

Carter Lake Newsletter

Hello Friends and Citizens

I hope you are all enjoying the return of spring and sunshine to our City. The Community Days Parade and Festival is set for Saturday, June 8th. The parade starts at 11:00 am and the festival at Mabrey Park starts right after the parade and runs until 4:30 pm. This is a FREE event, including all rides and games. The car show will be held at the park this year and at the end of the day, the Fire Department will have fireworks at the ballfields.

The Parks crew: Mark, Ronnie, Charlie and Zach have the Parks in great shape! Our Police Department has stepped up the patrolling, but let's remember, if you see someone misusing any of the Parks, please call the Police at 712-347-5920.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation during the Utility Mapping Project. All of town North of K Street is completed and the remaining area will be completed this month. It's almost done, but you will still see Johnson, the sewer cleaning and video recording contractor working around town in May. When the sewer inspections are completed, the next city project is street repairs, so you will see some road crews working as we move throughout the city. We will also be continuing work on the Walking Trail on 9th Street, between P and Q Streets.

The City Council is working on finalizing the Rental Home Inspection Program. This will be on the agenda at the City Council Meeting in May 20. Also on the agenda will be a proposal from an engineering firm for the Community Center Project which is just in the planning stage. Public meetings will be held with public input welcome on the location and what services the building will offer.

A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers that help our City operate. We have a great group of people always giving back to their community.

Sincerely, Mayor Ron Cumberledge



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Fireman Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 5th 7:30 a.m. - Noon

2911 N 9th St.

\$6 Adults \$5 Kids & Seniors (Kids under 5 Free)



ANIMAL CONTROL



Registering pets at City Hall allows Animal Control to reunite animals with their owners much quicker.

Pet Registration: \$10-15 per year and yearly renewal starts January 1st.

The weather is getting warmer and our pets are going to be spending more time outside. Here are a few things you need to know to keep them safe

1. Anytime you have animals outside unattended, you need to provide a few things for them. Clean water and an approved shelter must be provided at all times. This is a requirement of the city ordinances, regardless of how long the animal is outside.

2. Your animal can only be outside for 30 minutes if it is on a leash or chain. The only exception to this is if an adult over the age of 19 is outside with the animal or you have a fully fenced yard. Additionally, if you do have an animal on a tie-out, you must make certain that it cannot reach public sidewalks or your neighbor's yard.

3. Remember to pick up your pet waste. Not only is this a health hazard to your animal but it can also be a nuisance to your neighbors. The warmer weather will cause excess pet waste to smell very badly. The first offense could result in a \$500.00 fine.

4. Barking dogs are a common complaint. It is your responsibility as a dog owner to control your dog's actions, especially barking. Barking dogs can be heard for blocks and usually set off a chain reaction of other dogs barking.

5. It is unlawful to leave an animal unattended in a vehicle. Temperatures inside vehicles can easily reach over 100 degrees. This can cause serious health problems and even result in death. Even with the windows cracked and a bowl of water, the temperatures can still be too much for your animal to handle.



Thanks to a generous contribution from the City of Carter Lake, families can purchase one \$30 membership and all of the children in the family have access to the great programs and services at the Boys & Girls Club

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. City of Carter Lake covers the rest)

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

Property Maintenance

WEEDS & MOWING

It is that time of year again when the grass and weeds take over our lawns. It is the responsibility of all property owners to keep their land and the adjacent parking areas free of weeds and grass that are 9" or taller. The City will have any uncontrolled weed growth abated without prior notice to the property owner. The cost of the abatement will be billed to the property owner along with a \$75 administrative fee. Do not mow, blow or sweep your grass clipping onto the street or the curb area!

BULK PICKUP

If you have couches, chairs, or appliances that need to go to the landfill, please call Lewis Clark Recycling & Disposal and pay a fee.

After the fee is paid, the items will be picked up on your next garbage collection day. These items should not be left on the curb until pickup has been scheduled.

