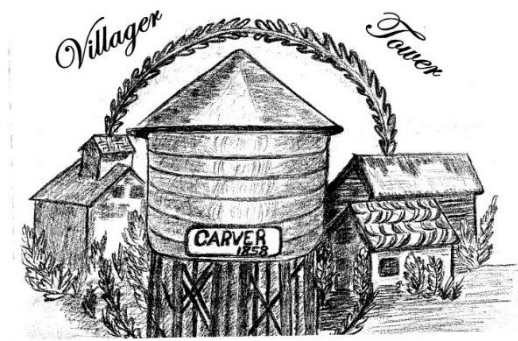




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### *Courtney's Message*

See the City's website for Courtney's monthly update



### *Villager Tower*

As you can see from the format and lack of quality and usual practices, something is very wrong with this picture. It is at this point in my life that I am forced to reevaluate my priorities and at this stage it turns out that it is my health and am not going to be able or even able at this point to do the newsletter it's due justice.

As it turns out, I got sick, very sick and unable to focus, or even function properly to finish this issue and am afraid the time has come to forfeit this venture. If I, the editor, creator and owner can not do it with my full attention to detail, then it is not acceptable. Unfortunately, at this point that is the where it is standing and the time has come to call it quits. I am not even happy with how this one is going to end up being published but there is nothing I can do about it. The brain, the body and the dexterity is null and void. So I apologize in advance and thank everyone who has supported this venture all throughout the years. I also apologize for my inability to even do this month's issue it's due justice.

### *Levee Improvement Project*

The Assistant City Engineer reviewed the certified levee project improvements with the council and the Heritage Preservation Concept Plan approval. The city has identified the need to complete substantial improvements to the city's river levee, a critical infrastructure requiring maintenance. The current levee was constructed in the sixties after historic 1965 flood. Throughout the decades improvements continued to be made. However, it no longer meets the standards of the US Army Corps of Engineers or the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The levee is in place to protect the historic district and its residents. With that being said, the staff presented the proposed project to the Heritage Preservation Commission to ensure that the projected infrastructure improvements compliment the historic district. The HPC reviewed the presentation with a variety of concepts considered for visual purposes upon completion. Initial feedback from the HPC gave the staff direction for developing a concept plan. Materials and finishes were discussed. A concept was also presented relating to the voiding a foundation for the masonic lodge ruins within the district. Also a shed foundation outside the district was proposed to be removed. With the next phase, the concept was returned to the HPC members which was reviewed and approved. After the project proceeds through design, the staff will present this final plan to the HPC and the council for final approvals.

### *Community Survey*

The representative, Peter Leatherman from the Morris Leathermann Company presented the results from the Community Survey conducted to the council. Four hundred residents were contacted via phone interviews during the month of March. These results were reviewed by the council. Future discussions will be held to develop strategies and draft the following steps to be taken.

### *Third Street Bridge Project*

The Assistant City Engineer presented information relating to the contracts for the Third Street West Bridge project. Bids were received and the MnDOT State Fund office provided final funding encumbrance letter and the grant agreement has been prepared. Upon the award of the construction contract and execution of the grant agreement then construction may begin. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution awarding the contract to SM Hentges an Son for the said amount for the bridge replacement project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing the execution of the local bridge replacement program grant agreement with the state Department of Transportation for the bridge replacement project.

### *Joint Powers Agreement*

The City Manager discussed with the council the Joint Powers Agreement for Data Access with the county. The council was told that the Sheriff's office had been working with emergency management personnel and city managers to develop an agreement on management and operation of encrypted radio communications utilized for high secure and sensitive communications. The use of encrypted radios prevents private data from being distributed to the general public or other unauthorized personnel. The agreement establishes rules and regulations for Fire Department personnel authorized to access encrypted radio frequency used by the Sheriff's office. The proposed agreement identifies operational duties and

responsibilities, distribution process and management of associated data, as well as a general indemnification provision. The Fire Chief and the City Attorney have reviewed this agreement.

