



CORCORAN NEWS

Homestead by 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 2023 homestead status is December 31, 2022.*

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

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

Questions?

Hennepin County Assessor
Email: 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 2022 taxes payable in 2023. 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 Wednesday, November 10, 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, 2022, as the City will finalize the certification process of delinquent charges and fees on this date.

Fall Update

Northeast Water Supply Project

The design for the City's water supply system is nearing completion. Over the past few months the team has been working on architecture and system design. The goal is to bid the project late fall and if the project is approved, bid in early 2023. Construction would take 18 months with an opening operating system in 2024.



Concept of Water Treatment Facility

Broadband Grant

Reliable internet is something nearly 500 households in Corcoran don't have access to. In July the City received proposals from internet providers to partner for a broadband grant. In August, the City submitted a grant with Comcast to complete a project to establish fiber internet into unserved areas of Corcoran. The \$4.3 million dollar project funding includes contributions by Comcast, the Minnesota Border-to-Border Grant, Hennepin County, with a City contribution of 2.5 percent.

Development News

St. Therese

The continuum of care facility broke ground on September 1 with a special visit from the Archbishop of St. Paul. The St. Therese project is the first development within the City's town center area.

Cook Lake Highlands

A mixed use development containing a senior co-operative, day care, memory care, and single family homes, has begun street and utility construction work.

NAPA

In the downtown area of Corcoran, the new NAPA building is under construction.

Nelson International

In the northeast corner of Corcoran, Nelson International is open for business.

Residential Development

New housing opportunities continue with Tavera, Rush Creek Reserve, Bellwether, Amberly, Bechtold Farms and more. Check out the City's development projects section of the City's website, www.corcoranmn.gov, for additional information on land use and development.

Wright Hennepin Electric Substation

Grading on the new electrical substation began in September.

Elections

The City has offices up for election as part of the general election on November 8, 2022. Absentee voting has begun. You can request a ballot be sent to you or you can vote via absentee ballot at City Hall during regular City Hall hours. For information on the City's election, absentee balloting extended hours, or other information related to elections, visit the City website.

As always, feel free to contact the Council or me with comments or questions. I can be reached at 763-400-7029 or jbeise@corcoranmn.gov.

Have a safe and wonderful fall season!

Jessica Beise
City Administrator



City Updates

The Corcoran City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 pm at City Hall unless otherwise posted. The following is a recap of a selection of items discussed at meetings since the last newsletter. Complete Council Packets can be viewed at www.corcoranmn.gov — Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets.

Planning Commission Recognition— Dean Jacobs

Recognized Dean Jacobs for his service.

Broadband Project

Supported a grant application with Comcast to extend fiber to the City's nearly 500 homes without fiber.

Ordinance Prioritization

Provided staff feedback on ordinance change priorities.

Adopted the Preliminary Budget

Completed multiple work sessions on the budget and adopted a 2023 budget and preliminary levy.

Tavera 4th Addition PUD and Final Plat Planned Unite Development (PUD)

Approved the 4th Addition of Tavera including accepting the park.

City Park Remaster

Authorized further refinement of the plans; and accepted the revised plans.

Oath of Offices

Swore in Officer Abigail Edstrom and Officer Tim Spellacy

Years of Service Reognition

Recognized Reserve Officer Ted Schmidt for 15 years and Public Works Director Kevin Mattson for 5 years.

Notice of Decision—Corcoran Farms EAW

Issued a no need for further environmental study.

Wright Hennepin Electric Final Plat and Development

Approved the final plat for the Wright Hennepin Substaion.

Water Supply Planning

Reviewed Architecture for the Water Treatment and Water Tower.

St. Therese /City Center Drive Grading

Authorized the grading for St. Therese site and City Center Drive.

THC Regulation Discussion

Place a moratorium on THC sales in Corcoran.

Walcott Glen Final Plat and PUD

Approved the final plat and PUD for a development with a mix of townhomes and single family homes.

Cook Lake Highlands

Denied a PUD Amendment Request for a change to park dedication.

Approved a joint powers agreement for shared maintenance of the north Brockton Lane.

Approved early street and utility construction with conditions.

Request for Sign Ordinance Amendment

Directed staff to complete a sign ordinance amendment for community event signage.

2021 Audit

Heard the audit presentation and accepted the 2021 Audit

Night to Unite Recap

Heard a recap of Night to Unite and accepted donations from the many vendors who participated.

2023-2025 Labor Agreement

Adopted a three year labor agreement for Police.

Easement Vacations

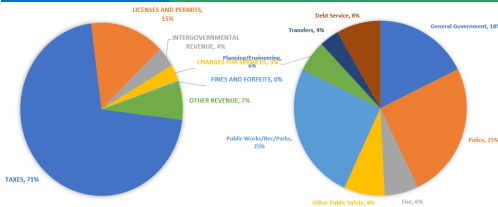
Vacated drainage and utility easements for Blair Brown, Rush Creek Reserve, Amberly, and Bellwether.

Public Safety Reorganization

Accepted changes to job descriptions within the Police Department.

