



CORCORAN NEWS

Homestead by December 15

The homestead classification applies to properties that are physically occupied by the owner(s) as the principal place of residence. Classification as a homestead may qualify the property for a reduced classification rate, a reduced taxable market value, a property tax refund, and/or other special program eligibility. *The deadline to apply for taxes payable 2022 is December 15, 2021.*

Apply online or complete a paper application at www.hennepin.us/homestead. Mail your completed application with a copy of your deed to:

Hennepin County Assessor
300 S 6th Street, A-2103
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Questions? Contact:
 Hennepin County Assessor
 Email: ao.homestead@hennepin.us
 Phone: 612-348-3046

Delinquent Assessments

All delinquent utility bills, including water and sewer, dust control, and property maintenance are subject to certification to Hennepin County for collection as part of the 2022 taxes. Outstanding recycling, dust control, and property management charges not paid will be certified to Hennepin County for collection in 2022, as a property tax assessment. Additional late charges and fees will be added to the delinquent amount if not paid. On Wednesday, November 10, a public hearing will be held on the assessment of delinquent fees and the City will finalize the certification process of delinquent charges and fees due.

Fall Update

New Councilmember

Dean Vehrenkamp was appointed to the City Council at the September 9 meeting following the resignation of Manoj Thomas. Dean was previously on the Planning Commission and has been a Corcoran resident for 14 years.

2022 Budget

The City Council has adopted the preliminary tax levy for 2022. Detailed information is inside this newsletter and property specific letters will be mailed in November. While the tax levy increases to continue to provide services to a growing community, the tax rate is projected to decrease for the fifth year in a row.

Northeast Corcoran Land Use Planning

A development moratorium is in place for northeast Corcoran while the City Council completes water supply planning and updates the northeast district design guidelines. The City received a grant in the amount of \$40,000 to complete the design guideline update. Opportunities for public involvement will take place this fall.

Fire Service Planning

Work continues on long-range fire service planning. A four-year work plan was presented to the City Council at a work session on September 23.

Development

Recent project approvals include Tavera, Rush Creek Reserve, Amberly/Bellwether, and Cook Lake Highlands, to name a few. For more information navigate to the Development Projects page of the City's website.

Software Update

Staff is in the process of implementing new software that will streamline operations and allow for improved usability for residents and business owners. This exciting project will take several months to complete and more information will be available as we incorporate and roll out new features.

Lots more

There is a lot more going on which you'll find more information about inside this newsletter. Also remember that you may subscribe to receive City Council packets at www.corcoranmn.gov — *Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets.*

As always, feel free to contact the Council or me with comments or questions. I can be reached at 763-400-7030 or bmartens@corcoranmn.gov. Have a safe and wonderful fall season!

Brad Martens
 City Administrator

Did you know there are multiple options available to pay your utility bill?

- ACH direct payment
- Online credit card payment
- Payment drop boxes (located at City Hall)

**See page 12.*



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.

Rezoning, Preliminary Plat, Planned Unit Development Application for “Amberly and Bellwether”

- Approved the items for 192 single family lots (116 additional in Bellwether and 76 as a new neighborhood).

PUD Amendment Request for Tavera

- Approved a portion of the request for lot number, some additional signage, and a recapture agreement.

Three Rivers Park District — Diamond Lake Regional Trail Corridor Alignment

- Approved the preferred alignment as presented.

Rezoning, Preliminary Plat, and Planned Unit Development Plan for “Cook Lake Highlands”

- Approved the items for the 102-unit senior condo, 20 single family villas, 32-unit memory care facility, and daycare facility at 19220 County Road 10.

Grading Request for Amberly/Bellwether

- Directed staff to draft an agreement to allow early grading with conditions.

Improvement Hearing — City Center Drive & 79th Place Improvement Projects

- Held the hearing; action on the project to be considered in the future.

Dust Control Billing

- Directed staff to bill for the 2021 project.

