




CORCORAN NEWS

Open Book Meeting CANCELED

**See page 5 for more information.*

In support of the health and safety of taxpayers and the Hennepin County staff, the Open Book meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 has been canceled.

Elections & Voting Links

mnvotes.org

Register to Vote

Register to vote online, check registration, etc.

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

Election Day Voting

Find where to vote, voting hours, etc.

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

Other Ways to Vote/Absentee

Vote before election day by mail, in person, from military to overseas, track your absentee ballot or find your county election office.

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

What's On My Ballot?

View sample ballot, search candidate filings, etc.

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



Adapt and Overcome

I say this to my son on a regular basis as he attempts to navigate life as a seven year old, finding new challenges along the way. That statement seems appropriate in these unprecedented times as we are all trying to do the same in our everyday lives. Like many of you, our Corcoran team has adapted nearly all of our processes and had to overcome barriers to keep moving forward. I'm pleased to say the team has done an exceptional job so far in finding a way to operate in the new normal. I hope you are successful as well.

As we adapt our processes, the Mayor and Council has made it clear that it should not be in a manner that reduces community participation. This includes Council and Commission meetings. Our goal is to allow for individuals to join our City Council meetings remotely beginning with the April 13 meeting (a rare Monday meeting), and hopefully transition to a format in which the Council could receive community feedback in real time at appropriate portions of the meeting. This will be rolled out incrementally and will require some patience from those of you who wish to join us.

Communication on these changes will be made known through social media as well as our regular email distribution of Council packet materials. You can also call City Hall for updates if those opportunities are not available to you. In the meantime, please feel free to call or email the City Council or me. I can be reached at bmartens@ci.corcoran.mn.us or 763-400-7030.

On a final note, please take the guidance of our health professionals seriously. If we want to overcome, we all need to adapt first. Continue to monitor information from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Be nice to each other, we're all in this together.

Sincerely,

Brad Martens
City Administrator
City of Corcoran

**See page 14 for more information regarding adjusted City services.*

ATTENTION:

Information regarding dates, services and programs provided by the City and other non-City sponsored events are current as of the date of publication. For the most up-to-date information, visit ci.corcoran.mn.us or follow us on Facebook or Twitter. For non-City sponsored events, please contact the appropriate organization.



City Updates

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm at City Hall unless otherwise posted. The following is a recap of a selection of items discussed at meetings since the last newsletter. A full recap can be found by reviewing the approved City Council minutes on the City's website.



Low Cost Paving Options—Assessment Policy Review

- Reviewed the existing assessment policy; directed staff to incorporate a depreciation component on deferred assessments.

Request for Water and Sewer Connection with Maple Grove

- Directed staff to work with Maple Grove to discuss the terms of a potential connection for properties in the Appaloosa Woods neighborhood.

Annual Appointments

- Approved annual appointments; selected Councilmember Jon Bottema as Acting Mayor for 2020.

Property Acquisition Process— Gleason Parkway Extension and Trunk Sewer Extension Projects

- Approved a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain if necessary for the project on specific properties.

City Council Updates

- Accepted the resignation of Mike Keefe from the City Council.
- Appointed Tom Anderson to the City Council for a term ending November 3, 2020.

Commission Updates

- Accepted the resignation of Rich Asleson from the Charter Commission; approved a resolution honoring his service to the City.
- Accepted the resignation of Tom Anderson from the Parks and Trails Commission; directed staff to take no action on filling the vacancy at this time.
- Re-appointed Sharon Meister Chairperson and Phil Christenson to the Parks and Trails Commission.
- Re-appointed Jim Shoulak to the Planning Commission.

Final PUD Development Plan and Final Plat for Ravinia 14th Addition

- Approved the plat for 33 additional homes in Ravinia.
- Held the public hearing on an easement vacation; approved the easement vacation as presented.

Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Wessel Residential Development

- Reviewed the findings of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposed Wessel Development and approved a finding of no need for an Environmental Impact Statement.

Sketch Plan for 10409 County Road 101

- Reviewed the proposed project for a 33,000 square foot truck sales and service location. Provided feedback on the project and direction related to transportation and utilities.

2020 Legislative Priorities

- Discussed legislative priorities; approved with the additional focus on access to high speed internet.

2020 Capital Improvement Plan Purchases

- Directed staff to include funding in the 2020 CIP for squad and body worn camera and to proceed with body worn camera policy development.
- Approved the pre-order of two squads; a tandem axle dump truck and a water truck.
- Approved the two year plan as presented; authorized staff to purchase certain equipment as requested.

Special Elections Options

- Directed staff to schedule a special election on November 3, 2020 to permanently fill Council vacancy.

Property Tax



Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Take the same precautions you would to avoid colds and flu.



Wash your hands.



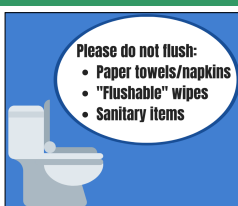
Stay home when sick.



Cover your cough.

For more information, visit health.mn.gov
HOTLINE: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT



2020 Corcoran Events Calendar

*Meetings may be held by telephone or by electronic means. Visit ci.corcoran.mn.us for updates.

Apr 13: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

Apr 16: Parks & Trails Commission Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers **CANCELED**

Apr 19: Firearms Safety Class **CANCELED**

April 20: Spring Machine Pitch Baseball Begins **CANCELED**

Apr 23: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

Apr 25: Firearms Safety — Field Safety Day **CANCELED**

April 27: Spring T-Ball Begins **CANCELED**
6:00 pm — City Park

April 28: Spring Coach Pitch Baseball Begins **CANCELED**
6:00 pm — City Park **CANCELED**

Apr 29: Open Book Meeting **CANCELED**
5:30 pm — Council Chambers

May 2: Corcoran Clean Up Day **CANCELED**
8:00 am — Corcoran Public Works Facility

May 4: Summer Soccer Priority Registration Begins (Corcoran residents only)

May 7: Planning Commission Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

May 11: Summer Soccer Registration Begins

May 14: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

May 21: Parks & Trails Commission Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

May 25: Holiday — City Hall Closed

May 28: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

June 4: Planning Commission Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

June 11: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

June 18: Parks & Trails Commission Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

June 25: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

July 2: Planning Commission Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

July 4: Holiday — City Hall Closed

July 9: City Council Meeting
7:00 pm — Council Chambers

July 9: Summer Soccer Begins

City Updates Continued...

