



# CORCORAN NEWS

## Open Book Meeting

The Hennepin County Assessor's office will host virtual meeting sessions for taxpayers to discuss their property valuation and classification. If you want to discuss your valuation and classification or if you prefer a virtual meeting, call the Hennepin County Assessor at 763-477-6464 to schedule an appointment in advance of the following meeting dates:

**Tuesday, Apr 27 10 am—6:30 pm**  
**Thursday, Apr 29 8 am—4:30 pm**

## Planning Commission

The City of Corcoran is accepting applications for an individual to join the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission reviews land use applications and meets the first Thursday of every month.

For more information contact City Administrator Brad Martens at [bmartens@ci.corcoran.mn.us](mailto:bmartens@ci.corcoran.mn.us) or 763-400-7030.



## Spring 5 Ton Road Restrictions

Seasonal load limit road restrictions were posted and went into effect on **Thursday, Mar 4**. All Corcoran city streets are five-tons per axle unless otherwise marked. Road restrictions are enforced concurrent with MNDOT Metro Region. Postings will be lifted per MNDOT Central Region. Visit MNDOT at [https://sll.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal\\_load\\_limits/](https://sll.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal_load_limits/) for more information.

## 2021 City Priorities

The City Council held two work sessions at the start of the year in order to update the core strategies, short-term goals, and action steps for 2021 and beyond. The process included reviewing what is working well for the City, challenges we are facing as an organization and community, and what we'd like to accomplish moving forward. The discussion led to the adoption of the following core strategies (in no particular order):

- Enhancing Corcoran's sense of place and identity.
- Provide diverse community amenities and recreational opportunities.
- Maintain excellence in safety and security for our community.
- Ensure high quality, market driven growth.
- Provide high quality, innovative municipal services.

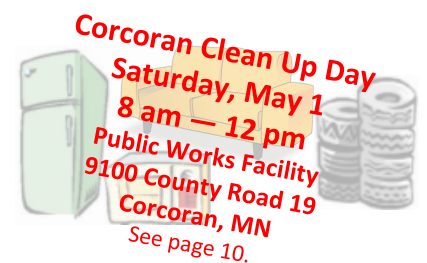
Each of these core strategies have strategic objectives, short-term goals, and action steps in order to accomplish some very ambitious outcomes for Corcoran. For more information on these items, please visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Our Community / City's Mission, Vision, Values, and Core Strategies*.

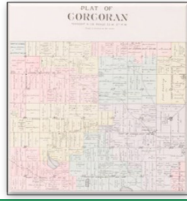
Included in the above mentioned documents is a goal of facilitating the expansion of broadband internet coverage. I know this has been a very important topic for many Corcoran residents, especially over the last year during the pandemic. These services are privately owned and operated, and expansion is typically only done when the provider can show a financial return on their investment. The City is actively working with providers to seek solutions and achieve broadband services to all Corcoran residents. This is not a quick or easy fix, but one worth the effort as it is critical to our success as a community.

I want to thank the many, many residents who have been involved with sharing your thoughts over the last year which have helped guide these priorities. Your voice matters. I encourage you to stay involved in the Corcoran community by reading this newsletter, signing up to receive electronic Council packets, and following us on social media. Feel free to reach out to the City Council or myself. I can be reached at [bmartens@ci.corcoran.mn.us](mailto:bmartens@ci.corcoran.mn.us) or 763-400-7030.

Sincerely,

Brad Martens  
City Administrator





# 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](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — Our Government / Council / Minutes.

## Council and Commission Updates

- Mayor Tom McKee and Councilmember Manoj Thomas were sworn into office.
- Approved Annual Appointments for City Services.
- Appointed Councilmember Bottema as acting Mayor
- Appointed Councilmember Jeremy Nichols as the Planning Commission Liaison.
- Appointed Mayor McKee as the Parks and Trails Commission Liaison.
- Appointed Councilmember Bottema and Councilor Thomas as the Elm Creek Watershed Commission Liaisons.
- Appointed Meredith Wu to the Planning Commission for a term ending Feb 29, 2024.
- Appointed Val Nybo and Judy Strehler to the Parks and Trails Commission for terms ending Feb 29, 2024.
- Planning Commission Chair Jacobs presented the accomplishment from the previous year and priorities for 2021.
- Parks and Trails Commission Chair Meister presented the accomplishment from the previous year and priorities for 2021.
- Recommended appointment of Jonathan Coots, Daniel Bucholtz, Randall Ferrian, Gerry Tucker, Scott Gilyard, David Hakensen, and Meaghan Hibbard to the Charter Commission.
- Honored outgoing Commissioner Dickman for his service on the Planning Commission.

