

RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



CARVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Shanika began working at the Carver County CDA in 2022. Over her 3+ years with the CDA, Shanika has overseen the Property Management department. In December of 2025, Shanika was officially promoted from Director of Housing to the CDA's Deputy Director.

Please help us in congratulating Shanika on her new role!

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Andra began working at the Carver County CDA in 2014. Over her 12 years with the CDA, she has fulfilled many roles, most recently as our Assistant Director of Housing. In December of 2025, Andra was officially promoted to the CDA's Director of Housing.

Please help us in congratulating Andra on her new role!

Carver County CDA

Office Number:

952-448-7715

Maintenance

Emergency Number:

651-290-6635

Carver County CDA

Website:

www.carvercda.org

Office Hours:

M-F: 8:30am-4:00pm

Sat-Sun: Closed

Rent Due: 1st of every month, but no later than the 5th* of every month. After the 5th, a late fee is assessed where allowed.

*Rural Development properties - rent is considered late after the 10th.



PROPERTY ACCESS

Your safety and privacy are important to us. This message is a reminder about building access and security expectations in our properties. Please do not allow unknown individuals into the building, including anyone who asks to be let in, follows you through secured entrances, or claims they need access for official business. This includes individuals who say they are conducting inspections, investigations, or other work.

All authorized visitors, contractors, and service providers must be scheduled and approved by property management and should use proper entry procedures.

If someone you do not know is requesting access:

1. Do not let them into the building
2. Do not feel pressured to engage
3. Contact property management immediately

Thank you for helping keep our community safe and secure. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the management office.



PROPERTY ACCESS - SCATTERED SITES/SPRUCE

Your safety and privacy are important to us. This message is a reminder about access and security for CCCDA owned scattered site properties.

Because these are private homes, you are not required to provide access to your home or share information with anyone you do not know, even if they claim to be conducting official business, inspections, or investigations, unless a valid search warrant is presented.

Please keep in mind:

1. You are not required to allow entry to unknown individuals
2. You are not required to engage in conversations or answer questions
3. All authorized inspections, maintenance, and services are scheduled and communicated directly to you by a CCCDA staff member.

If someone you do not recognize comes to your home requesting access or information:

1. Do not allow them into your home or onto the property
2. Do not feel pressured to engage
3. Refer them to contact CCCDA directly
4. Notify your manager as soon as possible

CCCDA will always provide advance notice when access to your home is needed for maintenance, inspections, or other approved purposes. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your property manager or the CCCDA main office. Thank you for helping us keep our communities safe and respectful of everyone's privacy



CERTIFICATE OF RENT PAID (CRP)

What is a Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP)? A CRP is a document that all landlords in Minnesota must provide to each adult renter every year. The CRP includes information such as the amount of rent paid and the rental period.

What is a Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP) used for? CRPs are used by renters to apply for a Renter's Credit on their Minnesota State Tax Return.

When and how will you receive your CRP? Certificate of Rent Paid (CRPs) will be distributed by Carver County CDA to all adult (18+ years of age) household member prior to January 31st, 2026. CRPs will be mailed out to all adult household members.

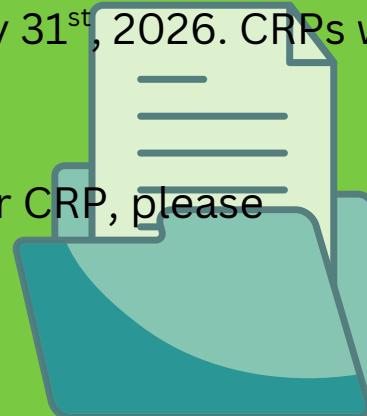
If you have any questions or concerns about your CRP, please contact your Property Manager.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SITES

Some individuals may qualify for free tax return preparation through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or AARP Tax-Aide. These programs assist in preparing federal and state and property tax refund returns. Some individuals may also qualify to file your own income tax return electronically at no cost.

Information for volunteer tax preparation sites for 2026 will be available at <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/free-tax-preparation-sites> at the end of January 2026.

(information from www.revenue.state.mn.us)



TRAIL'S EDGE SENIOR - FUNDED!



We are very excited to announce that our senior affordable housing project, Trail's Edge Senior, has officially received funding! Minnesota Housing recommended this project for funding at their December 18th, 2025, board meeting and CDA staff attended their 2025 Project Selection Announcement event shortly after the meeting. Trail's Edge Senior will be located in Waconia, adjacent to Trail's Edge South.

Trail's Edge Senior is in the early stages of pre-development; more information will be available and communicated as this project progresses.

CARVER OAKS - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Carver Oaks Senior Residence is currently accepting applications! This 43-unit 55 and better property located in Carver, Minnesota is set to open in March. If you are interested in applying, please reach out to the CDA at 952-448-7715.

WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME - POSTER CONTEST

The national "What Home Means to Me" poster contest will be held this Spring through the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The poster contest is held annually for children ages 5-18 that reside in affordable housing and community developments owned and managed by NAHRO member agencies. Various Carver County CDA properties will be hosting events relating to this poster contest. More information to come!

For more information on the "What Home Means to Me" poster contest - visit www.nahro.org/membership/what-home-means-to-me/



CARVER COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

In November, the new Carver County Family Resource Center held their ribbon cutting event and officially opened their doors! Based in Chaska, the Carver County Family Resource Center is a community gathering spot where families and caregivers from all throughout Carver County can find support, resources, and connections. The Family Resource Center works to make it easier for families to access the tools and relationships to help families grow stronger together.

