



## Mayor's Message

Greetings! Fall in Carver brings cooler temperatures, beautiful colors in the natural environment that surrounds us and shorter days. At the City of Carver, this time of year is also an important part of our budget season. With that, I'd like to give you an update of the planning process for the 2023 General Fund Budget and how it will impact you and your family.



Cutting straight to the chase, the news that everyone wants to hear is that **the City of Carver's portion of your 2023 property tax is anticipated to decrease.** Earlier this year, Carver County sent out valuation statements for 2023, which showed an average value home in Carver increasing by approximately 21%. The anticipated tax decrease of 2% is reflected on a \$328,500 home in 2022, paying a City tax of \$1,553, compared to that same home having a value increase to \$410,800 in 2023, with an estimated City tax of \$1,524.

Now, for the details. At the September 19 City Council meeting we set the Preliminary Levy for 2023 at \$3,851,980. This is a 6.9% increase over the 2022 Budget. The Preliminary Levy is a ceiling/"not to exceed" amount, and the budget *may* decrease between now and the Final Levy we'll approve in December. In the end, the City's tax rate is anticipated to drop by more than 10% from 48.40% to 37.12%, based on preliminary projections.

Here's the really good news - While the City of Carver's property taxes are anticipated to decrease for most property owners, several significant investments are included in the Preliminary 2023 General Fund Budget. Some of these items include continued funding of the Street Maintenance Plan, SouthWest Prime service, and Carver's popular Spring Cleanup Day. In 2023 we'll also be piloting a couple of yard waste collection events and purchasing new protective equipment for the Carver Fire Department.

As we continue the process of finalizing the 2023 Budget, here are the next steps:

- **October/November** - Residents will receive their preliminary property tax statements in the mail. This document will include information on your home's valuation increase and your proposed tax bill, based off of the Preliminary Levy.
- **December 5** - The Truth in Taxation public hearing will take place during the City Council meeting, which will take place at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Residents are invited to comment on the proposed budget and their property taxes.
- **December 19** - City Council will consider adoption of the 2023 Budget and Property Tax Levy during the City Council meeting, which will take place at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

I am acutely aware of the inflationary pressures and economic uncertainty many of us in Carver are facing. Because it takes that into consideration, I am happy with the Preliminary 2023 General Fund Budget. While it is lean, it will serve our community's needs.

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If you'd like to check out all the details of the Preliminary 2023 General Fund Budget, it is available on [CityOfCarver.com](http://CityOfCarver.com). You'll find it in the 2023 Resident's Budget Guide.

If you have questions or comments about the Preliminary 2023 Budget or any other topic, please don't hesitate to reach out. As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

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**2022 Edith Anne Award**

The *2022 Edith Anne Award for Property Excellence* was recently presented to Sandi and Tom Twining for their property at 200 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East.

Edith Herman and Anne Neils were instrumental in the preservation and restoration of downtown Carver in the 1960s. The Edith Anne award was created in 2015 and celebrates residents who go above and beyond on property maintenance. Sandi and Tom embody the award through their work on their impressive flower and vegetable gardens that wrap their entire property as well as extensive renovations they have completed to their historic home in downtown Carver. Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Sayre presented the award to the Twinings in September.



Congratulations to Sandi and Tom and thank you for your work and commitment to downtown Carver!

**Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping operations assist with storm water pollution prevention. Staff will begin sweeping in early October and move throughout Carver. Please check the City's website or Facebook page for updates when the sweeper will be in your neighborhood.

**Park Restrooms**

All park shelter restrooms will close for the season on October 15. Thank you for a great season!



## City Council Rundown – September

The City Council Rundown is intended to be used as an informal summary of regular meeting highlights. For complete details on all agenda items, official meeting minutes, or to watch a video of the meeting, please visit [www.cityofcarver.com](http://www.cityofcarver.com). To ask questions or share comments related to City Council meeting actions, contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at (952) 448-8737 or by email at [bmareck@cityofcarver.com](mailto:bmareck@cityofcarver.com).



Left to Right: Councilor Joy McKnight, Councilor Kristy Mock, Mayor Courtney Johnson, Councilor Glen Henry, & Councilor Laurie Sayre

**Mizzy’s Pizza:** The City Council approved a site plan for Mizzy’s Pizza, to be located in Carver Square at 4715 Dahlgren Road. Mizzy’s Pizza plans to start construction this fall on a 4,945 square foot restaurant. The building also includes 2,587 square feet of retail/office space for future lease.



*Mizzy’s Pizza Concept  
4715 Dahlgren Rd.*

**Timber Creek / 2nd Addition:** The City Council approved the Final Plat for sixty eight (68) new single-family homes by Lennar in the Timber Creek Development. Timber Creek is located just west of Carver Elementary and south of Monroe Drive.

