



## Mayor's Message

Greetings! We're having a busy spring in Carver, even if the weather doesn't quite yet seem spring-like. I have a few updates to share, in no particular order:

**Carver Cleanup Day** – If you've haven't already heard, this very popular event will be held on **Saturday, May 6**. All the details on timing, what types of items you can get rid of, and all the other important information are on page 4 of this newsletter.

**Community Gardens** – We still have a few plots available to rent this summer in Carver's Community Gardens, which are located downtown behind Church by the River at 109 Main Street East. We have both 4' x 8' beds and 4' x 4' accessible raised planter boxes available. For more information and to sign up to rent a plot, check out [www.cityofcarver.com/324](http://www.cityofcarver.com/324).

### Fire Department's Badge Pinning & Black Helmet Ceremony

Last month Carver Fire held their first badge pinning and black helmet ceremony. This event celebrated five firefighters (Dave Anderson, Cody Balk, Alfred Bartels, Ryan Nicol, and Katelynn Walsh) who completed all training and tasks required in the probationary handbook, which included 180 hours of classroom training. Congratulations!



**Strategic Planning** – Last month, City Council, City staff, and I participated in a two-day strategic planning session, where we worked to set priorities which will guide our work going forward. We're still working on putting the finishing touches on the plan, but I look forward to sharing all the details soon. Stay tuned!

**Levee Grant Agreement** – As you'll see in the Council Meeting Rundown on page 3, Council and I formally approved the agreement for the \$2.5M federal grant the City of Carver has been awarded for the Levee Improvement Project. You first heard about this grant in my April 2022 update, so needless to say the process of formalizing the grant agreement was a long one. And while \$2.5M is A LOT of money, we're still not at a point in the process where you will see shovels in the ground for this project. The \$2.5M will fund the environmental review (which is a requirement of the grant), preliminary design, communications, and easement acquisition.

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**Mayor's Office Hours** – My next Mayor's Office Hours will take place on Saturday, May 13, from 9 – 11 a.m. in the Broadway room at City Hall. There's no formal presentation, so you can stop by anytime between 9 – 11 a.m. to give feedback, share ideas and ask questions...or just pop in and say "hi!" If May 13 doesn't work for you, give me a call or send me an email (my contact info is below) and we'll figure out another time to connect!

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

*Mayor Courtney Johnson*

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**New Trail and Wayfinding Signage!**

As you are out and about during the warmer temperatures, you will find upgraded trail and wayfinding signage throughout Carver! Signage has been installed throughout town, highlighting Carver's trail system, using grant funds from the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). The signs include a QR code that you can scan to be linked to the City's website and the full trail map. You can also visit [www.cityofcarver.com/171](http://www.cityofcarver.com/171).

There are six (6) trail loops identified of varying lengths and difficulty levels. Maps are also available at City Hall if you would like a paper copy.



Scan this QR code for the trail map!

## April City Council Meeting Rundown

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](http://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](mailto:bmareck@cityofcarver.com).



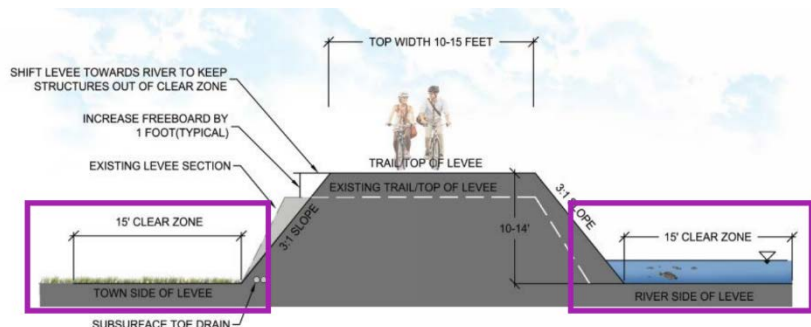
**Carver City Council**

**2023 Utilities Project:** The City Council awarded a bid to Minger Construction Company, for \$384,000, to complete the following utilities projects:

- 1) Onsite back-up generator to Well #5 and #6.
- 2) Replacement of the pressure reducing valve on Mount Hope Road.
- 3) Installation of a blow-off valve on Highland Drive.