## Staff Updates

- Approved a staffing transition from the administration department to the public works department for Construction Services Coordinator position.
- Authorized the Segreant hire and was informed of the appointment of Officer Ekenberg to Sergeant.
- Approved an extension of COVID-19 leave until June 30, 2021.
- Authorized proceeding with the creation of a lead finance worker position.
- Recognized Clyde Bechtold for his 30 years of service to the City.
- Authorized extending an employment offer to Clay Decker as a full-time Police Officer.

## Nelson International

- Approved a site plan and conditional use permit with amendments to landscaping and lighting on the truck sales and service site.
- Held an easement vacation public hearing and approved the easement vacation.

## Preliminary Plat, Variance, and Administrative Permit for Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association at 19835 Larkin Road

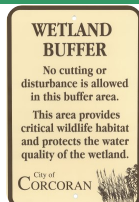
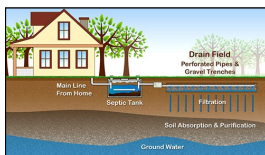
- Tabled the project at the request of the applicant to provide additional information; the project will be reviewed at the Apr 22 Council meeting.

## Bellwether Park Improvement Project – Boardwalk

- Directed staff to begin design work for the board walk construction in 2021 including obtaining quotes for construction.
- Directed the Parks and Trails Commission to review quotes and make a recommendation to the City Council.
- Authorized staff to seek grant fund for the project.

## Appaloosa Woods Improvements

- Directed staff to complete a feasibility study for street improvements and declined



## 2021 Corcoran Events Calendar

*\*Meetings may be held by telephone or other electronic means. Visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) for updates.*

### Apr 12: Soccer Registration Opens

**Apr 15: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Apr 19: Spring Machine Pitch Begins**  
6:30 pm — City Park

**Apr 22: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Apr 24: Tree Giveaway**  
TBD — City Park

**Apr 26: Spring T-Ball Begins**  
6 pm — City Park

**Apr 27: Spring Coach Pitch Begins**  
6 pm — City Park

**May 1: Clean Up Day**  
8 am—12 pm — Public Works Facility

**May 6: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**May 13: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**May 20: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**May 27: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**May 31: Holiday — City Hall Closed**

**June 3: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**June 10: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**June 17: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**June 24: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**June 28: Baseball Registration Opens**

**July 1: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**July 5: Holiday — City Hall Closed**

**July 8: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**July 15: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers



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## City Updates Continued...

a study on utility improvements.

### City Center Drive and 79<sup>th</sup> Place Improvements

- Approved a proposal for a feasibility study for street improvements.
- Authorized staff to obtain appraisal reports on the properties of 7801 Maple Hill Road, 7900 County Road 116, 7916 County Road 116, and 7938 County Road 116.

### 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue/ Gleason Parkway Improvements

- Accepted plans and specifications.
- Authorize bids as presented.

### Corcoran Trail East and West Improvements

- Authorized a feasibility study for street improvements including stormwater modeling for the potential project.

### Hackamore Road Improvements

- Directed staff to proceed with the previously approved project.
- Authorized staff to apply for Local Road Improvement Program fund solicitation.

### 2021 Legislative Priorities

- Approved the legislative priorities for the 2021 Legislative session with the additional priority of broadband funding.

### Water Supply Planning

- Approved an amendment and resolution authorizing the closing on the property for the future well and water treatment site.
- Authorized supplemental analysis of water storage options and water treatment options.

### K9 Program Update

- Director of Public Safety Gottschalk provided an update and potential schedule for Zeke's return to CPD.

### Code Enforcement Violation — Westside Tire

- Reviewed current code violations and a proposed solution from Westside Tire; Council shared general support which would require an ordinance amendment and approved site plan.

### MS-4 Stormwater Permit Work Plan

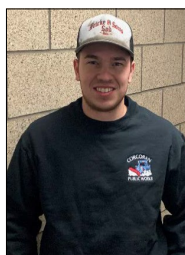
- Approved the stormwater work plan as presented.

### 2021 Assessment and Board of Appeals and Equalization Report

- Reviewed the Hennepin County Assessor summary report for Corcoran.

## City of Corcoran Welcomes Staff

**Cole Lenneman** joined the Public Works Department as the new Public Works Maintenance Worker.



**Amy Fadden** joined the Police Department Administration Office as the new part-time Police Technician.



**Natalie Davis** joined the Administration Department as the new Planner. Natalie has a degree in Urban Studies and is currently in the master's program in environmental policy.



## Building Permits



Building Permit Applications can be found online at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://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, dropped off at City Hall and/or utilizing the drop box, or emailed to [permits@ci.corcoran.mn.us](mailto:permits@ci.corcoran.mn.us).

Online permit payment option 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 call our contracted Building Official, Metro West Inspections at 763-479-1720.

