



Mayor's Message

Happy New Year! As we enter the New Year, it has been my tradition to share ten items that were the most memorable in Carver from the previous year. With that, here's my list from 2022:



10. Elections – The results of November's election brought some change to the Carver City Council. After serving 12 years, Council Member Glen Henry finished his third term last month. Erik Perschmann, who previously served on Carver's Planning Commission, begins his first term on City Council this month.

9. Residential Development – Last year we approved plans for The Preserve and Brookeview developments, which will eventually bring a combined 88 new homes to Carver. Residential development in Carver has been very, very strong, but we're starting to see new home construction slow down a bit, which is something we're going to keep an eye on in 2023.

8. Park Expansion – Ironwood Park is expanding by nearly 3.5 acres.

When the expansion area opens this summer, it will include an outdoor classroom, skate park, picnic pavilion, basketball court, and permanent outdoor yard games including cornhole and ping pong.



7. Connection Fee Waiver Programs – The City Council developed two programs in 2022 to promote business development and affordable housing in the City of Carver. First, City Council adopted a program waiving new businesses utility connection fees for their outdoor dining areas due to their seasonal use. This policy will serve as an economic development tool for new businesses with patios, such as restaurants and coffee shops, and will save them potentially tens of thousands of dollars in connection fees. The City also developed a program for affordable housing, which is a tiered approach based on a project's level of affordability, with a maximum of \$250,000 in utility connection fee waivers per project.

6. Commercial Development – Last year we celebrated four new businesses who announced their plans to invest in Carver: River Wild Child Learning Center, which opened downtown in September, and opening later this year will be the Getaway Motor Café, Next Steps Learning Center, and Mizzy's Pizza.

5. Taxes – The City of Carver's 2023 tax levy is a 6.9% increase over the 2022 levy, however, the City's tax rate has dropped by more than 10%, from 48.40% to 37.12%. The tax rate drop was due to a historic increase in total market value, primarily impacted by new construction. What this means is the majority of taxpayers in Carver will see the City's portion of their property taxes lower in 2023 than they were in 2022!

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4. Finance Director – Last March, Lynn Tschudi joined our team as the City's first-ever Finance Director. Lynn has been a delightful addition to our team and her impact was felt almost immediately.

3. Water Treatment Plant Expansion – Last fall we cut the ribbon on the expanded Water Treatment Plant, celebrating a \$12 million infrastructure investment, which more than doubled our capacity to treat the water that comes into your home. We went from a capacity 1.3 million to 2.7 million gallons a day. This expansion will give our community much-needed capacity for many years to come!



2. Certified Levee – In March of last year I was notified the City of Carver had been designated to receive \$2.5 million from the Federal Omnibus Bill for our Levee Improvement Project. That brings the total to more than \$2.7 million Carver has received in grants, which is a really nice start as we're chipping away on the Levee Improvement Project's estimated \$12 million price tag.

1. 6th Street West Improvements

After being under construction for four months, 6th Street now has a rebuilt roadway, improved storm sewer network, and upgraded pedestrian accessibility. The finishing touches will be completed this spring, revealing a lovely new roadway later this year.



I wish you all the best in 2023. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about anything that's going on in our community, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Brining Reduces The Amount Of Salt Applied

The application of salt brine has several benefits. Prior to an event, it stops the bonding of ice and snow to the pavement. During an event, the brine is sprayed on the spinner of the truck as the rock salt is applied to the road, which activates the rock salt faster. All of this reduces the amount of salt that is used during a snow event!





City Council Rundown – December

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. 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.



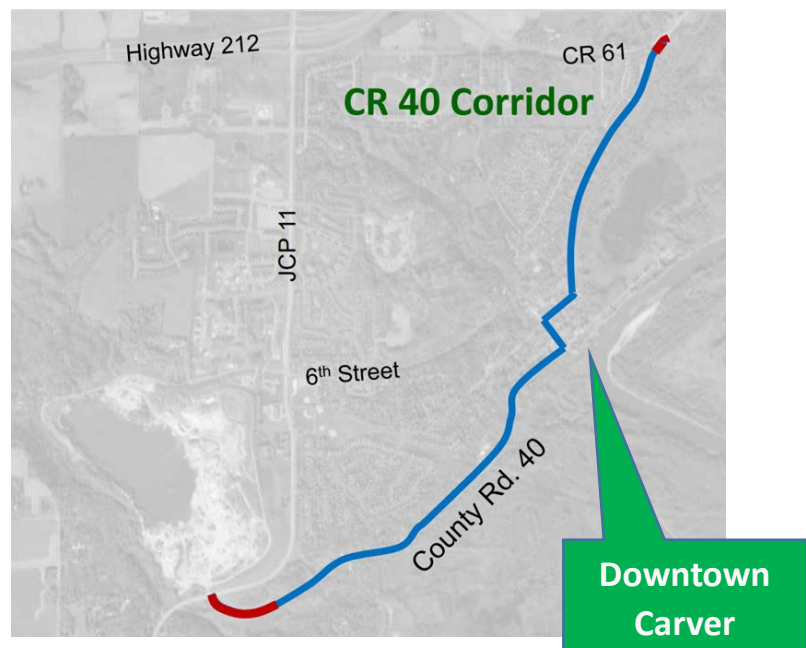
Left to Right: Councilor Joy McKnight, Councilor Kristy Mock, Mayor Courtney Johnson, Councilor Glen Henry, & Councilor Laurie Sayre

