

Carter Lake Newsletter

Hello again,

In these unsettling times the outreach exhibited by so many of you is a reminder that we have always been a community that truly cares about one another please stay informed with current and accurate information at pcema-ia.org with the county or governor.iowa.gov with the state updates and recommendations.

This month we will start to reopen some of the city facilities;

Library will on Monday, May 11th at 25% capacity the weekly schedule is:

Monday 10-11 A.M. for seniors and 11A.M. - 2 P.M.

Wednesday Noon - 2 P.M. and Friday 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.

City Hall will resume normal business starting Monday, May 11th 8 A.M.-5 P.M.

We are trying to reschedule the community days, parade and fireworks will post when date is determined to be safe for this event.

Take an evening and walk threwh one of the City Parks or walking trails our Parks crews take a lot of time in providing these great spaces for all of us to enjoy.

Bob McCloud a long time local guy who has joined our public works crew he brings a lot of experience in repairs and maintenance for our fleet of equipment he is a great addition to the team.

Stay safe.

Mayor Ron Cumberledge



REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

The state of Iowa has allowed incorporated areas to permit golf cart use on public roadways upon approval of their governing body.

1. The Driver **MUST** possess a valid driver's license.
2. A golf cart shall not be operated upon a city street which is a primary road extension through the city but shall be allowed to cross a city street which is a primary road extension through the city. This means you may cross 13th, 9th and Locust Streets, but you cannot cruise down 13th, 9th and Locust Streets on golf carts.
3. Golf Carts that are operated on city streets must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem and bicycle safety flag.
4. Golf Carts may only operate from sunrise to sunset.
5. Golf Carts must have adequate brakes.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Primary Election June 2, 2020

Due to COVID-19 Carter Lake residents will be required to travel vote at TJ High School at 2501 W. Broadway from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Senior Van will be available to transport Seniors who wish to participate but uncomfortable driving to the site. Call Linda to schedule a ride. (712) 347-6102

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

HONORING OUR 2020 SENIORS

A group of Carter Lake residents have put together plans to honor Carter Lake High School Senior Class of 2020. The banners will be displayed along Locust Street in front of City Hall and then presented to each Senior as a keepsake. Display dates to be announced.

If you are interested in donating funds towards this project, please call Councilmember, Keebie Kessler at (712)355-0603.

We don't want to leave anyone out, if your child or grandchild is a high school senior who resides in Carter Lake we need his or her information. Please send an email to sales@anytimetees.com with the following:

1. Subject line of email: Carter Lake Senior Banner.
2. First and Last Name (double check spellings)
3. Name of high school
4. Include school colors

PHOTO Requirements:

1. Image must be VERTICAL.
2. If your senior did not have senior photos taken, Melissa Renshaw has volunteered to take a photo for submission. Please contact Melissa at (712) 355-8221 to set up a time for photo.

STUDENT INFORMATION AND PHOTO MUST BE EMAILED TO ANYTIME TEES NO LATER THAN MAY 12TH

Questions? Please contact Keebie Kessler at 712-355-0603

Thank you to the committee for all their work to make this project a reality! Reese Putnam, Keebie Kessler, Melissa Renshaw, Dawn Tarbox and Alicia Prudhome



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE MIDLANDS OMAHA • CARTER LAKE • COUNCIL BLUFFS

We miss our Boys & Girls Club Members so much! We are here to say **HELLO!**

It was great to see you at the **BGC Staff Parade on April 20th!**

We hope you enjoyed your notes from staff, chalk messages on your driveways, program ideas in a bag, and MAY DAY Baskets! We love being able to connect with you even in these times. Make sure to “like” our **Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club Facebook** page.

Check around town for **blue painted rocks** with notes from BGC staff. Those will be able to be found after Wednesday, May 6th. Happy seeking!

Go to www.bgcomaha.org/voice and sign your child up for our **NEW Virtual Programming** opportunity. It takes 2 minutes to give consent. We are offering sessions 2-4 pm Monday-Friday beginning the week of May 4th. We hope to “see” you there. Please email Mrs. Comfort at ccomfort@bgcomaha.org with any questions.

We are not sure what summer will look like, but will continue to keep you posted. Thank you so much! Until then, stop by for a meal, check your doorsteps and connect to us virtually!

Love that Boys & Girls Club!

FREE MEALS

Sandwich, Cookie, Chips, Milk,
Apple & Orange

5 PM - 7 PM Monday- Friday

Drive up and grab your meals in
The Club parking lot.



Big News!

V.O.I.C.E.

Virtual Programming will be
available beginning next week!



Sign up at www.bgcomaha.org/voice

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

SUMMER HOURS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Courtney Comfort, Unit Director

Phone: (712) 347-5687

4101 N. 17th St., Carter Lake

Email: ccomfort@bgomaha.org



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO IOWA WORKERS

As we continue to go through some tough days, I am still filled with hope. In our communities we've seen countless people step up to support one another, whether it's delivering meals, preparing lunches for students, taking the time to donate blood, making masks for hospitals and neighbors, or even delivering messages of kindness. Please continue to reach out to those who may need the extra support right now. We are all in this together!

