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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Annual Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tournament | Carver
 Fire Dept. Fishing Contest | Chaska
 Candlelit Ski & Dog Sled | Norwood Young America

FEBRUARY

February Festival | Chanhassen
 Annual Hunting & Fishing Club Fish Fry | Hamburg

MARCH

Lions Easter Egg Hunt | Carver
 Home, Landscape & Lifestyle Expo | Chanhassen
 Easter Egg Hunt | Hamburg, Chanhassen
 Annual Pheasants Forever Banquet | Hamburg
 Lions Club Spring Bingo | Hamburg
 Maple Syrup Days | Norwood Young America

APRIL

Lions Pork Chop Dinner | Carver
 Fire Dept. Spring Fish Fry | Mayer
 Earth Day Celebration | Victoria
 City Wide Garage Sales | Norwood Young America
 Lions Pancake Breakfast | Chanhassen

MAY

Memorial Day Celebration | Chanhassen
 Taste of Chaska
 Discover Victoria Day
 Community Carb Fest | Waconia

JUNE

Summer Concert Series | Chanhassen
 Classic Car Night (June-Aug.) | Victoria
 Concerts in the Park (June-Aug.) | Victoria
 Music in the Park (Mar-June) | Waconia
 Lake Waconia Triathlon, Half Marathon & 5K
 Watertown Farm & Craft Market
 Color Dash | Victoria
 PRCA Rodio | Waconia
 Spring Fest Artisan Fair | Norwood Young America

JULY

Riverside Park Free Concerts (June-Aug.) | Carver
 4th of July Celebration | Chanhassen
 Summer Concert Series | Chanhassen
 Tonka Mud Run | Chanhassen
 River City Days | Chaska
 GLAD Days | Cologne
 Rising Community Festival & Craft Show | Mayer
 Classic Car Night | Victoria
 Concerts in the Park | Victoria
 Lions Softball Tournament | Victoria
 Lake Waconia Fireworks Festival
 ArtStock | Waconia
 Camping with the Stars | Norwood Young America
 Lake Waconia Boat Parade | Waconia

AUGUST

Vehicle Fair | Carver
 Summer Concert Series | Chanhassen
 Firehouse Drive-In | Cologne
 Emmanuel Lutheran Ribfest | Hamburg
 Stiftungfest | Norwood Young America
 Classic Car Night | Victoria
 Annual Victoria Lions Golf Classic | Victoria
 Carver County Fair | Waconia
 Relay for Life | Chaska

SEPTEMBER

Nickel-Dickel Day | Waconia
 Barnyard Boogie | Chanhassen
 Steamboat Days | Carver
 Art Wander | Carver
 Steamboat Days Bazaar & 5K Run/Walk | Carver
 Panty Run for Charity | Mayer

OCTOBER

Fire & Rescue Open House | Carver
 Halloween Party | Chanhassen
 Ar-BOO-return Halloween | Chaska
 Tour the Scarecrows | Waconia
 Trail of Fun | Chaska

NOVEMBER

Artisan Fair | Chanhassen

DECEMBER

Carver Village Christmas
 Tree Lighting Ceremony | Chanhassen
 Candy Cane Hunt | Waconia
 Santa Visits Waconia
 Holiday Boutique | Chanhassen

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County Surveyor.....	361-1015
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Emergency	911
Encore: Adult Day Services Program.....	442-7660
Environmental Services	361-1800
Information Technology.....	361-1500
Land Management	361-1820
Library.....	448-9395
License Center :	Chanhassen...361-3900/Chaska...361-1900
Parks & Recreation	466-5250
Property Assessment	361-1960
Land Records & Vitals	361-1930
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Public Works	466-5200
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Dakota Natives occupied Carver County until the Treaty of Traverse de Sioux was signed in 1851. The treaty allowed for settlement and in 1855 Carver County was established and named after the explorer Jonathon Carver. San Francisco Township was the county seat until 1856 when voters relocated it to Chaska. New settlers experienced difficulties clearing the land for farming due to the density of the trees. The area was nicknamed the Big Woods for the dominance of elm, basswood, sugar maple and red oak trees. Most of the early immigrants were farmers or laborers in the brick industry from the east coast, Germany and Sweden. For 100 years agriculture was the dominant industry with residents raising crops or dairy farming. There were many creameries throughout Carver County and residents nicknamed it "The Golden Buckle of the Dairy Belt." Wendelin Grimm, a farmer from Chanhassen, developed one of the most winter-hardy strains of alfalfa and was one of Minnesota's chief contributors in agriculture. Today agriculture is no longer the staple industry for Carver County. This area has witnessed an increase in residential expansion as many residents commute throughout the suburbs and Twin Cities. Today Carver County has approximately 90,043 residents.