### *Miscellaneous*

The Finance Direction discussed the financial status with the council. The 2023 audit had been completed and accounts need to be closed. Recommendation was submitted closing special revenue accounts allowing for a cleaner, easier financial report. Other accounts were also reviewed and discussed for appropriate actions to be taken.

### *2024 Utility Improvements Project*

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the 2024 Utility Improvements Project with the council updating them on all the incidental and large items requiring attention. Council action required involved approval of the Utility Improvement plans.

The project included work on the sites, Well 1, 3 sites and Well 4, along with Water Tower 2 site and Water Tower # 2. The work is scheduled to occur in the fall of 2024 and 2025. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding contract to Killmer Electric Company in the said amount for the 2024 Utility Improvements Project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes awarding contract to Tanksco in said amount for the Water Tower #2 reconditioning project.

### *Conservation Area Policy*

The City Attorney discussed the Conservation Area Policy with the council for approval of the policy, ordering and installation of stickers identified in the policy. Developers have been required since 2016 to install signage identifying conservation areas. The various types of areas described were listed to the council at their meeting. With the increased development recently these areas have increased within the city. Questions involving said areas has also increased leading the staff to request a formal policy document for guidelines to address the issue accurately and effectively. At the same time it would also serve as an educational tool. A drafted policy was reviewed and discussed.

The city attorney provided an overview of the city's conservation areas and the policy directive consistent with state and local regulations. Staff will order and install identification stickers on existing conservation signs to identify the applicable type of conservation area. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Conservation Area Policy, the ordering and installation of stickers identified in the policy

### *Street Speeds*

The city manager discussed with the council the concept of speed limit reductions on residential streets. The council requested participation from the Sheriff's personnel to share perspectives on existing driver behaviors potential impacts to driving habits if reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph were to occur, along with the costs and expectations related to enforcement if such a change were to occur. It is anticipated that the Commander with the sheriff's office would participate in a discussion. The council prior had been given speed limit information on residential street along with an overview of strategies taken by other cities.

### *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. July's meeting has been cancelled.

### *Carver Current*

Have you checked out the Carver Current website? Looking for local information? Go to Carver Current website to get information you didn't know you needed. It is also where you will find the local newsletter relating to the City of Carver, "Villager Tower." There is all kinds of valuable information on this site too. You can also post information on this website. You can find links too at Carver Current. Just another way to stay in touch and know what is happening locally in the Carver area.

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### *Carver Baseball Softball Association*

Check their website for information

### *Southwest Transit*

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

You do know that you can take the bus to the MN Twins home games? Check their webpage for all the information under Twins Express. Reference past newsletters or their webpage for their Concert Series services in the cities. Lots of services.



### *Carver Black Sox*

Have you checked out your local team? Check their website for additional information, [www.carverblacksox.com](http://www.carverblacksox.com).

Let the games begin! Summer season is officially here! Support your local team! Go to their webpage for game times, locations and competitors!

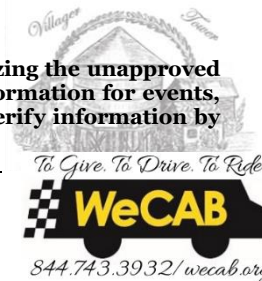


Did you hear or did you attend the Carver Black Sox game at the Chaska Athletic Park where they played against the Chaska Cubs? If you didn't then let's share some positive information, shall we? The sales from that event were put towards a First Responders Scholarship fund in Carver County. The event was also titled, "First Responders Nite"! The SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce sold burgers at the event that night to benefit the scholarship fund. Also sold that evening were special Challenge Coins. So, a huge shout out to the Carver Black Sox, the Chaska Cubs and to SouthWest Metro Chamber, as well as their sponsor, Structures, Inc. Good going guys and gals!!!! Job well done!

