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 The City of Corcoran contracts with Hennepin County to provide assessing authority.

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Daylight Savings Time: March 12, 2023



Set Your Clocks
Ahead One Hour

A Message From the Mayor

I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued trust and support. I am truly honored for the opportunity to continue serving as your mayor.

As I've mentioned before, recent development in parts of the city continues to bring new challenges as well as exciting opportunities. As growth happens, the City Council remains dedicated to guiding thoughtful, high-quality development where it makes sense, while still maintaining the rural character that defines Corcoran. I believe we have a fantastic group of City Councilors and Commissioners with a wide range of experience and expertise that will help shape what our community looks like now and for future generations.

In 2023 we will continue to work on implementing technological upgrades to make it even easier for residents to stay up to date and participate in City Council and Commission meetings. As we evaluate proposals, consider further updates to our city code, or make important policy decisions – we not only appreciate your participation, but truly value your input.

I also want to take a moment to share a few exciting announcements and give a brief look ahead at some of what the city will be working on this year:

Broadband

As you may have heard, we were recently awarded a Minnesota Border-to-Border Broadband Grant! This funding, along with a significant contribution from Comcast and an additional grant from Hennepin County, will run high-speed, fiber-based internet throughout Corcoran! Work on the installation plan will be underway soon – so keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

Park Projects

There are a couple significant park projects on the horizon. Most notably, phase 1 of the City Park remaster is quickly approaching. The plan includes several infrastructure improvements, significantly increased parking and a wide range of amenities including a splashpad, playgrounds, six pickleball courts, a basketball court, and new tennis and volleyball courts. In the Bellwether neighborhood, a boardwalk to the open space park will be constructed. Additionally, a trail along Hackamore Road is planned as part of the Hackamore Road Improvement Project.

Water Supply Planning

In late December we were able to secure \$3,000,000 in federal funding for the Northeast Water Supply project. With the rising cost of construction, this funding will have a substantial impact on the financial feasibility of the project. Final plans are complete, and the Council will be evaluating bids for the water tower and treatment facility early in 2023.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter for the latest community updates and other important information. You can also follow the City on Facebook (Facebook.com/CorcoranMN), Twitter (@CorcoranMNCity) or visit the city website (corcoranmn.gov) for additional information and regular updates throughout the year.

I'm excited to continue serving our amazing community and am looking forward to what the future holds for Corcoran in 2023 and beyond. As always, please feel free to reach out to me or our other Council members directly with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Tom McKee, Mayor
City of Corcoran
tmckee@corcoranmn.gov



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.



NAPA Relocates to Corcoran's Commerce District

The NAPA store relocated into a newly constructed building to Corcoran's Commerce District at the corner of 75th Avenue North and County Road 116.

St. Therese

Site plan modification to the St. Therese project to modify the building design and phase construction of building.

Trail Haven Road Bridge Replacement

Council reviewed costs associated with replacing the culvert bridge at Trail Haven Road. This culvert bridge crossing is considered critical infrastructure to the City's transportation and stormwater drainage systems.

Request for 70% Design for City Park

Council reviewed concept plans for City Park and approved items as presented.

Financial Performance Report

Council received a staff budget report through September 2022, along with the City's projected financial position for the fourth quarter of 2022. Report indicated a projected surplus of \$354,969 in the General Fund.

Paulsen Development Rights Appeal

Council reviewed a development rights appeal for the property at 22101 County Road 30, and determined the development rights map was accurate.

O'Brien Concept Plan

Council reviewed a request for a new 17,000 square foot office showroom building with shop for the corporate offices of Crystal Distribution Inc. (CDI), and other O'Brien family businesses on 9.13 acre parcel north of Hwy 55 and west of Rolling Hills Road.

Continental Properties Concept Plan

Council reviewed a sketch plan application and submitted feedback from to applicant on a 300-unit market-rate suburban apartment community on a parcel zoned and guided as mixed use along County Road 30 near County Road 101.

