

Carter Lake Newsletter

Hello again,

On October 1st, Carter Lake had the honor to host Vice President Pence. This was something our town has never experienced before. The city had a day to get prepared for the visit of Vice President Pence. All the city employees and property owners came together to prepare our city for this momentous visit. Once we found out the route the motorcade would take, the Parks Department put up the flags and spruced up Locust street. The Maintenance Department cleaned the street and assisted with blocking roads, and Fire and Rescue was on site with a squad and support staff during the Vice President's visit. The Police Department was on site and involved with securing the motorcade route. City hall organized a lunch for the other law enforcement involved in the joint endeavor of securing the route the motorcade would travel. A Secret Service Agent told our Police Captain that the town looked great and it was a nice touch to have the flags out and the marquee welcoming Vice President Pence to Carter Lake. It was exhilarating to see everyone come together to make our town look GREAT!

The Parks and Maintenance crews are nearly done with the sea wall project at Mabrey Park. Over the years, the wave action has been pulling the rock out from under the large block wall letting the blocks fall into the water. We lifted out the blocks installed and leveled rock. Then reinstalled the block along the east water way. They also installed rip rap to armor the shoreline. This project was done in-house with our staff, from the recommendation of the Iowa DNR. Another completed project in the park was installing two hard surfaced handicap parking stalls, next to the cook shack.

It is with a heavy heart the decision was made to cancel the 2020 Volunteer Appreciation banquet. Due to Covid-19 and the health and safety of the public and their well-being was of utmost concern. The cancellation of the banquet in no way diminishes the amount of good deeds and community services our great volunteers contribute every day! I just want to acknowledge and give a huge thank you to everyone who gives their time and resources to help make Carter Lake a great place to live!

Sincerely, Mayor Ron Cumberledge



Iowa Residential Utility Disruption Prevention Program

To provide assistance to eligible households with up to \$2,000 towards electric, natural gas and water bills if they are at risk of disconnection due to an inability to pay due to a COVID-19 related loss of income.

To be eligible:

1. A primary Iowa residence with active residential utility accounts, renters may apply as long as the utility account is in the applicant's name;
2. An unpaid utility bill balance or have previously entered into a payment plan with their utility provider;
3. An annual income that is 80% of the median family income, based on county and household size
4. Experienced a COVID-19 loss of income (job loss, reduction in hours, reduction in pay) on or after March 17, 2020 that resulted in hardship in paying bills for electric, natural gas, and/or water utility service provided between March 17th and October 31, 2020.



Hello Carter Lake!!

Have you heard about the fun Christmas events going on around town this year?

Make plans to stop by City Hall on Sunday, November 29th to visit with Santa and share some hot cocoa and a treat!!

I want to invite you to check out the last page of this newsletter for more details!!

Visit

iowahousingrecovery.com

Applications will be accepted between October 8, 2020, and November 20, 2020, or until funding is depleted, whichever comes first. Assistance will be awarded based on application completeness and eligibility in order received until all funds have been exhausted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

SNOW REMOVAL

Sadly to say, winter is coming soon. Please remember that all sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24-hours after the snow stops. If you do not remove your snow and ice, the City may remove it and charge you per foot for removal plus a \$75 administrative fee. Please keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice.



4th Annual Senior Christmas Basket Program will be getting underway in December. I will be seeking volunteers to be part of this great project.

As always, City Hall will be the drop off point to collect donations to provide baskets of groceries that will be delivered to Carter Lake Seniors for Christmas.

Suggested items to donate are: canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats; dry mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, cake and muffin mixes; healthy snack bars, peanut butter, popcorn, cookies, crackers, and pudding packs; macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper, cold or hot cereals.

Cash donations are welcomed and will be used for the purchase of meat, bread, and other fresh food items that will be included with each basket the day of delivery.

If you are interested in being part of the volunteer group or know someone who could

benefit from this wonderful gift, please contact Jackie at City Hall (712) 347-6320.

SNOW EMERGENCY

If a snow emergency is declared by the Mayor, the dates and times of the emergency will be broadcast on local radio and television stations. If there is more than 4" of snow and the mayor declares a snow emergency, there shall be no parking on the streets, avenues or alleys until the street is cleared.



Holiday Lighting Contest

Entries and/or Nominations must be submitted by

5 P.M. Friday, December 11th

Judging will begin at

6 P.M. Sunday, December 13th

Call City Hall to submit name, address, and phone number for contest.