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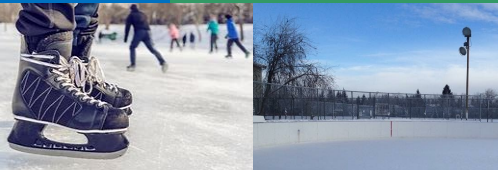


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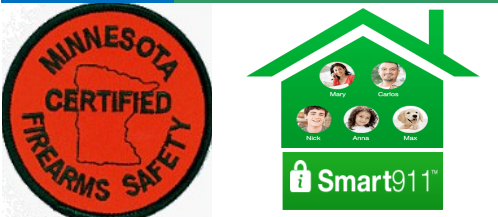
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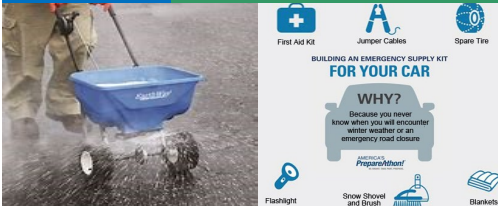
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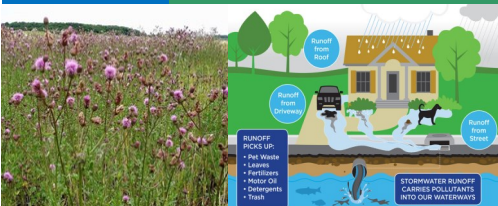
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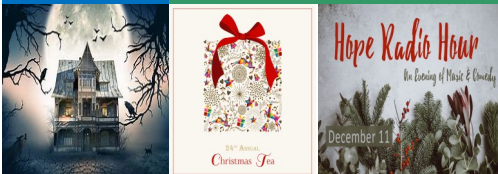
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Corcoran Happenings



Submitting a Building Permit



The City of Corcoran has transitioned to a new online permitting software making interactions more efficient and convenient. Through this new online portal, residents and contractors can apply for a building permit, check permit status and inspection results, and make electronic payments.

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.

Bond Conduit Financing or Host Approval

Authorized the issuance of bond conduit financing for St. Therese.

Rental Ordinance

Reviewed an initial draft of a rental ordinance and provided feedback to staff.

Election Canvassing

Selected November 14 at 5:30pm for Election Canvassing.

Holiday Toy and Food Drive

Authorized staff to move forward with a Holiday Toy and Food Drive through the community.

Request for Construction Access

Heard a request for changing construction access for Bellwether/Amberly.

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.

Blair Brown Riding Arena Conditional Use Permit at 22640 Oakdale Drive (city file 22-047) The applicant is requesting approval for a riding arena. This item was reviewed at a public hearing at the September 1 Planning Commission meeting. Council approved on September 22.

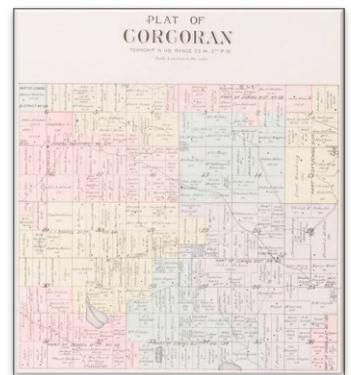
Pro-Tech Site Plan, CUP, and Variance (PID 26-119-23-11-0020) (City File No. 22-048). An application was submitted to move forward with the site plan, two CUPs, and three variances for an expansion of Pro-Tech Auto. The public hearing was held at the September 1st Planning Commission meeting, and all but one variance was recommended for approval. Council recommendex

Northeast Water Treatment Plat Site Plan and Variance (city file 22-057) A site plan application was submitted by Stantec to move forward with the site for the City's water treatment plant located at 10120 County Road 116 in the Northeast District. The submitted site plan would require three variances related to screening and an accessory structure within the front yard. The item was reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 1st with a recommendation to approve the application except for one of the proposed screening-related variances. Council approved the application and two of the three variances.

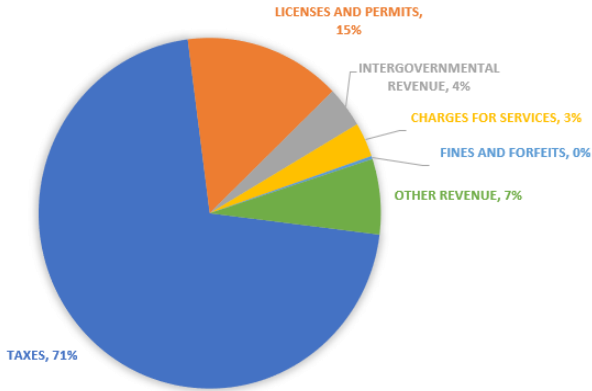
St. Therese Site Plan Amendment (PID 24-119-23-23-0001) (City File No. 22-053). St. Therese submitted a request to modify their building plan. These changes will allow for the Skilled Nursing portion of the project to be added as a future phase and will expand the Memory Care component from 17 units to 20 units. Additionally, the changes request allowance of a pitched roof. Council will be provided the updated plans within an informational staff report anticipated for the October 27 meeting.

O'Brien Sketch Plan (PID 32-119-23-44-0003) (City File No. 22-049). A sketch plan application was submitted for corporate offices of Crystal Distribution Inc (CDI) spanning 15,000 square feet at 22320 Highway 55. The item was reviewed by Council at the August 25 Council meeting.

