

*Dedicated in Memory of Ron Riesgraf*

*Ron Riesgraf*

Stepping into still another new year and new adventures, new events, a future unknown, let's not forget those that brought us to this point. Can't help but reflect on the past thirty three years and having watched the City of Carver go from a population of six hundred to four thousand plus over that span of time. How many iconic names in the City of Carver who have passed onto the greater wonders of the unknowns in this big ol' galaxy of living. Memories will not allow this editor to continue without personally saluting the latest passing of a noteworthy individual well known throughout the community in the past decades. So many memories, so many faces, so much changed. Is it sadness or realization how precious every moment you live is? How precious are these encounters with others we know, interact with, work with, work beside, taunt, laugh, talk, and orchestrate changes together all relate to every person involved in our lives? I remember when Ron was the Fire Chief. I remember Donna catering with Bev another icon gone. I remember how active Ron was. I remember how much he did for this community. I remember who he associated with and how influential he could be. He always would greet you. I don't ever not remember him smiling. Will future generations remember or even know how much he was a part of Carver's history? How many and how much so many people have influenced the city? How many are passed on, moved away, forced away due to age and health. How many can name the important influences in their city? Do they care? Does anyone care? Does anyone know? Yes, the older generations remember all too well and can name many names of friends, acquaintances, foes, former co workers, and on. I can only hope and time stamp the importance of the loss of the former Fire Chief, Ron Riesgraf. Another chapter in the City of Carver closes.

*Carver Flowers*

Annette's announcement for Carver Flowers: "Many of you may not know that my husband, Al, was in a serious head-on auto collision on December 16. He's doing fine - after two weeks in the hospital, he's now in a rehab facility for another couple of weeks until he can come home.

Due to this unexpected event, Carver Flowers has been closed ever since the accident. While we are a Mom & Pop shop devoted to our customers, we're also devoted to each other. So while Pop has been recovering from his injuries and medical setbacks, Mom felt she had to be with him to help him through his pain and early recovery. We do not regret our decision to close the shop temporarily

But we opened again on January 2!\*

And because we didn't get the chance to sell our Christmas decor and gifts during that last week before Christmas, we're putting it all on deep discount right after New Year's. We know we're extremely late, but the timing wasn't in our control. The more we sell at at 60% off, the less we have to pack up 'til next year!

We thank you for supporting us this year and can't wait to share with you all the details as we prepare for our biggest year yet!

*Of Carver\**Our hours may differ from normal, as we may need to close from time to time for follow-up medical appointments. We'll try to keep the disruption to a minimum and hope you'll understand."

Don't Forget..... Reminder to shop Carver Flowers for Valentine's Day??? :)

*"Time to Remember"*

"... grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawnmower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't anymore.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away... Never to return.. So...While we have it..... it's best we love it.... And care for it... And fix it when it's broken..... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true. For marriage..... And old cars..... And children with bad report cards..... And dogs with bad hips.... And aging parents..... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special..... And so, we keep them close!"

"... received this from someone who thinks ....am a 'keeper', so sending it on to those who are "keepers" in life. Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

When you die, 10 things GOD won't ask you:

