

# Carter Lake Newsletter

Hello Friends & Citizens,

Spring is around the corner! It felt like the winter weather just wouldn't quit, but neither did our hard working Public Works and Parks crews. They have stayed busy, working long hours in challenging conditions and deserve a BIG THANKS for their hard work. I also want to express my thanks to each of YOU for moving your vehicles off the streets so our crews could push the snow back. It's very important that we all work together to keep the roads open and passable for emergency vehicles and plow trucks. Finally, thank you to the dedicated members of the Carter Lake Police and Fire Departments for their service and assistance throughout the winter season. While many of us have the luxury of staying indoors during the severe winter storms, our First Responders are out regardless of the weather.

*Our town is full of great people. Here are just a few that we recognize:*

- Sandy Caddell     Citizen of the Year*
- Steven Life       EMS Responder of the Year*
- Allan Kuiper      Firefighter of the Year*

When the snow melts, the City has a large project of locating and marking all the water and sewer infrastructure. Once this is done, we will have an outside company record and digitize maps, making this process much more accurate and accessible. About the same time, we also have another company jetting and video recording the sanitary sewer lines. This is the first step of the sewer relining process.

We have added Lem Sheard as the Public Works Director. He is a longtime Carter Lake resident who brings a lot of construction and maintenance experience and will be a great addition to the Department. Sincerely, Mayor Ron Cumberledge



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## **CL Fire Dept. 2nd Annual Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 29th 4:30-8pm**

**All plates include:**

**Fish or Mac & Cheese**

**Beans, Cole Slaw & Cornbread**

**Cost is \$10.00/ticket**

**Tickets can be purchased from  
any Fire Department member**

**All profits go towards uniforms and  
gear for Fire Dept. Honor Guard**



# *Announcements and Reminders*

## **CLEARING SIDEWALKS**

Yes, it has been a long cold winter but the end is in sight! According to the National Weather Service our area has received right around 25 inches of snow in February. It is safe to assume we will see more snow in March.

Residents, you are responsible for clearing the sidewalks around your property 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 the cost plus an administrative fee.

Consider helping your neighbor and remember to check up on elderly residents to see if they need help with snow removal or errands during these winter months.

## **CLEARING SNOW FROM FIRE HYDRANTS**

When winter is at its coldest, you may want to spend most of your time inside. However, it's important to keep an eye on what's happening outdoors too. Wintry weather can create fire safety hazards such as ice or heavy snowfall that can obstruct fire hydrants. You can help reduce the risk by keeping fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice and snow.

### **WHY IT MATTERS**

In an emergency, every second counts. Fire hydrants that are blocked, concealed, or difficult to access due to snow or ice and impede emergency fire response. Fire trucks carry a limited amount of water, so one of the first tasks upon arriving at a fire is to locate a water supply from the nearest hydrant. Hydrants covered in snow can be difficult to locate, and uncovering them can waste valuable time needed during the fire fight. Keeping them clear can mean easier access to water and more time doing what really matters - fighting the fire.

### **HOW TO KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR**

In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant itself, Carter Lake Fire Department recommends clearing a 3 foot area around the hydrant for easier access.



**City Wide**

**April 26th thru April 28th**

**(ads due at City Hall by April 23rd)**

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**MAY 4th City Wide Clean Up  
(more details next month)**

**Free Document Shredding at City Hall**

**May 4th 10 am to 12 Noon**



# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

## Sandy Caddell



Sandy Caddell has been named Citizen of the Year for 2018! Mayor Ron Cumberledge made the award presentation during the February 18th City Council Meeting, saying it was “given for her ongoing support in our community”. Sandy grew up in Carter Lake and lives just a block or so away from her childhood home. She was married to Ron Caddell until his death in 2010.

During her lifetime, Sandy worked for Western Sales, Capital Oil/Safety Clean, Rochester Midlands Chemical Company, Lagniappe Catering and now works part-time in a tax preparation office with her grand-daughters. She has been an active member of the Carter Lake Presbyterian Church for 29 years.

Along with her work career, Sandy has devoted her off-time to volunteering. For years, she served alongside her husband Ron with the Optimist Club. When Ron was Governor of the Optimist Club in 1982/83, Sandy served as First Lady at the Bettendorf, IA Optimist Convention. She is responsible for the delicious spaghetti sold throughout the year at the Optimist Club Dinners at the Senior Center. The spaghetti sauce recipe was originally Ron’s, but when he passed away in 2010, Sandy had to reinvent it since it wasn’t written down anywhere. In 2011, The Ron Caddell Scholarship Fund was set up and funded with the proceeds from the February Spaghetti Dinner.

For years, Sandy has volunteered as an Ambassador with the Omaha Performing Arts and a greeter for the Omaha Community Playhouse. She serves as a member of the Pottawattamie County Sheriff’s Committee and was the Treasurer for the IA National Guard 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry FRG. You’ll also see Sandy’s smiling face anytime you come to City Hall to vote as she has been an Elections Volunteer for years.

**Congratulations, Sandy!!**

Carter Lake Optimist Club

### Pulled Pork Dinner

Saturday March 2

11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

626 Locust St. (Senior Center)

\$8.00 at the door

\$7.00 in advance

Call 347-6102 for Delivery

Dinner includes:

Pulled Pork, baked beans & coleslaw

Proceeds to fund youth activities.

Mark your  
calendar!

### CARTER LAKE PARADE & FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 8th

Call Chris  
(712) 847-0536  
To volunteer or  
participate



## Charlie McConkey

### February Update: Working through the Snow

There has been a lot of bad weather this month, with more snow than any other February in the history of Iowa. But the work of the Iowa legislature has stayed busy, with a series of new bills being submitted and voted on.