Holiday Toy and Food Drive

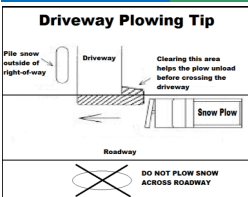
Council recognized the staff, Corcoran Police Department, and Loretto Fire Department, for participation in the Holiday Toy and Food Drive. The Holiday Toy and Food Drive was a success and collected donations of approximately \$15,000 in toys and 1,000 pounds of food from five Corcoran neighborhoods who signed up to participate. Council recognized The Stanchion and NW Area Trails Association for their contributions to the event.

Shop with a Cop

Council recognized Target in Medina, Corcoran Police Department and staff for making this years Shop with a Cop event another memorable one for the kids and their families!

Congratulations

Officer Steve Warren who celebrated 26 years with the Corcoran PD.



2023 Corcoran Events Calendar

*Meetings may be held by telephone or other electronic means. For updates or to view City of Corcoran meetings via video link visit www.corcoranmn.gov.

Jan 2: Holiday—City Hall Closed

Jan 5: CANC: Planning Commission Mtg
7 pm — Council Chambers

Jan 12: City Council Meeting & Work Session
7 pm — Council Chambers

Jan 16: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Jan 19: LOMR Meeting
5 pm — Council Lobby & Chambers

Jan 19: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Jan 26: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Feb 2: Planning Commission Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Feb 9: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Feb 16: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Feb 20: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Feb 23: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Mar 2: Planning Commission Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Mar 9: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Mar 16: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Mar 23: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Apr 6: Planning Commission Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Apr 13: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Apr 20: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

Apr 27: City Council Meeting
7 pm — Council Chambers

City Updates Continued...

Hackamore Road Reconstruction 2023 Spring/Summer Project

The cities of Corcoran and Medina are currently planning for reconstruction and improvements to Hackamore Road between County Road 101 and Medina Lake Road between County Road 101 and Medina Lake Drive. Construction is anticipated during the spring and summer of 2023. Final design is currently underway and the cities intend to go out for bid over the winter.

Proposed improvements include the addition of turn lanes, widened paved shoulders, pavement rehabilitation and ultimately a trail along the north side of Hackamore Road along with other pedestrian improvements.

An open house will be scheduled during the spring of 2023, prior to construction, to discuss schedule, detours, and similar subjects. In the meantime, more information is available on the project **website** at https://www.corcoranmn.gov/public_services/public_works/hackamore_road_improvement_project

General Election 2022 Results

Included on the ballot on November 8, 2022, in the City of Corcoran, were one special election councilmember seat, two regular councilmember seats, and the mayor's seat. The results of the election were canvassed on the November 14, 2022, Council Special Meeting. Below are the candidates selected by the City of Corcoran residents:

Mayor

Tom McKee

Ran unopposed

Council Member (2 seats)

Jeremy Nichols

Alan Schultz

Special Election

Dean Vehrenkamp

Ran unopposed

The City of Corcoran voter turnout was 78 percent at the November 8 General Election!

For complete election results please visit the MN Secretary of State website at: electionresults.sos.state.mn.us

City of Corcoran Welcomes New Staff

Kathy Hughes

Hello! I am so excited to join the City of Corcoran as The Administrative Services Director. I served in law enforcement for 31 years in Hennepin County and was the City of Minneapolis Director of Emergency Communication. I have a law enforcement and business administration degree. I am very devoted and passionate about working in local government and being part of such a wonderful community. Feel free to reach out to me at City Hall 763-338-9293 or khughes@corcoranmn.gov. I look forward to meeting you all!



Wayne Barnhart

I joined the City as the Accounting Clerk in October. I have a passion for learning new things such as being able to speak and understand Spanish along with learning Tagalog/Cebuano (Philippine language) and Thai. I am fond of (all) animals, especially dogs and exotic birds. I enjoy football, hockey, landscape photography and volunteering in the community – I have served as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem as well as a Mentor for troubled youth.



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.

