



# CORCORAN NEWS

## Homestead Deadline December 31

The homestead classification applies to properties owned, and 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 2024 homestead status is December 31, 2023.*

Apply online or complete a paper application at [www.hennepin.us/homestead](http://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?

Hennepin County Assessor  
Email: [ao.programs@hennepin.us](mailto:ao.programs@hennepin.us)  
Phone: 612-348-3046

## Delinquent Assessments

All delinquent utility bills, including water and sewer, recycling and property maintenance charges are subject to certification to Hennepin County for collection as part of the 2023 taxes payable in 2024. Additional late charges and fees will be added to the delinquent amount if not paid by the date stated on the Late Bill Notice. On Thursday, November 9, a public hearing will be held on the assessment of delinquent fees at 7 pm at Corcoran City Hall. The last day to make a payment for delinquent charges is November 15, 2023, as the City will finalize the certification process of delinquent charges and fees on this date.

## Hackamore Road Improvement Project



Since 2020, the cities of Medina and Corcoran have been studying and planning for a roadway reconstruction and restoration project along Hackamore Road. This planning process took into account projected traffic volumes and potential future development in this area. Improvements include widening the road with paved shoulders, dedicated turn lanes at existing and proposed

intersections, signal improvements at County Road 116, as well as improvements to stormwater management. Final plans and bidding were completed, and construction has begun and will continue into next year.

### Construction Activities Update on September 22, 2023

In Phase B, between Pinto Drive/116 and Hunter Road, there will be roadway grading and sub-cutting beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 26. For roughly two weeks, residents will see an excavator and many trucks lining up to haul away material and then return with sand to place in the new roadway. Here is what this means for residents:

- The tight closure will be placed on the west side of Hunter Road and be located between that point and Pinto Drive/116. Drivers can get out from Hackamore Road onto Brockton Lane/101 (going east), instead of on Pinto Drive/116.
- Hunter Road residents, please use Brockton Lane for access in and out. The construction signage will change to reflect this information.
- Hackamore Circle and adjacent Hackamore Road residents will have access, though there may be delays. Depending on where the roadway work is taking place, the access direction may change, so please watch closely for signage or direction from the contractor.
- The barricades at Zinnia Trail, Bergamot Drive, and Steeple Chase Lane will remain closed.

In Phase C, west of Pinto Drive/116, storm sewer installations began in September.

- A full/partial closure will be placed on Hackamore Road on the west side of Pinto Drive/116. Depending on where the contractor is working, Hackamore Road will either be fully closed for periods of time or have a partial closure with a passable vehicle lane.
- For residents in either the Foxberry Drive or Medina Lake Road neighborhoods, there will be barricades placed at the intersections of Hackamore Road. Access to Hackamore Road will be closed, so please use southerly access routes. For residents west of Medina Lake Road, please use other routes including the detour to the north. There may be access along Hackamore Road to Pinto Drive/116, but this could be limited and/or delayed.



Future project scheduling for Phase C includes roadway grading and sub-cutting in mid-October. View the project phasing map at <http://hackamore.medinamn.us/>.

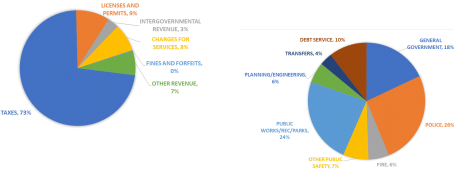
For project inquires or comments, please contact the Hackamore Road Improvement Project Communications Team.  
Email: [hackamore@wsbeng.com](mailto:hackamore@wsbeng.com)

For the most up-to-date information on the project, visit <http://hackamore.medinamn.us/>



# 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.



### Charter Commission

On August 22, 2023 the Charter Commission met in a special meeting, and discussed the following:

**Wards**—The Commission discussed research that was pulled together by Commissioner Tucker and plans to further discuss benchmarks related to wards at their upcoming meeting.

**Mayoral Term**—The Commission discussed the potential of changing the Mayor’s term from a two-year term to a four-year term. Staff were direct to work with the city attorney to draft a charter commission amendment and present the idea to Council in September.

### Parks and Trails Commission Open Seat

The Parks and Trails Commission has an open seat available effective September 12, 2023. *Applications accepted through October 18, 2023.* For more information about the City of Corcoran Commissions, please click on the link below: [www.corcoranmn.gov/our\\_government/commissions](http://www.corcoranmn.gov/our_government/commissions)

### Recognition

At the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting:

- Paula Steelman was recognized for her 15 years of service with the City of Corcoran.
- Night to Unite 2023 Participants and Donors were recognized

### City Administrator Search

The job posting and application for the City Administrator position was posted online in August. As the search process continues, Council approved an amended timeline with candidate selections scheduled for October 12, 2023 and interview selections to begin on November 6, 2023.

### Public Hearing

On August 24, 2023 Council held public hearings and adopted an ordinance regulating cannabis, edible cannabinoids, and drug paraphernalia as well as an interim moratorium ordinance as related to high potency cannabis projects.

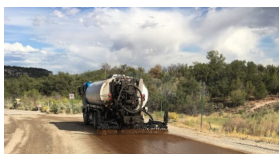
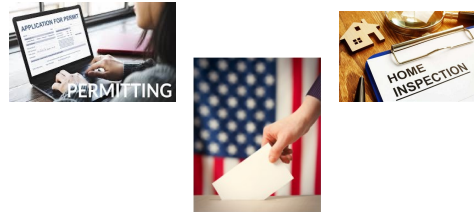
### Corcoran Water Tower

On October 27, 2022 the City Council approved construction of the City’s first water tower to be built on the south side of 19951 Oswald Farm Road next to Hope Community Church. Excavation for the water tower’s foundation began in late May/early June. Initial erosion control measures and excavation activities are in progress with a significant amount of work to be completed on the tower foundation before the structure can be erected. The facility is projected to be completed and operational by the end of 2024.

### Northeast Water Treatment Facility

The Northeast Water Treatment Facility is a City-initiated project and coincides with construction of the City's first Water Tower. Excavation work began in early June and is projected to be completed and operational by the end of 2024. The Northeast Water Treatment Facility is located at 10120 County Road 116, just north of Hunters Ridge Road.

**For information and updates on all of these projects and more visit the City of Corcoran’s Planning website:** [https://www.corcoranmn.gov/public\\_services/planning\\_and\\_zoning/project\\_updates](https://www.corcoranmn.gov/public_services/planning_and_zoning/project_updates).





