



CORCORAN NEWS

Summer/Fall 2025

Consumer Confidence Report Water Quality

Annually, the City must publish a report on its water quality called the Consumer Confidence Report*. To learn more about the City's water supply and to view the 2024 report visit: www.corcoranmn.gov — Our Community > New Resident Information > Corcoran Water Reports.

*Paper copy available at Corcoran City Hall.



City Park Remaster Project

The City of Corcoran's City Park Remaster is a transformative project designed to enhance community recreation, accessibility, and infrastructure. The City Park Remaster project enhances accessibility and inclusiveness through purposeful design, ensuring the park serves a diverse range of visitors. We expect to break ground on the project in July 2025. Please note: Plans are ongoing and subject to change.



The City has created a webpage that will contain details, timelines, images, and FAQs regarding the project, which will be updated accordingly throughout the entirety of the project. Scan the QR code to the right to view this page.



From The Mayor's Desk

Water Treatment Facility and Water Tower

Beginning in January of 2023, the Council made the strategic decision to invest in three infrastructure projects related to the city's first water supply system in Northeast Corcoran. The Water Treatment Plant, Tower, and Trunk Infrastructure projects cost an estimated \$25 million and were primarily funded through bonding and a \$3 million federal Community Project Funding grant through HUD. These improvement projects are successfully ending with the facilities projected to be substantially complete in July.

The Water Treatment Plant is a 2.3 MGD (future expansion to 3.5 MGD) gravity filtration plant designed primarily for iron and manganese removal. The water quality treatment process is similar to Maple Grove's, however, the source of the drinking water is from a different aquifer. The Water Tower can hold 1M gallons of water.

City Park Remaster Project

One of the most exciting projects this year is the major overhaul of Corcoran City Park – which I'm excited to announce will be renamed to Heritage Park! The plan includes constructing a new multi-use park building with indoor gathering space for up to 100 people, restrooms, a catering-friendly kitchen, and several outdoor gathering spots. Our current playground will be replaced with a modern, agricultural themed playground with 2 distinct play areas – one for children aged 2-5, and the other for kids 5+. The new playground space will feature accessible bridge connections, and adaptive slides, among many other features, so children of all ages and abilities can play safely.

Additionally, the City Park Remaster will include a significant segment – around 3,200 ft - of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail, a paved multi-use trail that will loop around the park, incorporate a boardwalk, and connect with the 1,500 ft of additional city trail, as well as roughly 500 feet of concrete sidewalks that will run throughout the park. The parking lot will see a significant improvement, with new 208 paved parking stalls to accommodate visitors. An irrigation system will be installed on the athletic fields – which will keep them in significantly better condition even with the expected increase in use! All these upgrades are designed to enhance recreation, accessibility, and infrastructure for our residents.

We anticipate breaking ground on Phase One of the project in mid-July, with the hope to complete the work late Spring/early Summer 2026! I'm incredibly excited to see the project get started soon and know it will be a great asset to our community for years to come!

Other Community Development Updates

Besides Heritage Park, several other exciting developments are in progress around Corcoran:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church: City Council reviewed the site plan for a new, much larger campus in late February, and the project is moving through the approval process. The church hopes to celebrate Christmas Mass in 2027 in their new building. This will be a significant addition, allowing St. Thomas to expand the historic church – which dates back to 1896 - into a modern facility that can better accommodate parishioners, and will certainly continue to stand out as a cornerstone of our community. Fortunately, they're saving those beautiful stained-glass windows!

Domino's Pizza – New Drive-Through Location: Construction is complete on the Domino's Pizza location Council approved last fall at 20115 County Road 10. This will be a unique drive-through/walk-up-only location right next to City Park. They recently started serving customers - but keep an eye out for a grand opening ceremony in the coming weeks!

Development Interest remains strong within the MUSA and Council, and several other notable projects are in various stages of the approval process or active construction. For details visit the city website and go to the *Development Projects* tab.

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City Updates

The Corcoran City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall unless otherwise posted. The following is a recap of a selection of items discussed at meetings since the last newsletter. A full recap can be found by reviewing the approved City Council minutes at www.corcoranmn.gov — Our Government > Council > Minutes.

Recognition

At the April 10, 2025, City Council Meeting: Public Works Operations Superintendent, Pat Meister, was recognized with the Longevity Award for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Corcoran Public Works Department as well the City and its residents.

Ordinance 2025-545

At the April 10, 2025, City Council Meeting: Ordinance 2025-545: Regulating Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Door-to-Door Advocates was adopted. This new ordinance requires peddlers/solicitors and transient merchants to apply for a City-issued license and wear a City-issued badge when going door-to-door within the City. Door-to-Door Advocates are not required to obtain a license but are required to abide by City rules and regulations for other peddlers and solicitors. This new ordinance also allows for residents to place a “No Solicitation” sign at their entry that all peddlers/solicitors and door-to-door advocates must adhere to. For more information on this new ordinance, see **page 12**.

Planning Commission Appointment

At the April 24, 2025, City Council Mayor McKee stated that he and Councilor Lanterman conducted interviews of four applicants for the open Planning Commissioner position and made a recommendation to appoint Jay Zachman to the open seat. A motion was then made and passed to appoint Zachman to the Planning Commission for a term ending February 28, 2028.

For information and updates, visit the City of Corcoran’s website:
www.corcoranmn.gov



From The Mayor's Desk

(Continued from front cover)

Community Events (Additional details for each event can be found throughout the newsletter)

As summer rolls on, I'd like to take a moment to highlight a few exciting events that are coming up!

Night to Unite – August 5: Join us for Corcoran’s city-wide party or at a registered neighborhood party in town! The city-wide celebration will be at Public Works from 5-9 p.m., with food, ice cream, bounce houses, firetrucks and other city vehicles (for the kids or the kids at heart), and more! Meanwhile, groups of City Council members, City staff, and police officers will be making trips to registered neighborhood parties, so be sure to register by July 22 so we can stop by and say hello! For neighborhood registration link, party tips, resources, or general information about Night to Unite, please **see page five** or visit: www.corcoranmn.gov — Our Community > Events > Corcoran Night to Unite.

North Hennepin Pioneer Society Summerfest – August 10 (Noon–4:30 p.m.): The North Hennepin Pioneer Society is hosting their annual Summerfest fundraiser at the Burschville one-room schoolhouse. Stop by for live music, historical tours of the schoolhouse, family-friendly games, door prizes, refreshments and much more! It’s a great opportunity to celebrate some of Corcoran’s history. (Location: 20300 County Road 10)

Corcoran Country Daze – August 15 & 16: Country Daze has another fun-filled weekend ahead with featured live concerts each night (gates open at 6 p.m.). **Family Day** is Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. with free admission – bring the kids for inflatables, games, petting zoo, and more. The City will host our usual table at Family Day, so please stop by and say hello! For the full concert lineup and event details, check out the Corcoran Country Daze website – <https://corcorancountrydaze.org/>.