### Most Requested Building Permit Fees

Reroofing/Re-siding	\$91 ea.
Windows — <i>in same openings</i>	\$91
Furnace or A/C Unit Replacement	\$76/unit
Gas Fireplace	\$101
General Plumbing	\$51+
Water Heater Replacement	\$21
Water Softener Replacement	\$16

\*All fees include \$1 State Surcharge.

### Code Enforcement

To report a nuisance violation, please contact the City's direct Code Enforcement phone line at 763-400-7026 or email at: [codeenforcement@ci.corcoran.mn.us](mailto:codeenforcement@ci.corcoran.mn.us)

## 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.

**PUD Sketch Plan Review for Van Blaricom and Schober properties for "Bellwether" (PID 01119-23-34-0002 and 01-119-23-43-0002) (city file 20-050)** Pulte Homes submitted a request for sketch plan review for a mix of single family homes and villa homes on the 77 acre site. City Council provided feedback on the concept plan at the Jan 28 meeting.

**Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for "Hunters Place 2nd Addition" at 10110 CR 116 (PID 12-119-2322-0001) (city file 20-044)** The City has requested approval of a subdivision to create two lots – one for the existing Lother home and one for the new city well site. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Feb 18 and recommended approval and City Council approved at the Feb 25 meeting.

**Interim Use Permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit at 6330 Snyder Road (PID 35-119-23-430002) (city file 20-045)** Kevin Henn has requested approval of an accessory dwelling unit in an accessory building. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Feb 18 and recommended approval and City Council approved on Feb 25 meeting.

**Variance for a front yard setback reduction at 20795 Larkin Road (PID 27-119-23-41-0013) (city file 20-046)** Nate Kariniemi has requested approval for a setback variance for construction of a new home on a lot he recently subdivided. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Feb 18 and recommended denial and City Council denied the variance at the Feb 25 meeting.

**Rezoning, Preliminary Plat and Preliminary PUD Plan for Cook Lake Highlands (PID 25-119-2314-0003) (city file 20-047)** Trek Development has requested approval for a mixed use development with a senior co-op, villa homes, day care and memory care. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Mar 4. The applicant resubmitted plans which will be reviewed in April by the Planning Commission and City Council.

## Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD)

### 2020 Corcoran Activity Summary

The majority of control done by MMCD targets mosquitos during their larval stage. Mosquito larvae usually develop in standing water and are most common after rainfall.

**Sites Inspected: 887 | Acres Treated: 6857.68**

MMCD supplements their larval control program with limited adult mosquito control.

**Sites Inspected: 218 | Acres Treated: 92.07**

Controlling the mosquito species that are most likely to spread disease is a top priority. Removing containers that could hold stagnant water is critical in reducing the spread.

**Tires Removed: 158 | Disease Prevention Property Inspections: 21**

MMCD encourages residents to report mosquito annoyance, employee or helicopter concerns, request waste tire removal, etc.

**Customer calls from Corcoran: 56**

Contact MMCD for further information at [mmcdmosq@mmcd.org](mailto:mmcdmosq@mmcd.org) or 651-645-9149.



## Yard Waste and/or Compost



The City of Corcoran currently does not have a compost or yard waste site. The nearest site available for residents is the Maple Grove Yard Waste Site located at 10300 Maple Grove Parkway, Maple Grove, MN. For a small fee Corcoran residents can drop off yard waste, which includes leaves, grass, brush, garden waste, and logs up to 10" in diameter. The fee is based on volume and type of material brought in. The site is open Apr 1-Nov 30, Monday - Saturday, 8 am- 7 pm and Sunday, 11 am- 7 pm. For more information visit [www.mgyardwaste.com](http://www.mgyardwaste.com) or call 763-420-4886.



## Notice of Valuation and Classification

Each spring, the Hennepin County assessor will mail you a Notice of Valuation and Classification informing you of the market value and classification of your property. These were sent in early March by Hennepin County.

## Classification and Class Rates

The assessor classifies property according to its use. Each class of property (single-family home, apartment, cabin, farm, and commercial) has its own classification rate. The class rate is determined by the state legislature. Similar to market value, the class rate of your property plays a role in how much property tax you pay.

