

CARSON QUARTERLY

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CARSON CITY HALL 316 S. COMMERCIAL CARSON, IA 51525 712-484-3636 OFFICE
MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:15 AM-4:30 PM FRIDAY 8:15 AM-12:30 PM

LUNCH TAKEN 12:30 PM-1:00 PM



EMS WEEK MAY 18 - 24, 2025

As EMS professionals, **WE CARE. FOR EVERYONE.** Our dedication and lifesaving skills are put to the test every day. We're called to care in big cities and in small towns, in private homes, businesses, schools and on our nation's roadways.

Whether it's saving a young victim of a motor vehicle crash, helping an elderly patient who's forgotten to take her medication, stabilizing a construction worker experiencing chest pain on the jobsite, or treating an overdose on a city street, we're trained and ready to deliver a range of medical interventions and support because **WE CARE. FOR EVERYONE.**

Our roles and responsibilities are growing and changing and we're rising to the challenge. From community paramedicine to preventive healthcare, we're tasked with providing next-level patient navigation and care in new surroundings, using new technologies. We're there for our community, whenever and wherever they need us because **WE CARE. FOR EVERYONE.**

We would like to show our appreciation to our Carson Volunteer Fire Department. If you run into our EMS members in the community, thank them for their dedication to the safety of our town and others:

Jennifer Volz, EMS Chief Chad Gordon, Asst. Chief Melinda Comstock, EMS Captain

Carson Fire and Rescue welcomes volunteers to join and serve our community. Becoming a volunteer First Responder is a rewarding volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in adding a new suit to your wardrobe, applications are available by scanning the QR code below. Copies are also available at City Hall or by contacting any current department members.



Not To Early to Start Considering Your Place On City Council

The next City election will be coming up in November and there will be three Council seats along with the Mayor position open for election. Have you considered how you could work to better our community? Being on Council allows you the opportunity to work for and with neighbors; learn in-depth how City policies are put in place and why; learn the rules that govern our city council and work hand in hand with the city employees to keep our town running daily. You can bring your thoughts and ideas to a group that will listen and consider your ideas. Each person on Council brings different thoughts and ideas to the table, some that may not have been previously considered and this is how we keep our city moving forward! As Mayor, you are the leader of the Council, you guide and keep order during the monthly meetings, check in daily with City Hall, supervise the city employees, and provide guidance where needed.

Sounds intimidating, doesn't it? Don't let it! As part of the governing body, you will receive support from the other council members and employees. Training classes are provided to learn the ins and outs of city government and your place and responsibilities as a member of the council.

Our regular council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Community Center in Multi-Purpose Room 2. All meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend meetings if this is something that may interest you.

More information regarding nomination papers will be made available in the upcoming months but if you have questions about these positions, please contact Kristina at City Hall, 712-484-3636 or by email at carsonclerk@gmail.com

CARSON CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR: ADAM HOUSER
COUNCIL MEMBERS:
TROY GRAVES, KARI ROSE,
MARLENE RICHARDSON,
RACHEL JOHNSON

CITY STAFF

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLERK: KRISTINA HANSEN
CITY TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK: LISA EASTON
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR PRO-TEM: DAVE ROSE JR.

CARSON NEWS

ALERT IOWA, Pottawattamie County and Emergency Warning Siren Tests

Are you and your family members signed up to receive Pottawattamie County Alert Iowa Notifications? This notification system will provide you with targeted notifications for your specified location. You can enroll to receive emails, texts and/or voice call notifications. Notification is important in an emergency or dangerous weather situation, so please take the time to download the app to your smart phone or sign up on the website at:

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=pcema>

Another layer of protection during strong and dangerous storms is the City's emergency warning siren. These sirens are tested the first Saturday of each month. Additionally, on the third Saturday of each month there will be a battery test of each siren. When this battery test occurs, there will be a short growl sound with one full rotation.