Pioneer Trail Industrial Park, Rezoning and Preliminary Plat and PUD (PUD 32-119-23-34-0013, 32-119-23-34-0007, 32-119-23-34-0005 and 32-119-23-43-0006) (City File No. 22-039)

An application was submitted to move forward with the preliminary approvals for the Pioneer Trail Industrial Park off Highway 55. The item was reviewed by the Planning Commission at a Public Hearing on December 1st and was recommended for approval on a 3-1 vote. The item will be scheduled for a January meeting for Council review.

Corcoran Farms Business Park Rezoning and Preliminary Plat and PUD at 20130 Larkin Road (PID 26-119-23-13-0006) (City File No. 22-044).

The City received an application for an industrial PUD near Larkin Rd and County Road 116. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 6th and recommended denial of the application. *The item was initially reviewed by the City Council meeting over three meetings on October 27, November 21st and December 8th.* The Council voted to approve the request on a 4-1 vote with several conditions of approval.

Tavera 5th Addition Final Plat and Final Planned Unite Development Plan (PID 35-119-23-43-0001) (City File No. 22-068)

Lennar submitted an application this week for the final plat and final PUD plan for Tavera 5th Addition. This item is under review for completeness. *The final plat was approved by Council at the November 21st meeting.*

Hope Community Sketch Plat (PID 11-119-23-14-0003) (City File No. 22-074)

Brian Lothar submitted a concept plan application to receive feedback from Council for a proposed residential and mixed-use development on the properties surrounding Hope Community Church. The concept includes medical offices, retail space, market-rate apartments, townhomes, senior villas and assisted living facilities. The sketch plan will be reviewed by the Council at the January 12, 2023 meeting. The applicant is also moving forward with an EAW based on the submitted concept plan.

Red Barn Pet Retreat Sketch Plat (PID 01-119-23-44-0045) (City File No, 22-075)

Daniel Benjamin submitted a concept plan for the property at the northwest corner of Stieg Road and County Road 101. The request includes re-guiding the land to commercial to allow for expansion of his commercial kennel business. The sketch plat also reflects 9 additional lots for future commercial users on the property. The sketch plan will be reviewed by the Council at the December 22nd meeting.

Submitting a Building Permit

Residential re-roof, siding, window and door replacement (same opening), plumbing (water heater, water softener) and mechanical (furnace, A/C, gas fireplace, garage heater/gas line) permits are considered maintenance permits and can be applied for, paid, and issued without review through the online portal.

Permit requests that require plan review may take up to 15 working days to process and approve for issuance. Some applications may take longer due to special provisions or conditions.

Note: With the implementation of this new electronic permit software, permits will be required to be submitted online. Paper and emailed building permits will no longer be accepted.

Go to www.corcoranmn.gov — **Permits and Inspections to apply for a permit and for additional information and updates.** A number of checklists are available online to help you with your project.

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

Permit Totals

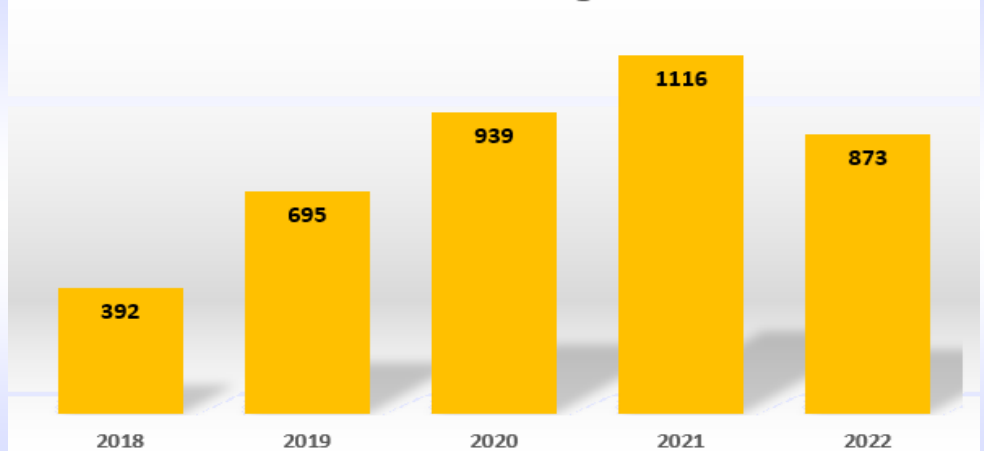
873 permits issued in 2022

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Residential New Con	297	200
Deck/Porch	139	125
Alt/Remodel/Basement	60	59
Accessory Building	11	13
Plumbing	98	209
Mechanical	143	97

Other Construction Permits Issued

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land Disturbance	20	21
Utility	85	85

Total Issued Building Permits



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?

