



## Mayor's Message

First things first, the tragic death of George Floyd has had a significant impact in our world and local community. In case you missed it, I want to share the statement I read at the June 1 City Council meeting regarding this incident:

*I want to acknowledge the pain and suffering caused by the senseless and tragic murder of George Floyd. I want to be clear that there is no place for hatred, bigotry, racism, or discrimination of any kind in the City of Carver. I pledge to use my position as Mayor to advocate for justice and respect for all in this community, no matter your skin color, who you love, where you came from, how you worship, or what you do for a living. Everyone is welcome and all must be respected!*

*I strongly condemn the destruction of property and the violence carried out this past weekend, primarily in Minneapolis and St. Paul, that has distracted from the otherwise positive and peaceful protests. I also want to voice my support for the overwhelming number of men and women who serve our community as law enforcement personnel who are equally disgusted with the actions leading up to the death of George Floyd.*



I want to promote an increased awareness, leading to action, of issues through a lens of race and equity. Although the City has previously participated in trainings around the topic, I will be advocating to expand training, centered around bias, race, and equity, to all members of our staff, commissions and City Council. In addition, the City Council has already initiated a dialogue with Sheriff Jason Kamerud on these very important issues.

Next, the City of Carver is in the second step of our COVID-19 phasing plan. The City Hall service counter opened on June 16. This month all City Councilmembers will have the option to participate in meetings at City Hall, which take place on the first and third Monday night of the month – 5:30 p.m. Work Session, 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting. Councilmembers, as well as residents and community stakeholders, will continue to have the option to participate in Council meetings using the free Zoom video conferencing service. While this hasn't been easy, I appreciate your patience as we work to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community.

Finally, as we progress through summer, many of us in Carver start looking forward to Steamboat Days, the annual festival which traditionally takes place the weekend after Labor Day. Whether or not this annual celebration will take place this year is a decision the Steamboat Days Committee will make by early August. Stay tuned.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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## Summer Lawn Care Tips

The University of Minnesota Extension offers advice for maintaining sustainable, environmentally responsible lawns. Here are some tips for managing your lawn this summer.

To promote deep roots, it is best to water established lawns at the rate of one inch per week, applied all at one time. Frequent light watering produces shallow roots and, as a result, the lawn is then unable to tolerate dry periods.

The best time of day to water your lawn is in the early morning. Watering in the morning keeps the turf cooler during the hotter time of the day, putting less stress on the grass. The cooler turf also helps keep evaporation to a minimum.

Another method to make lawns more tolerable to dry conditions is to mow grass no shorter than two to three inches. Taller grass shades the soil, reducing evaporation.

Aeration and proper fertilization also play a significant role in a healthy lawn. Proper fertilization promotes deep roots and drought tolerance, whereas improper fertilization can have the opposite effect. High concentrations of nutrients draw moisture out of the soil, so it is important to avoid fertilizing lawns that are dry.

The use of the City's water supply system for outside, non-essential use shall be limited to an odd/even schedule corresponding to property address. Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on odd-numbered calendar days, and addresses ending in even numbers may water on even-numbered calendar days. Irrigation is not allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day.

The University of Minnesota Extension provides many resources on their website for helpful information to keep your lawn healthy, including information about conserving water during the hot and dry summer months. Visit their website for more information at

[www.extension.umn.edu/lawns-and-landscapes/lawn-care](http://www.extension.umn.edu/lawns-and-landscapes/lawn-care).



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# 2020 Elections



*Primary Election:* Tuesday, August 11, 2020

*General Election:* Tuesday, November 3, 2020

*Polls Open:* 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Precinct Location:* Carver City Hall  
316 Broadway, Carver

Absentee voting is available now – see “Absentee Voting” below.

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**Primary Election – August 11, 2020** – determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November General Election (except for the office of the President of the United States, which had a separate primary election in March 2020).

**General Election – November 3, 2020** – allows voters to make their final choice from among party nominees and the independent candidates for a specific office.