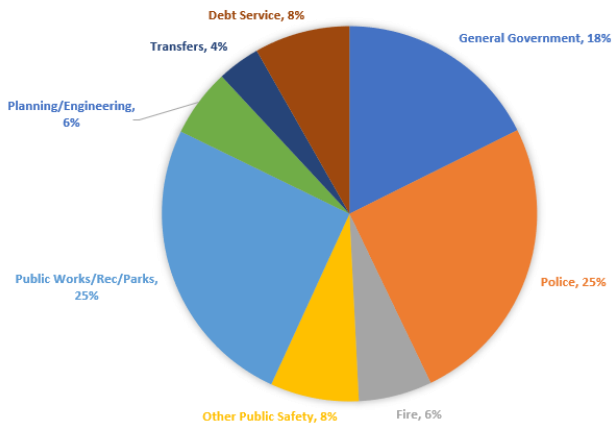
Lots, Fences, and Walls ZOA (City File No. 22-033). Staff received direction at the June 9th Council meeting on potential solutions for additional fence flexibility within front yards as well as identifying a primary front yard for lots with multiple frontages. The City Council reviewed a draft ordinance at the August 11th meeting and directed staff to limit the focus of the amendment to reduce the setback for fences to 25'. Council approved the ordinance amendment.



2023 Revenue by Category



2023 Expenditure by Category



ALLOCATION OF TAX DOLLARS

The median estimated market value of a home in Corcoran is \$475,000. The City taxes on a home of that value using the projected tax rate is \$1,994 per year or about \$166 per month. The chart below shows where the \$1,994 is allocated based upon the overall percentage of City expenditures (*Amounts are rounded*).

Item	Annual Cost	Cost Per Month
Police	\$498	\$42
Fire	\$120	\$10
Other Public Safety*	\$160	\$13
Public Works/Parks	\$498	\$41
General Government	\$358	\$30
Planning/Engineering	\$120	\$10
Transfers/Debt Service	\$240	\$20
TOTAL	\$1,994	\$166

*Other Public Safety includes Building Inspection and Code Enforcement.

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LEVY

The City Council adopted its preliminary levy for 2023 at the September 8th 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 2023 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 2023, this portion is anticipated to cover 29% of the City's expenditures. The remaining 71% is funded through the property tax levy.

TAX EFFECT

The adopted preliminary levy is in the amount of \$7,166,425, which is a \$1,466,994 increase from the 2022 levy. The need for additional services, increased costs due to inflation and other factors have increased the City's levy. The project tax rate change is reduced from 43.192% to 41.97%. The goal of the Council is to continue to lower the overall tax rate year after year, and this goal has been accomplished for the sixth year in a row.

A reduced tax rate means properties with no change in value would see a decrease in 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: 17.6% **Agricultural:** 16.5% **Commercial:** 20.1% **Industrial:** 18%

Using this information, a home previously valued at \$400,000 would now be valued at \$470,400. The anticipated tax impact in this example would be as follows:

	Home Value	Tax Capacity	Tax Rate	City Tax
2022	\$400,000	\$3,987.60	43.192%	\$1,722.32
2023	\$470,400	\$4,704.00	41.970%	\$1,974.27

The City Council will continue to refine the budget and levy prior to final approval, which is anticipated on December 8. Between now and that time the levy can decrease, but not increase.

NEXT STEP

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Budget Meeting

Meeting format to be determined.
Thursday, December 8 at 7 pm

Learn More...

The entire budget and related staff reports are available at www.corcoranmn.gov — Our Government / Council / Agenda Packets / 2022-09-08 Council Agenda Packet to view the budget used to set the preliminary levy. City Administrator Jessica Beise, jbeise@corcoranmn.gov or 763-400-7030, or Finance Manager Maggie Ung, mung@corcoranmn.gov or 763-400-7032, can be reached for further questions.



2022 Corcoran Calendar

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

Oct 6: Planning Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Oct 13: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Oct 20: Parks and Trails Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Oct 25: Charter Commission Meeting

5:30pm—Council Chambers

Oct. 27: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 3: Planning Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov. 10: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 11: Holiday – City Hall Closed

Nov 14: City Council Special Meeting (Monday)

5:30pm—Council Chambers

Nov 17: Parks and Trails Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 21: City Council Meeting (Monday)

7 pm — Council Chambers

Nov 24-25: Holiday – City Hall Closed

Dec 1: Planning Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec. 8: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 15: Parks and Trails Commission Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 21: City Council Meeting

7 pm — Council Chambers

Dec 23 and 26: Holiday – City Hall Closed



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Parks and Recreation

Corcoran Skating Rinks

Corcoran's skating rinks offer fun and recreation for cold weather enthusiasts of all ages. Building and maintaining the rinks depend on many variables. To start making ice, crews need temperatures to be around 0 to -10 degrees Fahrenheit for about one week and approximately four inches of frozen ground. The crews then establish a six-inch base, which will help rinks survive most warm snaps. The final step is to build a smooth "finish surface" on the ice. Every year, Public Works aims to open for the season late December, and weather permitting, remain open until late February. Depending on weather conditions, the Public Works crew cleans and resurfaces the rinks daily, Monday through Friday, and weekend mornings (with roads and public safety being first priorities). Inclement weather can cause the rinks to be temporarily closed. Rink closing will be reflected on the weather line at 763-400-7025.