- 1..... God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation..
- 2..... God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3..... God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4..... God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5..... God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6..... God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7..... God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8..... God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9..... God won't ask why it took you so long to find Him and ask Him into your house, He'll lovingly take you to heaven.
- 10..... God won't have to ask how many people you forwarded this to, He already knows."

~~~ says; author unknown ~~~~~





## Cup of Carver

Lori says, "It's been a great year for us and now it's time to ring in the next one! We will open normal business hours. (Monday - Friday 6 AM - 6 PM) Saturday 7 AM - 4 PM and Sunday 7 AM - 1 PM) !

Be sure to stop in and check out 'Cup of Carver' and support the business locally. Another piece of history being made and was made with this building.

## Traditions Old and New....

Submitted by: Jacqui Brantley  
Every Saturday thru March 5-7 pm  
Games every 15 minutes; Cover all at 7 pm\*  
\*Must be present by 6 pm to participate in Coverall one card per person; no fee.  
Jackpot @ 250.00  
Ages 18 and up\*\*\*\*  
5.00 Steak Tacos, Chips & Salsa  
Menu available  
Great Drink Specials!!



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FRI and Sat 4-9 PM  
Available for events as needed  
HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM  
1.00 off Cocktails, Wine, 16 oz or larger, 3.50 Wine Specials  
Dining Specials Include:  
Quesadilla Burger and Fries 8.95  
Prime Rib, Baked Potato and Veggies Queen 15.95 King 17.95  
Walleye, Mashed Potatoes and Veggies 17.95

## Parks and Recreation Recap

The 2014 recreation programs were reviewed at the council meeting. The programs included youth, adult, non-school and special events which included four hundred and thirty seven registrants for various programs not including the Soggy Bottom Tournament registrations. Program partnerships include USFW, Carver County and the Lions Club. The 2015 programs reflect new and growing partnerships with USFW and the county in nature and environmental programs for youths and adults. Continued Health and Wellness programming for adults. The information is distributed and updated regularly via the city's website, social media and e-blasts. Registrations occur utilizing the city's website or the postal service. Facility rental occur year-round. The indoor facilities include the gym, hall, Church-By-The-River and the Fire Station/ Public Services facility. However this facility is generally reserved only for city usages and safety classes. Park rental include the RiverSide Park campsites, park shelters, tournament fields and the Community Park Ice Rink. Revenue received was also reviewed by the council.

## Mayor Osterdyk

The City Administrator, on behalf of the community, thanked Mayor Osterdyk for his service to the City of Carver. He was also presented with a plaque reading, "In gratitude of service as Mayor of the City of Carver 2011-2014."

The *Villager Tower* editor also relays its best wishes to the former mayor and hope new endeavors still include all of us in the City of Carver with your tech savvy and communications skills. Thank you!

## We CAB

Mark Hersberger Thun provided the city council with an overview of the WeCAB program available in the immediate area. This program provides safe, affordable and flexible transportation to the service areas of Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska and Victoria for those individuals unable to drive to appointments and/or events. However, in order for this program to be successful, volunteers are needed to provide assistance through flexible hours. Riders are encouraged to offset the expense of their rides by contributing on a sliding scale. This program is supported almost exclusively through volunteers. SouthWest Transit has also supported this program with a grant. Need more information about this program, you can (if you have computer access) find their website at [www.WeCAB.org](http://www.WeCAB.org) or call 844-743-3932.

## Truth-in-Taxation Hearing

The administrator indicated that the purpose of the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was to enhance public participation in the Minnesota's property tax system, to educate the public on property tax determinations, encourage public understanding and encourage involvement. Property tax statements have been mailed for 2015 by the county. The past Homestead Credit has been changed to Market Value Exclusion. Proposed tax numbers are based in part on the preliminary levy set by the council and another piece utilized determining taxes is the value. The City of Carver's residential market has seen an increase.

Regarding the budget, the administrator highlighted key items in facilities planning, the tot lot replacement at the Community Park, an inter-fund loan payment, continued level of law enforcement coverage, salary increases and additional personnel items. An overview of the revenue and expenditures comparison from last year was reviewed by the administrator. The levy history has remained at a steady rate from 2012 until presently. Motion was made and carried with all ayes closing the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing.

## Property Acquisition Update

The administrator provided the council with an update on the Lenzen Property Acquisition topic. Authorization had been given to review the possibility of purchasing properties owned by Deidrich Lenzen including the Sixth Street Property, the Oak Street property and a parcel located in Dahlgren Township. A series of closed meetings had been held regarding all three properties discussing negotiations and appraisals. Also an environmental study had been conducted along with doing an assessment report and a purchase agreement had been drafted contingent on city approval. The city withdrew the contingent offer after the passing of the deadline. Negotiations have not resulted in an agreement and consequently the city no longer has any interest in the referenced properties.

