays join them for BOGOS. Fridays from noon until 5 pm you can start your BOGOS weekend. Wednesdays specials come and enjoy two beers and pizza. Spring Bags Leagues start May 1st. See their webpage for more information on what's going on at the Haus. www.schramhausbrewery.com

Did you know they have Limo Tours? Four hour experience called Schram's MN Wine and Beer tour. There's a date night, anniversary, just because gesture for you. (?)

Hey did you also hear that the Haus will be celebrating their 5th anniversary with a Haus party? On Saturday, May 18th party will begin at noon and will be filled with events, live music, food and all the party fun until 10 PM that night.

The Haus will again be celebrating Bres and Bones on Sunday, May 19th partnering with Southwest Metro Chamber to bring you even more fun It's the best dog and beer event of the year word is. That fun is from 3 PM until 6 PM. It's also a dog friendly event but dogs must be on leashes, folks. There will be vendors booths featuring veterinarians, food suppliers (for dogs, that is), and dog friendly businesses. There's a Pet Look-a-like contest planned, and a Best Dog Trick Contest too.



Community Highlights

May 2024

- May 1st Happy Birthday Barb!
- May 3rd Happy Birthday CarolAnne!
- May 4th Chanhassen HS Prom Night
Waconia HS Prom Night
Happy Birthday Anistasia!
- May 5th West Union Church Garden Starts and Plant Sale
Cinco de Mayo
Happy Anniversary Kris and Lee!
Happy Birthday Jim!
- May 6th Council Meeting
School Board Work Session
Happy Birthday Cassie!
- May 8th 39th Taste of Chaska
Happy Birthday Madison!
- May 9th Happy Birthday Chris!
- May 10th Happy Birthday Traci!
- May 11th Fishing Opening
East Union Church Plant Sale
Lions Shred It Event
Organic Waste Event
Mother's Day
- May 12th Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- May 13th Happy Birthday Breana!
- May 14th Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Coffee and Connect
Happy Birthday Tim!
- May 15th Planning Commission Meeting
- May 16th Occasional Shop Weekend Sales
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Southern Valley Alliance Open House/Ribbon Cutting
- May 17th Carver Business Alliance Meeting
Endangered Species Day
Happy Birthday Matthew!
- May 18th Cleanup Day
Bike Rodeo
Chaska HS Prom Night
Schram Haus Brewery 5th Anniversary Party
Happy Anniversary Erin and Luke!
- May 19th Happy Birthday Scheryl!
- May 20th Council Meeting
School Board Meeting
Happy Birthday Tiffany!
- May 21st Happy Anniversary Leon and Scheryl!
Happy Birthday Julie!
- May 23rd Happy Birthday Jackman!
- May 27th Memorial Day
No School
- May 28th Coffee and Connect
Happy Birthday Keith!
- May 30th Happy Birthday Craig!
- May 31st Happy Birthday Karolyn's
Happy Anniversary Bruce and Bonnie!



Making mistakes while navigating through life is nothing to be ashamed of. The goal is to lead a fulfilling life, not a flawless one.

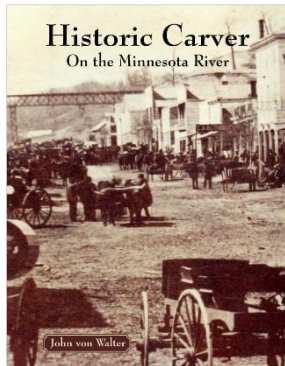


Historic Carver

Submitted by: John von Walter
Carver-on-the-Minnesota is doing a 2nd printing of the book *Historic Carver on the Minnesota River* which should be out in within the following days. A Historic Carver Presentation and book signing at the Carver City Hall is being planned for the near future. Stay tuned for further information.

The sneak preview of the new book cover

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Victoria Classic Car Nights

Victoria Classic Car Nights are about to begin for the 2024 summer season. The Victoria Business Association organizes this event. The dates are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays beginning in June (12th and 26th), July (10th and 24th), and then in August (the 14th and 28th.) Shows will begin at 5 PM until 8 PM with street food and live music. It's a free event and a walk down nostalgic lane with food, fun, music and wonderful memories for so many to relish walking and seeing these treasures.



Yellow Brick Comedy

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

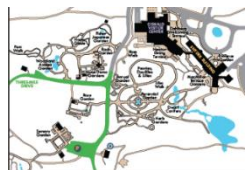
Where Laughter is No Joke

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."

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 May. There are however ongoing programs happening all the time there. There are classes, yoga, gallery exhibits, knit and stitch, walks, 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 One highlight if you don't have your Mother's Day plans firmed up. There is a Mother's Day Boxed Picnic Lunch from 11 AM to 2 PM on Sunday, May 12th. Invited to come and share in the blooms and take a stroll through the gardens.