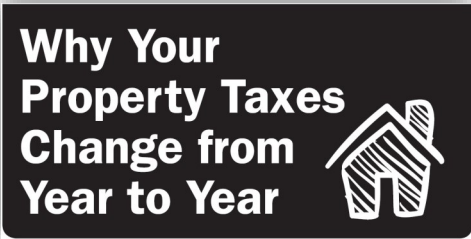
Local governments get the money they use to deliver services from a few different sources: property taxes, fees, revenue sharing with the state, and grants. Property tax dollars pay for the services everyone in the community benefits from and can access, including residents, visitors, commuters, and 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 Tax Changes



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 questions or concerns regarding your property value, taxes or classification contact the Hennepin County Assessor's 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 2023, the portion funded by fees, charges, and intergovernmental revenue covers 29% of the City's expenditures. The remaining 71% is funded through the property tax levy.

2023 City of Corcoran Tax Levy

The City Council adopted the 2023 preliminary levy at the September 8, 2022 meeting. This levy amount was used to create the City tax amount you saw on your proposed 2023 levies and taxes notice.

The City Council adopted a final levy for 2023, at the December 8, 2022 meeting. The adopted final levy of \$7,158,323, is a \$1,458,892 or 25.6% increase from the 2022 levy. Despite this increase, the tax rate is projected to decrease slightly from 43.192% to 41.92% due to new construction and increased valuations.



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. Apply to the Hennepin County Assessor's Office by **December 31** to qualify for taxes payable the next 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 along with a copy of your deed (including the legal description) to: *Hennepin County Assessor, 300 S 6th Street, A-2103, Minneapolis, MN 55487*. The Homestead Application form can be found online at www.hennepin.us/homestead, click on "Apply online" and then select the "Apply By Mail" tab.

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

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 Department 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. Inclement weather and lack of staffing can cause the rinks and/or the warming house to be temporarily closed and will be posted on the weather line at 763-400-7025. Those interested in utilizing the rinks are encouraged to call the weather line prior to going to the rinks.

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, January 9 at 8 am through Monday, January 16 at 11:59 pm. Online priority registration will require residents to use the password "**Bases**" to begin the registration process. Registration opens to all on Tuesday, January 17 at 8 am and runs through February 26 (or until filled) and can be completed online at www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Parks and Recreation*.



The seasons run from late April until mid-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 1 registration refund per team coached 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, April 3 at 8:00 am through Sunday, April 9 at 11:59 pm. Online priority registration will require residents to use the password "**Goal**" to begin the registration process. Registration opens to all on Monday, April 10 at 8:00 am and runs through May 29 (or until filled) and can be completed online

(www.corcoranmn.gov). The soccer season will run from Thursday, July 6 to August 10-17 depending on the weather.

Volunteer coaches are needed – if interested, be sure to mark that on your child's registration! Volunteer coaches receive 1 registration refund at the end of the season.

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

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 consists of seven regular members and serves as an advisory board to the council to provide safe, clean parks and open spaces.

Memorial Garden— Commissioners approved the use of Memorial Garden Funds to make improvements to the park.

Diamond Lake Regional Trail— Fee schedule updates recommended for approval.

City Park Remaster— Commissioners recommended approval of the concept plans for the City Park Remaster Project.

Corcoran Farms— Commissioners recommended approval of the staff recommended trail alignment.



Questions regarding facilities and programs?

Contact:

Jessica Christensen Buck, Recreation Supervisor
jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov or 763-400-7034



Be sure to mark your calendars for fall baseball registration opening on Monday, June 19, 2023 for the t-ball, coach pitch, and machine pitch seasons! The fall season runs from mid-August until end of September.

