

# Carter Lake Newsletter

Be Counted! You matter,

Often times, I hear people want to be an involved citizen and here is your chance. The Census comes around every 10 years and gives you the opportunity to speak for yourself and the members in your household by participating in the 2020 Census. Therefore, taking the opportunity to make your voice heard by participating in the 2020 Census is one small action with long term impact for our city. As a citizen of Carter Lake City, we need to insure every person is counted to assure we have accurate representation for our city. The information collected in the 2020 Census is used for allocating funds for items such as sales taxes, federal road fund, school district funding, and housing trust fund, and the list goes on. I cannot **stress** enough how this effects the revenue our city receives. The 2020 Census only takes a few minutes to complete. Please take the time and fill out the form.

With the cold coming to an end the parks are in great shape. Here is just a few projects which were completed by the park's crew this winter. Baseball field #4 is an infield space for practice. This is a great addition providing more field time for our teams to practice. In addition, we formed local soccer teams which is something we haven't been able to accomplish for several years. We have two soccer fields behind the library which were installed and are ready to go. We added rock to the lake shoreline and jetties, we painted inside the concession stands and restrooms, and we have installed new boat docks going in at the ramp. New playground equipment will be installed this summer plus many more programs.

The Public Works crews have put in some long days to get ahead of the possible high water that is anticipated this spring, thereby, causing servicing the infrastructure more difficult for the utility contractors hired to assist with this process.

This year has started off very busy for me not only with city business but I also serve as a Pottawattamie County Assessor Board member and a Pottawattamie County Emergency Management Commissioner which gives Carter Lake a voice at the county level. *Sincerely, Mayor Ron Cumberledge*



## SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Visit

[www.cityofcarterlake.org](http://www.cityofcarterlake.org)

home page to find link to Pottawattamie County Emergency Management.

OR go to

<https://pcema-ia.org/>

Click

"Sign up for Emergency Alert"

Complete form and be sure to select CARTER LAKE at so you receive our notifications.

If you do not have a computer call City Hall (712) 3476320 and our staff will get you signed up.

## FULL TIME SUMMER JOBS WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Accepting applications for summer parks maintenance and concessions. Up to 40 hours per week.

Applications at City Hall, 950 Locust St.

Please specify Parks Maintenance or Concessions on application.

Questions? Call Dan (402) 659-4475

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 11  
10 a.m.**

**Kids 10 & under only**

**Come early to find your age group and bring your own basket or bag to collect eggs**

**Hosted by the CL Optimist Club**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

## PET REGISTRATIONS

- \$20 for intact cats and dogs
- \$15 for spayed/neutered cats and dogs
- Must provide proof of vaccinations
- Registration and use of tags allows Animal Control to successfully return pets to owners.

## REQUIRED PERMITS

Building permits are available online and at City Hall. Here is a sample of permits that are required in Carter Lake: siding, windows & door replacement, roofing, interior and exterior structural renovations, garage, shed, fences, replacement of water heater, furnace or air conditioner, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

Building Inspector: (712) 242-6314

## DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS

Do you have a couch, chairs, or appliances that need to go to the landfill? It is the owner's responsibility to contact Waste Connections and pre-pay the fee for pickup. Only after the fee is paid will the items be picked up on your next garbage collection day. These items should not be left on the curb until pickup has been scheduled.

**WASTE CONNECTIONS (712)527-5910.**

## SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Remember it is property owners responsibility to replace damaged or unsafe sections of sidewalk. Please be aware that someone will be inspecting sidewalks over the next few months for repairs or replacements

## SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

### MARCH

- |      |   |            |
|------|---|------------|
| 4th  | Crafts                                  | 10:30 a.m. |
| 5th  | Bingo doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo at 6pm |            |
| 10th | Walmart                                 | 12:30 p.m. |
| 12th | Birthday Celebrations                   | @ Noon     |
| 16th | Angels C.C.                             | 10:00 a.m. |
| 17th | Walmart                                 | 12:30 p.m. |
| 18th | Site Council Meeting                    |            |
| 24th | Movie Trip - Call for details.          |            |
|      | Bingo Every Friday at 12:30 p.m.        |            |

### APRIL

- |     |                                     |            |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1st | Crafts                              | 10:30 a.m. |
| 2nd | Bingo night doors open at 5 p.m.    |            |
| 9th | Birthday Night doors open at 4 p.m. |            |
|     | and Dinner starts at 5 p.m.         |            |

## *Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club*

The Iowa West Ranch encompasses the Henry Ogram Carter Lake Unit and Camp Nakomis. Carter Lake Unit serves more than 600 members each year and has a history rich in tradition and excellence. The Club includes a 21st Century Learning that focuses on academic success of all members throughout the school year. Located on 35 acres of forest land in Carter Lake, IA, the Carter Lake Unit also offers a summer day camp experience to Metro youth each year called Camp Nakomis. At camp, members take part in swimming in the club pool, fishing, archery, canoeing, arts, and outdoor skills education.