Cars and Caves Car Shows

The Cars and Caves Car Shows have opened the 2024 season over in Chanhassen. Doors officially opened in April kicking off this year's enthusiasts dreams to be shine with pride as they exhibit their pride and joys in the cars of the everyone's nostalgic past. You can relive those memories. Come visit the last Saturday of the month through September over in Chanhassen. They are hosted by Chanhassen AutoPlex and this is all possible with 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.

Show dates are listed; and note 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. Classics will be displayed May 25th. In June it will be the Italian cars; Ferrari, Maserati, Fiat, Lambo and so on. July will feature American on the Saturday the 27th. The British, MG, Mini, Aston, Jag, McLaren will be presented August 31st. September 28th 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 15th, June 29th, July 17th and August 21st.

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

West Union Lutheran

Church

West Union church congregation is holding a "Garden Starters and Plants Sale" on Sunday, May 5th starting at 10 AM until 1 PM. They will be offering vegetable, herbs and flower plants (starters?), houseplants and seeds. Where? 15820 Market Avenue, Cologne.



Chaska Valley Family Theatre

In June the Chaska Valley Family Theatre will be proudly performing The Addams Family production. More details next month, but early bird tickets for almost certain will be available soon, check their webpage. That performance is scheduled for June 21st through the 30th, usually weekends. THE EARLY BIRD promo code for discounted tickets to Addams Family is live now through May 15th!



Chaska Valley Family Theatre just announced recently that their 204 Christmas show will be "A Christmas Story". The production team and auditions will be announced later this summer.

Spring slot teasers are coming too. As writing began, their teaser was announced. Something Rotten will be coming next spring to the Chaska Valley Family Theatre. They have one more announcement coming yet.

The theatre is also introducing a new summer opportunity for teens called, "Summer Teen Intensive." Teen aspiring actors are invited to dive into creativity and performances for camp. Students ages twelve through eighteen will sharpen their acting skills, learn the ropes of stagecraft and bring a show to life under the guidance of teaching artists. Registrations were held in April. Teen Intensive will be performing Teen Intensives "Mean Girls Jr on August 5th - 10th."

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

Registration for the Adult Choir if you are interested is a six week session, two hours each. May and June sessions remain. 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?

The CVFT Tap Dance Class is sold out, as is the Musical Theatre Dance classes, also sold out.

However, need more information, questions, need more details? www.cvft.org

Camp Emoji

See the Flyer at the end of the newsletter with more information of places, dates, times and grades for the 2024 summer.

Ever heard of Camp Emoji? Neither has this author. Registration is through:

www.district112.ce.eleyo.com - partnership with school district and Relate Counseling Center.

Designed to have kids explore their feelings with this interactive camp to help kids learn, manage and identify emotions. Engaging in skill and community building, movement activities, and art. Camps will be held at Chanhassen Elementary School, Victoria Elementary and Jonathan Elementary. Well, you'll see on the flyer if you are interested.



"A mistake repeated more than once is a choice" ~Paulo Coelho



Chaska Historical Society

Noticed on their webpage that there are also dates for May for the Mayhem in Chaska walking tour.

Last month's print: "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 19th and early 20th 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, May 3 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 PM

If interested.

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. www.chaskahistory.org

Don't forget too get your very own Chaska Brick Soap that resembles the Chaska bricks from the Brick Yard.

Carver County Historical Society



The Carver County Historical Society wants everyone to know that they are offering a kid's history camp again this year for kids, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and will held in the afternoons beginning June 19th through the 21st.

The posting was on the Carver Life site/Facebook. Contact the county historical society for more information or to get registration details. The name of the camp, "Name of the Game Camp." County's historical site is 8060 State Highway 5, Andrew Peterson Farmstead. Near as this editor could surmise, it is not held in town of Waconia at their main site, but rather at the historic farmstead, added bonus. More to see.

States: "Games. Team game, solo games, card games, board games – the list is endless Games are one of the most popular recreational pastimes and have been throughout history." Their intent and their spin of previous camp is to explore old games, games from around the world and fun ways to get outside. They will learn games rules how to play and make versions to take home. Campers will be playing outdoor water games. Space is limited to ten kids.

Again, those dates are June 19th through the 21st beginning at noon until 4 PM. You can call with questions and ask for Jayna at 952-442-4234

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 <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver> or listen to audio recordings of our sermons online at trinitycarver.com. Pastor Jander would enjoy meeting you. Please feel free to contact us anytime:

Office: Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver

Phone: 952-448-3628

Email: office@trinitycarver.com

"Self-care is not salt baths and chocolate cake. It's making the choice to build a life you don't need to escape from."

~ Brianna West



East Union Lutheran Church

East Union Lutheran church

First off, mark your calendars for the annual East

Union Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11th. (8 AM – noon)

See insert flyer for more details.



