



Mayor's Message

In Carver, summer isn't over until after Steamboat Days (you'll find more details about this fun, annual event on page 4), so even though school is back in session, we've still got a few more days to enjoy the season. Here are my updates for September:



2024 Budget – Speaking of the changing seasons, with the exception of a few months at the beginning of the year it is almost always Budget Season in Carver. Later this month City staff, City Council, and I will be working to put the finishing touches on our Preliminary 2024 Budget and Tax Levy, which is required to be set by the end of the month. This is also known as the “not to exceed” number, which will be the basis for the property tax statements you'll receive in your mailbox later this fall. For detailed information on the preliminary 2024 Budget or to submit a comment or question, please visit the Resident's Budget Guide at cityofcarver.com.

Thefts from Vehicles – The Carver County Sheriff's Department has reported, and more than a handful of our neighbors unfortunately have experienced, trespassing issues and thefts from unlocked vehicles in the last month. The good news is this is easily prevented. The Sheriff's Department recommends removing or hiding all valuables from your vehicle, locking the doors on your vehicles, home, and garage, and turning on your exterior lights. If you see any suspicious activity, please don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Joy McKnight – Last month Joy McKnight resigned from her role as a Council Member due to time constraints. Joy had served on City Council since 2019 and prior to that she was on the Planning Commission since 2000. Joy always came to meetings prepared and asked smart and thoughtful questions. Joy's work on behalf of the City was selfless and I never doubted she had the best interests of the City of Carver in mind. I wish her all the best! You'll find details about how we're planning to handle the City Council vacancy on page 3.



Cannabis Ordinance – In July, Carver adopted an ordinance making the use of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower potency edibles, and/or hemp derived consumer products in a public place like parks and sidewalks in the City of Carver a petty misdemeanor. This is similar to the restrictions on "open containers" of alcohol. The City of Carver also adopted an interim ordinance prohibiting the operation of cannabis businesses in Carver through January 1, 2025, which will allow the City time to study local regulation of these businesses in Carver.

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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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Finally, on Saturday, September 9, from 9 – 11 a.m., I'll be holding my quarterly **Mayor's Office Hours** in Council Chambers at City Hall. If you're downtown Saturday morning for any of the Steamboat Days events, please stop by and say "hi." If it doesn't work for you to attend my office hours, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you!

Mayor Courtney Johnson

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We are looking for input!

The City of Carver recently took ownership of County Road 40 stretching from Jonathan Carver Parkway, through the historic downtown, to County Road 61. A task force of residents and business owners assisted staff in developing concepts for the intersections at Broadway and Main Street, the intersection of Mount Hope Road and 4th Street East, and pedestrian access throughout the corridor.

Staff will be at the Fire Department & Public Services Open House on October 3. Stop by to ask questions and provide feedback. Comments can also be submitted via the City's website at cityofcarver.com/403/Gateway-To-Carver.



Connect With Us!

City Hall will be returning to the Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule starting Tuesday, September 5. Connect with us in person or by calling 952-448-5353.

Find City Council and Commission agendas and videos, project details, forms and applications, utility billing information, and so much more at cityofcarver.com. We also provide an opportunity for you to submit questions, comments, or concerns at cityofcarver.com/concern.

Scan the QR Code for Steamboat Days details!



or visit carversteamboatdays.info



PRESENTED BY 

August 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.



2024 Utilities Project: The City Council authorized the City Engineer to prepare plans for the 2024 Utilities Project, which primarily involves several electric and technology control upgrades to the water collection and distribution system.

Fire Station and Public Services Space Needs: The City Council directed staff to further develop and refine a space needs assessment for the Fire and Public Services Departments. The Fire Department scope involves a new climate-controlled space for firefighter turn-out gear, while the Public Services scope seeks additional storage to meet the space demand for vehicles and equipment. Staff will be working to bring an update back to the City Council on this project by the end of the year.

City Council Vacancy: Joy McKnight's resignation as Council Member was reviewed and the City Council formally declared a vacancy. The City Council directed staff to advertise the vacancy and collect applications from interested candidates to fill the position.

2024 Budget: The City Council reviewed the first draft of the 2024 General Fund Budget. Staff will bring back a second draft of the budget and share a tax impact analysis at the next work session, on Tuesday, September 5.



ANNOUNCEMENT – CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City of Carver is accepting applications to fill a vacancy for the position of Council Member on the Carver City Council for a term that runs through December 31, 2024.

To be eligible, you must reside in the City of Carver, be an eligible Minnesota voter, and be 21 years of age or older.

To apply, please submit a cover letter with your name, home address, contact information, and a statement of interest and qualifications to Brent Mareck, City Manager, either via email at bmareck@cityofcarver.com or by mail to Carver City Hall, PO Box 147, Carver, MN 55315.

***Application materials are due on
Wednesday, September 13 at 4:30 pm.***

In-person interviews will be conducted the evening of Wednesday, September 27, beginning at 6:30 pm, at City Hall.

STEAMBOAT DAYS

PRESENTED BY  Carver Lions

September 8-10, 2023 Downtown Carver

2023 STEAMBOAT PRESENTING SPONSORS




WRISTBAND SALES
 YOU MUST BE 21+ TO DRINK, WITH VALID WRISTBAND. WRISTBANDS SOLD DURING THE EVENT AT THE CARVER LIONS BEER TENT, LISA'S PLACE, HARVEY'S, DOG HOUSE & GETAWAY CAFE. WRISTBANDS \$5 - THIS HELPS FUND OUR EVENT AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!



EVENT LINE-UP

FRIDAY NIGHT

- Lions Beer Tent Opens 4:00pm
- Food Vendors 5:00pm
- Medallion Hunt (check Lions FB for clues) 1st Clue posts at 5:30pm
- Fire Department Water Fights 5:30pm
- Live Music Main Stage
- Good For Gary 7:30pm - 11:00pm

SATURDAY

- Food Vendors / Lions Beer Tent
- 18+ Wooden Bat Softball Tournament
- ACT United 5K Run/Walk,
- Car Show 9:00am (Sponsored by Carver Auto)
- MN Marketplace 10:00am - 5:00pm
- Bean Bag Contest 11:30am
- Church By The River - Historic Building Tour 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Kids Cupcake Walk @ River Wild Env Learning Center 1:00pm-1:30pm
- Zoomobile @ the Gazebo 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Live Music under the Lions Beer Tent
- Bruce Bednarchuk 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Matt McAllister 3:00pm - 5:00pm
- Live Music Main Stage
- Ragtown 5:00pm
- FIREWORKS 8:15pm
- Live Music Main Stage
- Johnny Holm Band 8:30pm - Midnight

SUNDAY

- Food Vendors / Lions Beer Tent
- Parade 1:00pm
- Grand Marshal Tim Shanahan

THERE'S MORE

City-wide Garage Sales, Thurs, Fri, Sat. Kids Play Place, Friday & Saturday Saturday Night Shuttles, 5pm-11pm

www.carversteamboatdays.info



Farmer's Market
 Tuesdays
 3 - 6 p.m.
 Carver Station

CARVER FIRE & PUBLIC SERVICES

Fire Truck Rides · Bounce House · Sign a Snowplow
 Free Chili, Hot Dogs, and More!
 Community Safety Information
 Meet your Local Firefighters & Public Services Crew



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
 Carver Fire Station - 801 Jonathan Carver Parkway