

RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



CARVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

NIGHT TO UNITE

Night to Unite is coming up on Tuesday, August 4, 2026! Night to Unite is an evening dedicated to bringing people together to build community and neighborhood connections.

Various Carver County CDA properties will be hosting Night to Unite events. Please be on the lookout for communications from your Property Manager regarding any planned events at your property.

Local cities and neighborhoods often host community-wide events during this time as well!

Carver County CDA

Office Number:

952-448-7715

Maintenance

Emergency Number:

952-777-7559

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.



CARVER COUNTY CDA: DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Carver County CDA is thrilled to announce that we are back with a new round of down payment assistance! This year, we are offering two variations of funding; standard down payment assistance (DPA) and a first-generation set-aside DPA. The DPA Program provides financial assistance to help cover down payment up to \$50,000. The DPA program has limited funding, and funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applicants must:

- Be a first-time or first-generation homebuyer
- Make less than \$131,500 (not adjusted by household size) and complete the income verification with Carver County CDA
- Complete an online pre-application and pay a \$100 application fee to Carver County CDA
- Complete a Home Stretch homebuyer education course
- Receive a Mortgage Pre-Approval from one of the following Carver County CDA DPA partner lenders
 - Bell Bank
 - Guild Mortgage
 - Old National Bank
 - Sunrise Bank
- Be purchasing a home within Carver County to use as a primary residence

For more information on the Carver County Down Payment Assistance Program or to complete a pre-application, please visit the Carver County CDA website: www.carvercda.org/services/housing/homeownership-and-land-trust/mortgage-products-and-rehab-loan-programs/down-payment-closing-cost-assistance-program



FREE SUMMER FOOD MARKETS

Carver County is hosting Free Summer Food Markets at three locations this summer. The pop-up markets offer fresh produce, grains, dairy, meat, and more - food options vary each week. There is no cost for the food markets, and no personal information is required.

CHASKA

- Chaska Middle School West
 - 140 Engler Blvd, Chaska
- Mondays from 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- June 8th - August 17th

WATERTOWN

- Watertown City Hall
 - 309 Lewis Avenue South, Watertown
- Tuesdays from 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- June 23rd - August 4th

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

- Central High School
 - 531 Morse Street, Norwood Young America
- Wednesdays from 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- June 3rd - August 19th



FOOD ASSISTANCE

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 FAIR

The 2026 Carver County Fair will take place from August 12th - 16th in Waconia at the Carver County Fairgrounds. The Carver County Fair features various entertainment options, 35+ food and beverage vendors, events, and exhibits. Check out www.carvercountyfair.com for more information!

DEMOLITION DERBY

TRACTOR PULL

PETTING ZOO

CONTESTS

FREE MUSIC

BINGO

GOAT YOGA

CARNIVAL RIDES

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer is full of various city and county wide community events! Check out your local city celebrations, fairs, and events.

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

- Stiftungsfest
- Willkommen Memorial Park
- August 27th - 30th

CARVER

- Steamboat Days
- Downtown Carver
- September 11th - 13th

HAMBURG

- Zummerfest
- 600 Park Ave, Hamburg
- September 12th

WACONIA

- Nickle Dickle Day
- City Square Park
- September 19th



COMMUNITY EVENTS



STAFFING UPDATE



Below is a list of Property Managers currently managing our properties:

- **Katie:** Lake Grace Apartments and Bluff Creek Apartments
- **Amanda:** Windstone Townhomes and Spruce Apartments
- **Vince:** Crossings at Town Centre and Oak Grove Senior Residence
- **Susan:** Carver Place Apartments and Carver Oaks Senior Residence
- **Jordan:** Trail's Edge South
- **Temporary Property Manager - Tina:** Scattered Sites, Hilltop Apartments, and Mayer Elderly
- **Temporary Property Manager - Melodie:** Brickyard Apartments and Centennial Hill Senior Living
- **Temporary Property Manager - Marquita:** Waybury Apartments

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Property Manager directly or call the CDA Main Office at 952-448-7715 to be connected to the appropriate staff member.

CDA MAIN OFFICE RENOVATIONS



A quick reminder that renovations continue 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 are reduced. Carver County CDA public main office hours are:

- **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 approach completion! Thank you for your patience and understanding.



OUTSOURCING ON-CALL MAINTENANCE

As of June 4th, 2026, Carver County CDA fully implemented outsourcing after-hours emergency maintenance calls with Tuk Technical across all properties. Our staff will continue to monitor service, feedback, and effectiveness as Tuk Technical is now the primary provider for after-hours maintenance service.

What is considered after-hours?

- After hours is considered to be Monday-Friday, 4:31pm-7:59am, and Saturday-Sunday, all day.
- After hours also includes any holidays when Carver County CDA offices are closed.

How to request after-hours maintenance service:

- Call Tuk Technical at 952-777-7559

What is considered normal business hours?

- Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm

How to request maintenance service during normal business hours:

- Speak directly with your Property Manager by calling or visiting your property office (if applicable).
- Call the CDA main office at 952-448-7715
- Visit the CDA main office at 705 Walnut St. N, Chaska



Thank you for your patience during this transition!