2016 Downtown Corcoran Sewer and Water Improvements

- Approved a change order to complete the project closeout.

Preliminary Design Quotes— Hackamore Road Improvement Project

- Approved the proposal from WSB to proceed with design for the road improvement project on Hackamore Road.

Police Department Staffing— COPS Grant

- Directed staff to seek grant funds for two police officer positions.

Water Treatment and Well Site

- Provided staff direction on land purchases for the test well and water treatment site.
- Authorized the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement with the property owner at 10110 County Road 116.
- Approved the award of the low bid for the drilling of a test well contingent upon Minnesota Department of Health permit approval.
- Heard an update on the planning process for a future well and water treatment system.

Request for Extension of Preliminary Plat, Preliminary PUD Plan and Rezoning Approvals for “Sawgrass” at 20400 County Road 10

- Approved the extension of the preliminary zoning approvals until August 27, 2020.

Resolution Supporting Infrastructure Accountability

- Approved the resolution in support of legislation authorizing cities to establish infrastructure development fees for transportation projects.

Commission Annual Report and 2020 Priorities

- Planning Commissioner Shoulak presented the accomplishments from the previous year and the priorities for 2020.
- Parks and Trails Commission Chair Meister presented the accomplishments from the previous year and the priorities for 2020.

Job Description Approval and Authorization to Begin Recruitment— City Planner

- Approved the job description and authorization the recruitment of a City Planner which was budgeted in 2020.

Draft Liquor Ordinance Updates

- Reviewed proposed ordinance amendments and allowing for wine licenses and clarification of penalties and revocation procedures.

2020 Southeast Watermain Improvements

- Reviewed the project and required easements; directed staff to proceed with offers for the purchase of easements as recommended.

The City of Corcoran shares information on Facebook and Twitter regarding emergency information, City Council and Commission information, special events and other happenings around the community. View or follow the links below for more information.



Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CorcoranMN/

Twitter:

www.twitter.com/CorcoranMNCity



Building Permits



In planning your construction projects, please remember the City has a number of guidelines and checklist handouts available to help you with the permit process. For Building Permit Guidelines and Checklists, visit ci.corcoran.mn.us select *Departments — Building and Inspections — Permit Forms and Checklists*.

Accessory structures which do not exceed 200 square feet are exempt from building permits. These structures must still meet building code, setbacks, and zoning requirements.

Most Requested Building Permit Fees

Reroofing, Re-siding	\$91/ea.
Windows (<i>in same openings</i>)	\$91
Furnace or A/C Unit Replacement	\$76/unit
Gas Fireplace	\$101
General Plumbing	\$51+
Water Heater Replacement	\$21
Water Softener Replacement	\$16

**All of the above fees include the State Surcharge (\$1.00).*

If you have any questions, contact Code Compliance Official Mike Pritchard at mpritchard@ci.corcoran.mn.us or 763-400-7033. For Building Code related questions, contact our contracted Building Official, Metro West Inspections at 763-479-1720.

City Ordinance

Can I Build an Accessory Structure on my Property?



Building permits are required for accessory structures over 200 square feet in size. The maximum size allowed is dependent on your property size. Although overall structure height is a factor, the City of Corcoran also measures the sidewall height. This is the distance measured from the bottom of the eave to the ground. In the front or side yard, there is a ten foot maximum sidewall height; in the rear yard it is 13 feet 6 inch maximum. On properties less

than two acres, the finish materials must be of a residential style/type (i.e. no metal standing seam siding/pole barn siding) and the structure must meet all setbacks.*

Accessory Structure Permit Submittal Requirements

- One completed building permit application form
- Two sets of the proposed building plans showing design, materials, and scale
- Two copies of a Certificate of Survey indicating the location of the structure
- Or two copies of a site plan, allowing the proposed structure meets all the required setbacks by at least two times. Site plan must be drawn to scale and indicate the lot dimensions, the location and ground coverage area of existing structures and the location and area of the proposed structure as well as the setbacks from all property lines.

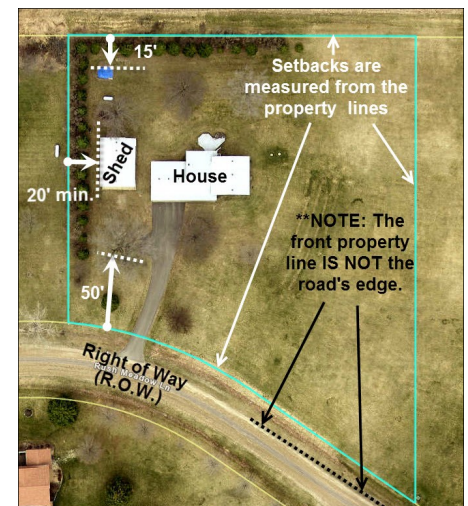
Building Plans Must Show the Following

- Overhead and Elevation
- Size of building
- Sidewall and overall height
- Foundation and footings (size, depth, reinforcement, anchor bolts, etc.)
- Framing: including walls, headers, trusses/rafters, etc. (lumber type, size, spacing, specifications, etc.) finish materials (roofing, siding, etc.) *Note: Metal roofing/siding requires a Certificate of Compliance.*

Certificate of Survey / Site Plan must show

- Size and location of all existing structures, septic sites, wells, etc.
- Size and location of proposed building
- Distances to property lines (setbacks) including: sides, rear, and front
- Provide scale

***NOTE:** Setbacks are measured from the property line, not the street/road edge. For complete information as well as other ordinance standards and permit/plan requirements, please view the accessory structure checklist located at the City of Corcoran website at <http://bit.ly/2u8pQ8u>.



