



Mayor's Message

Greetings! As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, you know summer is on its way. I've got another bunch of updates to share this month. Make sure you read all the way through because I'm keeping the best for last!



6th Street Project Completion – If you remember, the first layer of blacktop along 6th Street West was laid a few days before Thanksgiving last fall. Now, crews are working to finish this project, which includes adding the final layer of blacktop, curb improvements, striping, and a few other finishing touches. We're anticipating the work will be complete by mid-June, weather permitting.

2024 Budget Kickoff – It's that time of year again. At our June 5 Work Session, City staff, Council and I will begin working on the City's 2024 Budget. Our work will continue throughout the summer and fall, working toward deadlines of September 29 for the preliminary levy, a "not to exceed" number for the 2024 Budget, and December 18 for the final 2024 Budget.

Juneteenth Holiday – Due to the Juneteenth holiday, City Hall will be closed on Monday, June 19. Our second City Council meeting of the month will take place on Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Farmers Market – The third annual Carver Farmers Market will return to Carver Station (1607 Hartwell Drive) on Tuesdays from 3 – 6 p.m. starting June 20 and running through September 26. The City of Carver partners with the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce for the Farmers Market. For more information, including vendor details, check out @CarverMnFarmersMarket on Facebook.



Levee and Legislative Update – One of the last things our State elected officials accomplished last month before the close of the 2023 Legislative Session was passing a Bonding Bill. I am excited to share the City of Carver was included and will receive \$6 million for the Levee Improvement Project. This is the largest amount the City has received to date, and it brings the total we've received on the estimated \$12 million project to \$8.8 million. To say I'm excited about this is an understatement! This money will allow us to begin construction on



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the Levee Improvement project, which could begin as soon as next year. A huge thanks to Representative Jim Nash, who, although Carver is no longer in his district, understands the importance of modernizing Carver's aging infrastructure and has continued to advocate on behalf of our Levee Improvement Project.

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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Carver Drinking Water – Consumer Confidence Report

Drinking water is one of our community's most important natural resources. The City of Carver conducts daily checks of its water system and regularly participates and conducts testing as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. The results of the City's water tests are available to you in the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report. This report will provide you with information regarding the City's drinking water, along with opportunities to protect and preserve precious water resources.

Drinking Water Report



For a complete copy of the report, visit cityofcarver.com or call City Hall at 952-448-5353.

City Hall Seasonal Hours

Our Staff will be ready to assist you starting at 7:00 a.m. each day! On June 12, City Hall hours will be shifting to:

- Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

You can also connect with us by submitting a Comment/Question/Concern. Scan the "*Connect with Us*" QR code (to the left) or click on "*Report a Concern*" on our website.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Connect with Us

Have a comment, question or concern for the City of Carver?

- ✓ Question about your utility bill?
- ✓ Looking for a development project update?
- ✓ Reporting a pothole?



SCAN THE CODE

Coming Soon – Online Payment Processor and More Ways to Pay

We know paying utility bills isn't anyone's favorite thing to do, so we're making it as easy as possible for you to make a payment. **Starting in August**, the City will be launching a new, user-friendly electronic payment system with InvoiceCloud. You can look forward to being able to:

- ✓ Pay your utility bill anytime 24/7 via an easy-to-use online portal
- ✓ Pay using PayPal, Google Pay, and Venmo, along with many other options
- ✓ Manage your account and view up to two years of payment history
- ✓ Receive email reminders when your bill is ready and when a scheduled payment is pending, and get a confirmation after making a payment
- ✓ Choose to go paperless with your bills
- ✓ Choose when to pay – simply schedule a payment for any future date (before the due date)
- ✓ Set it and forget it with AutoPay – save time and avoid late or missed payments
- ✓ On the go? Use Pay by Text to get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method

And the best news of all – it's FREE! There are no added fees for residents to use any of these great new payment features. Residents who are currently using electronic payments will need to create a new account with InvoiceCloud. Once we go live with InvoiceCloud, residents will be able to access the payment site through our website at www.cityofcarver.com. So, mark your calendar; soon, you'll be able to put away your

checkbook and pay electronically!

