



EVENTS: (Please see www.colognemn.com digital bulletin board for more details on events)

- Weekly open gym Mondays 11:00am-4:00pm; Tuesday-Fridays 9:00am-4:00pm just \$2 per person. (Cash, Puchcard, CC Payment accepted)
- Winter weekend open gym ended Sunday, March 15. Thank you for joining.
- YOGA: Sunday, March 22nd; 6-7pm; Sundays, April 7:00-8:00pm. Enjoy yoga in the community room with Abby's Slow Flow Yoga for all levels. (see website for more details)
- Community Connect: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 12:30-3:30pm Cologne Community Room (ALL are welcome, knitting group, book club, games the space is available FREE to use during these times. Coffee & water will be provided, feel free to bring a beverage of choice and/or treats to share)
- Next City Council Meetings Monday, April 6th & Monday, April 20th; 7:00pm
- STEAK FRY: Saturday, April 25th 3-8pm; Cologne Fire Dept. Relief Association.

(Please contact Jenna to get your event listed here and on City of Cologne Digital Bulletin Board on the City website. jennam@colognemn.com)

NEWS:

- **2026 New Fire Fighters**
 - Welcome Andrew Martinek, Justin Fabel and Cory Herrmann to the Cologne Fire Department
 - They were pinned into active status at the February 17th City Council Meeting
 - Over the past two years each has received 175 hours of fire training and an additional 50+ hours of medical training.



- **Carver County Parks: Reserve Camping and Park Facilities**

Now is the time to start planning your outdoor adventures and gatherings with Carver County Parks. Camping reservations are open at Baylor Regional Park, and popular weeks are already filling quickly. 2026 Camping Season: May 8 through October 10

Carver County Parks also offers facility rentals across the park system, perfect for:

- Family gatherings
- Birthday parties
- Group events and celebrations
- Outdoor meetings or reunions

Reserve a campsite or facility: <https://bit.ly/carvercountyparksreservation>

Questions? Call (952) 466-5255 or email parks@carvercountymn.gov

- **2026 Special Waste Collection Events**

- See recyclecarver.org for more details
- Saturday, May 16; 8am-12PM; 11360 US HWY 212; Cologne
- Saturday, September 12; 8am-12pm; 3480 CR 21; Hollywood Twp

- **2026 Community Center Reservations**

- 2026 rental fees & times can be found at: <https://www.colognemn.com/residents/cologne-community-center/>
- Reservations are first come first serve
- Reservations need to be paid in full at time of booking
- Email jennam@colognemn.com or call 952.466.2064 to book today

- **Minnesota Department of Health: Community Water Supply: Drinking Water Protection**

- Please read full article here: [Safe drinking water fee, summer Waterline, and security reminders](#)
- MN State Legislature passed a bill increasing the safe drinking water fee.
What this means for you: Currently, City Residents pay \$0.81 per month to the State for Safe Drinking Water Act. Residents will see this rate increase to \$1.26 on the utility bill.
This is not a City increase this is a Minnesota fee, the City collects payment from each connection to pay the state quarterly.

- **2026 Elections**

- The window to file for City Council or Mayor is July 14, 2026- July 28, 2026
- Forms will be located at Cologne City Hall
- \$2 fee to file
- Positions available: Mayor and two seats on City Council

- **Hollanders Seeking Volunteers: Come Join the Fun! Ga Hollanders!**
 - The Cologne Hollanders are looking for volunteers to take admission and/or work at concessions for the 2026 season.
 - For more information or to sign up, please email Alan Tellers at tellersalan@gmail.com
 - The Hollanders schedule can be found at ballcharts.com/colognehollanders or [Facebook.com/colognehollandersbaseball](https://www.facebook.com/colognehollandersbaseball)

SEASONAL REMINDERS

- **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS**
 - The City provides waste bags and receptacles, please be respectful and responsible pet owners and clean up after your pets, we have had an increase in complaints about waste being left on and around pathways.
- **FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE**
 - Please do not flush “flushable” wipes or wipes of any kind. These get stuck in the lift station pumps and cost YOU as taxpayers thousands per year to unclog.
- **STREET PARKING**
 - We kindly ask residents to park in garages & driveways when possible. If having guests over please remind them to park mindfully & respectfully on the streets so that safety vehicles can quickly and safely pass between parked cars if needed.
- **BUILDING PERMITS: THINKING ABOUT A BUILDING PROJECT?**
 - “Busy Season” is here!!! If you know you’re going to be doing a project this summer, NOW is a great time to submit your building permit & plans so you’re not waiting for it to process before starting your project.
 - Summer waits can be up to two weeks. Permits are good for 1 year from issued date. Submitting now will help you get started on time.
- **SOLICITORS**
 - It is REQUIRED that all companies fill out an application and get approval from the City before going door-to-door. Approved solicitors will have a card with the City Logo. Please feel free to ask a solicitor to see their permit, if they cannot present one please feel free to call the NON-emergency Sherrif’s office number.
 - City of Cologne will also post on www.colognemn.com main page when a company has pulled a license

Community Outreach

- **BOUNTIFUL BASKET**
 - Cologne Hours
 - Tuesday 10:00am-2:00pm
 - Thursday 3:30-6:30pm
 - Friday 10:00am-2:00pm
 - Donated food may be dropped off at the Bountiful Basket during all open hours
 - NEW drop off location: Cologne Community Center Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm; Green bucket located in the main lobby

- **CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: COLOGNE EXPRESS LIBRARY**
 - Do you have a Carver County Library card? (If not apply at a local Carver County Library)
 - You can check out books on-line and have them delivered to Cologne Community Center for pick up
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- **CARVER COUNTY CRISIS TEAM BY CANVAS HEALTH**
 - Mobile Crisis Response: 952.442.7601
 - Crisis Response Text Line: to reach trained crisis counselors via text message, text 988
 - Crisis.org

- **CARVER COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**
 - [Home – Carver County Family Resource Center](http://www.carvercountyfrc.org) (www.carvercountyfrc.org)
 - Community gathering spot where families and caregivers can find trusted support, local resources, and meaningful connections.
 - Contact information
 - info@carvercountyfrc.org
 - 952.361.1621
 - 115 East 4th Street, Chaska MN 55318
 - **2025-2026 Family Resource Guide can be found: www.colognemn.com; For Residents; Utility/Community Services; Carver County Family Resource Guide; <https://www.colognemn.com/residents/residential-services/carver-county-family-resource-guide/>**

- **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**
 - Bring a Book/Take a Book community library
 - Located Cologne Community Center back door, by fitness center
 - Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

- **HELP AT YOUR DOOR**
 - A local nonprofit providing grocery assistance, home support, and transportation services designed to support older adults and people with disabilities in the seven-county Twin Cities metro.
 - Individuals who may benefit from this service can **request service on our website, <https://helpatyourdoor.org/request-a-service/>**
 - email information@helpatyourdoor.org, or call **651-642-1892**. We also offer a variety of local **volunteer opportunities**.

- **SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE**
 - Supporting survivors of domestic abuse
 - www.svamn.org
 - 952.873.4214

- **V.E.T.S. Rally Point**
 - Values, Empowerment, Teamwork, Support: Meet other Veterans and create new relationships by sharing your challenges, strengths, and experiences.
 - Westwood Church; 3121 Westwood Dr. Excelsior MN
 - Thursdays, 7:00pm
 - Contact: Rick Holt; 218.393.3317; rholt614@hotmail.com