

Mayor's Message

Greetings! As I mentioned in my February update, earlier this spring City staff, Council, and I started the work on our Strategic Plan. The results of this biennial exercise serve as the roadmap for our work.

We started off by refreshing the City's mission statement to "*With a foundation of community, integrity, and stewardship we are committed to serving current and future residents, businesses, and organizations in the City of Carver.*" Additionally, our values are pulled directly from the mission statement and focus on:

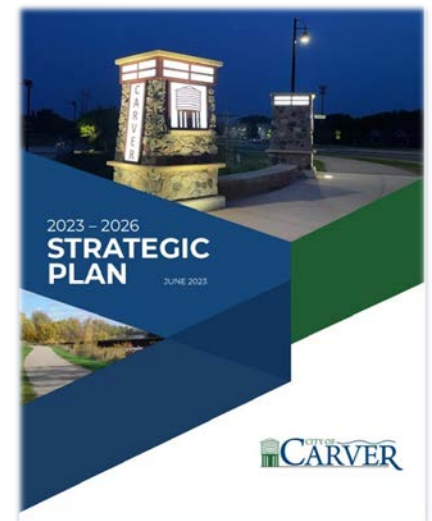
- **Community** – We are committed to efforts that foster housing choice, promote business development, and encourage a sense of pride and spirit in the City of Carver.
- **Integrity** – We are committed to delivering services and managing public processes that are high-quality, transparent, ethical, respectful, and demonstrate accountability to residents and businesses in the City of Carver.
- **Stewardship** – We are committed to investing, sustaining, and planning for community assets and resources that best meet the needs of current and future residents and businesses in the City of Carver.

The approach we took crafting the Strategic Plan was a bit different than the other times I've participated in this exercise. Not only does this Plan cover a longer time period, but it's also more strategic and metric-based, versus being purely tactical.

The five areas of greatest importance to the City of Carver make up the Plan's strategic priorities. They are:

1. **Enhanced Financial Strength** – a financially responsible organization.
2. **Improved Operations** – an organization that delivers results.
3. **Responsive Development** – development that meets community needs.
4. **Stable Infrastructure Systems** – safe, reliable infrastructure.
5. **Focused Communications** – a transparent, responsive government.

Under each strategic priority are desired outcomes, key outcome indicators, and performance targets which describe expected results and information on how the results will be measured. Additionally, there are a number of strategic initiatives under each strategic priority, which are designed to help us reach the desired outcomes of our Strategic Plan.



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Mission Statement

With a foundation of community, integrity, and stewardship we are committed to serving current and future residents, businesses, and organizations in the City of Carver

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There are numerous additional details to the 2023–2026 Strategic Plan. So many, in fact, that it's hard to summarize it all here. Because of that, I encourage you to read the full Plan. Paper copies are available at City Hall and you can access the online version at cityofcarver.com/340 or search "Strategic Action Plan."

As you will see, the 2023–2026 Strategic Plan contains a number of very specific metric-based goals. Many of these goals are what I'd refer to as "stretch" goals – they won't be easy to accomplish, but we have processes in place to measure our progress on these big hairy audacious goals.



We started our work on the Strategic Plan in February and it was officially approved by Council last month. It was a time and labor-intensive process, but I'm really happy with the finished product!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the Strategic Plan or any other topic, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

Mayor Courtney Johnson

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Connect With Us

City Hall is open one hour earlier each day to assist you:

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

If the opportunity to connect during business hours doesn't fit your schedule, the City has many online resources to meet your needs...pay your utility bill, submit a concern, watch a City meeting, and more, all via the City's website.

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

Scan the QR code or visit us at cityofcarver.com.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Water Conservation Tips

Summer is here and once again we are in a dry spell! As much as we all love to have our lawns looking green and lush, it's important that residents practice responsible water conservation when watering their lawns. The City has some great resources and tips for helping residents save money on their utility bill while irrigating during the summer months:

- **Residential Water Conservation Tips:** the City has created a document that outlines some fantastic water conservation tips. It also shows example utility bills at various water usage levels. Find this helpful information on our website at cityofcarver.com/402/Residential-Water-Conservation-Tips
- **Local Conservation Sources:** links to additional water conservation resources can be found on the City's website at cityofcarver.com/353/Water-Usage-Information
- **Rachio Program:** Purchase a smart sprinkler device that works with your irrigation system and the weather so it knows when it should irrigate your lawn. Create efficient and smart watering schedules right from your smartphone. Avoid overwatering your lawn by connecting to local weather forecasts to irrigate grass only when necessary.



