



Mayor's Message

Greetings!

Now that the days are getting longer, hopefully it won't be long before the weather starts to warm up! With that, here are a few updates about what's been keeping me busy:

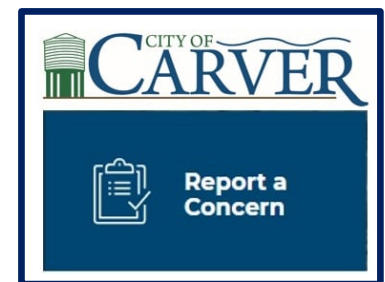
Spring flood outlook – The outlook for spring flooding along the Minnesota River basin, including in Carver, has been upgraded to well above normal. Because we're no stranger to floods in Carver, we are well prepared and have standard procedures the Public Services staff follow as flood season approaches.



Parks Advisory Group – If you want to get more involved in our community, the Parks Advisory Group is a new opportunity you may be interested in. The group will meet 4 to 6 times a year starting this spring and will work to help develop new park programming, address current park needs, and work on planning community events. Interested? Send an email of interest to Erin Smith at ESmith@CityOfCarver.com.

More parking downtown – Last month Council and I approved a plan to add additional parking downtown near the intersection of Broadway and Main Street West. This plan will add approximately eight new parking spots in front of the Public Services garage that's located at 117 Broadway. The striping of these new parking spots will take place later this spring.

Report a Concern – Have you noticed a streetlight that is out or a pothole that needs attention? While you can always call City Hall at 952-448-5353 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, there's also the "Report A Concern" button on CityOfCarver.com. It's an easy way to submit your questions, concerns, or other non-urgent issues 24/7/365.



As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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'Earth Day' Savings on Rachio Controllers

This Earth Day promotion will help you set up the right watering schedules to keep your yard healthy while avoiding overwatering. The Rachio Smart Sprinkler controller is easy to install and provides self-adjusting watering schedules that use customized yard details and the latest watering technology to determine exactly how much to water and when. It also uses predictive technology to automatically skip watering before it starts raining, saving you water and money.

Get a new Rachio Smart Sprinkler 8-zone or 16-zone controller for a reduced rate. This deal is available April 11-18, 2023. Visit go.rachio.com/carvercounty to take advantage of these Earth Day savings!

Rachio 3, 8-zone	Regular price: \$199.99 plus tax	Special discount: \$129.99 plus tax
Rachio 3, 16-zone	Regular price: \$249.99 plus tax	Special discount: \$149.99 plus tax

If you have any questions regarding this offer, contact Carver County via email at carvercounty@rachio.com.

Water Assistance Program



City of Carver residents that have a past due bill for water and 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. If eligible, water assistance pays for past due and current water, stormwater, and wastewater usage charges, fees, and deposits to ensure continuity of service. For more information, visit cityofcarver.com/352.

Pothole Repairs

Patching and filling potholes is the first in a series of projects City staff works on in the spring. The freeze/thaw cycle causes cracks to fill with water during the day, when the temperatures are warm, then that water freezes in the evening as the temperatures dip. The freeze/thaw cycle causes the pavement to weaken and continue cracking. The weight of vehicle traffic causes pieces of the roadway to break away, creating the pothole.

If residents wish to report a pothole, an online form can be completed by clicking on "Report A Concern" at cityofcarver.com.

City Council Meeting Rundown: March

The City Council Meeting Rundown is intended 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, visit cityofcarver.com. To ask questions or share comments related to meeting actions, contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at 448-8737 or by email bmareck@cityofcarver.com.



Carver City Council

2023 Street Maintenance Project: The City Council awarded a bid to William Mueller & Sons for \$338,277.05 to conduct street mill and overlay projects on Riesgraf Road, Fullerton Avenue, Foster Avenue, Walton Court, Adam Circle, Sibley Street, Sibley Court, Sibley Circle, and Butternut Circle. Funding for this and other Pavement Management Plan projects are collected through a dedicated annual street maintenance tax levy.

