




CORCORAN NEWS

Charter Commission

The City of Corcoran is accepting applications for an individual to join the Charter Commission. Charter Commission members meet at least once annually, and as needed to review public initiatives and discuss potential Charter amendments. For more information contact City Administrator Brad Martens at bmartens@ci.corcoran.mn.us or 763-400-7030. First review of applications will take place in March.

Assessor's Office

 The City recently transitioned its assessing authority to the Hennepin County Assessor's office.

Contact information:

Property values and assessments:
Melissa Potter, Assessor
 612-348-3046 or
melissa.potter@hennepin.us

Homestead classification:
Michelle Lambert-Thurber
 612-348-2943 or
michelle.lambert@hennepin.us

Property tax information:
 612-348-6011 or taxinfo@hennepin.us

Save the Date: Open Book Meeting

The Open Book meeting is held annually in April/May to give taxpayers an opportunity to ask questions about their property valuation notices. Hennepin County is looking at approximately eight different meetings around the county for taxpayers to choose from. Locations and dates to be determined. Visit www.hennepin.us/propertytaxes or www.corcoranmn.gov — Public Services / Assessor.

Letter from Mayor Tom McKee



I want to take a moment to thank you for placing your trust in me to serve as Mayor.

I'm truly humbled by the support and am excited to serve and represent our amazing community. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I will work tirelessly to meet the expectations you have of city leadership.

Corcoran has seen a lot of growth in recent years, and with change comes new opportunities, as well as new challenges. As growth happens, let's make sure it is thoughtfully guided in a way that preserves the rural character that defines Corcoran.

I believe we have a fantastic group of City Councilors and Commissioners with a wide variety of backgrounds and experience that will help us navigate the road ahead. But perhaps even more importantly, there are so many Corcoran residents who are eager and willing to share their unique perspectives and personal experience to help define what our city looks and feels like today and as we grow as a community.

A major priority this year will be to identify and begin to address areas in our city code that need to be updated or modified to better fit the needs of our residents and business community. This process in particular needs significant community feedback and participation to get right, so please don't hesitate to share your thoughts and experiences.

With several upcoming technological upgrades, residents will have even more opportunities to view and participate in City Council meetings, Commission meetings, work sessions, and more.

In the coming months, I hope to announce a number of new opportunities for residents to get involved. In fact, we will be looking to fill a vacancy on the Charter Commission early this year – so if you're interested, please consider applying!

Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter for the latest community updates and other important information. Make sure to follow the City's Facebook (Facebook.com/CorcoranMN) and Twitter (@CorcoranMNCity) and check out the city website for more information.

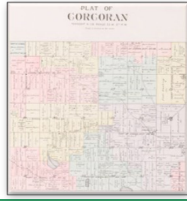
As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns. I'm looking forward to working for, and with, our incredible community and am excited for what the future holds for Corcoran in 2021 and beyond.

Again, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

Tom McKee
 Mayor
 City of Corcoran
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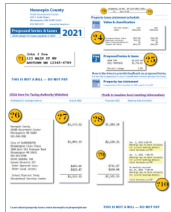


City Updates

The Corcoran City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 pm at City Hall unless otherwise posted. The following is a recap of a selection of items discussed at meetings since the last newsletter. A full recap can be found by reviewing the approved City Council minutes at www.corcoranmn.gov — Our Government / Council / Minutes.

Staff Related Updates

- Authorized staff to hold an internal Police Sergeant promotional process with authority for the Director of Public Safety to select and appoint the preferred candidate to position effective Jan 1, 2021.
- Directed staff to initiate a Police Officer hiring process to establish a candidate list for Police Officer vacancies.
- Director of Public Safety Gottschalk Director issued the Police Officer Oath to Clayton Decker.
- Approved the 2021 Benefits and Wage Schedules as presented.
- Approved the job offer for the Maintenance Worker position.



City Hall Remodel Project

- Authorized the City Administrator to approve individual change orders up to \$10,000, not to exceed 10% of the overall construction amount.
- Authorized staff to proceed with a card reader proposal from Integrated Protection Systems.

Authorize Wetland Delineation and Feasibility Study — Bridge Replacement Project

- Approved the feasibility study proposal for bridge improvements including soil borings at Trail Haven Road, Cain Road, and Schutte Road in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.
- Authorized staff to complete wetland delineations and associated survey work for the Trail Haven Road, Cain Road, and Schutte Road bridge sites in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

CARES Act Expenditures

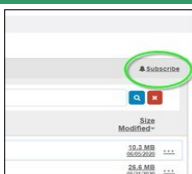
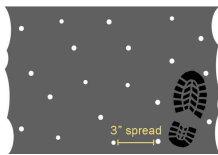
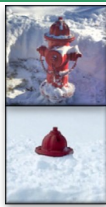
- Approved the resolution authorizing CARES Act expenditures as presented.