## Other Helpful Property Tax Links

Valuation and property sale information visit: [www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-information-search](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-information-search)

Parcel Data for Taxes: [www.hennepin.us/residents#property](http://www.hennepin.us/residents#property)

Homestead Information: [www.hennepin.us/residents/property/homestead](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/property/homestead)

Market value vs. property tax: [www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-value](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-value)

## 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*  
612-348-3049 or  
[melissa.potter@hennepin.us](mailto:melissa.potter@hennepin.us)

Homestead classification:  
*Michelle Lambert-Thurber*  
612-348-2943 or  
[michelle.lambert@hennepin.us](mailto:michelle.lambert@hennepin.us)

Property tax information:  
612-348-6011 or [taxinfo@hennepin.us](mailto:taxinfo@hennepin.us)

# Property Tax Information

## Understanding the Assessment and Appeals Process

### Role of the Property Tax Assessor

Source: [www.revenue.state.mn.us/propertytax/](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/propertytax/)

The assessor has an important role in the property tax process, in that it is very important to make sure all property is valued at its market value and classified according to its use so the property tax levy is divided correctly among all taxable properties. The assessor does not determine your property taxes, and assessors do not raise revenue by increasing market values. Using a mass appraisal system and historical data, the assessor's job is to estimate the market value of all properties on the assessment date of January 2 each year. The assessor considers the location of the property, the amount of land in each parcel, any improvements to the land, physical characteristics of the improvements (such as square footage, decks, porches, etc.) and the quality of construction. The property is then compared to similar properties in your area that have recently sold in order to determine the estimated market value. The assessor determines these factors each year, and they are shown annually on the Notice of Valuation and Classification.

### What if I disagree with how my property was assessed?



If you have a disagreement over valuation or classification of your property, the first step is to contact your city assessor. Review and verify information with your city assessor such as dimensions, age, and condition of structures. Review records to determine the market value of similar properties in your neighborhood. Review sales data to find out what similar properties in your area are selling for. Ask the assessor to explain the criteria used for classifying your property. You may also review the classifications of other properties used in the same manner as yours. If your property has not been inspected recently, both interior and exterior, ask the assessor to come out to review your property. The assessor is not responsible for the dollar amount of taxes that you pay. Tax rates are determined by local taxing authorities (the city, the county, school districts, etc.). If you think your taxes are too high, you should make your opinion known to your taxing authorities during the budget meetings in September and December.

### Open Book Meeting — Virtual

During an open book meeting, property owners can address questions about their property valuation and classification directly with assessing staff. These meetings will not be held in person this year. The earlier you contact the assessor the sooner your concerns can be addressed, and you may not need to make an appointment for the virtual open book meeting. If you prefer a virtual meeting, please call 763-477-6464 to schedule an appointment in advance of the following meeting dates:

**Tuesday, Apr 27 10 am—6:30 pm**  
**Thursday, Apr 29 8 am—4:30 pm**

If you still disagree with your property tax assessment, appealing your assessment is the next step. You may appeal at the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting held **Monday, June 14, 2021**. Appointments are recommended by calling **612-348-7050** by **May 21, 2021**.

By law, the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization cannot make a change favoring a taxpayer if the assessor is not allowed to inspect the property. You have the right to appeal your estimated market value and or property classification if you feel your property is:

- Classified improperly
- Valued at an amount higher or lower than you could sell your property for
- Valued at a level different from similar property in your area

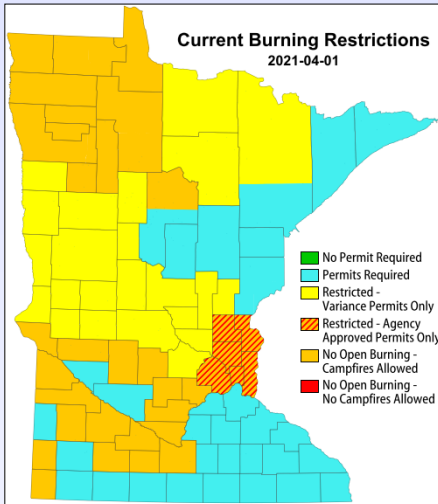


## Spring Burning Restrictions

Effective **Wednesday, Mar 31** spring burning restrictions are in effect for Anoka, Chisago, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, and Washington counties. Burning permits for bush or yard waste will be restricted until further notice.

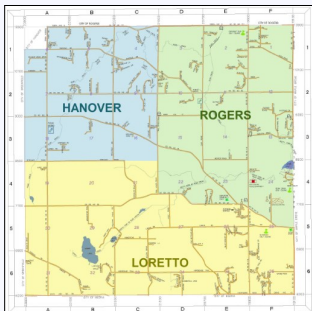
Spring burn restrictions typically begin two weeks after the snow melts and remain in place until summer green-up occurs. For Minnesota DNR (Department of Natural Resources) issued burn restrictions visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating\\_restrictions.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html).

For additional city burn permit guidelines visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Public Services / Police / Burning Regulations/Permits / Burning Permits & Guidelines*.



## Fire Department Information

The City of Corcoran contracts with the Loretto Fire Department, the Rogers Fire Department, and the Hanover Fire Department for fire protection services for Corcoran residents. To [view the Corcoran map](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) that includes fire department boundaries visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Public Services / Fire / Fire Protection Services*.