NTIA Broadband Partnership Grant Application

- Authorized staff to apply for the \$5.2 million grant.

Night to Unite Resolution Accepting Donations

- Approved the resolutions; thanked staff for the all the work to make the event so successful.

Northeast Corcoran Water Project

- Approved the preliminary design of the northeast water supply project as presented; next steps to decide on type of storage and location.

Paving Petition — Park Trail Road

- Directed staff to initiate a feasibility study to pave Park Trail Road.

Staff Recognition and Updates

- The Police Officer oath of office was issued to Josh Lawson.
- Pete Ekenberg was recognized for his promotion to Sergeant.
- Approved the Public Safety Administrative Manager job description.

Council and Commission Updates

- Accepted the resignation of Manoj Thomas from the City Council and approved the resolution honoring Manoj on his service.
- Appointed Dean Vehrenkamp to the City Council and issued the oath of office.
- Directed staff to accept applications to fill the Planning Commission vacancy.

Final Plat for “Gordon’s Country Estates First Addition” at 19701 & 19717 Jackie Lane

- Approved the lot line amendment as presented.

Amendment to Section 1030.020 of the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Accessory Structures

- Approved the amendment for sidewalk height as presented.

Conditional Use Permit for Dave Dornsbach at 6805 Rolling Hills Road

- Approved the conditional use permit for a new accessory structure.

Sketch Plan at 23185 County Road 10

- Provided feedback for the proposed 10 residential lots and three commercial lots on the 124-acre parcel.

Sign Ordinance Update — Campaign Signs

- Provided staff direction on sign ordinance updates.

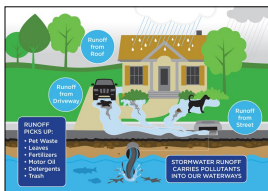
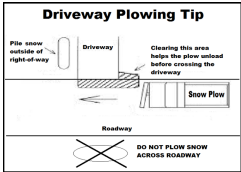
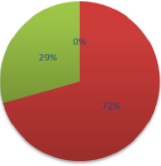
Corcoran Trail Street Improvements — Award Bid

- Awarded the bid for the project.

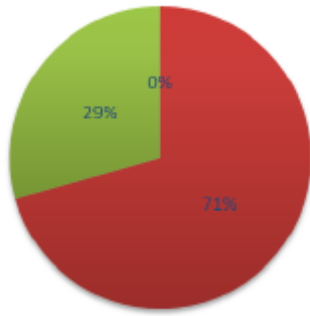
Karinemi Sketch Plan

- Council provided feedback on the concept plan.

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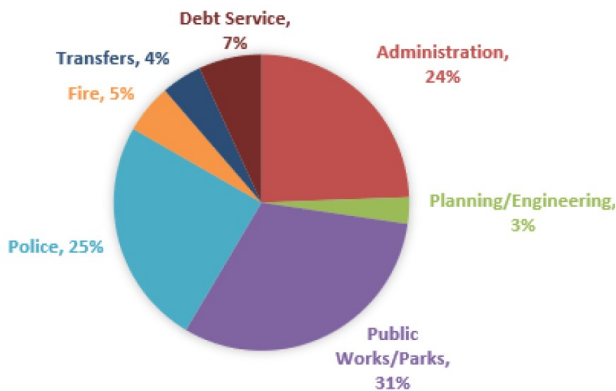


2022 Revenue by Category



■ Property Taxes ■ Fees, Permits, Fines, etc. ■ Local Government Aid

2022 Expenditure by Category



ALLOCATION OF TAX DOLLARS

The median household value in Corcoran is projected to increase to \$415,600. The City taxes on a home of that value using the projected tax rate is \$1,794 or about \$150 per month. The chart below shows where the \$1,794 is allocated based upon the overall percentage of City expenditures.