**2023 Preliminary Levy:** The City Council adopted a preliminary levy of \$3,851,980 for budget year 2023. The preliminary levy reflects the maximum tax levy the City Council will consider in conjunction with the adoption of the 2023 Budget. The impact of preliminary levy for 2023 is anticipated to reduce City taxes by \$29 on an average value home of \$410,800. The City Council will continue to meet and discuss the 2023 Budget throughout the fall, with property owners invited to comment on the proposed budget and tax levy at the Monday, December 5 City Council meeting at 7:00 pm. For more information on the 2023 Budget, please visit [www.cityofcarver.com/277](http://www.cityofcarver.com/277).

	Pay 2022	Estimate 2023
Estimated Market Value	\$328,500	\$410,800
Homestead Exclusion	(\$7,700)	(\$268)
<b>Taxable Market Value</b>	<b>\$320,800</b>	<b>\$410,532</b>
Residential Tax Classification Rate	x 1%	x 1%
Tax Capacity	\$3,208.00	\$4,105.32
City of Carver Tax Rate	x 48.40%	x 37.12%
<b>City of Carver Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,553</b>	<b>\$1,524</b>

**Sanitary Sewer Projects:** The City Council approved a bid of \$477,422.91 to complete electric component and generator upgrades at three sanitary sewer lift stations. The City will be using \$410,000 of American Rescue Plan dollars to partially fund the project, with remaining proceeds coming from the Sewer Fund.

**Heritage Preservation Appeal:** The City Council heard an appeal from the property owner at 416 Broadway regarding a window project application made to the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). Exterior improvements on homes on the National Register of Historic Places are required to meet established design guidelines administered by the HPC. The City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution of findings to consider action at the October 3 meeting.

**Storm Water Permitting:** The Engineer’s Office provided the City Council with a presentation on the City’s Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program.

# Upcoming Events



<p>October <b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Tot Time Art in Carver</b> – 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays: October 3, November 21, and December 5 Free drop-in event for toddlers at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway</p>
<p>October <b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Carver Fire &amp; Public Services Open House</b> – Tuesday, October 4, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Carver Fire Station, 801 Jonathan Carver Parkway Fire truck rides, free chili and hot dogs, and community safety information. Meet your local firefighters and public service workers. Join us for this fun and free event!</p> 
<p>October <b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Babysitting 101 Clinic</b> – Thursday, October 6, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway (Ages 11+ , \$70 for Carver residents) Fundamental information about babysitting, caregiving skills, safety, and more! Register online at <a href="http://chaskaparksandrec.com">chaskaparksandrec.com</a> or call 952-227-7791</p>
<p>October <b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee, Cards &amp; Conversation</b> – Second Tuesdays of the month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. October 13, November 10, and December 8 Free drop-in event at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Get to know your neighbors: Play cards, share conversations, and enjoy refreshments. Drop in for a fun afternoon!</p>
<p>October <b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Trail of Fun</b> – Saturday, October 15, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Trail ride will go from Chaska Athletic Park to Carver and back to Chaska S'mores, pumpkin archery, kids dance DJ, kids workshop, games, food trucks, community pumpkin carving contest, bouncy house and more! Register online at <a href="http://chaskaparksandrec.com">chaskaparksandrec.com</a> or call 952-227-7791</p>
<p>October <b>23</b></p>	<p><b>Carver Lions Trunk Or Treat</b> – Sunday, October 23, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Free event in downtown Carver! Trunk or treating, llamas, bounce houses, princess photos, hot dogs, cookies, hot chocolate, games, prizes, and visits from Carver Fire Department and the Carver County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and Dive Team.</p>
<p>November <b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Safe Kids 101</b> – Tuesday, November 1, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway (Ages 8-12, \$45 for Carver residents) Safety principles, basic first aid, basic emergency training, fun and safe activities to do while home alone. Register online at <a href="http://chaskaparksandrec.com">chaskaparksandrec.com</a> or call 952-227-7791</p>
<p>November <b>8</b></p>	<p><b>General Election 2022</b> – Tuesday, November 8 Polls Open: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM      Precinct Location: City Hall – 316 Broadway</p> <p>Municipal Elections will be held on <b>Tuesday, November 8</b>, for the purpose of electing one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members for a term of four (4) years each. Visit <a href="http://cityofcarver.com/204">cityofcarver.com/204</a> to learn more about preregistration and early/absentee ballots.</p> <p>The League of Women Voters Eastern Carver County hosted a Candidate Forum on September 22. Video of the forum can be found on the City's website at <a href="http://cityofcarver.com">cityofcarver.com</a> on "Watch City Meetings &amp; View Agendas &amp; Packets" at the bottom of the home page.</p> 