### *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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### *WeCab*

Hey everyone, don't forget if Southwest Transit can't help you out, there is still another organization to assist in getting people from Point A to Point B and back. It's WeCab. Visit their web page for more information, [www.wecab.org](http://www.wecab.org)

They are a network of volunteers with the mission to provide safe, affordable, and supplemental transportation for worship services, medical appointments, access to metro transit, local businesses shopping, community services and even to run errands. They will assist you seven days a week as the drivers are available. Trips need to be reserved on Thursday for Saturday, Sunday and Monday trips. They will accept ride requests for Carver County and Westonka, Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. The communities served are Westonka, Maple Plain, Minnetrista, Mound, Navarre, Spring Park, St Bonifacius, Carver County, Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, Mayer, New Germany, Victoria, Waconia, and Watertown. They are dependent on volunteers ( if interested in doing that, contact them too ). Their volunteer opportunities are very flexible. They always need Volunteers for driving and dispatchers. Did you know that you could even dispatch from home?

### *Carver Lions*

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

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



Their Facebook page is still down. The Lions are also on their summer schedule through August where they meet the third Wednesday of the month. The Lions Youth Exchange picnic at the Community Park will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11 AM until approximately 5 PM. The Lions host a picnic and activities for the foreign exchange students. The Fire Department gives a tour of the fire station and students get to try on turn out gear and learn some other things from the firefighters. The kids love it.

Dean Nelson is the new Lions President and Kim Duitsman is their Treasurer. Watch their web page for a full list of new officers. [www.carverlions.org](http://www.carverlions.org)

### *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 July 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Some Shops in Carver:

- Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook/Instagram - 2024 OPEN
- Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates
- Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook
- Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – [www.rippleartstudio.com](http://www.rippleartstudio.com)
- Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB
- The Good Junk Garage – Facebook
- Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook
- The Funky Dove – Facebook
- Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook
- Getaway Motor Café – Facebook / Instagram
- Strains of the Earth – 300 Broadway Street, Carver / Facebook
- Mizzy's - website / Facebook

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### *2024 Summer Events*

Listed below are some 2024 summer events found for you to partake in and there is probably, no there are more but can't list them all. Feel free to submit any event you wish to announce or share. [ [Villagertower@carvercurrent.com](mailto:Villagertower@carvercurrent.com) ]

- July 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Chanhassen
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Celebration – Eden Prairie
- July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – Taste of Minnesota – Nicollet Mall [ 11 AM – 8 PM ]
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – Fire and Ice Celebration
- July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – Riversong Music Festival – Hutchinson
- July 13<sup>th</sup> - Minnewashta Mud Run – Chanhassen
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Rising Community Festival – Mayer
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> - BBQ Days – Belle Paine



July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Scott County Fair - Jordan  
July 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Glad Days – Cologne  
July 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Rails and Trails – Watertown  
July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – River City Days – Chaska

### *Dahlgreen Golf Course*

Heard about the Bubba's Big Cup Memorial? Registration is open. The tournament is happening on July 6<sup>th</sup> with an 8 AM Shotgun Start. Formerly known as Bubba's Big cup Open. Earlier this spring, Dahlgreen long time employee, Bubba passed away. It was Bubba's idea for a big cup tournament. Although, he is gone, his memory lives on with the Bubba's Big Cup Memorial. Come and join in on the fun in his memory.

For other tournament information, dates, times, etc, check the course's webpage: [www.dahlgreen.com](http://www.dahlgreen.com)

### *Carver-on-the-Minnesota*

Submitted by: Carver-on-the-Minnesota

Do you love Carver? Does the history of Carver intrigue you? Is it important to you that Carver's history be preserved?

We feel the same way. We're Carver On The Minnesota, LLC, the non-profit civic organization responsible for the many historic kiosks around the city. But we're more than that. We hold public events to engage Carver enthusiasts in its history and community, like our annual Tree Lighting in Gazebo Park the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the opportunity to view the inside of The Church By The River during Steamboat Days, as well as periodic public presentations on aspects of Carver's history. One of our pivotal members, John von Walter, recently released a 500-page book on the History of Carver which sold out its initial hardcover printing (it's now available in paperback). And we have many more events planned.

If you'd like to be involved in Carver On The Minnesota, or just want to find out more about the organization, we invite you to attend our next monthly meeting: Tuesday, July 9 at 9:00 AM at the Getaway Motor Café. We'll buy you a cup of coffee and a breakfast roll just for taking the time to attend. Can't make that date and time? Join our Facebook Group, Carver On The Minnesota, and send us a message. We can arrange a more convenient time.