Item	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost
Administration	\$438	\$37
Planning/Engineering	\$52	\$4
Public Works/Parks	\$560	\$47
Police	\$444	\$37
Fire	\$97	\$8
Transfers/Debt Service	\$203	\$17
TOTAL	\$1,794	\$150

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LEVY

The City Council adopted its preliminary levy for 2022 at the September 23 meeting. This levy amount may be decreased prior to final approval but not increased. This levy amount was used to create the City tax amount you see on your proposed 2022 levies and taxes notice.

WHY IS A PROPERTY TAX NEEDED?

Only a small portion of the City budget is funded through fees or charges for services. For 2022 the portion proposed to be funded by fees or charges covers only 29% of our expenditures. The remaining 71% is funded through the property tax levy.

TAX EFFECT

The adopted preliminary levy is in the amount of \$5,728,847. This is a \$683,470 or 13.55% increase from the 2021 levy. Despite this increase, the tax rate is projected to decrease from 43.522% to 43.168% due to new construction. As the City of Corcoran grows it will often be the case to see higher percentage overall levy increases in order to provide services to the new developments. However, it is the goal of the Council to continue to lower the overall tax rate year after year, and this goal has been accomplished for the fifth year in a row.

A reduced tax rate means that properties with no change in value would see a decrease in City taxes. Properties with valuation increases would likely see an increase. According to the City Assessor, the following average increases took place in Corcoran:

Residential: 3.9% **Agricultural:** -6.2% **Commercial:** 0.8% **Industrial:** 5.5%

Using this information, a home previously valued at \$400,000 (median value) could now be valued at \$415,600. The anticipated tax impact in this example would be as follows:

	Home Value	Tax Capacity	Tax Rate	City Tax
2021	\$400,000	\$3,988	43.522%	\$1,735
2022	\$415,600	\$4,156	43.168%	\$1,794

The City Council will continue to refine the budget and levy prior to final approval which is anticipated on December 9. Between now and that time the levy can decrease but not increase.

NEXT STEP

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Budget Meeting

Meeting format to be determined.

Thursday, December 9 at 7 pm

Learn More...

The entire budget and related staff reports are available at www.corcoranmn.gov — *Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets / 2021-09-23 Council Agenda Packet* to view the budget used to set the preliminary levy. City Administrator Brad Martens can be reached at 763-400-7030 or bmartens@corcoranmn.gov for further questions.



Parks and Trails Update

The Corcoran Parks and Trails Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at City Hall unless otherwise posted. The Parks and Trails Commission serves as an advisory board to the council to provide safe, clean parks and open spaces. The Commission consists of seven regular members.

Three Rivers Park District

- Recommended approval of the route as presented by Three Rivers Park District.

Cook Lake Highlands

- Recommended the Council accept the park land as requested by the applicant; recommended no trail connection from the cul-de-sac.

2022 Budget and Fee Schedule

- Staff presented recommended changes for the 2022 budget; Commissioners provided feedback.

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. Completed permit applications and supplemental information can be submitted to permits@corcoranmn.gov.

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.

Metro West Inspection Services is contracted by the City of Corcoran to conduct plan reviews and inspections. Call 763-479-1720 for building code questions or to schedule an inspection.

Requests for a Certificate of Survey can be submitted to permits@corcoranmn.gov.

Code Enforcement

To report a nuisance violation, contact Code Enforcement at 763-400-7026



codeenforcement@corcoranmn.gov.

City Updates Continued...

Public Hearing — Amendment to Chapter 82 (Nuisances) of City Code related to Outside Storage

- The public hearing was held and minor amendments to the definitions of setbacks related to storage were adopted.

Draft Solid Waste Collection Ordinance

- Council proved feedback on an ordinance aimed at regulating garbage haulers to assist with organics recycling requirements.

City Park Water Connection

- Council approved connecting the warming house to the City's water supply.

Garages Too Rezoning, Variance, Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan, Preliminary Plat

- Garages Too was tabled at the request of the applicant.

Land Use Applications & 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.