CITIES:

CARVER – pop. 2,915
CHANHASSEN – pop. 23,480
CHASKA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 24,116
COLOGNE – pop. 1,416
HAMBURG – pop. 546
MAYER – pop. 1,560
NEW GERMANY – pop. 371
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA – pop. 3,669
VICTORIA – pop. 6,643
WACONIA – pop. 9,934
WATERTOWN – pop. 4,118

TOWNSHIPS:

BENTON – pop. 873
CAMDEN – pop. 954
CHASKA – pop. 154
DAHLGREN – pop. 1,459
HANCOCK – pop. 375
HOLLYWOOD – pop. 1,139
LAKETOWN – pop. 2,197
SAN FRANCISCO – pop. 899
WATERTOWN – pop. 1,372
WACONIA – pop. 1,178
YOUNG AMERICA – pop. 829
**Populations are approximate.*

CARVER

Carver was occupied by Native Americans and was originally called Lukenborg by early Norwegian immigrant Axel Jorgenson. By 1805 Jean-Baptiste Faribault founded the Little Rapids trading post near present-day Carver and attracted many Christian missionaries and Dakota Indians. In the 1850's Carver's proximity to the Minnesota River and creeks made this area a prime location for cargo transportation by way of steamboat. In 1854 Lukenborg was renamed Carver by Alexander Ramsey, a former Territorial Governor. In 1858 Carver experienced a small gold rush where gold was found in the local creeks and in 1862 was a refuge for settlers during the Sioux Uprising. In the 1870's Carver was incorporated into a village. With the arrival of the railroad in 1871, steamboat use declined. Today Carver has approximately 2,915 residents.

CHANHASSEN

Chanhassen meaning "sugar maple tree," was one of Carver County's earliest settlements. Early settlers came to stake out farms in 1853 when the Indian land title ended. As a result, farming was the leading industry until the 1960's. The arrival of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad attracted more settlers and in 1896 Chanhassen was incorporated. Businesses at this time included a general store, saloon, feed store, and the State Bank of Chanhassen. The area grew slowly for several decades until the owner of a lumber yard and hardware store, Herb Bloomberg decided to build a theater in 1968. He created the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, a 600 seat theater that attracts more than 300,000 people annually. There are twelve lakes and a 500 acre park system located within the city limits. Today Chanhassen is home to approximately 23,480 residents.

CHASKA (COUNTY SEAT)

Occupied by Native American tribes throughout its history, Chaska was home to the “Mound Builders” and Dakota Indians where Indian mounds can be found in Chaska City Square. The name “Chaska” is derived from “Shaska,” often a Dakota name given to the first born male child. A trading post was established in the 1800’s and French and Canadian fur traders exchanged goods with the Dakota Indians until the signing of the Traverse des Sioux Treaty. The area became available for settlement and was incorporated into a village in 1871 and a city in 1891 by special legislative charter. Brick manufacturing dominated the industry with an abundance of high quality clay near the Minnesota River. As a result of the steamboat industry and railroad expansion in 1873, Chaska witnessed a dramatic population growth. With 2,000 residents in the 1900’s, today Chaska is home to approximately 24,116 residents.

COLOGNE

Cologne was established in 1881 and early industry was dominated by agriculture. As the railroad arrived, Cologne began to grow and businesses were established. By 1910 churches, schools and specialty shops were thriving. Recently “Glad Days” has become a popular celebration of the community’s history, attracting visitors annually. Today Cologne is home to approximately 1,416 residents.

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

Norwood Young America was originally two villages, Norwood and Young America. The area was settled by German immigrants who farmed the land and established Stiftungsfest in 1861, Minnesota’s oldest festival. In 1997 Norwood and Young America merged to avoid postal confusion. This area continues to see a steady population growth and a variety of industries. Today Norwood Young America is home to approximately 3,669 residents.