Lions Park Events: The Corcoran Lions are hosting two of their most popular annual events at Lions Park to cap off the summer. First, the **NTPA Tractor Pull** on August 23 at 7 p.m. Then, on September 6 at 7 p.m., the **Demolition Derby!** Both events raise funds for community causes and are a great time for the whole family! Visit the Corcoran Lions website - <https://www.corcoranlions.org/> for tickets and event details!

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Tom McKee (Mayor, City of Corcoran)
tmckee@corcoranmn.gov
612-803-8101

2025 Corcoran Events Calendar

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

July 4: Holiday — City Hall Closed

July 8: Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

July 10: City Council Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

July 10-13: Hamel Rodeo
Various Hours — Corcoran Lions Park

July 17: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

July 24: City Council Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Aug 5: Night to Unite — City Wide Party
5 p.m.-9 p.m. — Public Works Facility

Aug 7: Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Aug 10: NHPS Summerfest
Noon-4:30 p.m. — Burschville School Grounds

Aug 14: City Council Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Aug 15-16: Country Daze
Various Hours — Corcoran Lions Park

Aug 17: St. Thomas Parish Festival
11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. — St. Thomas The Apostle Church

Aug 21: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Aug 23: Corcoran Lions NTPA Tractor Pull
7 p.m. — Corcoran Lions Park

Aug 28: City Council Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Sept 1: Holiday — City Hall Closed

Sept 4: Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Sept 6: Corcoran Lions Demo Derby
7 p.m. — Corcoran Lions Park

Sept 11: City Council Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Sept 12: Bark in the Park
3 p.m.-6 p.m. — City Park

Sept 18: Parks & Trails Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

Sept 25: City Council Meeting
7 p.m. — Council Chambers

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Visit [Council Agenda Packets](#) and look for the gray BELL icon with **Subscribe** and follow the prompts.

Land Use Applications and Final Plats

The Corcoran Planning Commission meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. 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.

Camp Solberg (PID 08-119-23-31-0004) (City File 24-021). Aaron and Melissa Solberg submitted an application for a preliminary and final plat to create two single-family residential lots on Outlot B of Weinand Woods located at PID 08-119-23-31-0004. After some discussion at the April 24, 2025 meeting, Council moved to table this item to the June 23, 2025, meeting.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church (PID 23-119-23-44-0015) (City File 24-045). St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church submitted a Site Plan and Variance application a new campus at 20020 County Road 10. The public hearing for this item was held during the May 1, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. After some discussion, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. This item is scheduled for the May 22, 2025, Council meeting.

Chastek Family Farm Preliminary Plat and Rezoning (PID 21-119-23-12-0002) (City File 25-001). Trek Real Estate and Development request approval of a preliminary plat and rezoning of the Chastek Farm property located at 7600 Maple Hill Road. The application consists of 104 65 ft-wide single-family lots on a 38.16 acre site. The public hearing for this item was held during the March 6, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. After some discussion, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. This item was approved by the Council at the May 22, 2025, meeting.

New Mahavan Temple CUP (PID 15-119-23-32-0006) (City File 25-009). New Mahavan Temple and Eco Farm Community request approval of a conditional use permit and site plan to allow the operation of a place of worship at 8750 Trail Haven Road. The public hearing for this item was held during the May 1, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. After some discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of the request. This item was approved by the Council at the May 22, 2025, meeting.

Fairway Shores Final Plat (PID 25-119-23-11-0001) (City File 25-010). Bergeron Homes request approval of the final plat for the first phase of Fairway Shores at Cook Lake, which consists of 24 single-family homes. This item was approved by the Council at the May 22, 2025, meeting.

Arens Norling OS&P Preliminary Plat (PID 31-119-23-12-0007) (City File 25-012). Robb and Seth Norling request approval of an Open Space & Preservation plat for their property at 6700 Pioneer Trail. The application consists of 3 single-family lots, and three outlots. One outlot is 6.9-acres in size, and will be used for a future phase of subdivision, and the other outlot is 21.42 acres, which will be preserved as open space unit municipal sewer and water are available to the site. This item was approved by the Council at the June 23, 2025, meeting.

City Park Remaster (PID 23-119-23-43-0007 & 23-119-23-34-0001) (City File 25-015). The City of Corcoran has initiated the planning for the City Park Remaster project, which requires approval of a Site Plan and Variance. The public hearing for this item was held during the May 1, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. After some discussion, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. This item was approved by the Council at the May 22, 2025, meeting.

Agribusiness Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Citywide) (City File 25-017). John and Maragret Fernandez have requested approval of a zoning ordinance amendment to establish Agribusiness as an allowed use within the Rural Residential zoning district. This item was approved by the Council at the June 23, 2025, meeting.

Brockton Business Park Final Plat and Site Plan (PID 01-119-23-11-0001) (City File 25-019). Hemple Development LLC request approval of the final plat for the Brockton Business Park light industrial development at 10585 County Road 101. The request consists of one light industrial lot along County Road 101, and one outlot, which would be developed in a future phase. This item was approved by the Council at the May 22, 2025, meeting.



Online Building Permit Submittal



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

The online permit portal requires a one-time account registration for all homeowners and contractors applying for a permit. A step-by-step guide is available online to help guide you with the process. To begin registration and/or apply for a permit visit www.corcoranmn.gov – Building Permits.

Several permit checklists and additional permit information and resources are available online under the Construction Services & Inspections web pages to help with your project. Visit www.corcoranmn.gov – Public Services > Construction Services & Inspections.

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

Most Requested Permit Fees

Reroof or Reside
\$91/ea

Windows/Doors
(same opening)
\$91

Furnace or A/C Replacement
\$76/unit

Gas Fireplace
\$76

General Plumbing
\$51+

Water Heater or Water Softener
\$36/unit

Fees include \$1 State Surcharge.



Construction Services

Planning a Project? Don't Forget Your Land Disturbance Permit

The City of Corcoran would like to remind residents and contractors that a Land Disturbance Permit is required before starting any land-disturbing activity. This requirement is in accordance with City Ordinance, Chapter 54.

What Counts as Land Disturbance?

A "land disturbing activity" is broadly defined and includes any work that changes the existing soil cover, whether vegetated or not. This may include:

- Clearing, stripping, or grubbing
- Excavating, filling, or grading
- Logging or material storage
- Construction of any structure



Grading, Filling, and Driveway Work

If your project involves grading or filling, you'll need to obtain a grading permit. Even routine property improvements often require at least a basic permit, so it's important to check before getting started.