Request for Rezoning, Preliminary PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plat for “Amberly” and “Bellwether” from Pulte Homes (PID 01-119-23-34-002 and 01-119-2343-0002) (city file 21-017)

Pulte has submitted a request for approval to allow 192 homes. The Council reviewed a concept plan earlier this year and indicated support. This item was reviewed at the Parks and Trails Commission meeting May 20, at a public hearing at the July 1 Planning Commission meeting, and approved by Council on July 22.

Conditional Use Permit for Accessory Building Sidewall Height at 6805 Rolling Hills Road (PID32-119-23-11-0002) (city file 21-018)

The applicant is requesting approval to exceed the sidewall height on a new accessory building in the rear yard. This item was reviewed at a public hearing at the June 3 Planning Commission meeting where questions were raised about the section of the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory buildings. Council approved on September 9.

Final Plat for “Gordon’s Country Estates First Addition” at 19701 Jackie Lane and 19717 Jackie Lane (PID 01-119-23-22-0024 and 01-119-23-22-0021)

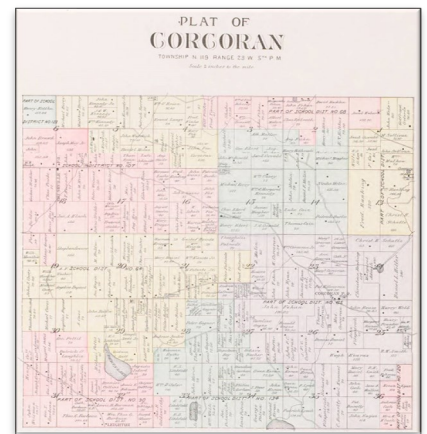
The final plat adjusts the lot line between two existing parcels and was approved by Council on August 26.

Amendments to the text of Chapter 82 (Nuisances) of City Code (city file 21-032)

At the June 10 meeting, Council directed staff to prepare amendments to ease storage for recreations from RVs, firewood and lots with more than one street frontage. The Council reviewed a draft ordinance amendment prepared by staff and the City Attorney. Council directed staff to proceed with the draft ordinance with to allow a 25-foot front yard setback for up to two recreational vehicles in addition to modifying the language to also allow personal recreational vehicles and unoccupied trailers in the front yard. A public hearing was held at the September 23 meeting and Council approved.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (city file 21-029)

Staff is requesting that the Council consider a text amendment to Section 1030.020 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory structures. The ordinance was amended in 2011 to allow landowners to apply for a conditional use permit to exceed the sidewall height for all properties regardless of parcel size. As part of the review of a recent application by David Dornsbach, the City Attorney was asked to review the ordinance and recommends changes before acting on the landowner request. A public hearing was held at the August 5 Planning Commission meeting and Council approved at the August 26 meeting.



2021 Corcoran Calendar

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

Oct 14: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Oct 21: Parks & Trails Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Oct 28: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 4: Planning Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 10: City Council Meeting (Wednesday)

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 11: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Nov 18: Parks & Trails Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 22: City Council Meeting (Monday)

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 25-26: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Dec 2: Planning Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 9: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 16: Parks & Trails Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 22: City Council Meeting (Wednesday)

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 24 & 27: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Dec 31: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Jan 6, 2022: Planning Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Jan 10, 2022: Spring Baseball Priority

Registration Begins (Corcoran residents only)


Jan 13, 2022: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

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Parks & Recreation

Corcoran Skating Rinks

Corcoran's skating rinks offer fun and recreation for cold weather enthusiasts of all ages. Building and maintaining the rinks depend on many variables. To start making ice, crews need temperatures to be around 0 to -10 degrees Fahrenheit for about one week and approximately four inches of frozen ground. 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. Every



year, Public Works aims to open for the season late December, and weather permitting, remain open until late February. Depending on weather conditions, the Public Works crew cleans and resurfaces the rinks daily, Monday through Friday, and weekend mornings (with roads and public safety being first priorities). Inclement weather can cause the rinks to be temporarily closed. Rink closing will be reflected on the weather line at 763-400-7025.

