



Mayor's Message

As the weather is getting warmer, the snow has disappeared, and the days are getting longer, I have a bunch of updates to share this month. Here goes!

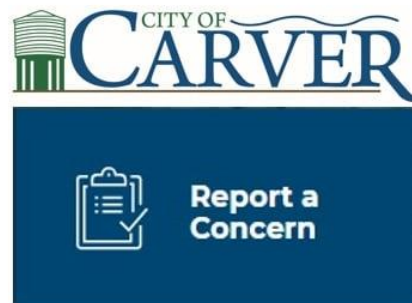
6th Street Improvements – If you've driven down 6th Street West lately, it's easy to see it's in need of repair. This summer we're going to be reconstructing 6th Street West and making improvements to the pavement, trail, drainage, and lighting, which will be paid for in part through a \$1.25 million Local Roadway Improvement Program grant. Please go to CityOfCarver.com/327 for more project details.



Community Gardens – We're expanding our Community Gardens – now more people will be able to lease a garden plot behind Church by the River in downtown Carver for the summer. Gardens are available in either a 4' x 8' plot or an ADA compliant 4' x 4' planter box, which are both available for \$20 plus a \$20 deposit. Go the City's website to reserve your plot!

Levee Improvement Project – Last month I was notified that the City of Carver received \$2.5 million from the Federal Omnibus Bill for our Levee Improvement Project. This is great news and the funds are much appreciated. In a parallel path, I'm working to lobby the Minnesota legislature for Bonding funds. With an estimated price tag of \$12 million, we still have a way to go before the Levee Improvement Project is fully funded. I'm hopeful we'll get some Bonding funds that will help close the gap.

Report a Concern – Street light out? Pothole needs attention? Do you have a question, concern, or other non-urgent issue you want to ask/share with the City of Carver? There's a "Report A Concern" button on our website, CityOfCarver.com, to make this easier than it has ever been!



New Finance Director – I'm happy to welcome Lynn Tschudi as the City's first Finance Director. This is a role we saw the need for and included in our 2022 General Fund Budget. Lynn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting Information Systems from St. Cloud State University. In addition, Lynn has over 16 years of private and public accounting and finance experience with roles as Tax Accountant, Senior Accountant, Controller, and most recently serving as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Watertown.



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

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Get Smarter...Save Money...Conserve Water

A new program exists for residents to receive \$50-\$80 off the purchase of a Rachio 3 Smart Sprinkler Controller.



The Rachio Smart Sprinkler Controllers allow you to run your sprinkler system anywhere and anytime, right from your smartphone. Guided schedule creation helps you set up the right watering schedules to keep your yard happy and healthy while avoiding overwatering. Your personal watering assistant will recommend days and times for irrigation based on your specific location, vegetation, and soil type. No need to watch the skies – Rachio Weather Intelligence™ automatically adjusts your watering schedule to reflect hyperlocal weather forecasts that will skip watering based on rain, wind, and freezing temperatures.

Real-time monitoring also alerts you to leaks, clogs, and malfunctioning equipment, protecting your property from damage.

Take control of your lawn irrigation with a Rachio Smart Sprinkler Controller. Learn more at www.rachio.com.

City of Carver residents can purchase their own controller online at www.go.rachio.com/carvercounty/

What is the Historic District?

The Carver Historic District has over 100 structures on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation signifies a structure is worthy of preservation by the United States Department of Interior. The designation represents that a building, structure, or landmark is significant to a community's history in architecture, archaeology, engineering, and/or culture.



What is the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)?

The mission of the HPC is to work in partnership with property owners to preserve properties located in Carver that are on the National Register of Historic Places. The HPC is comprised of seven residents from the City of Carver. Commissioners are volunteers, appointed by the City Council, that have an interest in preserving the heritage of buildings and other historic landmarks in downtown Carver on behalf of all residents in the City. The HPC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Carver City Hall (316 Broadway).

When is HPC approval needed?

- ❖ When proposing to paint over architectural details of a building.
- ❖ Additions or deletions of awnings, shutters, canopies, windows, doors, and porches.
- ❖ Application or use of exterior materials (roofing and siding included) of a different kind, type, color, or texture than those already in use.
- ❖ Any addition to or alteration of an existing structure.
- ❖ Signs and fences.
- ❖ Construction of a new building or auxiliary structure.
- ❖ Change or alteration of a structure's architectural style.
- ❖ Alteration of a roof line.
- ❖ Demolition in whole or in part of a structure.



For more information on the City's preservation program, please contact Brent Mareck at 952-448-8737 or by e-mail at bmareck@cityofcarver.com.

A Reminder from the Utility Billing Department

Household sewer use, unlike water use, is not connected to a meter. The City establishes and charges an **average sewer rate** based on water usage for the months of January, February, and March. Most homeowners reduce water usage during these winter months, representing lower sewer charges on your bill throughout the year.



This new calculation will be effective on your May bill. For more information, visit the City's website at www.cityofcarver.com/160

Seasonal Information and Reminders



The Street Sweeper Will Be Coming To Your Neighborhood

Spring is here and street sweeping operations have begun. Please have all vehicles off the streets when the sweeper is in your neighborhood. The sweeper has a difficult time cleaning all the debris from the streets when maneuvering around parked vehicles.



Street sweeping is one of the most cost-effective ways to remove sediment, metals, petroleum products, trash, and vegetation that accumulate on streets, construction sites, and parking lots. If these toxins are not removed, they will make their way into the storm drains, streams, and waterways. Keeping the storm drains clear not only helps mitigate water pollution, it also reduces the likelihood of flooding during heavy rain.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.

Carver Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Community Park (800 6th Street West)

Bring your own bags or baskets for your eggs.

Kids ages 1 to 10. Please, no pets.



Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Community Safety Event and Bike Rodeo

Carver Fire Station (801 Jonathan Carver Parkway)

- ❖ Highlights of many safety topics.
- ❖ Free car safety checks available by appointment (email cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com or call 651-796-8142).
- ❖ Bring your bikes and helmets for safety checks. A fun safety course will also be set up!
- ❖ Information on internet safety, CPR, and local summer activities.
- ❖ Meet the Carver Firefighters and Carver County Deputies.



*If you or someone you know is in need of a bike or helmet scholarship, send requests by April 22 to CarverBikeRodeo@gmail.com.



Tuesdays, July 12 – September 27 / 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Carver Farmers' Market

Carver Station (1607 Hartwell Drive)

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