VICTORIA

Victoria was home to the “Mound Builders” and Dakota Indians where they settled along the Minnesota River. After the Traverse des Sioux Treaty European settlers arrived. In 1856 the name “Victoria” was chosen to settle disagreements between families on Lake Bavaria. Families on the north side of the lake donated 30 acres for a church and the families on the south side named the church St. Victoria. The fertile soil attracted settlers from Germany, Holland and Switzerland. Farmers grew a variety of crops from wheat, berries, potatoes, carrots, corn to cabbage. The arrival of the railroad in 1882 drew even more settlers. Today Victoria is home to approximately 6,643 residents.

WACONIA

The name “Waconia” is derived from a Dakota word for “fountain.” The settlement of Waconia began after the Indian land title ended and surveys were made. In 1857 German, Bohemian, Swedish and Swiss settlers arrived to farm the rich soil. With farmers experiencing a bad harvest and many sent to fight in the Civil War, the Sioux Uprising was sparked. Settlers were then forced to flee and those that stayed barricaded their log homes. Many fled to Paradise Island, now called Coney Island. After the Sioux Uprising ended the Indians left the area and Waconia was incorporated in 1880. Coney Island became a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors to the scenic landscape. Industry and the automobile provided a steady population growth. Today Waconia is home to approximately 9,934 residents.

WATERTOWN

Originally named “Rapid Waters,” Watertown was first settled by the Dakota Indians. The name “Watertown” was chosen due to its proximity to the Crow River and the fertile soil attracted many settlers. Farming was difficult as trees in the Big Woods had to be cleared to allow for crops. Settlers made large amounts of maple sugar and relied on diets of wild game, berries and fish. In 1877 Watertown was incorporated and has been known as a medical center in the region until the 1980’s with two hospitals in town. Today Watertown is home to approximately 4,118 residents.



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Don't use pesticides. Correctly identify what the problem is and try a non-chemical method first. If you have to use a chemical based pesticide, try spot treating the problem area. All pesticides are toxic to some degree. Make sure to read all labels.



Fertilizers can harm the environment. Use natural organic or slow-release fertilizers. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall.



COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats
- Frogs
- Fish
- Turtles
- Birds
- Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella
- Geranium
- Eucalyptus
- Rosemary
- Basil
- Anise
- Mint
- Marigolds
- Catnip
- Wormwood
- Tansy
- Lavender
- Cedar
- Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue
- Encephalitis
- Malaria
- Yellow Fever

Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats)
- Encephalitis

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



TICKS

Diseases & Prevention



You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected • Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

- Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
 - Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten
- Watch for symptoms like:

- Rash
- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint aches



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward.

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

Blacklegged (Deer) Tick
Lyme disease
Anaplasmosis
Babesiosis
Ehrlichiosis
Powassan virus disease

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

Lone Star Tick
Ehrlichiosis
Tularemia
Heartland virus disease
Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

1-Know when and where you're at risk

- Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
- Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick

2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent

- DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
- Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

3-Check yourself for ticks

- Shower after being outdoors
- Check at least once a day
- Remove ticks ASAP!



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LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL PARK

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Lake Waconia Regional Park is located on the shores of Lake Waconia. Facilities include a reservable group picnic shelter, restrooms, small swimming beach, play equipment, picnic tables, volleyball court, grills and boat access with views of Coney Island.

**For more information on Carver County Parks, call (952) 466-5250 or visit www.co.carver.mn.us/parks online.*

Hiking Safety Tips

Before heading out on a hike, make sure you are prepared. Determine the length of the hike you're going on and the type of terrain you are going to traverse. Make sure to wear suitable footwear depending on the weather and terrain. Pack an appropriate size backpack and proper gear for your hike. Let a friend or family member know when and where you are going and how long you plan on being gone.