*LEWIS CLARK RECYCLING &
DISPOSAL (712) 527-5910*

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



Spring is the perfect time to spruce up your property and make improvements in your neighborhood. Consider lending a hand to help a neighbor who may be in need of assistance with yard maintenance.

Storm Water Tips

Preventing Water Pollution is everyone's responsibility.

GUIDE TO LANDSCAPING

Plant Trees

Plant trees in your yard. These canopies intercept rain and evaporate water back into the atmosphere.

Native Plants

Use deep rooted native grasses and flowers in your gardens. Minimize the amount of turf in your yard, especially if you have a lot of open area, by using native plants.

Native Turf

Plant your yard with deep rooted native turf grasses. Try using Buffalo and Side Oats Gramma grasses, then mow as a standard lawn, with no need to water or fertilize.

Rain Gardens

Create a rain garden to capture downspout water or runoff from your lawn.

TO REPORT A STORMWATER CONCERN - CALL 847-0535

RAIN GARDENS are a depressed area in the landscape that collects rain water from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. Planted with grasses and flowering perennials, rain gardens can be a cost effective and beautiful way to reduce runoff from your property. Rain gardens can also help filter out pollutants in runoff and provide food and shelter for butterflies, song birds and other wildlife.



Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 4th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

at Carter Lake Fire Station

2018 Citizen Patrol Awards



PATROLLERS OF THE YEAR

Jim & Michele Provost (middle) pictured with Keebie Kessler (left) and Chief Kannedy (right)

Citizen's Patrol is a generic name used by many to describe a special group of Law Enforcement Volunteers. As the name implies, Citizen's Patrol are Citizens who after being screened, background checked, and trained by their local law enforcement agency, patrol their communities acting as "Eyes and Ears" for law enforcement.

Citizen Patrol Volunteers become more familiar with their community and are better able to recognize "suspicious" activity and notify the authorities. Due to their focused patrol activity, it is not uncommon for Citizen's Patrol to observe crimes in progress. Citizen's Patrol do not take enforcement action, they only observe and report.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR Sergeant Chambers

Pictured
Keebie Kessler,
Chief Kannedy and
Sergeant Chambers



Citizen's Patrol

Volunteers are not authorized to carry weapons and are encouraged to avoid physical contact. Citizen's Patrol's greatest weapon is their established bond with local law enforcement and their ability to communicate directly with them by radio or cellular phones using special dedicated phone numbers.



Carter Lake



Community Day

Parade, Festival, and Car Show

———— June 8, 2019 ————

State Representative Charlie McConkey

The session looks like it will be closing out within the next few weeks. We've started passing out budgets, and are working through some remaining disagreements.

Over the last decade, the state's budget priorities have led to low wage growth and a slowing state economy. That was confirmed by a panel of Iowa budget experts that downgraded the state's revenue estimates for next year.

While unemployment rates are historically low, workers actually saw their hourly wages decrease by 0.2% last year. According to a non-partisan report, middle-wage workers have lost ground over the last decade and it's been especially harsh for Iowans in rural areas with population loss, lower wages, school closings, and reduced health care access.

Instead of working to improve the lives of everyday Iowans, the recent budget priorities of the majority party have been focused on massive tax breaks for the wealthy, corporations, and special interests. Legislation was also approved by Republican lawmakers to lower wages, increase the cost of health care, and even raise costs for higher education and job training.

I believe it's time to make the state budget work for everyday Iowans again. Our budget vision for next year will prioritize education and healthcare over the special interests. We should work together to make targeted

investments in public education, health care, and other initiatives to raise wages for everyday Iowans.

In other news, federal officials launched an investigation into failing Medicaid privatization system this week. The Inspector General said it will focus on Iowans who were denied care by the Managed Care Organizations (MCO).

Some other news that might be of interest, the House is about to debate legislation on legalized sports betting here in Iowa. Before I support the legislation, I want to be sure that nonprofits are able to receive the same benefits the rest of the state would for tax revenues.