If you're planning to install a new driveway or make modifications to an existing one—such as widening, relocating, or changing its configuration—you'll need a land disturbance permit. Driveways are limited to a maximum width of 24 feet, and a secondary access may be considered on a case-by-case basis.



You do not need a permit for paving or resurfacing an existing driveway, unless your project involves altering the grade within the right-of-way or modifying the culvert.

Note: For access to county roads or highways, Hennepin County is the road authority. Apply for permit at:

👉 www.hennepin.us/business/licenses-permits/road-permits

Escrow Requirement

Most land disturbance and grading permits also require a cash escrow. This is a refundable deposit held by the City until the project is completed and permanent erosion control measures (such as vegetation) have been successfully established.

- **Minimum escrow:** \$1,000
- May increase depending on project size or complexity

What You'll Need to Apply

To submit a Land Disturbance & Grading Permit application, you'll need:

- ✓ Land Disturbance Supplement
- ✓ Grading Plan

✓ Apply for permit at: www.corcoranmn.gov



Need Help or Have Questions?

There are very few exemptions, so it's always a good idea to check with the City before beginning your project.

✉ **Contact:** permits@corcoranmn.gov

🌐 **Learn more or apply for permit at:** www.corcoranmn.gov

Navigate to: Public Services > Construction Services & Inspections > Land Disturbance and Grading Permits



Corcoran Police Administrative Office

Phone: 763-420-8966

(Only to be used during office hours)

Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday

7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. to noon



Please be advised that the Administrative Office phone line is **not monitored 24/7**. Staff are available to answer calls during **regular business hours**.

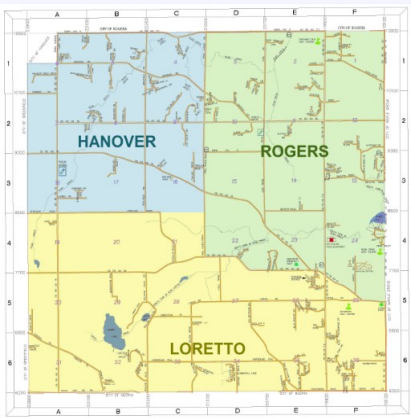
For police services **after hours**, on **evenings or weekends**, please contact the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) non-emergency dispatch at: **952-258-5321**

For emergencies requiring immediate police assistance, always call: 9-1-1

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fire Department Information

The City of Corcoran contracts with the West Suburban Fire District (Formerly Loretto), the Rogers Fire Department, and the Hanover Fire Department for fire protection services for Corcoran residents. To view the Corcoran map that includes fire department boundaries visit www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services > Fire > Fire Protection Services*



Public Safety



NIGHT TO UNITE

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Additional information and coloring pages available in the Corcoran newsletter, City website or police department.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY REGISTRATION **OPEN NOW!**



CITY PARTY

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for food, ice cream, bounce houses, chalk contest, firetrucks, and more!

9100 CTY RD 19



Safe neighborhoods start with strong connections! Get out and get to know your neighbors through cookouts, small gatherings, or the City Party. Join the City in the continued tradition of being a fun, safe place to live!



NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

Neighborhood parties registered by 7/22 receive a starter pack to jumpstart their party! Big or small - join the fun and host a party for your neighborhood!



More Info!



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By attending, you are agreeing to the City of Corcoran taking pictures and videos of your participation in the event for use in marketing and promotion

Night to Unite! is a nationwide event designed to strengthen neighborhood and community relationships. The Corcoran Police Department encourages participation in this celebration of community, crime prevention, and strong police/community partnerships. You can get involved by organizing a party for your neighborhood and registering the party online (https://www.corcoranmn.gov/our_community/events/corcoran_night_to_unite). Be sure to register early to receive a party planning box! Neighborhood parties may include anything from large cookouts with games and prizes to small gatherings with root beer floats. Not sure how to start planning your neighborhood party? The City of Corcoran website has many handy links for starting points and helpful materials!

Remember, a strong community makes for a safe community. Everything we do to strengthen the ties among neighbors of all ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles makes our present and future much brighter. Celebrating Night to Unite! with the Corcoran Police Department and your neighbors is a positive way to build and nurture our community by starting, quite literally, in your own back (or front) yard.

You can also join us on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a fun-filled night of food, ice cream, bounce houses, firetrucks, and prizes at the city-wide party taking place at the Public Works facility - 9100 County Road 19, Corcoran, MN 55357.



I-94 West Chamber of Commerce Awards

The I-94 West Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2025 First Responders Luncheon on May 20, 2025, to honor the exemplary service of law enforcement and first responders across its nine member communities. The City of Corcoran was proudly represented at this esteemed event.



We are pleased to recognize two distinguished members of the Corcoran Police Department who received awards for their outstanding contributions to public safety:

Chief of Police, Matt Gottschalk, was commended for his exceptional leadership in peacefully resolving a hostage situation.

Part-Time Police Officer, Darren Bohlsen, was honored for his life-saving actions through the application of CPR.

We extend our gratitude to Chief Gottschalk and Officer Bohlsen for their unwavering service and commitment to public safety within our community. Congratulations on receiving these well-deserved awards!



Public Safety Coffee With A Cop

The Corcoran Police Department is proud to launch Coffee With A Cop, a monthly opportunity to connect with the officers who serve our community.

On the first Tuesday of each month, Corcoran officers will visit local restaurants and community rooms to meet with residents in a relaxed setting. No speeches. No agendas. Just coffee, conversation, and community.

It's a chance to ask questions, share concerns, or simply get to know the officers who work to keep Corcoran safe. We will even have a few fun giveaways at each event!

Details:

- *First Tuesday of every month*
- *Locations will rotate throughout the city — community rooms, local restaurants, and more...*
- *Times will vary (see tentative schedule below)*



CORCORAN COFFEE WITH A COP SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
August 5, 2025	5 P.M. - 9 P.M.	Corcoran Public Works Facility – Night To Unite
September 2, 2025	2 P.M.	Mama G's – 9705 County Road 101
October 7, 2025	1 P.M.	Ravinia Community Room – 6504 Carriage Way
November 4, 2025	10 A.M.	St. Therese of Corcoran – 19800 79 th Place
December 2, 2025	1 P.M.	The Stanchion – 20037 County Road 10
January 6, 2026	10 A.M.	Bellwether Clubhouse (<i>Bellwether Residents Only</i>)

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to Corcoran, we invite you to stop by, say hello, and grab a cup with your local cops.

Because great conversations happen over coffee!

City Burn Permits

To apply for a City burn permit or for additional information, please visit the Burning Permits & Guidelines page on our website at: www.corcoranmn.gov — *Public Services > Police > Burning Regulations/Permits > Burning Permits & Guidelines*. Contact the Police Administrative Office at 763-420-8966, press 0, with any questions. In-person burn permits are still available during business hours only.