Pictured: Accessory structure setbacks in UR and RR districts in Corcoran.



Notice of Valuation and Classification

Each spring, the Hennepin County assessor will mail you a Notice of Valuation and Classification informing you of the market value and classification of your property. These were sent in early March by Hennepin County.

Classification and Class Rates

The assessor classifies property according to its use. Each class of property (single-family home, apartment, cabin, farm, and commercial) has its own classification rate. The class rate is determined by the state legislature. Similar to market value, the class rate of your property plays a role in how much property tax you pay.

Other Helpful Property Tax Links

Valuation and property sale information visit: www.hennepin.us

Parcel Data for Taxes 2021: www.hennepin.us/residents#property

Homestead Information: www.hennepin.us/residents/property/homestead

Market value vs. property tax: www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-value#market-value

City Assessor

Rolf Erickson

763-473-3978

assessor84@comcast.net

General Questions:

Hennepin County Assessor's Office

612-348-3046

assessor.AO@hennepin.us

Property Tax Information

Understanding the Assessment and Appeals Process

Role of the Property Tax Assessor

www.revenue.state.mn.us/propertytax/



The assessor has an important role in the property tax process, in that it is very important to make sure all property is valued at its market value and classified according to its use so the property tax levy is divided correctly among all taxable properties. The assessor does not determine your property taxes, and assessors do not raise revenue by increasing market values. Using a mass

appraisal system and historical data, the assessor's job is to estimate the market value of all properties on the assessment date of January 2 each year. The assessor considers the location of the property, the amount of land in each parcel, any improvements to the land, physical characteristics of the improvements (such as square footage, decks, porches, etc.) and the quality of construction. The property is then compared to similar properties in your area that have recently sold in order to determine the estimated market value. The assessor determines these factors each year, and they are shown annually on the Notice of Valuation and Classification.

What if I disagree with how my property was assessed?

If you have a disagreement over valuation or classification of your property, the first step is to contact your city assessor. Review and verify information with your city assessor such as dimensions, age, and condition of structures. Review records to determine the market value of similar properties in your neighborhood. Review sales data to find out what similar properties in your area are selling for. Ask the assessor to explain the criteria used for classifying your property. You may also review the classifications of other properties used in the same manner as yours. If your property has not been inspected recently, both interior and exterior, ask the assessor to come out to review your property. The assessor is not responsible for the dollar amount of taxes that you pay. Tax rates are determined by local taxing authorities (the city, the county, school districts, etc.). If you think your taxes are too high, you should make your opinion known to your taxing authorities during the budget meetings in September and December.

Open Book Meeting Cancellation Information

Hennepin County appraisers are conducting virtual valuation and classification reviews with no face-to-face contact. You may call the assessor's office at **763-473-3978** or send an email to assessor84@comcast.net prior to **May 20, 2020** to discuss your concerns and share information about your property's assessment.

If you still disagree with your property tax assessment, appealing your assessment is the next step. You may appeal to the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization by calling **612-348-7050** or e-mailing countyvalueappeal@hennepin.us by **May 20, 2020**.

The Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is scheduled for **June 15, 2020** at the Hennepin County Government Center. Notice will be given by **June 1, 2020** on the Hennepin County website if the meeting will be held by telephonic or other electronic means. By law, the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization cannot make a change favoring a taxpayer if the assessor is not allowed to inspect the property. You have the right to appeal your estimated market value and or property classification if you feel your property is:

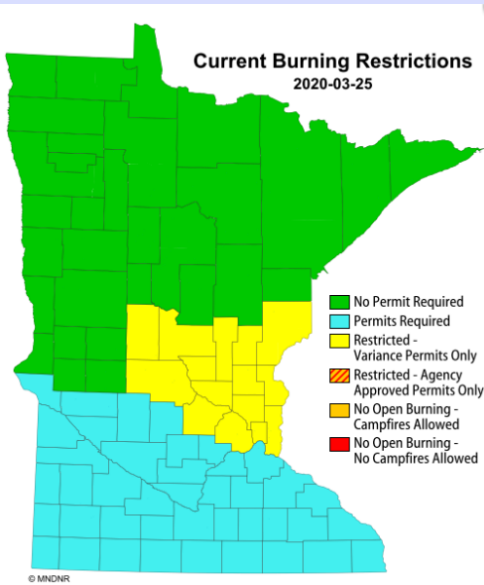
- Classified improperly
- Valued at an amount higher or lower than you could sell your property for
- Valued at a level different from similar property in your area



Spring Burning Restrictions

Effective **Tuesday, March 24** spring burning restrictions are in effect for Anoka, Chisago, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey and Washington counties. Burning permits for bush or yard waste will be restricted until further notice.

For MN DNR (Department of Natural Resources) issued burn restrictions visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html. Spring burn restrictions typically begin two weeks after the snow melts and remain in place until summer green-up occurs. For additional burn permit guidelines visit ci.corcoran.mn.us select *Departments — Police — Burning Regulations/Permits*.



Corcoran Police Department General Information

Police Administrative Office Hours:

Monday— Thursday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Police Administrative Office Phone:

763-420-8966

Located at:

8200 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN

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Public Safety

Burning Permits

If you choose to burn yard debris, don't forget to purchase a burn permit. Apply in person during the business hours of Monday—Thursday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm; and Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Corcoran Police Administrative Office.