## 2023 Corcoran Events Calendar

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

**Oct 5: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Oct 12: City Council Work Session and Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Oct 19: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Oct 26: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Nov 2: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Nov 6: Special Council Meeting**  
City Administrator Interviews

**Nov 9: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Nov 10: Holiday — City Hall Closed**

**Nov 16: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Nov 20: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Nov 23-24: Holiday — City Hall Closed**

**Dec 7: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Dec 18: City Council Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Dec 21: Parks & Trails Meeting**  
7 pm — Council Chambers

**Dec 25-26: Holiday — City Hall Closed**

### Subscribe to Future Council Packets

Visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets* and look for the gray BELL icon with **Subscribe** and follow the prompts. Contact Michelle Friedrich at [mfriedrich@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:mfriedrich@corcoranmn.gov) with any questions.

## 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.*

**Hope Community Sketch Plat (PID 11-119-23-14-0003) (City File No. 22- 074)** Application submitted a concept plan 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 some assisted living units. The Council authorized EAW distribution at the May 25, 2023, regular meeting. The comment period for the EAW concluded on July 6 and the Council accepted the Notice of Decision at the July 27, 2023 Regular Meeting.

**Red Barn Pet Retreat (PID 01-119-23-44-0045) (City File No. 23-008)** Application submitted for the expansion of Red Barn Pet Retreat for a site on the Northwest corner of Stieg Road and County Road 101. This application includes a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning, Preliminary Plat, Conditional Use Permit, Variance, and a Site Plan. The Public Hearing for this item was held during the September 7, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting. After some discussion, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this item with the additional requirement that the applicant transition to municipal water and sewer once available. This item is scheduled for the September 28, 2023, Council Meeting.

**Heidecker Garage (PID 22-119-23-42-0009) (City File No. 23-009)** Application submitted for a Conditional Use Permit and an Interim Use Permit to construct a detached garage of 1750 square feet on the property at 7985 Eagle Ridge Road. The IUP will allow for storage of business equipment within the structure. After the Public Hearing on July 6, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and the Interim Use Permit. This item was approved at the July 27, 2023, Council meeting.

**Bennett Garage CUP (PID 05-119-23-34-0019) (City File No. 23-014)** Application submitted for a Conditional Use Permit for a detached garage with sidewalls exceeding 10 feet in height in the front yard of 10208 Hage Drive. After the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval at the August 3, 2023, meeting, the Council approved the CUP at the August 24, 2023, regular meeting.

**Sunram IUP (PID 26-119-23-21-0006) (City File No. 23-015)** Application submitted for an Interim Use Permit to allow staging and stockpiling soil for construction projects at 20305 County Road 50. The Public Hearing for this item was held during the September 7, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting. After some discussion the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the IUP request with the addition of a 35-foot maximum stockpile height. This item is scheduled for the September 28, 2023, Regular Meeting.

**Corcoran Storage II (PID 31-119-23-33-0001) (City File No. 23-016)** Scherber and Associates, LLC., applied for a Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit, Variance, and a Rezoning to allow a 6-building storage facility at 23730 Highway 55. The applicant requested the Council to table this item at the August 24, 2023, regular meeting, and return at the September 28, 2023, Council Meeting.

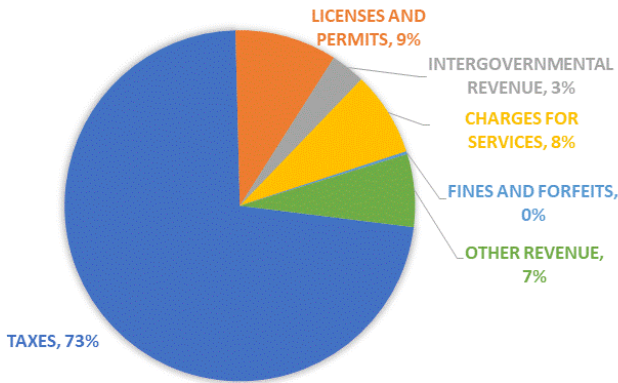
**Kariniemi/Jensen Concept Plan (PID 11-119-23-21-0002) (City File No. 23-018)** Application submitted for a concept plan for a proposed Open Space and Preservation plat subdivision at 20400 County Road 30. The concept consists of 16 single-family lots ranging from 1-2.2 acres and a 52.4-acre outlot. The applicant received Council feedback at the July 27. Since the July 27, 2023, regular meeting, the applicant has submitted more material for review. This item is scheduled to return to the City Council at the September 28, 2023, regular meeting.

**South Fork Village Concept Plan (PID 01-119-23-44-0046) (City File No. 23-020)** Fenway Land Company submitted a concept plan for an apartment complex on the Martin property, located on the southwest corner of Stieg Road and County Road 101. The concept includes a 100-unit market rate apartment, and an outlot that would allow the development of 1-2 retail/commercial spaces along Stieg Road. This item is still being reviewed for completeness but is expected to be reviewed by the City Council at the September 28, 2023, regular meeting.

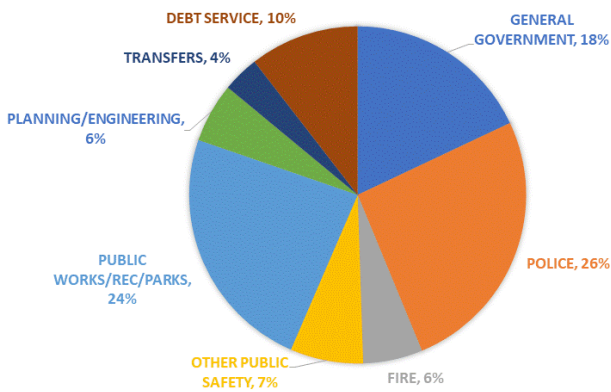
**Accessory Structure Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Citywide) (City File 23- 021)** After some discussion at the August 24 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to bring forward an amendment to Section 1030.020 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow flexibility from the eave and overhang requirements on new accessory buildings to match legal nonconforming structures on the property. This item is scheduled for the October 5, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.



## 2024 Revenue by Category



## 2024 Expenditure by Category



## ALLOCATION OF TAX DOLLARS

The median estimated market value of a home in Corcoran is \$505,700. The City taxes on a home of that value using the projected tax rate is \$2,128 per year or about \$177 per month. The chart below shows where the \$2,128 is allocated based upon the overall percentage of City expenditures (*Amounts are rounded and are subject to change*).