### *Bark in the Park*

Bark in the Park event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 PM until 8 PM at the Fireman's Park in Chaska. Every is invited to come join in on the fun-filled day with your furry friend! Come and explore booths from local vendors, participate in social dog walks, and indulge in a variety of fun activities tailored for dogs. This is a perfect opportunity to connect with the dog-loving community and give your pup an unforgettable experience. Don't miss this paw-some day

### *South West Metro Chamber*

Check their website



### *Chaska Valley Family Theatre*

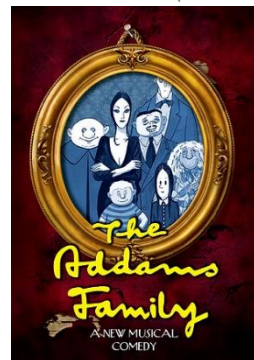
The theatre also introduced a new summer opportunity for teens called, "Summer Teen Intensive." Sorry, registration closed presently, maybe next time? It's for teen aspiring actors to dive into creativity and performances. Students ages twelve through eighteen will sharpen their acting skills, learn the ropes of stagecraft and bring a show to life under the guidance of teaching artists. Teen Intensive will be performing Teen Intensives "Mean Girls Jr on August 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

Adult Choir is underway. Check their web page for up to date information. 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.

Some other tidbits to check on: Chaska Valley Family Theatre the 2024 Christmas show will be "A Christmas Story". The production team and auditions will be announced later this summer. Something Rotten will be coming next spring to the theatre. Still another announcement heralded by the Head Cheese was that in the summer of 2025 the theatre group will be going under the sea with SpongeBob Square Pants Musical! Be sure to watch their web page and Facebook for updates, audition times and the production team!

Need more information, questions, need more details? [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org)



### *Victoria Classic Car Nights*

Victoria Classic Car Nights is gearing up for their 2024 summer season. The Victoria Business Association organizes this event. The dates are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays beginning in June ( 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> ), July ( 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> ), and then in August ( the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.) 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.



## Schram's Vineyards

Check their website



## Schram Haus Brewery

Schram Haus Brewery celebrated their 5th Anniversary on May 18th with an all day and night Haus party. Were you there to help them celebrate?

Music, classes, trivia nights, food trucks, fundraisers, and workshops is what you can expect to find at the Schram's Haus Brewery. Check their events calendar for who, what, when, where. June 25th is a planned Blood Drive by Memorial Blood Centers at 2 PM.

You will find food, beers, events, store, beer clubs, tap room, patio, beer garden, assorted food trucks, indoor and outdoor games. Check it out. [www.schramhausbrewery.com](http://www.schramhausbrewery.com) You can book private events too, did that get mentioned?

Last minute finds folks! Announcement was caught before it was too late. Social Sundays are back at the Haus! They said; "We've got our awesome bar, and now, Root Beer Floats for the kiddos using the super tasty @northern soda." Everyone is invited to bring their entire gang in. "Because nothing says "Family Fun" like kids on a sugar high and parents with a cold brew!"

Schram Haus Brewery also announced their Father's Day plans. They will be hosting an afternoon which will include great music, delicious beer, and tasty food. Perfect setting for all the dads out there. Right? Live music will be performed by the Tuxedo band in the Beer Garden. Craft beer and beverages will be available. Food truck has been scheduled. Taco Taco will be serving up eats along with the Haus kitchen which will also be open for business. They also said that you can't forget the classic Father's Day treat. So Root Beer Floats will also be on the itinerary for the day's festivities honoring all those dads out there. Last but not least, there will be fun for all. Make it a memorable day for dear old dad and come the Haus for the day to celebrate.

## Arts Consortium

Check their website

## Cars and Caves Car Shows

Know what kind of car this is pictured? The 2024 Cars and Caves Car Show season is in full swing in Chanhassen.