HIRING SOON!

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



SAVE THE DATE – BASEBALL REGISTRATION!

Baseball registration opens for residents on Monday, January 9, 2023 for the spring season. Be sure to mark your calendars so you do not miss the chance to register before registration opens to all on Tuesday, January 16, 2023. The password for early baseball registration is: **Baseball**

Corcoran Youth Athletics

Thank you to everyone 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 one player reimbursement per team coached.

Important dates for 2023 Corcoran Youth Athletics:

- **January 9-15:** Priority registration for spring baseball opens (*Corcoran residents only -password: Baseball*)
- **January 16:** Registration for spring baseball open to all
- **February 26:** Spring baseball registration closes
- **April 3-9:** Priority registration for summer soccer opens (*Corcoran residents only -password: Soccer*)
- **April 10:** Registration for summer soccer open to all
- **April 24:** Spring machine pitch baseball begins
- **April 24:** Spring t-ball begins
- **April 25:** Spring coach pitch baseball begins
- **May 29:** Summer soccer registration closes
- **June 19:** Fall baseball registration opens
- **July 6:** Summer soccer begins
- **July 23:** Fall baseball registration closes
- **August 14:** Fall t-ball begins
- **August 16:** Fall coach pitch begins
- **August 21:** Fall machine pitch begins





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 2023 classes.



Four basic rules of firearms handling:

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

Students must be 12 years old before Nov. 1, 2023 to be eligible to take the class.

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

Public Safety

15th Annual Truck Safety Seminar

Date: TBD

Time: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Topics to be covered:

- New commercial vehicle laws for 2023
- Rules and regulations,
- Vehicle equipment requirements

For more information on the 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 call the Police Admin Office at 763-420-8966 or email psteelman@corcoranmn.gov



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 — *Public Services / Fire / Fire Protection Services*



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Public Safety

Smart911

Corcoran PD is partnering with Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 to utilize their Smart911 Suite. This service is available to individuals within our community. Smart911 is a free service to residents (HCSO covers the cost) that allows individuals and families to sign up online to provide key information to 9-1-1 telecommunicators when they call 9-1-1, in turn, we're able to provide this information to responders. You can also sign up for notifications from your community to keep you informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies. You may provide as much or as little information as you choose. Information such as having a child with autism, living with a person who has a disability, who is in your household, what pets you have, medications you or family members take, medical conditions or allergies or if you just want to add your phone number, home address or work address, this information is vital to sending out emergency services to you quickly and in a time of need. All this information is data private and is only seen by the dispatchers and emergency responders when you call 9-1-1.



Your entire household. One

Smart 911 is a national service meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.

We would like as many residents as possible and businesses within our community to sign up and create a profile. There are many different situations or examples of why individuals, families and businesses would benefit from creating a profile. To learn more about this program or to sign up visit Smart911's website at <https://smart911.com/>.

Hunting Reminders



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. You can get a copy of the firearm ordinances and regulations at City Hall, the Police Department, or on the City's website at www.ci.corcoran.mn.us.

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

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website (MN DNR) has a vast amount of information on hunter safety, seasons, regulations, licenses, and much more. Their website is: www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/index.html Be an ethical hunter and follow safe hunting practices. Corcoran PD asks that hunters respect others and their property while hunting. Everyone has the right to enjoy the outdoors safely.



Election Registration Information

Voter Registration is required prior to casting your ballot. To register, complete a Minnesota Voter Registration Application by mail, in person, or online at mnvotes.org. You may also register on Election Day at your polling place with required information to prove your residency.

To register, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- At least 18 years old on Election Day.
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days.
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence.
- You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote.
- You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

**If you have moved, changed names, or haven't voted within four years, you must update your registration by completing a new registration application.*



Absentee Voting by Mail

If you are unable to vote in person at City Hall, visit mnvotes.org to complete the absentee ballot application process online. If you're unable to complete the application online, you can pick up an application at Corcoran City Hall or call 763-400-7031 to request an absentee ballot application be sent to you. Upon receipt of completed and signed application, your absentee ballot will be sent via Hennepin County.

Election Information on the City of Corcoran Website

Additional election information is available on the City's website at www.corcoranmn.gov

Select:

Government — Election Information

Election Information

Early Voting Dates

Sept 23: Absentee voting begins

Oct 18: Last day to Pre-Register to vote for the Election (*Registration on Election Day available*)

Nov 5: City Hall open until 10:00 am—3:00 pm for in-person absentee voting

Nov 7: City Hall open until 8:00 am—5:00 pm for in-person absentee voting



Vote on General Election Day

Nov 8: General Election day

Polls open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

For more information on elections contact Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk via email at mfriedrich@corcoranmn.gov or 763-400-7031 or visit mnvotes.org.