**AGES:** 6 – 18

**COST:** \$30 Per Family

Family is required to pay for ONE membership. And the City of Carter Lake covers the rest of the kids membership

### **SCHOOL YEAR HOURS:**

Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m

Tuesday – Friday: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **SUMMER HOURS:**

Monday – Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### **SUMMER EARLY:**

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



**Courtney Comfort, Unit Director**  
**Phone: (712) 347-5687**  
**4101 N. 17th St., Carter Lake**

# ***INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE***

## **AUTOMATED PHONE CALLS AND TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

Pottawattamie County Emergency Management has agreed to assist us with providing emergency notifications via phone calls and text messages through the Alert Iowa system. This is an **OPT IN** system, which requires residents to sign up for notifications.

1. **GO TO:** [HTTPS://PCEMA-IA.ORG/](https://PCEMA-IA.ORG/)
2. **CLICK "SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERT"**
3. **COMPLETE FORM WITH YOUR INFORMATION**
4. **BE SURE TO SELECT CARTER LAKE TO RECEIVE CARTER LAKE NOTIFICATIONS.**
5. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER, CALL CITY HALL AND OUR STAFF WILL HELP YOU GET SIGNED UP.**

## **BOIL WATER ADVISORY What does that mean?**

If the Iowa DNR requires the City of Carter Lake to issue a **boil water** advisory, you should use bottled water or boil tap water because the water is, or **could be**, contaminated with germs that can make you sick.

### **STANDARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Use bottled or boiled water for drinking, and to prepare and cook food.
2. If bottled water is not available, bring **water to a full rolling boil for 1 minute**, then allow it to cool before use.
3. Boil tap water even if it is filtered.
4. Do not use water from any appliance connected to your water line, such as ice and water from a refrigerator.

### **Handwashing**

1. In many situations, you can use tap water and soap to wash hands. Follow the guidance from your local public health officials.
2. Be sure to scrub your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and rinse them

well under running water.

3. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

### **Bathing and showering**

1. Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.
2. Use caution when bathing babies and young children. Consider giving them a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water.

### **Brushing teeth**

1. Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water. Do not use untreated tap water.

### **Washing dishes**

1. If possible, use disposable plates, cups, and utensils during a boil water advisory.
2. Household dishwashers generally are safe to use if the water reaches a final rinse temperature of at least 150 degrees Fahrenheit (65.55°Celsius), or if the dishwasher has a sanitizing cycle.
3. Sterilize all baby bottles.
4. To wash dishes by hand:
  - \* Wash and rinse the dishes as you normally would using hot water.
  - \* In a separate basin, add 1 teaspoon of unscented household liquid bleach for each gallon of warm water.
  - \* Soak the rinsed dishes in the water for at least one minute.
  - \* Let the dishes air dry completely before using again.

### **Laundry**

1. It is safe to wash clothes as usual.

### **Cleaning**

1. Use bottled water, boiled water, or water that has been disinfected with bleach to clean washable toys and surfaces.

### **Caring for pets**

1. Pets can get sick by some of the same germs as people or spread germs to people. Provide bottled or boiled water after it has been cooled for pets to use.

## Ladies' Painting Night

Artist Hannah Rief of Creative Canvas will host an adults only - ladies night painting class for Carter Lake residents.

**Wed., March 18th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Carter Lake Improvement Club**  
**4328 N 9th St.**  
**Registration required**

The featured image will be shown on the website

Online registration required and found at [getcreativewithhannah/events](http://getcreativewithhannah/events) select "Buy Now" and pay \$10 fee for the supplies.

No need to bring anything, all supplies will be provided.

There will be a cash bar available for drinks. Bring your girlfriends along for a great night of fun in Carter Lake!!