Burn permits are required for any fires larger than three-feet diameter by three-feet in height. Anything smaller than a three-foot by three-foot fire must be a recreational fire. Under normal conditions, burn permits can be purchased for either a one-month burn period (\$10.00) or six-month burn period (\$50.00). Any landowner or resident in Corcoran that does not have a permit for a controlled burn or bonfire can be cited and fined.

Items approved to burn: vegetative material, such as grass, leaves, brush, and untreated lumber.

Items not approved to burn: hazardous wastes, demolition debris, motor vehicles, oils, rubber, plastics, chemically-treated materials, sheet rock, paint, garbage, and debris castoff from businesses. You can find the complete list on the city's website or on the MN DNR's website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire.



If you require information on alternate methods of disposal of vegetative materials contact the Maple Grove Yard Waste Drop-Off Site at 763-420-4886 or mgyardwaste.com

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Take the same precautions you would to avoid colds and flu.



**Wash your
hands.**



**Stay home
when sick.**



**Cover your
cough.**

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Many Routes to Clean Water

In some places the clean water route is rather short and fast. In newer neighborhoods, runoff flows over paved streets and driveways to storm water drains and storm sewers to ponds, wetlands, or streams. The Ravinia development in southeast Corcoran is a good example. The Ravinia neighborhood has curbs, gutters, and catch basins connecting to storm sewer pipes that carry runoff to several storm water wetlands.

In other places, the route is perhaps less obvious. In non-suburban areas of the city, there are no storm sewer systems like the kind found in the Ravinia neighborhood. Instead of catch basins and pipes, there are ditches and ditched sections of streams that accept overland runoff and carry it to Elm Creek, Rush Creek, Jubert Lake, or one of Corcoran's many wetlands. Most of the city has this type of drainage system.

No matter which path is taken, it's important to keep runoff and meltwater as clean as we can, for a variety of reasons. For one thing, preventing spills, wastes, sediment, and other contaminants from entering our storm drainage system saves money. Polluted lakes and streams must be cleaned if they fall below water quality standards, and the cost is borne in part by the city – in other words, by residents of Corcoran. See the related article about the Rush Creek Headwaters Sub Watershed Assessment or by viewing <http://bit.ly/2nfh3iS>.



Drainage ditches and storm water drains eventually empty into fresh water, such as this storm water wetland in the City Park.

Public Works



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Road Restriction Reminder

In the spring of each year, Corcoran Public Works follows MNDOT's guidelines for road restrictions throughout the City. Due to our geographic location, the City follows the Metro Region for placing restrictions, but follow the Central Region for lifting restrictions. This involves flagging and posting signs at the entrances of these roads. Seasonal load limit road postings were posted and in effect, on Friday, March 6 at 12:01 am. A vehicle cannot exceed a total of five-tons per axle weight.

Why do we have road restrictions?

In spring, roads begin to thaw from both the top and bottom. As the frost/ice melts, water saturates the road's base and subgrade. The layers lose strength, similar to a handful of mud compared to dry compacted soil, and as thawing continues, water becomes trapped in the upper sub-grade and is unable to drain away through the still frozen soils below. Pavements and gravel roads weaken considerably in a very short time under these conditions. These conditions can also occur during and after periods of heavy rain (more so on gravel roads).

What causes the damage?

Without adequate support, pavement deflects too much under heavy loads, and cracks or depressions develop. Gravel roads develop soft spots and ruts as vehicle traffic compacts and displaces the over-saturated surface and subgrade. This degradation on both gravel and asphalt roads allows more moisture to penetrate, worsening the cycle until the road fails completely. According to tests by AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials), the amount of damage a road sustains is directly related to the weight of the large trucks and how often it is applied. Passenger autos and light duty vehicles are not a problem. It is large trucks carrying what would usually be legal weight loads, over weakened surfaces which cause the damage. When trucks carry loads that are heavier than the weight limit, the potential for damage is much higher.

Another factor is the amount of weight and number of tires on each axle. Damage increases rapidly with higher axle loads and actually worsens at a faster rate than the load increases. A nine-ton axle load, for example, causes about ten times more damage than a five-ton axle load. Distributing a vehicle's weight and its payload over more axles and tires assists in lightening the load at each point of contact, reducing damage to the road.

Reducing Damage

Imposing restrictions on truck weight limits is a reasonable and practical way to protect vulnerable local roads when they are at their weakest. Spring weight limits begin with the first thawing (typically early March) and continue until the road surface is again strong enough to carry normal loads (typically mid-May).



Shade Tree Giveaway

Sponsored by: Parks and Trails Commission,
Corcoran Garden Club and
NW Area Jaycees



For the past several years, the Parks and Trails Commission has given away shade tree saplings to Corcoran residents made possible with funds donated by the Northwest Area Jaycees. Varieties offered include deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs.

The trees will be given away at the City Park skating rinks/warming house shelter located at 20200 County Road 50 in early May as the delivery date has been delayed. For more information email Tom Anderson at trees4corcoran@yahoo.com or call 763-428-2559.

For your larger projects you can order additional trees from Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District. View their website at www.wrightswcd.org/tree_program.html for complete information. Trees come in bundles of 25 per species.

To purchase trees directly through the DNR nursery visit: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/nursery/index.html>.



Parks & Recreation

Spring Baseball Cancellation Information

Due to guidance from the CDC and other agencies regarding gatherings, the spring baseball season (t-ball, coach pitch, and machine pitch) has been canceled. With the inability to adhere to the guidelines for hand hygiene and social distancing during the games and practices, the risk was deemed too high. Delaying the season was considered, but due to other items being scheduled directly following the baseball season, this was not an option. We appreciate your patience and understanding while the decision was being made.