Council and Commission Updates

- Accepted the resignation of Dorothy Theis from the Charter Commission and approved the resolution honoring Dorothy on her decades of service.
- Approved the resolution honoring Tom Anderson and his time on City Council.
- Appointed Tom Anderson to the Parks and Trails Commission to fulfill a term ending Feb 29, 2022.
- Directed staff to accept applications to the fill the Charter Commission vacancy.
- Approved the resolution honoring Brian Lothar and his time on City Council.
- Approved the resolution honoring Mayor Ron Thomas on his years of service as Mayor and Councilmember.

2021 Budgets, Levies, Fees, Finances and Special Assessments

- Held a public hearing for delinquent fees; certified delinquent fees to the Hennepin County Auditor for collection in 2021.
- Approved the 2021 fee schedule; requested additional review in 2021.
- Held a public hearing for the 2021 General Fund Budget and Property Tax Levy.
- Approved the 2021 General Fund Budget and Final Levy.
- Approved the 2021 Water and Sanitary Sewer Budgets.
- Authorized the City Administrator to offer two agreement options to impacted property owners; pay deferred assessments over 10 years with an interest rate of 2% with requirement to pay immediately upon sale; or pay deferred assessments upon removal of the Green Acres program or upon sale. Assessment amounts due in 2021 if no agreement is signed by the property owners.



2021 Corcoran Events Calendar

*Meetings may be held by telephone or other electronic means. Visit www.corcoranmn.gov for updates.

- Jan 11: Spring Baseball Priority Registration Opens** *(Corcoran residents only)*
- Jan 14: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Jan 19: Spring Baseball Registration Opens**
- Jan 18: Holiday — City Hall Closed**
- Jan 21: Parks & Trails Meeting**
- Jan 28: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Feb 4: Planning Commission Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Feb 11: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Feb 15: Holiday — City Hall Closed**
- Feb 18: Parks & Trails Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Feb 25: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Feb 28: Spring Baseball Registration Closes**
- Mar 4: Planning Commission Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Mar 11: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Mar: Firearms Safety Classes**
Dates & Location TBD
- Mar 18: Parks & Trails Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Mar 25: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Apr 1: Planning Commission Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Apr 5: Summer Soccer Priority Registration Opens** *(Corcoran residents only)*
- Apr 8: City Council Meeting**
7 pm — Council Chambers
- Apr 12: Summer Soccer Registration Opens**

City Updates Continued...

2020 Election Canvassing

- Adopted the resolution canvassing the Nov 3, 2020 municipal election returns and declaring results.

Final PUD Development Plan and Final Plat for Rush Creek Reserve

- Approved the items with minor amendments to garages and exterior materials; the first phase includes 45 single family homes, six twinhome lots, and 29 townhome lots.

Ravinia 15th Addition

- Approved the final addition of the Ravinia development with 44 single family lots.

Preliminary Plat for Tessmer and Weber Properties

- Approved the preliminary plat to create three lots from two existing lots.

Minor Subdivision for St. Therese at 8200 County Road 116

- Approved the subdivision to divide the City Hall property.

Rezoning to Rural Commercial from Transitional Rural Commercial — 23240 County Road 30

- Approved the rezoning as presented.

Final Plat for Kariniemi Addition

- Approved the final plat for the four-lot development as presented.

Pandemic Response Update

- Heard updates from staff; directed staff to open the ice rinks for the 2020-21 season.

Code Compliance

This year, at the direction of the Council, the City continued proactive code enforcement. Staff completed a second sweep of the entire City by driving street by street, section by section and proactively searching for nuisance violations. The City sought out residential properties with obvious and multiple violations. Staff made multiple sign sweeps throughout the City removing right-of-way obstructions and will continue to do so on a regular basis. Staff also spent a substantial amount of time with campaign signage.



As of December, the City has issued a total of 243 violations notices (approximately 52 of these required more than one notice). Of these 243 violations, 170 have been resolved and 25 remain open/ongoing; including four violations sent for abatement, 21 with the City Attorney, and one in process.

For more information, or to report a nuisance violation contact Code Enforcement at 763-400-7026 or codeenforcement@ci.corcoran.mn.us.

Municipal Election Results

Mayor

Tom McKee..... 2,118
Ron Thomas..... 1,511
Write-In..... 15

Council Member (Elect 2)

Jon Bottema..... 1,996
Manoj M. Thomas..... 1,806
George B. Gmach..... 1,367
Write-In..... 36

Council Member (Special)

Jeremy Nichols.. 1,924
Brian Lothar..... 1,271
Write-In..... 18



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@CorcoranPolice



Building Permits

Building Permit Applications can be found online at www.corcoranmn.gov — *Permits & Licenses*. The City has a number of guidelines and checklist handouts available to help you with the permit process. A completed permit application and all necessary information can be mailed, submitted by utilizing the drop box at City Hall, or emailed to permits@ci.corcoran.mn.us.

Online permit payment option now available. Permit number and verified total amount due is required before submitting payment. The City of Corcoran also accepts cash and check payment for permit applications. Credit card transactions over \$100 are subject to 3.49% convenience fee. For Building Code related questions, please call our contracted Building Official, Metro West Inspections at 763-479-1720.