The administrator further reviewed with the council the "Stay of Enforcement" agreement drawn in the past regarding the Conditional Use Permit on the property located on Sixth Street. The terms were reviewed and the council was reminded that the existing Conditional Use Permit will be terminated in February of this year. The council has the ability to take enforcement measures should the property continue to maintain operations/uses/ businesses requiring a Conditional Use Permit. Additionally, should the terms of the Conditional Use Permits outlined in the stay of enforcement agreement be violated the city has the right to terminate the permit. The mayor inquired about enforcement options for the city regarding the permit. The administrator will investigate the legal options available if violations occur. A letter will be forwarded to the owner confirming the expiration of the permit and an inspection scheduled. No further action was required at this time.

The appraisals on the properties were private data. Release would make this private data public. Information could be misconstrued causing unforeseen issues in the future. Motion was made and carried with all ayes making the appraisal data public.

## Fee Schedule

The city planner stated that the council reviews the various fees charged by the city to determine the appropriate fees necessary for the upcoming year. An ordinance adopted each December sets these fees to be effective the first of the year. The council reviewed the fees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution establishing fees for the City of Carver for the upcoming year.

## Disclaimer

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## Happy Valentine's Day



## *South West Transit Agreement*

The City Planner provided the council with background on the SouthWest Transit Agreement. The city had been awarded funds from the CMAQ [ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality ] to operate transit services to downtown Minneapolis and the University of MN for a three year demonstration period. Funding must be matched in local funds not including fare revenue. The total project funding includes items to operate the transit services such as staff time, maintenance and utilities. Previously the CMAQ funding had been converted to a regional funding source providing benefits to both the city and the metropolitan council. Among these benefits included that service could be extended beyond the three years if funding remained available and the city could negotiate directly with SW Transit to provide these services. The staff had negotiated a transit service schedule and agreement. The level of service is designed to utilize the available funding within the three year time frame. Reviewal will be done regularly of service levels and adjustment recommendations periodically dependent upon usage levels. The service is designed to operate as extensions of service from the East Creek Station. Initially the plan was for fourteen east bound and nineteen west bound trips daily. The contract offers an opportunity for the City of Carver to be a liaison to the SW board. In terms of service, it was emphasized that this is Carver's service and the decisions in regard to the service will be made by the City of Carver.

The SW Transit personnel were thanked by the council for all their work to date. The city attorney also commented that he has negotiated many contracts for the city but this one was especially smooth regarding all the issues involved and to be addressed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the agreements with SouthWest Transit as provided.

## *City Planner Update*

The city planner told the council that the Livable Communities Demonstration Account Grant for the land acquisition and pedestrian underpass related to the Carver Crossing project has been recommended for funding by the Metropolitan Council Community Development Committee. The final award is expected in January. This funding would provide for land acquisition for the apartment building, engineering and construction of pedestrian crossing, land acquisition for a segment of trail, and various place-making items such as connector sidewalks, lighting and bike racks.

Ron Clark Construction submitted an application for an apartment development. After preliminary review determination was made that items which should have been submitted were missing and determination was made that the application was incomplete. Once completed, the application will be reviewed and the proposal will commence. A tour was scheduled for public input and public official review. If the application is complete a Public Hearing could also be scheduled for the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the drafted Zoning Ordinance. Final edits are being done by the city attorney and upon completion the council will review the draft.

## *2014 Storm*

The council was asked to approve payment to Eureka Construction, Inc for repair of erosion throughout the city following the storm. Two parts of the street and embankment along Broadway north of Sixth Street. Also there was a mud slide getting into the storm sewer terrace system along Sixth Street and another affecting Jorgenson right-of-way. Final pavement of Broadway will be completed in spring of 2015. Collaboration on this project has been with FEMA [ Federal Emergency Management Agency ], ACOE [ Army Corps of Engineers ] and Carver County. The staff recommended approval of payment.

## *Lylewood Glen*

The council was asked to reduce the landscaping escrow for the Lylewood Glen development. The city has been holding funds in escrow for the completion of the landscaping improvements within the Lylewood Glen. A portion of the landscaping has been completed since the original escrow has been collected. The council reviewed the inventory of landscaping remaining. Staff recommended reduction of landscaping escrow.

