

# City of New Germany

**School Begins—Watch for Children**

## **ANNUAL FIRE DEPT BALL TOURNAMENT**

**AUGUST 1, 2, 3, 2025**



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**FAMILY FUN, GREAT SOCIALIZING, COLD  
BEVERAGES, CHEESE CURDS, BURGERS, COME  
SUPPORT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S, CHEER YOUR  
FAVORITE TEAM!**



## **Watersheds and water protections**

**July 2025**

**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 get 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).

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### **Meeting Schedules**

**City Council**

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7  
PM**

**Fire Department**

**1st Monday @ 7 PM**

**Planning Commission—**

### **City Offices**

**Will be closed**

**September 1, 2025 in  
observance of**

**Labor Day. Garbage is  
delayed one day on  
account of Labor Day.**



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






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# AUGUST 2025

| Sun  | Mon                                   | Tue                               | Wed | Thu                | Fri  | Sat  |
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| 3<br> | 4<br>FD Mtg<br>7pm                    | 5<br>NNO<br>Council<br>Mtg<br>8pm | 6   | 7<br>GAR-<br>BAGE  | 8<br>closed  | 9  |
| 10   | 11                                    | 12                                | 13  | 14<br>RECY-<br>CLE | 15<br>Closed   | 16   |
| 17   | 18                                    | 19<br>Council<br>Mtg<br>7pm       | 20  | 21<br>GAR-<br>BAGE | 22<br>Closed   | 23   |
| 24   | 25                                    | 26                                | 27  | 28<br>RECY-<br>CLE | 29<br>Closed   | 30   |
| 31   | 1<br>office<br>closed<br>Labor<br>Day | 2                                 | 3   | 4                  | 5<br>Garbage<br>pick up<br>closed  | 6  |

## Reminders

- ♦ August 1, 2, 3 –FD Ball Tournament
- ♦ August 5, 6:30-8 pm National Night Out, Council meeting 8 PM if needed.
- ♦ Reminder garbage pick up is on Friday after labor Day (delayed 1 day).
- ♦ Office Closed on September 1, 2025
- ♦ October 25, Halloween Party - see below
  - ♦ November 25, Turkey Bingo
  - ♦ December 6, Breakfast with Santa



**The Halloween party is October 25, 2025, 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.

Residents—there has been a lot of tall grass complaints this year. The grass is lush with all the rain, it is your responsibility to keep your lawn mowed. Anything over 6” per city ordinance, you will receive a letter from the city to maintain your lawn. If you have bull thistle please make sure you are removing and disposing.

If you are near a storm drain, please remove any debris after rain events, the city appreciates any help.



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**UTILITY BILL—OPT OUT OF MAILING AND REVIEW YOUR BILL ONLINE, SIGN UP FOR THE NEW IMPROVED PAYMENT PORTAL! Information is on the back of the utility postcard.**  
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## **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.