## Public Safety

### Burning Permit

The City has transitioned to an 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. Contact the Police Administrative Office at 763-420-8966 with any questions.



To [apply for a burn permit](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) or for additional information visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Public Services / Police / Burning Regulations/Permits / Burning Permits & Guidelines*.

Burn permits are required for any fires larger than three-foot diameter by three-foot in height. Anything smaller than a three-foot by three-foot fire must be a recreational fire. Under normal conditions, burn permits can be purchased for either a one month burn period (\$10) or six month burn period (\$50). Any landowner or resident in Corcoran that does not have a permit for a controlled burn or bonfire can be cited and fined.

**Items approved to burn:** vegetative material, such as grass, leaves, brush, and untreated lumber.

**Items not approved to burn:** hazardous wastes, demolition debris, motor vehicles, oils, rubber, plastics, chemically-treated materials, sheet rock, paint, garbage, and debris castoff from businesses. You can find the complete list on the city's website or on the MN DNR's website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire).

*If you require information on alternate methods of disposal of vegetative materials contact the Maple Grove Yard Waste Drop-Off Site at 763-420-4886 or visit [mqyardwaste.com](http://mqyardwaste.com)*

# Night to Unite 2021



Join us for a city-wide party with free food, ice cream, bounce houses, firetrucks, and prize drawings! Non-perishable food donations will also be accepted.

Additional information and coloring pages available in the Corcoran Newsletter, the City website, or at the Corcoran Police Department.

**Tuesday, August 3rd**

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

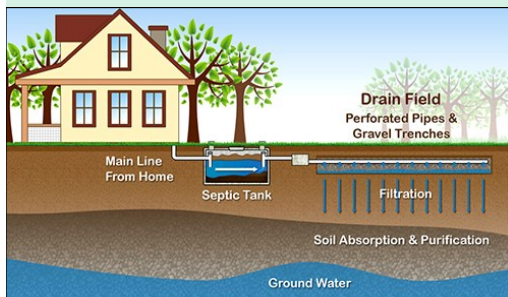
Corcoran Public Works Facility

9100 County Road 19

Corcoran, MN 55357



## How Often Do I Need My Septic Pumped?



Septic tanks must be periodically cleaned (pumped) to remove floating scum and sludge that accumulate. If either floating scum or sludge is allowed to enter the soil treatment system (drain field) it will cause expensive and often irreparable damage. How often to clean a septic tank depends on its size, use, and operating condition. A typical household will calculate a cleaning frequency of one to three years. A septic tank in a northern climate will need to have the solids removed more often than a tank farther south. This is primarily because the cooler temperatures inhibit bacterial action and provide less decomposition of the sewage solids. A constant foul odor, slow drains, and drains that back up are all signs your septic tank needs pumping. Contact a qualified septic system professional from the local yellow pages for additional advice.

### Selling a property with a septic system

In Hennepin County, selling your home doesn't require a septic system inspection. By state law you must properly disclose to the buyer information about the septic system. A well-informed buyer will want a thorough inspection and many lenders require a compliance inspection before they issue a mortgage.

### Contact Hennepin County for septic system questions

Hennepin County regulates most septic systems in the county including the City of Corcoran. This includes inspections and enforcement. The program protects ground and surface water and prevents waterborne illness. Contact 612-543-5200 or [epi-envhlth@hennepin.us](mailto:epi-envhlth@hennepin.us).

## Public Works



### Road Restriction Reminder

In the spring of each year, Corcoran Public Works follows MNDOT's guidelines for road restrictions throughout the City. Due to our geographic location, the City follows the Metro Region for placing restrictions, but follows the Central Region for lifting restrictions. This involves flagging and posting signs at the entrances of these roads. The exact dates that seasonal load restrictions go into effect and are removed vary depending on annual temperature variations. Seasonal load limit road restrictions were posted and went into effect on **Thursday, Mar 4**.

All Corcoran city streets are five-tons per axle unless otherwise marked. No overweight vehicle permits will be issued at this time, except in emergency situations. Agricultural overweight permits will continue to be issued as normal. For more information contact Mike Pritchard at 763-400-7033 or [mpritchard@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:mpritchard@corcoranmn.gov).

#### Hackamore Road

\*Posted four-tons per axle west of Steeple Chase Lane/Bergamot Drive to County Road 116. Posted nine-ton from County Road 101 to Steeple Chase Lane. \*(Per Medina).

#### Stieg Road

Posted five-ton on gravel, west of Bellwether Development. (No posting on paved section).

#### Downtown Commercial & Ravinia, Bellwether, and Bass Lake Crossing

No postings.

#### Larkin Road

West of County Road 116 to Old Settlers Road posted nine-ton and five-ton west of Olde Settlers Road.

**SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT**

### Why do we have road restrictions?

Each year during the spring thaw (typically early-March), State, County, and local agencies impose axle weight restrictions to protect the investment that has been made in their roadways. Restrictions continue until the road surface is again strong enough to carry normal loads (typically mid-May).

A gravel surface is not as strong as a paved surface so it can't carry as much of a load on the weak soils as a paved surface. In order to protect and prolong the service life of the roadways, axle weight restrictions are imposed during the spring thaw every year, when the roadbeds are most susceptible to damage (due to the weakened subgrade).

### What causes the damage?

Without adequate support, pavement deflects too much under heavy loads, and cracks or depressions develop. Gravel roads develop soft spots and ruts as vehicle traffic compacts and displaces the over-saturated surface and subgrade. This degradation on both gravel and asphalt roads allows more moisture to penetrate, worsening the cycle until the road fails completely. The amount of damage a road sustains is directly related to the weight of the large trucks and how often it is applied.

Another factor is the amount of weight and number of tires on each axle. Damage increases rapidly with higher axle loads and actually worsens at a faster rate than the load increases. A nine-ton axle load, for example, causes about ten times more damage than a five-ton axle load. Distributing a vehicle's weight and its payload over more axles and tires assists in lightening the load at each point of contact, reducing damage to the road.



## Field and Pavilion Rental Available

City Park is a wonderful spot to host your family gathering whether it be a graduation party, family reunion, birthday party, etc. With a park shelter, softball fields, tennis and volleyball courts, your next gathering is sure to be a hit!



### Park/Pavilion Rental Fees:

Pavilion.....	\$100
<i>(per use/per day)</i>	
Ballfields/Soccer Fields.....	\$22/hr
<i>(2 hour minimum)</i>	
Lions Field.....	\$22/hr
<i>(2 hour minimum)</i>	
<i>(Addl. \$30.00 per game for lights)</i>	
Tennis Courts.....	\$15
<i>(All courts — 2 hour usage)</i>	
Volleyball Court.....	\$15
<i>(2 hour usage)</i>	

For more information visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Public Services / Parks and Recreation / City Park.*



New this year, the City will be joining Hennepin County's **Step to it challenge!** Step to it is a family-friendly activity challenge that motivates people of all ages and abilities to become more physically active from May 1-28. Registration begins **April 1** and can be found at [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org). The most active communities, individuals, and worksites are recognized and awarded with **prizes!**

## Parks & Recreation



### Summer Soccer

Priority registration for residents will begin 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 Sunday, May 30 (or until filled) and can be completed online at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov).

The soccer season will run from early July to Aug 19-26 depending on the weather. Players are expected to bring shin guards, a practice ball, and a labeled water bottle each night. Volunteer coaches are needed – if interested, be sure to mark it on your child's registration! Volunteer coaches receive one registration refund at the end of the season. Additional information and registration can be found on the City of Corcoran's website at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Public Services / Parks and Recreation / Soccer Registration and Information.*

The above information can change due to COVID-19 guidance following publication of the newsletter.

### Fall Baseball

It's time to start thinking about fall baseball! Registration opens to all on Monday, June 28 and runs through Sunday, Aug 1 (or until filled), and can be completed online or at City Hall. Participants should bring their own gloves and labeled water bottles. Families are encouraged to provide their own helmet and bats.

Registration will be available for t-ball (4-5 years old), coach pitch (6-7 years old), and machine pitch (8-10 years old). The season runs approximately five weeks from mid-August through the end of September with no games or practices on Labor Day. 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. For more information or to register visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Public Services / Parks and Recreation.*



T-ball takes place on Monday nights, coach pitch takes place on Wednesday nights, and machine pitch takes place on Monday and Wednesday nights.

**For the most up to date information on program weather related cancellations, call the City of Corcoran weather line at 763-400-7025.**

**Questions regarding any Parks and Recreation items can be directed to Jessica Christensen Buck, Recreation Coordinator at [jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov).**





## 2021 Corcoran Recycling Schedule

South of Co Rd 10

North of Co Rd 10

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY						
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[www.randysenviornmentalservices.com](http://www.randysenviornmentalservices.com)

## Environmental

### Pet Waste Can Be Harmful

Storm water can carry waste and other pollutants directly into waterways. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms and parasites such as roundworms and hookworms or Giardia, as well as bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and animals. When animal waste washes into a stream, lake, or wetland, it breaks down using up oxygen and releasing other chemicals.



No one likes the smell or to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars, and businesses. Please clean up after your pet when walking within Corcoran neighborhoods, on the shoulder of paved roads, and within the ditches of Corcoran's many gravel roads. Your neighbors will appreciate your effort and you will be helping to keep waste from Corcoran's many watersheds.