Cemetery Clean Up

Starting May 1st, clean-up will begin at the Carson Cemetery. The grounds will be cleared of all flowers and broken decorations during this time. Families seeking to save any flowers or wreath holders with flowers attached to them on a grave, must remove them prior to this date. This clean up refreshes the cemetery after the winter and to allow the mowing company to prepare for Memorial Day.

Carson Utility Payment

Simplify your life and have monthly Carson utility payments deducted from your bank account. With AutoPay, our recurring payment program, you won't have to worry about due dates or late fees. You will still receive your monthly statement and can change your payment preferences or cancel at any time. Contact City Hall or obtain an AutoPay sign up form at www.carson.gov.

Door to Door Solicitors in Your Neighborhood

With warm weather coming back so with the door to door solicitors. Carson Code states that peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants must register with City Hall prior to engaging in peddling, soliciting or in the business of transient merchant. They must carry a copy of this registration with them while conducting their business and must be willing to show it when asked. According to City Code Chapter 122.07, peddlers and solicitors may conduct their business only between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. If the solicitor refuses to show you his/her registration form or is soliciting outside of the allotted hours you should contact the Pottawattamie County Sheriff Department's non-emergency number, 712-328-5737, and request that a sheriff deputy come and address the situation.

Mowing and Junk/Junk Vehicle Reminders for Property Owners

Warmer temperatures will be bringing back our beautiful green lawns. Please review the City Ordinances that pertain to the mowing and trimming of yards and junk/junk vehicles.

MOWING, TRIMMING AND MAINTAINING GRASS AND WEEDS - CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 52 & 53: Residential, Business and Industrial property owners are required to remove or destroy weeds and cut and maintain the grass, weeds, and brush so that it does not exceed 6 inches in height. If the city receives a complaint against your property, a violation nuisance abatement notice will be served. Property that is not mowed within 5 days or the date specified in the said notice of violation may be mowed by the City or its agents, and a charge will be assessed to the Property Owner. The City will charge the property owner \$75.00 per hour for such mowing, plus a surcharge of \$100.00.

GRASS CLIPPINGS - CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 135.03: Do not discharge lawn clippings from your lawnmower onto a city street when mowing. City Ordinance prohibits this. The lawn clippings will wash into the storm sewer and cause them to clog up. When storm sewers get clogged with clippings, it takes considerable time and expense to clean them out. Also, grass clippings can be a hazard to bicyclists and motorcycles.

JUNK & JUNK VEHICLES - CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 51: Leaving trash, junk or junk vehicles on your property is a violation of the city ordinance. If the city receives a complaint about a property, it will be inspected, and legal notice will be sent to the property owner if a code violation exists.

CITY HALL STARTING MASS EMAIL LIST

The City Hall Administration would like to restart the City mass email list. This service will allow us to share information quickly to the public regarding utility issues, event notifications, Dreamland Theatre schedule and other information we feel the public needs to have. We have to start this list from new as the past list has several inactive emails which bogs down the system. If you wish to be added please send your email to carsonclerk@gmail.com. Information will start going out as soon as we start receiving email addresses.

CARSON NEWS

ZIP CODE DAY FOR CARSON IS AROUND THE CORNER!