The congregation is all fired up about their new photo directories. Pictures will be taken starting May 16th through the 18th. Schedule your appointment on line if possible and don't forget to update all your pertinent information for the pastor. Questions regarding the directories can be directed to Chris Hallin, Brenda Lundquist or the church office.

Don't forget to check about the Heritage Scholarships for high school seniors planning to go on in fall. Applications will be due by Mary 21st.

Sunday school kids from the ages of 3 through 5th grade will be on Sundays at 10 AM. Also anyone interested in helping or volunteering, you are welcomed and contact the church office with your interest. On the same note, Vacation Bible School will be July 22nd through the 25th from 9 AM until 3 PM. Grades Kindergarten through 5th grades are eligible and there is not any registration fees. Registrations are due in the church office by July 1st.

Tuesday Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 AM at the Parish Center (East Union). PS: All are welcome and meet all summer.

Don't forget that the Towel Ministry at East Union has an active role with Love INC. There is also Food Shelf donations at the church. They also participate in Card Ministry where they send out cards to those who have signed up. Contact the office for more information. This team is also asking for unwanted card material no longer being used.

There is a Worship and Musci Team who invite you to consider helping with worship. They could use folks that would acolyte, bake homemade bread, deliver and decorate the alter, assist with Audio/Video system, offer special music and join the choir. Not asking much?

Last but not least, Remember the Memorial Day Honor Guard Service and Breakfast scheduled for May 27th. Summer is officially kicking off, mark your calendars for the East Union Ice Cream Social happening July 21st.

Dahlgreen Golf Course

Now tht we have winter behind us and the warmer weather is allegedly upon us, the golfers are out and courses are ready for you. Book a tee time at Dahlgreen's 18 hole course. Check their webpage for all the information you need, www.dahlgreen.com They are open for the 2024 season. May 4th they will be holding their first scheduled tournament, Nelly Memorial Spring Open with an 8 AM shot gun start. And there are more tournaments too. Eighteen holes to get your exercise, have fun, enjoy the scenery, nature, landscape and just enjoy the sport. There are men's, ladies and friend's leagues, a pro shop too. So get those clubs out of winter storage, book your tee time and head on over to Dahlgreen. Don't have clubs? Bet their Pro Shop or sports stores can get you all set up.



10 BEHAVIOURS OF GENUINE PEOPLE

1. They don't seek attention
2. They don't need a lot of stuff
3. They are consistent
4. They are not concerned with being liked
5. They are comfortable in their own skin
6. They can tell when others are full of it
7. They are not overly modest or boastful
8. They practice what they preach
9. They are not thin skinned
10. They do what they say, and what they mean

Eastern Carver County Schools



The interim superintendent met and sent the Chaska High School Robohawks off to World's in Houston Texas as they earned their place to compete in the national championships for the second time in three years.

Finalists for the new school superintendent as of the end April were Dr Erin Rathke and Dr Erick Hudspith.

For anyone interested: Over at the Chanhassen High School during May there are musical events planned. They include on Monday, May 13th is a Choir Concert at 6 PM in the Chanhassen Theatre; Thursday, May 16th at 7 PM also in the Chanhassen Theatre is an Orchestra Concert; Friday, May 17th at 6 PM at high school is a Jazz Band; and then on Tuesday May 21st at the Chanhassen Theatre will be a Band Concert.

While over at the Chaska High School their musical talents will be performing with a Jazz Band in the auditorium at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 8th. Orchestra Concert at Chanhassen High School, appears to be in collation with Chan HS on May 16th, Thursday at 7 PM. Wednesday, May 22nd in the Chaska Auditorium at 7 PM will be a Choir Concert.

Prom Night: Can't overlook that eventful passage into the big people's world, can we? Also snuck in Waconia's prom night which will be May 4th. That was all I could find. Now Chaska High School's Senior Prom night will be held at the Hazeltine National Golf Club on Saturday, May 18th beginning at 8 PM. Chanhassen High School's Senior Prom night will also be held at Hazeltine on Saturday, May 4th with the dance to begin at 8:30 PM.

Jumping ahead so that everyone is prepared. Friday, June 7th is Graduation Night in District 112/Eastern Carver County School District. The "Last Day of School" for the 2023-2024 School Year for Grades 6 through 12 will be Thursday, June 6th.

Carver Elementary will be hosting the 5th Grade performance of a Band Concert format on Monday, May 6th. Clover Ridge students for Carver kids attending that school, will be having their Field Day on Thursday, May 16th. Third Grades through 5th Grades time slots will be 8:30 AM until 10:50 AM; Kindergarten through 2nd Grade will be participating at noon until 2:05 PM. Clover Ridge PTO will be meeting at 9 AM on Monday, May 13th. On Thursday, May 9th there will be a Band and Choir Concert at 6 PM. Don't forget that the PTO Clover Ridge parents are sponsoring an Ice Cream Social from 4 PM to 6 PM on Monday, May 20th.