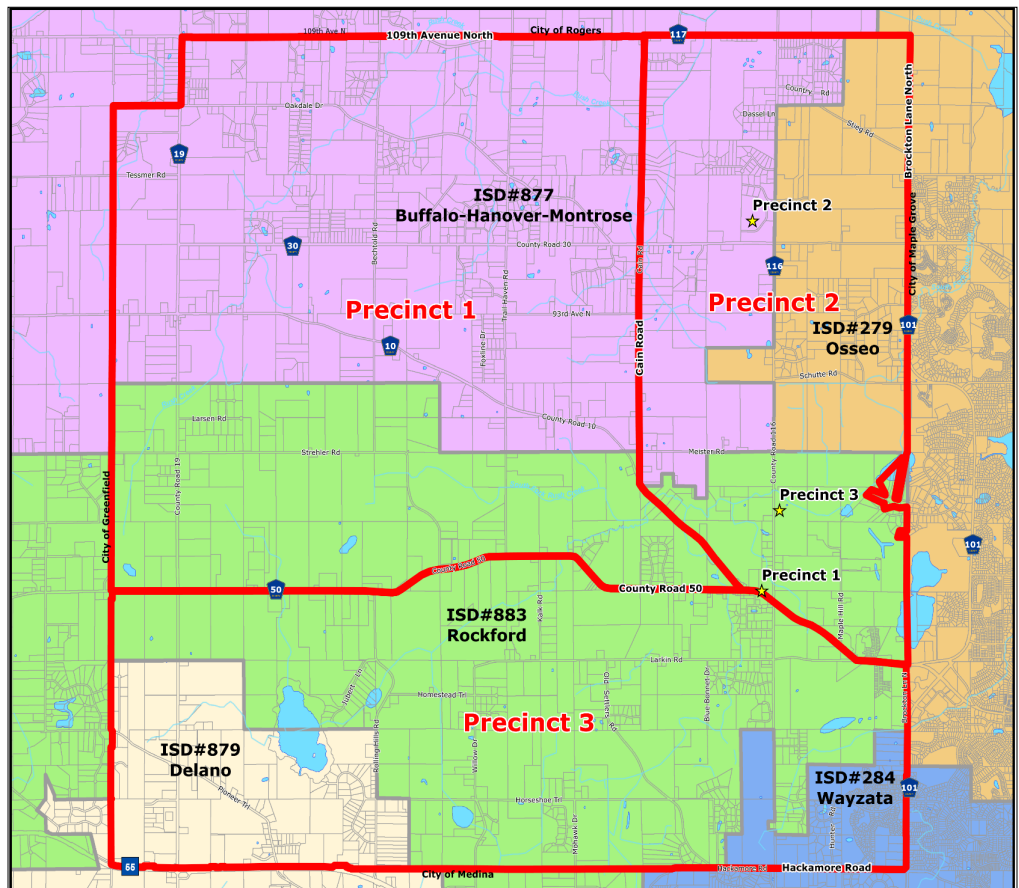
Not sure of your polling location visit: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Polling Locations

Precinct 1: St. Thomas the Apostle Church
20000 County Road 10
Corcoran, MN 55340

Precinct 2: Hope Community Church
19951 Oswald Farm Road
Corcoran, MN 55374

Precinct 3: Corcoran City Hall
8200 County Road 116
Corcoran, MN 55340



Candidates for Corcoran City Offices

The City of Corcoran's next municipal election will be held on November 8, 2022. Corcoran will have four positions on the general election ballot for city offices: Mayor (two-year term) and three City Councilmember positions (two, four-year terms and one special election).

Corcoran hosts a municipal election as part of the 2022 General Election. The mayor and three council member seats are on the ballot. Listed below are the candidates for these offices in alphabetical order.

Mayor

Two-Year Term — One Seat Available

- Tom McKee

City Council

Four-Year Term — Two Seats Available

- Craig Espelien
- Alan Schultz
- Jeremy Nichols
- Jason Woody

Special Election — One Seat Available

- Dean Vehrenkamp

Elections and Voting Links

Visit: mnvotes.org

Register to Vote

Register to vote online, check registration, etc.

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/

Other Ways to Vote/Absentee

Vote before election day by mail, in-person, track your absentee ballot or find your county election office.

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/

Election Day Voting

Find where to vote, voting hours, etc.

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-day-voting/

What's On My Ballot?

View sample ballot, search candidate filings, etc.

www.sos.state.mn.2-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/

City Information

City of Corcoran Contact Information

City Hall — 763-420-2288 | **Police** — 763-420-8966 | **Public Works** — 763-420-2652
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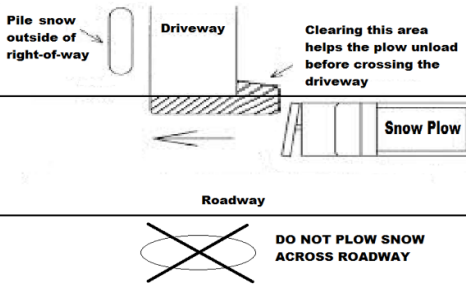
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City Snowplow Policy

Driveway Plowing Tip



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

Snow dumped on highways or street 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. 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

DON'T FOLLOW A PLOW OR STOP TOO CLOSELY.

! Caution: Snow plows move slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes and exit the road frequently.



Corcoran Public Works Department clears 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.

