

# City of New Germany



## School Begins—Watch for Children ST. MARK FELLOWSHIP CENTER PORK CHOP DINNER and SILENT AUCTION



211 Adams Avenue

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

Outdoor Church Service at 9AM

Followed by dinner serving until 1PM  
Outdoor Polka Fest

AUGUST 2024

City Staff

Sheriff: 911  
Mayor—Steve Van Lith  
952-353-2571  
Council Members -  
Shirley Jaeger  
952-353-2208  
Ty Turnquist  
952-353-2456  
Tom Mielke  
952-353-2526  
Kevin Grove  
Kevin.newgermany@gmail.com  
City Clerk Treasurer—  
Twyla Menth  
Office Asst—Leann Goede  
Water/Sewer-People Services  
Lee—612-636-2434  
Jerry 612-644-0139  
Public Works-Supervisor  
Christopher Barlau  
PW PT—Jacob Kemnitz  
Janitor-Tony Burke

## Watersheds and water protections

July 2024

Carver County Water Management Org. Water Column  
By Madeline Seveland

When you think of an address, you likely think of a city, township, county, or country. But there is one address we don't think about much, yet we all have, our watershed address. A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common body of water. Our watershed address is the watershed we live in and where rain and snowmelt from our property eventually drains.

### Carver County's watersheds

The boundaries of a watershed are formed by how water flows across the land. The landscape, hills, and valleys determine which way water flows and makes up the size and shape of the watershed. Carver County has 10 major watersheds. Each named for the creek or river the water eventually flows into: Carver Creek, Bevens Creek, East Chaska Creek, West Chaska Creek, the Crow River, Minnehaha Creek, Buffalo Creek, Riley Creek, Purgatory Creek, and Bluff Creek. Some of these watersheds are entirely within Carver County, while others like Minnehaha Creek watershed spread into other counties. You can learn where your water drains at [Where's Your Waterfront \(carver.mn.us\)](http://Where's Your Waterfront (carver.mn.us)).

Just like small streams drain into larger rivers, smaller watersheds drain into larger watersheds. The Carver Creek, Bevens Creek, and East and West Chaska Creek watersheds all drain into the Minnesota River. The creeks and their watersheds are part of the much larger Minnesota River watershed.

### Protecting your local water

Even if your home is not next to a lake or river, you still live in a watershed and still impact the water there. One of the main ways lakes and rivers gets polluted is through stormwater runoff. Runoff is the rainwater that doesn't soak into the ground during a rainstorm and instead flows off the surface and into storm drains. Pollutants on our lawns, driveways, roads, etc. get washed away with the runoff and end up in lakes, rivers, ponds, and wetlands.

How we use the land affects how clean the water is. Here are easy tips to reduce pollution on your property and in your watershed.

Pick up after your pet. Pet waste contains bacteria that can cause illness, and nutrients that can cause algae.

Get a soil test to determine fertilizer needs. Soil can only hold on to a certain amount of nutrients, the rest gets washed away and feeds algae. Get your soil tested at the U of Minnesota's soil lab to see what your lawn and gardens really need.

Keep leaves and grass clippings off streets, driveways, and sidewalks. These materials have lots of nutrients and wash into storm drains easily.

Salt sparingly. Winter habits matter too. Just 1 tsp of salt is enough to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water. Shovel first and apply salt minimally.

Convert some grass areas to native plants which allow more rainwater to soak into the ground and require less mowing and watering.

Funding exists to help with projects like native gardens, raingardens, and more. Learn more [www.co.carver.mn.us/water](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/water).

### Meeting Schedules

City Council  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7 PM  
Fire Department  
1st Monday @ 7 PM  
Planning Commission—

### City Offices

Will be closed  
September 2, 2024 in  
observance of  
Labor Day. Garbage is  
delayed one day on  
account of Labor Day.



300 Broadway Street East  
 PO Box 177  
 New Germany, MN 55367

952-353-2488 Office  
 ngcityhall@gmail.com  
 Building Inspections  
 763-479-1720  
 Hall Rental Info -  
 952-353-2488

Clerk Office Hours  
 Monday thru Thursday  
 8:30 to 4:30  
 Fridays—CLOSED



School  
 Begins—Watch  
 for Children

“LIKE” us on FACE-  
 BOOK

Website:  
 cityofnewgermany.com

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Office closed Labor Day	3 Council Mtg 7pm	4	5	6 Closed Gar- bage/ recyl	7
8	9 FD Mtg 7pm	10	11	12	13 closed	14
15	16	17 Council Mtg 7pm	18	19 Recycl	20 Closed	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Closed	28
29	30	31				

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Reminder garbage pick up is on Friday after labor Day (delayed 1 day).**
- ◆ **Primary Election August 13, 2024**
- ◆ **Office Closed on August 29, & September 2, 2024**
- ◆ **Mitchell Hall—September 28, 2024 @ New Germany Hall**
- ◆ **New Germany POST OFFICE has a NEW PHONE NUMBER 952-213-1053**



**The Halloween party is October 26, 2024, 6—7:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer please call Shirley Jaeger 952-353-2208.**

If you want trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, just leave a front light on for the kids



Reminder—street sweeping will be scheduled for fall and there is no parking on the street on this day; you will be notified of the day. Hydrant flushing will follow shortly after street sweeping; you may not want to refrain from washing whites clothes for a few days. A public notice will be sent out with this information.



\*\*\*\*\*  
**Utility payment post card—tear off the perforated bottom portion and return with your payment. Utility payment -online info is on the postcard.**  
 \*\*\*\*\*

### **Sheriff number to call in complaints - all calls use 911**

If you need to notify somebody of a barking dog (day or night), or late night noises, speeding vehicles or fireworks, etc., or anything that is not an emergency, you still use the 911 number. You do not need to leave a note or phone message at the city office *unless you want to file a formal complaint*. The Sheriff can respond to an incident while it is happening instead of hearing about it later, when they can no longer do anything about it. You can request your name be withheld. There are some issues that need to be dealt with while they are happening for better results.

Reminder—outside recreational fires need to be in a fire pit and or contained 3 x 3 size.

