



Mayor's Message

Greetings!

As 2020 comes to a close, I'm focusing my updates this month with a look ahead to 2021, which can't come soon enough!



2021 Property Taxes: By now you should have received your preliminary property tax statements in the mail from Carver County. As I mentioned in the October newsletter, property owners will likely see a decrease in the City of Carver's portion of their property taxes next year.

The table on the right represents how the City of Carver's preliminary tax levy, set in September, stacks up against other communities in Carver County. You can find more information on the 2021 Budget by going to the City's website and visiting the Resident's 2021 Budget Guide page.

City	2021 Preliminary Tax Capacity Rate	Estimated city tax on a \$300,000 Home
Hamburg	125.19%	\$3,628
New Germany	93.71%	\$2,716
Norwood Young America	74.13%	\$2,148
Cologne	65.08%	\$1,886
Watertown	57.26%	\$1,659
Mayer	54.77%	\$1,587
Carver 2020	49.45%	\$1,433
Waconia	46.15%	\$1,337
Carver 2021	45.24%	\$1,311
Victoria	32.80%	\$950
Chaska	30.06%	\$871
Chanhausen	22.11%	\$641

Residents are invited to comment and share their thoughts on the proposed 2021 budget and property taxes on December 7 during the Truth in Taxation public hearing. This will take place during the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom.

Jonathan Carver Parkway (JCP) Improvement Project: In partnership with Carver County, the City of Carver continues to move forward with this project, which will widen JCP from two lanes to four lanes from Levi Griffin Road to 4th Street, help reduce traffic congestion, and increase accessibility on one of Carver's main thoroughfares. Construction on this project, which will also include a roundabout at 6th Street, an underpass north of Carver Elementary, and an enhanced pedestrian crossing south of 6th Street, will begin in the spring of 2021. If you haven't yet, please check out www.co.carver.mn.us/jcpimprovements for the online virtual open house, which is taking place through December 7. *Mayor's Message continued on page 2...*



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Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project: Our water treatment facility, which treats the water that comes from the City's wells before it goes into your home, can process about 1.2 million gallons per day, but is reaching its maximum capacity. Projections show that the demand for City water will increase to over 1.3 million gallons per day within just a few years, and will over double current demand by 2040. To meet these demands, we're expanding the current water treatment facility, which is located off Mount Hope Road, to add 1.5 million gallons of capacity per day, which will more than double the City's water supply capabilities. Last month we approved the bids on this project, which came in favorably! Construction will start next spring. For more information on this project, check out <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/carverwater/>.

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

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Edith Anne Award Winners!

Congratulations to the Misgens on Woodview Circle, the recipients of the 2020 Edith Anne Award.

The Edith Anne Award celebrates property owners that go above and beyond on property maintenance and beautification. The Misgens take great pride in their property and it has become a fun family hobby to work together in the yard. Their property includes impressive plantings throughout, a landscaped pond, and a fairy garden that their children maintain. The Misgen family shared that with extra time at home this spring and summer they were able to find joy in working on their property together.



Do you know someone with an impressive yard? Nominations for the Edith Anne Award are accepted every spring and can be submitted to esmith@cityofcarver.com.

Proposed 2021 Utility Rates

The City Council annually reviews a long-term financial plan, which is used to determine the health, stability, and financial needs associated with providing water, sanitary sewer, and storm water services to residents.

The plan is generated through a process that identifies infrastructure needs for five years for projects such as new wells, pipes, pumps, equipment, and so on. Once the needs are identified, a financial analysis is prepared to determine the plan’s impact to monthly utility rates, as well as to connection fees charged to new construction projects.



The planning process has been essential as the City prepared for nearly a decade to expand capacity at the water treatment plant, located off Mount Hope Road. Construction of the water treatment plant expansion project is now anticipated to begin in the spring of 2021 and be completed in the summer of 2022. The steps taken to plan for the financial impact of this \$11 million water treatment plant expansion project in the end provided an opportunity to avoid significant one-time charges to fund such a large project.

In conjunction with the long-term financial plan and the identified infrastructure needs in the areas of water, sanitary sewer, and storm water, rate and fee adjustments are now being proposed for 2021.

The proposed 2021 utility rates are estimated to increase a monthly bill by \$5.39 for a household using 8,000 gallons a month, which is an average household use in Carver. The City Council will consider the 2021 proposed rates at their meeting on Monday, December 21, at 7 p.m. If you have questions or comments related to the 2021 proposed utility rates, please contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at (952) 448-8737 or by e-mail at bmareck@cityofcarver.com.

Utility Fee Type	Current 2020 Rates	Proposed 2021 Rates
Water Base	\$10.80	\$11.34
Water 0 – 5,000 Gallons	\$4.32	\$4.54
Water 5,001 – 10,000 Gallons	\$5.94	\$6.24
Water 10,001 + Gallons	\$8.67	\$9.07
Water Connection New Construction	\$8,150	\$8,390
Sanitary Sewer per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.24	\$7.46
Sanitary Sewer Connection New Construction	\$859	\$885
Storm Water Residential	\$9.54	\$9.83
Storm Water Commercial	\$32.65	\$33.63

You're invited!



Join us for the second Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvements Project online open house!



View the voice-over presentation to learn more about the final project design and construction



Provide your feedback using the online comment card

Check out the open house materials now through Monday, December 7!

www.co.carver.mn.us/jcpimprovements



Sign up for email updates on the website!



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Winter Reminders

No parking on City streets following two or more inches of snow accumulation
Snow and ice removal on our City's streets are time consuming. On-street parking is not compatible with safe and efficient snowplowing operations. Vehicles left parked on the streets create problems for snowplows as well as safety problems with packed snow and ice accumulation around vehicles. To perform the best job in the quickest amount of time, we need the cooperation and assistance of our residents. "No Parking" will be enforced after two inches or more of snow has accumulated on any public street or alley until the City has plowed the public street or alley from curb to curb.



Snow removal on sidewalks should be completed within 48 hours after a snow event

Property owners are responsible for keeping public sidewalks adjacent to their property clear.

Take time to clear at least a three-foot radius around fire hydrants in your neighborhood

During a fire, seconds count. The extra minutes removing snow from around fire hydrants may save your neighbor's home or your own.



Regardless of the season, do your part and pick up your pet's waste

- * No one wants to step in it
- * It is not fertilizer
- * It carries disease
- * It is an environmental pollutant