Item	Annual Cost	Cost Per Month
Police	\$532	\$44
Fire	\$128	\$11
Other Public Safety*	\$170	\$14
Public Works/Rec/Parks	\$532	\$44
General Government	\$382	\$32
Planning/Engineering	\$128	\$11
Transfers/Debt Service	\$256	\$21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,128</b>	<b>\$177</b>

\*Other Public Safety includes Building Inspection and Code Enforcement

## 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LEVY

The City Council adopted its preliminary levy for 2024 at the September 14th meeting. This levy amount may be decreased prior to final approval but not increased. This levy amount was used to create the proposed City tax amount within the proposed 2024 levies and tax notices.

### WHY IS PROPERTY TAX NEEDED?

Only a small portion of the City budget is funded through fees, charges for services, intergovernmental revenue (such as grants and aids) and other sources. For 2024, this portion is anticipated to cover 27% of the City's expenditures. The remaining 73% is funded through the property tax levy.

### TAX EFFECT

The adopted preliminary levy is in the amount of \$8,374,256, which is a \$1,215,933 increase from the 2023 levy. The need for additional services, increased costs due to inflation and other factors have increased the City's levy. The project tax rate will remain constant at 42.122%. The goal of the Council is to continue to lower the overall tax rate year after year.

A constant tax rate means properties with no change in value will see no change City taxes. Properties with valuation increases may see an increase. Valuations, tax capacity, levy and tax rate impact the overall City portion of taxes.

According to the City Assessor, the following average increases took place in Corcoran:

**Residential: 3.9% Agricultural: 7% Commercial: 8.4% Industrial: 15.9%**

Using this information, a home previously valued at \$400,000 would 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
<b>2023</b>	\$400,000	\$3,987.60	42.122%	\$1,679.66
<b>2024</b>	\$415,600	\$4,156.00	42.122%	\$1,750.59

The City Council will continue to refine the budget and levy prior to final approval, which is anticipated on Monday, December 18. Between now and that time, the levy can decrease, but not increase.

### NEXT STEP

#### Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Budget Meeting

Meeting will be held at Corcoran City Hall.  
Monday, December 18 at 7 pm

#### Learn More...

The entire budget and related staff reports are available at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — *Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets / 2023-09-14 Council Agenda Packet* to view the budget used to set the preliminary levy. Finance at [finance@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:finance@corcoranmn.gov) can be reached for further questions.



## Building Permits Online Permit Submittal



The City of Corcoran requires all construction permits to be submitted online making interactions more efficient and convenient. Through the online permit portal, residents and contractors can apply for a construction permit, check permit status and inspection results, and make electronic payments anytime!

The online permit portal requires new registration/account linkage for all homeowners and contractors applying for a permit. A step-by-step guide is available online to help you with the registration and online permitting process. To begin the registration process and/or apply for a permit visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Apply for Permit*.

Several permit checklists and additional permit information and resources are available online under the Construction Services & Inspections web pages to help you with your project. Visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Public Services > Construction Services & Inspections*.



### Plan Review and Inspections

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

## Construction Services

### Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions

#### Do I need a permit?

A building permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the use of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment.

#### What type of permit do I need?

Several permit checklists and additional permit information and resources are available to help you with your project under the Construction Services & Inspections web pages at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Public Services > Construction Services & Inspections*.

#### How do I apply for a permit?

All residential and commercial building, mechanical, plumbing, land disturbance and utility permits are required to be submitted through the **online permit portal** at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Apply for Permit*. Application for permit should be submitted well in advance of the scheduled start date. New account registration is required for all homeowners and contractors applying for a permit. A step-by-step **Online Permit Application Guide** is available for online registration, application and payment instruction help.

#### What building work is exempt from a permit?

- One story tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses  $\leq 200$  square ft
- Fences  $\leq 7$  ft high (*A Zoning permit maybe be required, contact Planning & Zoning*).
- Retaining walls  $\leq 4$  ft high (*A Land Disturbance permit may be required*).
- Sidewalks and driveways (*A Land Disturbance permit may be required*).
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting
- Cabinets, countertops and similar finish work
- Prefabricated swimming pools  $\leq 24$  inches deep
- Swings and playground equipment
- Window awnings that project  $\leq 54$  inches
- Decks or concrete patios  $\leq 30$  inches above grade, not attached to dwelling and not serving required exit door

#### How do I obtain an electrical permit?

The city does not issue or inspect electrical permits. For permit information and state application visit the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry at [www.dli.mn.gov/business/get-licenses-and-permits/permits](http://www.dli.mn.gov/business/get-licenses-and-permits/permits).

#### How long does it take to review an application?

Residential permits such as reroofing, residing, window & door replacement, air conditioner & furnace replacement, gas line, gas fireplace, water heater & water softener replacement are issued without review. Permits requiring plan review may take **up to 15 working days** to approve. Review time may vary based on the complexity of the project and/or the completeness of the construction documents. Incomplete plans or revisions made after application submission may further extend the plan review time.

#### What are the permit fees?

For a complete list of fees view the Building Permit Fee Schedule at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Public Services > Construction Services & Inspections*. Permit fees are based on total value of the work included in the scope of the permit and are paid at the time of issuance.

#### How do I schedule an inspection?

Contact the city's contracted Building Official, **Metro West Inspection Services** at 763-479-1720. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to call for required inspections. (*More FAQ's continued on Page 6*)



#### Most Requested Building Permit Fees

Reroof or Reside	\$91/ea.
Windows/Doors ( <i>same openings</i> )	\$91
Furnace or A/C Unit Replacement	\$76/unit
Gas Fireplace	\$76
General Plumbing	\$51+
Water Heater Replacement	\$36
Water Softener Replacement	\$36

*\*All the above fees include a \$1 State Surcharge.*





## Election Judges Needed



The City of Corcoran is recruiting election judges for the 2024 elections.

### Election Judge Duties

Election judges are needed to work at the polling locations to supervise and help with elections. If you are 18 years or older and an eligible voter, you may qualify to serve as an election judge.

### Some of the general duties include:

- Open and close the polls
- Responsible for all election materials
- Ensure only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each voter is permitted to vote only once
- Distribute ballots
- Tally and certify the election results

View more information by visiting:

<http://www.corcoranmn.gov/our-government/elections/election-judges>

Training for election judges is provided. Please contact City Clerk Michelle Friedrich at [mfriedrich@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:mfriedrich@corcoranmn.gov) with questions.