Remember to practice social distancing and stay home as much as possible. Limiting contact with others is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones. Many Iowans are still risking their lives by spending long hours doing essential work. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the countless sacrifices they are making to keep Iowans safe.

Based on projections, we still have at least two weeks before Iowa hits the high peak for this virus. Some factories and long-term care facilities are experiencing significant COVID-19 outbreaks. While workers are still being asked to do their jobs, there needs to be assurance of proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), sick leave, and job security. In response to the growing outbreak of Coronavirus at these work facilities, Democratic lawmakers have filed an OSHA complaint to protect employees and their community.

Workers should contact their local or state officials if they feel the proper precautions aren't being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

VAST MAJORITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDING RESOURCES TO STUDENTS

Even though schools are now closed for the rest of the school year, Iowa school districts and nonpublic schools were given two choices to provide continuous learning. They could provide required on-line courses to students with attendance and grades, or provide resources that would be optional for students to learn at home.

The resources would not be required to be completed and would not be graded. Some districts have laptops for students in some grades but not others, so they are allowed to provide a combination of required learning for some grades, but not all.

Of the 327 Iowa school districts, 87% chose to provide resources, leaving only 13% providing required courses on-line or a combination. Of the 179 accredited nonpublic schools that submitted plans, 41% will offer resources, and 59% will provide required educational services or offer a combination of the two. However, schools can change their plan if their ability to provide required on-line learning changes.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AVAILABLE

The large number of public schools are providing resources to their students. However, parents can also provide educational resources to their kids through the following:

- Iowa Reading Research Center: <https://iowareadingresearch.org/resources>
- Iowa PBS: <http://www.iowapbs.org/education>
- Dept of Education: <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/resources-support-learning-during-covid-19>

NEED FOR MORE COVID-19 TESTING IN IOWA

Iowans are still waiting for needed COVID-19 testing to ramp up. Being able to test faster and more efficiently for coronavirus is critical to reopening Iowa's economy.

It was announced by the Governor last week, that the State is planning to launch "Test Iowa" which will conduct large-scale testing with capabilities for over 3,000 tests per day, as well as contact tracing. However, no details have been provided about the new initiative.

The Department of Public Health did however release additional data and demographics on COVID-19 cases. The new data shows COVID-19 is hitting minority communities at a much higher rate and that many outbreaks are impacting long-term care facilities including workers and residents, as well as workers at factories. To see more go to: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>.

HOW TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19

To get tested for COVID-19, call your primary doctor. Currently, a doctor does not have to get approval from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) if they are using a test from a national reference laboratory. However, if the doctor uses a test from the State Hygienic Lab, a person can only be tested if they meet the following criteria from the CDC:

All hospitalized patients (of any age) with fever and respiratory illness.

Older adults (>60 years of age) with fever and respiratory symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing) and chronic medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, or chronic kidney disease).

Persons of any age with fever or respiratory illness who live in congregate setting (i.e., long term care facilities, dormitories, residential facilities, correctional facilities, treatment facilities)

Healthcare workers, essential services personnel, first responders and critical infrastructure workers with fever or respiratory illness (ex. healthcare workers, fire and EMS, law enforcement, residential facility staff)

Again, because there is a shortage of tests across the state and nation, there is no wide-spread testing, and you won't be able to get tested without exhibiting symptoms or fit into any of the above categories. This continues to be a problem because a lot of Iowans who have the virus do not show any symptoms at all. Until everyone can be tested for the virus, it will keep circulating throughout the state.

MAJOR COVID-19 UPDATES

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: 46,356 more workers filed for state unemployment benefits in the last week. While it dropped from last week's record, it's third highest weekly total in state history. Iowans will begin receiving an additional \$600 weekly benefit starting this week. The federal CARES Act expanded unemployment benefits to the self-employed, independent contractors, nonprofit employees, gig economy workers, those who have exhausted other unemployment insurance and those who may not have sufficient work history to qualify for a regular state claim. Go here to file a claim: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/file-claim-unemployment-insurance-benefits>.

STIMULUS CHECK PAYMENTS: With millions of Americans still eagerly awaiting their federal stimulus checks to help them weather the coronavirus recession, people will soon be able to find out when they can expect to get their money after the government on Wednesday launches a tracking tool called "Get My Payment" link: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

CULTURAL ARTS EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM: The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has set up an emergency grant program for Iowans that work in the arts, cultural, and creative industries who have experienced a loss in revenue due to COVID-19. People can apply for a grant through June 15. More information and the application can be found here, <https://iowaculture.gov/arts/grants/iowa-arts-emergency-relief-fund/program-guidelines>

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE: Small businesses can apply for a sales tax deferment through April 30th at www.iowabusinessrecovery.com. Iowa Economic Development Authority is in the process of awarding grants for the targeted small business sole operator fund. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has several programs to help businesses that have experienced loss of income due to COVID-19. Details about all the programs can be found here, <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options> Over 22,000 Iowa businesses have received forgivable loans through the paycheck protection program. Unfortunately, the program has exhausted all of the funds appropriated by Congress. Congress is working on more funds for the program.