HIRING SOON!

The City will soon be looking for ice rink attendants! If interested, the application will be posted on www.corcoranmn.gov — *How do I? / Apply For / Employment / Volunteer Opportunities* soon and can be emailed to Recreation Coordinator Jessica Christensen Buck at jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov.



SAVE THE DATE — BASEBALL REGISTRATION!

Baseball registration opens for residents on Monday, January 10, 2022 for the spring season. Be sure to mark your calendars so you do not miss the chance to register before registration opens to all on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The password for early baseball registration is: **Early**

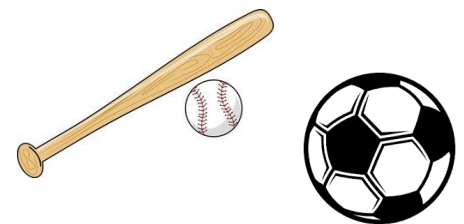
Corcoran Youth Athletics

Thank you to all those that participated in Corcoran Parks and Recreation programs!

A special thank you to all those that volunteered to coach. These programs would not be able to run without your willingness to coach and continue to grow the participant's skills! If you're interested in coaching your child's team next year, be sure to mark it when registering. Coaches receive one player reimbursement per team coached.

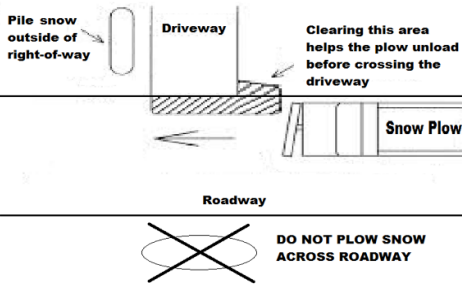
Important dates for 2022 Corcoran Youth Athletics:

- **January 10 – 17:** Priority registration for spring baseball opens (Corcoran residents only)
- **January 18:** Registration for spring baseball open to all
- **February 27:** Spring baseball registration closes
- **April 4 – 10:** Priority registration for summer soccer opens (Corcoran residents only)
- **April 11:** Registration for summer soccer open to all
- **April 18:** Spring machine pitch baseball begins
- **April 25:** Spring t-ball begins
- **April 26:** Spring coach pitch baseball begins
- **May 30:** Summer soccer registration closes
- **June 20:** Fall baseball registration opens
- **July 7:** Summer soccer begins
- **July 24:** Fall baseball registration closes
- **August 15:** Fall t-ball begins



City Snowplow Policy

Driveway Plowing Tip



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 of Corcoran has over 70 miles of road and more than 100 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 assumes 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

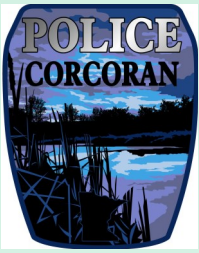
Swing-Away Mailbox Posts are designed to reduce or eliminate damages to mail receptacles during inclement weather. The swing-away posts are constructed of galvanized steel and are designed to meet the Postal regulations and MNDOT's specifications. An example is currently on display by the main entrance 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.

Hennepin County Snow and Ice Removal

Source: www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/snow-and-ice

Hennepin County plow drivers maintain more than 2,200 lane miles of county roads. Plow drivers help people continue getting where they need to go. This is a big job in the county. Hennepin has a quarter of Minnesota's population — more than 1.2 million residents. Half of all jobs in the Twin Cities metro region are located in Hennepin County. And, more than 4,200 people who live in other places travel into the county to work each day. For issues related to snow removal on a county road call 612-596-0299.