Individuals should see a refund to the original payment method used by Friday, April 10. If you don't see the refund posted by that date, please reach out to the City's Recreation Coordinator at jchristensenbuck@ci.corcoran.mn.us.

Adopt-a-Spot

Do you have a favorite area of Corcoran that you want to make a positive impact on? Consider adopting that spot! Individuals or organizations have the option to adopt a road, park, or trail and host a minimum of two clean ups per year.

Participants are required to sign a waiver and follow a list of guidelines during clean ups. Questions and interest in the adopt-a-spot program can be directed to Recreation Coordinator, Jessica Christensen Buck at jchristensenbuck@ci.corcoran.mn.us or 763-400-7034.



Playgrounds are closed to limit the spread of COVID-19. Individuals are still able to use the park space while being mindful of social distancing measures. We appreciate your cooperation during these unprecedented times.

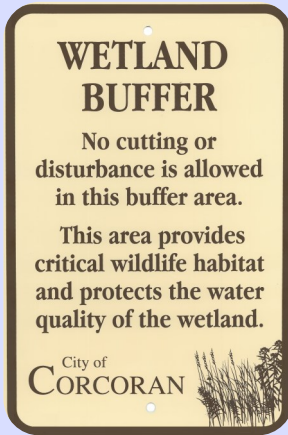


The City of Corcoran's Parks and Recreation Department oversees youth athletic programs, park shelters, fields, and general park usage. Questions regarding Parks and Recreation facilities and programs?

Contact:
Jessica Christensen Buck,
Recreation Coordinator at
jchristensenbuck@ci.corcoran.mn.us or
763-400-7034



Wetland Signs Identify Protected Areas



To help Corcoran residents better identify protected wetland areas near their property, the City of Corcoran is posting wetland signs which designate areas that are protected and should not be cut, mowed, filled, or changed in any way. The city of Corcoran continues to coordinate efforts with the Elm Creek Watershed Commission in helping protect our local streams and watersheds, the signs will be a marker reminding residents to help protect our community and environment. For more information on the Elm Creek Watershed, please visit the links below:

Elm Creek Watershed
www.elmcreekwatershed.org

City of Corcoran
www.ci.corcoran.mn.us

Select Services — Environmental — Storm Water

University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service
www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/

For information about manure management, select Crops — Nutrient Management

Hennepin County – Protecting land and water

hennepin.us/residents/environment/protecting-land-water

Includes home landscaping tips, a landowner guide, and more.

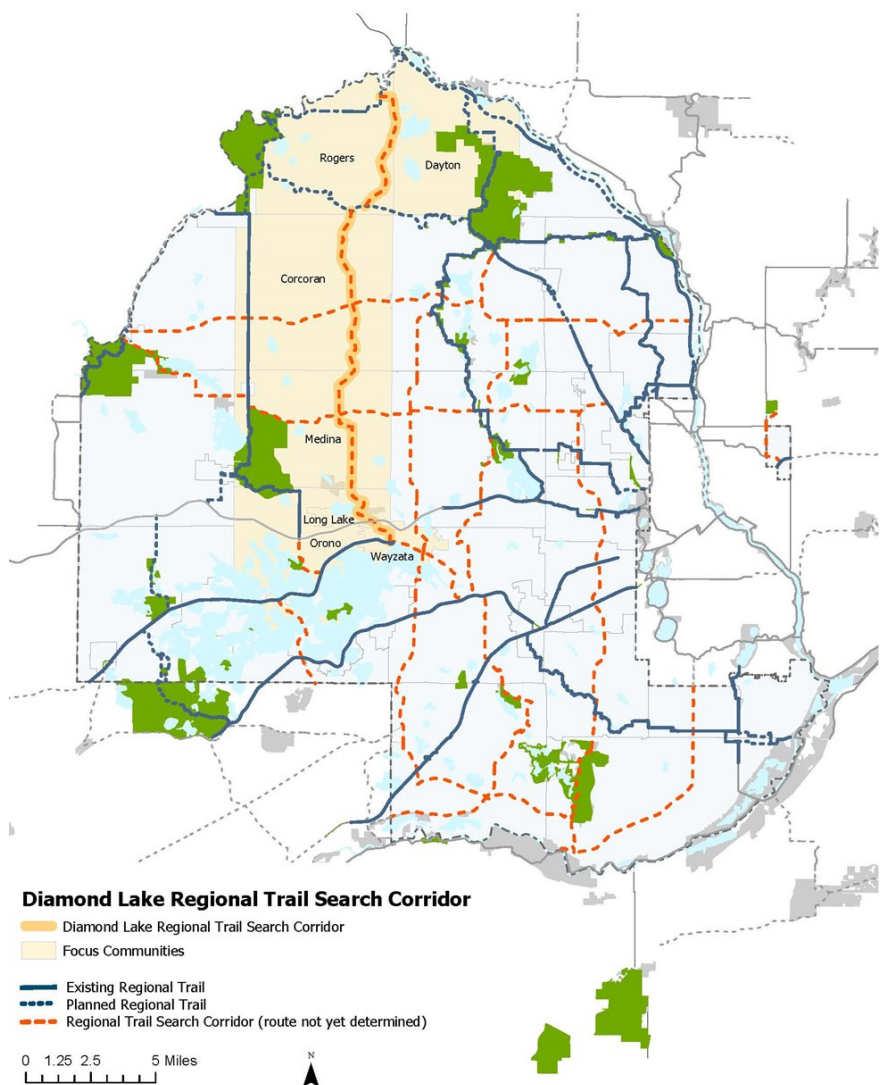
Environmental Three Rivers Park District Master Plan Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Three Rivers Park District has kicked off the master planning process for the future development of a new north-south regional trail through the western portion of Hennepin County.