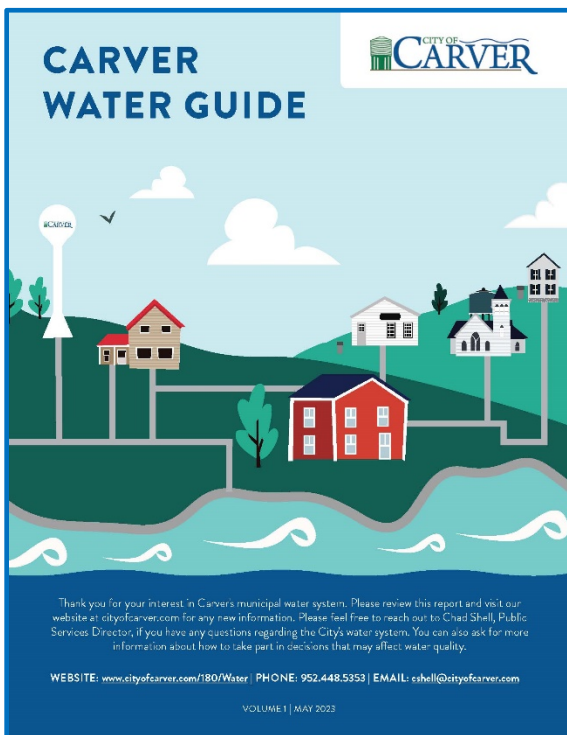


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Learn About Carver's Municipal Water System



Water is one of our most precious natural resources and is important to our everyday lives. We have created a Water Guide for community members to learn about the complex, multi-step process of collecting water from the source and delivering it to homes.

Visit the City's website or scan the QR Code to learn about water consumption, how the water treatment process works, treatment results, how to read your utility bill, and tips for conservation.



cityofcarver.com/398/Carver-Water-Guide

May City Council Meeting Rundown

The City Council Meeting Rundown is intended to be used as a guide for meeting highlights.

For complete details on all agenda items, to read official meeting minutes, or to watch a video of the meeting, visit the City website at cityofcarver.com.

To ask questions or share comments related to meeting actions, contact City Hall at 952-448-5353.



Large Event Permitting Ordinance: The City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a permit requirement for events that require a public street closure or for events expected to host 150 or more individuals. Permitting will facilitate a City review of public health and safety needs connected with the gathering, as well as a fee schedule for City services provided (placing of barricades, cones, etc.) in conjunction with the event.

Ordinance Update: The City Council took action to update regulations for peddlers, solicitors, transient merchants, and mobile food units (food trucks / trailers). For more information on the changes made, please visit www.cityofcarver.com.

Municipal State Aid Streets: The City Council officially added the former Carver County Road 40, now managed by the City of Carver, to the Municipal State Aid Street Program. The action taken by the City Council now makes sections of Old Carver Road, 4th Street East, Broadway Street, and Main Street West eligible for state aid funding for future maintenance and improvement needs along the corridor.

Riverside Park: The City Council supported a staff proposal to designate no mow / natural habitat areas in Riverside Park. The City will continue to provide traditional park maintenance in the campsite, archery, and boat landing areas; however, the balance of the park will be left to grow in its natural habitat. Seasonal staff will be redirected for additional maintenance of playground and landscaped areas throughout the City. In addition, the City continues to work on grant funding to formally transition areas within Riverside Park to native plants, creating natural trails and wildlife observation opportunities.

Long-Term Financial Plan: The City Council was briefed on impending work to update the Long-Term Financial Plan. The 2024–2033 Plan update will identify future equipment, infrastructure, staffing, operations, and maintenance needs. The Plan process includes an assessment and prioritization of these needs based on the impact to property taxes and utility charges.

Thinking about doing a project in the Historic District? Schedule a design review with the HPC. To learn more, contact City Hall.

Upcoming Events:



Carver Summer Concert Series

Kids Concert – John Kern
Tuesday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m.
Gazebo Park (307 Broadway)

Family Entertainment - Vinnie Rose
Friday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Gazebo Park (307 Broadway)

Carver County Library Program

Brodini the Magician
Wednesday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m.
Carver Village Hall (316 Broadway)

Carver on the Minnesota's Canoe/Kayak Trip

Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Ken at 952-368-3052 for details