The City of Corcoran plows 70 miles of road and more than 100 cul-de-sacs. The criteria for the decision to begin snow and/or ice control operation are as follows:

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

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

Garbage Can Driveway Location

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

Mailbox Reminder

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

Swing-Away Mailbox Post Option

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



Snowmobile Safety & Training

Sponsored by the Northwest Trail Association

The Northwest Trails Association is an organization of enthusiastic and committed snowmobilers in Hennepin County and the NW suburbs of Minneapolis. Its mission is to support a safe, adventurous, and friendly snowmobiling experience primarily through coordination, safety education, and club activities of value to members.

To register for the class, go to the NW Trails website at <http://nwtrails.net/safety.htm> (space is limited).

An online course is required prior to the classroom session. There is a \$30 fee for the online course available at www.snowmobilecourse.com. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of pre-registration to reserve a seat. More information will be made available with pre-registration.

Important Info: Students must bring a copy of their birth certificate with them and a printout from the online training verifying completion of the on-line certificate to class on November 25. Participation in class will not be allowed if the online course completion is not confirmed.

Classes: Friday, November 25, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (parents are required to attend) and Saturday, November 26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm is the outdoor practical course. Snowmobiles will be provided.

Questions: Please call Randy Baudler at 763-420-5526 or email at youthsafetytraining@gmail.com

Did You Know?

All Minnesotans born after December 31, 1976, must have a safety certificate to operate a snowmobile in the state. If you have a driver's license, this certification will be indicated on your license.

Area Snowmobile Trails



Sponsored by: Northwest Trails Association — www.nwtrails.net

Corcoran's snowmobile trails are setup and maintained by the Northwest Trails Association. Northwest Trails is an organization of enthusiastic and committed snowmobilers in Hennepin County and the northwest suburbs of Minneapolis, MN. Northwest Trails Association was formed as a non-profit volunteer organization in 1973. Its mission is to support a safe, adventurous, and friendly snowmobiling experience primarily through trail coordination, safety education, and club activities of value to members.

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



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

It takes many hours of volunteered labor to mark and maintain our trail system throughout the year. Trail signs are set up in October for the Dec 1 trail opening and will be removed in April. The trails are groomed using a modern Tucker Sno-Cat and our custom built drags.

For trail updates visit: www.nwtrails.net

Minnesota Waters Need a Low-Salt Diet

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

Minnesota has a growing salty water problem that threatens its freshwater fish and other aquatic life. Chloride from both de-icing salt and water softener salt gets into lakes and streams, and groundwater that supplies drinking water. It takes only one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water. Once in the water, there is no easy way to remove the chloride.

De-icing salt — When snow and ice melts, the salt we spread on icy roads, parking lots, and sidewalks flows with it into storm drains and our lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. An estimated 365,000 tons of road salt is applied in just the Twin Cities metro area each year. A study by the University of Minnesota found that about 78% of salt applied in the Twin Cities for winter maintenance is either transported to groundwater or remains in the local lakes and wetlands. In the Twin Cities and other communities across Minnesota, local partners are addressing this problem by using sand and other strategies to keep winter roads safe while using less salt as a deicer.

Water softener salt — People soften their water to make water heaters operate more efficiently, prevent hard water spots on dishes, and make soaps lather more. In most communities, salty brine from water softeners drains to municipal wastewater treatment plants that aren't designed to remove salt from wastewater, so the salt passes through to a lake or stream.

Drinking water — Salt has contaminated groundwater in some areas of the state; 75% of Minnesotans rely on groundwater for drinking water. Excess salt could affect the taste and healthfulness of drinking water.



BEYOND PESTICIDES

THE EFFECTS OF 40 COMMON GARDENING CHEMICALS

Studies show that hazardous lawn and landscape chemicals are drifting into our homes where they contaminate indoor air and surfaces, exposing individuals at levels 10x higher than pre-application levels. You can protect yourself and your family, pets, and neighborhood from toxic chemical exposure!

1. HEALTH EFFECTS




- Cancer: 26
- Endocrine (hormonal) Disruption: 24
- Sexual/Reproductive Problems: 29
- Birth defects: 21
- Neurotoxic: 24
- Kidney and/or Liver damage: 32
- Sensitizers and/or Irritants: 33

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

2.

- Detectable in Groundwater: 21
- Ability to Leach into Drinking Water: 24
- Toxic to Fish and/or Aquatic Organisms: 39
- Toxic to Bees: 33
- Toxic to Mammals: 18
- Toxic to Birds: 28



3. TOP 10 MOST CONCERNING CHEMICALS FOR HUMAN HEALTH



- 2,4-D (Herbicide)
- Atrazine (Herbicide)
- Carbaryl (Insecticide)
- Dicamba (Herbicide)
- Glyphosate (Herbicide)
- Mecoprop (Herbicide)
- Malathion (Insecticide)
- Permethrin (Insecticide)
- Thiophanate methyl (Fungicide)
- Trichlorfon (Insecticide)

TOP 10 MOST CONCERNING CHEMICALS FOR ECOLOGICAL HEALTH

4.



