



Mayor's Message

Greetings! It is August and I'm not sure where the summer has gone. Before we know it, Steamboat Days, which is September 8-10, will be here. This month I've got a bunch of updates to share, so here goes!

Speeding - Residents have come to nearly half of our City Council meetings so far this summer with concerns about cars speeding through their neighborhoods. I consulted with the Carver County Sheriff and the first thing he shared with me is that the offenders are more than likely residents of these neighborhoods. With that, I'm asking everyone to PLEASE mind the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit. We are working with the Sheriff's Department on other methods of enforcement, but slowing down is the easiest first step.



New Businesses - I am thrilled to share news about not one, not two, but FOUR new businesses in Carver.

Mizzy's Pizza (4715 Dahlgren Road) opened for business on July 12 and is owned by Carver residents Jeff and DeAnne Misgen. This full-service restaurant has a lovely patio and a full bar. There's also the option for carry-out!

Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital (4735 Dahlgren Road, #300) will be the new brick-and-mortar veterinary practice of Dr. Carissa Haverly, who previously had a mobile vet service. Healing Hands should be opening this fall.

HomeTown Bank received final approvals to build their newest branch between Kwik Trip and Jonathan Carver Parkway/CR 11. They anticipate breaking ground this month and hope to be open by next spring. Much like the HomeTown Bank location in Waconia, the Carver branch will also have a **Mocha Monkey** coffee shop with a drive through.

Jonathan Carver Parkway (JCP) Landscaping - The two-year warranty period for the plantings along Jonathan Carver Parkway is coming to an end and with that, we will soon be seeing the replacement of the trees and other plantings that didn't make it. Also worth noting, the seed which was planted along the roadway and in the medians is a native mix, which contains flowering wildflowers and a variety of grasses, all of which will take several years to fully establish. If you're expecting the ground covering in the medians to look like the grass in your front yard, it will not. Instead, we chose to plant seeds that are low maintenance (= less mowing needed), drought resistant, and can tolerate full sun.

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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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Ironwood Park Expansion – The 3.5 acre addition to Ironwood Park, which features a skate park, basketball court, pavilion, outdoor classroom, seating areas, water fountains (both for you and your four-legged friends!), and permanent yard games including corn hole and ping pong, is now open! Ironwood Park is located just west of Carver Elementary at 1803 Ironwood Drive.

Creekside Park – Last month we heard from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that the City of Carver was awarded a \$350,000 outdoor recreation grant for the future Creekside Park, which is located near the intersection of JCP/CR 11 and Main Street West. This grant money, along with a 1:1 match of \$350,000 from the City's Park Dedication Fund (which is largely paid for by new developments) will fund phase one of the park, which will include a dog park, four pickle ball courts, trails, a parking lot, and other amenities. We shared the concept plan for Creekside Park last spring and received an overwhelmingly positive response from residents. Construction on the park may begin as early as 2024.

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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Connect With Us

City Hall is open 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.

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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?



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We look forward to connecting with you!

July 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.



Hometown Bank Project: The City Council approved a land use request for Hometown Bank, at the intersection of Jonathan Carver Pkwy. and Monroe Dr. Hometown Bank will be constructing a 6,455 sq. ft. office building, just east of Kwik Trip. The location will also be home to a Mocha Monkey coffee shop. Construction is planned to begin later this summer, with completion anticipated in the spring of 2024.



Creekside Park: The City was awarded \$350,000 from the DNR's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program. Work will now begin to develop preliminary construction plans, which include dog park areas, pickleball courts (4), trails, parking lot, and other related park amenities. Construction would likely begin in 2024/25. The future Creekside Park is located at the former wastewater treatment plant site, near the intersection of Jonathan Carver Pkwy. and Main St. W.

Moratorium on Cannabis Businesses: The City Council adopted an interim ordinance prohibiting the operation of cannabis businesses in the City of Carver. The interim ordinance remains in effect until January 1, 2025, to give the City time to study the local regulation (licensing and zoning) of cannabis businesses in the community.

Cannabis Use in Public: An ordinance was adopted making the use of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency edibles, or hemp-derived consumer production in a "public place" a petty misdemeanor.

Certified Levee Project: The City Council adopted a resolution to participate in funding from the MN Flood Hazard Mitigation Program.

Employee Pay Scale: The City Council took action to adjust the employee pay scale by 6% for 2024. The adjustment increases the "pay range" (minimum and maximum pay) for positions in the City.

Access Your Utility Billing Statements and Payments Using Our New Service: InvoiceCloud!

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Our new online billing and payment service, InvoiceCloud, is now live! This new, easy-to-use payment portal provides quick access to customer accounts to view bills, check balances, make payments, and enroll in paperless billing. Customers will experience greater flexibility paying utility bills online, by phone, and by text. Access your utility account directly on the City's website under the "Online Payments" button at www.cityofcarver.com or by navigating directly to the InvoiceCloud portal at <https://www.invoicecloud.com/cityofcarver>.

Additional details regarding your utility account and InvoiceCloud can be found on the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com/401/Invoice-Cloud-Information.

Upcoming Events

Summer Concert Series

(Free concerts in Chaska and Carver)

Carver Farmer's Market Tuesdays – 3:00–6:00 p.m.

The third annual Carver Farmer's Market has returned! Find amazing vendors and food trucks at **Carver Station** (1607 Hartwell Drive) every Tuesday from 3 – 6 p.m. through September 26. 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
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	Chaska Veteran's Park	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	Chaska Veterans Park	Solid Gold

Back to School Bash

Tuesday, August 29

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Community Park, Carver (800 6th Street West)

Free!

Join your friends for a party in Community Park in Carver! **3RD Lair Skate Shop** will be providing skateboarding demonstrations, free equipment rentals, contests, and more!

There will be music, food, and fun for everyone! Other activities include lawn games, contests, and crafts.



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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**WEDNESDAYS
4-5:30 PM**

**JUNE 14 -
AUGUST 16**



September 8-10, 2023

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday!!

- * Food Vendors * Fire Department Water Fights * Live Music
- * Medallion Hunt * 5K Run/Walk * Car Show * MN Marketplace
- * Softball Tournament * Historic Church by the River Tours
- * Bean Bag Tournament * Kids Activities * Fireworks * Parade

Visit www.carversteamboatdays.info for all the details!