For additional project details, contact Aaron Schmidt at [aaron.schmidt@bolton-menk.com](mailto:aaron.schmidt@bolton-menk.com).

**Certified Levee Project / Federal Grant:** The City Council approved a federal grant agreement for \$2,500,000, to be put toward certifying the City's flood levee system. For over 50 years, the Carver Levee has protected the community and Historic Downtown from major flooding events. The City is seeking additional state and federal funds to complete design work and fund the construction of the estimated \$12 million project. For more information on the Certified Levee Project, please visit [www.cityofcarver.com](http://www.cityofcarver.com).



## Neighborhood Ponds

Small ponds can often be found in neighborhoods. These ponds capture pollutants, such as heavy metals, sediments, bacteria, oils, and nutrients and prevent them from reaching lakes and rivers. As a result, the ponds generally turn green from duckweed, which is a tiny, free-floating green plant that floats on top of the water. It's an important food source for birds, bugs, and other life and is good at filtering water. Algae blooms are caused by the nutrient phosphorus and may look fuzzy or turn the water dark green.

### Keep ponds healthy:

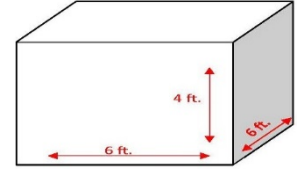
Stormwater ponds will rarely be pristine, but homeowners around the ponds can unknowingly add more phosphorus to ponds. Protect your ponds by protecting the buffer; a buffer is an area of plants, usually about 6 to 10 feet wide, surrounding the pond. The buffers slow stormwater runoff from lawns and filter pollutants. Do not mow down to the water's edge - leave trees, shrubs, and other plants around the pond to allow the buffers to work.

# City of Carver CLEAN UP DAY

## Saturday, May 6, 2023

**Items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am**

**Curbside collection will be provided for items placed at the curb in an area no more than 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft.**



### **THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

- Items outside of the 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft. maximum collection area
- General recyclables (cans, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, etc.)
- Appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, a/c, ranges, refrigerators, etc.)
- Electronics (phones, computers, tv's, etc.)
- Hazardous Materials (paint, batteries, oil, tires, bulbs, etc.)
- Concrete, Bricks, and Shingles
- Brush, Leaves, Grass, and other organic materials

### **GENERALLY ACCEPTED MATERIALS**

- Kids Toys and Household Items
- Furniture (disassembled)
- Carpet and Pads (rolled securely)
- Mattresses and Box Springs
- Misc. Construction Materials

Consider an option for recycling or reuse for items not accepted. Appliances, electronics, and other hazardous materials can be disposed of at:

**Carver County Environmental Center**  
116 Peavey Road, Chaska, MN  
Phone: 952-361-1835      [www.co.carver.mn.us](http://www.co.carver.mn.us)

The City of Carver and its contractor have the right to refuse hauling any materials based on safety concerns, hazardous waste regulations, or the safety of personnel. Participation is limited to property owners and residents of the City of Carver.

**Carver Lions Shredding Event:** Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Community Park (800 6<sup>th</sup> Street West)

Drop off your paper shredding items. Two-box limit per vehicle. Free-will donations accepted.

**Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo:** Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carver Fire Station/Public Services (801 Jonathan Carver Parkway)

Bring your bikes and helmets for this fun and free family event! Bike obstacle, safety tips, helmet fittings, refreshments, and bike safety checks!

**Yard & Garden Organic Waste Event:** Saturday, May 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carver Station/SouthWest Transit Station (1607 Hartwell Drive)

This is a free event and open to all City of Carver residents (IDs will be checked).

**Items accepted include:** leaves, plants and flowers, grass clippings, garden waste, mulch, and brush and branches (nothing larger than 3 feet in length).

**Items NOT accepted include:** food scraps, food soiled paper products, dirt, rocks, landscape fabric, construction materials, and related items.