## SWING DANCING FOR SQUIRTS

**WHAT:** Dance Lessons including Couples Country Swing, Jitterbug, Line Dancing, and more.



**WHO:** Anyone up from teenagers, all the way down to kids and anyone else younger.

**WHERE:** FEEL GOOD FACTORY 2810 N 9th St.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 P.M.

February 19th to March 25th

**COST:** NONE!

## Carter Lake Fire Dept. 3rd Annual Fish Fry

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

All plates include:

Fish (3 pieces) or Mac & Cheese

Fries

Cole Slaw

Bread & Butter

**SMOKE EATERS**

**Cost**

Adults: \$10 (all you can eat \$15)

Kids 6-12: \$5

Kids 5 and under: FREE



## Carter Lake Family Movie



Owen Public Library 1120 Willow Dr.

**Saturday, March 7th @ 2 p.m.**

Doors open @ 1:30 p.m.

**Free of charge.**

Outside snacks are welcome. Popcorn and water will also be provided. Open to all ages!

Questions? Call Dan at 402-659-4475.

# Carter Lake Clean-up Day

**Saturday  
April 25th**



**RESIDENTS MUST HAVE ALL ITEMS  
OUT ON THE CURB BEFORE  
6 AM SATURDAY MORNING**

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Trees, shrubbery, carpet, fencing, poles, iron, etc. must be cut in 4' lengths, bundled, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds per bundle; Garden waste;
- White Goods (Appliances) **MUST** be empty with doors removed; water heater, stove dehumidifier, freezer, air conditioner, TV.
- Furniture, household items, trash
- Empty paint cans will **ONLY** be accepted if the drivers can see that the paint is dried or absorbed with a substance like cat litter or saw dust.
- **ALL TIRES** - Put tires inside dumpster at the Maintenance Shop on Saturday ONLY

**MATERIALS THAT  
WILL**



## NOT BE PICKED UP

- **Construction - Demolition materials** (bricks, stones, concrete, concrete block or rubble, shingles, lumber, landscape timbers, siding, and drywall).
- **Liquids** (motor oil, antifreeze, paint, and household chemicals). Some service stations accept motor oil for recycling.
- **Hazardous materials** (flammables, propane tanks, auto parts, explosives). Auto parts should be taken to an auto salvage yard. Propane Tanks and Hazardous Materials may be dropped off to the Recycling Center, 4441 Gifford Road, Council Bluffs (712) 328-4985
- **E-Waste (electronics)**. Recycle items at the Recycling Center at 4441 Gifford Road, Council Bluffs, (712)328-4985. VCR's, DVD players, stereo equipment, clock radios, gaming equipment, fax machine, computer towers & keyboards, input devices, scanners, cordless phones, video & surveillance cameras. (25 cents/lb.).



**Friday-Sunday  
May 1-3  
Ad deadline 4/27  
at City Hall**

**GOT QUESTIONS? CALL WASTE CONNECTIONS (712) 527-5910**

## City of Carter Lake

950 East Locust Street

Carter Lake, IA 51510

Phone: (712) 347-6320

Fax: (712) 347-5454

Website: [www.cityofcarterlake.com](http://www.cityofcarterlake.com)

COX **Channel 22** to view Council meetings, view reminders and announcements.

### Find us on Facebook:

"Carter Lake City Hall"

### MAYOR

Ron Cumberledge (712) 347-6320

### CITY COUNCIL

Jackie Wahl (402) 679-2116

Jason Gundersen (402) 680-6555

Pat Paterson (402) 305-4551

Denise Teeple (712) 307-1161

Keebie Kessler (712) 355-0603

### DEPARTMENTS

Animal Control (402) 658-1722

Building (712) 242-6314

City Hall (712) 347-6320

Library (712) 347-5492

Maintenance (712) 347-5952

Parks (712) 847-0536

Police (712) 347-5920

Senior Center (712) 347-6102

## Community Calendar

### MARCH

6 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

7 Optimist Club Made Rites and Coney Dogs

8 Family movie 2 pm at Library

16 City Council Meeting @ 7 pm

### APRIL

5 Citizen Patrol Meets @ Senior Center @ 6pm

11 Optimist Club Easter Egg Hunt Mabrey Park 10am

20 City Council Meeting 7pm

25 City Wide Clean Up

27 Rummage Ads deadline @ City Hall @ 5pm

### MAY

1-3 City Wide Rummage Sales

## Carter Lake Church Directory

### **Community Presbyterian Church**

3030 N 9th St (712) 347-5719

10 A.M. Sunday Worship

Social Hall Rental - Robin (712) 347-6951 Evenings

### **United Methodist Church**

3025 Mabrey Lane (402) 740-9868

10:30 A.M. Sunday Service & Jr. Church

5 p.m. Tues. - Soup Scripture & Sweets

6:30 P.M. Friday Bible Study

Social Hall Rental

### **Catholic Our Lady of Carter Lake**

3501 N 9th St (712) 347-6631

9:30 A.M. Sunday Mass

Bingo - 6:30 P.M. 2nd Sat. (Sept - May)