Last but not least, Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grades for the 2023-2024 School year will be Tuesday, June 4th.

For any and all school information, check their website (if you can); www.district112.org

Summer Art Camps



Another summer camps event with Mr Lenzmeier is being offered through Clover Ridge. Registration on line. The link is through the school's website, under schools (Clover Ridge), newsletter, scroll down until you reach "Summer Art Camps with Mr Lenzmeier and link to register. (Kinda' complicated) Cheat shortcut and apologize to school personnel in advance. Call the school and/or teacher, especially if you don't have a computer or access. (And yes, that is reality for some!)

Grades 1-3 Summer Art Camp with Mr. Lenzmeier Session 1
Grades 1-3 Summer Art Camp with Mr. Lenzmeier Session 2
Grades 4-6 Summer Art Camp with Mr. Lenzmeier Session 1
Grades 4-6 Summer Art Camp with Mr. Lenzmeier Session 2
Grades 7-9 Summer Art Camp with Mr. Lenzmeier
Questions: Mr.Lenzmeier

Carver County Parks

Carver County presents their annual special events with more information on their webpage. 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. If interested, be sure to check and get registered.

"The true secrets of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life."

~ William Morris

Three Rivers Parks



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.

Yvonna's Daycare

Looking for daycare? Yvonna's Daycare, licensed in-home daycare in Carver has some openings if you are interested in talking with her. She has an immediate slot open for full-time infant or a toddler. Yvonna is open Monday through Friday 6:30 AM until 5 PM and open for summer. She offers specialized infant/toddler expertise, has dedicated daycare space and a fenced in backyard. Call her for appointment and enrollment at 952-368-9709.



Yummy Eats

Yummy Eats posted on Carver Life that they want everyone to know that as of June 4th they will be participating at the Carver's Farmer Market every Tuesday. Yummy Eats is a food vendor serving Egg Rolls, Spring Rolls, Chicken Curry Noodle Soup, Banhmi Sandwiches, Mango with Sticky rice and beverages. Check them out on their Facebook page. The Yummy Eats posted on Carver Life on April 18th if you want to link to their Facebook page and for more information.



Apple Blossom Festival

How about the Apple Blossom Festival? Being hosted over at the Parley Lake Winery in Waconia, 8280 Parley Lake Road. Flyer reads, Saturday the 11th of May and Sunday, May 12th at noon until 6 PM. Invited to join "for a delightful celebration of Spring's beauty, admission is free and there is something for everyone." Vendors, live music, food trucks and photo mini-sessions all being offered. Also, tractor rides, gift bags, wine discounts, and more. Sunday's treat is singer/songwriter, Becky Rae Dalton on stage at noon until 2:30 PM. Then to entertain everyone at 3:30 PM until 6 PM also on Sunday, you will be serenaded by Nikki Walsh and Ben Siems.



Happy Mother's Day to each and every mom out there in the world!!!!!!



Gossip - Not Gossip

Hocus Pocus has officially become the Chief Head Nut for finding exciting news be it true or false to delight y'all. Hocus Pocus comes from a long line of Witchy Good Witches from the far northwestern regions of North America. She has lots of positive magic in her deep, and tall hat of tricks. She conspires with Wendy Wind from far northeastern shores of not allowed to say where exactly, it's a secret, you know. To say she is an assistant would be considered an insult so we'll just leave it as is. Please be sure if you have any news you wish to share or even just antidotes you would like to share, send them to villagertower@carvercurrent.com and the editor will see that the gals get them to do their fair share here. Thanks. And Welcome ladies. It's official. As you can see, they were busy this last month scrounging up all the 'gossip - not gossip' that they could conjure up for y'all. Job well done, wouldn't you say?

According to the Tri-county ABATE Carver Motorcycle club on Facebook, their Motorcycle Ride is on: Saturday, May 6th with registration beginning at 10 AM at the Dog House Bar in Carver. Ride to start at noon, rain or shine. There are door prizes throughout the ride. There were also other events going on that they participate in. They are on Facebook: MN Tri-County A.B.A.T.E. Ride on! Have fun and watch out for motorcycles.

Announcement was posted that tickets are on sale at the Hazeltine National Golf Club for the US Amateur Championship where the best amateur golfers are descending upon for the 124th US Amateur Championship.

According to CoPilot:

The 124th U.S. Amateur Golf Championship is set to take place at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota from August 12-18, 2024. This prestigious event showcases the world's best amateur golfers competing for the championship title. Fans can purchase tickets to witness these future stars of the game as they vie for the coveted Havemeyer Trophy. If you're a golf enthusiast, this is an exciting opportunity to watch top talent on the fairways!

