

# MID-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

## 2023



We're only half way through the 2023 calendar but have already seen countless accomplishments and celebrations. We continue to plan for several more major milestones in the months to come. Let's take a look back at just a few accomplishments from the last six months.



### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

The County has earned an "Outstanding Achievement" Governor's Safety Award by the Minnesota Safety Council. Carver County is one of 210 employers to be honored through this awards program this year, and one of only 81 employers to earn the "Outstanding Achievement Award." Since 1934, the annual Governor's Safety Awards program has honored Minnesota employers with exceptional safety performance.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS**

The Sheriff's Office collaborated with the fire departments throughout Carver County and provided active shooter training. This included tactical triage rescue teams (TRT) and Contact Team training, while also continuing skills development in incident and unified command with the fire agencies. The Sheriff's Office will also collaborate with city and township's leadership to provide training on responding to critical incidents.



### **BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY WORKPLACE**

Carver County has once again been named as a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for its contributions to the health of parents and their families. The Carver County Board of Commissioners adopted a Lactation Support Policy in 2015, and since then, the County has added lactation spaces, made existing lactation rooms more comfortable, and has made several additional resources available for employees, including breastfeeding support materials.

# 19,758

Motor Vehicle Tabs Renewed

# 2,010

Passport Applications

# 14%

Traffic Increase Compared to Last Year at Environmental Center



## **BOUNTIFUL BASKET**

County Carver continues to promote food security and ensuring that more of our residents have access to healthy, affordable, and culturally responsive foods. County leadership, technical assistance, and funding support to help launch a new food shelf in Cologne. This food shelf will be designated as a “SuperShelf,” which creates a welcoming environment for communities to locally access healthy, visually appealing, culturally responsive, and affordable food.

## **CONGRESSMAN EMMER VISIT**

Congressman Tom Emmer Visits Carver County Public Works Headquarters in May in support of the Highway 212 Project and Highway 5 Project – Arboretum Area Mobility. Carver County has received a total of \$6.5M in federal Congressionally Directed Funding over the last two years for the Highway 212 Project because of Congressman Emmer’s help. Additionally, funding has been fully secured for the 82nd Street Project.



## **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline celebrated one year since the transition to 988-a number much easier to remember for those experiencing a mental health crisis. According to the MN Dept of Health, the transition to 988 has resulted in an average increase of 942 more calls per month. Carver County operates one of four 988 call centers in Minnesota and is the primary call center for nine southwestern Minnesota counties. The center is staffed by Carver County’s Mobile Crisis Team.

# 319

Veterans that the County transported the first six months of the year

# 175

Miles of fiber installed with the Connect Up Carver Project

# 25.3%

Library average monthly % increase in digital circulation from 2022

