



Mayor's Message

Greetings!

As I look forward to 2022, I'd also like to take a look back at 2021 and share the 10 items that, in my opinion, were the most noteworthy in our community. Here they are:

10. Veggies Galore – 2021 was the inaugural year for the Carver Farmers Market and our Community Gardens. Both were great additions to our community and made it easier to get fresh produce in Carver.

9. New Website – Early last year CityOfCarver.com got a much-needed facelift! The updates to our website produced a modern, more user-friendly site, which is searchable and easy to navigate.

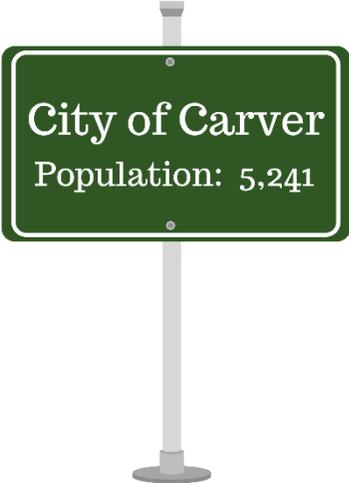
8. PHEV Purchase – In July we purchased a PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle) for our Community Development Department, which uses it for daily building inspections. The vehicle runs on electric power with a gas backup when the battery has been exhausted. So far, we haven't had to refill the gas tank!



7. Space Study – After working with architects and engineers on a space study, we identified the need to construct a 9,600 square-foot vehicle and equipment building. The proposed building site would be just west of the existing Fire Station/Public Services building. The Space Study also identified a need to construct an 820 square-foot addition on to the south side of the existing Fire Station to house firefighters' turn-out gear in a room separate from the fire garage, with its own ventilation system.

6. 5,241 – Last summer we got the results of the 2020 Census and the City of Carver's population is now 5,241. Having crossed the 5,000 population threshold, Carver now qualifies for Municipal State Aid. This means Carver will now receive hundreds of thousands of dollars from the State of Minnesota for road construction and maintenance.

5. LRIP Grant – Carver won a \$1.25 million Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant from MnDOT which will be used to make improvements to 6th Street West. The project will include full-depth pavement reclamation, enhancements to the storm sewer system to alleviate flooding, and pedestrian and bicycle mobility improvements along the corridor, and will take place this summer.



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4. Levee Progress – Last summer and fall we had visits from Representative Tom Emmer, and both the Minnesota House and the Senate Capital Investment Committees, all who walked the levee with me and learned about the City of Carver's need for funding to make improvements to this vital piece of infrastructure. I'm hopeful 2022 will bring additional funding to continue our momentum on this project!



3. Watering Ban – Last summer amid a drought and on some of the hottest days of the summer, we had a watering ban for eight days. With two new wells and our Water Treatment Facility expansion which will all go into service this year, in addition to repairs to the existing well we are making this winter, I'm confident we won't have another watering ban anytime soon.

2. Pavement Management Plan – This plan was built around an annual investment in street maintenance, while incorporating recommended street maintenance best management practices such as bituminous mill and overlays, reclamations, a seal coat and crack seal program, and reserving funds for miscellaneous repair needs. The repair and replacement of streets as identified in the Pavement Management Fund will be financed through the Street Maintenance Fund which is part of our General Fund Budget – NOT Franchise Fees.

1. JCP Improvement Project – The most memorable event in Carver last year was the Jonathan Carver Parkway (JCP) Improvement Project. After seven months of construction, we now have a beautiful corridor which will safely and efficiently move traffic throughout our community for a long time to come!

Happy New Year!

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Carver Lions 13th Annual Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tourney

Saturday, January 29, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Riverside Park, Carver
Proceeds to help local families and individuals experiencing medical setbacks and hardships. Event details can be found at www.carverlions.org.



Carver Open Gym

Open Gym will be returning in a few weeks. Open Gym is held Sunday afternoons at Carver Elementary. Check the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts for more details in the coming weeks.

Chaska Parks and Recreation Winter Activities

An exciting relationship between the cities of Carver and Chaska has allowed discounted pricing and benefits to be extended to Carver residents. Carver residents are eligible for the following:

- Chaska Community Center resident membership and daily admission rates.
- Chaska Curling Center resident rates for memberships, leagues, and Learn to Curls.
- Chaska Event Center resident rates.
- Chaska Town Course resident green fee rates.
- Chaska Par 30 resident green fee rates.



The Winter/Spring 2022 Activity Guide is live and full of fun activities. For program details and registration, visit www.chaskamn.com/647 or scan this code with your smart phone.

Upcoming Activities in Carver

Preschool Fun – Valentine Fun! (Ages 1 to 6)

February 9, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Create big fun with little hands with valentine crafts, games, and a snack. Preregistration is required and space is limited. Location: Carver City Hall (316 Broadway).

Adaptive Programs and Inclusion Support

The Chaska Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Reach for Resources, celebrates participation by ALL! Inclusion facilitators are provided for those needing support. For special needs questions and inclusion requests, please call (952) 227-7760.

Pizza and Dance Party in Carver – Adaptive Program

February 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Ages 6+)

Enjoy pizza before showing off your dance moves under the colored lights. Glow sticks, hula hoops, and other fun dance accessories provided. Location: Carver City Hall (316 Broadway).



Other adaptive activities, including Unified Sports and Club Connect, are planned in Chaska – visit www.chaskamn.com/688 for program details and to register.

Get Involved and Serve Your City

Apply Now to Serve on the Heritage Preservation Commission or the Planning Commission

Heritage Preservation Commission – 2 Open Positions

Reviews and advises on municipal heritage preservation matters. Charged with the stewardship of the City of Carver’s heritage.

Planning Commission – 4 Open Positions

Makes recommendations on land use policies and laws. Makes final decisions on certain kinds of development and use permits.

These positions will be filled through an interview and appointment process undertaken by the City Council. In order to be considered for the position, residents should submit an application and letter of interest on the City’s website at www.cityofcarver.com/318 no later than **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**.

Please contact Vicky Sons-Eiden at ysonseiden@cityofcarver.com with any questions.



Winter Weather Reminders

Parking: Following two inches or more of snow accumulation, no parking is allowed on City streets until City Staff has plowed that street.

Sidewalks: Property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping public sidewalks adjacent to their property clear of snow and ice. This should be done within 48 hours after a snow event.

Fire Hydrants: Clear at least a three-foot radius around your neighborhood fire hydrants. During a fire, seconds count and the extra time spent removing snow from around fire hydrants may save your neighbor’s home or your own.

For more details regarding why streets are plowed in certain ways and at certain times, the plowing of City trails, clearing around mailboxes, and other items related to the City’s operations during snow and ice events, view the **Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy** on the City’s website at www.cityofcarver.com/179.