# Elections

## Local Election Information

### Wayzata Public Schools (ISD #284):

• Four seats on the Wayzata School Board are up for election on November 7, 2023 to serve four-year terms.

For more information visit the Wayzata Public Schools elections page: <https://www.wayzataschools.org/district/school-board/elections>

- A tech levy renewal is also on the ballot. The request is for a 10-year technology levy of \$5.7 million per year. Approval of the levy will allow the district to:
  - Replace aging classroom technology equipment and student and staff devices
  - Maintain essential technology support for students and staff

*There is **no tax increase** if voters approve the levy.*

For more information visit: <https://www.wayzataschools.org/technology/tech-levy#:~:text=The%20request%20is%20for%20a,support%20for%20students%20and%20staff>



### Osseo Area Schools (ISD #279):

• Approval of School Building Bonds Phase II Question is on the ballot on November 7, 2023.

*By voting "YES" on this ballot question, you are voting for a property tax increase.*

For more information visit: <https://www.district279.org/betterfuture/faq/~board/referendum/post/what-will-voters-see-on-the-ballot>



### Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools (ISD #877):

• The School Board has called for a bond referendum on November 7, 2023, to improve security, building integrity, and efficiency.

*This is a unique request in that **approval of the bond referendum will not raise taxes beyond current rates.***

For more information visit: <https://www.bhmschools.org/elections>



# 2024

## Future Election Dates

### Presidential Primary

March 5, 2024

### Primary Election

August 13, 2024

### General Election

November 5, 2024

## Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions

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### What must be available on the jobsite?

A copy of the permit and the approved construction documents must be kept on the jobsite and available for all inspections until completion of the project.

### What are the requirements for size, height, setbacks, architectural standards, etc.?

Contact the Planning & Zoning Department for questions regarding zoning requirements or view the Corcoran City Municipal Code at [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Our Government > City Code > Municipal Code.*

### Where is septic and well information found?

The Individual Sewage Treatment System (septic) program is administered by Hennepin County Environmental Health. Hennepin County provides consistent regulation across city boundaries through issuing septic permits, managing inspections, and enforcement to protect ground surface waters, and prevent waterborne illness. Visit [www.hennepin.us/septic](http://www.hennepin.us/septic) for more information. The Well Management Program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Public Health. Visit [www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wells](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wells).

### For additional FAQs and building permit information visit

[www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) – *Public Services > Construction Services & Inspections.* Email [permits@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:permits@corcoranmn.gov) with any questions or inquiries.



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## Public Safety

### Winter Reminders

#### Parking regulations

Parking is prohibited on public streets November 1 through April 1 from 1:00 am – 7:00 am and after a snowfall of at least two inches. Parking may not resume until snow has stopped accumulating and the street has been plowed. No vehicle of 10,000 lbs gross weight or greater shall park on any city street unless authorized by the Director of Public Safety or Public Works Director. Any questions in reference to the parking ordinance, please call the police department at 763-420-8966.

#### Fire hydrant clearing

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

#### Plowing snow onto roads

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

#### Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

It is important to test your alarms regularly, but it is suggested to test them at least once monthly. If your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarm has replaceable batteries, they should be changed at least every six months. Although you replace your batteries, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms don't last forever. Read the manufacturer's use and care booklet for installation and maintenance guidelines. Contact your local fire department with any questions regarding smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms.

#### Fire Department Non-Emergency Phone Numbers:

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

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

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

Visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — Public Services / Fire / Fire Protection Services

### Burn Permits

Burn permits for the City of Corcoran can be purchased at the Corcoran Police Department or by calling 763-420-8966 then press 0, during regular business hours M-F 7:30 am—4:30 pm. The online process has been put on hold while the system is being upgraded. The new online system will be available in the Spring of 2024. For updates go to:

[www.corcoranmn.gov/public\\_services/police/burning\\_regulations\\_permits/burning\\_permits\\_guidelines](http://www.corcoranmn.gov/public_services/police/burning_regulations_permits/burning_permits_guidelines)

Burn permits are required to burn anything larger than a 3' x 3' recreational fire. Burn permits are not necessary if the ground is snow-covered: By definition, in **Minnesota Statute 88.16 subd. 2**: "Snow-covered" means that the ground has a continuous unbroken cover of snow, to a depth of three inches or more, surrounding the immediate area of the fire, sufficient to keep the fire from spreading. Please check the City website for MN DNR issued burn restrictions.

#### Remember that burning the following items is strictly prohibited:

- Hazardous wastes
- Industrial solid waste
- Demolition debris of commercial or institutional structures. (A farm building is not a commercial structure.) Burning of any structure should be referred to a forest officer.
- Salvage operations
- Motor vehicles
- Oils
- Rubber
- Plastics
- Chemically-treated materials
- Other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke, such as, but not limited to: tires, railroad ties, chemically-treated lumber, composite board, sheet rock, wiring, paint, or paint filters.
- Garbage, defined as discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving, or consumption of food.





## Corcoran Police Administrative Office:

763-420-8966

### Office Hours:

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

7:30 am - 8:00 pm, Thurs.

Non-Emergency: 952-258-5321

**FOR EMERGENCIES  
DIAL 911**

## Firearms Safety Class

Dates and times are yet to be determined for the Corcoran Firearms Safety 2024 classes.



### Four basic rules of firearms handling:

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

Students must be 12 years old before November 1, 2024 to be eligible to take the class.

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

## Public Safety

# Give Back to the Community.

## Become a Corcoran Police Reserve Officer.



A Police Reserve Officer is a uniformed, non-sworn, non-paid volunteer who: Provides assistance to the Corcoran Police Department, and valuable service to the community by helping to provide safety and protection for its citizens.