Parking Lot Striping (Main and Broadway): City staff presented a striping plan for parking near the intersection of Main St. W. and Broadway in the downtown. The plan creates additional parking in the area while preserving needed access to the existing Public Services storage garage located at 117 Broadway. Striping improvements are planned for early this spring.

Private Infrastructure Policy: The City Council adopted a policy affirming and clarifying a practice of not accepting requests from neighborhoods to take over privately maintained infrastructure (private streets, lights, and so on) within the community.

Volunteer Commission Appointments: The City Council appointed Sandra Kelley and Jill Finney to the Heritage Preservation Commission and Phil Schechter, Daniel Vellek, Reid Welch, and Mary Nelson to the Planning Commission.

Outdoor Recreation Grant: The City Council approved a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the DNR's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for the future development of Creekside Park. Phase I park improvements in the grant application consist of two pickle ball courts, two dog parks (small breed and large breed), trail improvements, and parking lot improvements.

Architectural Services Agreement: An architectural services agreement with Wold Architects and Engineers was approved to proceed with design development for an addition to the Fire Station to create climate-controlled storage for the Department's turnout gear, an equipment and vehicle storage facility for the Public Services Department, and to assess maintenance projects for the existing building at 801 Jonathan Carver Parkway.

2023 Utilities Project: The City Council approved plans and specifications for a project to include a backup on-site generator with automatic transfer switch at the Well 5 and Well 6, replace the Mount Hope Road pressure reducing valve (PRV), and add a blowoff valve to the watermain on Highland Drive.

Ironwood Dr. and Hartwell Dr. Intersection: The City Engineer reviewed findings of an intersection safety analysis at Ironwood Dr. and Hartwell Dr. The intersection, located near the entrance of Carver Elementary School, was found to operate in its safest condition as a two-way stop. The City Engineer's analysis did include a recommendation to consider the future installation of enhanced pedestrian crossing features at the intersection as traffic increases in the area.

Upcoming Events



<p>April 6</p>	<p>Flow Yoga – Thursdays, April 6 – May 25, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway This class uses postures and stretches in combination with the breath to develop flexibility and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Visit www.chaskaparksandrec.com to register.</p>	<p>Scan to register:</p> 
<p>April 8</p>	<p>Carver Lions Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. Community Park, 800 6th Street West, Carver Hop on over to Community Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a bag or basket for your Easter Eggs.</p>	
<p>April 28</p>	<p>Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner – Friday, April 28, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Enjoy pork chops, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, bread, and dessert. Tickets available at the door. Youth and Adults: \$15, Kids 5-10: \$7, Kids 4 and under: Free</p>	
<p>April 29</p>	<p>Project Life-Cycle Bike Tuning and Repairs Event Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Carver Station Parking Area (1607 Hartwell Drive) Basic repairs, adjustments, and cleaning; most parts provided at no charge (tubes, cables, lubricants).</p>	
<p>May 20</p>	<p>Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo – Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. to noon Carver Fire Station, 801 Jonathan Carver Parkway Bring your bike and helmet to this <i>Free Event!</i> Bike and helmet scholarships are available; send requests to CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com. To schedule a car seat check, contact Esther at 651-796-8142 or cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com</p>	

Street Sweeping and Fire Hydrant Flushing Will Begin In April

Street sweeping is one of the most cost-effective ways to remove sediment, metals, petroleum products, trash, and vegetation that accumulate on streets, construction sites, and parking lots. If these toxins are not removed, they will make their way into the storm drains, streams, and waterways. Keeping the storm drains clear helps mitigate water pollution and also reduces the likelihood of flooding during heavy rain. Please have all vehicles off the streets when the sweeper is in your neighborhood.

Fire hydrant flushing is important to the maintenance of the City’s water distribution system. Each year, City staff systematically opens hydrants throughout the City to allow water to flow at a high velocity through the distribution mainlines. This may cause temporary discoloration of the drinking water, but this does not pose a threat to the public’s health. Residents can run cold water at the tap closest to the water meter for several minutes to clear your lines.