Permit Totals

939 permits issued in 2020

	2019	2020
Total building permits.....	543	733
New construction.....	158	237
Deck/porch.....	52	91
Alteration/remodel.....	18	22
Accessory building.....	14	13
Re-roof.....	169	246
Basement finish.....	13	18
Total mechanical permits.	90	97
Furnace.....	48	47
Total plumbing permits....	62	109
Water Softener.....	22	75

Total permits issued were up 244 from 2019 and includes 79 more new construction permits.

Other Construction Permits Issued

	2019	2020
Driveway.....	7	7
Fence.....	4	6
Sign.....	1	8
Grading & Fill.....	9	16
Utility.....	69	81

Land Use Applications and Final Plats

The Corcoran Planning Commission meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm at City Hall unless otherwise posted. The Planning Commission is an advisory board and consists of five regular members, and a City Council liaison that is a non-voting member. The Commission holds public hearings, reviews, and then makes recommendations regarding land use and planning applications to the City Council.

Final Plat for Kariniemi Addition at 6780 Rolling Hills Road and 6855 Willow Drive (PID 33-11923-22-0004 and 33-119-23-21-0001) (PID 36-119-23-24-0045) (city file 20-036)

The applicant has requested final plat approval, but needs to address the preliminary plat conditions regarding the wetland delineation. Council approved the final plat at the Dec 21, 2020 meeting and the public hearing for the easement vacation is scheduled for Council on Jan 14.

Rezoning for the property located at 23240 County Road 30 (PID 07-119-23-13-0003) (city file 20-040)

The request from T. Scherber Demolition & Excavating is to rezone the property from Transitional Rural Commercial to Rural Commercial. The applicant would initially use the existing accessory structure for vehicle storage as allowed by the existing CUP and would transition the home to office space. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Dec 3, 2020 and Council approved the rezoning at the Dec 21, 2020 meeting.

Final Plat and Final Planned Unit Development Plan for "Rush Creek Reserve" for the Property located at 20400 County Road 10 (PID 23-119-23-42-0004) (city file 20-030)

M/I Homes has applied for a final plat and final PUD development plan for phase 1 of the 257 unit residential development. The item was reviewed at the Nov 5, 2020 Planning Commission meeting and Council approved the project at the Nov 23, 2020 meeting.

Final Plat and Final PUD Development Plan for Ravinia 15th (PID 36-119-23-24-0045) (city file 20-033)

Lennar has applied for the final phase of the Ravinia development with this 44 lot plat. The item was reviewed at the Nov 5, 2020 Planning Commission meeting and Council approved the project at the Nov 23, 2020 meeting.

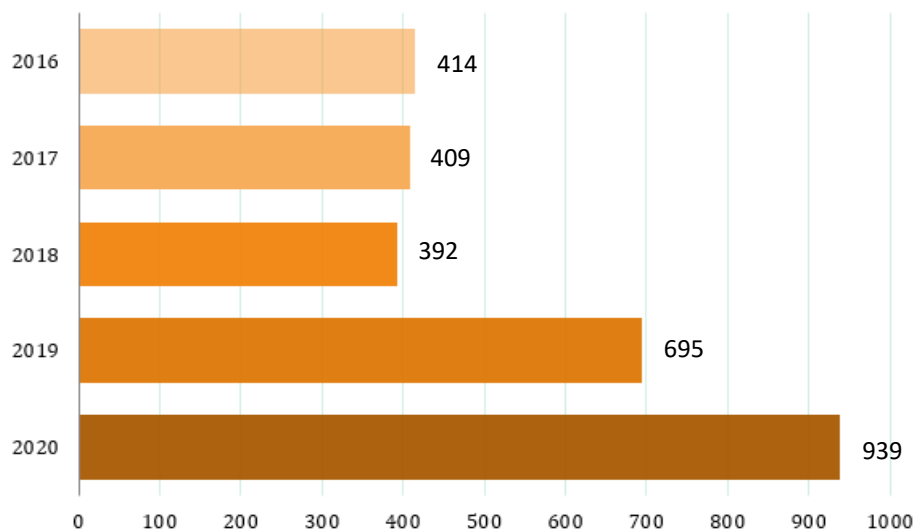
Preliminary Plat for the Property located at 23825 Tessmer Road (PID 07-119-23-22-0001) and 10005 CR 19 (PID 07-119-23-21-0002) (city file 20-037)

The request is to plat the property to create three lots and one outlot from the two existing parcels. The plat would create two new developable lots. The item was reviewed at the Nov 5, 2020 Planning Commission public hearing and Council approved the project at the Nov 23, 2020 meeting.

Minor Subdivision for St. Therese at 8200 County Road 116 (PID 24-119-23-23-0001) (city file 20-041)

The applicant is requesting approval of a three parcel subdivision that will create one parcel for city hall, one parcel for St. Therese to purchase and one parcel to be retained by the City for the linear park adjacent to County Road 116. Council approved this item at the Nov 23, 2020 meeting.