FACE COVERINGS RECOMMENDED: With new data from the CDC on how COVID-19 is spread, they are now recommending that people wear a cloth face covering to cover their nose and mouth in community settings. This is to protect people around you if you are infected but do not have symptoms. If you wish to help with the production of protective masks, please be sure to reach out to your local hospitals and health care facilities to ensure they are accepting donations. For more guidance go to:

https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/7/Homemade%20Mask%20Design%20Guidance%203_28_20.pdf

STUDENT LUNCH LOCATIONS: The USDA's Summer Food Service Program has 303 approved Grab and Go meal sites in Iowa to provide meals and snacks to children who might go without while schools are closed due to COVID-19. To find a location in your community go to: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>

Please be sure contact me should have any questions or comments at Charlie.McConkey@legis.iowa.gov.
-Representative Charlie McConkey

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Find us on Facebook:

"Carter Lake City Hall"

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CITY COUNCIL

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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

IOWA COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 PUBLIC HOTLINE: For Iowans with questions about COVID-19, a public hotline is open 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431 (Español disponible)

CRISIS TEXT LINE: To access the Crisis Text Line, text "TALK" to 741741

SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE: Call 1-800-273-8255

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: Call 1-800-799-7233 or text "LOVEIS" to 22522

FOOD PANTRIES: Find a food pantry near you go to: <https://www.foodbankiowa.org/>

CHILDCARE: Looking for childcare during COVID-19? Go to <https://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare-covid-19> to find open spots or facilities.

FREE LEGAL HELP:

<https://www.iowalegalaid.org/resource/2020-coronavirus-outbreak-what-you-need-to-know>

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE: To apply for assistance visit: <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/liheap>.

CARES ACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION: A new summary of recently passed federal legislation and its impact on Iowa will be continuously updated and is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/sg2hluc>

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATES: For the latest updates from the Iowa Governor's office on COVID-19: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES: For the latest updates on coronavirus and to learn more about prevention efforts, go to the Iowa Dept. of Public Health at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

<http://volunteeriowa.galaxydigital.com/>

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**NEW TENTATIVE DATE
SATURDAY, JULY 18th
Carter Lake Parade
and Festival**

SHRED DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
AT CITY HALL
10AM - NOON**



Empowering you to age safely and with confidence!



Providing information and education to help you age with respect



Connecting you with services to remain independent



Checking for benefits you may be entitled to



Enhancing health with nutrition services



Providing caregiver support

Three Convenient Office Locations

Council Bluffs

231 S Main St
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712-328-2540

Creston

109 North Elm St
Creston IA 50801
641-782-4040

Sioux City

2301 Pierce St
Sioux City, IA 51104
712-279-6900

800-432-9209

www.connectionsaaa.org



Our Mission is:

"To enhance the quality of life for elders in our service area through education, planning and coordination of services"



Our mission is met through:

- Assessing current needs of older Iowans in our service area
- Developing plans to address service gaps
- Advocating for the needs of older Iowans
- Working one-on-one with individual clients
- Providing information and assistance to older Iowans, their families and caregivers



Connections Area Agency on Aging provides services without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.



It all starts with our accredited and knowledgeable **Information and Referral** staff. From your first call they will empower you with information and connect you to appropriate services.

Option Counseling

Our LifeLong Links team is available to provide information, resources and options for independence so that Iowans can age safely, healthfully and on their own terms in the setting of their choice.

Case Management

Case management services are available for Iowans who need ongoing care coordination to remain in their community or setting of choice. This program is available for individuals 60 and older in our service area.

Family Caregiver Program

We offer an array of services, resources and referrals and supports for caregivers of older Iowans and for those individuals caring for grandchildren and other relatives. We are here to care for you while you care for them.

Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness

Through our EAPA program we strive to raise the awareness of the problem of Elder Abuse in our 20 county service area. Our Service Navigators work one on one with victims experiencing abuse or at the risk of abuse to remove the risk.

Our Vision:
To help you and your loved one age in place save resources and make informed decisions along the aging process



The Connection to Resources for Older Iowans

1-800-432-9209

Iowa Return to Community

Our Care Coaches are available in: Cass, Mills, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury Counties to assist people transitioning from a hospital or skilled care facility to home by offering support, guidance, care and advocacy as the coaches help them to return home successfully.

Benefits Counseling

Our knowledgeable staff can work with you to see if you may be eligible to reduce your Medicare costs. For those in need of Medicare Counseling we sponsor the SHIIP Program in Council Bluffs and Sioux City.

Older Worker Employment Program

Our Employment Specialist's works with job candidates to identify barriers and work towards their job goal working with adults 55 and older who have a verified disability and are working with Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Healthy Living

Connections offers a variety of programs to keep aging Iowans healthy and active. We offer congregate meal options in 34 communities; home-delivered hot, frozen and shelf stable meals throughout our service area; and many evidence-based programs designed to assist with balance, chronic disease maintenance and health and nutrition.

Volunteer Opportunities

We offer volunteer opportunities for the young and old including: Agency Governance through our Advisory Council or Policy Board, Meals on Wheels Delivery, Insurance Counseling and opportunities through our Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Pottawattamie and Mills Counties.