Tickets are now available for the 124th U.S. Amateur Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club. Don't miss out on the chance to see these talented golfers in action!

Hocus Pocus wanted to make sure that everyone was fully aware that the Governor's Fishing Opener was being held in Lake City on the Shores of Lake Pepin and the events are the weekend of May 11th.

Did you know that Carver has a rural aesthetic med spa? www.theruralaestheticmedspa.com

"while exploring all the incredible treatments we offer, you can enjoy our beautiful acreage, breathtaking views and relax in simplicity and bliss that nature has to offer. You may even see a miniature farm animal or two." Facebook page too.

Vehicle Fair coming to Carver in June at the Carver Station. Watch for more information.

Kurtesy Ride, a premium taxi service says that they are expanding their service to the west metro area. Also, a third car will be added to their fleet. Reserve a ride, text or call 952-797-2078 or schedule on line, www.kurtesyride.com

Southwest Media Publishing bit the dust this spring. Publishing ended their newspaper production on April 27th, 2024. Sad to see another hard copy publication fall to the massive cyberspace world of technology. All the newspapers effected include the Chaska Herald, Chanhassen Villager, Jordan Independent, Shakopee Valley News, Prior Lake American and Savage Pacer, as well as Southwest Saturday. Hutchinson and Litchfield are also affected with the closure. Crow Wing River Press also will cease operations. Memory serves me right, I think they were the publishers of the history book that this author wrote. This is heartbreaking and a sad day for journalists and reporters! Is it a dying art?

River City Days is holding a photo contest. Dates of this event is scheduled for July 26th through the 28th at Chaska Lions Park. For more information and details or to submit your photo, www.chaskarivcitydays.org/photo-contest

It's free to enter. Contest prizes, awards and certificates to be given. There are ten categories which include nature, pets, people, wildlife, landscapes, architecture, sunset, sunrises, transportation, still life, and youth classifications. Best in Show - Best in Category - and Honorable Mentions

Did you know that Chaska was the second city in the State to host in-person support groups according to Graham Johnson's article about support group for parents of addicted loved ones? Free meetings are held at Meadow Spring Church (old Chaska Theatre) on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Graham's full article is on the Carver Current web page; www.carvercurrent.com

Parent's Night out highlighted by Eden Prairie's Macaroni Kids reminds those of you seeking a babysitter for Parent's Night Out events of May's themed nights. The first being held May 3rd with a theme of Flower Power. Then again, on May 17th's theme Under the Sea. Both on Friday's from 5:30 until 8:30 PM at the Chaska Community Center in Chaska.

Also be sure to check out Macaroni Kids for their whole list of summer camps, if interested. (www.carver.macaronikid.com) Basketball Camp, Inventor Camp, and Football Camp. If interested, check it out.

Some other Macaroni Kids announced events you might want to check on are: Friday, May 3rd, A Midsummer Night's Dream; Saturday, May 4th, Kid's Workshop, both held in Eden Prairie; Chaska, the 4th an Earth Day Celebration or in Chanhassen, Arbor Day Tree Planting event; Sunday, May 5th, Spring Petting Zoo or Bike Rodeo both in Chaska; Monday, May 6th over in Chanhassen, Gnomadic Gnome; and of course reminder again of Wednesday, May 8th, Chaska's Taste of Chaska; Tuesday, May 14th in Chaska, Nature at Night (RSVP) and last, but not least, in Chaska, Friday, May 17th is Food Truck Festival and Fundraiser.

Hey did you catch Graham's article about the "Warmest winter ever"? In his March 28th article he discussed the ideas of how and why, when climatologists addressed climate concerns at the annual MN state on climate discussions. It was said per Graham, "the winter of 2023-2024 would go down in history as tied for the warmest winter ever recorded in Minnesota history." Tracking Minnesota weather dates back to 1820. Remember the 2022-2023 being the third snowiest on record? Thanks Graham!

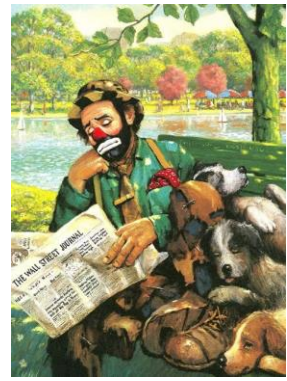
Hocus Pocus stumbled across an article that caught her eye and felt it deserved repeating. A Chaska graduate attending the University of Nebraska and is a sophomore was named Champion College Golfer. He has quite an impressive scoring card with lots of credits. The article was on the carver current webpage if you want to read the entire article. Mr Johnson was also the only golfer in the Omaha tournament who finished under par. Congratulations!