Issued Permits 2016—2020



When Do I Pay My Property Taxes?

Most property owners pay their taxes in two installments — the first half in May and the second half in October. The bi-annual payment occurs even if your property taxes are collected by your mortgage company with your monthly mortgage payment.

What Do I Get For My Property Taxes?

Local governments get the money they use to deliver services from a few different sources: property taxes, fees, revenue sharing with the state, and grants. Property tax dollars pay for the services everyone in the community benefits from and can access, including residents, visitors, commuters, and tourists. This includes services through the City, like streets, street signs, police and fire services, and City parks. Property taxes also cover services through Hennepin County, like county libraries and parks. Also included, are other Hennepin County services such as economic development programs to help businesses grow and develop, and local City services such as snowplowing, road grading and repairs, are all typically paid for with property tax dollars.

Who Decides What City Services to Provide?

The City Council reviews the services the City currently provides and thinks about what local preferences are and what population trends suggest about the kinds of services people will need. Communities with lots of young families may want to offer different kinds of services than communities seeing a big increase in the number of senior residents. Sometimes cities have to provide certain services to comply with state or federal laws. Some common examples are requirements for testing drinking water and making public buildings accessible to people with disabilities.

Property Tax Info

Property Taxes Can Change

Why Your Property Taxes Change from Year to Year



Many factors contribute to your property tax changing from year to year. Property value, your neighbor's property value, decisions by the City Council, the County Board, your local School Board, and the state legislature can all impact property taxes. The value of your property, the total value of all the property in your community, changes to state programs,

and changes in state laws can also affect the tax system and play a role in increasing or decreasing property taxes each year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your property value or classification contact the Hennepin County Assessor Office at 612-348-3046 or assessor.ao@hennepin.us.

Why is a property tax levy needed?

Only a small portion of the City budget is funded through fees or charges for services. For 2021, the portion funded by fees or charges covers only 26% of the City's expenditures. The remaining 74% is funded through the levy.

2021 City of Corcoran Tax Levy

The City Council adopted its preliminary levy for 2021 at the Sept 10, 2020 meeting. This levy amount was used to create the City tax amount you saw on your proposed 2021 levies and taxes notice.

The City Council adopted a final levy for 2021 at the Dec 10, 2020 meeting which was a slightly lower amount than the preliminary levy. The adopted final levy of \$5,054,377, is a \$384,818 or 8.3% increase from the 2020 levy. Despite this increase, the tax rate is projected to decrease from 45.013% to 42.846%, the lowest tax rate since 2012, due to new construction and increased valuations.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your property taxes call the Hennepin County Assessor's office at 612-348-3046.

Homestead Classification

Any Minnesota resident purchasing a new or existing home who occupies the home as their primary residence may be eligible for the homestead classification on their property. Classification as a homestead may provide homeowners with property tax savings.

You must own and occupy a property by Dec 1 and apply by Dec 15 to qualify for taxes payable in the following year.

Where should I apply for homestead?

1. Apply online through the Hennepin County website at www.hennepin.us/homestead. You will need to create an online services account.
2. Mail completed application and required documentation to: *Hennepin County Assessor, 300 South 6th Street - MC213, Minneapolis, MN 55487*. The Homestead Application form can be found online at www.hennepin.us/residents/property/homestead.

When filing for the homestead classification, a copy of the Certificate of Real Estate Value (eCRV) and warranty deed or contract for deed needs to be included with the application.

For more information or questions contact Michelle Lambert-Thurber at 612-348-2943 or michelle.lambert@hennepin.us.



Truck Safety Seminar



A seminar date for the Corcoran Police Department and Public Works [14th Annual Truck Safety Seminar](#) at the Corcoran Public Works facility is yet to be

determined. The seminar would run from 8 am — 12 pm and would cover a multitude of items such as the new commercial vehicle laws for 2021, rules and regulations, vehicle equipment requirements, and much more.

Check for more information on the seminar and/or registration date(s) at www.corcoranmn.gov



— *Public Services / Police / Training and Safety / Truck Safety Seminar*. To get on the email list for seminar information contact Paula at 763-400-7002 or psteelman@ci.corcoran.mn.us.

Firearms Safety Class

Dates and times are yet to be determined for the [Corcoran Firearms Safety 2021](#) classes.



Four basic rules of firearms handling:

- Treat each firearm as if it is loaded.
- Always control the muzzle of your firearm.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

Students must be 12 years old before Nov 1, 2020 to be eligible to take the class.

For updated information on registration, dates, and location(s) visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Police / Training and Safety / Youth Firearm Safety Training*.

**Corcoran Police
Administrative Office:
763-420-8966**

Public Safety

Winter Reminders

Parking Regulations



Parking is prohibited on public streets Nov 1 - Apr 1 from 1 am – 7 am and after a snowfall of at least two inches. Parking may not resume until snow has stopped accumulating and the street has been plowed. No vehicle of 10,000 lbs gross weight or greater shall park on any city street unless authorized by the Director of Public Safety or Public Works Director. Any questions in reference to the parking ordinance, please call the police department at 763-420-8966.

