

Carter Lake Newsletter

Hello again,

I would like to personally thank Councilman Frank Corcoran for his 4 years of service and Aaron Grell for his 2 years of service. Both men have served as council members to our city and I thank them for everything they have done on behalf of the City of Carter Lake. Thank you for your outstanding dedication, commitment, and endless service as elected officials to our city.

After much hard work and focus we have improved our city's financial standing. Last meeting we approved our second consecutive annual financial report with a balanced budget; therefore, demonstrating our commitment to a strong oversight of our city's spending.

This conservative approach has reduced our financial stress rating for the second consecutive year; and earned us positive feedback from other offices. We have continued to achieve responsible spending while still providing and improving city services. Today we have more Police Officers on the street than ever before. We also supply the Fire and Rescue with much needed equipment and training to keep them on top of their jobs. We have made huge improvement in the Public Works Department. A new digital map of all the underground infrastructure, a city wide sewer line, cleaning and recording manhole numbering, and a real time recording also grading them so we can start a reconditioning process. A street improvement plan with some repaving is planned to start in spring 2020.

Congratulation to Keebie Kessler, Denise Teeple, and Pat Paterson for their election to the city council. I look forward to working with each of you. Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy New Year
Sincerely, Mayor Ron Cumberledge



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December is here and we will be making deliveries to select senior households on Friday, December 20th.

We will continue to accept donations up to Dec 17th at City Hall.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this year a success.

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.

Are you willing to volunteer? Please call Jackie at City Hall (712) 347-6320.



Hello Carter Lake!!

Have you heard about the fun new Christmas events going on around Carter Lake this year?

Make plans to stop by City Hall on Saturday, December 14th to visit with Santa, pictures with Santa, enjoy shopping with local vendors and share

some hot cocoa and a treat!! I want to invite all the Carter Lake kids to write letters to Santa, but you need to check out page 5-6 inside the newsletter for more details!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS

January 1st from 12:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Penalty:

Any discharging of consumer fireworks outside of the excepted dates, hours, or locations, or under conditions restricted shall be deemed a simple misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00.

Restrictions:

- Class 1 and Class 2 may NOT be discharged by anyone under the age of 18
- Novelties may be discharged by anyone 5 or older but only when supervised by an adult.
- Individuals may only light fireworks on their own property or property where they have the consent of the owner.
- No fireworks are permitted to be charged on areas zoned C-3/Commercial or C4/Commercial.
- No individual shall discharge fireworks within 30 feet of another person or within 30 feet of a structure.
- No person shall discharge consumer fireworks at any time when Pottawattamie County has issued a burn ban.
- Fireworks are not permitted on public property which includes the right-of-way (i.e. street, sidewalks, parks)

SNOW REMOVAL

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.

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.

You will be allowed to park on your yard until the street is cleared in front of your residence.

Happy Holidays from The Center

I would like to start by saying thank you to the Boys and Girls Club for inviting and having us at their Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. We had a great time and the food was wonderful.

We will be going on a ride with Ollie the Trolley for their Christmas light tour on December 3rd, 7- 9p.m. For those of you that are going, please be at The Center no later than 6:45 p.m. to board the Trolley, as we will be leaving right at 7 p.m..

There will be no birthday day celebration in December due to the fact that we will be hosting a Holiday Party on December 20th at 5pm. We will be having entertainment by Rich Patton and a surprise visit from Santa himself! We will be doing a \$5 gift exchange. If you would like to participate please bring a pre wrapped \$5 gift marked male or female only. You will receive one in return.

We will also be doing Christmas crafts on Dec 4, 11, 18 at 10:30-11:30am. If you would like to join us please be sure to call and sign up by the Monday prior so we can make sure we have enough supplies for everyone.

Bingo night will be Dec. 5th this and doors open at 5pm. For more information, please call the center.

Walmart trips will be held Tues. Dec 3rd & 17th.

We will be closed December 24th, 25th, and January 1st.

Please take note that we will also be one of the stations that will have a special mailbox for Santa letters. Feel free to drop them off at The Centers mailbox too!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Sincerely, The Center

If you have questions, please call 712-347-6102

THE 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
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

A reminder that when the schools are closed for inclement weather, the library is closed as well. Visit our website for the full list of closing dates.



If you have a physical impairment which prohibits you from visiting the library, the library can deliver and pick up library materials to Carter Lake library patrons. Please call to request this service.