Posted on Carver life recently: Summer Speech Sessions per Ms Wasserman. Offers flexible scheduling. Check it out. www.letschatspeech.com. Be sure to use that wording or you get a whole bunch of other sites. The services provided on this site read: "Screening, evaluation, and direct therapy are provided in the home or childcare setting for children in Chaska, Carver, Victoria, and neighboring communities. Online therapy may also be available if appropriate." If interested, check it out.

Carver Life posting for the Carver Ridge Senior Living invites all those interested to come to their Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, May 4th from 10 AM until 1 PM. There are new crafters joining them at this craft event. Don't know where it is? 920 Sixth Street West, Carver (site of the old bus garage). You can, I bet all kinds of lost art craft items that have been lost with progression. Plus you will meet really cool people there too.

Were you even aware that on April 24th it was celebrated as "International Guide Dog Day"?

You did know about the Free Community Monday Meals at St John's Lutheran Church in Chaska? Facebook and Carver Life usually post their menu offer. Take Away Meals available from 5:15 to 6:15 PM or until meals are no longer available.



12th Annual Canoe / Kayak

Summer is underway...Carver-on-the-Minnesota is again hosting the 12th Annual Canoe/Kayak Trip on Saturday, June 22nd. It is a free event but donations are always appreciated and welcomed.

This is a three to four hour canoe trip on the historic MN River starting in Jordan at the boat landing to Carver's Riverside Park in Carver.

You can use your own equipment or hour contact Carver-on-the-Minnesota to rent or availability of equipment to participate.

See the attached flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.



City of Carver Mayor

Hot off the presses as completion of this edition was wrapping up and able to submit for you! Wendy Wind caught this in the breeze as it filtered through the entire Carver Community!!!!!! What a catch!

Courney says; "Good afternoon! I'm reaching out to invite you to my Mayor's Office Hours, on Saturday, May 4 from 9 - 11 a.m. It will take place in the Broadway Room on the first floor of City Hall - 316 Broadway.

This is your opportunity to stop in and say "hi," give feedback, share ideas, and ask questions about all things in the City of Carver. This will be a casual open house-style meeting format with no formal presentation, so please feel free to join me any time between 9 - 11 a.m.! All are welcome, so please feel free to share this invite with your Carver friends and neighbors.

While Saturday's opportunity will be my last formally scheduled quarterly Office Hours until September (the next one will be on Sept. 7 - during Steamboat Days), I am *always* available to meet by appointment. If you can't make it on Saturday or if you'd like to schedule a meeting for a different date, please either reply to this email or call/text me at 612.702.7703.

I hope to see you on Saturday!"



20th Sisters Saturday

Ever heard of it? It's been going on for 20 years and is an annual event held usually, no always held in May. So what's Sister Saturday you are asking yourselves? It's held, been held in Waconia. You remember where Waconia is, don't you? The date this year is Saturday, May 11th. The fun begins at 9 AM and runs until 4 PM. What? All the participating businesses in Waconia participate is what the Co-Pilot said. (Actually it was Hocus Pocus who got the information.) During this event you are invited to enjoy the deals and steal at thirty Waconia businesses. Be it shopping or dining you seek. The event is for everyone. The first fifty people receive free SWAG BAGS. But you have to be one of the first fifty to arrive at 9 AM. You can get these at Mackenthun's, and Mystic Fortress Games. You are encouraged to wear Pink!? Why? To add extra fun to the day is why. (Secret code: you just might get additional deals if you wear pink!) It is a great opportunity to explore Waconia, shop and dine.

There will be specials all over town at the shops, the bars and even at the restaurants. Side bar: notation was made that this event usually coincides at the MN Fishing Opener. Imagine that? Coincidence? Think not. Certainly can't be retaliation, now could it guys?