Doors officially opened kicking off this year's exhibits. 2024 season will be ongoing through September. They are hosted by Chanhassen AutoPlex and this is possible with the sponsor support. They are also featured on the website, Explore MN.



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

Show dates are listed but it should be noted that each month is a featured theme with the makes of featured vehicles in the center of the campus. New hours are established for 2024. Show times are 9 AM to 1 PM. 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 June 29th, July 17th and August 21st.

You can find these car enthusiasts over at 8150 Audubon Road in Chanhassen. Website: [www.chanhassenautoplex.com](http://www.chanhassenautoplex.com)

## City of Carver Announcements

The city wants everyone to know the following: Jonathan Carver Parkway Prairie and Wildflower Planting Areas: The 2021 planned expansion on Jonathan Carver Parkway, a group of community members had gathered in 2019 creating a streetscape vision for the corridor. This design work led to the incorporation of prairie and wildflower planting areas throughout the corridor. It is a departure from the traditional manicured lawn, maintenance standards for a one seasonal mow this year creating the best environment for these areas to grow and thrive.



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church

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

See what's happening in our church on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver> or listen to audio recordings of our sermons online at [trinitycarver.com](http://trinitycarver.com).

Pastor Jander would enjoy meeting you. Please feel free to contact us anytime:

Office: Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver

Phone: 952-448-3628

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



## Enki Brewing Taproom

You do know about the Enki Brewing Taproom right? Website: [www.enkibrewing.com](http://www.enkibrewing.com)

1495 Steiger Lake, Victoria MN 55386 on the shores of Steiger Lake

Their hours of operation: Wednesdays 4 PM to 9 PM; Thursdays and Fridays, 4 PM to 10 PM; Saturdays, Noon till 10 PM; and finally, Sundays, Noon to 7 PM



## East Union Lutheran Church

What's happening at East Union Lutheran Church? Don't forget to mark your calendars for their Ice Cream Social coming up in July.

In the meantime, their Vacation Bible School will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday to Thursday from 9 AM until 3 PM for youngsters Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. No registration fee required, forms are available at [www.eulc.org](http://www.eulc.org) and they ask that you return them to the church office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon!

Also, if you are interested the congregation is holding "School Supply Give and Take Event"! They are hosting "Back-to School Give and Take event from 8 AM until noon on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Ne school supplies will be available for folks in the community who need to start the school year off well! For more information check their web site. Just betcha donations are welcome for the event to be held too.



## Stick's Tavern

Check their website



## Carver County Parks

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

It's much easier to 'google' carver county parks and go from there to find what you are after which at this point Day Camps. Registration recently opened for day camps. If interested, be sure to check and get registered.

The summer guide can be downloaded for the summer activities in the Carver County Parks. Lots of events for families and kids.

Check it out. In July is the Mud Fun Run planned. Parks in the county involved in all the fun include Lake Waconia Regional Park, Wasserman Lake Preserve, Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, Veterans Park/Chaska, and Baylor Regional Park.



## Three Rivers Parks

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

The Three Rivers Parks offer an extensive list of events for the 2024 summer. The list is too long and too many to share them all. The parks list include the following: Baer park Reserve, Baker Outdoor Learning Center, Bryant Lake Regional Park, Carver Park Reserve, Learning Nature Center, Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park, Cleary Lake Regional Park, Crow-Hassen Park Reserve, Elm Creek Park Reserve, Eastman Nature Center, Fish Lake Regional Park, French Regional Park, Gale Woods Farm, Hyland Lake Park Reserve, Richardson Nature Center, Highland Hills Skie Area Lake Minnetonka Regional Park Lake Revecca Park Reserve, Mississippi Gateway Regional Park, Murphy Hanrehan Park Reserve, Noerenberg Gardens, Silverwood Park, Sochacki Park, Spring Lake Regional Park, and finally, The Landing.

But you didn't know that there was this many parks in the Three Rivers district did you? They have lots of events planned. Check them all out and see if there is any you are interested in at [www.threeriversparks.org/events](http://www.threeriversparks.org/events)

There is so many to choose from, can't participate in all of them, maybe you can?

Also remember, a camp brochure is 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.