Corcoran Police Administrative Office:

763-420-8966

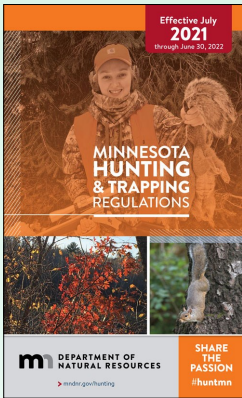
Office Hours:

7:30 am - 4:30 pm, M-F

Non-Emergency: 952-258-5321

**FOR EMERGENCIES
DIAL 911**

Hunting Reminder



Many of us look forward to fall as a great time to be outdoors. It is possible that you may hear gunshots in the distance when you're outside. Because hunting is permissible in most areas of the City of Corcoran, we have citizens who hunt or

allow others to hunt on their property with written permission. To review a copy of the firearm ordinance and regulations visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Police / Firearm Permits and Hunting / Corcoran's Firearm Ordinance.*

You will need a license for the game you wish to hunt. A person may not shoot, hunt or discharge a deadly weapon or take a wild animal with a firearm within 500 feet of any structure or corral containing livestock without written permission from the landowner.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) has a vast amount of information on hunter safety, seasons, regulations, licenses, and much more. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/index.html.

Be an ethical hunter and follow safe hunting practices. Corcoran PD asks that hunters respect others and their property while hunting. Everyone has the right to enjoy the outdoors safely.

Public Safety

Operation Lock and Unload

The safe storage of firearms is the responsibility of all gun owners. Not only is it the law in Minnesota, but it is a matter of public safety. Educating gun owners on the need to take such precautions has taken on a renewed sense of purpose with the recent surge in firearm sales across the state. There are also people purchasing firearms for the first time that are seemingly unaware of the obligations that come with gun ownership. This includes making sure firearms are not accessible to children, criminals, and emotionally distraught individuals.

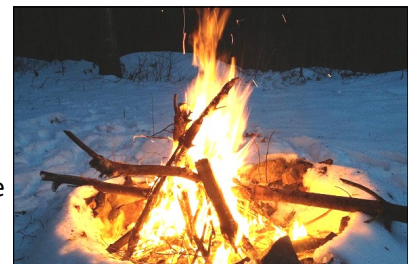


To bring more awareness to this public safety issue, the Corcoran Police Department has undertaken an initiative entitled, **Operation Lock and Unload**. The focus is on the safe storage of firearms, whether at home or some other location. Simply hiding a gun without taking additional precautions is not a safe practice. Proper safeguards include unloading the firearm, using a trigger or cable lock and placing the gun in a lock box or safe. Ammunition should be securely stored away from the firearm.

To learn more about firearm safety go to **Project ChildSafe** at www.projectchildsafesafe.org. Please join this effort to prevent a needless tragedy from occurring due to the negligent storage of a firearm. The Corcoran Police Department offers free cable locks that will secure most types of guns.

Burning Permits

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.



Burn permits are required to burn anything larger than a 3' x 3' recreational fire, unless there is three inches of snow on the ground.

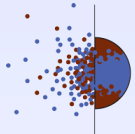
Open Burning: Vegetative materials only, clean wood, brush, leaves, grass, etc. All burning must burn with active flames, smoldering burns are NOT ALLOWED and must be extinguished. It is required that someone be present during the entire burn.

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

Parking Regulations

Parking is prohibited on public streets November 1 - April 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.





Northwest Area Jaycees



Public Safety continued...

Winter Safety Tips

Source: National Safety Council — www.nsc.org



Drive Safely in the Snow

Driving in the winter means changes in the way you drive. Snow, sleet and ice can lead to hazardous road conditions. Prepare your vehicle for the upcoming winter season with these helpful tips.

Avoid Shoveling, Snowblowing Injuries

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are among winter's most grueling activities. High levels of activity in cold temperatures put many people at risk of heart attack, especially those that have inactive lifestyles.

Treat Frostbite Immediately

Use first aid to help someone who may have hypothermia or frostbite. Online and classroom courses are available at workplaces and other organizations through the National Safety Council.

Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Every year, over 400 people die and 50,000 are treated for carbon monoxide poisoning.

The most common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are often described as “flu-like” – headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Avoid Injuries While Enjoying the Winter Weather

Whether you are skiing, snowboarding, sledding, skating, take safety precautions like learning basic skills and using the appropriate gear for the sport.