### Typical Events We Work:

- Hamel Rodeo
- Parades
- Demolition Derby
- Corcoran Country Daze
- Truck & Tractor Pull
- Shop with A Cop
- Maple Grove Triathlon
- Toys for Tots



### Requirements

- 18 years of age or older
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Valid MN Driver's License or ability to obtain one within 30 days
- Pass a comprehensive background investigation
- Must be able and willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



*"Feel the appreciation of a supportive community."*

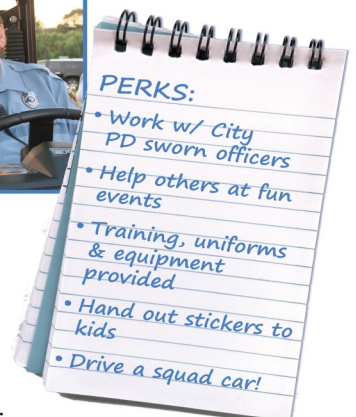
### Things We Do:

- Traffic control, crowd control, and security at special events.
- Help public with vehicle & home lockouts, stalled or disabled vehicles in traffic.
- Assist at medical emergencies and accidents.
- Provide security at crime scenes, traffic accidents and fires.



### CONTACT

Ofc. Clay Decker  
at Corcoran Police Dept.  
8200 County Rd 116  
Corcoran, MN 55340  
(763) 420-8966  
City of Corcoran Website:  
[corcoranmn.gov](http://corcoranmn.gov) → Local News



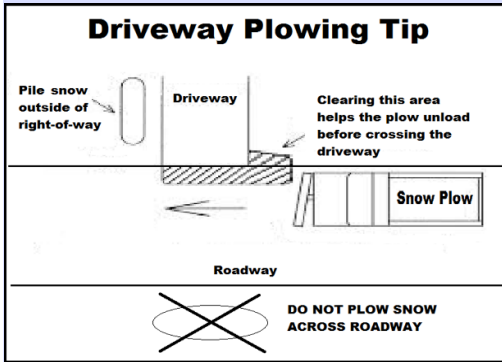
### PERKS:

- Work w/ City PD sworn officers
- Help others at fun events
- Training, uniforms & equipment provided
- Hand out stickers to kids
- Drive a squad car!





## City Snowplow Policy



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Public Works

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



Currently the City has more than 65 miles of roads 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 2:00 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 view the city website at [www.ci.corcoran.mn.us](http://www.ci.corcoran.mn.us) and select Departments - Public Works/Parks Department - Snowplowing.

### 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.

### A Quick Mailbox Reminder

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

### Swing-Away Mail Box Post Option Available

Swing-Away Mail Box 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 front doors of Corcoran City Hall. The Swing-Away Mail Box Posts are available to purchase for \$65.00 for the individual product or for \$150.00, you can have Corcoran Public Works install it. Please call 763-420-2288 for more information or to schedule the installation.

### Hennepin County Snow and Ice Removal

Source: [www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/snow-and-ice](http://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.*



## City Park Remaster

With continued development in the City, the goal is to have a parks and trails system that can continue to provide enjoyable recreation areas. During the August 24, 2023, City Council meeting, the Request for Proposals and Qualifications for Park Master Planning and Design Services was approved to be released. This is the starting point to acquire a consultant group that will help create the toolkit and plans for developing the park system. This toolkit is expected to be inclusive of the City Park remaster project, a boardwalk in the Bellwether development, and assistance in developing RFP templates for future park projects.

The RFPQ for Park Master Planning and Design Services closes on September 29, 2023. Consultants may go through an interview as part of the process, with the discussion of the recommended consultant anticipated for Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the City Council meeting.

## Weather Monitoring

(source: [www.hennepin.us/climate-action/what-we-can-do/preparing-winter-weather](http://www.hennepin.us/climate-action/what-we-can-do/preparing-winter-weather))

Hennepin County helps to ensure we have the information we need to adapt to various weather conditions, especially during our Minnesota winters. They do this by maintaining and expanding the Hennepin West Mesonet.

A mesonet is a system of automated weather monitoring stations used to measure local weather conditions, which can differ greatly from the region as a whole.

This improves weather forecasting, helps in making informed decisions about the weather conditions, and increases our understanding of Hennepin County's climate.



Monitor current conditions and explore weather history on the Hennepin West Mesonet at

<http://www.hennepinwestmesonet.org/>

## Parks & Recreation

### Corcoran Skating Rinks

Corcoran's skating rinks are located at City Park (20200 County Road 50, Corcoran, MN) and 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 closings will be reflected on the weather line (763-400-7025).



### HIRING SOON!

The City will soon be looking for ice rink attendants! If interested, the application will be posted on the City website ([www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov)) soon and can be emailed to Recreation Supervisor Jessica Christensen Buck at [jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov).

### Corcoran Youth Athletics

Thank you to all those that participated in Corcoran Parks and Recreation programs this year! 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 1 player reimbursement per team coached.

#### Important dates for 2024 athletics can be found below:

- **January 8 – 15:** Priority registration for spring baseball opens (*Corcoran residents only*)
- **January 16:** Registration for spring baseball open to all
- **February 25:** Spring baseball registration closes
- **April 1 – 7:** Priority registration for summer soccer opens (*Corcoran residents only*)
- **April 8:** Registration for summer soccer open to all
- **April 29:** Spring machine pitch baseball begins
- **April 29:** Spring t-ball begins
- **April 30:** Spring coach pitch baseball begins
- **May 27:** Summer soccer registration closes
- **June 17:** Fall baseball registration opens
- **July 9:** Summer soccer begins
- **July 21:** Fall baseball registration closes
- **August 19:** Fall t-ball begins
- **August 21:** Fall coach pitch begins
- **August 26:** Fall machine pitch begins



Please note that with the City Park remaster project, some of these dates could be subject to change as the project progresses. More information is anticipated by the end of the year.





## Rental Dwelling Ordinance Now In Effect

Do you own a rental property within the City of Corcoran? The City Council recently adopted a rental dwelling ordinance which went into effect on July 1, 2023. This requires all non-owner-occupied properties to go through the rental licensing and inspection process unless the property is considered a relative homestead with Hennepin County. Additionally, properties that are owner occupied but rent out multiple bedrooms are also subject to the rental licensing provisions of the new ordinance.

Property owners have until January 1, 2024, to apply for their initial license, and the license must be renewed on July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. It is especially important for property owners with more than 5 rental dwellings or within neighborhoods with a high percentage of rental properties to meet the January 1, 2024, deadline. Property owners who don't meet the January deadline will not qualify for a waiver from the limitations placed on the number of rental licenses an individual and/or entity can hold within the City, or the 15% rental dwelling density limit applied per block.

More information about the rental dwelling ordinance and application process can be requested by contacting the Planning Technician, Dwight Klingbeil, at 763-338-9290 or [dklingbeil@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:dklingbeil@corcoranmn.gov).