More information regarding the fall baseball season can be found at <https://www.corcoranmn.gov/public-services/parks-and-recreation>



Corcoran

RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR



Sustainability In Action

■ Holiday - Service is delayed one day ■ South of County Road 10 ■ North of County Road 10

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We Recycle! (do not bag your recyclables)



Plastics Bottles & Jugs

Water, soda and juice bottles, dish soap bottles, shampoo bottles, soap and lotion bottles, and detergent jugs (empty and clean/rinse, and dry; caps on)



Plastics Cups & Containers

Yogurt cups, pudding and fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws), margarine/whipped cream tubs, cottage cheese and similar containers, clear produce, deli and take-out containers (empty and rinse; lids on)



Boxes (flattened)

Cardboard, cereal, cracker, pasta and tissue boxes, shoe, gift and electronic boxes, toothpaste and other toiletry boxes



Cartons

Milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, soup, broth and wine cartons (empty and clean/rinse, and dry; caps on)



Paper

Mail, office and school papers, magazines and catalogs, newspapers and inserts, phone books (clean; staples OK)



Metal

Food and beverage cans (empty and rinse; labels OK)



Glass

Brown, green and clear bottles, jars (empty and rinse; no lids)



Corcoran Police Department Office:

763-420-8966

7:30 am - 4:30 pm, M,T,W,F
7:30 am - 8:00 pm Thursday

Non-Emergency: 952-258-5321

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Firearms Safety Training 2023



Corcoran Firearms Safety classes are scheduled for March 12, 19 & 26, and April 2 & 16 from 6 pm - 9 pm, location TBD. The class will conclude with a

Firearms Safety Field Day on April 22 from 8 am - 2 pm. Ages 11 and older can attend a firearms safety certification course and receive their certification. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

For updated information on location(s) and registration dates visit

www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Police / Training and Safety / Youth Firearm Safety Training* or contact the Corcoran Police Administrative Office at 763-420-8966. Registration will open early February 2023.

Fireplace Safety Tips

Winter and wood burning stoves and fireplaces go hand in hand and while these can be beautiful and comfy, fireplaces and chimneys are involved in two out of every five home heating fires. Follow these tips to help prevent fires.

- Have your furnace, wood stove, fireplaces and chimneys inspected yearly.
- Never leave a fireplace unattended.
- Open the flue so harmful smoke and carbon monoxide leaves the home.
- Keep children and flammable items at least three feet away from open fires.
- Have a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
- Cool ashes before you remove them in a metal container.
- Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

Public Safety

Truck Safety Seminar



The Corcoran Police and Public Works Departments will host the 15th Annual Truck Safety Seminar at the Corcoran Public Works facility Thursday, February 23. The seminar will run from 8 am - 12 pm and will cover a multitude of items such as the new commercial vehicle laws for 2023, rules and regulations, vehicle equipment requirements, and much more. Coffee, rolls, and lunch are provided by donations from sponsors.



For more information on this free seminar and/or registration date(s) visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services / Police / Training and Safety / Truck Safety Seminar*. To be placed on the email list for seminar information contact Corcoran Police Administrative Office at 763-420-8966, psteelman@corcoranmn.gov or afadden@corcoranmn.gov.

Winter Reminders

Parking regulations



**NO
PARKING**

Parking is prohibited on public streets November 1 through 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.

Fire hydrant clearing

The City is requesting your help in keeping fire hydrants accessible. Snow piled or shoveled close to hydrants restricts operation during a fire emergency. Please clear a three-foot circle around the hydrant near your home to assure easy access for the fire department.

Plowing snow onto roads

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

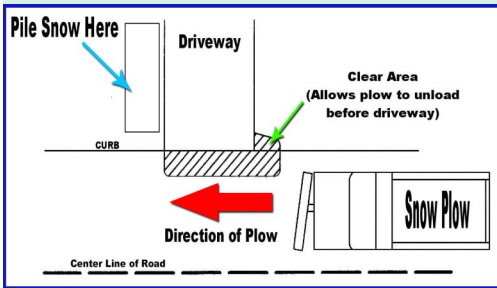
Educate children on the dangers of snow removal

Please educate children on the dangers of snow removal and make sure they play safely.