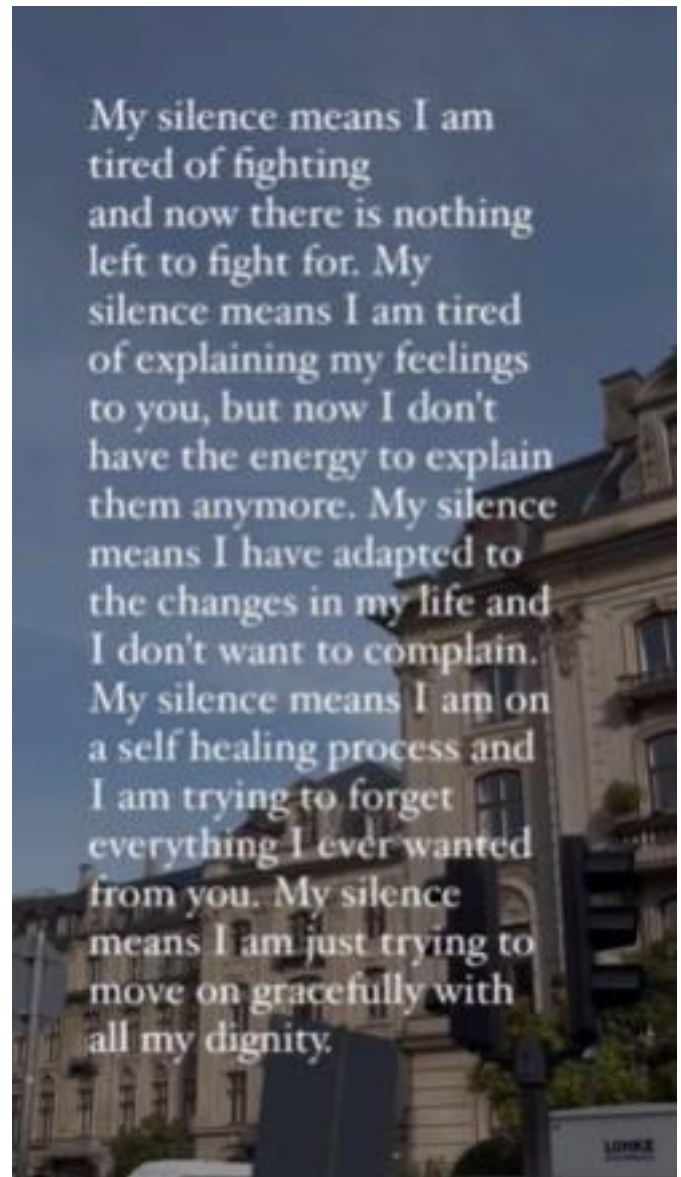
Oh yea, also found that at 11 AM over at Bode Grays in Waconia, Jason Paulson and Mike Gleason will be performing. Then also at 6:30 PM you will find them performing at the Brass Hat to extend the Sister Saturday event! And there you have all I could find about this. Almost forgot, the event is hosted by what I could find, so if anyone is left out, apologies extended way in advance. Hosts include: American Legion, Waconia, Nice Shirt Co, Shape it Up Fitness, Waconia Chamber, Schram's Vineyards, and Home Town Bank. More?



Prom Origins

Proms are thought of as an iconic rite of passage. The history of proms date back to the late 19th century. The concept of proms relates to a celebratory event for young adolescents traces back to ancient Greece. Elite men held formal banquets to honor their transition into adult society consisting of lavish dinner parties, music, speeches and revelry, and excessive wine intake. Romans also celebrated a similar banquet. Then in the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe, women participated in aristocratic formal dances and balls. Its popularity grew. Debutante Balls were considered coming-out ceremonies for the elite. The first American proms originally referred to as 'promenade' consisted of leisurely walk, evolving to college festivities danced in formal attire. First proms hold a mystique about them as historical records mention "Junior Prom." Then the popularity spread to high school which became democratized version of the debutante ball. Eventually proms became inclusive events, allowing young adolescent to wear fancy attire, adorn corsages and waltz the night away. The tradition continued to evolve encompassing limousines, flowers, photography and extravagant invitations. Proms have ultimately grown from their aristocratic origins transforming into cherished traditions celebrating youths.

Additionally a tradition came about for a "Prom King and Prom Queen." Both honorary titles awarded by election in school-wide voting. Selection method is similar to homecoming queen and king traditions.





HÉROES DEL CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 2, 2024

7:20-9:00 AM

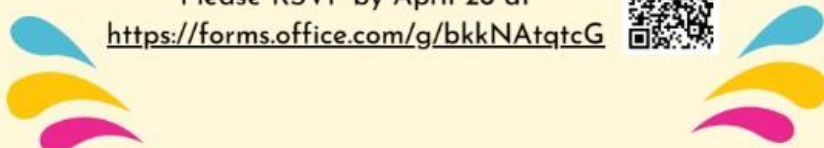
CHASKA EVENT CENTER

The Chaska Rotary and Carver County Public Health invite you to the 3rd annual Héroes del Cinco de Mayo Celebration. This event will honor organizations and individuals who work to improve the health and well-being of diverse communities.

Join us for a delicious breakfast, music, networking, and presentations from Latino LEAD.

Please RSVP by April 26 at

<https://forms.office.com/g/bkkNAtqtcG>



How Does Your Garden Grow?

GARDEN STARTERS & PLANTS

VEGETABLE, HERB AND FLOWER PLANT STARTS
AS WELL AS HOUSEPLANTS AND FREE SEEDS

MAY 5 10-1PM
WEST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH



CVFT ADULT CHOIR

SING WITH US!

CVFT Adult Choir (6 Week Session)

This registration is for 6 sessions (2 hours each).