Burn permits are required for any fires larger than a 3'x3' recreational fire. Any landowner or resident in Corcoran that does not have a burn permit for a controlled burn or bonfire can be cited or fined. Per city ordinance 86.01, open burning is not permitted in commercial or industrial zones. Permits will only be issued to residences and farms within the City of Corcoran.

To view a complete list of the items that are and are not acceptable for burning and to view the most current fire danger and burning restrictions maps, please visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/index.html>.



Storm Water Pollution Prevention Public Information Session

August 5, 2025, at the City's Night to Unite Event

The Public Works Department conducts a required public informational session on our SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program) annually. This year it will be held August 5th, 2025, during the Night to Unite event held at the City of Corcoran Public Works Facility from 5 - 9 p.m. The City of Corcoran has developed a SWPPP plan in response to Federal and State regulations concerning the quality of water entering streams, rivers, and lakes from storm water drainage systems. At this event, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and give input and comments on the SWPPP.



Help Monitor Water Quality

(Featured article from the Hennepin County Conservation Connection April 2025 Newsletter)

Help monitor water quality in the county! Sign up for CAMP.

The Metropolitan Council is in need of more CAMP (Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program) volunteers to help us monitor lake health in the county! This info is vital to understanding ongoing lake health, and is used locally by the county, cities, and watershed organizations to help make informed decisions about water quality management. Being a CAMP volunteer is also a great excuse to get out on the water and be an active steward of lakes in your community.

Volunteers monitor a specific site on a lake on a regular basis from mid-April through mid-October. Data collected includes a surface water sample, water temperature and clarity, and general weather and lake conditions.

Requirements for volunteers include:

- Attend a Met Council-led training
- Commit to monitoring once every two to four weeks from mid-April through October
- Collect data (monitoring kit provided)
- Keep water samples frozen at all times
- Supply your own boat or have access to a boat (does not need to be motorized)

For more information on the CAMP program or water quality management, visit:

<https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water.aspx>.



Public Works

It's not just dust!

(Excerpt of an article "Dust: Don't Eat It! Control It!" - Road Management & Engineering Journal)

When you see dust coming up from your roads, you're really seeing dollars thrown to the wind. Road dust is made up of fine particles that are important to the stability of the road. These particles are small enough to pass through a #200 sieve and feel like powder when rubbed between your fingers. When particles blow away, the gravel road begins to break down.



Traffic scatters the coarser aggregate, causing potholes, ruts, washboards, loss of profile, loss of ditch lines, and other problems. Wetting the road surface helps to keep dust-related problems in check. Moisture helps particles adhere to each other and to aggregates, allowing for optimum compaction. The trick is to keep the road moist.

Calcium Chloride — What is it?

Calcium chloride absorbs water vapor from the air and liquid water from the road bed. At 77 degrees Fahrenheit and 75 percent humidity, for example, it absorbs more than twice its weight in water. In addition, calcium chloride solutions attract more moisture to the road than they give up in evaporation.

The road remains dense and compact under almost any level of traffic because calcium chloride keeps materials on the road by keeping moisture in the road, even under a burning sun on a sweltering day.

Calcium chloride is generally sprayed as a 35 percent solution using a tank truck with a rear-mounted distribution bar that spreads the liquid evenly over the road. One pass will cover an 8 to 12 ft wide road. Two passes are needed on roads 16 to 18 ft wide.

As soon as calcium chloride enters a road, it's attracted to negatively charged soil particles, such as clays, which help resist leaching. Calcium chloride may move deeper into the base during wet weather but will rise toward the surface during dry spells.

An unpaved road stabilized with calcium chloride retains a moisture. The moisture retained keeps the surface plastic enough so fines can migrate into gaps formed between aggregates under the varying pressure of car and truck traffic. In short, calcium chloride does the following:

- Reduces the amount of gravel needed in construction and maintenance
- Extends the service life of the gravel-wearing course, decreasing blading and shaping
- Controls dust and reinforces stabilization
- Helps improve roads when used over time

NOTE: Road projects and engineering studies have shown that using calcium chloride reduces the replacement cost of materials up to 80 percent as well as cuts grading costs as much as 50 percent.

Applying Calcium Chloride

Applying calcium chloride to gravel roads require some precise timing. To begin the process, the roads need to be appropriately graded. Next, the weather needs to cooperate. Assuming the first two steps follow schedule, now the product, calcium chloride needs to arrive on time to coincide with the road preparation. Depending on train schedules and contractor scheduling, there can be delays in receiving the calcium chloride, which may cause a need for grading to be redone on the scheduled gravel road. Your patience is appreciated as the Corcoran Public Works department completes dust control on scheduled collector roads.



North Hennepin Pioneer Society Summerfest 2025

Mark your calendars for August 10, 2025, for our Annual Summerfest at the Burschville School. Welcome back for their second year, "BSQ's BBQ"- Bryan Swanson "Pitmaster," food service truck at our event! To think, it has been 131 years since our One-Room School opened for students and 30 years of Summerfest fun.



The Pioneer Society invites alumni, family, friends, and people interested in local history to Summerfest. The Society will host the event with help from area

businesses. The school will be open to visitors and many outdoor activities. Featured activities will be entertainment by "Rod Cerar", free face painting by Encore Entertainment, kids' games, door prizes and raffle prizes, antique cars from a local club, flea market, plus the famous "BSQ's BBQ" food wagon.

Funds collected at Summerfest help keep up the expenses of insurance, painting, utilities, maintenance, and lawn mowing. Last Fall, 2024, the bell tower was refurbished by Verdich Construction.

Currently the chimney is being repaired by Ashton McGee Restoration Group, which will lead to the next job, replacing the wooden shakes on all the roofs. Help from the community keeps the school open for students to experience life in an original one-room school setting. We couldn't do it without YOU!



The Society is continuously seeking historical documents, photographs or items you may have for donation or to copy. They are also seeking voluntary help for the grounds upkeep, building maintenance labor, and monetary donations to help with the expenses. NHPS is a 501 ©(3) non-profit organization.

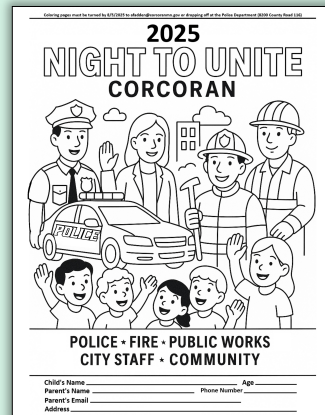
Interested in becoming a member? Yearly Membership is: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Please call Bonnie at: 763-639-1438 or Dale P. at: 763-458-9880 for more information or email us at: CorcoranSchool1894@gmail.com.