Fire Hydrant Clearing

While shoveling your driveway, take an extra few minutes to clear a three-foot radius around the hydrant after each snowfall. This will help reduce the time it takes firefighters to hook up hoses if a fire occurs in your neighborhood.



Plowing Snow onto Roads

Minnesota State Statute (169.42) and City Code (130.04) prohibit relocating snow and ice from private property (including driveways and parking lots) to a roadway, sidewalk, or adjacent property.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms



It is important to test your alarms regularly, but it is suggested to test them at least once monthly. If your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarm has replaceable batteries, they should be changed at least every six months. Although you replace your

batteries, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms don't last forever. Read the manufacturer's use and care booklet for installation and maintenance guidelines.

For any questions regarding smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms contact your local fire department. Non-Emergency Fire Department Phone Numbers:

Hanover Fire Department.....763-498-7518

Loretto Fire Department.....763-479-3036

Rogers Fire Department.....763-428-3500

Burning Permits

The City has transitioned to a new online process for residents to apply for burn permits. Once approved, the permit will be sent via email. Allow 2-3 business days for online permit payments and 7-10 business days for check or cash permit payments.

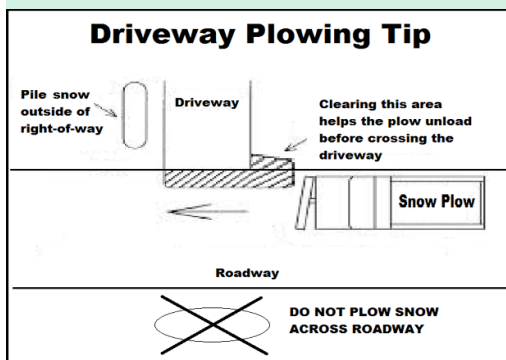
To [apply for a burn permit](#) or for additional information visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Police / Burning Regulations/Permits / Burning Permits & Guidelines*. For more information contact the Police Administrative Office at 763-420-8966.



Burn permits are required for any fires larger than three-feet diameter by three-feet in height. Anything smaller than a three-foot by three-foot fire must be a recreational fire. Burn permits are not required when the ground is snow-covered, which is ground that has a continuous unbroken cover of snow to a depth of three inches or more surrounding the immediate area of the fire.



City Snowplow Policy



The Corcoran Public Works and Police Departments, and Hennepin County Public Works would like to caution residents that it is unlawful to dump, plow, or push snow from private driveways onto county roads or city streets whether you are plowing your driveway or you have hired someone to remove snow.

Snow dumped on highways or street right-of-ways can create a hazard not only for motorists, but also for snowplows. Even heavy snowplows have been ditched and damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow.

The person responsible for depositing snow on roadways may also be liable in a civil lawsuit if damages or injuries that occur as a result of this action.

Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 160.2715, RIGHT-OF-WAY USE, violation of the above statute is a misdemeanor. City ordinance 130.04 also prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots onto public roadways.

The violations are considered a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$700 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

Through the years this issue has become a bigger concern as the community grows. The Corcoran Public Works and Police Departments will be enforcing these laws.

Public Works

A goal of the Corcoran Public Works Department is to clear snow and ice from City roads as soon as possible. Delays may occur in the event of equipment breakdown or extreme weather conditions. The safety of the public and the City employees is a top priority.

Currently the City has more than 72 miles of roads and 113 cul-de-sacs that are maintained by the Public Works department. The criteria for the decision to begin snow and/or ice control operation are as follows:

- Snow accumulation of two inches or more warrants the plowing of asphalt roads, two to four inches warrants the plowing of both asphalt and gravel roads dependent on road conditions. Call out is normally at 2 am when practical.
- High volume major collector roads and roads with steep hills and curves receive first priority.
- Safety of the plow operators and the public are important. Therefore snowplowing operations may be terminated after 12 – 14 hours to allow personnel adequate time to rest. High winds creating white out conditions could cause suspension of services until weather improves.



The City will assume no responsibility for damage to underground lawn sprinkling systems, exterior lighting systems, and similar landscaping installed in the public right-of-way. To review the City approved policy visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Public Works / Snow Plowing.*

Garbage Can Driveway Location



During winter months, please be sure to place garbage containers inside your driveway perimeter or boundary on garbage pickup days. Garbage containers should never be placed on the roadway as they are a traffic hazard and an obstacle to the effective and safe removal of snow and ice in the winter.

Mailbox Reminder

Inspect your existing mailbox post for damage and replace before the winter snowplowing season begins. Ensure your mailbox posts are sturdy, set solidly in the ground, and in good condition before the snow falls.