- 2,4-D (Herbicide)
- Carbaryl (Insecticide)
- Chlorothalonil (Fungicide)
- Dicamba (Herbicide)
- Fipronil (Insecticide)
- Glyphosate (Herbicide)
- Mecoprop (Herbicide)
- Malathion (Insecticide)
- MCPA (Herbicide)
- Imidacloprid (Insecticide)

See More: bp-dc.org/lawns

Environmental

Wetland Buffers

A wetland buffer is an un-mowed and naturally vegetated area adjacent to a wetland that protects the wetland from the effects of nearby development. Wetlands store stormwater runoff to reduce the intensity and magnitude of flooding events, and provide food, shelter, and important habitats for wildlife. The wetlands in Corcoran exhibit a great variety of floral diversity and wildlife habitat; healthy buffers protect these wetlands and can add aesthetic value to your landscape.



Healthy wetland buffer

As part of new developments, wetland buffers are established and easements are provided over the wetland and buffer to ensure they are protected. Developers are responsible for establishing or re-establishing wetland buffers. Over time, homeowners associations in new neighborhood developments will take over responsibility for the maintenance of the wetland buffers. These associations should hire a contractor that specializes in wetland buffer maintenance.



Canadian Thistle, a noxious weed

Unfortunately, there are currently some wetland buffers in Corcoran that are not in compliance with the City and Watershed wetland buffer standards. The City is working with developers and homeowners associations to bring wetlands into compliance with wetland buffer standards. You may see maintenance activity in the wetland buffers including, but not limited to seasonal mowing, hand pulling of weeds, spot spraying herbicide, prescribed burning and re-seeding of bare areas. This process will take time. Homeowners can assist in maintaining healthy wetland buffers by not disturbing the wetland buffer with activities such as:



A wetland buffer sign

- Mowing lawns beyond wetland buffer monuments
- Dumping grass, leaves, dirt or other landscaping materials into the buffer
- Installing trails
- Generally disturbing the wetland buffer

For more information on buffer management, visit the Board of Water and Soil Resources Buffer Management page: <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/buffer-management>

Your streets connect to lakes, rivers and streams. Things you can do to protect Minnesota's valuable resources.

Source: www.westmetrowateralliance.org



We all play a role in improving water quality in Minnesota. No matter where you live, our choices are powerful because water moves. The raindrops that fall on our streets flow through storm drains that empty directly into our lakes, creeks, rivers, and wetlands. Raindrops pick up chemicals, pollutants, and debris that they touch along the way. Every point in a raindrop's path is an opportunity to improve our water quality. These actions can help our waters immensely. Take on a few of these actions at your home and share them with others. You can also look for volunteer opportunities through your city, watershed organization, or county to have a greater impact on water quality in your community. Every positive choice and voice helps improve our waterways, wildlife habitats and the beautiful, fun waters where we Minnesotans relax and play.



Keep streets clear of leaves and grass clippings

Sweep, rake, mulch or compost. Stormwater runoff carries leaves and grass clippings from streets into lakes and streams, where their nutrients cause destructive algae blooms. Use these nutrients to your benefit. Use them as mulch for weed suppression, or make them into compost to use as fertilizer. This protects water quality—and saves money.



Kick the chemicals

Lawn and garden chemicals can harm pollinators and wash into the street's storm drains that connect directly into nearby lakes and streams. Encourage the growth of healthy lawns and gardens. Pull weeds by hand or use spot treatment for weeds. If you have a weed or pest problem, consult the University of Minnesota Extension website for advice. Get a soil test before applying fertilizers. If you apply fertilizer, sweep up excess from pavement. Remember, a need for chemical treatments is an option of last resort.



Salt sparingly

Shovel first, minimize salt use, sweep up excess. Just one teaspoon of salt permanently contaminates five gallons of fresh water. Shovel snow first, apply salt only to ice patches, use as little salt as possible, and sweep up leftover salt when ice is gone. Remember: More isn't better, and sodium chloride, the most common deicer, stops working below 15°F.



Scoop the poop

Pick up after pets. When pet waste is left behind, rain water washes it into lakes and streams. Pet waste contains bacteria, such as E. Coli, that can cause illness in people, pets, and wildlife. Pet waste also contains nutrients that cause destructive algae blooms in lakes and streams.



Adopt a storm drain



Keep drains free of leaves, grass

clippings, and litter. Water entering a storm drain is carried directly to the nearest water body carrying leaves, grass, soil, litter and anything else it picks up along the way. This clogs stormwater infrastructure, contributes to street flooding, harms wildlife, and pollutes our waters. Remember, nothing but rain down the drain!

Capture rain water

Capture and clean rain water and recharge groundwater. Plant a rain garden, which collects rain water runoff, lets it soak into the ground, and filters out excess nutrients and other pollutants. Pollinators can benefit, too. You could also install a rain barrel, which captures rainwater from the roof of your house or garage to use in your garden. Or you can redirect downspouts to flow into your yard instead of running off into the street.



Conserve water

Water the lawn only when it's needed during dry periods. Water about one inch a week (including rain fall). Water early in the morning to reduce evaporation. Conserve water by sweeping, rather than hosing off, driveways and sidewalks.



2022 Corcoran Recycling Schedule

South of Co Rd 10

North of Co Rd 10

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER

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



REPUBLIC SERVICES

763-972-3335

www.republicservices.com

November 15th is America Recycles Day



Corcoran Happenings

Hope Community Church

“Hope Radio Hour”

A Festive Evening of Music and Comedy

Date: Saturday, December 10

Time: Doors open 6:00 pm — Event begins 6:30pm

The 20th 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. Hope Community Church will collect donations to cover the cost of dessert and to support Hope Children’s Home serving orphans in Uganda, Africa.