Some of their services include:

- Parenting education and support
- Child development opportunities
- Resources for housing
- Mental health support
- Financial assistance
- Food support
- Healthcare options

For more information:

- visit carvercountyfrc.org/
- call 952-361-1621
- email info@carvercountyfrc.org



CARVER COUNTY
**Family
Resource
Center**

(information and photo from <https://carvercountyfrc.org/>)



CARVER COUNTY CDA - PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

The Carver County CDA's Carver Trail's Edge South is located at 885 Airport Road in Waconia, Minnesota. Trail's Edge South is located near various nature paths and is close to various dining, shopping, and entertainment options in downtown Waconia. Trail's Edge South is a low-income housing tax credit building.

This 60-unit property consists of 1-, 2-, and 3- bedroom units that vary in square footage. The interest list for Trail's Edge South is on Waitlist Central. Visit waitlistcentral.org/view-waitlist/51 or scan the QR code below to join the interest list today!



Property Information:

www.trailsedgesouth.com/

952-442-2445

trailsedgesouth@carvercda.org





TO SHARE!



Spaghetti Squash Alfredo

INGREDIENTS:

SQUASH

- 1 medium spaghetti squash (about 4 pounds)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste

ALFREDO

- 8 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage leaves, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup sprigs fresh parsley, stems removed, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350°. Line baking sheet with parchment paper/foil.
- Slice squash in half lengthwise; scoop out and discard seeds. Brush surface of squash with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; place squash cut side down on baking sheet. Roast 50-60 min. or until the skin is easy to pierce. Let slightly cool. Gently scrape out squash strands; transfer to a large bowl.
- Melt 4 tbsp butter in a large saucepan. Stir it gently to keep the milk solids from sticking to the bottom. Simmer; stir a few minutes longer until the butter turns a golden brown color, 3-4 min. Remove from heat; add remaining butter and garlic. Stir until butter is melted. Pour in cream. Stir in salt, sage, if desired, and pepper. Bring to a simmer; stir the sauce constantly and simmer about 6 min., until it's smooth and slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Add in 1-1/2 cups of grated Parmesan and stir until melted.
- Add Alfredo and toss the noodles until coated and saucy. Divide spaghetti squash alfredo in reserved squash shells. Sprinkle with remaining grated Parmesan. Place the pan under a broiler set to high; broil 2-3 min. until the cheese on top is bubbly and browned. Remove from the oven; sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve immediately!

Find the picture and full recipe here:

[tasteofhome.com](https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/spaghetti-squash-alfredo/)

RENT CAFE

A reminder to all residents that Rent Cafe is unavailable to make changes from the 25th of the month until the last day of the month. Any changes to your Rent Cafe account must be made prior to 6:00pm on the 25th of the month. Residents cannot make changes to their Rent Cafe accounts nor make payments after the 25th and until the 1st of the month.

Residents are responsible for the management of their accounts and payments. If you have any questions regarding your Rent Cafe account, please contact your Property Manager.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



If you are in need of Energy Assistance, visit capagency.org/housing-services/energy-assistance/ or contact the CAP Agency at 952-361-1600 to apply. If you are in need of assistance with your application, please reach out to the Carver County CDA's Housing Specialist, Emilie, at 952-556-2774.

Energy Assistance provides funds to help pay costs associated with heat and electricity. All applications must be postmarked or received by the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) on or before May 31st, 2026. Funding is not guaranteed through the end of the funding season, the CAP Agency recommends applying as soon as possible.



RENT AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of resources for housing/rent/utility payment assistance, please call the Housing Helpline at 952-442-4496

CARVER COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY GENERAL ASSISTANCE

952-361-1600

carvercountymn.gov/departments/health-human-services/income-support/financial-assistance/emergency-programs

CARVER COUNTY STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOCAL HOMELESS PREVENT AID PROGRAMS

<https://www.carvercountymn.gov/departments/health-human-services/income-support/financial-assistance/housing-programs>

CARVER COUNTY LOCAL HOMELESS PREVENTION AID (LHPA)

Offers emergency financial assistance for Carver County families with school age children who are experiencing one of the following:

- Living in overcrowded conditions in their current housing
- Paying more than 50% of their income for rent/mortgage
- Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

952-361-1600

carvercountymn.gov/departments/health-human-services/income-support/financial-assistance/covid-19-housing-programs

FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FHPAP)

Offers rent, deposit, and mortgage assistance to families, single adults, and youth. To inquire about eligibility requirements or to apply, dial 2-1-1 for United Way.

VETERAN SERVICES/MAC-V RENTAL ASSISTANCE

One time rent assistance for Veterans through Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. Contact the Carver County Veteran's Service office to be referred appropriately.

952-442-2323

carvercountymn.gov/departments/public-services/veteran-services



FOOD ASSISTANCE

<https://findfoodcarvercounty.org/>

BOUNTIFUL BASKET FOOD SHELF

Chaska Site:

- 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska
- 952-556-0244

Cologne Site:

- 102 Lake Street W, Cologne
- 952-988-2802

GATHER AND GROW FOOD SHELF AND CONNECTION CENTER

Waconia Site:

- 11 South Elm Street, Waconia
- 952-442-3878

Watertown Site:

- 309 Lewis Avenue S, Watertown (located in City Hall)
- 952-995-1980

PEOPLE REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE (PROP)

- 14700 Martin Drive, Eden Prairie
- 952-937-9120

SOUTHWEST CARVER COUNTY FOOD SHELF

- 10 First Avenue NE, Norwood Young America
- 952-467-1870