(712) 347-6320



Carter Lake Community Presbyterian Food and Pet Food Pantry BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Requests taken the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
by calling (712) 347-5719 between 10am - 2pm**

**Food will be scheduled for pickup the
following day at Carter Lake Community Presbyterian Church
located at 3030 N 9th Street, Carter Lake.**



City of Carter Lake

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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

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

NOVEMBER

3 General Election voting at City Hall 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

16 City Council Meeting

26-27 City offices closed for Thanksgiving

29 Kickoff to Christmas event to be held at City Hall

DECEMBER

13 Tree Lighting Contest Judging

21 City Council Meeting 7pm at City Hall

25 City Offices closed for Christmas

Happy 100th Billie

Billie Gunderson will be turning 100 on December 6th. Billie is a long time resident of our community and the Carter Lake Senior Center. She has volunteered her time by helping the Center with bake sales. She is president of the Site Council and helps with anything else she can. We appreciate and love her dearly!

Due to the pandemic we will not be able to host a public celebration. Therefore, the Center would like to collect 100 birthday cards. We invite you to send or drop off cards and gifts to Robin Conner, 1017 Willow Dr., Carter Lake, IA 51510.

We will present cards and gifts to Billie on December 4th. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Carter Lake Optimist Club

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, December 5th

11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. 626 Locust St. (Senior Center)

Cost: \$10/meal or \$8 for Seniors

Due to Covid-19 we ONLY have carry-outs or call for delivery at (712) 347-6102



Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

November 23 - December 21

Carter Lake Council Chambers

**TREE
NUMBER**

We want to invite you to participate in the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest to be hosted at Carter Lake City Council Chambers. There will be no special themes for decorating, so, let your creativity and Christmas inspire you. Residents are invited to view the trees and cast votes November 23 - December 21st. Winner announced at Dec. 21st council meeting.

Contest Requirements:

1. Individuals or groups are encouraged to participate in decorating trees. Participants may include families, club's, restaurants, churches, friends, groups at school, and bank.
2. Tree's will be judged based on the following criteria:

Originality, People's Choice, Creativity and The one that stands out the most

3. Participants must provide lights and decorations. Trees will be provided unless you would like to bring your own tree. Please provide a sign to identify tree decorators.
4. Trees will be named & numbered.
5. Trees must be decorated between November 17th and 20th (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
6. Trees will be on display at City Hall during business hours November 23rd to December 21st. Winners to be announced at the December 21st City Council Meeting.
7. Trees will remain on display through the holiday season. Decorations shall be removed before end of business on January 4, 2021. The City of Carter Lake is not responsible for any damaged or lost items. Any decorations or trees left after this date will be donated to the City of Carter Lake.
8. Please return entry form to Carter Lake City Hall at 950 E. Locust. If you have any questions please call or text (712) 326-7675.

Entry Form

Group or Individual Name: _____

Will you bring your own tree? YES or NO

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____










Theme/Title of Trees: _____

(Must be turned into City Hall, no later than 4 p.m. November 9, 2020. We will contact you with details)

Edward F. Owen Memorial Carter Lake Public Library

CONTACT US
(P) 712-347-5492 owenlibrary@cox.net
(F) 712-347-5013 carterlakelibrary.com

N O V E M B E R 2020

1	2 Book Club @ 11:30AM	3 	4 	5	6	7 
8 	9	10 Preschool Grab & Go	11 CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	12	13 	14
15	16 	17 Preschool Grab & Go	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24 Preschool Grab & Go	25	26 27 28 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING		
29 	30 Library Board Meeting @ 2 PM	 <p>We ask that you please wear a mask or face covering while in the library. Limit library time to 30 minutes and computer usage is strictly limited to 1 hour (work or school related). If you have a cough or cold/flu symptoms, please <u>stay at home!</u> <i>Thank you!</i></p>				

NEW ITEMS ON OUR SHELF



The Return by Nicholas Sparks
A Time for Mercy by John Grisham
The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Piccoult
Troubles in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand

Christmas Cupcake Murder by Joanne Fluke
Chance of a Lifetime by Jude Deveraux
Coast to Coast Murders by James Patterson
Next to Last Stand by Craig Johnson



ONLINE LIBRARY DATABASES



DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO & eBOOKS



CARTER LAKE VILLAGE WINTER FESTIVAL LIGHTING CEREMONY



FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

- Food Truck
- Warm by the Fire Pit with the Police
- Tree Decorating Contest
- Food Donations
- Caroling

ACTIVITIES for KIDS:

- Photos w/ Santa
- Gifts & Treats from Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Write Letters to Santa
- Coloring Contest
- Take Home Crafts

VISIT SANTA

Carter Lake City Hall

November 29, 2020



EACH FOOD
ITEM GIVES
YOU ONE
VOTE IN
THE TREE
CONTEST.

BRING YOUR
OWN CELL
PHONE
OR CAMERA
FOR PHOTOS.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Social Distancing Between Santa & Kids for Photos
Masks Are Recommended

SCHEDULE:

1:30 Santa Rides Through Town on Firetruck
2:00 - 5:00 Activities for Children inside City Hall
5:30 City Square Lighting Ceremony with the Mayor
6:00 Caroling and Food at the Improvement Club

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