



Mayor's Message

Greetings!

What a winter we're having. As of this writing, the Twin Cities just passed the threshold of having received more snow already than what we get for the full season on average. And, there's more winter to come! While I'm taking a break from shoveling, I'd like to share a few updates:



New businesses – Last month two new businesses opened up downtown:

- **Getaway Motor Café** is the much-anticipated craft coffee and cocktail hangout which is owned by Carver residents Terah and Nate Roise. It's located at 120 Broadway.
- **Strains of the Earth** is a holistic company that sells CBD topicals, tinctures, gummies, and more. It's located in the lower level of 300 Broadway.

2023 Street Improvement Project – This summer the following streets will have mill and overlay work completed: Butternut Circle, Sibley Circle, Adam Circle, Foster Avenue, Fullerton Avenue, and Riesgraf Road. Monroe Drive will receive seal coating. The full-depth reclamation that was planned for 4th Street, west of Elm Drive, will be done in 2024 to better manage budget creep and to sync the entire project in the River Oaks neighborhood.

Legislative Priorities – Last month Council and I agreed to our legislative priorities for 2023. They include funding for flood protection infrastructure, remote participation in City Council meetings, protecting local control/opposing preemption of local government, and regulation of cannabinoid products, and have been shared with Rep. Harder and Sen. Gruenhagen.

Levee Update – I'm continuing to advocate for the City of Carver to have funding for the levee included in the State of Minnesota's 2023 bonding bill. As many of you know, our legislators in St. Paul didn't come to an agreement on a bonding bill last year. I'm hopeful that will not be the case this year, and that Carver's levee project will be the recipient of bonding funds!

Strategic Planning Session – Our 2023/24 strategic planning is scheduled for April 3 & 4. This is a time when City staff, Council, and I take an in-depth look at what we want to accomplish in the next 2+ years. The result from this work is a long-term strategic plan with goals we'll all work toward completing!

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas for what we should include in our upcoming strategic planning, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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We Are Seeking Residents To Serve On The Parks Advisory Group!

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.

Water Assistance Program

City of Carver residents that have a past due bill for water/wastewater fees in the City of Carver may be eligible for the Water Assistance Program, which is administered through the Community Action Partnership of Scott Carver and Dakota Counties.



For more information, visit www.cityofcarver.com/352.

Seasonal Information and Reminders

Parking: Following two inches or more of snow accumulation, no parking is allowed on City streets until City staff has plowed that street. Vehicles left parked on City streets create problems for snowplows as well as safety problems with packed snow and ice accumulation.

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.



City Council Rundown – February

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.



Certified Levee Project Update: The City Engineer’s Office provided the City Council with a project update on work to certify the downtown flood levee along the Minnesota River and Spring Creek. The project goal is to certify the flood levee (originally constructed in 1965) by correcting deficiencies in freeboard, clear zone, steep slopes, and seepage. At this point, the City has secured outside funding of over \$2.5 million for the estimated \$12 million project. No timetable has been set for the project to begin, as the City continues to work to secure additional funding and coordinate future engagement activities with impacted property owners in the downtown.



2023 Legislative Priorities: The City Council adopted 2023 Legislative Priorities, which will be sent to Senator Glen Gruenhagen and Representative Bobbie Harder. The City Council adopted priorities in six areas including funding for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program, remote participation for City Council members during public meetings, protecting local control of City decisions, supporting the City’s ability to charge equitable infrastructure fees to new development projects, reducing the required special assessment amounts for public projects, and advocating for a statewide framework for the regulation of cannabinoid products.

Organization Resolution: The City Council adopted the annual “organization resolution” establishing the official newspaper for legal notices, depository for City funds, and setting various appointments and meeting assignments for members of the City Council.

SouthWest Prime: Service agreements with SouthWest Transit were approved by the City Council for SW Prime and SW Prime MD. SW Prime is an on-demand ride service to locations in Eden Prairie, Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, and Victoria. In addition, the City Council agreed to contract for SW Prime MD and SW Prime Essential ride services. SW Prime MD provides a ride service for medical appointments, while SW Prime Essential provides a ride service for grocery store and pharmacy trips. Under the terms of the agreement, the City pays \$12 for each trip starting from the City of Carver, with the rider paying anywhere from \$2.50 to \$5.00 based on the service provided. The City Council voted 4-1 to not contract for SW Prime MSP Airport and SW Prime Edge, which provide services to the MSP Airport, along with service to Shakopee, Mystic Lake Casino, the 494 Corridor, Edina, and the Mall of America.

Upcoming Events



<p>February</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Open Gym at Carver Elementary – Sundays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Open Gym started January 29 and runs for several months! <i>(Note: There will be no Open Gym on Sunday, February 12.)</i> This is a free weekly event. Bring your own basketballs and equipment. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.</p>	
<p>February</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Coffee, Cards & Conversation – Active Older Adults February 9 (Valentine BINGO) and March 9 (St. Patrick’s Day theme) Free drop-in event. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Sponsored by the City of Carver, Chaska Parks and Recreation, and Carver Ridge Senior Living.</p>	
<p>February</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Little Tot Adventures – Monday, February 13, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Parent/Child Ages 1-6 at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway All you need is love and a whole lotta giggles and hugs. Join us in Carver for the parent/child program as we create big fun with little hands with valentine crafts, games, and snacks. \$8 for Carver residents. Pre-registration is required at www.chaskaparksandrec.com</p>	
<p>February</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Open Gym 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.</p>	
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Chaska Parks and Recreation Activities and Events

Don't miss out on all the activities and events coordinated by the Chaska Parks and Recreation teams. City of Carver residents are eligible for resident rates for these activities. Program offerings and details can be found at www.chaskaparksandrec.com.

Community Gardens

Registration is now open for the Community Gardens, which are 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. 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.