



Mayor's Message

Greetings! It's been a few months since I used this newsletter article to share a wide variety of Carver updates, so here goes, in no particular order!

6th Street West – Progress continues on the 6th Street West Improvement Project. A large portion of the road was paved last month. The remaining work will wrap up and 6th Street will reopen before Thanksgiving. Next spring, the remaining landscaping and final layer of pavement will be completed.



Historic Preservation Award – Last month I was honored to accompany members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) as they awarded the 2022 Heritage Preservation Awards. The recipients were Trinity Lutheran Church (417 Oak), who added a significant addition in 2017 that seamlessly blends in with the historic church, and Gregg and Meg Witt (420 Broadway) for the renovation of their home, which they transformed from a dilapidated property to a beautifully remodeled home.

Water Treatment Facility Expansion – After 21 months of construction, last month the ribbon was cut on the \$12 million expansion of Carver's Water Treatment Facility. Now the City of Carver has the capacity to treat 2.7 million gallons of water a day, more than double our previous capacity of 1.2 million gallons of water a day.



Truth in Taxation Statements – New in 2022, the State of Minnesota is requiring cities, school districts, and counties to share levy and budget information in specific categories for the current and previous years. This Supplemental Budget Information document will be included as a second page to your 2023 Truth in Taxation statement, which is sent by Carver County and will arrive in the mail later this month. While this information will provide a greater transparency about all three entities' budgets, the way the information is presented may be confusing. If you have any questions on the City of Carver's portion of the Supplemental Budget Information, please contact Lynn Tschudi, Finance Director, at 952-448-8744 or ltschudi@cityofcarver.com.

Ironwood Park Expansion – The new 3.5-acre expansion of Ironwood Park is starting to take shape. The site has been graded, trails are placed, utility work is complete, the concrete for the new skate park has been poured, and the aggregate base for the parking lot is in place. Construction will continue throughout the winter and will wrap up next spring!

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As always, if you have questions or comments about any of the items listed above or any other topic, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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2022 Heritage Preservation Award

The Heritage Preservation Commission recently presented the 2022 *Heritage Preservation Award* to two property owners who have made efforts to preserve or restore the exterior of their properties located within the Carver Historic District.

Congratulations to the 2022 recipients:

* Gregg and Meg Witt (420 Broadway); and

* The members of Trinity Lutheran Church (417 Oak Street).

Thank you for your work and commitment to historic downtown Carver!



Pond Inspections To Be Conducted This Fall

During the fall months, you may see City staff walking around ponds in your neighborhood. The City's yearly pond inspections are a requirement of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The inspections identify illicit discharge, trash, erosion, and nonfunctioning control structures. These inspections are documented and may require future work if maintenance is needed.



Additional information regarding the MS4 permitting process can be found by visiting the City's website at cityofcarver.com/177.



City Council Rundown – October

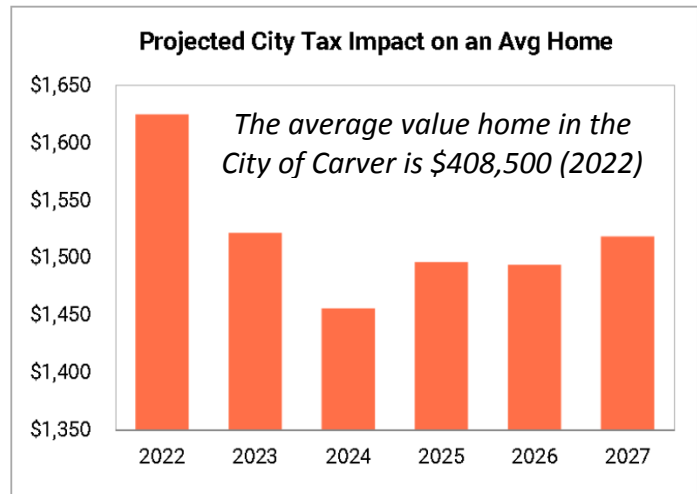
The City Council Rundown is intended to be used as an informal summary of regular meeting highlights. For complete details on all agenda items, official meeting minutes, or to watch a video of the meeting, please visit www.cityofcarver.com. To ask questions or share comments related to City Council meeting actions, contact Brent Mareck, City Manager, at (952) 448-8737 or by email at bmareck@cityofcarver.com.



