



## Developer Proposes Housing West of Ironwood Park

The City has received a concept plan for the Song property, directly west of the Copper Hills neighborhood/Carver Elementary (5225 Highway 212). The concept plan was submitted by Summergate Companies out of Lakeville and includes 306 residential units – a mix of single family and townhomes as well as an expansion to Ironwood Park.

A concept plan is the first step for a developer to have their idea reviewed by City Staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council and is subject to change.

To keep up to date on the project, visit the City’s website at [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com) or contact Erin Smith, City Planner, at 448-8743 or by email at [esmith@cityofcarver.com](mailto:esmith@cityofcarver.com).



## CONSTRUCTION ALERT: Work on Jonathan Carver Parkway Expected to Start the Week of June 17

### UPCOMING WORK



Turning lane construction area (Jonathan Carver Parkway and Spring Creek Drive)

Construction on Jonathan Carver Parkway (County Rd 11) will be occurring to add turn lanes at the intersection of Spring Creek Drive and the future Monroe Drive. The anticipated construction schedule includes a work start date as early as June 17, with two to three weeks of construction expected, depending on weather conditions during the project. A potential late construction start date will be July 8 if weather conditions are not accommodating for a June 17 start date. The work will add dedicated left turn lanes in both directions, and a right turn lane will be added to Monroe Drive. Jonathan Carver Parkway will remain open to traffic during the work.



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**MESSAGE  
 FROM  
 THE  
 MAYOR**

*Mayor Courtney Johnson*



In the City of Carver, volunteers serve a significant role in the decision-making process involved with the operation of the City. Each year residents apply, interview, and are appointed to serve as members of our City Commissions: Heritage Preservation, Parks, and Planning Commission. The Commissions review planning and policy documents and in turn make recommendations to the City Council.

This spring members of the City Council and all three Commissions participated in a workshop on High Performing Teams. The discussion centered on the fundamental elements of teamwork and leadership as part of decision-making processes. By the end of the evening the group established *The Carver Way*, identifying our City's four focus areas for how we, as leaders, collectively address opportunities and challenges in the years ahead.

The Carver Way

**We are Focused on Solutions to Support Shared Goals and Vision.**

**We Listen with Respect and Compassion while Engaging in Open Dialogue.**

**We are a Prepared and Dedicated Group that Utilizes Resources Effectively.**

**Our Team Works Together for a Better Carver!**





## From the Building Inspections Department

The building inspections staff are often asked to recommend contractors. For many reasons, we must refrain from this practice, however, here are some tips for your next project.

Ask the contractor for references of projects they have completed in the past. Contact these owners and ask them their opinion about the contractor meeting their expectations. If possible, try to view the work yourself. You may also find resources available at local lumberyards and building centers.



Join us for a series of **FREE** public talks with Master Gardeners from the University of Minnesota Extension!

All talks will be hosted at the **Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center**, 15865 Rapids Lake Road, Carver, MN 55315.

### Pollinator Friendly Flowers & Landscapes

**Saturday, June 22**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Do you love observing butterflies and bees in their natural habitat? Would you like to make your yard part of their habitat? Our Flowers For Pollinators presentation will help you learn how to better understand pollinator behavior and their flower preferences so you can enjoy them all season long!

### Native Grasses & Woodland Flowers

**Saturday, July 20**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Native Grasses and Woodland Wildflowers: where the prairie and the woods meet. Learn what native plants are best suited for our area and why.

### Plant Biodiversity & Invasive Species

**Saturday, August 17**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

What is your first impression of earthworms? Why is there more diversity in plant life in the US than in Europe? Why hasn't the maple tree been hit by diseases and insects? These are just a very few of the questions we will discuss in the class.

### Trees 101 & Pruning

**Saturday, September 14**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The world is full of trees and the trees fall into many categories: big trees, little trees, retirement trees, wet feet trees, dry feet trees, trees with flowers, trees for the pollinators, trees for the wildlife. This class will identify types of trees and where they can be best used, as well as a little lore about the trees.

## City Council Adopts Strategic Plan

### Planning for Future Street and Water Needs are Among Top Priorities

In late February, the City Council spent two days participating in a goal setting and strategic planning session.

The Strategic Plan is centered around four major themes:

- 1) Create Opportunities in the Downtown.
- 2) Fund Infrastructure.
- 3) Foster Community.
- 4) Refine Carver Identity.

Planning and paying for future infrastructure needs was a primary initiative

established by the City Council.

The Council

discussed developing a

ranking system to

manage the impacts

of infrastructure.

With this structure

in place, the Council will be more equipped to

manage the impact of fees, rates, and

property taxes paid by residents, which was

identified as top priority.



Another major priority within the plan was to develop and conduct a community survey in 2020.

The survey would be used to measure resident satisfaction with services provided by the City of Carver, as well as establish resident priorities for future planning purposes.

To view the complete City of Carver's Strategic Plan, visit [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com) or contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at [bmareck@cityofcarver.com](mailto:bmareck@cityofcarver.com).

## Carver Drinking Water: 2018 Consumer Confidence

Drinking water is one of our community's most important natural resources. The City of Carver conducts daily checks of its water system and regularly participates and conducts testing as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. The results of the City's water tests are available to you in the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report. The report will provide you with information regarding the City's drinking water, along with opportunities to protect and preserve precious water resources.

For a complete copy of the report, visit the City's website at [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com) or call City Hall at 448-5353.



A colorful poster for the Carver Vehicle Fair. At the top, it says "FREE Carver Vehicle Fair" in large green letters. Below that, it lists activities: "Climb aboard the big rigs and touch a truck at the Carver Vehicle Fair located at Carver Station. There will be big trucks, fire trucks, police cars, buses and more! Bounce house and food trucks as well. Free to attend!" The date and time are "Thursday, June 20th 6:30-8:00pm" at "Carver Station Jonathan Carver Parkway and Ironwood Blvd". The word "FREE" is written in large white letters on a blue truck. The poster features illustrations of a yellow tractor, a yellow dump truck, a blue truck, a red fire truck, and two police cars. Logos for "CITY OF CARVER" and "CITY OF CHASKA PARKS AND RECREATION" are at the bottom.

## Certified Levee Project

### Listening and Learning Session Held

In May residents and business owners gathered to learn more about a newly developed concept to certify the City's flood levee system. Attendees were provided with information on the levee certification process, as well as early drawings of what the project may look like if completed. The session also

provided an opportunity for residents and businesses to share specific obstacles and challenges the City may encounter during the certification process. Residents shared concerns regarding possible impacts to their property, construction timing, and overall costs to complete the project. The City recently submitted a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Going forward, the City will continue to search for funding partners for the project.



*Conceptual Rendering of the Certified Levee*

If you would like more information on the concept for the Certified Levee Project, visit [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com) or contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at 448-8737 or by email at [bmareck@cityofcarver.com](mailto:bmareck@cityofcarver.com).