ADULT CHRISTMAS TREE CRAFT

Join us on Thursday, December 12th for the next Adult Craft Day! This event is FREE and open to the public, but space is limited to 12 crafters. Please call or stop in to see if space is still available.

This month's craft will be Christmas Trees!



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

Where do snowmen
go to dance?

THE SNOWBALL

Where do snowmen
keep their money?

A SNOWBANK

DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 BOOK CLUB X-MAS PARTY @ 11:30	3 STORYTIME @ 11	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 STORYTIME @ 11	11	12 ADULT CRAFT 4:30 - 5:30	13	14 MOVIE MATINEE: KUNG FU PANDA HOLIDAY @ 11
15	16	17 STORYTIME X-MAS PARTY @ 11	18	19	20	21 welcome WINTER!
22	23 HAPPY HANUKKAH!	24 MERRY CHRISTMAS! the library will be closed the 24 th & 25 th	25	26 HAPPY KWANZAA!	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE!	THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1, 2020			



Holiday Lighting Contest

Entries or Nominations must be submitted by
5 P.M. Friday, December 13th
Judging will begin at
6 P.M. Sunday, December 15th

Call to submit entries with Name, Address, and Phone Number to 712-847-0536 or email parksandrec@carterlake-ia.gov

Spring Soccer Registration

Sign up at:

CITY HALL at 950 LOCUST ST

Thurs. January 16th 6pm - 8pm

Sat. January 25th 10am - 12pm

Tues. February 4th 6pm - 8pm

Teams will be organized through Council Bluffs Youth Soccer Association.

There is NO initial entry fee. Uniform fees will be brought up before the season starts.

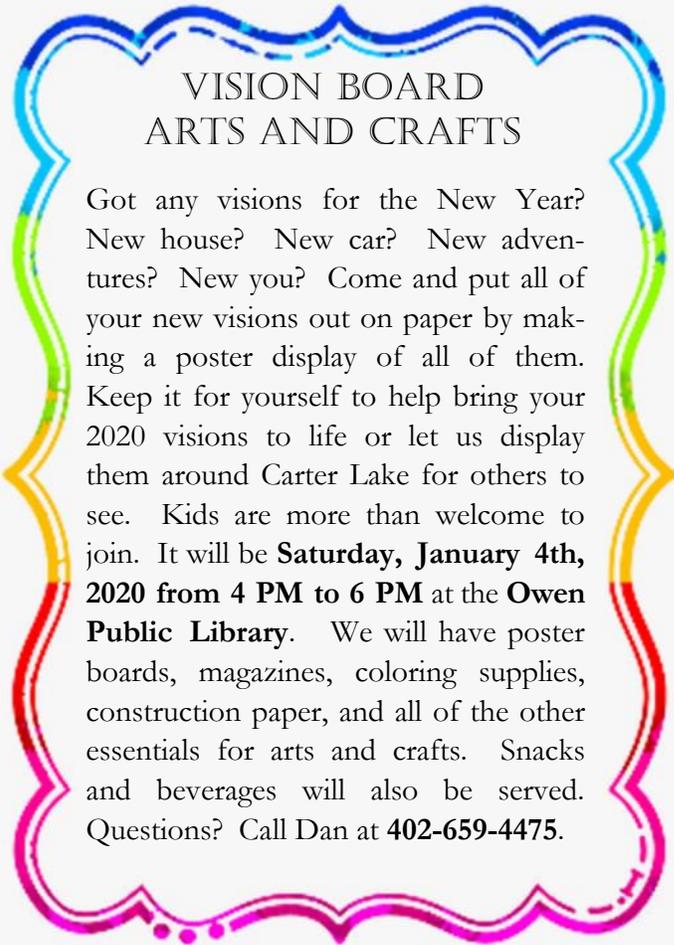
If the minimum amount of team players is met for a particular age group, we will be registered as a Carter Lake team. Otherwise, the players will be added to another league team.

Coaches are always needed. Please let me know at registration if you are willing to volunteer!

If you have questions, please contact Dan with Parks and Rec at (402)659-4475.

Email: parksandrec@carterlake-ia.gov

Hope to see you there!



VISION BOARD ARTS AND CRAFTS

Got any visions for the New Year? New house? New car? New adventures? New you? Come and put all of your new visions out on paper by making a poster display of all of them. Keep it for yourself to help bring your 2020 visions to life or let us display them around Carter Lake for others to see. Kids are more than welcome to join. It will be **Saturday, January 4th, 2020 from 4 PM to 6 PM** at the **Owen Public Library**. We will have poster boards, magazines, coloring supplies, construction paper, and all of the other essentials for arts and crafts. Snacks and beverages will also be served. Questions? Call Dan at 402-659-4475.



