



# Carver County

2021 MID-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS



## HIGHWAY 212 PROJECT

Broke ground on Highway 212 segment between Highway 36 in Cologne and Highway 11/Jonathan Carver Parkway in Carver. That work is well underway.

## SUPPORT DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

Our crisis team continued to see clients face to face in the community and hospitals throughout the pandemic while the County's other mental health providers quickly changed to teletherapy. This came against a nationwide backdrop of an unprecedented increase in the number of children and teenagers experiencing a serious mental health crisis.

## LOW COVID-19 FATILITY RATES

Thanks to our multiple partners from Cities to school districts to health-care providers to pharmacies, the County has one of the lowest fatality rates associated with COVID-19 in the State of Minnesota.

## HELPING VETERANS DURING PANDEMIC

During the pandemic, Veteran Services assisted more than 80 veteran/military families financially impacted by COVID-19 with more than \$120,000 in local grant payments. This included veterans and families receiving supplemental benefits such as non-profit funds, health and human services benefits, and more.

## CONNECTIVITY

CarverLink was awarded an ongoing 5-year contract with all Carver County schools to provide fiber connectivity and bandwidth

## LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL PARK

The park reopened, along with Coney Island and the new DNR water access



# \$25M

Allocation towards Highway 212 Project from State Legislature, fully funding the entire project.

# 9

Consecutive years named Minnesota's Healthiest county

# 988

Received grant as one of four statewide call centers for "988" National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, launching July 2022

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### 200,000 POUNDS OF CARDBOARD

Our Environmental Services enacted safety protocols and service delivery changes while serving nearly 15,000 vehicles, processing 200,000 pounds of cardboard, 900 mattresses and 2,200 appliances.



### LIBRARY SHIFT PROGRAMS, SERVICES

The library moved to virtual programming, communication and various service models, including curbside pickup, computers by appointment, mobile printing pickup, Grab & Go, and more. A gradual reopening of our physical facilities now sees all branches reopened for in-person services.

### LICENSE CENTERS OFFER MORE ONLINE

The license and service centers started recovering from a massive service backlog caused by the pandemic in early 2021, bringing forward more online services, a virtual lobby to ease crowding in the physical facilities where customers are summoned via text message, as well as using its drive-through window service when possible.

### CO-RESPONDER POSITION THRIVES

The new co-responder position, shared between the Sheriff's Office and HHS, has proven beneficial.

### BODY-WORN CAMERAS COMING

The Sheriff's Office developed a body-worn camera program to help maintain a high level of transparency and accountability. Deployment should occur by the end of 2021.

### PIVOT TO REMOTE WORK

The County, supported by Employee Relations and Information Technology, supported its workforce moving to remote work, allowing continuance service and support to residents while keeping employees and customers safe.

### PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Public Health led the County's efforts in supporting our most vulnerable residents during uncertain times. Much of 2021's focus is on vaccines, partnering with health-care providers, pharmacies and schools to ensure anyone who wants the vaccine can receive it.



# \$65K

Non-levy dollars used to purchase e-books for library to serve residents and partner agencies.

# 33,000

Transactions processed at both License Center locations

# 300+

Parks is on track to offer more than 300 opportunities in the 2021 calendar year, across all seasons and activity types.