

RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



CARVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Christen began working at the Carver County CDA in the fall of 2025. Over her 6+ months with the CDA, Christen has overseen and assisted at various properties. In February of 2026, Christen was officially promoted from Property Manager to the CDA's Assistant Director of Housing.

Please help us in congratulating Christen 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-TH: 10am-3pm

Fri-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.



CDA MAIN OFFICE RENOVATIONS



Beginning on April 10th, 2026, renovations began at the Carver County CDA's main office, located at 705 Walnut St. N, Chaska, as we are expanding to allow for more office and storage space.

Public Office Hours:

Due to the renovations, the public office hours at the CDA main office will be temporarily reduced. Beginning Friday, April 10th, 2026, and effective until further notice, Carver County CDA public main office hours will be:

- **Monday-Thursday:** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- **Friday-Sunday:** closed

Visitors:

Visitors to the CDA main office will use the entrance at 709 Walnut St. N, Chaska, which is the door just to the right of the typical CDA office lobby door. Visitors will reach the lobby by calling 952-448-7715 or dialing the office with the front entry system.

In order to ensure availability and reserve meeting space, we encourage you to schedule appointments in advance if you are coming to the CDA main office to meet with CDA staff.

Onsite Office Hours/Staff Availability:

Onsite office hours will be posted at the property, so please refer to this posting indicating when CDA staff will be onsite at your property.

We will continue to communicate any important information and updates as renovations progress.



OUTSOURCING ON-CALL MAINTENANCE

We're excited to share an update about after-hours maintenance services at CDA properties. In the near future, we will begin outsourcing after-hours emergency maintenance calls. During the transition, our CDA maintenance team will remain on call as well to ensure a smooth experience. This change is not a reflection of our maintenance team's performance. Our staff continues to provide excellent service, this shift simply adds support during evenings, nights, and weekends.

What to Expect

- There will be a transition period as this change goes into effect.
- Communications will be sent out directly to residents as properties are impacted by this change.
 - Please keep an eye out for these communications from your Property Manager/CDA staff
- Resident meetings will be held, and those dates/times will be communicated to residents prior to the meeting.
 - The resident meetings will provide a time for residents to come and learn about the transition to outsourcing after-hours emergency maintenance calls while also providing a time for any questions.



PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE



A little preventive maintenance can go a long way towards keeping your home comfortable, safe, and running smoothly. Routine tasks throughout the year can help prevent common issues from occurring.

Carver County CDA maintenance handles many of the major systems, but there are several things residents can do as well to keep the unit in great condition.

- Keep drains flowing freely - avoid pouring grease, coffee grounds, etc.
- Report leaks or moisture to maintenance as soon as possible.
- Use exhaust fans to help reduce moisture.
- Pay attention to doors and windows to help keep your unit secure.
- Clean accessible AC filters as needed to maintain good airflow.

Residents in single-family homes have a few additional areas to keep an eye on due to the nature of the property.

- Monitor exterior areas (siding, gutters, and downspouts).
- Check for plumbing issues.
- Maintain outdoor spaces, keeping vegetation trimmed away from the home and exterior vents.
- Prepare for seasonal changes - removing hoses before freezing temperatures, ensure sump pumps are unobstructed (if applicable), and notify us of any concerns related to weather or drainage.

UPCOMING ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

As part of our commitment to maintaining safe, well-functioning homes, we are currently in the process of scheduling annual inspections for all properties. These inspections help us identify and address potential issues early and ensure everything is working as it should.

Once inspection dates are finalized, we will reach out with advance notice and additional details. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep your home in great condition.



COMPOSTING

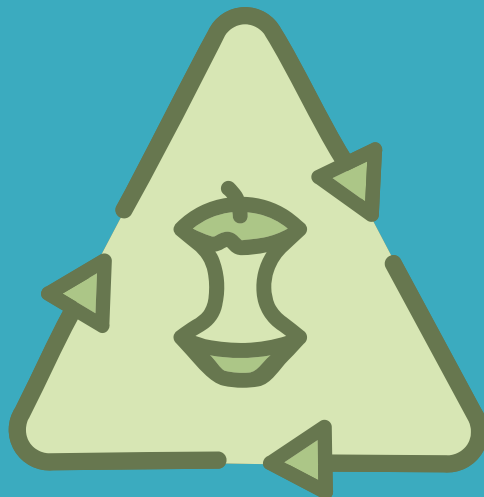
We are partnering with Carver County Environmental Services to bring a composting program to some of our properties. This program is supported through a grant aimed at expanding composting efforts across the county.