Parks and Recreation

Night to Unite 2025 Coloring Contest

We are once again hosting the Night to Unite Coloring Contest. If interested in participating, you can find the Night to Unite coloring contest sheet on **page 9**. Additional entry coloring sheets can be picked up at the Corcoran City Hall/Police Department, the Corcoran Police Department Facebook page, or printed from the City of Corcoran website by visiting www.corcoranmn.gov — *Our Community > Events > Corcoran Night to Unite*.

All entries submitted by August 6 will be reviewed and winners will be notified via email during the week of August 11- 15th. Prizes will be determined at a later date.



Fall Baseball Update

We want to share an important update with our Corcoran community: Fall Baseball is not scheduled this year due to the Park Remaster Project currently underway. The construction and upgrades at the park will significantly impact field availability and safety, making it impossible to host a season this fall.



We know how much families and players look forward to fall baseball, and this decision was not made lightly. However, these park improvements will bring exciting long-term benefits, including updated facilities, improved playing surfaces, and a better overall experience for everyone involved.

Country Daze Bean Bag Tournament

The City of Corcoran and the NW Area Jaycees will be teaming up to run the annual doubles bean bag tournament this year at Corcoran Country Daze! The tournament will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2025, with check-in at 11 a.m. and games beginning at noon. Teams will pay \$40 to play in this double elimination tournament to win CASH prizes.

Registration will close on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. For more information or to register, visit www.corcoranmn.gov or contact Parks and Recreation Manager, Jessica Christensen Buck (jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov).



FOR MORE INFO AND/OR TO REGISTER, VISIT: WWW.CORCORANMN.GOV



2025 NIGHT TO UNITE CORCORAN



**POLICE ★ FIRE ★ PUBLIC WORKS
CITY STAFF ★ COMMUNITY**

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Parent's Email _____

Address _____

St. Thomas Parish Festival and Turkey Dinner



Date: Sunday, August 17, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Location: St. Thomas the Apostle, 20000 County Road 10, Corcoran

You're Invited!

The 2025 Parish Festival is on Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. You can expect a delicious turkey dinner and these fun activities: entertainment from the [Jolly Ramblers](#) (courtesy of



[The Stanchion](#)), cash drawing, interactive kids' area, beer tent, cash Bingo, silent auction, craft sale, farmer's market, bake sale, cake walk, hula hoop contest, music, and much more! For more information, visit: <https://www.churchofstthomas.org/parish-festival>.

St. Thomas Raise the Roof Fundraiser

Date: July 10-13, 2025

Location: The Stanchion Bar (outdoors), 20037 County Highway 10, Hamel

About The Event

The concession fundraiser will be held outdoors at the [Stanchion Bar](#) (during the Hamel Rodeo). All proceeds go to the St. Thomas [Capital Campaign](#) to support "Raising the Roof" on the new church.

Sign up to volunteer to cook, cashier, or serve food at the Stanchion Bar (outside of the bar)—contact Susan Wieneke at susan.wieneke3@gmail.com or 763-486-5441 with questions. For more information and/or to sign up to volunteer, visit: <https://www.churchofstthomas.org/events-1/rtr25>

Encourage your friends and family to visit from July 10 to 13, 2025, to support the "Raise the Roof" efforts!




RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
763-420-2385 | churchofstthomas.org

July 10-13 | Stanchion Bar
20037 County Hwy 10, Corcoran (across from St. Thomas)

\$10
MEAL DEAL



Thursday 5pm - 9pm
Friday 7pm - 1am
Saturday 11am - 1am
Sunday 11am - 6pm

PORK CHOP
ON A STICK
BACON-FRIED CORN
WATER OR POP

Help support St. Thomas in building a new church by visiting the outdoor food stand at the Stanchion. Proceeds go to the St. Thomas Capital Campaign to support "Raising the Roof" on the new church. The age and size of the current church face challenges accommodating existing parishioners and the growing community, and the building's age and layout do not allow for inter-generational accessibility.

Community

Hamel Rodeo — July 10-13, 2025

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Hamel Rodeo taking place at Corcoran Lions Park July 10-13. Come out and enjoy five action-packed performances featuring bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, and the spine-tingling Bull Ridin' Bonanza...PLUS a specialty act featuring Rider and Bethany Kiesner. For more information visit: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org/>.

Location and Dates:

Corcoran Lions Park
19101 County Road 10

Thursday, July 10 — 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 11 — 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 12 (Family Day Matinee) — 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 12 — 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 13 (Hamel Lions Rodeo Parade) — 2 p.m. in Uptown Hamel

Sunday, July 13 — 7:30 p.m.



Corcoran Country Daze — August 15-16, 2025

The annual family favorite event in Corcoran is back for another year! The 22nd Annual Country Daze will take place at the Corcoran Lions Park August 15-16, featuring live music, a beanbag tournament, a petting zoo, inflatables, a car and tractor show, a country market, fireworks, and much more. Saturday is Country Daze Kid's Day and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and all activities are free, so come early and stay all day!

Headlining this year's Country Daze are Josh Ross on Friday and Justin Moore on Saturday! Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of country music magic with these phenomenal artists as well as their supporting acts.

Secure your tickets now to experience their captivating performances live! For concert details and to purchase tickets, visit: tickets.corcorancountrydaze.org/tickets



third weekend in august!
AUGUST 15TH & 16TH 2025



and *Earl Johnson Country*

JOSH ROSS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2025

with ARTIST TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIGRALLY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2025

and *Jesse Becker*

featuring **JUSTIN MOORE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2025

www.corcorancountrydaze.org

Corcoran Lions Events

Sponsored by the Corcoran Lions — All events located at Corcoran Lions Park. For more information visit: www.corcoranlions.org.



2025 Fall NTPA Tractor Pull August 23, 2025

Gates Open: 5 p.m.

Tractor Pull Begins: 7 p.m.

Cost:

FREE (Kids Ages 12 and Under)

\$20.00 (13 Years and Older)

FREE Parking

CASH Only

2025 Fall Demo Derby September 6, 2025

Gates Open: 5 p.m.

Demo Derby Begins: 7 p.m.

Cost:

FREE (Kids Ages 12 and Under)

\$20.00 (13 Years and Older)

FREE Parking

CASH Only



Shoulak BreastFest™ Music Festivals

In our 15th year, help us raise money for Research, Education, Mentorship, Early Detection, Support for the recently diagnosed, and the CURE for Breast Cancer.

Saturday, September 27

Noon – 7:00 • Corcoran

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for updates, more details & parking info

Proceeds benefit
**Five Twin Cities
Metro Area charities,**
helping our neighbors.