For a limited time in July, Carver County is offering residents a discount on Rachio smart controller during an exclusive promotion period of **July 6 through July 16**.

Learn more and redeem this special offer at <https://go.rachio.com/carvercounty>.

Rachio 3, 4-zone	Regular price: \$149.99 plus tax	Special price: \$99.99 plus tax
Rachio 3, 8-zone	Regular price: \$199.99 plus tax	Special price: \$129.99 plus tax
Rachio 3, 16-zone	Regular price: \$249.99 plus tax	Special price: \$149.99 plus tax

REMINDER: New Utility Billing Software Coming Soon!



The City will be launching a new, user-friendly electronic payment system in August. This new system, InvoiceCloud, offers an easy-to-use online portal where residents can pay their bills anytime via several different payment options (including PayPal, Google Pay, Venmo, and more). In addition to the new payment options, residents can choose to go paperless with their bills and/or receive email reminders when bills are due. There are no added fees for residents to use any of the great new features. More details can be found at cityofcarver.com/400/COMING-SOON-Utility-Bill-Changes.

Residents who are currently using electronic payments will need to create a new account with InvoiceCloud. When the InvoiceCloud site is live, residents will be able to access the payment site via the City's website at cityofcarver.com.

Upcoming Events



Summer CONCERTS

Carver Farmer's Market
Tuesdays – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 The third annual Carver Farmers Market has returned! Find amazing vendors and food trucks at Carver Station (1607 Hartwell Drive) every Tuesday from 3 – 6 p.m. This weekly event is possible with the partnership of the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce.



For more information, including vendor details, check out @CarverMnFarmersMarket on Facebook.

2023

Date	Time	Location	Performer
June 13	10:30-11:30 AM	Gazebo Park, Carver	John Kern
June 14	6:00-8:00 PM	Firemen's Park	The Dirty Shorts
June 20	6:00-7:00 PM	Firemen's Park	Jolly Pops
June 21	7:00-8:30 PM	Firemen's Park	Skarlett Woods
June 30	7:00-8:30 PM	Gazebo Park, Carver	Vinnie Rose
July 11	6:00-7:00 PM	Firemen's Park	The Bazillions
July 12	6:00-8:00 PM	Firemen's Park	Skarlett Woods
July 19	6:00-8:00 PM	Firemen's Park	Kashimana (Kash)
July 21	7:00-8:30 PM	Ironwood Park, Carver	Vinnie Rose
July 25	6:00-7:00 PM	Firemen's Park	Uncle Siam and Auntie Dallas
July 26	6:00-8:00 PM	Firemen's Park	Traveled Ground (Bark in the Park)
August 1	10:30-11:30 AM	Firemen's Park	Kids Yoga in the Park
August 2	6:00-8:00 PM	Firemen's Park	Hunkered Down Blues Band
August 4	7:00-8:30 PM	Ironwood Park, Carver	Sawyers Dream
August 9	6:00-8:00 PM	Firemen's Park	The Castaways
August 11	7:00-8:30 PM	Gazebo Park, Carver	The Brueskes
August 18	7:00-8:30 PM	Ironwood Park, Carver	Solid Gold

Concerts are free to attend.

Visit chaskamn.gov/817/Summer-Concert-Series to view more details.



Free Pop-Up Produce Market This Summer

- Choose from a variety of food: produce, dry goods, dairy, and more
- Food options vary each week
- Open to all students and families
- No registration needed
- No personal information required
- Come as often as you want



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WWW.FINDFOODCARVERCOUNTY.ORG

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 DOOR #14
WEDNESDAYS
4-5:30 PM

JUNE 14 - AUGUST 16



Monday, July 24, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Stars and Stripes Bingo for Ages 55+
 Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway

Join us for an extra special patriotic Bingo session! Play to win fabulous prizes.

Enjoy refreshments, fun, and fellowship with friends.

No cost. No registration. Ages 55+

Carver Stars and Stripes



Tuesday, August 1 – Night to Unite

Register your Night to Unite event by completing the online Night to Unite form, located under the *Forms & Permits* page at cityofcarver.com. The Carver County Sheriff's Department and the Carver Fire Department will attempt to visit all registered events. Registrations are due by Friday, July 21.