I've cosigned several bills this month, and personally submitted 2 more. HF 378 proposes a 1% sales tax on fireworks. Proceeds from this tax would go directly to a grant fund directly controlled by the Fire Marshall to write grants for medical equipment and training. These funds would provide a significant boost to rural communities, firefighters, and other first responders throughout the state, to help them train to combat situations like accidents stemming from the use of fireworks.

I have also signed on to HF 99, a bill that would allow schools to recover fees lost to free and reduced lunch programs. It allows students to remain on these programs, and takes away any costs a school district may face.

In the Labor Committee Democrats were able to amend HSB 42, which had originally required a one week waiting period before collecting unemployment. Additionally, the bill would have capped the amount of benefits given so that someone with three dependents would receive the same in unemployment as someone with only one.

The Democrats on the committee were able to come to a compromise on the bill. We eliminated the one week waiting period, and expanded coverage so that there would be an increase in benefits for each dependent until a cap of four. In order to gain these concessions, we had to lower the number of weeks unemployment can be collected from 29 to 26.

I am in favor of these changes, as they result in slightly less damage done to those who need unemployment. However, I still believe that this bill as a whole is bad for Iowa workers and Iowa families, which is why I voted against it in committee.

You can always reach me at  
charlie.mcconkey@legis.iowa.gov,  
or by phone at (402) 676-0105.  
Sincerely, Rep. Charlie McConkey

## Senior Center Activities

### MARCH

- 4 Liver and Onions
- 5 Game Day Library at 10am.
- 7 Bingo Night at 6pm Doors open 5pm.
- 12 Walmart at 12:30pm.
- 14 Birthday Day at Noon
- 18 Angels Community Class Room at 10:30am
- 19 Game day Library at 10am
- 21 Movie-call for time
- 26 Walmart

### APRIL

- 2 Game day
- 4 Bingo night at 6pm
- 6 Bake Sale
- 9 Walmart trip
- 11 Birthday night at 5pm

### **SUMMER JOBS WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Accepting applications for spring/summer Baseball Concessions and Parks Maintenance. 29 hours per week or less depending on City needs. Pick up application at City Hall at 950 Locust Street. Please specify either Concessions or Parks Maintenance on application. Questions? Call Chris (712) 847-0536

## **HELP WANTED**

Carter Lake Presbyterian Church is seeking an organist and or pianist for Sunday 10 a.m. worship services. This is a paid position. Call Robin at 347-6951 if interested.



**Thursday, MARCH 7th at Senior Center**  
**Doors open @ 5 p.m.**  
**Bingo starts @ 6 p.m.**  
**Must be 21+ to play \$1 per card**  
**Free Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks**

# OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PASSES!

We've received our new round of Omaha Children's Museum Passes! Patrons in good standing can stop in once a month to grab family passes from now until May 25, 2019. Hurry in while these passes last!



## FONTENELLE FOREST PASS PROGRAM INFORMATION!

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 (e.g. check out a 'Thursday Pass' to visit on a Thursday). These membership cards include all of the benefits and discounts of a household membership, including 10% off in the gift shop, member pricing for all camps and special programs (Enchanted Forest, Winter Wonderland, Trick or Treat in the Forest, etc), free admission to the nature center, raptor refuge, and Neale Woods as well as access to any members-only events and programs. Stop in today for more information!



# COME HELP US CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS'S 115<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

**WHERE:** THE CARTER LAKE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

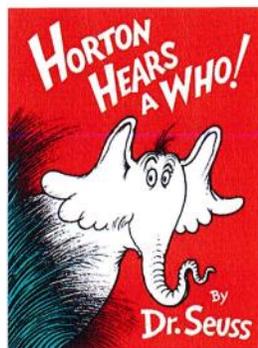
**WHEN:** FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>  
from 5:00pm to 6:00pm



Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with  
a *Cat in The Hat* inspired workshop!



featuring  
Horton Hears a Who!



and What Pet  
Should I Get?

"I am what I am! That's a great thing to be!  
If I say so myself, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to me!"

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### CITY COUNCIL

Aaron Grell (402) 677-3631

Frank Corcoran (402) 686-0264

Jackie Wahl (402) 679-2116

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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

### MARCH

- 2 Optimist Club Pork Dinner 11am - 6:30pm  
Bake Sale at Senior Center
- 5 Horse Race Derby 10am @ Library
- 7 Bingo at Senior Center 6pm
- 11 Special Council Meeting approve Budget @ 6pm
- 11 Planning Board Meeting @ 7pm at City Hall
- 18 City Council Meeting @ 7pm at City Hall

### APRIL

- 26 City Wide Rummage Sales

### MAY

- 4 City Wide Cleanup Day & Shred Event

### Monthly Events

**SENIOR CENTER** 626 Locust St  
Optimist Club Meeting 7 p.m. on Wednesdays  
Citizen Patrol Group Meets 6 p.m. (1st Sunday)

### **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

AA Meeting 5:30 p.m. on Mondays  
NA Meeting 7 p.m. on Mondays  
Soup, Scripture & Sweets 5 p.m. on Tuesdays  
Bible Study 5 p.m. on Fridays

### **LAKEVIEW BIBLE CHURCH**

Potluck Lunch after services on 2nd Sunday  
Bible Study 7 p.m. on (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

### **OUR LADY OF CARTER LAKE**

Bingo 6:30 p.m. on (2nd Saturday)

### **VFW POST 9661** 100 Locust St

Auxiliary Meets at 12:30 p.m. (3rd Sunday)  
Men's Post Meeting at 7 p.m. (3rd Monday)

### **IMPROVEMENT CLUB** 4328 N 9th St

Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. (Every Friday)  
Breakfast Serving 8 a.m. - 12 (2nd & 4th Sundays)  
Karaoke 8 p.m. (2nd Saturday)