## Yard Waste Drop Off Site

**Maple Grove Yard Waste Site**  
10300 Maple Grove Parkway, Maple Grove  
763-420-4886

Maple Grove, Champlin, Brooklyn Park, Dayton, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, and New Hope residents at no charge. Rogers residents need a City Hall issued permit to dump. General public may have fees — call first for fees.

Open Apr 1– Nov 30  
Monday- Saturday 8:00 am — 7:00 pm  
Sunday 11:00 am — 7:00 pm

For more information, visit: <https://www.mgyardwaste.com/>



## Environmental Conservation Project Spotlight

(Featured article and images from the Hennepin County *Conservation Connection* Newsletter — July 2023 issue)



### Keeping the cattle out of the creek in Corcoran

A Corcoran resident had a herd of cattle on pasture that included a small stream running toward Rush Creek. Livestock near waterways, such as streams, can pollute them by causing erosion as the livestock walks in and out of the streambank, and by depositing manure directly into the water.

Fencing is a simple fix to help prevent that pollution from happening in the first place. By strategically placing fencing and crossings along waterways, livestock owners can keep cattle out of waterways and thus reduce the sediment, nutrients, and bacteria from flowing downstream into our lakes.

The Corcoran resident responded to a flyer advertising funds to implement best management practices, such as fencing along waterways, in the Rush Creek Subwatershed. Staff worked with the landowner to design and install fencing that was not only sturdy enough to keep his herd on dry land but allowed for more effective grazing rotations. The whole process took less than a year to complete from the initial site visit to the first time the cows were put out to pasture and will be used for many more years to come.

### Conservation Easements

(source: Hennepin County *Conservation Connection* Newsletter — <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNHENNE/bulletins/3646c52>)

Your land likely holds special meaning to you and your family. Special creeks, prairies, or forests can hold many memories of hiking, hunting, and recreation. For landowners who want to permanently protect their land now and into the future, a conservation easement could be a good fit.

Landowners can be compensated for permanently protecting their property with a conservation easement, which is a set of development restrictions that a landowner voluntarily places on their property to permanently protect its natural resources.

Properties that may be a good fit for a conservation easement include those that contain rare plants or animals, are near to or have high quality habitat, or are at risk of being lost due to development. The county also has funding and technical assistance available to landowners for habitat improvement projects.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about establishing a conservation easement, visit [hennepin.us/land-protection](https://hennepin.us/land-protection) or contact Kristine Maurer at [kristine.maurer@hennepin.us](mailto:kristine.maurer@hennepin.us) or 612-348-6570.



(Prairie restoration on a conservation Easement in Hennepin County.  
Photo: CleanWaterMN)





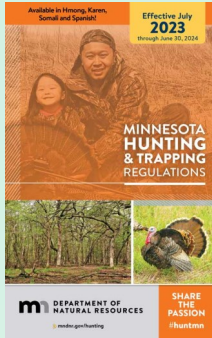
## Hunting Reminder

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](http://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.

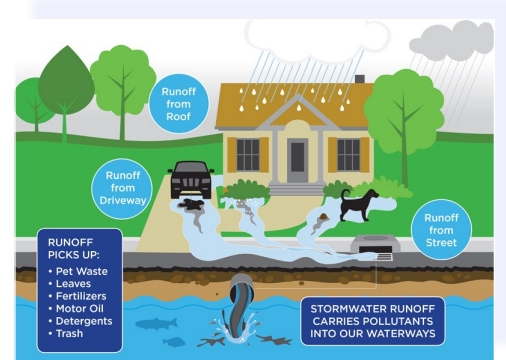
For more information visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) hunting page: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/index.html).



## Environmental Stormwater Runoff

Source: [www.dot.ny.gov](http://www.dot.ny.gov) and [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov)

We want clean water for all different kinds of activities like fishing, boating and swimming. Proper care, monitoring, and management of illicit discharges are essential to the future health of our local bodies of water. Illicit discharges can occur in ditches, storm water drains, even runoff from new development, and end up draining into the Elm Creek Watershed, and then flow into our local bodies of water. Anything other than rain has the potential to be an illicit discharge. It's important that we are aware of what illicit discharges look like and report suspected illicit discharges to the proper authority.



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.

**Our community and residents can participate in keeping our storm water systems clean by being on the lookout for illicit discharges:**

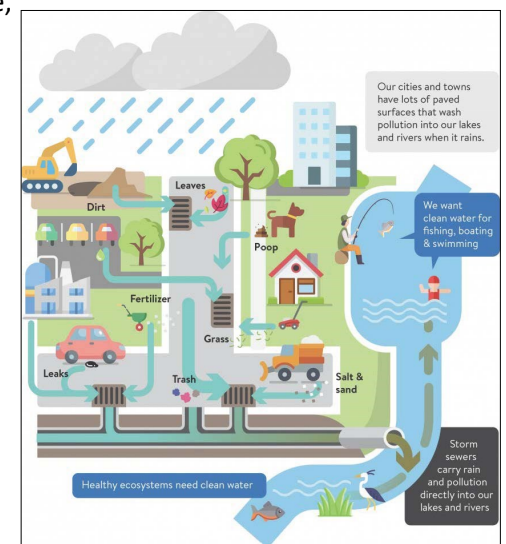
- Concrete or paint washed out in street (most common)
- Runoff such as grass clippings into storm water drains
- Chemical dumping into storm water drains
- Sediment track out (water or other discharge) from construction site
- Water rerouting from an existing water pond or other source
- Storm water pond filled with dirt or other filler
- Toxic material being drained into a ditch or storm water pond
- Dirty water discharging to creek, river, lake, pond or wetland

**Other 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

If you notice any of the above examples, or a situation that may be an illicit discharge, please complete the complaint form at the link below:

[https://www.corcoranmn.gov/how\\_do\\_i/m\\_s4\\_corcoran\\_complaint\\_form](https://www.corcoranmn.gov/how_do_i/m_s4_corcoran_complaint_form)



## Organics Recycling

(source: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling>)

### Composting the right things

You can help ensure success and sustainability of organics recycling programs by putting the right materials in the organics bin.



Compost sites need to receive organics with low levels of contamination, or materials that cannot be composted, so they can produce clean, nutrient-rich compost that people want to purchase and use.

If you're unsure, focus on collecting food. Spoiled food and food scraps are the most common material in the trash and the most nutrient-rich material in the composting process, which makes them the most important material to collect for organics recycling.

