



Mayor's Message

I hope you're all doing well and are navigating through the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as possible. For me, the past few weeks have been a series of highs and lows...as I expect has been the case for many of us in Carver.

While the City of Carver has implemented significant changes to the way we do business in the past month, we remain dedicated to moving forward with the projects that were planned long before the COVID-19 pandemic. These projects include:



Jonathan Carver Parkway/CR 11 Project

The City of Carver is partnering with Carver County on some much-needed improvements to Jonathan Carver Parkway/CR 11. The project is scheduled for the summer of 2021 and will run from Chaska Boulevard/CR 61 to 4th Street. There's an online open house at www.co.carver.mn.us/jcpimprovements, which contains an overview video, project layout map, flyover video showing the finished project, and an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feedback via the "comment card."

Water System Expansion Projects

The City of Carver's water system is nearly at capacity to meet the maximum-day demands. In order to accommodate the City's growth and meet future maximum-day water demands, we've identified the need for the following projects as part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan to expand the water system:

- Additional well capacity and watermain piping from the new wells to the water treatment plant.
- Complete upgrades to the existing water treatment plant.
- Expansion of the existing water treatment plant capacity by 1.5 million gallons per day.

Minnesota River Levee Improvement Project

The City of Carver is seeking \$9 million from the State of Minnesota's 2020 Bonding Bill to make improvements, which will lead to the certification of our levee along the Minnesota River. Read more about this project on page 3.

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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Spring Reminders

All Terrain Vehicle Restrictions: The use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on public streets, roads, trails, alleys, sidewalks, and bicycle trails is prohibited by City ordinance.

Fire Hydrant Flushing: Each year, City staff systematically open hydrants throughout the City to allow water to flow at a high velocity through the distribution mainlines. This operation helps maintain the City's water clarity and quality, cleans iron and mineral deposits from the water mains, identifies malfunctions of the hydrant and related valves, and ensures adequate water flow is available at the hydrants for the fire department.

Hydrant flushing may cause temporary inconveniences, such as reduction in pressure and aesthetic issues such as discoloration of the drinking water. Discolored water poses no threat to the public's health, but it may stain laundry and if consumed may have an unpleasant taste or odor. Residents should be certain all discolored water is out of their home's plumbing and hot water heater prior drinking or laundering clothes. If you experience discolored water, run the cold water until clear.

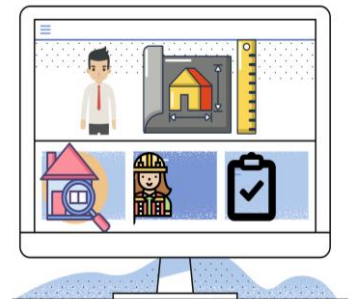
Please stay tuned to the City's website and social media sites for dates, locations, and updates.

Potholes: To report a pothole that needs attention, call the City at 952-448-5353 or fill out an online request on the City's website (www.cityofcarver.com/comment-question-concern/).

Roadway Obstructions: Basketball hoops, landscape materials, dumpsters, and similar objects are prohibited on City streets. All items must be placed on the property or driveway of the owner.

June Utility Statements: The June utility statement will include a federally mandated municipal well test fee of \$9.72. This fee is submitted to the State Department of Health, who then decides which public wells to test throughout the state.

The Building Department is adapting to the stay at home order by using technology to continue regular inspections for residents and contractors. By using Zoom video conferencing, City staff is able to continue working while maintaining the safety of homeowners, contractors, and staff.



If you recently completed a project, please give us a call and we will schedule an online inspection that can close out your project while you may have some extra time at home. The Building Department is also available during regular business hours to discuss your projects and permit requirements.

The Carver Levee

Last month marked 55 years since the historic Minnesota River floods. The crest of 35.07 feet (as determined by the National Weather Service at the gauge in Jordan) on April 11, 1965, is the highest ever recorded.

Following the devastating flood of 1965, the Minnesota River levee in Carver was constructed by community volunteers and local contractors, without the use of engineered drawings or specific design specifications. Although the levee has protected the City for well over half a decade, this significant piece of infrastructure needs to be modernized.

The City of Carver is seeking \$9 million from the State of Minnesota's 2020 Bonding Bill to help fund improvements to the levee. In addition to investing \$1.2 million in improvements in the last four years in this project, the City has reached out to our County, State, and Federal-level elected officials for their assistance in getting the remainder of this project funded.



Representative Jim Nash

“I know how important this project is to the people of Carver and I am committed to advocating for these funds at the State Legislature,” said Representative Jim Nash.

The money the City is seeking from these funding sources will be used to make improvements, such as increasing the height of the levee, making the slopes easier to maintain, addressing the issues of structures and vegetation that are within the clear zone, and adding internal drainage to the levee. In the end, the City's goal is to have a levee that is structurally sufficient and is accredited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Right now, because we are entirely dependent on identifying funding partners for this project, there is no timeline for its completion. If you would like to write a letter of support for this project, please send them to Mayor Johnson at CJohnson@CityOfCarver.com.

The 2020 Census is Happening Now

April 1 was Census Day, a key reference date for the 2020 Census—not a deadline. Everyone is still encouraged to respond as soon as possible! Help shape your future, and your community's future, by responding now. If you did not receive a mailing, you can complete the Census Questionnaire online by visiting www.my2020census.gov/, clicking on “Start Questionnaire”, and following the prompts or by calling 1-844-330-2020.



The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, allocate hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children. For more details, visit: www.2020census.gov/en/census-data.

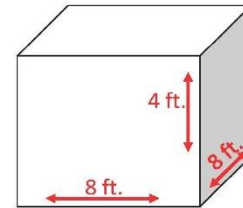
Save the Date – Saturday, June 13 – City Wide Clean Up Day



CLEAN UP DAY

June 13, 2020 – 7:00 A.M.

Curbside collection will be provided for items placed at the curb in an area no more than 8 feet wide by 8 feet long by 4 feet high.



ACCEPTED MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Kids Toys, Household Items, and so on
- Furniture (disassembled)
- Carpet/Carpet Pads (rolled securely)
- Mattresses and Box Springs
- Miscellaneous Construction Materials



If you have materials that are not accepted, consider an option for recycling or reuse.

- www.recyclecarver.org
- SMSC Organics Recycling Facility - www.smscorf.com

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED INCLUDE:

- General recyclables (cans, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard) should be picked up with the regular curbside recycling
- Appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, a/c, ranges, refrigerators, and so on)
- Electronics (phones, computers, televisions, and so on)
- Hazardous Materials (paint, batteries, oil, tires, bulbs, and so on)
- Concrete, Bricks, and Shingles
- Brush, Leaves, Grass, and any other organic material
- Items outside of the 8 ft. x 8 ft. x 4 ft. maximum collection area
- The City of Carver and its Contractor have the right to refuse hauling any materials based on safety concerns or hazardous waste regulations.

Call 952-448-5353 or visit www.cityofcarver.com for more information.



Appliances, electronics, and hazardous materials can be disposed of at:
Carver County Environmental Center, 116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN
Phone: 952-361-1835 | www.environment@co.carver.mn.us

Carver Lions Shredding Event:



In coordination with the City Wide Clean Up Day, the Carver Lions will be hosting their Annual Shredding Event. Veteran Shredding will be at **Community Park** (800 6th Street West) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on **June 13** to collect your paper waste for shredding. There will be a two-box limit per vehicle. This is a free event but donations will be accepted.