Identified as the Diamond Lake Regional Trail (DLRT), this future 21-mile long regional trail will connect the communities of Dayton, Rogers, Corcoran, Medina, Long Lake, Orono, and Wayzata. The vision for the DLRT is for a 10-foot wide paved, multi-use trail corridor that will connect areas of high natural resource value, local parks or trails, and other planned or existing regional trails in the Three Rivers trail network. Users will be able to use the trail for biking, hiking, dog-walking, running, and in-line skating.

The City of Corcoran and the Park District will work together to find the best alignment through the community. Staff from Three Rivers will visit various community events in western Hennepin County this summer providing project information and soliciting public feedback on route alignments.

Check out the project website at www.letstalkthreerivers.org/ for more information and links later this spring and summer to provide public feedback.



2020 Corcoran Recycling Schedule

South of Co Rd 10

North of Co Rd 10

APRIL						
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JUNE						
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763-972-3335

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Environmental

Pet Waste Can Be Harmful

Storm water can carry waste and other pollutants directly into waterways. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms and parasites such as roundworms and hookworms or Giardia, as well as bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and animals. When animal waste washes into a stream, lake, or wetland, it breaks down using up oxygen and releasing other chemicals.

No one likes the smell or to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars, and businesses. Please clean up after your pet when walking within Corcoran neighborhoods, on the shoulder of paved roads, and within the ditches of Corcoran's many gravel roads. Your neighbors will appreciate your effort and you will be helping to keep waste from Corcoran's many watersheds.

Some Helpful Tips

On The Go

Carry plastic bags in your pocket. The bag can be used to secure and pick-up waste to be thrown away in the garbage.

At Home

Clean-up and remove waste on a regular basis. Bag it and place it in the garbage. Landfills are designed to safely handle and contain waste such as cat litter, dirty diapers, etc.

Consider Contracting With a Pet Waste Removal Service

There are many products and DIY systems out there for pet waste-composting/digester systems (also known as "doggy septic systems"); however, these options are not recommended. The systems require a high level of maintenance and many times don't work properly, and can be costly to remove. Pet waste materials need high and consistent amounts of heat to effectively kill the dangerous organisms and breakdown waste properly. These systems are not recommended in areas with high water tables, low temperatures, or in soils with slow drainage.





RECYCLING GUIDE

DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES - place items loose in cart.

CANS	CARTONS	GLASS	PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 through #7	PAPER
				
Aluminum & steel cans	Food & beverage cartons	Bottles & jars	Kitchen, laundry, bath bottles & containers (empty & replace cap)	Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines & flattened cardboard

✗ DO NOT RECYCLE ITEMS LIKE:

- ✗ No plastic bags, plastic toys, or plastic wrap
- ✗ No propane tanks
- ✗ No batteries of any kind
- ✗ No tanglers (hoses, wires, chains, electronics, etc.)
- ✗ No styrofoam

Questions?

Or need a larger cart?
We're happy to help!
Give us a call at
(763) 972-3335

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please check with the appropriate organization for updates to events/programs.

Hennepin County Fair June 12- 14, 2020

The Hennepin County Fair takes place June 12-14, 2020 at Corcoran Lion Park.



The fair includes a petting zoo, kids' activities, tasty fair food, a carnival, vendors, 4-H exhibits, demolition derby, and so much more! **For more information visit hennepincountyfair.com**

World Championship Hamel Rodeo July 9- 12, 2020



The Hamel Rodeo takes place at Corcoran Lions Park

July 9-12, 2020 and is the largest rodeo in the State of Minnesota on the basis of both total added money and total pay off. This year the contestants will take home approximately \$120,000 for their efforts. This is why many of the top name contestants will always be found at the Hamel Rodeo.

For more information on the World Championship Hamel Rodeo visit www.hamelrodeo.org.

Corcoran Country Daze August 14- 15, 2020

The 17th Annual Corcoran Country Daze is co-sponsored by the City of Corcoran and the NW Area Jaycees and takes place August 14-15, 2020 at Corcoran Lions Park. With bands playing both Friday and Saturday nights, and plenty of free family fun on Saturday, Corcoran Country Daze has quickly become an annual family favorite event in Corcoran!



For more information visit www.corcorancountrydaze.org/

Corcoran Happenings

North Hennepin Pioneer Society Summerfest

Sponsored by: North Hennepin Pioneer Society

The Burschville School in Corcoran has officially been granted status on the National Register of Historic Sites, as of November 1, 2018.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 9, 2020** for the annual Summerfest event. It will be a time of celebration, to acknowledge all the work it took to reach this point. To think, it has been 126 years since the one-room school opened for students!

Visit this site and enjoy live music, children's games, door prizes and a raffle, plus those famous "Pork Chops" grilled by alumni of the Burschville School. All profits from the food wagon are donated to the school!

Funds collected at Summerfest help keep up the expenses of insurance, painting, utilities, maintenance, and lawn mowing. The Society is continuously seeking historical documents, photographs or items you may have for donation. 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(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Interested in becoming a member? Yearly membership: \$12 per person, \$20 per couple or \$5 per student. Contact Bonnie at 763-420-3440 or Verneal at 763-498-8677 for more information or email: CorcoranSchool1894@gmail.com or visit ci.corcoran.mn.us select *Organizations/Events* — *North Hennepin Pioneer Society*.



North Hennepin Pioneer Society Summerfest 2020

Visit Corcoran's 126 year old one-room school house this summer!

Date: Sunday, August 9

Place: Burschville School House
Corcoran, MN

Night to Unite 2020



Join us for a city-wide party with free food, ice cream, bounce houses, firetrucks, K9 demonstrations, and prize drawings! Non-perishable food donations will also be accepted.