## *2013 Improvement Project*

The council reviewed the 2013 Improvement Project Bond Issue. The council needed to amend the allocation of bond proceeds and tax levy schedule for the 2013 A issuance. The staff reported that project spending outcomes necessitated to amend the bond precede allocation and the tax levy schedule. The resolution the council was reviewing amended the bond and accurately reflected the project and financing.

## *Council Seat Vacancy*

The council interviewed citizens for the vacancy on the city council with the election of Mike Webb as mayor. The decision was made to fill the vacancy with Jim Weygand, former council member and former mayor. Congratulations Jim!

## *Employee Reference Manual Revisions*

The council reviewed the employee manual and revisions. The document outlines work place rules, leave provisions, fringe benefits and other related procedures. The document is reviewed annually in an attempt to keep current. The majority of changes involved policy and process clarifications.

## *Utility Improvements*

Street and utility improvements along Oak Street, Fifth Street East and Sixth Street East in its Capital Improvement Plan have been identified by the city. The necessity of trail connection in the Carver Walkability Study has also been identified. The conditions of the project streets were decisively stated as being in very poor shape with no existing curb or gutter. In preparation for the report the Resident Design Session was held. There were design concerns discussed, feedback on parking, turning movements, sidewalks, street width and drainage discussions. A Feasibility Study will be reviewed. Funding will be most likely be done with assessments, utility funds, abatement funds and the general fund. Some portions of the project would be bonded. A Public Hearing would be scheduled.

## *Public Services*

The city council reviewed the proposal for a quote for a vehicle / equipment lift for the Public Services department. Originally item had been budgeted and then an application was submitted for a grant but those efforts failed. Therefore a request was again submitted for approval to purchase the equipment. There was a need for the ability to perform repairs and maintenance of equipment safely. The Ergonomic Survey report had recommended the purchase. The lift also was listed on the State Bid Program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the purchase of the lift.

## *2015 Chaska / Carver Occasional Sale Dates*

February 19-21  
March 19-21  
April 16-18  
May 14-16  
June 18-20  
July 16-18  
August 13-15  
September 17-19  
October 15-17  
November 19-21  
December 17-19



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Special Offers just in time for Valentines Day...  
Lottie Dottie Special Offer  
Buy 5 Dotties and get any in stock Ring 50 % off!

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Gingersnaps Special Offer  
Buy 5 Snaps and get any in stock Bracelet 50 % off

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Kameleon Special Offer  
Buy any 2 pops and get a pair of in stock Earrings 50 % off

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## *Carver Crossing*

Residents attended a council meeting to discuss the proposed project identified as Carver Crossing. The council was asked if they had considered the effects of property value as a result of considerations of projects. A study conducted by the MN Housing Finance Agency was referenced relating to the impact of affordable housing on communities and households. The impact of the project scale depends on neighborhood characteristics was the resident's opinion. Councilmember asked for clarification regarding considerations from the city. It was the residents' opinion that the building of the Carver Crossing Project and adding in the Section 8 / workforce housing would result in negative effects. Indication was made that the project is not slated and that staff input was requested. A completed application had not been received at the present time. Comment was added that evidence of government funding received supports an application to follow. There were concerns of crime, taxes and property values being affected by said project. Resident feedback is encouraged.

Administrator commented that it is important to include both conflicting and opposing view as it creates better outcomes. Community stakeholders have a right to review planning and project documents by elected officials. All of the project documents would be available on the city's website. Planning Commission members are also residents with vested interest. The developer has the right to have the project considered for approval by the council and the Planning Commission at a Public Hearing. There is also the right to utilize the property that is consistent with the city's Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. Processes are in place for review of all aspects of projects. There is anticipation of receipt for a sixty-eight unit apartment complex on property currently owned by the Carver County Community Development Agency. A bus tour has been scheduled to review a similar project in another community. A neighborhood meeting will follow the tour. The staff will then review and prepare a project report along with project's ability to meet requirements of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Zoning Ordinance and the concerns voiced by the community. Then a Public Hearing will be scheduled for review of the project. The Planning Commission will then submit their recommendation for approval or denial. The council will have the final action.

Background information also shared with the group was presented at the meeting involving the Metropolitan Land Use Planning Act requiring communities in the metro area to both, acknowledge their allocated need for affordable housing units between 2010 and 2020 and is included in the Comprehensive Plan. The city's plan addresses affordable housing goals and objectives. The metropolitan Council ultimately approves this plan. The mayor pointed out that the terms "workforce" and "affordable" can both be used to describe the type of anticipated housing for this project.

