



Mayor's Message

Greetings!

In 2020, the City of Carver received \$225,000 in combined funding from the Department of Natural Resources and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, which with a combined match of City resources greatly assisted our ongoing efforts to develop preliminary plans to modernize and certify the Carver Levee System. Carver's levee system protects residents and businesses in the Historic Downtown from the flood waters of Spring Creek and the Minnesota River, however it needs to be upgraded and certified to preserve our history and protect our future.



In the past year our team has met one-on-one with residents and business owners, conducted stakeholder engagement meetings to inform agencies ahead of critical design decisions, and created a project website. In addition, grant funds have allowed the City to do the necessary technical work like soil borings, slope stability review, and seepage and settlement analysis to better understand how our current levee works and what it will take to construct an upgrade that will protect residents and businesses for generations to come.

Although there is plenty of work to do related to design and the identification of construction impacts to property owners...I'm very excited about our progress, process, and upcoming opportunities to advance this project! I've always said the Levee Improvement Project is a marathon and not a sprint. *I truly believe the Carver Levee Project provides our community with an opportunity to Preserve our History and Protect our Future.*



Knowing we can't do this project alone, we continue to work to identify funding opportunities to pay for what will be a \$12 million critical infrastructure project. With ongoing support from Representative Jim Nash and Senator Julia Coleman, we hope to be successful during what is a bonding year in Minnesota. I'm going to try hard to get State bonding money for our levee project. There are also some opportunities for federal funds, and I've connected with our elected officials in Washington to get their support.

If you're interested in viewing the entire Certified Levy Project Update presentation from our January 18 Work Session, visit www.cityofcarver.com/276 and click on the "Certified Levee Presentation" links at the top of the page.



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If you have any questions or comments about the Levee Improvement Project or any other topic, please don't hesitate to reach out. As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

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Community Gardens

Don't miss the opportunity to reserve Community Garden space for the 2022 growing season! Registrations are now being accepted for the Community Gardens, located behind Church by the River (109 Main Street East) in downtown Carver.

Applications will be accepted from February 1 through March 15, with priority given to City of Carver residents. Plot assignments will be made after the March 15 deadline.

The raised beds and access to irrigation make it easy for new and experienced gardeners to enjoy the benefits of growing their own gardens in a convenient location!

The gardens are generally available May 15 through October 15. Plot rental fees are \$20 plus a \$20 security deposit. Two plot options are available: raised beds (4' x 8') and planter boxes (4' x 4').



Visit www.cityofcarver.com/324 for program details and registration information.

Please contact Brenda at bgood@cityofcarver.com or 952-448-8731 with any questions.

It's Ice Time at Community Park!

The main ice rink and the adjacent recreational rink at Community Park are open and ready for skaters. Lights for the main rink will stay on until 9:30 p.m. The warming house is available from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and a satellite restroom is on site.



Please follow any posted signs for rink closures during the season due to unfavorable conditions or ice restoration.

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

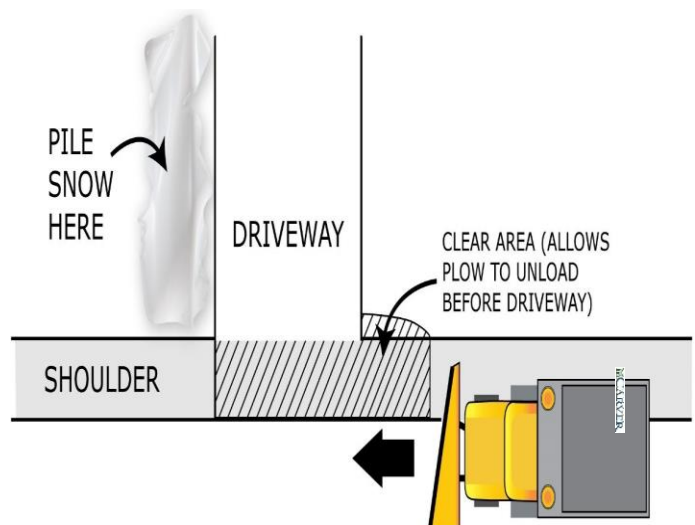
Sidewalks: Property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping public sidewalks adjacent to their property clear of snow and ice. This should be done within 48 hours after a snow event.

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.



Snow Shoveling Tips:

- Clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram). This will allow the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it reaches your driveway. By piling the snow away from the oncoming direction of the snowplow, less snow will be pushed back onto the driveway.
- Eliminate snow piles at your property entrance whenever possible. Excessive accumulations of snow can obstruct the vision of motorists, posing a safety hazard.
- Remember, it is hazardous and illegal to push snow from a sidewalk or driveway onto any roadway.



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 at www.chaskamn.com/647.

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 registration.

Chaska Community Center Batting Cage

The batting cage at Chaska Community Center is open!

Tuesdays: 7–9 p.m.

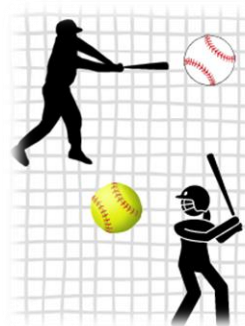
Fridays: 5–9 p.m.

Saturdays: 3–6 p.m.

Chaska/Carver Residents = \$10 per 30 minutes

Non-Residents = \$12 per 30 minutes

Contact Zac at 952-227-7761 or zjohnson@chaskamn.com with any questions.



Open Gym at Carver Elementary – Sundays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Open Gym started Sunday, January 23, and runs for several months.

(NOTE: There will be no Open Gym on Sunday, February 13.) This is a free weekly event! Bring your own basketballs and equipment. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.



Carver Baseball and Softball – Registration Now Open

Registration for T-Ball, Youth Baseball, SW Community Baseball, and Softball Community Travel Programs are open. Visit www.ccybsa.com for details and registration.