



Mayor's Minute



Congratulations to the residents of Carson City! At our recent Frontier Days Festival, several balloonists and crafters made comments as to how nice our community looked. They were impressed with the care that citizens have taken of their yards and how nice the pretty flowers and landscaping in the yards were pleasing to the eye. I would like to include my thanks to all of the citizens that take such great care of their homes and yards. It has been noticed. I would also encourage you to help your neighbor whenever possible, from picking up twigs and branches, to even helping to mow lawn (with permission). Let's all work together to keep our city looking sharp. We do have a few out of town landlords that let rental properties deteriorate and the city is trying to work with them to "improve" the care of their properties. Stay safe, buckle up, drive defensively, and have a great summer!

As always, you are welcome at council meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Feel free to contact me at City Hall with your questions or concerns or e-mail me at bltasker@cmsinter.net.

Upcoming City Projects

There are several projects that the city has planned for the coming year. They include: chip sealing 25 blocks of city streets, sealing and re-stripping Grove Park parking lot, re-blacktopping the North and South city parking lots, lining some sanitary sewer lines to keep out the infiltration of storm (ground) water, renew the city's Recreation Plan, renew the city's Master Plan, seal the main walking trail at West Park, and replace two sets of turn-out gear for the Fire Department. If you have questions regarding any of these projects, please contact City Administrator Jean Southward at City Hall.

A Successful Frontier Days Showcase

Once again, a huge thank you goes out to the Frontier Days Festival Committee and its volunteers. Another successful celebration is in the books. A big shout out to all of the sponsors that contributed so that all of the activities could be held. Please be sure to thank the businesses in and around our city for supporting the festival. If you would be interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Robin Tyler at 989-289-3545 or Amy Tasker at 989-330-3031. The committee is looking for ideas and events to add to the festival for next year, as the city will celebrate its sesquicentennial.



Stop and Smell the Flowers

Our thanks to County Commissioner Betty Kellenberger and Buddy Holcomb for their donations toward the purchase of additional benches for the downtown area. There are now a total of six benches for you to stop, rest, and visit with friends as you shop downtown.



We would also like to thank the Garden Club for their many years of beautifying our downtown with flowers. At this time, they have donated the planters to the city and the city has taken over the responsibility of planting flowers.



There's A New Face in Town ...

We would like to welcome our new patrol officer, Christa Anstett. She is a graduate of South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. She was employed by the City of Florence in South Carolina before moving to Michigan. Officer Anstett received her Michigan certification at Macomb Community College in Warren. Officer Anstett joins Officer Ron Schueller and Officer Nate Kranich as part time patrol officers working nights and weekends.

Congrats Chief Mark Crawfis

Congratulations to Fire Chief Mark Crawfis on being selected Citizen of the Year by the Carson City Lions Club.

Cracked?

Do you have a badly cracked or raised section of sidewalk? The DPW will remove it and replace it with new sidewalk. This is a shared cost program with the city. The homeowner cost for a 4-foot section of new sidewalk is \$13.40, and 8-foot section would be \$26.80, and so on. The city provides all labor and materials. Stop in to City Hall or call City Hall at 989-584-3515 for further information.



Yard Waste

Residents are reminded that all yard waste, leaves, and garden weeds are to be placed in bags and placed at curb side where the DPW will pick up and dispose of them. The DPW will not pick up loose waste material. Twigs, branches, and brush may also be placed at curb side, with the cut end toward the road, for the DPW to remove.

Construction Zone

As I am sure you have noticed, the Kozy Inn building and the old church building are a thing of the past. Work has started on the new building that will occupy that area. The new building will house the Family Dollar. We look forward to the completion of the project and welcome them into the city from their current location West of town.



May I Make A Reservation, Please?

The large pavilion at Haradine Park and the pavilion at Grove Park may be reserved for family outings by calling City Hall at 989-584-3515.

There is a \$35 fee for city residents and a \$50 fee for nonresidents. The small pavilion at Haradine Park is available on a first come, first serve basis.



The Lights Are On!

Consumers Power and the city will be installing four additional lights in the park. They will be located along the connector trail that joins Grove Park and Haradine Park. We would encourage you to enjoy a walk or a bike ride along our trails.

Golf Cart/ATV Ordinance

Carson City has adopted the Golf Cart/ATV Ordinance used by Montcalm County. This ordinance can be accessed on the internet for further review. After his careful observation during the Frontier Days Festival, Police Chief Dave Ellis has the following suggestions/requests of the citizens who choose to operate these vehicles:

- Operate on the correct side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- Obey all Michigan Rules of the Road.
- Stop at all stop signs. Use signals or proper hand signals when turning, stopping, and/or slowing.
- After dark, front and rear lights are required. Flashing lights do not count as lights on a motor vehicle.
- All drivers must be licensed or have the appropriate permit to operate on the road. Private property is a separate matter.
- You cannot operate on a major trunk line like M-57, M-66, or M-46 with these types of vehicles.
- You are required to wear a helmet on the roadway when driving an ATV without a roof or roll bars.
- Top speed is not to exceed 25 mph on any county roadway.
- Pay attention to your surroundings and traffic patterns, as these may change quickly and without warning.
- Stay over to the right side of the roadway to allow traffic to pass safely.
- Be polite when encountering horse and buggy type vehicles, as they also have to obey the rules of the road.
- Be mindful of pedestrians, pets on leashes, bicycles, and mopeds, as they can present obstacles that you may not anticipate.

It is recommended that you contact your insurance carrier to understand their rules as it pertains to your ATV. You may be covered under your homeowners, but most likely not under your auto insurance. Further information and explanation regarding Michigan Rules of the Road can be found at the State of Michigan Secretary of State. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact the Carson City Police Department at 989-584-6448. Have fun and stay safe!

Other News

“His Cup Runneth Over,” a travelling soup kitchen, will be offering a free lunch from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the **third Thursday of each month** through October. A sandwich and a bowl of soup will be given free of charge. The soup kitchen will be in the Methodist Church parking lot.

The testing of the **Tornado Alert Siren** will be the **first Friday of each month at 11 a.m.** This is a county-wide test, with all 16 sirens in the county being tested at this time. The county is in charge of this testing program. The normal noon siren will still be sounded.

Whenever, and as often as possible, remember to **shop local** and support our local merchants. They do so much in donating items to all of the community activities and their generosity is greatly appreciated.