### What Is a Wetland?

Source: [www.epa.gov/wetlands](http://www.epa.gov/wetlands)

Although wetlands are often wet, a wetland might not be wet year-round. In fact, some of the most important wetlands are only seasonally wet. Wetlands are the link between the land and the water. They are transition zones where the flow of water, the cycling of nutrients, and the energy of the sun meet to produce a unique ecosystem characterized by hydrology, soils, and vegetation—making these areas very important features of a watershed. Using a watershed-based approach to wetland protection ensures that the whole system, including land, air, and water resources, is protected.

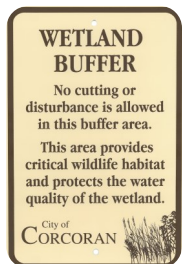


### Why are Wetlands Valuable?

The functions of a wetland and the values of these functions to human society depend on a complex set of relationships between the wetland and the other ecosystems in the watershed. A watershed is a geographic area in which water, sediments and dissolved materials drain from higher elevations to a common low-lying outlet or basin or a point on a larger stream, lake, underlying aquifer or estuary.

### Wetland Signs Identify Protected Areas

To help Corcoran residents better identify protected wetland areas near their property, the City of Corcoran is posting wetland signs which designate areas that are protected and should not be cut, mowed, filled, or changed in any way. The City of Corcoran continues to coordinate efforts with the Elm Creek Watershed Commission in helping protect our local streams and watersheds, the signs will be a marker reminding residents to help protect our community and environment. For more information on the Elm Creek Watershed visit [www.elmcreekwatershed.org](http://www.elmcreekwatershed.org).



### Residential Recycling

The best thing you can do to support recycling is to make sure you know what can be recycled and keep stuff that isn't accepted out. Accepted materials:

- Boxboard (ie: cereal, cracker, shoe boxes) and Cardboard
- Mixed mail, Office paper, Newspaper, and Magazines
- Aluminum beverage cans and Metal food cans
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Plastic containers and lids (#1-#7) ie: pop, juice bottles, milk, water
- Aseptic and gable-topped containers - ie: juice and milk cartons, juice boxes



## Hennepin County Fair June 16–20, 2021



The Hennepin County Fair takes place June 16-20, 2021 at Corcoran Lions Park. The fair

includes a petting zoo, hands-on family activities, tasty fair food, a carnival, vendors, 4-H exhibits, demolition derby, and so much more! For more information visit [hennepincountyfair.com](http://hennepincountyfair.com).

## Hamel Rodeo July 8–11, 2021

The Hamel Rodeo takes place at Corcoran Lions Park July 8-11,



2021 and is the largest pro rodeo in the state of Minnesota on the basis of both total added money and total pay off. This is why many of the top name contestants will always be found at the Hamel Rodeo. For more information on the World Championship Hamel Rodeo visit [www.hamelrodeo.org](http://www.hamelrodeo.org).

## Corcoran Country Daze Aug 19–21, 2021



The 18th Annual Corcoran Country Daze is co-sponsored by the City of Corcoran and the NW Area Jaycees and takes place Aug 19-21, 2021 at

Corcoran Lions Park. With bands playing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and plenty of free family fun on Saturday, Country Daze has quickly become an annual family favorite event in Corcoran! For more information visit [www.corcorancountrydaze.org/](http://www.corcorancountrydaze.org/).

## North Hennepin Pioneer Society Summerfest

Visit Corcoran's 127 year old one-room school house this summer! Mark your calendars on Sunday, Aug 8, 2021 for the annual Summerfest event located at the Burschville School in Corcoran. Enjoy live music,



children's games, door prizes, and a raffle, plus those famous 'pork chops' grilled by alumni of the Burschville School.

# Corcoran Clean Up Day 2021



The City of Corcoran's Annual Clean Up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 1, 2021** from 8 am – 12 pm, at the Public Works Facility, 9100 County Road 19, Corcoran, MN.

Materials not accepted: household garbage, paint, chemicals, oil, flammable liquids, disposable propane tanks, or other household hazardous waste materials, needles, sharps, yard and tree waste, and other organic materials.

Hennepin County offers drop-off facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington for recycling and hazardous waste materials disposal. Email [environment@hennepin.us](mailto:environment@hennepin.us), call 612-348-3777 or visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/drop-off-facilities](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/drop-off-facilities) for more information.

**NOTE:** Residents will be required to wear face coverings. Please be patient as you may experience a short wait.

## Clean Up Day Price List

Payment by cash, check or credit card.

Proof of residence with driver's license or other I.D.