Swing-Away Mailbox Post Option



Swing-Away Mailbox Posts are designed to reduce or eliminate damages to mail receptacles during inclement weather. The swing-away posts are constructed of galvanized steel and are designed to meet the Postal regulations and MNDOT's specifications. An example is currently on display by the main entrance of Corcoran City Hall. Swing-Away Mailbox Posts are available to purchase for \$65.00 for the individual product or installed by Corcoran Public Works for \$150.00.



Skating Rinks

Corcoran's skating rinks offer fun and recreation for cold weather enthusiasts of all ages. Building and maintaining the rinks depends on many variables. To start making ice, crews need temperatures to be around 0 to -10 degrees F for about one week and frozen ground approximately four inches deep. The crews then establish a six-inch base, which will help rinks survive most warm snaps. The final step is to build a smooth "finish surface" on the ice. Corcoran ice rinks are planning to be opened for the season in early January, and weather permitting, will remain open until late February. Depending on weather conditions, the Public Works crew generally cleans and resurfaces the rinks daily between 7 am – 3 pm (roads and public safety are first priorities). If you see the Public Works crew at the rinks, please vacate the rinks and allow them the time and space to complete the cleaning and resurfacing. Pending and current inclement weather can cause the rinks to be temporarily closed and will also be posted on the weather line at 763-400-7025.

**Due to COVID-19, the warming house will not be open for the winter 2020-2021 season. Portable restrooms, benches, and timed lights will be additions this year to continue to provide an enjoyable opportunity for families to participate in skating. At the time of this newsletter publication, guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) states that only those of the same household should be participating in activities together. Please be mindful of social distancing, masking, and other MDH guidance when participating in activities at the parks.*



Parks & Recreation

Baseball Registration — OPEN SOON

It's time to start thinking about spring baseball! Registration will be available for t-ball (4-5 years old), coach pitch (6-7 years old), and machine pitch (8-10) years old. Residents of Corcoran receive priority registration starting on Monday, Jan 11 through Monday, Jan 18. Online priority registration will require residents to use the password "**Baseball**" to begin the registration process. Registration opens to all on Tuesday, Jan 19 and runs through Feb 28 (or until filled) and can be completed online at www.corcoranmn.gov — Public Services / Parks and Recreation or at City Hall.



The seasons run from late April/early May through the end of June. Registration for machine pitch includes the opportunity to participate in the mid-season jamboree against other teams in the league! Volunteer coaches are needed – if interested, be sure to mark that on your child's registration! Volunteer coaches receive one registration refund at the end of the season.

Participants are expected to bring their own baseball glove and highly encouraged to bring their own bat and helmet.

Summer Soccer

Residents of Corcoran receive priority registration starting on Monday, Apr 5 through Sunday, Apr 11. Online priority registration will require residents to use the password "**Soccer**" to begin the registration process. Registration opens to all on Monday, Apr 12 and runs through May 30 (or until filled) and can be completed online at www.corcoranmn.gov — Public Services / Parks and Recreation / Soccer Registration and Information or at City Hall.



The soccer season will run from Thursday, July 9 to Aug 19-26 depending on the weather. Volunteer coaches are needed – if interested, be sure to mark that on your child's registration! Volunteer coaches receive one registration refund at the end of the season.

Participants are expected to wear shin guards, socks to cover the shin guards, glasses straps for players who wear glasses during play, and to bring a LABELED warm-up soccer ball (U6/U8: Size 3 ball; U10/U12 size 4 ball).



Questions regarding Parks & Recreation facilities and programs?

Contact:

Jessica Christensen Buck, Recreation Coordinator at jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov



2021 Corcoran Recycling Schedule

South of Co Rd 10

North of Co Rd 10

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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FEBRUARY						
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Environmental Recycle Smart

Source: www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/residential-recycling

Keep these items out of your recycling cart



Plastic bags and film: These items get tangled in the equipment at recycling sorting facilities and interfere with the recycling process. Bring to a retail drop-off to be recycled.



Large plastic items: Plastic lawn furniture, laundry baskets, storage tubs, and plastic toys are difficult to sort at recycling facilities and there aren't good markets for recycling them.



Random metal items: Pots, pans, pipes, hangers, tools, and other random metal items can damage equipment and harm workers at recycling sorting facilities. All metal can be recycled, just not in your recycling cart at home – bring these items to a scrap metal recycler.



Batteries: These are too small to be sorted at recycling facilities, and certain batteries can cause fires. Batteries should be recycled at places like the county drop-off facilities.



Bags of recyclables: Don't put your recycling in bags in your recycling cart. Recyclers can't tell what's in the bag, so your items might not get recycled. Place recycling loose in your cart.



Paper cups and plates and plastic utensils and straws: These items are often contaminated with food, are difficult to sort at recycling facilities, and don't have good recycling markets. Avoid them by using reusable options.

Organics Recycling at Home

Source: www.randysenvironmentalservices.com/residential/organics-recycling



You and your household can help our community convert food waste and food-soiled paper into nutrient-rich compost that fortifies lawns, flower beds, backyard, and community gardens, small vegetable and berry farms and rain gardens. To become a Blue Bag Organics household, contact Randy's Environmental Services at (763) 972-3335.

