



Mayor's Message

Greetings! The City of Carver has a great system of parks and trails. We're fortunate to have some unique natural features and lots of outdoor space to explore and enjoy in our community. Carver stands apart from many suburban communities with an estimated 50% of its overall land area preserved and protected as either public parks or natural habitat, including nearly 600 acres within the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. This month, I'm going to share more about what goes into the planning process for new parks in Carver.



In 2019, Council adopted the Parks Master Plan, a guiding document that supports and sets the framework for park development in the City of Carver through 2040. The Parks Master Plan contains lots of information, including details on future park needs and development.

Within the Parks Master Plan, four search areas have been identified, each which could develop into parks in the future. One search area is downtown Carver. The area which has been identified for a future park is near the intersection of Broadway and Main where a Public Services building/the former fire station now stands.



Downtown Park
Preliminary Concept

The preliminary concept for the new downtown park includes a community gathering space featuring a splash pad. For development of a park to occur in this area, demolition of the building will be necessary. Right now, the downtown park isn't expected to develop until 2026 at the earliest.

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More immediately, construction on an expansion to Ironwood Park, which is located west of Carver Elementary, will begin in the spring. The 3.5 acre expansion will include a park pavilion, outdoor classroom, basketball court, skate park, seating areas throughout the park, and permanent games including corn hole and ping pong. So, how are the planned future parks paid for? Construction of parks is paid for through the Park Dedication Fund. The Park Dedication Fund generates revenue from an annual contribution from the City's General Fund (=property taxes) and fees collected from new development. Money from the Park Dedication Fund can only be used for the acquisition and development or improvement of parks, recreational facilities, playgrounds, trails, wetlands, or open space based on the Parks Master Plan.



Ironwood Park
Concept Plan

If you're interested in checking out the Parks Master Plan, it can be found here: www.cityofcarver.com/250/Parks-Master-Plan. If you have questions or comments about anything related to parks or any other topic, please don't hesitate to reach out. As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

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A Message from Carver Fire

Check Your Alarms!

Daylight Saving Time occurs on Saturday, March 12. When turning your clocks ahead one hour, also check your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.

Remember to also change your batteries.

Stop by the Carver Fire Station from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

on Saturday, March 12, for FREE batteries!

Remember – Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!



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Thank You!

Thank you for keeping fire hydrants clear of snow, shrubs, trees, and other obstructions. A three-foot clearance allows firefighters to connect to their water source quicker. In an emergency, every second counts!

Cold Weather Causes More Potholes

What Makes A Pothole: Potholes are created when moisture seeps into the pavement. The moisture freezes, expands, and then thaws. This weakens the pavement. Traffic loosens the pavement even more, and it eventually crumbles and pops out.

Why More Potholes Occur In The Spring: Spring temperatures warm the cold pavement, melting and evaporating any frozen water. This creates air pockets that can eventually cause the pavement to break up. A winter of heavy snow or rain and several freeze/thaw cycles can mean a big pothole season ahead.

How Potholes Are Repaired: The pothole is carved out with a jackhammer or masonry saw to create a neat rectangle. Once the excess asphalt is shoveled away, an adhesive is applied and asphalt is added in layers. It is then leveled off and compacted with an asphalt pavement roller.

The Different Types Of Pothole Repairs: During cold weather, temporary repairs are made with cold patch asphalt, because the weather is too cold to use hot asphalt. During warmer temperatures, hot asphalt is used for more permanent repairs.

How To Report A Pothole: To report a pothole on a City street, complete the “Report a Concern” form on the City’s website at cityofcarver.com or call City Hall at 952-448-5353.

Community Gardens

Reservations are now being taken for Community Garden space for the 2022 growing season! The gardens are located behind Church by the River (109 Main Street East) in downtown Carver.

Visit www.cityofcarver.com/324 for program details and registration information. Contact Brenda at bgood@cityofcarver.com or 952-448-8731 with any questions.



Saturday, March 12, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Carver Fire Station

Stop by the Carver Fire Station (801 Jonathan Carver Parkway) for FREE batteries, smoke alarm information, and to meet your local firefighters!

Open Gym Continues at Carver Elementary

Sundays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

This is a free weekly event! Bring your own basketballs and equipment. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.



Chaska Parks and Recreation Activities

The Spring/Summer 2022 Activity Guide will be available March 21. Scan the QR Code at the bottom of this page or visit www.chaskamn.com/647 to sign up for the Parks and Rec Newsletter and to access the current Activity Guide.

Check Out These Popular Events:

Extreme Kids Summer Day Camp

Chaska Community Center – For kids entering Grades 1-6 in Fall 2022

Mark your calendar! Registration opens on Tuesday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. for this popular summer childcare option. View program details such as dates, hours, and fees at www.chaskamn.com/647.

Prairie Fire Children's Theater: Peter Pan

For kids ages 7-16. The perfect stay-cation for the kids over spring break. Everyone gets a part. March 28-April 2. Register at www.chaskamn.com/647.

Reminder: 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.



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