



## Mayor's Minute



*This is budget planning time for the city. We are once again looking at various ways to cut expenses and still provide the same services to our citizens. Each department is very aware of making a conscience effort to conserve and cut expenses.*

*Residents are reminded to lock their houses, garages and vehicles, especially during the evening hours. Carson City has experienced several breaking and entering occurrences in unlocked garages and vehicles. Our police department is making every effort to catch the person or persons responsible. Your eyes and ears are very helpful, too, and we would ask you to report all suspicious situations to City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 989-584-3515 or by calling Montcalm County Central Dispatch at 989-831-5253 after 5 p.m. and on weekends.*

*Frontier Days is quickly approaching and the committee has been hard at work planning and organizing activities to provide our community another great festival. As you have read and heard, sponsorship dollars have been reduced this year, but the committee has made adjustments in planning to ensure another great weekend. A HUGE thank you to all sponsors that have contributed and their continued support of Frontier Days is certainly appreciated.*

*As always, you are welcome at council meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 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](mailto:bltasker@cmsinter.net).*

## Carson City Businesses

You have probably noticed that Home Video has moved to its new location, the "Opera House" building. We want to thank them for their continued business presence in our community.



The former home of Home Video will be taken over by Snap Fitness. The fitness center is expected to be open by mid April. Again, we wish to welcome a new business to our city.

We are one of the very few communities that can say our store fronts are all occupied by businesses. The former Carson City Tavern is the only bar/restaurant building that is vacant.

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**  
**They want and need your patronage!**

## Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Montcalm County is in the planning stages to place a permanent recycle station in Carson City. The station will be open all day, everyday for our citizens to use. You will no longer need to accumulate items for the once-a-month service. As of this time you will not need to separate recyclables, but it might still be helpful! Information on the location of the site will be provided at a later date. Plans are for the site to be in operation by August 1.

## City Light Project

The city has accepted a bid from Medler Electric of Alma to replace the downtown street lights. The new lights will be of the induction lighting type and is projected to save \$4,000 per year in electricity and \$2,000 per year in maintenance. Our generous neighbors at Renaissance Power have provided the complete funds for this project in the amount of \$19,000.



## DPW Update

Department of Public Works employees Dan Curtis, Nathan Plath and Dave Richards recently spent two days in Lansing at the State Water Conference. While there they attended classes to update and renew their licenses and certifications to treat our water and sanitary sewer systems properly. They were also able to visit with several vendors and see the latest improvements in public works equipment that may be of benefit to Carson City. As always, we appreciate their time spent improving their knowledge and especially their work in our community.

## Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Nora Ryan on being named the 2012 Citizen of the Year on Tuesday, March 20, at the 19th Annual Carson City Area Community Recognition Night. Nora Ryan has been an employee of Carson City Hospital since July 1979, and is currently a supervisor in the Emergency Department. Nora cares about the health of the citizens in the community and teaches Zumba four nights a week in the area.



## “Soaring” Eagles at CC-C High School

Congratulations to the girls varsity basketball team, as they finished the season with a 18-5 record. The lady Eagles were league champs and district champs for the first time since 1983.

Congratulations to the undefeated and district championship Quiz Bowl team. They defeated 48 schools at CMU to also win Quiz Central. They will be competing in the state meet at MSU on April 21 and at the National Quiz Bowl Competition in Chicago in June.

Congratulations are also in order for CC-C High School sophomore Ken Dittenbur on winning his second consecutive state championship in wrestling.

## Police Department News

We are sorry to announce that we have received the resignation of Patrol Officer Aubrey Culver. Officer Culver had been working part-time for Carson City and also part-time for the Sparta Police Department. She applied for and received the appointment as a full-time police officer for the City of Stanton (benefits included). Officer Culver was a great addition to our police department and her personality and professionalism will be missed. Thanks Officer Culver for your time as officer for CCPD and best of luck at Stanton!

## Seeking Volunteer Fire Persons

The city is currently seeking individuals who want to serve their community. A monetary incentive is being offered upon completion of the Fire Fighter One training course.

Contact either City Administrator Mark Borden or Fire Chief Dan Kipp at City Hall for more information.



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## Other News

The city is currently preparing to inspect all rental residences in the City of Carson City. This is the year that all rental properties will be inspected for safety features, proper structural components, occupancy requirements, etc. Landlords and renters will be notified of the date and time for their inspection.

We wish to welcome Nancy Stephens as the new administrator at the Laurels of Carson City. Ms. Stephens was formally the administrator at the Laurels of Fulton.

A spring time reminder that all yard waste and grass clippings must be boxed or bagged, which is a big help for our DPW workers to pick up. Brush and branches may be placed at road side for pick up.



Park pavillion reservations are currently being taken for this summer’s social gatherings. If you are interested in reserving the pavillion at either Haradine Park or Grove Park, please contact the ladies at City Hall very soon, as spots are filling up. The reservation fee is \$25.

The city has received notice from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that our water tower is due for inspection (every 5 years). The tower will need to be drained, cleaned and inspected for any flaws. This will take approximately 3 days. We will be pumping directly from the well while the work is being done on the tower.

The third and final requirement from the State of Michigan for Carson City to receive its full revenue sharing money is due by May 1. The main components of this requirement are: 1) the city must adopt a policy that all new employees pay 20% of their health insurance and 2) that specific parameters be met in employee retirement benefit packages. These two mandates are already in place for our employees.