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11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

HUNTING

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09/1/23 - 10/15/23 Bear Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/16/23 - 12/31/23 - Archery Statewide
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Early Antlerless
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Youth Statewide
11/4/23 - 11/19/23 - Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/4/23 - 11/12/23 - Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/18/23 - 11/26/23 - Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/25/23 - 12/10/23 - Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Statewide

Grouse

09/16/23 - 11/29/23 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone
09/16/23 - 01/1/24 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/14/23 - 01/1/24 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

02/10/23 WMA lottery deadline
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Youth - Statewide
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Archery - Statewide
04/12/23 - 04/18/23 - A season - Statewide
04/19/23 - 04/25/23 - B season - Statewide
04/26/23 - 05/2/23 - C season - Statewide
05/3/23 - 05/9/23 - D season - Statewide
05/10/23 - 05/16/23 - E season - Statewide
05/17/23 - 05/31/23 - F season - Statewide
09/30/23 - 10/29/23 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24 North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Gray & Fox Statewide

*Check the MN DNR website for updates.
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us>
or scan the QR code



BIRD HUNTING TIPS:

- WHILE AIMING, USE A SWINGING MOTION. MAKE SURE YOUR CLOTHING IS NOT RESTRICTING.
- KNOW THE PATTERNS OF THE BIRDS YOU ARE HUNTING, DIFFERENT SPECIES HAVE DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS.
- PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, BUT BIRDS DON'T FLY STRAIGHT. SHOOT AT CLAY PIGEONS TO HELP FAMILIARIZE YOUR MOVEMENTS.
- TRY HUNTING DOVES. THEY ARE FAST MOVING, AND MAKE FOR GOOD PRACTICE.

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Emerald Ash Borer



Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

OPENERS

- Stream trout opener - 04/15/23
- Walleye, sauger and northern pike opener - 05/13/23
- Muskellunge opener - 06/03/23

INLAND WATERS

Walleye and Sauger 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

Northeast zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

North-central zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

Southern zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Muskellunge 6/3/23 - 12/1/23
1, minimum size 54"

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.

5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the rest of the state

5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined

Largemouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24 6

Smallmouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24

Catch-and-release only

Crappie Continuous 10

Sunfish Continuous 20

Rock Bass Continuous 30

White Bass Continuous 30

Channel Catfish Continuous 5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"

Flathead Catfish 4/1/23 - 11/30/23

2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish

Perch

Continuous 20 daily and 40 in possession

Bullhead Continuous 100

Whitefish, Cisco, and Burbot Continuous, No limit (Exception: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco limit 50.

Smelt Continuous No limit

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

3/1/23 - 4/14/23

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

6/16/23 - 4/14/24

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Paddlefish No open season

Longnose and Shortnose Gar

Continuous 10 combined

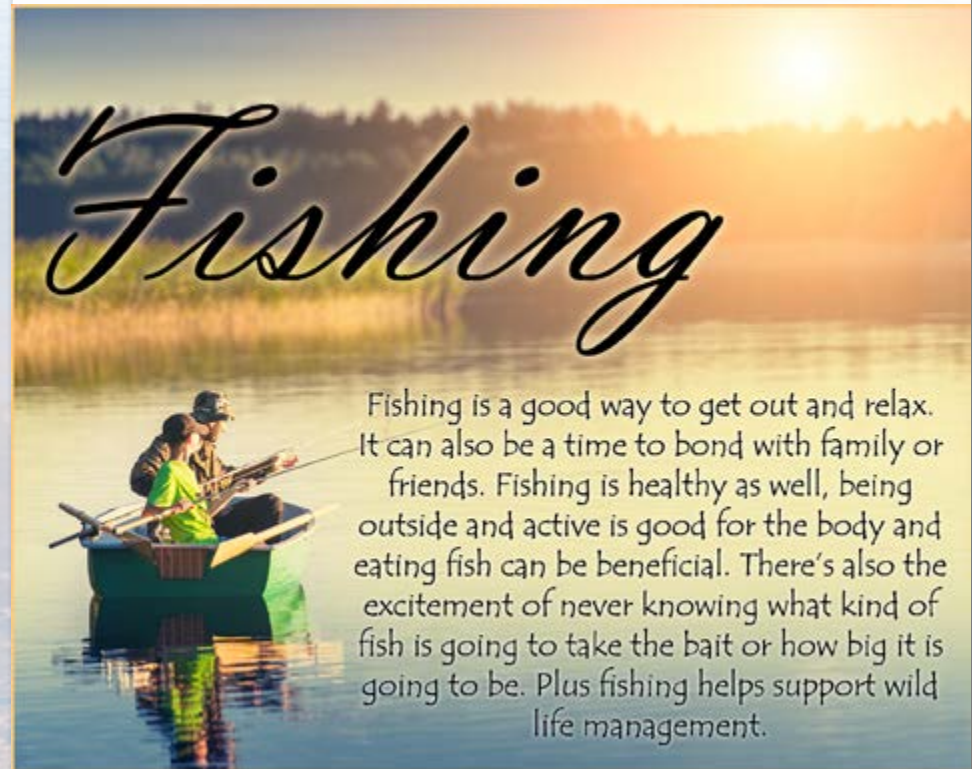
FREE FISHING

Take a kid fishing weekend

June 9-11, 2023

Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license.