Area Snowmobile Trails

Source: Northwest Trails Association — www.nwtrails.net



Corcoran’s snowmobile trails are setup and maintained by the Northwest Trails Association. Northwest Trails is an organization of enthusiastic and committed snowmobilers in Hennepin County and the northwest suburbs of Minneapolis, MN.

Northwest Trails has created over 150 miles of groomed trails throughout northwestern Hennepin County for all to enjoy. Permission to construct and maintain these trails has been granted by private landowners as well as government agencies. The trail runs through Hennepin County and the park reserves of: Baker, Crow-Hassan, and Elm Creek. The Wright Country Trail System is accessible from several locations.

The success with the trail system and the acknowledgement of snowmobiling as a sport, is attributed to the willingness of landowners who let snowmobilers travel on their private property. Remember to always stay on the trail. The association is very grateful to all the landowners for extending this privilege to Northwest Trails and the snowmobilers who use the trails.



It takes many hours of volunteered labor to mark and maintain the trail system throughout the year. Trails officially open when the snow cover reaches four inches on or after December 1 and closes by April 1.

Emerald Ash Borer

Source: Minnesota Department of Agriculture and University of Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) confirmed the first known presence of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Corcoran in August. EAB is an insect that attacks and kills ash trees and is spread through the



EAB larvae

transport of firewood. The adults are small, iridescent green beetles that live outside of trees during the summer months. The larvae are grub or worm-



EAB adult

like and live underneath the bark of ash trees. Emerald ash borer larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk.

Minnesota is highly susceptible to the destruction caused by EAB. The state has approximately one billion ash trees, the most of any state in the nation.

Help limit the spread of EAB

- Be aware of what emerald ash borer looks like as well as the symptoms of an EAB infested tree.
- Report any suspected insects or declining ash trees. Contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) on their Arrest the Pest phone line at 1-888-545-6684 or arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us to report your suspicions. There have been many cases where the public was the first to find an initial infestation in an area.
- Don't transport firewood when you go camping or are buying it for home use. Buy the wood you need at local sites or at the campgrounds you are visiting.

Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab for further information.



Environmental Stormwater Runoff

Source: www.dot.ny.gov

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, paved areas, bare soil, and lawns into storm drains or ditches. Storm sewers and ditches collect stormwater runoff and empty it directly to local bodies of water.

Ideally, stormwater runoff would be free of contaminants. In

reality, it picks up pollutants such as animal waste, pesticides, fertilizers, salt, oil and grease, soil and debris, and transports them to waterways where they are discharged with no treatment. This is stormwater pollution or illicit discharge.

Illicit discharge is any discharge to a municipal storm sewer system – storm drains, pipes, and ditches – that is not composed entirely of stormwater. If you suspect there may be an illicit discharge occurring in the City of Corcoran, complete the complaint form at www.corcoranmn.gov — *How do I? / MS4 Corcoran Complaint Form*

Examples of Illicit Discharges: • Septic Tank Seepage / Illegal Sanitary Connections • Laundry Wastewater / Detergent • Improper Waste Oil Disposal / Auto Fluids Flushing • Home Improvement Waste (e.g. concrete, paint) • Pesticides and Fertilizers • Improper Disposal of Commercial and Industrial Hazardous Waste • Pool / Spa Discharge • Cooking Grease / Household Waste



Benefits of Wetlands

Source: www.dnr.state.mn.us/wetlands/index.html

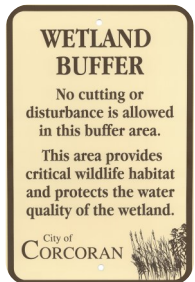
There are many types of wetlands in Minnesota, each with widely varying characteristics. Some wetlands are dry for much of the year; others are almost always covered by several feet of water. Some wetlands have grasses and sedges, shrubs, or trees. They may be small confined basins or extend for hundreds of miles. It is estimated that Minnesota has lost about 50 percent of its original wetland acreage.