A bill to create a new children's mental health system in Iowa is headed to the Governor's desk. While it's a good first step, additional state investments must be made for it to be successful.

The Senate is considering a bill to make more Iowa families eligible for child care tax credits.

Students at Iowa's three state universities are still waiting to find out how much their tuition will increase next year as lawmakers have yet to decide how much state money they will get.

This will be the final update for this legislative session, but while the House may be out soon, you can still contact my office if there is anything you may need from me.

Sincerely, Rep Charlie McConkey

Church Directory

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3025 Mabrey Lane (402) 740-9868

Pastor: John Robine

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

Social Hall Rental

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 6:30 p.m. on Fridays

LAKEVIEW BIBLE CHURCH

1651 Avenue Q (712) 347-6440

Pastor Cliff Tulsie

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

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship

Potluck Lunch after services on 2nd Sunday

Bible Study 7 p.m. on (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

3451 N 9th Street (402) 699-6218

Pastor Larry Hayes

10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship

2 - 3:30 P.M. Sunday School

Adult Study & Fellowship 6 p.m. Wednesdays

CATHOLIC OUR LADY OF CARTER LAKE

3501 N 9th Street (712) 347-6631

Father Thomas Thakadipuram

9:30 A.M. Sunday Mass

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

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3030 N 9th Street (712) 347-5719

Rev. Sally Carlson and Susan Smith

10 A.M. Sunday Worship

Social Hall Rental - Robin

(402) 609-6203 Day

(712) 347-6951 Evenings

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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

MAY

- 4 Pulled Pork Dinner @ Senior Center @ 11-6:30
Fire Ladies Auxiliary Plant & Bake Sale 9am-4pm
City-Wide Clean Up Day
Free Document Shredding at City Hall 10 am - Noon
- 5 Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7:30-Noon
Citizen Patrol Meeting @ Senior Center @ 6pm
- 13 Planning Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 20 City Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 27 City offices closed for Memorial Day
- 28 Recycling moved from Monday due to holiday

JUNE

- 1 Lake Clean up Day (See flyer for more info.)
- 8 Carter Lake Festival and Parade

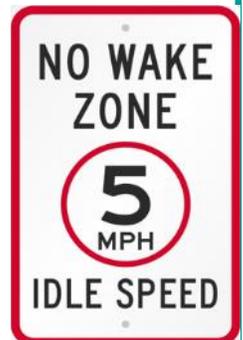
Reminder to Boat Operators

"Slow, No Wake Speed"—This is a speed at which the vessel does not produce a wake. "Wake" means any movement of water created by a vessel that adversely affects the activities of another person or that may adversely affect the shoreline or seawalls in the canals.

Any vessel operating in a speed zone posted as "Idle Speed - No Wake" must operate at the minimum speed that allows you to maintain steering and make headway. (This means no wake whatsoever - possibly 600-900 RPMs, depending on your boat). This rule normally restricts these vessels to 4 statute miles per hour or less

"No Wake" is done to prevent waves from splashing against and eroding the bank. A wake is the region of recirculating flow immediately behind a moving or stationary solid body, caused by the flow of surrounding fluid around the body.

These zones are also declared in some places to protect aquatic life and in other places it is to prevent docked boats from rocking too much or causing damage to expensive sea walls.



NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

CLEANING UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Property Nuisance Abatements are used to help residents keep their neighborhoods clean and safe. Carter Lake Police Officers and the Building Inspector issue Nuisance Abatement notices. The last thing you want is a fine for not mowing your lawn, so Don't be a Nuisance: Learn the Basics of Property Nuisance Abatements:

1. WHAT IS AN ABATEMENT?

An abatement is the reduction or elimination of something. Simple enough, right?

2. WHAT QUALIFIES AS A PROPERTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT?

Obnoxious weeds –Is the property next to your house starting to look more like the ghetto?