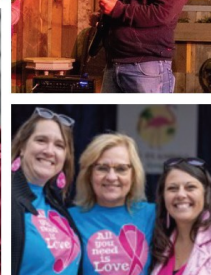


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Community

Corcoran Lions Scholarship Award Ceremony

Congratulations to the 2025 Corcoran Lions Scholarship recipients, who were honored at the 37th Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony at Hope Community Church on May 6, 2025. Since 1989, Corcoran has given 1,004 scholarships to students that live in Corcoran, totaling \$646,200. This year we had 18 recipients (see image below).



(Back row—left to right: Gabriel Jimenez—Maple Grove High School, Logan Carnoy—Buffalo High School, Megan Kariniemi—Buffalo High School, Savannah Stotts—Buffalo High School, Kaitlyn Hoppe—Rockford High School, Chloe Schroeder—Buffalo High School, Gavin Dupont—Buffalo High School, Dave Poppler—President of the Corcoran Lions, Derek Hetland—Maple Grove High School.)

(Front row—left to right: Evan Lynch—Wayzata High School, Kristy Lehtola—Buffalo High School, Ella Alden—Maple Grove High School, Hattie Hendrickson—Delano High School, Sophie Begin-Lopez—Buffalo High School, Ava Peterson—Buffalo High School, Parker Bode—Rockford High School, Shriyan Dey—Wayzata High School.)

Not Present: Shaun Mahr—Mahr Home School and Sarah Smith—Spectrum High School.

This year we had Dean Vehrenkamp, City of Corcoran Councilor, be our MC. He did an awesome job! We also had special guest, Jay Tobin, City Administrator for the City of Corcoran. It was nice to see the support for our Scholarship program. Congratulations to all our 2025 Scholarships recipients! When you come home, or before you leave, you are always welcome to volunteer at an event at the Corcoran Lion's Park.

Corcoran Lions presented Sophie Begin-Lopez, from Buffalo, with an additional Scholarship for her community service in Corcoran. Her volunteer work includes four years of working concessions for both the Corcoran Lions Tractor Pull and Demo Derby, two years of Haunted Acres volunteering, and time spent helping to clean up County Road 116. Not to mention changing the lettering on the large and high event sign at the Corcoran Lions Park. Sophie continues to volunteer at her church as well as helps with their Bingo fundraiser. Thank you Sophie for all your volunteering! Keep it up.



(Left to right: Dean Vehrenkamp—City of Corcoran Councilor, Sophie Begin-Lopez—Buffalo High School, Dave Poppler—President of Corcoran Lions, Jerry Cain—Chairman of the Corcoran Lions Scholarship Committee.)

Lions Club is an organization that services and helps build communities through events, donations, and assistance. The Lions make donations to many organizations in our community, which includes the police, fire fighters, and city hall. Their goal is to encourage new members to come join us and build friendships and promote events held at the Corcoran Lions Park. If you are interested in becoming a Lions Member, email jerryjcain@gmail.com or stop by one of our meetings held at Corcoran Lions Park at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.



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Hope Community Church



Hope Community Church is partnering with Maria's Voice to host an educational session, "Domestic Abuse Prevention: Make Common Signs Common Knowledge," at Hope

Community Church (County Roads 30 & 116) on September 19, 2025, From 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This event is open to the whole community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit the following link:

<https://myhopecommunity.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2996507>



Date: Friday, October 3, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hope Community Church, 19951 Oswald Farm Road, Corcoran, MN

West Suburban Fire District Open House

Come out September 20, 2025, and enjoy the West Suburban Fire District Open House!



There will be food and beverages. There will also be several activities, including: fire truck rides, bounce house, face painting, spray house, and fire prevention handouts.

Donations are welcome!

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: Station 2 - 92 Hamel Road, Hamel, MN

City of Corcoran Ordinance 2025-545 Ordinance Regulating Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Door-to-Door Advocates

At the April 10, 2025, City Council Meeting, Corcoran City Council adopted [Ordinance 2025-545](#) Regulating Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Door-to-Door Advocates.

See details below or visit our website for more information: www.corcoranmn.gov — [Our Community > Peddlers/Solicitors/Door-To-Door Advocates](#).

LICENSE REQUIRED

All **peddlers** planning to go door-to-door to sell a product in the City of Corcoran must first apply for a peddlers/solicitors license. Peddlers must wear a City-issued ID badge and have the license on them at all times and show the ID to anyone who asks to see it.

All **Transient Merchants** who wish to set up temporary business in the city must apply for a license. Transient Merchants must wear a City-issued ID badge and have the license on them at all times and be willing to show the ID to anyone who asks for it.

Door-to-Door Advocates - Those going door-to-door for the purpose of distributing literature but who aren't selling anything, asking for donations, or engaging the homeowner in conversation for the purpose of advocating for a religious, political, social or belief are protected by federal and state constitution and **do not** need a license but must still abide by City rules and regulations for other peddlers and solicitors.

CITY-ISSUED ID BADGE

ID badges issued by the City must be clearly displayed on a front outer garment.

The ID badge will include the solicitor's name organization/company, and a photo as well as the date the permit is valid.

If the individual is not wearing an ID badge, ask to see it. If no card can be produced, ask the solicitor to leave and report the unlicensed individual to the City Clerk's office.

"NO SOLICITATION" SIGNS

Property owners who wish to exclude peddlers/solicitors and door-to-door advocates from their premises may place a "No Solicitation" sign upon or near their usual entrance to the premises.

No solicitation shall be interpreted to include all peddlers, solicitors and door-to-door advocates and are not allowed to enter a property with a posted ["No Solicitation" \(PDF\)](#) or similar sign.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Permits are issued per individual, not per business and/or organization.
- ID badge must be clearly displayed on front outer garment.
- Peddling or soliciting may not occur before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m. or until sundown whichever occurs first.
- Peddlers and solicitors may only approach the front door or main entrance of the residence and must abide by posted "No Soliciting" signs.
- Peddlers and solicitors must promptly leave the premises following completion of a transaction or an unsuccessful attempt to contact the resident of the premises.
- Peddlers and solicitors may not claim that their license is an endorsement by the City.

If you need to report a soliciting party for non-compliance, please contact:

City Hall - 763-420-2288 — During regular Business hours:

Mondays-Thursdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. - noon.

*After hours - Corcoran Police Department Non-Emergency 952-258-5321.

If you have an immediate need to report a soliciting party because of danger or threat, please call 9-1-1.

TO APPLY

1. Complete the Peddler/Transient Merchant License Application (PDF).
2. Submit complete application and application fee of \$200 to Corcoran City Hall, Attention City Clerk.
3. Applicant will be photographed at City Hall upon completion and approval of application and a License/ID Badge will be issued.