Ladies Christmas Tea and Boutique

Date: Saturday, December 3

Time: 1:00 pm Boutique Shopping/Table Viewing
3:00 PM Christmas Tea Begins

All ladies, ages 4 to 104, are cordially invited to attend the 25th 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!

General ticket sales open November 1. Tickets sell out early, so don’t wait! Purchase at www.myhopecommunity.com or call 763-494-4673.

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

Adults: \$20

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

NW Area Jaycees Future Events

Santa Claus Is Coming to Corcoran!



Date: Saturday, December 7, 2022

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Immanuel United Methodist Church

10025 Brockton Ln N., Corcoran, MN ****NEW LOCATION****

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.



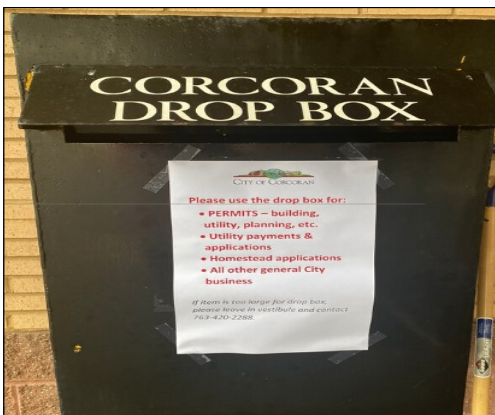
City of Corcoran Welcomes Staff



Linda Canton joined the Administration Department as the new Administrative Assistant in August. Linda is married to Mark and they have a son Adam who was married in June and a daughter Abbie who is working on her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Linda loves dogs, of which they have three, and taking them for walks, doing things with her family like going to the cabin, hiking, going to MN Wild games, watching football and traveling.

Corcoran Drop Box

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



Corcoran Happenings



CROSS Meals on Wheels



What is Meals on Wheels? CROSS Meals on Wheels offers delivery of hot, ready-to-eat meals to elderly, disabled, and homebound individuals living in Corcoran, Maple Grove, Osseo, Rogers, and Dayton.

When are meals delivered? Meals are delivered between 11 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Friday.

What type of food is served? Meals are a main entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, fruit, and milk.

Can relatives sign up their loved ones? Family members are encouraged to contact CROSS to obtain information about enrolling loved ones.

How much does it cost? With the new sliding fee program, the home delivered meal program is now open to more community members, the meal price determined on eligibility to pay and need.

Do you need volunteers? As our program grows, so does the need for volunteer drivers. Whether once a month or once a week, CROSS will work around your schedule. Drivers must have their own vehicle, driver's license and insurance.

Based in Rogers, CROSS Services is a nonprofit organization serving families and individuals for 42 years. For more information, contact CROSS at 763-425-1050, info@CROSSservices.org, or visit www.CROSSservices.org.





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General Information

Monthly Water and Sewer Bills

The City of Corcoran offers a direct payment ACH option for monthly city sewer and water bills. Direct payment ACH guarantees bills are paid in full and on time each month by automatically deducting payment from a checking or savings account. Email

utilitybilling@ci.corcoran.mn.us

or visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *How do I? / Sign Up For / Utility Services* for the ACH application and information on how to enroll.



In addition, the City also offers online credit card payments for utility bills as another method of payment. Visit <https://cityofcorcoran.revtrak.net> for the credit card payment option.

Yard Waste and Compost

The City of Corcoran currently does not have a compost or yard waste site. The nearest site available for residents is the Maple Grove Yard Waste Site. For a small fee Corcoran residents can drop off yard waste, which includes leaves, grass clippings, brush, and logs up to 10" in diameter.

Maple Grove Yard Waste Site

10300 Maple Grove Parkway North
Maple Grove, MN
8 am— 7 pm (Mon- Sat)
11 am— 7 pm (Sun)

Open April 1 - November 30

Visit www.mgyardwaste.com or call 763-420-4886 for more information.

Smoke Alarms

Source: Rogers Fire Department



Non-Emergency Fire Department Phone Numbers

[Click here](#) for map of fire districts or visit www.corcoranmn.gov.

Hanover Fire Department: 763-498-7518

Loretto Fire Department: 763-479-3036

Rogers Fire Department: 763-428-3500

Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years from the manufacture date. Over time, the sensors in the alarms become dusty and cloudy causing alarms to go off for no reason or to not alarm when intended. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. There are two kinds of smoke alarms ionization – which detect flaming fires quickly and photoelectrical – which detects smoldering fires quickly. It is recommended to use both types or a combination alarm in your home. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced at least every six months depending upon battery duration. Contact your local Fire Department if you have any questions regarding smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide alarms.

City of Corcoran

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

Upcoming Meetings

City Council Meetings - 7 pm

Nov 10 and 21, Dec 8 and 21, 2022
Jan 12 and 26, 2023

Parks and Trails Meetings-7 pm

Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, 2022
Jan 19, 2023

Planning Commission Meetings– 7 pm

Nov 3, Dec 1, 2022
Jan 5, 2023

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