The proposed housing is affordable to community employees, such as police officers, retail workers, and public service employees and clerical. Section 8 vouchers can be used toward rent. Renters must earn enough to pay rent, but cannot earn more per household than set by the state. Regarding financing, Housing tax credits, developer equity and loan and local contribution must all apply. The City of Carver may receive grant funds from the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account. The city acknowledges issues raised by stakeholders which include consistency with Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, property value impacts, law enforcement impacts and other issues continuing throughout the process of moving forward. Staff spends considerable time during the project reviews to research and critically assess issues brought forward.

Another citizen requested and strongly encouraged that the city consider the ramifications of a project of this nature. Question was directed about options for this location, such as regular apartment complex or marketed other developers. It was pointed out that the city does not own the property proposed for project being discussed. Question was asked what other marketing efforts have been taken to grow Carver? The mayor pointed out that regarding this property it is the only project soon to be on the table at this time. In response to the marketing Carver, there has been discussions with council members and the city planner meeting with property owners to see what their plans were regarding the property. The Economic Development Committee continues to promote the City of Carver and to support the growth.

Another Council member commented that the city is mandated to strongly push the city and development for all parts of the city. It was reiterated that the city does not own the proposed parcel or any other parcels available for development within the city. It is the council's responsibility to support the growth as it comes and seek growth. The mayor added that the city's Comprehensive Plan and zoning is in place to accommodate the needs of the city.

Resident inquired about touring more than the one site of the projected project. The city planner affirmed that tour included other sites. The city planner was setting up the sites for the tour.

Resident also inquired about the affordable housing required by the year 2020. The city planner stated that the requirement was part of the Comprehensive Plan developed by the Metropolitan Council back in 2004 and 2005 when development was more aggressive. Later this year the Metropolitan Council will develop a new set of goals. At that time the city council will have the opportunity to provide some feedback. The number required will still be significant but not quite as high the planner projected. Further stated that the City of Carver historically has been affordable to working families. Question was also asked as to what the consequences were for not meeting goals. Council member pointed out that the Section 8 is just a government assistance program and not a classification of a property. The city planner explained that the Metropolitan Council requires the city as planned to meet the goals established to the allocation of density of housing as presented. If the goals are not met, the sewer extension could possibly be denied. Questions on how to meet these needs are still open. Does this type of housing increase the tax base or will taxes increase? Costs may increase as far as law enforcement, fire calls and increased traffic. These are items to be examined in determinations. The property would pay property taxes.

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## *Heritage Preservation Award*

The 2014 Heritage Preservation Award was presented to the winners by the mayor for their restoration work on their home.



Tony and Tasha Hergott are the recipients of the 2014 Carver Heritage Preservation Award for their restoration of the Susanna Zanger House at 200 Third Street East in downtown Carver. The award is given annually for the year's best preservation work in the Carver Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During October and November nominations were solicited from Carver citizens. At the November meeting of the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission the 2014 nominations were reviewed and the commission selected the year's best preservation work or contribution to the Carver Historic District. The Hergotts were presented a plaque at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the Carver City Council meeting at the Church-by-the-River on Main Street East.



They will also receive a traveling sign of recognition which will be placed on the restored property for a year.

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## Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

2015 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball registration season is HERE. Registration is open as of Jan 10, 2015.

We have some changes for this year. We have decided to not have a President but have a Governing Board that will consist of a Baseball Coordinator, Softball Coordinator, T-Ball Coordinator and a Volunteer Coordinator. These ROLES will need to be filled to have these programs for 2015. We will try it and see how the year goes. Splitting responsibilities will provide better focus and coordination for each group to strengthen the CCYBSA Program.

A Board/League meeting on 1/20/15 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm @ the Carver Fire Hall was held for ideas, involvement and participation is greatly appreciated and if you are unable to attend this meeting please forward your input to us.

We will be working with the Park and Rec director to see when the Hall is available for the CCYBSA, as the scheduling deadline was missed. We will send out a notice as soon as these dates are confirmed for practice and use of the Batting cage.