Be Stormwater Smart

(Source: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-smart-outreach-tools#awareness>)

If you've been thinking about reducing your environmental footprint, you can take steps to decrease the amount of pollution that flows from your home into local waterways every time it rains. Known as stormwater, once rain or snow hits the ground, it can carry dirt, chemicals, and other pollutants downstream from your home and yard to the rivers and lakes in your community. Here are a just a few steps you can take to be stormwater smart at home:

Rain is great for your lawn, but excess rain can run off from your yard and walkways into the street, where it flows from the storm drain into local rivers, lakes, or streams, taking any chemical you've applied with it.

- Apply fertilizers and pesticides carefully on your lawn or garden and not on pavement. Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides completely if rain is in the forecast.
- Consider installing a rain garden, which is a depressed area planted with grasses or perennials that collects stormwater.
- Wash your car with biodegradable soap to avoid chemicals floating downstream, or visit a carwash.
- Direct water from downspouts and car washing to grassy areas, so it can soak into the ground rather than hit the pavement.
- When watering your lawn, direct the spray toward your lawn and plants, not the pavement.
- Look for spots on the ground that indicate your car leaks oil or fluid. Don't let your leaks pollute!
- Don't rake leaves or yard clippings into the storm drain to avoid clogs and debris that could cause flooding.
- Pick up pet waste and keep trash and dirty water away from pavement and storm drains, where it can contaminate stormwater that flows downstream.
- Sweep sidewalks and put the debris in the trash.



Be Heard Hennepin

County Roads 19 & 117 Intersection Improvement Project

Hennepin County, in coordination with the Cities of Corcoran and Hanover, plans to reconstruct the intersection of County Roads 19 and 117 to improve safety for all users.

We want to hear from you. Tell us about your experiences at this intersection. Share your feedback on our draft concept.

Throughout the summer, the design team will be taking what they hear from you, along with technical needs and agency policies, to make improvements for today – and for future growth.

There are two ways you can be a part of the project right now:

Visit Us Online

We'd like to hear about your experiences at this intersection. You can also view the draft concept for the intersection and share your feedback.

Visit beheardhennepin.org/county-roads-19-and-117.

Join Us At Our Open House

You can come and go as you are able. You can talk to the project team and share your concerns about the intersection and view the draft concept.

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: Hanover City Hall — 11250 5th Street Northeast, Hanover, MN 55341

Project Timeline

Summer 2025:

We'll gather input from the community about the intersection.

Fall 2025:

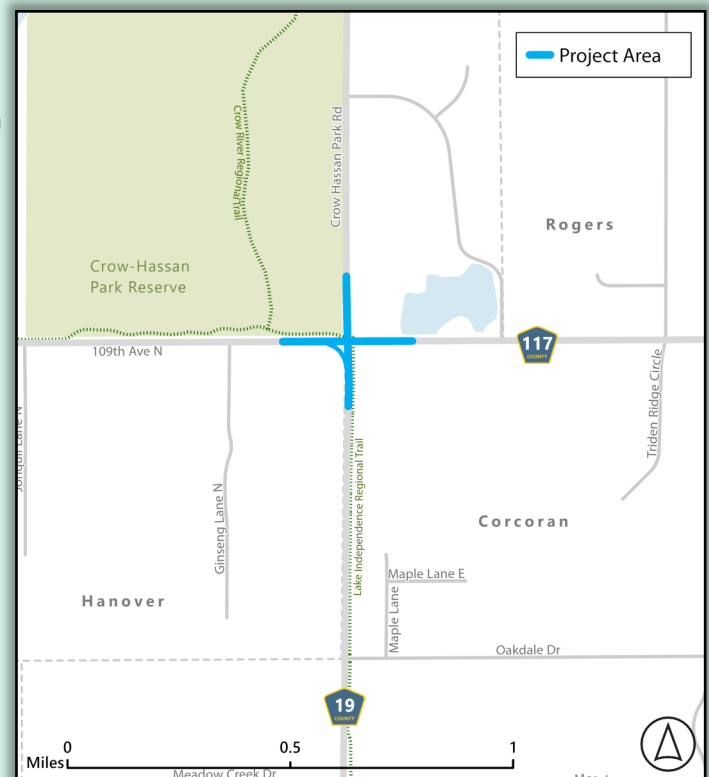
We'll share a more detailed design and listen to the community.

Fall 2026:

We'll share a final design and more information about what to expect with construction.

Spring 2027:

We will begin construction to make intersection improvements.



Got Buckthorn?

(Source: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>)

Why Is Buckthorn A Problem?

Buckthorn:

- Threatens the future of forests, wetlands, prairies, and other natural habitats.
- Out-competes native plants for nutrients, light, and moisture.
- Degrades wildlife habitat.
- Contributes to erosion by out-competing plants on the forest floor that help hold soil in place.
- Serves as host to other pests, such as crown rust fungus and soybean aphid.
- Creates messy fruits that stain sidewalks and driveways.
- Lacks “natural controls,” such as insects or disease that would curb its growth.



How To Control Buckthorn:

Buckthorn: What You Should Know, What You Can Do. Visit the MN DNR website at the following link:

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/terrestrialplants/woodyplants/buckthorn_what_you_should_know.pdf

Buckthorn: How can a shrub be so harmful? Visit



the Friends of the Mississippi River at the following link:

<https://fmr.org/updates/conservation/buckthorn-how-can-shrub-be-so-harmful>

HOW TO IDENTIFY BUCKTHORN

Look for it in woodlands + savannas + fields + roadsides (almost anywhere)



Buckthorn is named for the twig tip's two buds that often come together like deer hooves. Between the buds, a short thorn grows.



This shrub can grow up to 25 feet! Its gray-brown bark has flakes or cork-like bumps. Nicking the bark will reveal an orange inner tissue.



Buckthorn has glossy, egg-shaped leaves that stay green later in fall than other plants'. Leaf veins curve toward the tip. Leaf edges are toothed.



Dark, round berries develop between July and September. (Be careful not to spread any of those sticky berries! And don't eat them. They're toxic.)

Illustrations by Isaac Proctor for FMR



Environmental Creature Feature: Leave It To Beavers

(Featured article and image from the Hennepin County Conservation Connection April 2025 Newsletter)

Beavers are one of nature's busiest engineers. They are a keystone species, which means that they have a significant impact on the ecosystem relative to their population. Their work offers a cascade of positive benefits for water quality and the environment.

Beavers create and maintain wetlands, which help to filter water and recharge aquifers, restore eroded streambanks, and boost biodiversity. Their dams improve water quality by trapping and filtering out sediment and pollutants like phosphorous and nitrogen. Additionally, beavers expand water storage by slowing down water and increasing infiltration of that water into soil. This can restore the natural hydrology to areas that have lost it.