*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information/dates by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367 or www.dnr.state.mn.us or scan the QR code



Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.

Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.

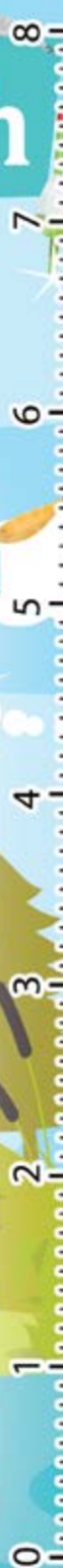
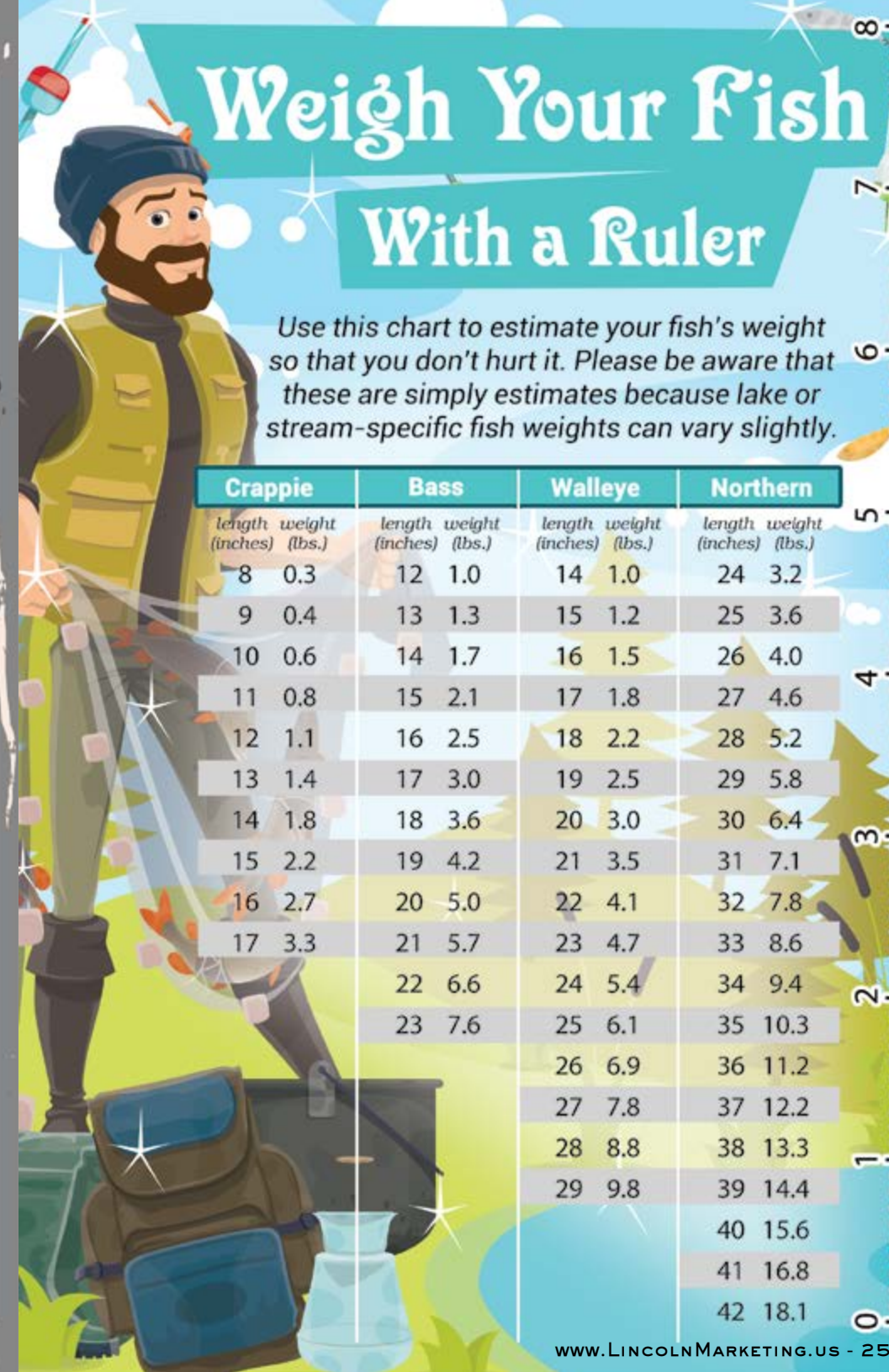


