



## Mayor's Message

Greetings-

As we tie a bow on summer, school resumes, and you can't get through the grocery store without coming across a pumpkin spice flavored something, I want to provide a few quick updates about what's on my mind as we approach fall in the City of Carver.



**2021 Budget** – This is the fourth budget process I've been a part of. I always take my responsibility as a steward of taxpayer money very seriously. While this year is no different from that perspective, everything else is different. The global COVID-19 has had a significant impact on many families and individuals in our community, including me. I am acutely aware of the challenges experienced by many in our community and am working hard to make sure the City of Carver's budget is lean, while best serving our community's needs. If you'd like to see the preliminary draft 2021 budget, you can find it at [CityOfCarver.com](http://CityOfCarver.com) in the packet from our August 17 City Council Meeting.

**Community Survey** – On the following pages of this newsletter you'll find results from the 2020 Community Survey. A common practice among our neighboring communities, this is the first time the City of Carver has conducted this research. The findings from the Community Survey will be used to guide City Council, commissions and City staff to determine priorities and to use as a baseline to track future progress in a variety of areas.

**Jonathan Carver Parkway (JCP) Improvement Project** – Planning continues on the JCP Improvement Project. Construction will take place next summer and when it's done, the traffic congestion along the most highly traveled thoroughfare in Carver will be significantly less. New to the plan, the City is considering adding an enhanced crosswalk in the form of the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB), south of the new roundabout at the intersection of JCP and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. An RRFB is a beacon in close proximity to the pedestrian crossing sign and is activated by pedestrians. For more information on the upcoming JCP improvements, check out the project webpage: [www.co.carver.mn.us/jcpimprovements](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/jcpimprovements).

Finally, as the days get a bit cooler as we ease into fall, I encourage you take advantage of the many outdoor opportunities in our community. Our parks and trails are second to none. Earlier this summer I hiked Carver's newest trail, which is part of the new Hawthorne Ridge residential development. It's accessible off of Broadway Street north of downtown, which has quickly become my favorite trail in Carver. Not only is it challenging (it's literally up hill both ways) but the wildlife I've seen from the trail (deer, owls, raccoons, frogs and more) doesn't disappoint!

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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**COVID-19 Relief Through The CARES Act**

The City of Carver was the beneficiary of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was passed by the Federal Government late March. The City, along with the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA), created two programs to get dollars allocated through the CARES Act into the community and to residents in Carver impacted by COVID-19. Programs are targeted at homeowners/renters and the business community in Carver to receive support through the CARES Act. The programs offered to Carver residents and business owners are the Housing Stability Program and the Business Emergency Assistance Fund.

Financial assistance up to \$5,000 is available to homeowners and renters through the Housing Stability Program to cover past due rent or mortgage payments and utility costs. Qualifying households are required to show loss of income due to COVID-19.

Carver businesses impacted by COVID-19 are able to access up to \$10,000 through the Business Emergency Assistance Fund to cover expenses including payroll, rent and utilities if they had loss to their revenue. The goal of the program is to support and stabilize our business community through the economic crisis.

Additional information and applications are available at [www.carvercda.org](http://www.carvercda.org).

"I'm proud of the work of Council and City staff, along with our partners at the CDA, to get the CARES Act money to the individuals and businesses who need it most. We've all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm happy there are these types of programs available for those in the City of Carver who are struggling," said Mayor Courtney Johnson.



An update on both programs and the allocation of the City's CARES Act dollars will be available in the October newsletter.

The Steamboat Days Committee recently announced the cancellation of Steamboat Days 2020 due to COVID-19. The Carver Lions are coordinating the following events in place of the typical Steamboat Days activities:

**City Wide Garage Sales** – September 11 and 12. Watch for signs!

**Carver Car Show** – Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
 Downtown Carver

**Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner: Drive Through Dinner**  
 Saturday, September 19, 4–8 p.m.  
 Adjacent to Carver City Hall

*Visit the City's website at [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com) for more details.*