Tuesday, August 4th

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Corcoran Public Works Facility
9100 County Road 19
Corcoran, MN 55357



Local High School Scholarship Info Links

For more information on available scholarships for graduating high school seniors, please visit the appropriate school district scholarship pages:

- **Buffalo HS Scholarships**
bhmschools.org/scholarships-information
- **Delano HS Scholarships**
delano.k12.mn.us/high-school/student-services/counselors-corner/scholarships
- **Osseo HS Scholarships**
schools.district279.org/oalc/students/scholarships
- **Rockford HS Scholarships**
Rockford.k12.mn.us/page/726
- **Wayzata HS Scholarships**
wayzataschools.org/whs/families/counseling/paying-for-college

Corcoran Happenings

Corcoran Lions Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: Corcoran Lions



The Corcoran Lions are excited to offer their 32nd annual scholarship program. As in years past the basic rules remain the same and they are as indicated below. The scholarship application deadline date is April 18, 2020 and the Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Corcoran City Hall at 7:00 pm.

The Corcoran Lions Club awards scholarships to graduating seniors who live in the City of Corcoran. This year the Lion's will have the 11th annual Bill Schalo Scholarship. Bill's Scholarship is given based on community service in the community of Corcoran. This scholarship is given in memory of a fellow Lions member who gave so freely to the community for so many years.

Scholarships are based on academic, leadership, service to community and a need basis. The graduate must attend a college, junior college, university, trade or vocational school, in the year directly following graduation, to receive the award. The application deadline is April 18, 2020, along with a transcript of grades.

Applications can be found on the Lions website at www.corcoranlions.org or at the following high school offices: Buffalo, Delano, Maple Grove, Mayer Lutheran, Osseo, Rockford, Wayzata, Providence Academy, and West Lutheran High School. If a student attends a high school outside of the area or has been home schooled and still resides in the City of Corcoran, he or she is still eligible for a scholarship. Please contact Jerry Cain by email if you need an application at jerrycain@gmail.com.

The Corcoran Lions Club is a service that helps build communities through events, donations and assistance. The Lions Club makes donations to many organizations in our communities, which includes the Police Department, City, and local fire departments. Their goal is to encourage new membership and promote events held at the Corcoran Lions Park. If you are interested in becoming a Lions member, email jerrycain@gmail.com or stop by one of our meetings held at the Corcoran City Hall at 7:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information on the Corcoran Lions visit www.corcoranlions.org.

Northwest Area Jaycees Scholarships

Sponsored by: NW Area Jaycees

The Northwest Area Jaycees will be awarding up to \$15,000 in scholarship monies to graduating senior high school students. All applicants must reside within Corcoran city limits and will be continuing onto their college education during the entire Fall 2020—Spring 2021 school year. The applications are scored on the following: Academics, Leadership, Community Involvement, and Financial Need.

Complete all questions, including teacher recommendation letter, high school transcript and student applying must sign the application in the space provided. The Scholarship Committee will notify all applicants of scholarship status via mail and/or email. All questions must be answered on separate paper and typed. All unanswered segments of the application will be scored as zero.

View the link below for the scholarship application: <http://nwareajaycees.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/NW-Area-JCs-scholarship-application.pdf>.

Visit nwareajaycees.org for information regarding the spring deadline for completed scholarship applications and awards ceremony.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAKS



WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

- Coronavirus is a large family of viruses that cause a variety of diseases including colds to serious illnesses such as SARS and MERS-CoV.
- Coronavirus is a new strain of the virus that has never been detected or detected in the human body.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS



Fever



Cough



Hard to breathe

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

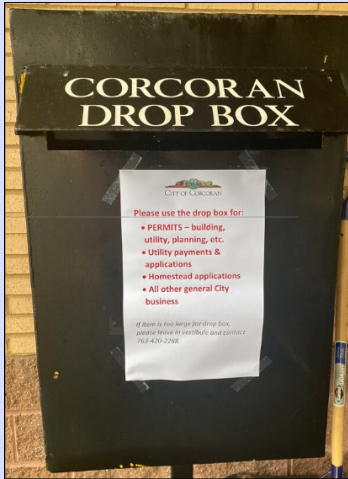
Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands

Avoid close contact with people who are sick



Corcoran Drop Box

Even though City Hall is closed to the public you can submit permit applications and payments, utility services applications and payments, direct payment applications, homestead applications, and other general City business by using the secure black drop box located outside of the main City Hall entrance.



Please do not flush:

- Paper towels/napkins
- "Flushable" wipes
- Sanitary items



Is what you're flushing actually flushable?

Diapers, tissues, "flushable" wipes - OH NO! These items are not flushable.

Lift stations, home plumbing, and septic systems are only meant to handle waste and toilet paper. All other items should be disposed of using other means.

Important Information

Adjusted City Services

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines regarding public gatherings and events and to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Corcoran has made several operational changes to reduce the risk to our staff and public.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Effective Tuesday, March 17 at 12:00 pm the following facilities were closed to the public through Friday, April 24 at which time further closures will be reviewed.

- City Hall Administrative Offices
- Public Works Facility
- Police Department (vestibule will remain open for limited services)

We encourage everyone to conduct business by email, phone or online through the City's website at ci.corcoran.mn.us. Please be aware that some responses may take more time than usual as we are currently adapting our operations as necessary.

The Corcoran Emergency Management Team will continue to monitor the situation and will make additional changes in accordance with MDH and CDC guidelines.

Please check our website, Facebook or Twitter for updates on the status of all City services, scheduled meetings, programs and events.

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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

Absentee Vote via 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 763-400-7029 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. You can find this section under *Government* — *Election Information* at www.ci.corcoran.mn.us.