Carter Lakes Park & Rec will host **FREE Open Gym** at the CL school gym **Every Friday night from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Dec. 6th - Feb. 28th)**

We will host intermittent games and activities including **dodgeball, football, basketball, & soccer.**

Equipment will be provided.

Individuals can be subject to expulsion for acts violence or harassment.

Parents **MUST** sign-in their kids at drop off with a name and phone number.

Questions? Call 402-659-4475



Visit with Santa

and Shop for the Holidays at the Local Vendors' Market

at City Hall

Saturday, December 14

9 A.M. - 12 NOON

FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA



Donate to XMAS food baskets.
Shop in the Holiday Market.
Have a photo taken with Santa.



Drink a cup of hot chocolate.
Enjoy the accompanying treats.
Create at Santa's Workshop

**BRING A FOOD DONATION
FOR THE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Mailboxes Will Be Available Around Carter Lake for Letters to Santa!!!

Sponsored by the Senior Center

1. Envelopes and special stationery will be available at the Library or City Hall after Thanksgiving, or you can use your own stationery and envelopes.

2. Address the envelopes to:

Santa Claus

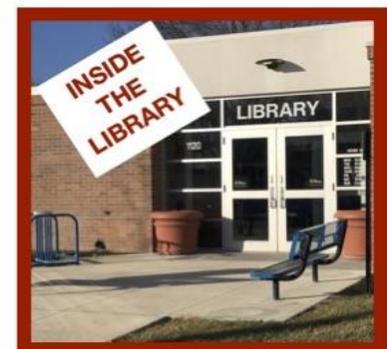
55 Candy Cane Lane
North Pole, AK 99083



3. Place the letters in the **special Santa mailboxes** located inside the library or in front of the City Hall or the Senior Center. **NO STAMPS ARE NECESSARY IF YOU USE THESE LOCATIONS!**

4. All letters must be mailed by Sunday, December 15.

4. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND COMPLETE RETURN ADDRESS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A LETTER BACK FROM SANTA!!!



Customizing Your Child's Letter

Santa will customize his letter if your child includes a name, achievement or good deed, age, and desired presents.



OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PASSES

Patrons in good standing can stop in once a month to get a family pass for the Omaha Children's Museum from now until May 20, 2020.

Hurry in while these passes last!



Lauritzen Gardens Passes

To borrow a Lauritzen Gardens Pass, library patrons must be in good standing. With the pass, two adults and children under 18 years of age will receive membership benefits such as reduced registration for education programs and a 10% discount on items in the gift shop.

These passes are good until March 31, 2020!

FONTENELLE FOREST PASSES

To borrow a Fontenelle Forest Admission Pass, library patrons must be in good standing and must come in to check out a membership day pass according to the day of the week they wish to visit. These membership cards include all of the benefits and discounts of a household membership. Hurry in! These passes expire February 29, 2020.

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Website: 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

Aaron Grell (402) 677-3631

Frank Corcoran (402) 686-0264

Jackie Wahl (402) 679-2116

Jason Gundersen (402) 680-6555

Pat Paterson (712) 847-0257

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

DECEMBER

- 1 Citizen Patrol Meeting 6pm @ Senior Center
- 7 Durham Museum Event (see article for info)
Optimist Club Spaghetti Dinner 11am - 6pm
- 13 Lighting Contest Deadline
- 14 Santa Visit at City Hall 9am - Noon
- 15 Lighting Contest Judging
- 16 City Council Meeting @ 7pm City Hall
- 20 Food Drive deliveries
- 25 City offices will be closed for holiday

CARTER LAKE **meet & greet**

Where: Carter Lake Improvement Club

When: Friday, January 10th, 2020 7 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Who: Carter Lake Residents

Food & Activities: TBD

The Parks and Recreation Department will host a social gathering for all Carter Lake residents.

We are offering this as an opportunity for residents to come mingle and get to know their neighbors. Details of food and activities will be confirmed closer to the event date.

Feel free to contact Dan at (402) 659-4475 if you have any suggestions.



Carter Lake
Optimist Club
Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 7th

11 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

626 Locust St. (Senior Center)

\$8.00 at the door or

7.00 Advance Tickets

Dinner Includes:

spaghetti, salad, bread and drinks

Call 347-6102 for delivery