Scientists understand that these furry allies can support climate resilience efforts and are using beavers' environment-altering powers to help restore ecosystems, reduce the strains of drought, and even create firebreaks in regions affected by wildfire.

Beavers build critical wetland habitat that supports a host of fish, amphibian, mammal, and insect species. Despite wetlands only accounting for six to nine percent of land cover, they sequester more carbon than forests and support half of North America's threatened or endangered species. Wetlands are essential components to environmental, animal, and human health.

Living With Beavers

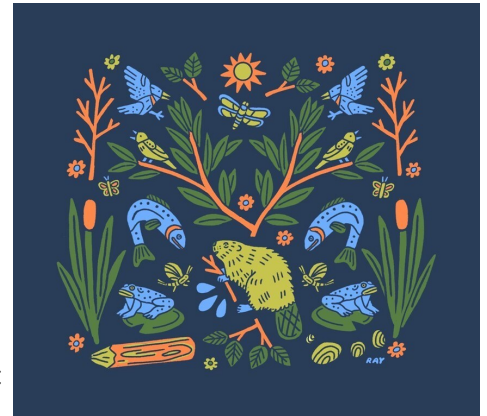
Occasionally, beavers' industrious instincts can result in downed trees, clogged culverts, and flooding near human development. Trapping is often used to reduce damage; however, beavers are known to repopulate areas where previous colonies have been trapped out, leading to reoccurring and costly removal.

Fortunately, there are non-lethal, effective, and low-cost solutions to intercept beaver mischief. Flow devices that maintain pond levels, wraps that protect trees from chewing, and other creative strategies can promote co-existence.

- **Got a problem beaver?** Beaver Innovations, a new business supported by the University of Minnesota, offers non-lethal beaver solutions to residents in Minnesota. Contact help@beaverinnovations.com to learn more about their services. Additional assistance is available through the Beaver Institute's help desk at helpdesk@beaverinstitute.org.
- **Interested in cost-share opportunities?** The Beaver Institute offers cost-share programs to residents and organizations seeking to resolve conflicts with beavers using non-lethal interventions. See if you qualify at: <https://www.beaverinstitute.org/get-beaver-help/landowner-assistant-grants/>.

Appreciate Their Work

Visit a local wetland, lake, or stream where beavers are present. Look for lodges and dams with chewed sticks and fresh mud for indications that beavers are active. Notice how many different bird, plant, and animal species you see. Compare what you see to a water body where there are no beavers present. There is a significant difference in the amount and variety of species present on water bodies with active beaver colonies compared to those without beavers. By learning to coexist with beavers, we can harness their ability to build critical habitat, protect biodiversity, and improve water quality.



Art by Hennepin County staffer Rachel Dunlap



City of Corcoran Welcomes New Staff

Parker Tabor

Hi! I joined the City of Corcoran this past May as the Recreation Program Coordinator. A fun fact about me, I actually grew up playing t-ball and soccer right here in Corcoran! It is incredibly rewarding to now be in a role where I can give back and make a positive impact on the community that shaped me. I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse, majoring in Professional and Organizational Communication. Prior to this role, I gained valuable experience in the recreation field as a Competitive Sports Supervisor. I look forward to giving back and making a positive impact on my community and those around me this summer!



Brady Heinz

Brady has joined the City of Corcoran team in the Public Works Department. We are excited to welcome Brady to our seasonal maintenance team!



Yard Waste Drop Off Site

Maple Grove Yard Waste Site

10300 Maple Grove Parkway
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-420-4886
info@mgyardwaste.com



Maple Grove, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Crystal, and New Hope residents at no charge. Rogers residents need a City Hall issued permit to dump. (All residents must have a valid picture ID)

Site is also open to all other residents and commercial customers for a fee.

Open Dates and Hours

Open April 1 – November 30
Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

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

Environmental

AIS Prevention and Lake Pledge: Protect Water Resources and Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!



Illustration credit: Rachel Dunlap. Species pictured include purple loosestrife, goldfish, common carp, flowering rush, curly-leaf pondweed, spiny waterflea, zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, mystery snail.

Hennepin County is a unique urban area. With 200 lakes, 640 miles of streams, three major rivers, 45,000 acres of wetlands and 50 public water accesses, there are so many opportunities to enjoy being on and around water.



Aquatic invasive species don't usually enter lakes, rivers, and streams on their own, people help transport them. In some cases, it only takes one individual organism, such as a small plant fragment, to result in an infestation. An infestation can be devastating for lake recreation and aquatic life and can cost a lot of money to manage. Aquatic invasive species can be introduced directly, like through the dumping of a fish tank into a stream, or hitchhike on different surfaces, like boats, docks, live wells and more.

Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species takes everyone, including people fishing, boating, kayaking, or sailing, those who live on lakes, and those with aquariums or ponds, to help keep our lakes clean and healthy. That's why Hennepin County is encouraging anyone who enjoys our lakes to sign up for **Lake Pledge** at <https://lakepledge.com/>.

If you are using a watercraft, remember to **clean** off any plants, animals and mud, **drain** any water-containing devices, **dry** everything, and **dispose** of unwanted bait in a designated area or the trash. Don't forget to trim your boat motor down or run your personal watercraft engine for a few seconds to discharge that last bit of water before leaving a water access.

If you have been on a lake for 24 hours or more, clean your boat at a decontamination station before entering another lake. **Three Rivers Park District** and the **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources** have hot water decontaminations stations available in Hennepin County. For more information, visit their respective websites at the following links:

Three Rivers Park District:

<https://www.threeriversparks.org/page/aquatic-invasive-species>

MN Department of Natural Resources:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/watercraft_inspect/courtesydecon.html





8200 County Road 116
Corcoran, MN 55340

Organics Recycling

Source: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling>



About one-third of our trash is organic materials, including food, food-soiled paper, and certified compostable products, that could be composted. Organics recycling is the best opportunity to reduce our trash and put it to better use.

While composting is great for disposing of food scraps and other compostable materials, preventing wasted food is even more important and more impactful.

Making simple changes and working to adopt new habits can have a big impact. Creating and following a meal plan, keeping track of and using up the food you buy, understanding date labels, and learning how to properly store and process food can all significantly reduce the amount of food waste you generate.

For more information on resources that will help you reduce food waste and/or more information on organics recycling, visit the Hennepin County recycling webpage: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling>.

Monthly Utility Bills

The city offers online account viewing and e-payment options via 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 — Pay Bills to view, pay or login to your utility billing account. Questions? Contact utilitybilling@corcoranmn.gov or call 763-420-2288 and select Option 1.

General Information

City of Corcoran

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Front Desk — 763-420-8966

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(Outside of construction hours)
952-258-5321

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