COMPLIANCE UPDATES

Resident Update: Assistance Animals & Emotional Support Animals:

HUD recently updated its federal enforcement guidance regarding assistance animals in housing. This change does not affect residents who already have an approved assistance animal or emotional support animal (ESA), and no one is being asked to remove an approved animal solely because of this HUD update.

In Minnesota, housing providers must continue to review requests for service animals and emotional support animals on an individual basis. If you need an accommodation related to a disability, you may still submit a Reasonable Accommodation request through your property management office.

If you have questions about assistance animals or the accommodation process, please contact your site office for more information.

Coming Soon: HOTMA Updates:

HUD is expected to fully implement the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) on January 1st, 2027. While we've worked to implement some HOTMA changes, additional updates to income calculations, deductions, and other program requirements are expected with full implementation.

No action is needed at this time. If these changes affect your household's rent, rental assistance, or program eligibility, we will contact you during your next certification and explain any changes. More information will be shared as implementation approaches.



CARVER COUNTY CDA - PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

The Carver County CDA's Windstone Townhomes is located at 110550 Windmill Court, Chaska, Minnesota. Windstone Townhomes was built in 1974 and was acquired by the CDA in 1998. Windstone Townhomes is located near local dining, entertainment, and shopping options, along with various walking and nature paths.

This 92-unit property consists of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom townhomes that vary in square footage. The interest list for Windstone Townhomes is on Waitlist Central. Visit waitlistcentral.org/view-waitlist/49 or scan the QR code below to join the interest list today!



Property Information:

www.windstonerentals.com

952-448-4527

windstone@carvercda.org



TO SHARE!

Italian Pasta Salad



INGREDIENTS:

DRESSING

- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup pesto
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil

PASTA SALAD

- 1 lb. rotini pasta, cooked and cooled
- 1 pt. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 cups diced salami
- 8 oz. mozzarella pearls
- 1 cup sliced black olives
- 1 cup thinly sliced baby bell peppers
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS:

- **For the dressing:** In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, pesto, garlic, salt, and pepper. Gradually add the olive oil, whisking constantly until combined. Set aside.
- **For the pasta salad:** To a large bowl, add the cooked pasta. Add the tomatoes, salami, mozzarella, olives, bell pepper, onion, parmesan cheese, salt, basil, and parsley. Whisk the dressing once more, then pour it over the salad, stirring to combine.
- Just before serving, sprinkle with more parmesan, basil, and parsley, if you like.

Find the picture and full recipe here:

www.thepioneerwoman.com



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Carver County Family Resource Center (FRC) is currently looking for parents or caregivers to serve on its Family Advisory Committee (FAC). See the flyer below for more information.

JOIN THE CARVER COUNTY FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your Voice Matters. Your Experience Can Shape Our Community.



The Family Advisory Committee (FAC) helps shape services at the Carver County Family Resource Center (FRC). Together, we make sure the center reflects the voices and needs of our community. Our goal is to build strong connections, welcome everyone, and support the well-being of families in Carver County.

Who We're Looking For:

- Individuals with lived experience receiving any form of public assistance
- Parents or caregivers with children under 18
- Residents of Carver County

Why Join?

- Help strengthen county services for families
- Share your perspectives and experiences
- Collaborate with community partners
- Make a meaningful impact in Carver County

Interested?

Please contact the Family Resource Center at 952-361-1621

If you are interested, please call the FRC at 952-361-1621, email info@carvercountyfrc.org, or click [here](#).



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: EVENTS



CARVER COUNTY
**Family
Resource
Center**

Call: 952-361-1621
Email: frcinfo@carvercountymn.gov



Tuesday, Aug. 4



10 A.M. to 12 P.M.



Carver County Family
Resource Center (FRC)
115 E. 4th Street
Chaska, MN 55318

KIDS CAMP ANIMALS

Explore animal
adaptations!

Touch bones and furs,
make animal tracks with
kinetic sand, and build
beaver dams.



For Ages 4 to 12

PARENT WEBINAR

Video Games and Your
Child: Spotting Red
Flags and Staying Safe
Online
While kids enjoy camp,
join us in another room
for this session on
online safety.



Scan to RSVP!



Back to School Health and Wellness Event



Start the school year healthy and ready to learn!

Get school
supplies

Sign up
for
vaccines

Health
insurance
assistance

Mental
health
help



- Thursday, Aug. 13 from 4:30 to 6 P.M.
- Carver County Family Resource Center
115 East 4th Street
Chaska, MN 55318
(Shared space at Chaska Moravian
Church)



Special thanks to our sponsors:



CARVER COUNTY
**Family
Resource
Center**

Call: 952-361-1621
Email: frcinfo@carvercountymn.gov

BUDGETING WORKSHOP

Take control of your family's
finances!



DATE:

Wednesday, Aug. 26



TIME:

12:30 to 2 P.M.



LOCATION:

115 E 4th Street
Chaska, MN 55318



Free for everyone!
Call or email the FRC to RSVP.
Scan the QR code for more information.



KEY TOPICS:

- Creating a family budget.
- Saving for the future.
- Managing household expenses.
- Reducing financial stress.



PRESENTER:

Samantha Roth
Financial Capability Educator



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION

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