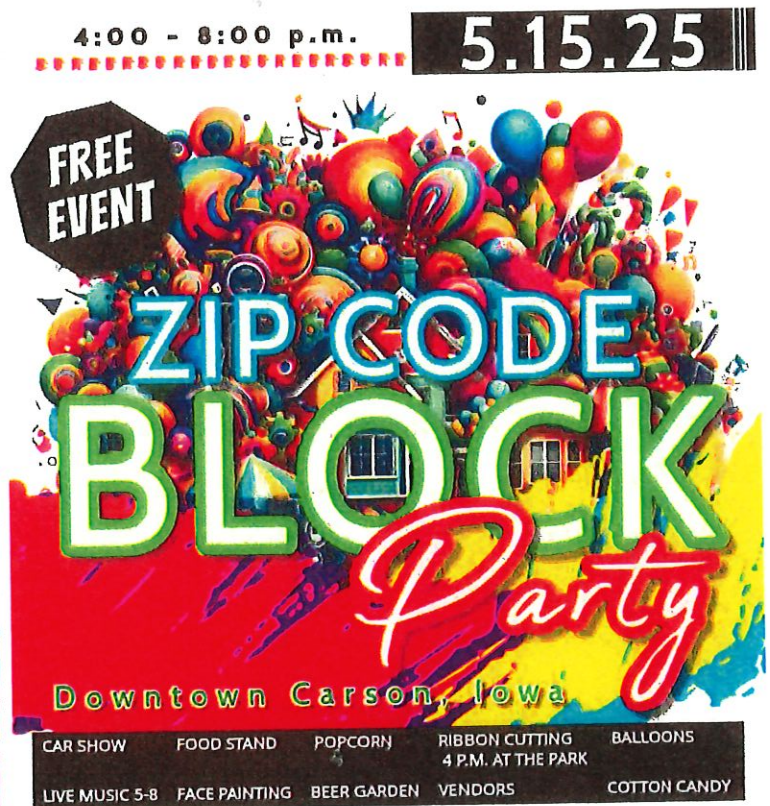
Preparations are underway for Carson's ZIP Code Day celebration on 5-15-25. The Carson Business Club and Carson Park Board, along with local businesses and organizations, are teaming up for a big block party on Thursday, May 15th. Activities include (so far) a car show, food vendors, a beer garden, a movie at The Dreamland, live music, and business open houses. Watch Facebook for additional information. If you have questions about the Car Show, contact Chris Smith or Luke Cochran. If you have questions or ideas for the ZIP Code Day Committee, contact Randi Henderson, Kari Rose, or Whitney Harrill. T-shirts and other memorabilia will be available for purchase shortly. This is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration so let's make it a big one!

DREAMLAND THEATRE FAÇADE PROJECT

In 2023, the City of Carson received a \$100,000 matching grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the Dreamland Theatre's façade and marquee project. The Carson Business Club and Dreamland Theatre have been in fundraising mode since this award. Preliminary design work estimated the project to cost \$200,000. Iowa West Foundation has awarded \$40,000, and numerous donations have been made by Riverside community residents and theatre patrons bringing us to our required \$100,000 match. Currently, the Business Club is working with our Design Contractor and Structural Engineer to finish the construction plans for replacing the front of the theatre and attaching a marquee. Once the plans are finalized, we will know the final cost and know precisely how much additional fundraising we need to do. Proposed design and historical photos of the Theatre are displayed at the Carson Community Building. Our construction timeline is scheduled for the summer of 2025.



Ladies & Gents
The Carson Park Board cordially invites you to a:
\$20 per person
High Tea
Fundraiser
April 19th 5-7pm
Judge Richard Distillary
Not your typical tea party
Lite Appetizers & Beverages
Live Jazz
Boozy Tea & Cash Bar
Live Dessert Auction
Tickets on sale at: City Hall & Rolling Hills Bank



4:00 - 8:00 p.m. **5.15.25**
FREE EVENT
ZIP CODE BLOCK Party
Downtown Carson, Iowa
CAR SHOW FOOD STAND POPCORN RIBBON CUTTING 4 P.M. AT THE PARK BALLOONS
LIVE MUSIC 5-8 FACE PAINTING BEER GARDEN VENDORS COTTON CANDY

Celebrate Carson's Zip Code Day
Join us on Broadway!!!!

Event information call 712.310.3877

CARSON REMINDERS

CARSON FITNESS CENTER

The Carson Fitness Room, located in the community center, is open from 4:30am-12:00am, 7 days a week. There is a \$10 deposit for each key card issued, which is returned to you when the card is returned to City Hall once your membership expires. Gift certificates are available! Please contact City Hall 712-484-3636 to set up an orientation time or for additional information.