### **First Baptist Church**

3451 N 9th Street (402) 699-6218

10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship

### **Lakeview Bible Church**

1651 Avenue Q (712) 347-6440

9:30 A.M. Sunday School/Choir Practice

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship

Bible Study 7 P.M. - 2nd & 4th Wed.



**Saturday, JUNE 6th  
Carter Lake  
Parade and Festival  
To Volunteer**

**Call Keebie Kessler (712) 355-0603  
Complete vendor registration at  
[www.cityofcarterlake.com](http://www.cityofcarterlake.com)**

# edward f. owen memorial carter lake public library

1120 Willow Drive  
Carter Lake, IA 51510

PHONE: (712) 347-5492  
FAX: (712) 347-5013  
EMAIL: [owenlibrary@cox.net](mailto:owenlibrary@cox.net)  
[www.carterlakelibrary.com](http://www.carterlakelibrary.com)

## LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY	10 AM - 6 PM
TUESDAY	10 AM - 6 PM
WEDNESDAY	10 AM - 6 PM
THURSDAY	10 AM - 6 PM
FRIDAY	2 PM - 6 PM
SATURDAY	10 AM - 2 PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT OUR UPCOMING  
EVENTS, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Join us on Monday, March 2nd  
from 3—5pm to stuff a fish  
from Dr. Seuss's *One Fish, Two  
Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish!*

Space will be limited to 20  
participants ages 1 to 10.  
Preregister by calling the  
library today!



## march adult craft

Join us on Thursday, March  
19th for the next Adult Craft  
Evening! Space is limited to 12  
crafters. Please call or stop in to  
see if space is available. This  
month's craft will be a will be  
an Easter sign and a Spring  
mason jar craft.



## march 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 <b>BOOK CLUB</b> @ 11:30am <b>DR. SEUSS PARTY</b> 3-5 pm	3 <b>storytime</b> @ 11am	4	5 	6	7 <b>legislative coffee</b> 11 - 12pm
8	9	10 <b>storytime</b> @ 11am	11 	12	13	14 
15 	16	17 <b>st. paddy's storytime</b> @ 11am	18	19 <b>craft class</b> 4:30 - 5:30pm	20 	21 <b>legislative coffee</b> 11 - 12pm
22	23 	24 <b>storytime</b> @ 11am	25 	26	27	28 
29 	30 <b>LIBRARY BOARD meeting</b> @ 6pm	31 <b>storytime</b> @ 11am				

# MARCH

at the Carter Lake Improvement Club

7th - Karaoke Night, 9:00pm

11th - Members Meeting, 6:00pm

13th - Billy Peck Concert, 9:30pm

17th - St. Patrick's Day, 6:00pm

21st - Karaoke Night, 9:00pm

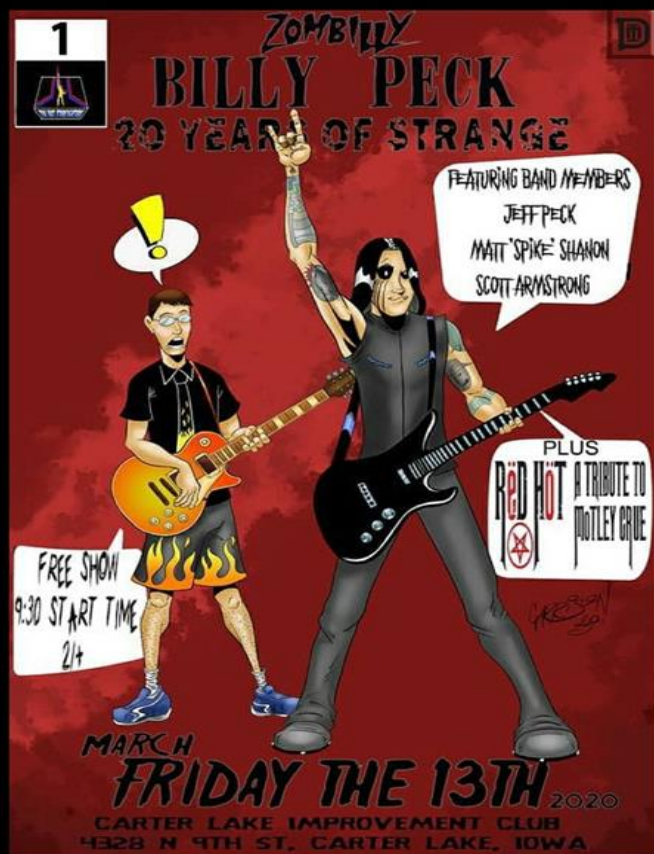
\*Club opens daily at  
4:00pm or earlier for  
special events.