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dates: 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22

This choir is designed for adults ages 16+

Apr 13, 2024, 10:00 AM
- Jun 22, 2024, 12:00 PM

CVFT Warehouse,
4280 Norex Dr, Chaska,
MN 55318, USA

Register Now



CARVER COUNTY FAIR

EXHIBITOR OPEN HOUSE

Curious about being part of the Carver
County Fair?

Stop by:

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Time: 1 pm–5 pm
Carver County Fairgrounds
For All Ages

Livestock & Non-livestock

**There will be demonstrations, FFA,
4-H representation, and hands-on experiences
including showing animals and games.**
Fair dates are August 7–11, 2024

Yard and Garden Organic Waste Event

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Carver Station - 1607 Hartwell Drive
FREE event open to all City of Carver residents

** IDs will be checked*

Accepted items include leaves, plants and flowers,
grass clippings, garden waste, mulch, and
brush and branches (anything less than 3 feet in length).

Items NOT accepted include paper and plastic products,
food scraps, dirt, rocks, landscape fabric,
construction materials, and related items.



Spring 2024 Plant Walks!

**Presented by Dream of Wild Health and
the Indigenous Food Network.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR IN-PERSON PLANT WALKS
WITH HOPE FLANAGAN AND ANTHONY BARELA TO
LEARN ABOUT EDIBLE PLANTS AND PLANT
MEDICINES!



• **4/25, 1-3p: Crosby Regional Park**
2595 Crosby Farm Rd., St. Paul, 55116

• **5/2, 1-3p: Minnehaha Falls**
**We will be meeting just east of Sea Salt*

• **5/7, 1-3p: Bloomington Ferry Trail Bridge**
Bloomington, MN, 55438, meet at the parking lot

• **5/21, 1-3p: Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden**
1 Theodore Wirth Parkway, meet by the entrance

RAIN OR SHINE!

PLEASE RSVP WITH:

Kateri@dreamofwildhealth.org
Anthony@dreamofwildhealth.org





The Taste of Chaska

Wednesday, May 8th



4:00 - 8:00 pm



Located at Firemen's Park
3210 Chaska Blvd.



If severe weather occurs, the backup date is May 15th.

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.



SPRING PLANT SALE

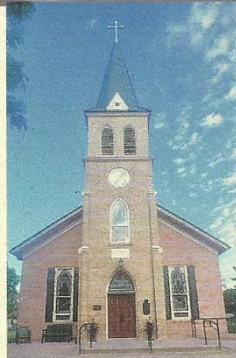
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HOMEMADE BAKE SALE

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**





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& RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY


LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

SCAN TO RSVP



MAY 16 • 3-6PM
103 3RD AVE E
SHAKOPEE, MN 55379

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL INFO@SVAMN.ORG



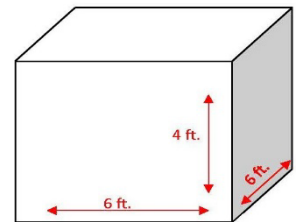


CLEAN UP DAY

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 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

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:

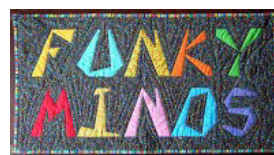
CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com

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
Family
Event!*



CAMP EMOJI

SUMMER 2024

JOY, SADNESS, ANGER, & FEAR

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Come explore your feelings in this interactive camp designed to help students learn about, manage, and identify emotions. Students will engage in skill and community building, movement activities, and art to increase their emotional vocabulary and coping skills.

Location: Chanhassen Elementary School

- Grades K-2 | June 24-27: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Grades 3-5 | June 24-27: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Victoria Elementary School

- Grades 3-5 | July 15-18: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Grades K-2 | July 15-18: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Jonathan Elementary School

- Grades K-2 | July 29-August 1: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Grades 3-5 | July 29-August 1: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- Grades 3-5 | August 5-8: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Grades K-2 | August 5-8: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

This program is free - limited spaces are available.

Registration information:

WWW.DISTRICT112.CE.ELEYO.COM

In partnership with Relate Counseling Center





Join Carver on the Minnesota for our 2024 canoe/kayak trip

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

Carver on the Minnesota is hosting our 12th annual Minnesota River trip. This is a FREE event, but donations are always very much appreciated.

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

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

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

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

The trip will take place Saturday, June 22nd, beginning at 10am, and ending at approximately 1pm. The event will take place rain or shine, but would be postponed to the 29th for dangerous weather or river conditions.

For more information and to make reservations, contact us by 6/15/24.

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



CARVER VEHICLE FAIR

Thursday, June 27

6:00-8:00pm

Carver Station, Carver

FREE



- ~ Public Service Vehicles
- ~ Sheriff Vehicles
- ~ Fire Truck
- ~ Food Trucks
- ~ Face Painter
- ~ 23' Inflatable Fire Truck Slide
- ~ MORE!