Benefits of wetlands

- **Erosion control:** Wetland vegetation reduces wave damage along lakes and stream banks.
- **Flood control:** Wetlands can slow and retain runoff water, reducing the frequency of flooding along streams and rivers.
- **Groundwater recharge and discharge:** Some wetlands recharge groundwater by holding surface water and allowing it to slowly filter into the groundwater reserves. Some wetlands are discharge areas; they receive groundwater even during dry periods, and help maintain flows in nearby rivers and streams.
- **Water quality:** Wetlands protect the water quality of downstream lakes, streams and rivers by removing pollutants.
- **Rare species habitat:** 43 percent of threatened or endangered species in the U.S. live in or depend on wetlands.
- **Recreation:** Wetlands are a great place to canoe, hunt, fish or watch wildlife.
- **Economic value:** Wetlands provide economic commodities such as wild rice and bait fish.

Types of wetlands

- Swamps
- Bogs
- Marshes
- Wet Meadows
- Seasonally Flooded Wetlands
- Shallow Open Water



2021 Corcoran Recycling Schedule

South of Co Rd 10

North of Co Rd 10

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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				

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Environmental

Organics Recycling – www.hennepin.us/organics

All food

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, fish and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Pasta, beans and rice
- Bread and cereal
- Nuts and shells



Certified compostable products

- Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers



Look for the term "compostable" or the BPI logo on certified products.



Food-soiled paper

- Pizza boxes from delivery
- Napkins and paper towels
- Paper egg cartons



Other compostable household items

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Facial tissues
- Hair and nail clippings
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplants and flowers
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



Corcoran Happenings

Hope Community Church

Ladies Christmas Tea and Boutique

Date: Saturday, December 4

Time: 3 pm – 5 pm — Christmas Boutique opens at 1 pm

All ladies, ages 4 to 104, are cordially invited to attend the 24th Annual Ladies Christmas Tea at Hope Community Church. Come and begin your holiday season in an elegant, festive setting, enjoying delicious food and beautiful music. You will also have an opportunity to shop at the Holiday Boutique.

Come early to admire the beautiful tables and shop at the boutique! General ticket sales open November 7. Purchase tickets by November 24 at www.myhopecommunity.com or call 763-494-4673.

Adults: \$20

Young Ladies: (ages 4-10) \$12

"Hope Radio Hour" A Festive Evening of Music and Comedy

Date: Saturday, December 11

Time: Doors open 6 pm — Event begins 6:30pm

The 19th Annual "Hope Radio Hour" is a delightful night of comedy, laughter, and reflection, in celebration of the birth of Christ. Enjoy creative comedy skits and beautiful musical performances.

Get your tickets early as there will be limited seating capacity due to social distancing restrictions. If you are unable to join in person, the event will stream live on www.myhopecommunity.com and on Facebook (@myhopecommunity). Tickets go on sale November 7 and can be purchased at www.myhopecommunity.com.

Tickets: \$10/person



City of Corcoran Welcomes Staff



Jodie Peterson joined the Administration Department as the new Accountant.



Eric Gregory joined the Public Works Department as a new Maintenance Worker.

Planning Commission

The City of Corcoran is accepting applications for a vacant Planning Commission seat. The Planning Commission reviews land use applications and meets the first Thursday of every month. The applicant will serve the remaining term through February 2022. Applications are due October 20 at 4 pm.

Visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Our Government / Commissions* or contact City Administrator Brad Martens at bmartens@corcoranmn.gov or 763-400-7030 for more information.

2020 Census Numbers



According to the United States Census Bureau, as of April 1, 2020, the City of Corcoran had 2,244 housing units, 2,174 households, and 6,185 people. Household size averaged 2.84 persons per household. To view the summary report visit metro council.org/METC/media/Census2020/CensusReport_13168_Corcoran.pdf

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