By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1



The Best of Minnesota Outdoors

Hiking:

Superior Hiking Trail, Lake Superior
Silver Creek Trail, Jay Cooke State Park
North River Trail, Afton State Park
Glacial Pothole Trail, Interstate State Park
Sioux Hustler Trail, Superior National Forest

Fishing:

Bass: Lake Vermilion, Tower
Walleye: Leech Lake, Walker
Muskellunge: Lake Oscar, Holmes City
Northern Pike: Lake of the Woods, Warroad

Golf Courses:

Interlachen, Edina • Spring Hill, Wayzata
Hazeltine National, Chaska
Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik
The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, Tower

Mountain Biking:

Cuyuna Lakes, Ironton • Lebanon Hills, Eagan
Elm Creek Park, Champlin • Brewer Park, Duluth
Spirit Mountain, Duluth • Piedmont, Duluth

Skiing:

Lutsen Mountains, Lutsen • Afton Alps, Afton
Elm Creek Winter Rec. Area, Maple Grove
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Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik

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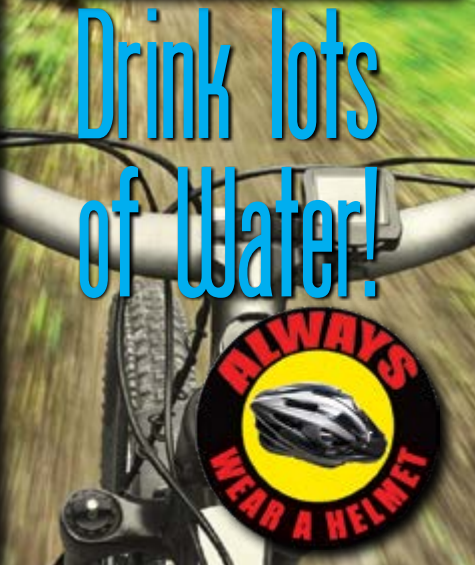
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Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly.

- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS

CARVER COUNTY



— Snowmobile Trail



— Bicycle Trail/Route

DISC GOLF

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also an inexpensive sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.



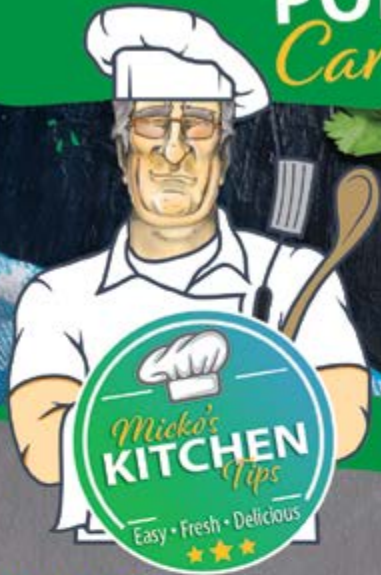
Get Active!!!

Go Outside and Do SOMETHING!

- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
- Bike Ride
- Swimming
- ANYTHING!!!

Anything to get your heart rate up, and your blood flowing... **you'll feel better** and it's good for your health!