Baseball: We received numerous requests to have a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade division. For this to happen you need to get registered, get your friends to register and we need coaches. We do have the league to play in but only if we have at least 12 boys sign up with 18 Max players per team. Games are Tuesday and Thursday starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. The year-end tournament for this division is July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at Waconia.

Social Media Policy: For all Programs, good sportsman-like behavior will be expected at all times. There will be NO HARASSMENT of the Umpires, your team mates, of the opposing team by the coaches, team members or parents. Un-sportsman like behavior or comments directed at anyone will NOT be tolerated on or off the field. Coaches should control this. Umpire may eject person responsible for harassment or the team will forfeit the game.

If you do not want to receive any emails from us, please send us an email and in the subject please write "REMOVE FROM CCYBSA ACCOUNT"

Jenny and Heide

## Trails

The city council reviewed an update from the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail and Depot Park Trailhead issue. Carver County received a grant from the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail and will be moving forward with upgrades to the existing trail from Carver to Chaska along the railroad line. Three primary improvements were included in the project which pertained to the paving of the trail from Depot Park to Chaska, construction of a pedestrian bridge over Spring Creek, and a trailhead at Depot Park. There are some difficulties in the bidding process with the improvements since the projections to acquire the grant have changed in today's economy since the submission of the application. Bid projections are higher than expected, therefore a number of changes have been introduced to keep the project within the budget limitations.



The most significant changes to the overall plan include removal of the planned improvements for Depot Park and reduce the scale of the bridge over Spring Creek. There are three alternate cost options. The city reviewed all the options.

The counties proposal was minimal improvements at the park site. If excess of funds were to become available, then the funding could be reallocated back to the trailhead with county board approval.

## East Union Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Spaghetti Dinner at the East Union Lutheran Church is scheduled for takeoff on February 8<sup>th</sup> with dinner be served at 4 PM until 6:30 PM. You also heard that there is a 'Silent Auction'? And you don't have to be present to win either. Where you say? 15180 County Road # 40 in Carver MN at the Parish Center.

"Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have."

[Unknown Source](#)

## Comprehensive Plan Review

The city planner provided background on the Comprehensive Plan review process which started in 2014 and presently the process is a continuation of Phase Two. The Comprehensive Plan is a dynamic and changing guide to the city's plans. A major plan update occurs once per decade in depth and the process would begin in 2015 when necessary amendments are made. State statute requires the city to have plan. The statute also establishes the process for contents and updates. Zoning and development of the city must also be conducted in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. This includes subdivision regulations with properties inclusive of municipal utilities ordinances as well.

The decennial process scheduled to begin has already begun at the regional level with the Metropolitan Council adopting the regional plan. Then the Metropolitan Council adopts policy plans pertaining to transportation which has already been adopted, housing also adopted and completed except for updated affordable housing allocations. Items being reviewed but not yet adopted by the Metropolitan Council include water resources management plan and the parks plan. The housing plan is a new component in the process.

Upon adoption of these policy plans, Systems Statements are forwarded to local government units. The statements include population projections, items required to be planned for such as highway improvements, regional trails, development, and affordable housing which are just a few. There is also Local Planning Handbook that is currently updated. Key note with the Systems Plan and the Regional Plan are the items controlling the city's Comprehensive Plan The Local Plan Development will occur from 2016 through 2018. The Local Plan Development goes through local review then back to the Metropolitan Council for adoption.

Items required in the Comprehensive Plan include goals, background and demographics, land use (meeting minimum required densities, housing (including accommodating affordable housing), environmental resources, transportation, sanitary sewer, water supply and distribution, parks and trails, and implementation plans. Options areas include economic development, intergovernmental coordination, and urbanization/redevelopment. These options currently are not in the city's plan but could be added for planning purposes. The plan needs to be adopted per the schedule. The council is an integral part of the process, cost is determined by the scope of the plan. Some items have already been implemented into the plan.

Due to the current area already accommodating population and land use up to 2040, the City could simply review the Systems Statements later in 2015, add a few updates, and re-submit if there are no boundary changes. However, if the scope is changed, there could also be budget implications. Other considerations are if the current plan meets the city's objectives, whether or not amendments are sufficient to address properties outside the scope of the current plan that could potentially develop. Additionally, areas proposed for planning need to be identified. Options must include the same geographic area in the current plan, a full build-out of the orderly annexation area to accomplish identified projections identified in the Systems Statements.



## Black Sox Bingo

Mark your calendars! Quick go get it and write this down. The Black Sox Annual Bingo will be happening in March, on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The fun will begin at 7 PM at the Village Hall and will continue until 11 PM. Don't miss