- Remind them to never build tunnels or forts in snow banks near the street. The force and weight of the snow coming off the plows can collapse the tunnels or forts and harm the child.
- Keep sleds, toys and basketball hoops out of the street and away from the edge of the road. Snow banks make it difficult for plow drivers to see children playing in these areas. Children should never play in or near the edge of the road.
- Stay away from the plow. If a plow is on your street, children should stay back at least 20 feet or more from the road. It is best to have children play near the house as the snowplow approaches and stay there until the plow has passed.



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 rights-of-way 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. State law 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

Snow and Ice Control Operations

The 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 over 70 miles of roads 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 operations are as follows:

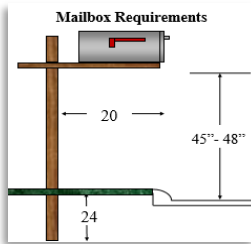
- Snow accumulation of two inches or more warrants the plowing of asphalt roads, two to four inches warrants the plowing of both asphalt and gravel roads dependent on road conditions. Call out is normally at 2 am when practical.
- High volume major collector roads and roads with steep hills and curves 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 periodically for damage. Ensure your mailbox posts are sturdy, set solidly in the ground, and in good condition.



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.



More Information for Large Landscaping Projects

For your larger projects, additional tree orders can be placed at Wright County Soil and Water District. Visit their website at www.wrightswcd.org/tree_program.html for complete information. Tree order forms are available and mailed out each February. Call 763-682-1970 to be added to the notification list. To purchase trees directly through the DNR nursery, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/nursery/index.html.

TREE GIVEAWAY

Keep an eye out for the Annual Tree Giveaway! The Annual Tree Giveaway offers Corcoran residents up to five free tree saplings each year. Multiple varieties of trees will be available, but due to limited quantities, it is recommended to claim your trees early. The form to claim your trees is expected to be released in March. Once trees are available for pick up, Tom Anderson (tom.thegardener@yahoo.com) will contact those that reserved trees and provide pick up information.

For additional information regarding types of trees and how to plant them, please visit www.wrightswcd.org/tree_program.html.

[Click here for the Tree Planting Pocket Guide.](#) [Click here for the Tree Planting Pocket Guide.](#)

Ice Safety Reminder



4" 5-7" 8-12" 12-15"
MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NEW, CLEAR ICE

Ice is never 100% safe!

For more information visit mndnr.gov/icesafety

Environmental

Smart salting tips that protect Minnesota waters

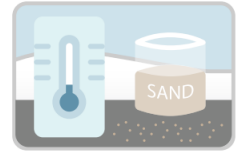
Source: www.pca.state.mn.us (MPCA) & www.cleanwatermn.org

As the first major snow of the season arrives, Minnesotans are thinking about clearing snow and ice from pavement — sometimes with salt. We scatter an estimated 365,000 tons of salt in the metro area each year. But it only takes a teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recommends a low-salt diet for our lakes, streams, and rivers. Much like table salt, rock salt's benefits are peppered with danger. Salt helps melt ice on roads and sidewalks and protects drivers and pedestrians. But when the snow melts, de-icing salt, which contains chloride, runs into nearby bodies of water and harms aquatic wildlife. Chloride accumulates in the water over time, and there's no feasible way to treat or remove it. Our freshwater fish and bugs can't tolerate a salty environment!

Do your part by following these simple tips:

- **Shovel.** The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.
- **15 degrees (F)** is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice.
- **Apply less.** More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Leave about a three-inch space between granules.
- **Sweep up extra.** If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else or throw it away.



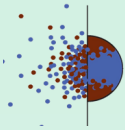
Don't let your septic system freeze

Source: www.pca.state.mn.us — Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The following tips will help keep your septic system warm and happy this winter and prevent the costs and inconveniences that come when elements of a septic system freeze up.