## Chaska Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program

Hey everyone don't forget about the Scholarship Program at the Chaska Park and Recreation Department for the programs at the Chaska Community Center. It is available for Chaska and Carver residents. The program supports individuals in their participation in the programs and services promoting overall health and wellness. Go the Chaska Parks and Recreation website for more information and to sign up or even to donate. This program honors Nick Mason. For up to date information visit:

Facebook: @chaskaparkandrec; Instagram:

@chaskaparkandrec; or their web page: [www.chaskaparksandrec.com](http://www.chaskaparksandrec.com)



## Carver's Farmers' Market

Last but not least by any means, Carver's very own Farmers' Market is back with their opening day being Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM until 6 PM. It will take place up at the Carver Station on Hartwell Drive in Carver. ( of course )

The event is Tuesday's, starting June 4<sup>th</sup> throughout the summer into September with October 1<sup>st</sup> as their final day.

The Carver Farmers' Market Facebook page spotlighted a new event this year as the Victoria Volksfest Market proudly announces that SouthWest Metro Chamber is hosting this event. ( Separate article in the contents of this newsletter, by the way.)

Another spotlighted shout out is to "Yummies" who is "rolling with flavors"! Their specialties include egg rolls, mango rice, bahn mi sandwiches and more. Still another new vendor spotlighted this 2024 season would be 'Clover Lane Bread Co' which is "a sourdough micro-bakery driven by quality and community" the post reads. Going on to say, "They bake naturally leavened bread modeled on old-world techniques. Each loaf ferments over twenty-four hours for easier digestion and increased nutrient absorption. Stop by this summer for artisan bread and other classic baked goods."

Carrie Pauly Designs/Bear Country Booms is returning to the market. She raises a variety of beautiful flowers and artfully arranges these blooms into amazing bouquets! The post said. "She grows organic vegies in home garden. Also she creates organic sweets and savories including breads, cookies, rice crispy treats, fruit jams, and salsas. The last posting found was another new vendor shoutout to Bickersstaff Bees LLC. A family-owned business raising healthy honeybees and producing honey. Post read, "It's raw, unfiltered, and selectively collected between flower blooms to get the unique flavors of different kinds of honey! They also sell pollen, honeycomb, beeswax candles, soap and lip balm."

Of course, if you have been up the Carver Station in the past, you know there are all kinds of goodies to be found.

From vegetables, cheese, eggs, cookies, snacks to crafts. See you on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Welcome back to all our return vendors, new vendors and guests! Start the 2024 Farmers' Market with a bang.





Oh, before it's forgotten, need more information, contact [market-manager@swmetrochamber.com](mailto:market-manager@swmetrochamber.com)

PS: Chaska's Farmers' Market, opens Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### *Gossip - Not Gossip*

Hocus Pocus and Wendy Wind came back home. Things didn't work out as they thought that they would so they returned home. Let that be a lesson kids. The grass is not always greener on the other side. And maybe home isn't so bad.

Hocus Pocus heard that MN Valley Electric Cooperative made an announcement. Says: "Attention boys and girls, ages 6- 12! Along with our energy supplier Great River Energy, MVEC is excited to host a MN Twins youth baseball clinic, 1 PM on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jordan High School Field. The clinic teaches the basics of the game with the opportunity to build skills in hitting, throwing, fielding and base running. Registration is free at [www.playballmn.com](http://www.playballmn.com)

Wendy Wind heard that the Steamboat Committee is advertising through Carver Life inviting people to come and sell their goods, crafts, and wares at the city's big event, SteamBoat Days in September. They are accepting registration for MN Marketplace vendors. Check their website for more information: [www.carversteamboatdays.com](http://www.carversteamboatdays.com)

For fun, if you are in the Two Harbors area north of Duluth, August 17<sup>th</sup> is Two Harbors Farmer's Market at the Burlington Station/Callies' Sweets in Two Harbors. Every Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Food truck too and live music too.