CR 40 Turnback: The City of Carver and Carver County entered into an agreement for Carver County Road 40 to be turned back to the City of Carver. Carver County Road 40, which comprises sections of Old Carver Road, 4th Street East, Broadway, and Main Street West, will now be managed and maintained by the City of Carver. In return, the City of Carver will receive \$1.138 million from Carver County for future road maintenance projects along the corridor.

2023 Budget and Tax Levy: The City Council adopted the 2023 Budget and approved the 2023 tax levy with a 6.9% increase. The average value home in Carver is anticipated to experience a \$29 decrease in City property taxes from budget year 2022. For additional information on the 2023 Budget, please visit www.cityofcarver.com.

2023 Fee Schedule: The City Council adopted the 2023 Fee Schedule, which establishes rates and charges for permits, licenses, rentals, utility fees, and other services provided by the City of Carver.

Liquor License Application – 205 Broadway: The City Council approved a liquor license application for 205 Broadway (currently Lisa’s Place) for Karen Maresch.



Utility Usage Charge	2022 Rates	2023 Proposed Rates
Water		
0 - 5,000 Gallons	\$4.67	\$4.81
5,001 - 10,000 Gallons	\$6.42	\$6.62
10,001 Gallons +	\$9.34	\$9.62
Water Testing Fee	\$9.72 annually	0.81 per month
Base Fee	\$11.68	\$12.03
Sanitary Sewer		
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.68	\$7.91
Storm Water		
Base Fee - Residential	\$10.32	\$10.84
Base Fee - C/I	\$35.31	\$37.08
Utility Connection Charge	2022 Fee	2023 Proposed Fee
Water	*connection fees are for new construction only	
Connection Fee / Unit	\$8,900	\$9,167
Sanitary Sewer		
Local Connection Fee / Unit	\$980	\$1,009
MCES Connection Fee / Unit	\$2,485	\$2,485

Upcoming Events



Coffee, Cards & Conversation – Second Thursday of the month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. January 12, February 9, and March 9. Free drop-in event at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway. Play cards, share conversations, and enjoy refreshments. Stop in for a fun afternoon! Sponsored by the City of Carver, Chaska Parks and Rec, and Carver Ridge Senior Living.

**14th Annual
Soggy Bottom
Snow Golf Fundraiser**

**Saturday, January 28
11am - 2pm
Riverside Park
120 Main St E, Carver
\$25/person**

**Sponsored by the Carver Lions
Proceeds to help local families in medical crisis**

**2023 Recipients
Jamie Reidl & Kelli Zupke**

**For more info about the recipients
and to register or donate, go to:
Facebook: Carver Minnesota Lions Club
Go to Eventbrite for Registration/Donation: Soggy Bottom
Registration available day of the event. Registration includes Soggy Bottom hat.**

After the event: Carver Lions Meat Raffle @ Lisa's Place 3pm

**FREE
OPEN GYM
SUNDAYS
JAN. 29-APR. 2
2-5PM**

NO OPEN GYM ON FEBRUARY 12

**Bring your own basketballs and
equipment.**

**CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM**

Are You Interested in Serving in Your Community?

Parks Advisory Group: Are you interested in learning more about the City's park system? Do you have a great recreational program idea? Are you looking for a way to connect in the community? The **Parks Advisory Group** is a new initiative for the City that will gather residents with a special interest in parks. The first gathering is slated for Spring 2023. All residents are encouraged to join! For more information, questions, or to join the Parks Advisory Group, email Erin Smith at esmith@cityofcarver.com.



Heritage Preservation Commission – 2 Open Positions – Reviews and advises on municipal heritage preservation matters. Charged with the stewardship of the City's heritage.

Planning Commission – 2 Open Positions – Makes recommendations on land use policies and laws. Makes final decisions on certain kinds of development and use permits.

The Commission positions will be filled through an interview and appointment process undertaken by the City Council. To be considered for the position, residents should submit an application and letter of interest on the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com by **Wednesday, January 18**. Contact Vicky Sons-Eiden at vsonseiden@cityofcarver.com or at 952-448-8727 with any questions.