**COVID-19 Precautions** – The City of Carver will be taking extra safety precautions in the precinct due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These precautions will cause longer than normal wait times for voters, so if you choose to vote in person on Election Day, we ask you to plan accordingly and to be patient.

**Absentee Voting** – Absentee voting allows voters to cast their ballot by mail or in person early at the Carver County Government Center. For more information, visit [www.cityofcarver.com/elections](http://www.cityofcarver.com/elections).

Vote by Mail: Requesting a mail-in ballot is a two-step process: 1) voters complete an absentee ballot application, and 2) then receive a ballot to return to Carver County Election Services. New for the Primary Election is that pre-registered voters no longer need a witness and all registered voters can return ballots that are postmarked by Election Day. Applications are being accepted at this time.

Vote in Person (early voting): Voting in person for the Primary Election at the Carver County Government Center (600 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Chaska, MN 55318) started on June 26, 2020.



**Preparing to Vote** – Are you registered to vote? You must re-register each time you change address, change names, or do not vote at least once during a four-year period. Update your registration by completing a new registration application. You can register to vote before the election or at the polling location. Check your registration status at [www.cityofcarver.com/elections](http://www.cityofcarver.com/elections).

**Filing for City Council Seats** – The terms of Councilmembers Joy McKnight and Kristy Mock will expire at the end of 2020. Candidate filings for these positions will be accepted at City Hall (316 Broadway) from Tuesday, July 28, 2020, through Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the exception of Tuesday, August 11, 2020, when City Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m. Electronic filings are also accepted. For more details, visit [www.cityofcarver.com/elections](http://www.cityofcarver.com/elections).

**Questions?** For any questions, please visit the City’s website at [www.cityofcarver.com/elections](http://www.cityofcarver.com/elections) or contact Vicky Sons-Eiden, Elections Administrator, at 952-448-8727 or [vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com](mailto:vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com).

An exciting partnership between the cities of Chaska and Carver has allowed discounted pricing and benefits to be extended to City of Carver residents. Full program details, including scavenger hunts and activity lists, are available at:

[www.chaskacommunitycenter.com/activities/community-events/summer-activities](http://www.chaskacommunitycenter.com/activities/community-events/summer-activities)

- **TAKE IT OUTSIDE (Activity Lists)** – A list of activity ideas to do on your own. Activity themes include: In Your Backyard, Let’s Get Arty, Family Challenges, and Nature is the Best Nurture. Log off. Shut down. And start exploring! Up to 50 participants will receive a prize. (Free)
- **SCAVENGER HUNTS – Discover Chaska Parks or Neighborhood Edition** – Take time to discover, explore, and play at the Chaska Parks or in your neighborhood. (Free)
- **FACEBOOK PET CONTEST** – Get creative, have fun, and dress up your pet because the three most “liked” photos will win a pet friendly prize. Photos can be submitted by July 23 to: [parksandrec@chaskamn.com](mailto:parksandrec@chaskamn.com). (Free)

#### Youth Programs – Preregistration Required

- **RUNNING CAMP** – 1<sup>st</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade  
July 20–24, 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- **MINI MITES SPORTS CAMP** – Ages 3–5  
July 21–23, 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- **SANDY LYNCH TENNIS CAMPS** – Ages 5–12  
July 27–30, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **SUMMER TYKE HIKES AT THE PARK** – Ages 3–5  
July 28–30, 9:30–11:00 a.m.



#### Adult Programs – Preregistration Required

- **ADULT BEAN BAG LEAGUE** – July 13–August 24, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
- **ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE** – July 31–August 3
- **1,000 POINT FITNESS CHALLENGE** – July 6–August 9

#### Outdoor Recreation – Preregistration Required

- **FULL MOON SUP (Stand Up Paddleboarding)** – July 17, 8:00–9:30 p.m.
- **LEARN TO KUBB** – email [zjohnson@chaskamn.com](mailto:zjohnson@chaskamn.com) for more details

For programs, events, and membership opportunities, visit:

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