PORK Carnitas TACOS



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs pork shoulder, cut into 2-inch cubes
1 onion, diced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tbsp chili powder
1 tsp smoked paprika
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 orange, juiced
1 lime, juiced
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
Corn tortillas
Toppings of your choice (such as chopped onions, diced tomatoes, sliced avocado, shredded lettuce, sour cream, and salsa)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat some oil over medium-high heat. Add the pork and sear until browned on all sides.
- 2 Add the diced onion, minced garlic, and minced jalapeño pepper to the pot. Cook until the onion is softened and the garlic is fragrant, about 3-5 minutes.
- 3 Add the ground cumin, chili powder, smoked paprika, salt, and black pepper to the pot. Stir to coat the pork and vegetables with the spices.
- 4 Add the orange juice, lime juice, and enough water to cover the pork by about an inch. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 2-3 hours or until the pork is very tender.
- 5 Remove the lid and continue to simmer until the liquid has reduced and the pork is browned and crispy on the outside.
- 6 Use two forks to shred the pork into bite-sized pieces. Stir in the chopped cilantro.
- 7 To serve, warm up the corn tortillas and place some of the pork carnitas on each tortilla. Add your desired toppings and serve immediately.

Enjoy your delicious pork carnitas tacos!

PREP: 20 MIN • TOTAL: 2+ HOURS



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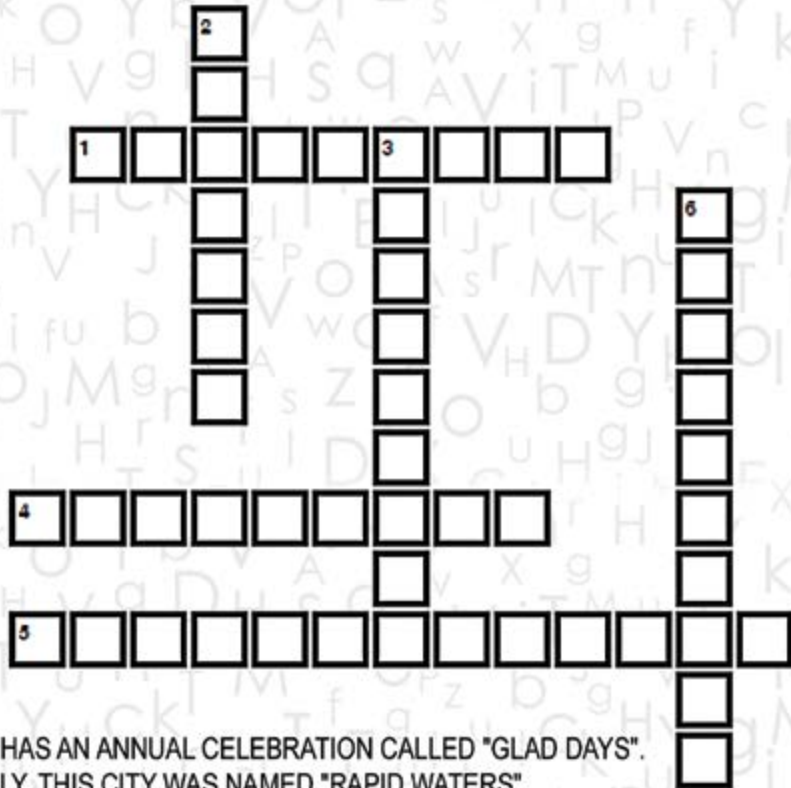
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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for Clues)

ACROSS

- 1: THIS TOWNSHIP HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION AT 1,139 AND A NAME WITH A "FAMOUS" REPUTATION.
 4: THIS WAS THE NAME ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO THE CITY OF CARVER.
 5: THIS IS MINNESOTA'S OLDEST FESTIVAL HELD IN NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA ANNUALLY IN AUGUST.



DOWN

- 2: THIS CITY HAS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION CALLED "GLAD DAYS".
 3: ORIGINALLY, THIS CITY WAS NAMED "RAPID WATERS".
 6: THIS CITY HAS A NAME THAT TRANSLATES TO "SUGAR MAPLE TREE" IN THE NATIVE DAKOTA LANGUAGE.

WORD SEARCH

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- CAMDEN
- HOLLYWOOD
- WATERTOWN
- NEWGERMANY
- CHASKA
- MAYER
- HAMBURG
- SANFRANCISCO
- DAHLGREN
- VICTORIA
- HANCOCK
- CARVER
- CHANHASSEN
- BENTON
- COLOGNE
- WACONIA
- LAKETOWN

Bird Feeder Care Tips

With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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