the fun! You will be sorry if you do.

## Carver Current

The "Villager Tower" publications can be found at [www.carvercurrent.com](http://www.carvercurrent.com), along with other important information involving the community from various sources. You can post time sensitive events at the "Carver Current" site, as well. This site is a great way to share information.

"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced."

[Soren Kierkegaard \(1813-1855\) Danish philosopher and writer](#)

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*Community Calendar*

*February 2015*

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> Happy Birthday Darrel!
- February 8<sup>th</sup> East Union Lutheran Church Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Officer's Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Bonnie!
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Meeting  
Carver-On-The-Minnesota Inc Meeting  
Happy Birthday Tommy and Adam!
- February 11<sup>th</sup> East Union PTO Meeting
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Abraham Lincoln's Birthday  
Happy Birthday Renee!
- February 13<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Maddie!
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Kim!  
Happy Anniversary Dwight and Janet!  
Happy Birthday Katie!
- February 16<sup>th</sup> President's Day  
Fire Department Drill Night  
Happy Birthday Tom!  
Happy Birthday Bob!
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Mardi Gras  
Happy Birthday Bruce!
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Lion's Meeting  
Happy Birthday Merva!
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting
- February 20<sup>th</sup> East Union Elementary School Carnival  
Happy Birthday Tom!
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Happy Birthday Peggy!
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> George Washington's Birthday  
Happy Birthday Sandra!
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Parks Commission Meeting  
Fire Department Meeting Night  
Happy Birthday Faye!
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Dad!
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Skylar!

*Did you Know this about Valentine's Day?*

- ...15% of US women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day
- ...73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, While only 27 % are women
- ....About one billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion Of the year, next to Christmas
- .....About 3 % of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets?
- .....California produces 60% of american roses, but the vast Number sold on Valentine's Day in the US are imported
- Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will Be sold and delivered within a three day time period.
- .....Hallmark has over 1330 different cards specifically for Valentine's Day



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"In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre – not a handsome prince – shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a bad guy with a SHORT temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek.

SHREK THE MUSICAL is part romance, part twisted fairy tale and all irreverent fun for everyone! Directed by Randy & Josie Ross; musical direction by Diana Fornshell; choreography by Jocelyn Braudt; orchestra conducted by Anna Olson."

**Performance dates and times:**

7:30 PM evening shows – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>  
2 PM Matinees – March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
(ASL interpreted performance will be Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM)

Upcoming Auditions: auditions are open; family involvement is encouraged, productions may have specific age or gender requirements, auditions are conducted on a first-come, first served basis and bring your calendar to note any conflicts on your audition form. Auditions for "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" upcoming on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Production dates: July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be eight performances.

"Bursting with the rambunctious energy of the original MGM film, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is all boisterous fun and romance that harkens back to the glory days of the movie musical. A truly rollicking adventure that teaches that it takes a bride to turn seven unshaven unkempt brothers into manly gentle men and to turn desire to romance.

"Set in Oregon in 1850, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers tells the story of Millie, a young bride living in the Oregon wilderness. Her plan to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage backfires when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides."

*Famous February Couples*

- February 8, 1807, #8 US President Martin Van Buren & Hannah Hoes
- February 7, 1931, Famous female aviator Amelia Earhart & Geot Putnam
- February 16, 1963, 50's & 60's Teenage heart throb Paul Anka & Marie Ann Alison DeZogheb
- February 14, 1974, The Captain and Tennille were married.
- February 14, 1984, Elton John and Renate Blauel
- February 14, 1991, Leeza Gibbons, talk show queen & Stephen Meadows
- February 14, 1991, Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid
- February 6, 1994, Brian Wilson, Beach Boys Founder & Melinda Ledbetter. Band mates and children attended the festivities.
- February 14, 1994 Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia (51) wed Deborah Koons
- February 14, 1994, Roseanne, of Rosanne & Ben Thomas, her ex-bodyguard. Her red-velvet Richard Tyler dress was embroidered with "Ben and Roseanne")
- February 19, 1995, Pamela Anderson, Baywatch & Tommy Lee, Rock star
- February 14, 1996, Prince/The Artist married Mayte Garcia.





Saturdays 5-7 pm

\*must be present by 6 pm to play cover--all game

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King Crab Legs ~ Prime Rib

Veggie Lasagna ~ Jack Daniels Apple Chops

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