Good Stuff (Compostable materials)

Food waste and food-spoiled paper are called organic waste. It includes:

- Food scraps:
 - Fruits & Vegetable scraps
 - Meats, fish & bones
 - Break, pasta & baked goods
 - Spoiled leftovers
 - Egg and nut shells
 - Dairy products
 - Tea leaves (staples removed)
 - Coffee grounds
- Food-soiled paper products:
 - Paper towels & napkins
 - Paper plates & cups (uncoated)
 - Pizza boxes
 - Paper egg cartons
 - Tea bags (staples removed)
 - Coffee filters
- Other compostable items:
 - Tissues & cotton balls
 - Floral trimmings & house plants
 - BPI-Certified materials

Keep Out (Materials not compostable)

These items should not go into your kitchen compost bucket or Blue Bag Organics liner.

- Twist ties
- Aluminum foil
- Foil-lined cartons, containers or packaging
- Parchment paper
- Wax coated boxes
- Staples
- Plastics
- Glass and metals
- Styrofoam
- K-cups
- Personal sanitary products
- Diapers and wipes
- Pet droppings or kitty litter
- Clothes
- Cigarette butts
- Rocks or bricks
- Microwavable popcorn bags
- Recyclable papers
- Shredded papers



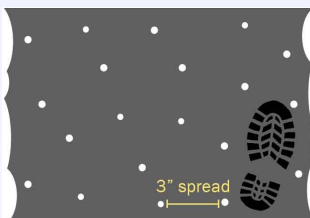
Smart Salting

Source: www.minnehahacreek.org/salt

Salt provides a quick and easy way to melt ice, but did you know that the salt you lay down on your driveway, sidewalk, or steps eventually makes its way into lakes and streams where it hurts fish, birds, and aquatic plants and insects? One teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes five gallons of water because once it's in the water, it is too costly to remove on a large scale. Additionally, all that salt we are laying down is damaging our lawn and landscaping, corroding cars and infrastructure, and hurting our pets' paws.

Make sure you have the right tools in your tool belt for managing snow and ice:

- **Shovel after snowfall:** the proper shovel (or snow blower) can make all the difference! Shoveling regularly will reduce the need for salt. Ergonomic shovels will make the job easier on your back.
- **Sand:** Use sand for traction, only if needed, when the temperature drops below 15 degrees F. Salt does not work in temperatures less than 15 degrees F.
- **Apply the right product and spot treat areas:** All salt is not the same. Some, like calcium chloride, work to colder temperatures, but may have other side effects like leaving a slimy residue. Check the label before you purchase so you know what kind of deicer it is and if it will work for your purposes.
- **Use just a little and disperse evenly without piles:** You don't need to put down much salt to get ice to melt and applying more doesn't mean faster melting. Aim for a spread of three inches between salt crystals. A 12-oz. mug holds about one pound of salt, which is enough for 250 square feet (approximately two parking spaces).
- **Sweep and reuse:** Extra salt and sand that is visible on dry pavement can be swept up and reused. This helps keep it out of the storm drain and will save you money in the long run!
- **Hire a certified professional:** Smart salting winter maintenance contractors have gone through training to learn proper winter maintenance and salt application.



Environmental

NW Area Jaycees and Parks and Trails Commission Donate Shrub & Tree Saplings

Sponsored by: NW Area Jaycees and Corcoran Parks and Trails Commission

For the past several years, the Parks and Trails Commission has given away shrub and tree saplings to Corcoran residents made possible with funds donated by the Northwest Area Jaycees. Varieties offered include deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs.

The trees will be given away at the City Park skating rinks/warming house shelter located at 20200 County Road 50 in late April. In an effort to increase distribution of these trees, Parks and Trails Commission will accept orders for up to five trees as long as supply lasts. To order or for more information and delivery date email Tom Anderson at trees4corcoran@yahoo.com or call 763-428-2559.

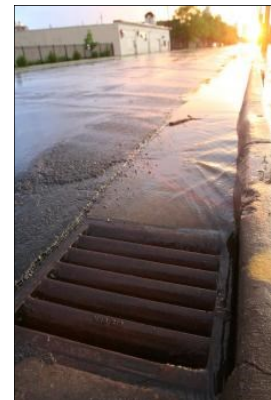


Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

Source: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/municipal-stormwater-ms4

Rain and snow melt run over the abundant impervious surfaces in urbanized areas — roads, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, roof tops, etc. — and pick up pesticides, fertilizers, oils, metals, road salt, sediment, trash, and other pollutants and carry them into storm drains. Storm drains discharge directly into lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands, so stormwater runoff is a leading source of water pollution.

In addition, stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces travels faster and in larger quantities, which results in damage to rivers, streams, and wetlands; destruction of aquatic habitats; and elevated pollutant levels reaching surface waters. Impervious surfaces also prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground and recharging groundwater. Local public entities that own or operate municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) play a key role in preventing stormwater runoff from harming Minnesota's valuable water resources.



