

END OF YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

2022



The 2022 calendar year provided a number of highlights, major milestones and return to more normalcy with our service delivery, in-person meetings and gatherings. We've transitioned into this "new normal" more efficiently, mixing our traditional service methods with newly-discovered ones. Let's take a look back at the top highlights from our divisions and departments.



CONNECT UP CARVER

In late June, the Board of Commissioners approved a bid from Metronet in support of its CarverLink Fiber Network "Connect Up Carver" broadband internet initiative. The project leverages the County's CarverLink broadband fiber optic network to bring high-speed internet access to more than 2,000 locations, both residences and businesses, primarily in rural areas of western Carver County.

HWY 212 RIBBON CUTTING

This two-year project expanded Highway 212 from a two-lane to a four-lane highway between the Cities of Cologne and Carver. Highway 212 provides connections for regional agricultural markets, southwest Minnesota, and the Twin Cities.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Public Health also provided needed food to more than 50,000 people at 39 food distribution events throughout 2022. The Summer Meals for Kids program served nearly 3,500 families, which included more than 6,000 children, for a total of 13,507 people and still increasing.

LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL PARK

We celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of the construction of the Lake Waconia Regional Park Waterfront Service Center project in early October. This new waterfront service center building will provide event and classroom space, modern restrooms, rental concessions, as well as enhanced lakeshore access to service the beach and picnic areas, trails. It gives users a stronger connection to Coney Island of the West.



\$10M

USDOT grant received by County for Highway 212 expansion from Cologne to Norwood Young America

27,000

people visited the Environmental Center

52%

increase in eBook/eAudio checkouts at the library



10 TH ANNIVERSARY HOME & COMMUNITY BASED CARE DEPT

The Department provides support to residents accessing federal and state medical assistance programs that support the persons with disabilities, elderly/older adults, and vulnerable populations living in community-based settings.

DRUG TREATMENT COURT

Carver County Drug Treatment Court won a \$750,000 Federal Enhancement Grant. This money will be used towards expanding our court to include probation violations, hiring defense counsel for those cases, and utilizing a certified peer recovery specialist.



SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRATION

Sheriff's Office created a program that allows residents to register their security camera systems with our Office to strengthen our investigative capabilities. When we have a crime in an area, we can check the registry and ask our partner residents to share any video footage their systems may have captured.

500

Veterans that the County transported to medical appointments

AAA

County maintains the best possible bond rating from Standard and Poor's

17.4%

Population growth