Left to Right: Councilor Joy McKnight, Councilor Kristy Mock, Mayor Courtney Johnson, Councilor Glen Henry, & Councilor Laurie Sayre

2023-2027 Long-Term Financial Plan:

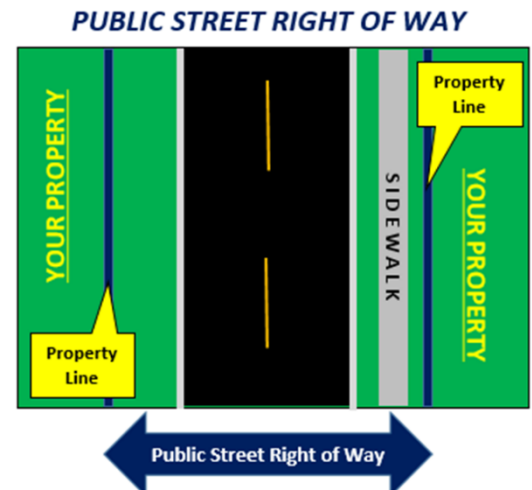
The Long-Term Financial Plan was adopted by the City Council in October. The Long-Term Financial Plan is a five year plan, updated annually, that designates future projects related to streets, utilities, equipment, buildings, and staffing. The plan also includes a funding plan and financial impact for the identified improvement projects. Project highlights from the 2023-2027 Plan include continued Pavement Management Projects in the River Oaks, Carver Bluffs, and Spring Creek neighborhoods. The 2023-2027 Plan also identifies a future equipment storage building for the Public Services Department, a new downtown park near the Minnesota River, a third water tower, and building safety improvements at the Fire Station.



Special Assessment: A request to specially assess new utility connection fees at 4715 Dahlgren Road (Mizzy’s Pizza) was approved.

Utility Connection Fees: An ordinance amendment removing outdoor patio space from the local utility connection fee calculation was reviewed and adopted.

Maintenance of Vegetation in the Right of Way: The City Council adopted an ordinance removing a provision that allows the City to specially assess (or charge) individual property owners for the cost to perform vegetation maintenance in the Public Street Right of Way. The Public Services Department removes any vegetation encroaching into or located within the Public Street Right of Way that restricts pedestrian walkability on trails and sidewalks, obstructs visibility of traffic signage, or could make contact with vehicles or street maintenance equipment.



Upcoming Events



<p>November</p> <p>8</p>	<p>General Election 2022 – Tuesday, November 8 Polls Open: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Precinct Location: City Hall – 316 Broadway Video of the League of Women Voters’ Candidate Forum for City offices can be found on the City’s website at cityofcarver.com under “Watch City Meetings & View Agendas & Packets” at the bottom of the home page.</p>	
<p>November</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Coffee, Cards & Conversation – Second Thursdays of the month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, and March 9 Free drop-in event at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Get to know your neighbors: Play cards, share conversations, and enjoy refreshments. Stop in for a fun afternoon! Sponsored by the City of Carver, Chaska Parks and Recreation, and Carver Ridge Senior Living</p>	
<p>November</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Carver Lions Sunday Brunch – Sunday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway French toast, pancakes, bacon, sausage, omelets bar, hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and more! Adults: \$15, Ages 6–12: \$10, Under 6: Free Veterans and First Responders: Free</p>	
<p>November</p> <p>17</p>	<p>The Singing Cowgirl – Thursday, November 17, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. FREE! Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway Sponsored by the City of Carver, Chaska Parks and Recreation, and Carver Ridge Senior Living</p>	
<p>November</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Tot Time Art in Carver – 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays: November 21, and December 5 Free drop-in event for toddlers at Carver Village Hall, 316 Broadway</p>	

Reminders Regarding Your Pets

- To protect your pets and fellow walkers, please keep your pets on a leash.
- Clean up after your pets. Pet waste stations are located around the City for your convenience!

Stay Informed: Sign Up For Project Updates

Visit the City’s Engineering webpage at cityofcarver.com/362 for details on all current and future roadway and infrastructure projects. Don’t miss out on any project news...subscribe to email updates!

Water Assistance Program

Households that have a past due bill for water/wastewater fees in the City of Carver may be eligible for the Water Assistance Program. Scan the QR code or visit mn.gov and search “Energy Assistance” for more information!

