



Mayor's Message

Greetings!

Now that the days are significantly shorter and chillier than the early fall days we experienced in September and October, I'd like to share a variety of updates on what's been keeping me busy!



- Members of both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Capital Investment Committee stopped in Carver last month as a part of their statewide tours of potential projects for the 2022 Bonding Bill. When the groups were in Carver, I had the opportunity to demonstrate why our Levee Improvement Project is in need of Bonding support.
- As the road construction season ends, I'm happy to report the Jonathan Carver Parkway (JCP)/CR11 Improvement Project is substantially complete! With the exception of a few minor items, the road construction is done and we now have a new, safe, and efficient main thoroughfare in Carver!
- The City of Carver received \$533,952 in American Rescue Plan Act funds. Keeping within the requirements of how this money can be used, we have established the following intended use budget:

2021

| AREA | DESCRIPTION | ESTIMATED COST |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Fire Department | Radios | \$25,000 |
| Fire Department | Pagers | \$65,000 |
| Utilities | Fiber upgrade to SCADA | \$40,000 |
| Sanitary Sewer | Carver Creek Lift Station Fiber | \$50,000 |
| Sanitary Sewer | Spring Creek Generator | \$75,000 |

2022

| AREA | DESCRIPTION | ESTIMATED COST |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Utilities | Public Services Building Generator | \$40,000 |
| Sanitary Sewer | Oak Street Lift Station Generator | \$50,000 |
| Sanitary Sewer | River Bluffs Generator | \$40,000 |
| Sanitary Sewer | River Bluffs Lift Station Fiber | \$35,000 |
| Water | Wells #1 & #3 Electrical | \$44,830 |
| Water | Mt. Hope Road Pressure Reducing Valve | \$69,122 |



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

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Don't Get Caught Off Guard By The New First-Class Mail Service Standards

On October 1, the U.S. Postal Service implemented new service standards for first-class mail. Time-in-transit standards increased by 1 or 2 days for certain mail traveling longer distances.

To avoid delivery delays of your utility payments, the City has two options to help you eliminate the hassle of mailing your payments and to avoid the potential of incurring late fees if your payment arrives after the due date.

Direct Payment Plan:

Direct 
 Payment Plan

Monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from the designated checking or savings account. Customers still receive a monthly billing statement, but it will be noted that

payment will automatically be made on the due date. The direct payment plan form can be found on the back of your utility bill or on the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com/318.

Online Payments:

Online 
 Payments

Online bill pay via a secured site on the City's website allows utility billing customers to make a payment using a credit card, debit card, savings account, or checking account. Visit the

City's website at www.cityofcarver.com/137 to make a secure payment.

The City Hall Mailbag – Answering Your City-Related Questions:

#1

City Hall Mailbag



Why did the City spend the money and time for road construction projects on Jonathan Carver Parkway over the last few years? Isn't that a waste of property tax dollars?

Great question! There have been a number of recent road construction projects along Jonathan Carver Parkway...prior to the 2021 Project that started this past spring. Specifically, one was a turn lane project at White Pine Way, while the another included turn lanes and temporary signal lights at Monroe Drive. These improvements were 100% funded by the developers of Oak Tree, Meridian Fields, and Kwik Trip as conditions of their approval. These development projects were in operation prior to the 2021 JCP Project starting and a result were required to construct the improvements you noticed.



#2

City Hall Mailbag



How do gravel trucks contribute to road repairs?

In addition to local property taxes, the State of Minnesota allows counties to impose taxes on aggregate (gravel) mined in a county. This tax is often referred to as the "gravel tax." Carver County imposes a gravel tax, with the rate set by the State of Minnesota at 21.5 cents per cubic yard or 15 cents per ton of mined material. In 2020, Carver County collected \$127,754.52 in gravel tax, of which \$9,899.98 was allocated to the City of Carver.

For more information on the gravel tax, please visit

www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/property-finance/property-tax



Minnesota Water Assistance Program

The State of Minnesota received \$14,666,970 in federal funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act to assist Minnesota residents with past due or current water and wastewater usage charges, fees, and deposits in response to hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are being accepted now. For more details on how to apply, visit the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com/352.

Seasonal Information and Reminders



Winter is approaching – do your part to keep your City safe:

- * No parking after 2 inches of snow and ice accumulation – it is unlawful to park any vehicle, trailer, camper, wagon, snowmobile, or any other item on public streets or alleys until the City has completed plowing operations.
- * Keep walks clear – it is the responsibility of the owner and/or occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk to clear the walk within 48 hours of any snow and ice accumulation.

Upcoming Events



Carver Lions Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 14

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway

Carver Lions Club
Sunday Brunch

Carver Black Sox Turkey Bingo

Friday, November 19

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway



Carver on the Minnesota Gazebo Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 27

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (lighting at 5:45 p.m.)

Tree lighting, decorating, refreshments, and s'mores

Gazebo Park, 307 Broadway



Visit the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com/calendar for more event details!

Chaska Parks and Recreation Events



The cities of Carver and Chaska have a recreation partnership for programming in both Carver and Chaska. Check out the new program offerings, including adaptive programs and new programs for middle schoolers.

Registration for winter activities begins on December 6. For program details and registration, visit www.chaskamn.com/647.