What is an MS4?

Source: www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/waterresources/index.html

MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. MS4 programs are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to reduce pollution from stormwater to surface waters and groundwater. Municipalities with populations of 50,000 or greater, smaller designated cities such as Corcoran, and other public entities with significant stormwater drainage systems have been selected to have MS4 programs.



The West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) is a partnership of four watershed commissions that combine education and outreach efforts: Bassett Creek, Elm Creek, Shingle Creek and West Mississippi.

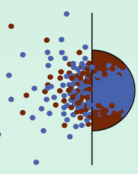
Together they work to educate residents, businesses, and institutions within our watersheds about protecting and improving water quality of our lakes, rivers and streams, and protecting our water management infrastructure.

WMWA created an online lesson on watersheds and water quality and encourage residents to view this information at www.westmetrowateralliance.org — Resources / Watershed PREP Class.



NW Area Jaycees Scholarships Available

Sponsored by: [NW Area Jaycees](#)



The Northwest Area Jaycees will be awarding up to \$15,000 in scholarship monies to graduating senior high school students. All applicants must reside within Corcoran

city limits and will be continuing onto their college education during the entire Fall 2021—Spring 2022 school year. The applications are scored on the following: Academics, Leadership, Community Involvement, and Financial Need.

Visit www.nwareajaycee.org for more information regarding the spring deadline for completed scholarship applications and awards ceremony.

Corcoran Lions Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: [Corcoran Lions](#)



The Corcoran Lions are excited to offer their 33rd annual scholarship program to graduating seniors who live in the City of Corcoran.

The Lions also offer their 12th annual Bill Schalo Scholarship. The Bill Schalo scholarship is given based on community service in Corcoran. This scholarship is given in memory of the Lions' fellow member who gave so freely to our community for so many years.

Scholarships are based on academic, leadership, service to the community and a need basis. The graduate must attend college, junior college, university, trade or vocational school in the year directly following graduation to receive the award.

Applications can be found on the Lions website at www.corcoranlions.org or the following high school offices; Buffalo, Delano, Maple Grove, Mayer Lutheran, Osseo, Rockford, Wayzata, Providence Academy, and West Lutheran High School.

If a student attends a high school outside of the area or has been home-schooled and still resides in the City of Corcoran, he or she is eligible for a scholarship. Email questions and forms to Jerry Cain at jerryjcain@gmail.com.

Important Information

Adjusted City Services

The City of Corcoran recognizes the guidelines and recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to protect staff, residents, and visitors. We encourage the public to continue to conduct business by email, phone or online through the City's website at www.corcoranmn.gov. Please be aware some responses may take more time than usual as we are adapting operations as necessary.

The Corcoran Emergency Management Team will continue to monitor the situation and will make additional changes in accordance with MDH and CDC guidelines.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for up-to-date information on the status of City services, openings/closings, business hours, meetings, programs, and events.

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Governor Walz's Executive Order requiring Minnesotans to wear face coverings in all public indoor spaces and businesses is in effect July 25. All City of Corcoran facilities are public spaces, and masks are required to be worn.





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General Information

Monthly Water and Sewer Bills

The City of Corcoran offers a direct payment ACH option for monthly city sewer and water bills. Direct payment ACH guarantees bills are paid in full and on time each month by automatically deducting payment from a checking or savings account. Email utilitybilling@ci.corcoran.mn.us or visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *How do I? / Sign Up For / Utility Services* for the ACH application and information on how to enroll.



In addition, the City also offers online credit card payments for utility

bills as another method of payment. Visit <https://cityofcorcoran.revtrak.net> for the credit card payment option.



Spring 5-Ton Road Restrictions

Road restrictions will be enforced this spring concurrent with MNDOT Metro Region. All Corcoran city streets are five-tons per axle unless otherwise marked. Postings will be lifted per MNDOT Central Region.

Visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Public Works / Road Restrictions* for more information.

Corcoran Drop Box

Did you know? You can conveniently submit all permit applications and payments, utility service applications and payments, ACH direct payment applications, and other general City business anytime by using the secure black drop box located outside of the main City Hall entrance. The drop box is monitored and checked daily. We encourage everyone to utilize the secure drop box as necessary.



Receive Future Council Packets

The City of Corcoran launched its new website in May 2020! There are many new user friendly features within the new website including a SUBSCRIBE feature for future Council Agenda Packets.

Visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets / 2020* and look for the gray BELL icon with Subscribe (circled in green in the image) and follow the prompts. If you have any questions contact Michelle Friedrich at mfriedrich@ci.corcoran.mn.us.



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City of Corcoran meetings can be viewed via video links at www.corcoranmn.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

City Council Meetings

Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25, Mar 11 & 25, Apr 8 & 22

Planning Commission Meetings

Feb 4, Mar 4 & Apr 1
7 pm

Parks & Trails Commission Meetings

Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18 & Apr 15
7 pm