- Place a layer of mulch 8 to 12 inches thick over the pipes, tank, and soil treatment system to provide extra insulation.
- Use water—the warmer the better—if you're worried your system is starting to freeze. Do **not** leave water running all the time—this will overload the septic system.
- Going away for an extended period? Have someone use warm water in the home regularly or pump out your tank before leaving.
- Fix any leaky plumbing fixtures or appliances in your home. This will help prevent freezing problems and help your system perform better all year.
- Keep all vehicle, animal, and people traffic off the system. This is a rule to follow all year as compacted snow and soils cause frost to go down deeper and faster.
- Keep an eye on your system. If any seeping or ponding occurs, contact an onsite professional to help determine the cause and remedy.
- Add more insulation to your system. This could include replacing pipe with insulated pipe, adding expanded foam panels over septic tanks, or adding more soil cover.





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 continue onto a college education in the Fall of 2023. Applications are scored on academics, leadership, community involvement and financial need.

Applications will be open for submission January 1, 2023 and will close March 1, 2023. All applicants will be notified in March, and a ceremony will be held in early May. Late applications will not be accepted.

For more information visit <https://www.nwareajaycees.org/scholarships>



Corcoran Lions Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: [Corcoran Lions](#)

The Corcoran Lions are excited to offer their 35th annual scholarship program to graduating seniors who live in the City of Corcoran.

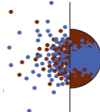
The Lions also offer their 14th Annual Bill Schalo Scholarship. The Bill Schalo scholarship is given based on community service in Corcoran.

Scholarships are based on academic, leadership, service to community and a need basis.

The application deadline is April 14, 2023 along with a transcript of the students grades.

For more applications and more information visit www.corcoranlions.org or contact Jerry Cain at jerryjain@gmail.com.

Corcoran Happenings



Sponsored by the NWArea Jaycees

Northwest Area Jaycees' FREE Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Corcoran Community Park (aka the Corcoran Softball Fields) on Saturday April 8, 2023 at 10:00 am.

The NW Area Jaycees host an annual Egg Hunt* in the City of Corcoran. The event is held outdoors, so dress appropriately and is a free event and geared for ages 0-10 with age appropriate treats in each age category. Rain, shine or snow this event happens!

Participants are encouraged to bring baskets to gather up the goodies and turn in any prize eggs found for larger gifts! The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photo opportunities with the kids, so don't forget to bring your cameras!

Check our Facebook page for event details & weather updates as the date draws near: www.facebook.com/nwareajaycees

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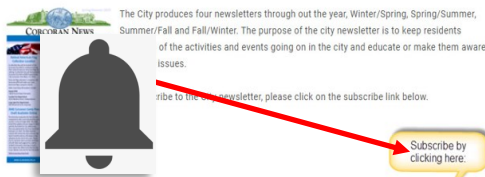


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Utility Bill Updates

2023 Rate Changes

City Council adopted the 2023 fee schedule on December 22, 2022, which adopted new utility rates for water and sewer services. For more information, you may view the council meeting by visiting www.corcoranmn.gov and follow Our Government/Council/View Council Meetings- Most Recent/2022 Archives/2022-12-22 Council Meeting. More information is included in the December and January utility bills. Rate changes are effective as of January 1, 2023 and will be reflected in the bills sent at the end of January.

Payment Options

Utility bill payments can be made via www.invoicecloud.com/corcoranmn or by cash or check at City Hall. Residents can place payments and utility service applications in the outdoor drop box located by the main doors of City Hall at any time or at the front desk with the receptionist during business hours. Contact utilitybilling@corcoranmn.gov with any questions regarding your utility bill or to start or stop service.

Homesteading in Hennepin County

Homestead applies to properties occupied as primary residences by their owners or relatives. The program may qualify the property for a reduced classification rate, reduced taxable market value, property tax refund, and special program eligibility. Once homestead is granted, annual reapplication is not necessary. In some circumstances, verification may be requested by the assessor's office.

Hennepin County Homestead Information

Michelle Lambert-Thurber
612-348-2943

michelle.lambert@hennepin.us

Apply Online

www.hennepin.us/homestead

Questions on Property Taxes?

Hennepin County Assessor's office

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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 the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) at https://sll.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal_load_limits/ for more information.