Other important news that didn't get covered included fireworks schedule .... Which is too late now. The SW Metro Chamber Golf Classic scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Love Inc, School Supply Event

Summer events: River City Days  
Cologne Glad Days  
Scott County Fair  
BBQ Days  
Fire and Ice  
Scott Carver Thresher's Show  
Carver County Fair  
Cologne Firehouse Drive-Inn  
State Fair

So much more, and Steamboat Days  
Again, apologize but life has other plans for me right now.

### *Second Annual Lincoln and American Collector Car Show*

The Blacksmith Lounge in Hugo welcomes you to their annual "American Collector Car" event on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM. Gates open at 8:30 AM. \$ 10 per vehicle. Specters free. This event focuses on all American automobiles of any model, stock or modified. Come and share the passion with other owners of these distinctive survivors at the unique and friendly location at the Blacksmith Lounge in Hugo. This property features a grassy area of many acres with two large shelters and excellent food, refreshments even better prices and friendly staff.

### *New Release*

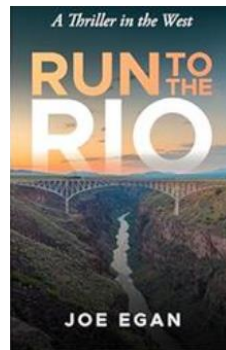
Another Carver author has released his newest book, a thriller, Run to the Rio. Check it out.

Synopsis:

"The sane man would have opted to sober up quick and head upstairs to Mia. He would apologize and she would be upset. But at the end of the day, he would be able to spend the second night of his newborn son's life as a present dad. He would be able to look into the eye of his wife and say with confidence, 'I can do better, and I am sorry.'

Too bad I'm not the sane man."

Scott Sharpe is a deeply flawed thirty-something whose deranged actions jeopardize the safety of his wife Mia and their two young sons. Can Scott and his father-in-law Romon navigate the perils of corporate corruption, the mob, and the demons within themselves to protect those they love the most?





**Carver Life**

Carissa Haverly · 2 days ago · 🌐



Hello Friends, It's your local veterinarian, Dr. Carissa at Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital. I've been seeing an increase in tick borne disease and have been racking my brain trying to figure out how I can help my community. On one hand, I'm a new, small business and can't beat rescue and vaccine clinic prices as I don't have the capital to discount below cost; but on the other people are really feeling the squeeze with inflation. I already price my preventatives at or below online pharmacies because I want my clients to be able to get them. Last week, I spent some time crunching numbers and I can offer this vaccine special. I'm trying to do my part my part to help the community, so if you or someone you know needs some help keeping their pet safe please pass this on.

We're here Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. We have same day appointments and we offer surgery services available (both soft tissue, orthopedic and dental). We're also set up to do urgent care and emergency care during our office hours too.

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **FRIDAY PARK HOURS: 4PM - MIDNIGHT**

4PM OPENING CEREMONY

4PM - MIDNIGHT BEER & FOOD

4PM - DUSK MARKETPLACE & KIDS ZONE

6PM - BAGS TOURNAMENT

6PM ARMORED COMBAT

#### **LIVE MUSIC**

4PM - 8PM MATT MCALLISTER & HOLLY HALDORSON

8PM - MIDNIGHT SUGAR BUZZ

### **SATURDAY PARK HOURS: 10AM-MIDNIGHT**

10AM - MIDNIGHT BEER & FOOD

10AM - 8PM MARKETPLACE & KIDS ZONE

1PM - WATER FIGHTS

1PM AND 5PM ARMORED COMBAT

11 AM CHASKA LIONS BINGO

#### **LIVE MUSIC**

1PM-4PM SAWYER'S DREAM

4PM - 8PM BECKY RAE DALTON

8PM - MIDNIGHT GOOD FOR GARY

### **SUNDAY PARK HOURS: 8AM -5PM**

10AM -5PM BEER & FOOD

10AM-5PM MARKETPLACE & KIDS ZONE

7AM - 8AM REVDUP WORK OUT & ONE LOVE YOGA

8AM-11AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST

11AM AND 3PM ARMORED COMBAT

1PM-3PM PARADE DOWNTOWN CHASKA

3 PM PUZZLE AND GUZZLE