Overgrown grass and weeds are considered a fire hazard or promote habitation for pests and rodents. Often property owners will receive a notice to destroy all weeds and undesirable vegetation that pose a threat to the surrounding areas. So what constitutes undesirable vegetation? Basically weeds, tall grass, vines, brush or any volunteer trees.



Garbage on property No one wants to live next to a junk yard. Any unsightly accumulation of junk or garbage on a residential



property (including yard, driveway or alley) may find a removal notice taped to their door. So if you have a hard time letting go of that collection of toilets or old tires, do what the rest of us do and shove 'em in your garage.



Neglected house or building – You know the type. Broken windows, holes in the roof, trash or debris on the side yard. To put it bluntly, it's a neighborhood eyesore. No, your neighbor's ugly paint choice doesn't count.

In most of these cases, a Nuisance Abatement notice will be issued with no response, usually because the property owner is long gone. But have no fear, if a property goes unclaimed after a notice was issued, a receiver will be appointed to clean up and sell to a new owner.



3. THE RULES.

If you receive a Nuisance Abatement notice and fail to remove the nuisance before the assigned deadline, the city can remove it for you. No, this isn't out of the goodness of our heart. We will still bill you for the clean-up.

Don't plan on paying the bill? No worries. The charges will just be assessed against your property as a lien.

4. NUISANCE ABATEMENTS ARE YOUR FRIEND.

Unless you find yourself on the other side of a notice, Nuisance Abatements are actually quite useful. They keep your neighborhood looking nice and hold irresponsible property owners accountable.

Sometimes things can get serious. If a property near you threatens your health, safety, convenience or welfare of the community in general, a public nuisance lawsuit may be in order.

Like we said: Property Nuisance Abatements are your friend.

Questions about the nuisance code? Have a property you would like investigated? Call Jackie at (712) 347-6320 or send pictures via email to jackie.carl@carterlake-ia.gov

Carter Lake Clean-up Day

**Saturday
May 4th**



**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

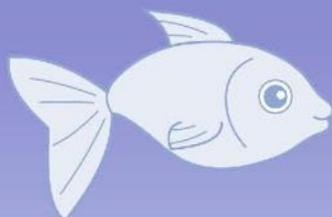
- **Construction - Demolition materials** (bricks, stones, concrete, concrete block or rubble, shingles, lumber, landscape timbers, siding, and drywall).
- **Liquids** (motor oil, antifreeze, paint, and household chemicals). Some service stations accept motor oil for recycling.
- **Hazardous materials** (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.).



GOT QUESTIONS? CALL RED RIVER WASTE SOLUTIONS (712) 527-5910

11th Annual CARTER LAKE CLEANUP JUNE 1st

Registration at 9 a.m.



Volunteers meet at the Pavilion overlooking the lake
Read & sign waiver; Receive name tag;
Meet Team Captain, Receive bags

Cleanup 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

Volunteer Central at Levi Carter Park at
809 Carter Lake Shore Dr., Omaha, NE 68110
Coffee and donuts will be served at Levi Carter Park

Volunteer Expectations

- Volunteers are assigned to teams that are assigned to specific area to pick up trash and recyclables
- Wear sturdy shoes and long pants to protect from scratches *Dress for the weather
- *Plastic and leather gloves will be available (while supply lasts)

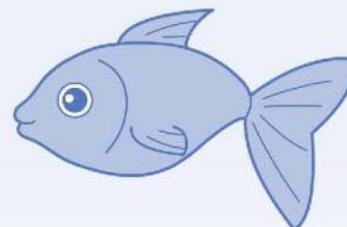
Map and Directions:

From Abbott Drive: Turn west on Carter Blvd.
which turns into Carter Lake Shore Drive



For Questions, Contact:

carterlake@hotmail.com
Steve Wilbur @ 402-319-5220





Carter Lake Fireworks Safety

July 1 - July 6

Consumer fireworks may be discharged on the above days during the hours of 12 noon - 10 p.m., except for Saturdays and July 4 from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m., and

January 1

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.

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 (ie. street, sidewalks,