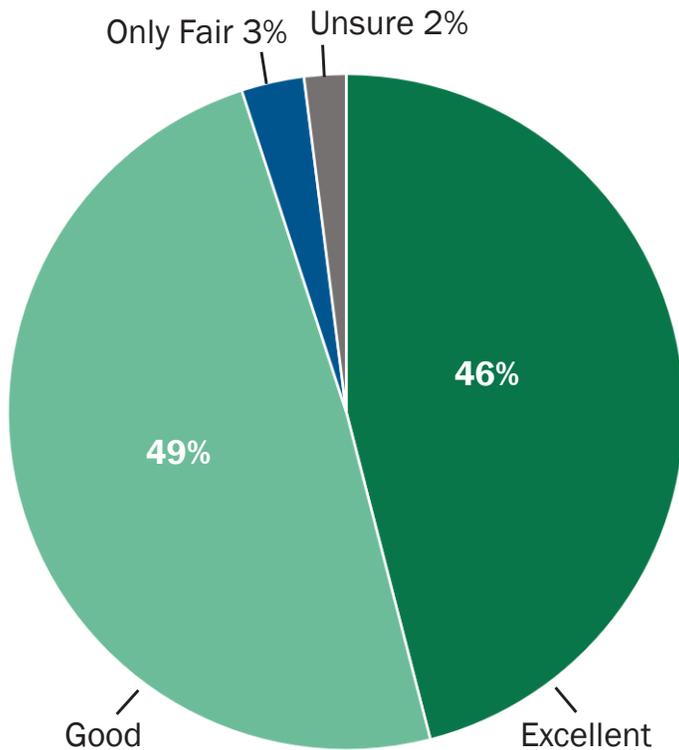
## Study Overview

Earlier this year the City of Carver conducted a phone survey of 400 residents, who were chosen at random and answered a variety of questions about our community, including quality of life, city services, taxes, development, parks and recreation, transit, city government and communications.

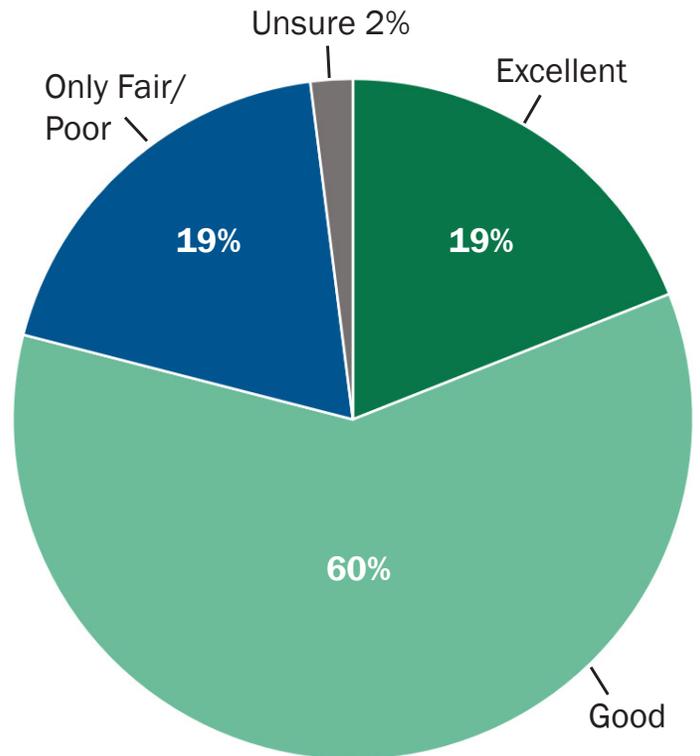
The results from the 2020 City of Carver Community Survey will be used to guide decisions made by the Mayor, City Council, commissions and City staff for years to come.

**For the full survey results, go to: [www.cityofcarver.com/2020-community-survey](http://www.cityofcarver.com/2020-community-survey)**

### Quality of Life Rating



### Parks and Recreational Facilities Rating



**89%**

Believe Carver is headed in the right direction.

**92%**

Rate Carver's community identity favorably.

**84%**

Consider Carver either a "small town" or both a "suburb" and a "small town."

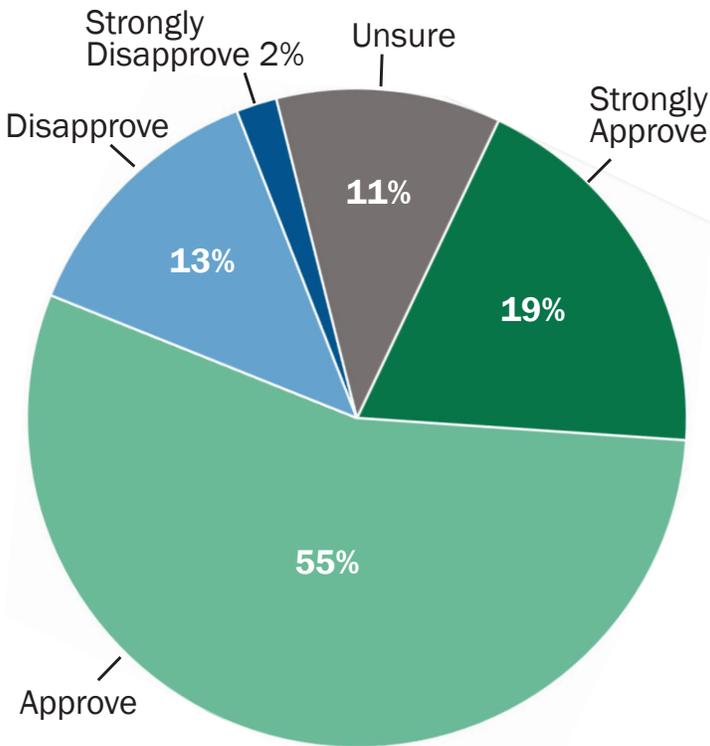
# City Service Ratings

**91%**

Think the quality of city services has kept up with Carver's growth.



## City Staff Rating



## Quality of Drinking Water Rating