Some of the most important items to keep out of the organics recycling because they cause the biggest contamination issues are:

- Glass
- Plastic items, including food stickers, utensils, and Styrofoam™
- Plastic-coated paper items like coffee and soda cups
- Fast food wrappers and condiment packets
- Uncertified to-go containers and products labeled "biodegradable" without any additional certification
- Diapers, sanitary products, and cleaning wipes
- Grease or oil

If you aren't sure what to do with an item or are not sure it's compostable, refer to the Hennepin County organics recycling guide at <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling> or put it in the trash.



## Corcoran Lions Event

Sponsored by: Hamel Lions and Corcoran Lions

### October 2023 Haunted Acres

**October 13-14**  
7:00 pm — 10:00 pm

**October 20-21**  
7:00 pm — 10:00 pm

**October 27-28**  
7:00 pm — 10:00 pm

**Haunted Acres will be located at Corcoran Lions Park. For more information visit [www.corcoranlions.org](http://www.corcoranlions.org)**

**Interested in volunteering for acting and/or other tasks during the events? Visit the following link [www.hamellions.org/haunted-acres](http://www.hamellions.org/haunted-acres)**



## Community Events

### 2023 Shoulak BreastFest Music Festivals October 7, 2023

Source: [www.shoulakbreastfestmusicfestivals.com/](http://www.shoulakbreastfestmusicfestivals.com/)



The Shoulak family can't wait to see you at the farm again, soon. Join us as we kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month with some good old-fashioned farm fun with a BreastFest that's reminding us what's most important; all you need is LOVE!

The Shoulak BreastFest Music Festivals will take place Saturday, October 7, 2023, in Corcoran, and is an opportunity to help raise awareness, fund research and education, provide assistance for the recently-diagnosed, and support survivors of breast cancer.

The event will run from 1:00 pm — 7:00 pm and will include live music, a silent auction, kids' games, food and beverages, and a survivor celebration. Fun for the whole family!

#### Ways to Contribute

- Donate Silent Auction Items
  - Volunteer
- Become A Sponsor
- Contribute Financially

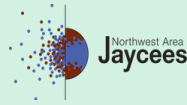
#### Parking for the event will be off-site at

20300 County Road 50,  
Corcoran, MN 55340

A **FREE** shuttle will transport you to and from the festival. If special parking arrangements are needed, you can send requests to: [shoulakbreastfest@gmail.com](mailto:shoulakbreastfest@gmail.com)

For more news and info, visit: [www.shoubf.com](http://www.shoubf.com)

## NW Area Jaycees Annual Santa Visit



**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** See NW Area Jaycees

**Facebook page for location updates**

Pancakes, Santa, Elves, Reindeer! What could be better? Photos with Santa will be taken by a professional photographer, plus kids get to pick a free small gift from under the NW Area Jaycee's holiday tree. Kids also get a chance at a prize drawing for larger gift items. A pancake breakfast will be served for all to enjoy. Activities are free with a non-perishable food shelf donation.

**More info:**

[www.facebook.com/nwareajaycees](http://www.facebook.com/nwareajaycees)



CITY OF CORCORAN'S

# Holiday Toy and Food Drive

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER ONLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2023 ROUTE.  
THOSE ALONG THE ROUTE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND TOYS TO BE DONATED TO CROSS SERVICES AND TOYS FOR TOTS, RESPECTIVELY.





## RiverWorks Events



### Steak Fry & Auction

**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2023  
**Where:** Rockford Township Hall  
3039 Dague Ave SE,  
Buffalo, MN 55313

## ANNUAL STEAK FRY & AUCTION

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

We are excited to be joining together with an evening filled with great food, community & looking to the future of RiverWorks. The fabulous grilled steaks! Artichoke Dip and all those grilled veggies! Wall of Wine Raffle! Join us for an evening filled with community, and an amazing three-course dinner (appetizers, an entree of steak or chicken, and dessert) all while raising funds for RiverWorks!

### What to expect:

5:00 PM appetizers, silent auction, and raffle begin.

- A RiverWorks Update from program directors.
- A live auction with trips and other experiences.
- Fund-A-Need a time to raise funds for specific RiverWorks needs.

### Crow River Christmas

December 2<sup>nd</sup> is Crow River Christmas! Sponsor a Christmas Tree - For over a decade we have been

## CROW RIVER CHRISTMAS



celebrating Crow River Christmas and through the years this event has grown to include many holiday activities that concludes with the official tree lighting and fireworks display at Riverside Park. There are many ways to be involved whether through joining us for the tree lighting to sponsoring a Christmas tree for your business, family greetings, or in memory or honor of loved ones that are displayed in Riverside Park. Crow River Christmas brings people together. To keep up on all the latest, follow the Crow River Christmas Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/CrowRiverChristmas](http://www.facebook.com/CrowRiverChristmas)

For more information on the Steak Fry & Auction and/or Crow River Christmas 2023 email [dkesanen@riverworksonline.org](mailto:dkesanen@riverworksonline.org)

## Community Events

### Hope Community Church

All events held at Hope Community Church  
19951 Oswald Farm Road  
Corcoran, MN 55374

### Miracle Monday Blood Drive

Monday, October 16  
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Deb Thompson believed in miracles. Throughout her life she brought joy, kindness, and compassion to everyone she came across, even during the challenges and suffering of breast cancer, leukemia, a stem cell transplant, thyroid cancer, and a second diagnosis of leukemia.

Deb gave much to others in her lifetime. In the end, the gift of donated blood and platelets gave Deb and her family more time together. In recognition of the gifts she received, her friends are memorializing Deb with the inaugural Miracle Monday Blood Drive so they can continue to bring miracles to the lives of others.

Please join us to celebrate Deb's life and honor her memory by donating blood at the inaugural Miracle Monday Blood Drive.

### SCHEDULE DONATION

Go to [https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/72386](https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/72386)

Enter Sponsor Code: 5069

Or call Emily at 612.986.7515

### Ladies Christmas Tea and Boutique

Saturday, December 2  
Boutique Shopping and Table Viewing 1:00 PM //  
Christmas Tea Begins 3:00 PM

All ladies, ages 4 to 104, are cordially invited to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> 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. This event is filled with Christmas tradition and much joy!

Come early to admire the beautiful tables and shop at the boutique!

General ticket sales open November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Adults \$20.00

Young Ladies (ages 4-10) \$12.00

Tickets sell out early, so don't wait! Purchase at [www.myhopecommunity.com](http://www.myhopecommunity.com) or call 763-494-4673.