\*Kitchen is open Fridays  
at 6:00pm.

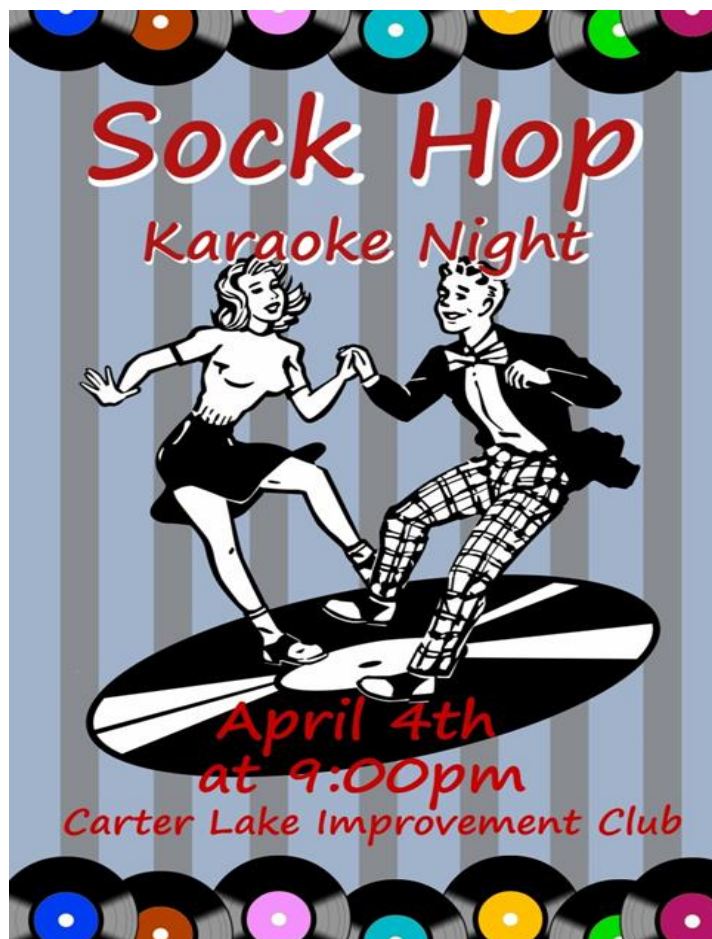
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## CARTER LAKE IMPROVEMENT CLUB VOLLEYBALL COMING SPRING 2020



# Raising School Ready Readers



**Kids love the activities.  
Parents love the information.  
Everyone loves the family time.**

## Why join us?

- Discover simple tricks for busy families that turn everyday routines and experiences into learning opportunities.
- Learn easy ways to help your child get ready for school by building their reading and writing skills.
- Connect with your child through activities that

**Dates:** March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, and April 21

*Can't make every session? Our motto is come as much as you can, and miss when you must.*

**Location:** Owen Public Library  
1120 Willow Drive  
Carter Lake, IA 51510

**Cost:** FREE!

**Registration:** Register at the Owen Public Library or the West Pottawattamie Extension Office by calling 712-366-7070

**Questions?** Contact Carol Waters at the West Pottawattamie Extension Office at 712-366-7070 or by email [clafaver@iastate.edu](mailto:clafaver@iastate.edu)

**Sponsored by Owen Public Library, and ISU Extension and Outreach—West**

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# DESIGNATE A SOBER DRIVER

On St. Patrick's Day, everybody's Irish! Unfortunately, nobody's immune to the consequences of drunk driving. Every year, thousands of people needlessly lose their lives in motor vehicle crashes involving impaired drivers and motorcyclists. Last year, 327 of these alcohol-related crashes occurred during the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

And the costs are not only death, disfigurement, disability or injury. There are significant financial costs as well - car repairs, hospital bills, legal fees, bail, higher insurance rates, fines, court costs and lost time at work. Not to mention the trauma and social stigma of being the guy who got busted for drunk driving. It's simply not worth it when there are so many ways to avoid it altogether.