Election Information

State Primary Election Dates

June 26: Absentee voting begins

July 21: Last day to Pre-Register to vote for the Primary
(Registration on Election Day available)

Aug 8: City Hall open from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm for absentee voting

Aug 10: City Hall open until 5:00 pm for in-person absentee voting

Aug 11: Primary Election day, polls open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

General Election Dates

Sept 18: Absentee voting begins

Oct 13: Last day to Pre-Register to vote for the Election
(Registration on Election Day available)

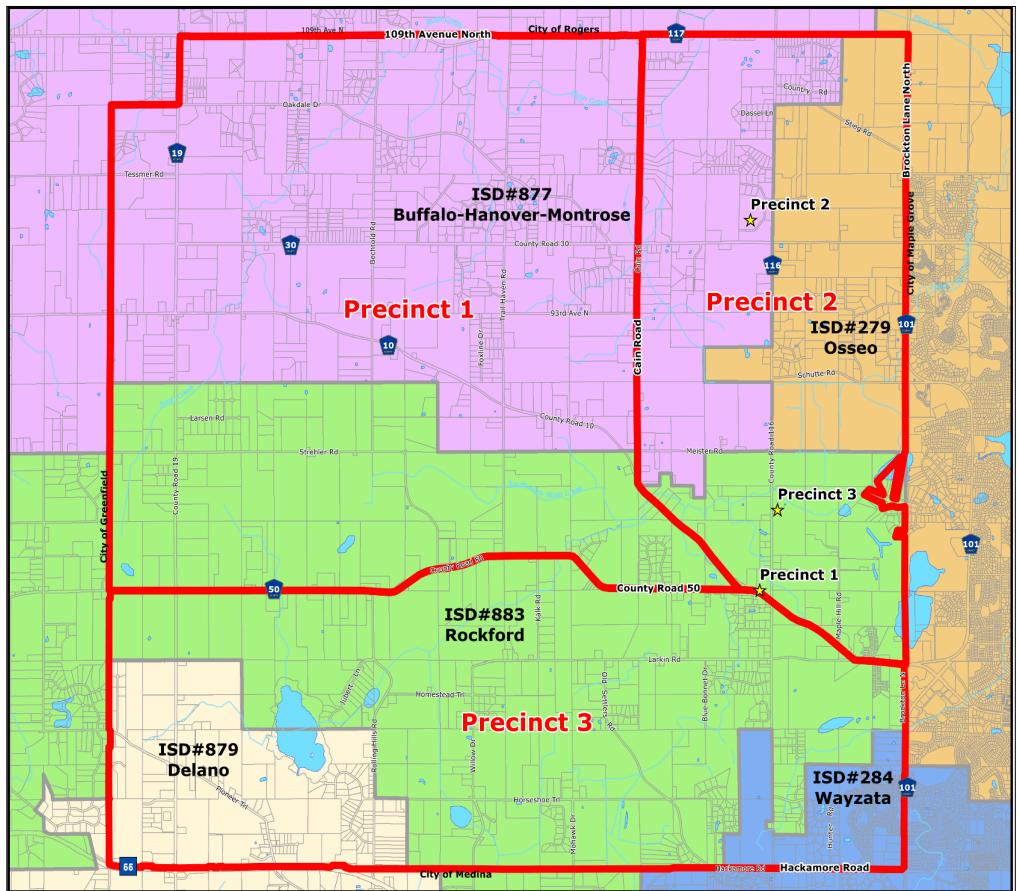
Oct 31: City Hall open from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm for absentee voting

Nov 2: City Hall open until 5:00 pm for in-person absentee voting

Nov 3: General Election day, polls open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

For more information on elections contact Jessica Beise, Administrative Services Director via email at jbeise@ci.corcoran.mn.us or 763-400-7029 or visit mnvotes.org.

To find 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





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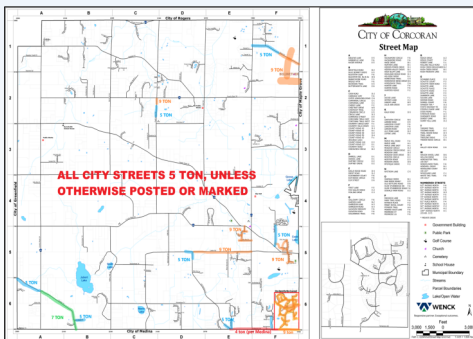


**The City of Corcoran's
Annual Clean Up Day has
been canceled.**

Spring 5-Ton Road Restrictions

Spring road restrictions went into effect Friday, March 6. Postings are concurrent with MNDOT Metro Region and will be lifted per MNDOT Central Region. A majority of the city streets in Corcoran will be posted at five-tons per axle weight up from four-tons. If you have a delivery, questions about accessing posted roads, or need a permit, contact City Hall at 763-420-2288.

Visit ci.corcoran.mn.us select *Departments — Public Works/Parks Department — Road Restrictions* for the most up-to-date information and to view current map for specific road postings as some roads may have a higher limit.



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. Please email utilitybilling@ci.corcoran.mn.us for more information on how to enroll.

In addition, the City of Corcoran also offers online credit card payments as another method of payment besides cash or check. Visit the following web address to use online credit card payments: <https://cityofcorcoran.revtrak.net>.

Hennepin County Battery Recycling Discontinued

Due to potential fire risks, Hennepin County discontinued collecting batteries at public buildings, including the drop-off location at Corcoran City Hall.



Residential battery drop-off is still available free of charge at both Hennepin County Drop-off facilities in Bloomington and Brooklyn Center and at county household hazardous waste event collections. Learn more at hennepin.us/batteryrecycling.

City of Corcoran

Main Office — 763-420-2288

Monday- Friday 8:00 am — 4:00 pm

City of Corcoran meetings can be viewed via video links at ci.corcoran.mn.us

Upcoming Meetings

City Council Meetings

Apr 13 & 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23

7:00 pm

Parks & Trails Commission Meetings

May 21, June 18 & July 16

7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meetings

May 7, June 4 & July 2

7:00 pm

City Website

www.ci.corcoran.mn.us

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