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

Saturday, December 9  
Doors open 6:00pm // Event begins 6:30pm

The 21st 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 and a dessert intermission.

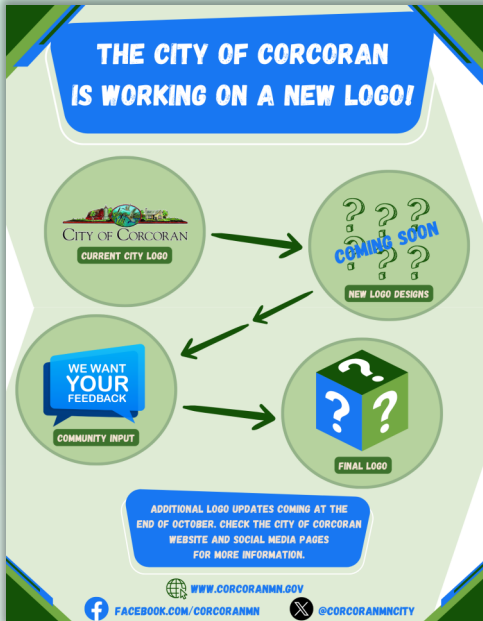
We will be taking an offering to cover the cost of dessert and for the benevolence fund.





## City of Corcoran New Logo

The City of Corcoran is working on a new logo! Updates are coming at the end of October. Check back on our website and social media pages at that time for more information.



## Rocktoberfest VII



Four Epic Bands, Two Amazing Stages, One Heck of a Night! Join us in Riverside Park, Rockford, Minnesota at 4:30 Saturday, October 7th, 2023, for the only Free Community Concert at this level in the State of Minnesota!

The Belfast Cowboys, Michael Shynes and the Flying Vees, Mallrats, and Arch Allies will play in a "battle of the bands" format with over 6 hours of continuous live music!

### Date and Time:

October 7, 2023  
4:30 pm — 11:00 pm

### Location:

Riverside Park  
8220 Elm Street, Rockford, MN 55373

## Community

### North Hennepin Pioneer Society

The North Hennepin Pioneer Society would like to thank everyone in the community for their support in making the Annual Summerfest a success. This year's Summerfest took place on August 13, 2023, on the school grounds of Corcoran's historic, one-room schoolhouse.

Funds collected from this year's Summerfest will help with the expenses and maintenance of the last one-room school house in Corcoran. Last year an interpretive sign was installed on the grounds to view the interior of the school, along with a flagpole, and a school bell for children to ring when visiting.

As a reminder, the North Hennepin Pioneer Society is continuously seeking historical documents, photographs, or items for donation or to copy. The North Hennepin Pioneer Society is also seeking volunteer assistance for the grounds upkeep, building maintenance labor, and monetary donations to help with the expenses. NHPS is a 501C (3) non-profit organization.

### Interested in becoming a member?

Annual Membership is \$15 per person, or \$25 per household.

For information please contact Bonnie at 763-639-1438, Verneal at 763-498-8677, or email [corcoranSchool1894@gmail.com](mailto:corcoranSchool1894@gmail.com).



Grandchildren of  
Dale and Cindy Pomerleau



Raffle Drawing Table



Verneal Klersy  
and  
Lyla Mae Varner (Sisters),  
Burschville alumni

## Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic

Bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more. With free guided assistance, you can disassemble, troubleshoot and fix your item. No pre-registration required.

Items must be carry-in-sized. Bring any parts and supplies that might be helpful. This event is family friendly and events are held monthly. The next event is Saturday, April 8, at Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center 5600 85th Avenue N, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55443.



### Volunteers needed:

Do you have skills in mechanical, electrical or computer repair, soldering, sewing or general tinkering? We need volunteers to help others learn to repair their items. Contact Nancy Lo at [nancy.lo@hennepin.us](mailto:nancy.lo@hennepin.us) or 612-348-9195.

Click on the link for more information on about upcoming clinics

<https://www.hennepin.us/fixitclinic>.





# CITY OF CORCORAN

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Corcoran, MN 55340

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## General Information



### Rural Broadband Expansion

Comcast is expanding service to more than 490 homes in rural areas of Corcoran. Comcast will bring the entire suite of Xfinity and Comcast Business services Corcoran. Please continue to visit the Comcast Twin Cities local blog for updates on construction timelines and when Xfinity services will be available in your neighborhood.


The funding support from the State of Minnesota's Border to Border Broadband program included \$1.2 million, which helped Comcast expand further into the rural areas of Corcoran.

For more information on how to sign up for Xfinity services, or to find updates and answers to frequently asked questions, click on the following link:

<https://midwest.comcast.com/corcoranexpansion/>



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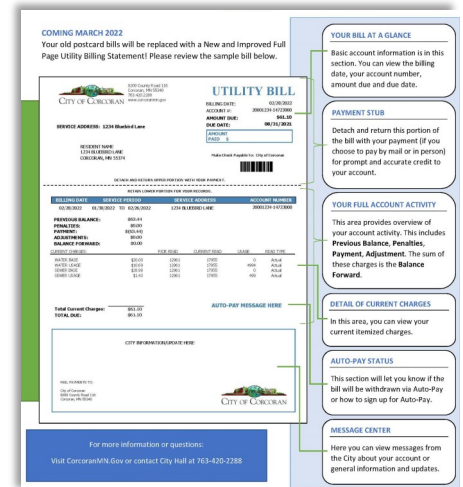
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### Monthly Utility Bills

The city offers online account viewing and e-payment options via [www.invoicecloud.com/corcoranmn](http://www.invoicecloud.com/corcoranmn). You will need your account number in order to access your utility account or pay your bill online. Your account number can be found on the upper right-hand side of your bill.

You may also pay via cash or check at City Hall. Residents and business can place payments and utility service applications in the outdoor drop box located by the main entrance of City Hall at any time or at the front desk during business hours.

Visit [www.corcoranmn.gov](http://www.corcoranmn.gov) — Pay Bills to view, pay or login to your utility billing account. Questions? Contact [utilitybilling@corcoranmn.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@corcoranmn.gov) or call 763-420-2288 and select Option 1.



**City of Corcoran**  
Front Desk — 763-420-2288

**Police Department**  
Front Desk — 763-420-8966

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(Outside of construction hours)  
952-258-5321

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

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