*\*Fees are subject to change.*

<u>Accepted Materials</u>	<u>Charge</u>
<b>General</b>	
Recyclable Steel ( <i>Scrap metal</i> ).....	No Charge
<i>Equipment and engines <u>must</u> have all fluids drained.</i>	
Mattress, Box Spring.....	\$25 (ea. piece)
Upholstered Furniture.....	\$35 (ea. piece)
<i>Couch, Loveseat, Recliner, Chair, etc.</i>	
<b>Misc. Junk</b> ( <i>Fee depends on amount</i> ).....	\$15+
Level Pickup Box ( <i>Approx. 2 cu. yds.</i> ).....	\$40
Level with Cab ( <i>Approx. 4 cu. yds.</i> ).....	\$75
<b>Tires</b>	
Car.....	\$5
Pick-up Truck.....	\$5
Large Truck.....	\$10
Tractor ( <i>Bring to West Side Tire, 19925 75th Ave N, Corcoran</i> ).....	Not Accepted
<b>Appliances, Electronics, Etc.</b>	
TV/Monitor ( <i>Tube style/CRT</i> )	
27" and smaller.....	\$30
28" and larger.....	\$40
Flat Panel LCD, LED, Plasma, Computer Tower.....	\$15
Compressed Gas Appliances.....	\$20
<i>Refrigerator, Freezer, A/C, Dehumidifier, etc.</i>	
General Appliances.....	No Charge
<i>Washer, Dryer, Stove, Dishwasher, Water Heater, etc.</i>	
Vehicle Batteries.....	No Charge
<i>Household batteries will not be accepted.</i>	
Fluorescent Bulbs ( <i>Up to 8'</i> ).....	\$1 (ea. bulb)
Propane Tank* ( <i>Valve removed or will not accept</i> ).....	No Charge
<i>*No disposable tanks</i>	

**Please keep like items together as much as possible.**



## Scholarship Information

### Corcoran Lions



The Corcoran Lions are excited to offer their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual scholarship program. The application deadline is **Apr 15, 2021**. If COVID-19 guidelines permit, an Awards Ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at a location to be determined at a later date.

The Corcoran Lions Club awards scholarships to graduating seniors who live in the City of Corcoran. This year the Lion's will have the 12th annual Bill Schalo Scholarship. Bill's Scholarship is given based on community service in our community of Corcoran. This scholarship is given in memory of our fellow Lion's member who gave so freely to our community for so many years.

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

Applications can be found at [www.corcoranlions.org](http://www.corcoranlions.org) or at 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, they are still eligible for a scholarship. Contact Jerry Cain for more information at [jerryjcain@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjcain@gmail.com).

## Corcoran Information

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### Northwest Area Jaycees

The Northwest Area Jaycees will be awarding up to \$20,000 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.

Complete all questions, including teacher recommendation letter, high school transcript and the student applying must sign the application in the space provided. The Scholarship Committee will notify all applicants of scholarship status via mail and/or email. All questions must be answered on a separate paper and typed. All unanswered segments of the application will be scored as zero.

Completed scholarship applications must be received or postmarked no later than **May 14, 2021**. Visit [www.nwareajaycees.org/scholarships](http://www.nwareajaycees.org/scholarships) for information.





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## General Information

### Monthly Water & 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](mailto:utilitybilling@ci.corcoran.mn.us) or visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *How do I? / Sign Up For / Utility Services* for information and the ACH application.



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.

### Organics Recycling

- Provides the best opportunity to reduce our trash
- Improves soil and protects water
- Supports a local economy
- Helps achieve our goal of zero waste to landfills

Organics recycling is available to customers of Randy's. Organics are collected in certified compostable blue bags provided by Randy's and placed in your trash cart. The certified compostable bags are later separated from the trash bags and sent to a commercial composting facility. Call Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335.



### 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](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets 2021* 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](mailto:mfriedrich@ci.corcoran.mn.us).



### Residential Battery Recycling

Corcoran City Hall no longer serves as a drop-off location for batteries. All types of batteries are accepted at the Bloomington or Brooklyn Park drop-off facilities.

#### Rechargeable batteries

Rechargeable, button, vehicle batteries

#### Non-rechargeable batteries

Single-use (alkaline) batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D etc. do not have to be recycled. They can be put in the trash. You can also recycle them at the Bloomington or Brooklyn Park drop-off facilities.

#### Prepare batteries for the drop-off facility

Place batteries in a clear plastic bag OR place clear tape on both the positive and negative terminals of batteries to prevent fires. [www.hennepin.us/batteryrecycling](http://www.hennepin.us/batteryrecycling)



### City of Corcoran

**Main Office — 763-420-2288**

City of Corcoran meetings can be viewed via video links at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov).

### Upcoming Meetings

#### City Council Meetings

Apr 22, May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24,  
July 8 & 22  
7 pm

#### Planning Commission Meetings

May 6, June 3 & July 1  
7 pm

#### Parks & Trails Commission Meetings

Apr 15, May 20, June 17 & July 15  
7 pm

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