As part of this initiative, compost bins will be placed at properties that are participating for residents to use for organic waste, such as food scraps. These materials will be collected and incorporated into the County's composting program.

Environmental Services will provide training and guidance for both staff and residents to help make the program easy to understand and use. There is no cost to residents to participate.

As we move closer to launching the program, we will share additional information with residents, including how to participate, dates of property meetings, and what materials can be composted.

We appreciate your interest and participation as we explore ways to reduce waste and support a more sustainable community.



STAFFING UPDATE



We would like to welcome the following staff to the Carver County CDA!

- **Jordan** - Property Manager for Trail's Edge South
 - Jordan Permanently joined the CDA team in March!
- **Tyra** - Temp. Property Manager for Brickyard Apartments and Centennial Hill
- **Ashleigh** - Temp. Property Manager for Waybury Apartments
- **Jay** - Maintenance Technician I for Brickyard Apartments and Centennial Hill
- **Nick** - Maintenance Technician I for Lake Grace Apartments

Please help us in congratulating Will on his acceptance of the HQS Inspector position! Will started in this position in mid-March. Please also help us in congratulating Terry on his promotion to Maintenance Technician II for our Scattered Sites and Rural Development properties! Terry started in this position in mid-March.



Featured: Mary, CDA's Caretaker II, at Crossings in Waconia - hard at work!

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FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Every April, we celebrate Fair Housing Month, recognizing the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. The Fair Housing Act was enacted to promote fair housing practices and ensure equal access to housing opportunities. Fair housing plays a critical role in housing and community development and is a top priority of the CDA.



WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME - POSTER CONTEST

Various Carver County CDA properties hosted “What Home Means to Me” poster contest as a part of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)’s campaign. 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. NAHRO member agencies are encouraged to host local contests and send their winners from each age category to Minnesota NAHRO. The top winners in each age category are then sent to the North Central Regional Council (NCRC) where one winner from each category is sent to National NAHRO to compete in the national contest. At the end of the national contest, 13 winners are chosen to make up the “What Home Means to Me” calendar for the upcoming year.

WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME

CARVER COUNTY CDA



As an Agency, we were able to submit 5 of the posters to Minnesota NAHRO where they will be voted on for a chance to advance to the regional and national level.

www.nahro.org/membership/what-home-means-to-me/



CDA RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Carver County CDA, in partnership with Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, is offering rent assistance to eligible families experiencing financial hardship. Carver County households that are experiencing financial hardship related to housing, lot rent, or utilities and are able to provide required documentation and program eligibility guidelines may apply. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

Visit carvercda.org or call 952-448-7715 for more information or to apply.

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](https://www.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](https://www.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/MAG-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](https://www.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



CARVER COUNTY CDA - PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

The Carver County CDA's Carver Bluff Creek Apartments is located at 1800 Main St. W, Carver, Minnesota. Bluff Creek was built in 1983 and was acquired by the CDA in 2002. Bluff Creek is located near the Minnesota River and has great scenic views, trails, and parks nearby.

This 18-unit property consists of 1- and 2- bedroom units that vary in square footage. The interest list for Bluff Creek Apartments is on Waitlist Central. Visit waitlistcentral.org/view-waitlist/59 or scan the QR code below to join the interest list today!



[Property Information:](#)

www.bluffcreekapts.com

952-368-3308

lakegrace@carvercda.org





TO SHARE!

Split Pea Soup



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups dried green split peas, rinsed
- 1–2 cups diced ham or 1 ham bone (optional)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2–3 carrots, sliced
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 2–3 cloves garlic, minced
- 6–8 cups chicken broth or water
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

- In a large pot, heat a small amount of oil over medium heat.
- Add the onion, carrots, and celery. Cook for 5–7 minutes until softened.
- Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 more minute.
- Add the split peas, ham or ham bone, broth, bay leaf, and thyme.
- Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 60–90 minutes.
- Stir occasionally until the peas break down and the soup thickens.
- Remove the bay leaf and ham bone (if used). Shred any meat and return it to the pot.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste.

NOTES:

- Add more broth if the soup becomes too thick.
- For a smoother texture, blend part or all of the soup.
- Tastes even better the next day.

Thank you to Christen
for sharing this recipe!



CARVER OAKS RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