- **Designate a sober driver before you go out to drink.**
- **If you become impaired and don't have a designated driver, call a cab, call a friend or family member, or take a bus.**
- **If you see a friend who is too drunk to drive, take their keys and call them a cab - or drive them home yourself (of course, only if you haven't been drinking).**
- **Consider using your community's safe rides program.**
- **If you see a driver on the road that is obviously driving impaired, don't hesitate to call the law.**

So, whether you're planning a night at the pub or partying with 5,000 of your closest friends in the parade downtown, you can't rely on the luck of the Irish to keep you safe. You have to make your own luck.

**REMEMBER: FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.**

**buzzed**  
driving is  
**drunk**  
driving  
designate a sober driver





## Flood Funding Signed into Law

On February 13, 2020 the Governor of Iowa, Kim Reynolds, signed into law SF2144. This is the crucial flood relief funding bill that was rushed through as one of the first bills of this session. Originally this bill offered \$20 million additional state funds federal funds for flood relief and mitigation. With the help of other House Democrats, I was able to move forward an amendment to this bill, while it was in the house, which leveed an additional million dollars bringing the total to \$21,003,186.



Rep. McConkey attended the first bill signing of the session, which awarded \$21 million to flood relief across Iowa, including Western Iowa. Rep. McConkey was a co-sponsor of the bill.

I would have

loved to have the amended amount be larger for the recovery efforts but getting this million-dollar amendment took some convincing to get moved through. In the end the house had to agree to suspend standing rule to move this forward as fast as we could. Fortunately, the House was able to pass this on to the Senate who also passed it, and was landed on the Governor's desk to be signed. These additional funding dollars will not cover all of the damages and repairs. However, it is a good start towards furthering the completion of ongoing projects as we look forward to what will be another soggy spring.

## School Funding Bill Delayed, Conflicts with Senate

House and Senate lawmakers have yet to resolve their differences on school funding for the upcoming school year. During debate on Tuesday, House Democrats offered a plan this week to invest \$133 (3%) million in public schools next year, but majority party lawmakers want to provide less.

School leaders across the state have said low state funding over the last decade isn't keeping up with rising costs and hampers their ability to train the next generation of Iowa workers. The proposals offered by majority party lawmakers does not keep pace with rising costs at schools and will lead to more school closings, higher class sizes, and fewer opportunities for students.

Iowans have always had great pride in our public schools. However, the state's new investment in public schools has been the lowest in Iowa history over the last decade leading to the closure of 126 schools in Iowa. The low funding means public schools have been forced to increase class sizes and raise property taxes to make up for the shortfall in state funding.

House majority party lawmakers prefer a \$110 million (2.5%) increase in basic funding for schools while Senate majority party lawmakers want just \$90 million (2.1%). The bill, Senate File 2142, is now back in the Iowa Senate as lawmakers try to resolve their differences.

By state law, the Legislature is required to enact school funding within 30 days to give school districts the time and ability to meet their required schedules for their budget decisions. The leaders of the current House and Senate will not be able to deliver school funding on-time this year as per the law.

## I Want to Hear from You

Keep me informed on what is important to you. I depend on your input. I can be reached anytime by email at: [Charlie.McConkey@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:Charlie.McConkey@legis.iowa.gov) or by phone at 402-676-0105. We've got a lot of work ahead, but I know we can find common sense solutions and work to have a successful legislative session.

The 2020 legislature runs 100 days and is scheduled to adjourn on April 21, 2020.

## Forums & Listening Posts Schedule for 2020 Legislative Session

### Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce Forums

9:00 am - 10:15 am

#### Wilson Middle School Auditorium

715 North 21st Street

Council Bluffs, Iowa

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 7

MARCH 21

APRIL 18

### Carter Lake Listening Posts

11:00 am-12:00 pm

#### Owens Memorial Public Library

1120 Willow Drive

Carter Lake, Iowa

FEBRUARY 22

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APRIL 18