



Mayor's Minute



The celebration of the 40th year of the Frontier Days Festival was very successful. The organizing committee once again did a fantastic job of providing entertainment for young and old. It started on Thursday night with the annual Community Picnic sponsored by Village Market, featuring the popular Duck Race. Saturday morning's Health and Safety Day was very successful, with about 200 children in attendance. It was followed by the unique Rock-N-Roll K9 show. It was great to see so many past queens on the float with the 2012 Queen and her court during the Grand Parade. The Emergency Vehicle Light Parade and fireworks display were both very well attended. Our thanks to the hot air balloon pilots for their efforts in doing what they could on Friday and Saturday evenings with the weather that they had. If you see Frontier Days Committee members Robin Tyler, Linda Toole, Janette Kipp, Amy Tasker, Nick Ruestman, Matt Niemi, and Tami Tasker, please be sure to express your appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year to bring our community a successful weekend.

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.

Police Department News

The Police Department has hired two new part-time officers, Alec Gingrich and Brandon Allen. We welcome them to Carson City. Officer Doug Elliott has been hired part-time by the Kent County Parks Association and he will still continue to get some hours at CCPD, but most of his hours will be at the parks in Kent County for the summer.

Carson City Hospital and the Carson City Police Department have entered into an agreement for police protection at the hospital. The hospital will provide a satellite office for our officers to work from. A police presence will be available from midnight to 5 a.m., paid for by the hospital. The officers will not only make their rounds at the hospital, but also rounds throughout the city. Carson City residents will benefit by having an officer on duty all night with a rotating schedule five nights per week.



Photo courtesy of The Daily News.

Light Project Completed

The street light project on Main Street has been completed. We want to once again thank our friends at Renaissance Power for partnering with the City of Carson City for this project. Be sure to check them out as you cruise through town during the evening.



Water Honor

The city was given the Michigan Rural Water Association's (MRWA) top honor by receiving the Water Utility of the Year 2012. It was for the water reliability study, the water rate study and the installation of new water lines throughout the city. The MRWA acknowledged that the city was being proactive in our approach to providing water to our residents.



New Recycling Site

The new recycling area will be on Williams Street, at the west side of the DPW building. Beginning in August, the recycle area will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will not need to separate items, as this will be done at a location in Grand Rapids. Montcalm County and the City of Carson City have partnered together to provide you with this service. Please help us police the area and report any unusual, nonrecycle-like activity to City Hall at 989-584-3515.

Parks Update

Bids for the park connector trail between Grove and Haradine Parks were opened on June 21. Seven companies bid on the project. We are currently talking with the low bidder and have sent the bid to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for their approval. Pending timely approval by the MDNR, construction of the trail will begin in August, with completion in mid-September.

Streets Assessment

Employees of Spicer Engineering of Saint Johns were in our city recently to conduct the state required street assessment. The ten miles of streets in our city were rated from 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). Streets rated 8-10 require no maintenance. Streets rated 5-7 are recommended for either crack filling to keep water out or a thin overlay of the complete street. Those streets rated 1-4 are considered nonrepairable and require a complete rebuild. At this time, with the funding we have available, only minor repairs will be under taken.

Snap Fitness Now Open

Snap Fitness is now open for business. An onsite manager is available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for purchasing memberships. The facility is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for those wishing to work out. Stop in and visit with the manager to get further details.



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Other News

Please be sure to lock your vehicles and garages at night, as we are still having some problems with items “coming up missing.”

A container has been placed just inside of the front door at City Hall for the proper disposal of any unused and outdated medicines. CCPD will empty the container and transport the unused medications to the Montcalm County Police Department in Stanton for destruction and disposal. Please check your cabinets and drawers for old medicines and take advantage of the new disposal system at City hall.

We want to welcome a new business to town. Frank Stanley has reopened the former Carson City Tavern. A full menu and spirits will be available to patrons. Thank you, Mr. Stanley, for investing in our community.

The Finance Committee and the City Administrator recommended and the City Council passed a balanced budget of \$600,000. This is the same amount as last year, with the millage assessed at 16.8274, also the same as last year. Plans call once again for keeping a watchful eye on funds to ensure our finances are wisely spent.

Once every 6 years the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires that our water tower be drained, cleaned and inspected for any defects. This past week, we accomplished this requirement and found no problems. Thanks to Dan Curtis, our DPW Supervisor, for coordinating this project.

City residents are reminded that grass clippings and yard waste must be bagged or boxed (or containerized) in order for our DPW workers to pick it up for disposal. Also, please place any brush or tree limbs at road side with the cut ends all facing the same way in the pile. Thanks for your assistance in helping our hard-working DPW employees.

Lost & Found: City Hall has several items that have been “Lost and Found” around town. Please stop by and inquire about any items that you may have lost.