



## Mayor's Message

Greetings! City Council met on four of the five Monday nights last month, so needless to say, we had a busy August in the City of Carver. Here are some of the highlights:

**New City Attorney** – After serving the City of Carver for nearly two decades, our former City Attorney, Larry Harris, retired earlier this summer. Last month we appointed Dave Anderson from Kennedy & Graven as our new City Attorney.



**Great River Greening Grants** – After submitting an application in April 2020, we recently learned the City of Carver has received two grants totaling over \$362,000! These funds will be used for improvements to the future Creekside Park, which will be located on the corner of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Main Street, including stream stabilization and removal of invasive species, seedlings, and plantings.

**Congressional Visit** – On August 11, Congressman Tom Emmer visited Carver to learn more about our Levee Improvement Project. Congressman Emmer has included \$2.5 million for Carver's Levee Improvement project in a federal funding bill. This isn't a done deal, and there's still A LOT more work to be done to get our levee certified, but we're headed in the right direction!



Congressman Emmer, Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Mock, Terah and Nate Roise

**Long-Term Financial Plan Review** – The City maintains and regularly reviews a Long-Term Financial Plan which identifies future capital equipment, infrastructure projects, staffing, operations, and maintenance needs. In the Plan, we assess the financial impact of these needs, along with the corresponding tax or utility rate impact these investments have on their respective budgets. The City Council will be reviewing changes to a new five year plan, which covers 2022 through 2026.

**2022 Budget** – Late last month Council reviewed the first draft of the 2022 General Fund Budget and provided our feedback. On September 20, Council will adopt the preliminary levy, the amount which establishes the maximum amount of the tax levy for the City of Carver. For more information on the 2022 Budget process, go to [CityOfCarver.com](http://CityOfCarver.com) and type "budget" in the search bar to find the Resident's 2022 Budget Guide.



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Finally, please join me for my next Mayor's Office Hours on Saturday, September 11, from 9 – 11 a.m. at City Hall. This will be an informal, open house style meeting with no formal agenda, so please stop by when you're downtown checking out the Steamboat Days events!

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

*Mayor Courtney Johnson*

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**Carver Farmer's Market**

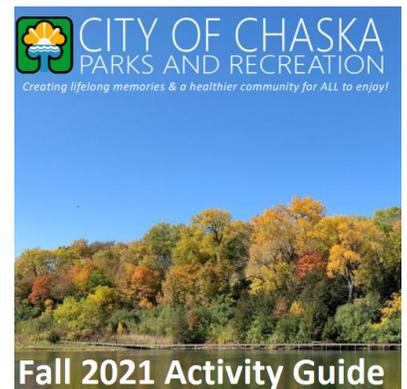


Tuesdays through September 28  
 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 Community Park (800 6<sup>th</sup> St W)

Follow us on Facebook:  
[@carvermnfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/carvermnfarmersmarket)

**The Chaska Parks and Recreation  
 Fall 2021 Activity Guide is Now Available**

The City of Carver has a recreation partnership for programming and resident rates at Chaska recreational facilities. Carver residents are eligible for resident rates at the Community Center, Curling Center, Town Course, and Par 30. In addition, recreation programs and events are available in both Carver and Chaska.



The Chaska Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Reach for Resources, celebrates participation by ALL, providing inclusion facilitators for those needing support in any activity. For special needs questions and inclusion requests, call 952-227-7760.

Don't miss out on any upcoming activities...for program details and to register, visit [chaskamn.com/651](http://chaskamn.com/651).

## Save On Irrigation Expenses With A Smart Controller

In partnership with Carver County, residential water customers within the City of Carver can take advantage of a limited-time program to purchase a Rachio 3 Smart Irrigation Controller at a discounted price. These controllers provide smart watering technology that enables users to control sprinklers from anywhere on their mobile device, to calculate when and how long to run their sprinklers, and to utilize the predictive schedules that adjust to local weather conditions. The goal of the program is to decrease residential outdoor water use through better management of irrigation practices, providing an opportunity for savings on water bills.



Two options of the Rachio 3 controllers are available: the Rachio 3 8-Zone Controller (\$149.99 plus tax) and the Rachio 3 16-Zone Controller (\$169.99 plus tax). These prices reflect a discount of \$20 (cost share from the City of Carver) and an additional manufacturer discount.

To learn more about this program, visit <https://go.rachio.com/carvercounty/>. Don't delay...purchase the smart watering technology before supplies run out!

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## Street Sweeping Starts in September

Street sweeping is one of the most visible aspects of the Street Department. Clean streets and gutters give our town a neat and well-kept appearance and help reduce traffic accidents and air pollution caused by dirt and debris accumulation. It also prevents pollutants and sediment from entering the storm water system and ponds. A successful sweeping program helps keep Carver in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act.



City Staff will begin sweeping operations in September. As a reminder, it is illegal to blow or rake leaves or grass clippings into the street or to place trash, branches, and other debris in the street. With your cooperation, we can keep our water pollutant free!

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## Conservation Easements

Many Carver residents have conservation easements adjacent to their property and their property corners are marked with conservation area signs. Conservation easement areas are typically owned by the City and have been designated as natural areas where minimal maintenance will be performed. These easements help with preservation of natural habitat for vegetation, wildlife, and public open spaces throughout the community.



The City's Public Services team typically completes one maintenance mow of each conservation easement annually to remove invasive species or noxious weeds that may be in the area, but largely the areas are left as they are for preservation. These areas are critical to the natural environment in Carver and it is important that residents respect the conservation easement areas. Property owners should not complete any trimming, maintenance, or projects (garden beds, fire pits, bird houses, etc.) in the conservation easement areas.

## WEEKEND FESTIVITIES AWAIT!

### FRIDAY NIGHT

- 4:00 PM Lions Beer Tent Opens
- 5:00 PM Food Vendors
- 5:30 PM Medallion Hunt (check Lions FB page for clues)
- 5:30 PM Fire Department Water Fights
- 8:00 PM Band – Pop Rocks
- ★ ★ ★ Catfish Contest (contact Carver Bait Shop)

### SATURDAY

- ★ ★ ★ Food Vendors
- 9:00 AM Car Show
- 10:00 AM MN Marketplace
- 11:30 AM Bean Bag Contest (contact Harvey's)
- 2:00 PM Wild West Show
- 5:00 PM Band – Ragtown
- Dusk FIREWORKS
- ★ ★ ★ After Fireworks – The Johnny Holm Band

### SUNDAY

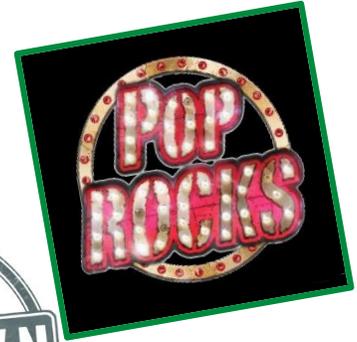
- ★ ★ ★ Food Vendors
- 1:00 PM Parade
- Grand Marshals:
- Marvin & Evelyn Grimm

### There's More!

- City-wide Garage Sales – Thursday through Saturday
- Kids Play Place – Friday and Saturday

Want More Info? Visit the Carver Steamboat Days website at [carversteamboatdays.info](http://carversteamboatdays.info)

Questions regarding Steamboat Days 2021 can be directed to: [steamboating@yahoo.com](mailto:steamboating@yahoo.com)



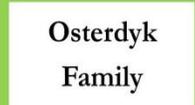
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