Membership Fees:

Individual: \$15/month OR \$100/year

Couples: \$150/year

Families: \$200/year (minors must be 14y+)

APPLIANCE/SCRAP METAL RESOURCES

With changes to the services provided by the City, we have compiled a list of businesses that will be able to assist with the removal of appliances and scrap metal. Please keep this list in a handy place for future reference:

Robert Guzman: 402-676-3627

Anderson Recycling (Heath Anderson): 712-789-0603

Bret Wilson: 712-527-4346 or 402-630-4130

FMJunk It: 712-249-9978

Triple S Rolls Offs: 402-290-0856

This is not a public endorsement for services, simply a source of contact information.

TREE TRIMMING REMINDER: CITY CODE 151.03

DUTY TO TRIM TREES. The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees on, or overhanging the street or sidewalk, trimmed so that all branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five (5) days. If such action is not taken within that time, the City may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as property tax. (Code of Iowa, Sec 364I.12{2c,d & e})

TREE DUMP AND YARD WASTE GUIDELINES

A tree dump is available for use by the residents of the town of Carson. The dump is located behind the sewer plant on the south side of Highway 92. The key to unlock the gate may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours. The only waste that is to be left here are trees and yard waste. Please take home any bags that may have been used to haul the yard waste in. Appliances, carpet and any other form of trash or construction lumber may not be left here. If you are unable to get to the tree dump we encourage you to consider utilizing the City's free curbside yard waste collection. The upcoming dates are January 22nd, February 5th and March 4th, weather permitting. You need to call City Hall 712-484-3636 prior to the collection day to be added to the list. Curbside Collection Requirements: Sticks need to be bundled. Small branches need to be cut down to no longer than 3 feet. Leaves and grass clippings need to be bagged.

DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

As of March 11, 2024 it was voted to discontinue City curbside bulk garbage, appliance and furniture disposal collection. Options that are available to residents include:

- Pottawattamie County Recycling Center located at 41911 Industrial Drive, Oakland, IA 51560. Hours are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday, closed on Sundays and Mondays. They will accept (some items with fees): Recyclables, Household Hazardous Waste, Freon Appliances, Tires, Electronics, Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Debris. *Items not accepted include: tree debris, yard waste, ammunition, explosives and asbestos.* For questions about specific items, please call the Recycling Center at (712) 741-5594 or full information may be viewed at <https://publichealth.pottcounty-ia.gov/recycling/>.
- There are several scrap collectors in the area that can be called to pick up items from your home. Facebook and community bulletin boards are a good resource to find contact information.
- When you have new appliance(s) delivered, most companies offer to haul away your old appliance(s). Check to see if this is an option when you make a new purchase.

CITY OF CARSON NIGHT DROP BOX IS LOCATED AT 316 SOUTH COMMERCIAL, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER. UTILITY PAYMENTS AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE MAY BE LEFT HERE DURING CITY HALL AFTER HOURS.

CARSON NEWS

WATER WARNING REMAINS AT LEVEL 1 IN CARSON

CITY OF CARSON, IOWA RESOLUTION 2024-11 WATER WARNING LEVEL 1 CONSERVATION

DECLARATION BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Carson, Iowa: With the recent rains, there has been some improvement to the region's water supply, the City Water Operator and Mayor hereby recommend to the City Council to lower the water conservation restrictions from Level 2 to Level 1. Although the well levels have improved, the local water sources are still stressed from years of drought. With the summer season approaching, City leaders remain cautious and will retain water conservation level 1 restrictions to allow the local resources additional time to rebound from the drought.

Therefore, the City Council, of Carson, Iowa hereby declares a PUBLIC WATER CONSERVATION: WATER WARNING LEVEL 1 as defined per city code chapter 93 in the City of Carson, Iowa during which time the following measures and provisions of the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 93 Water Conservation shall be in effect to produce an orderly and equitable reduction of water consumption until, by resolution, the Council finds and declares the water shortage or implications of drought stress on the city water system conditions to have been resolved.

Passed and approved by a vote of the City Council, of Carson, Iowa, this 10th Day of June 2024

The full Resolution and Ordinance Chapter 93 may be found our website, www.carsongov.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, April 7th - Monthly Yard Waste Pick Up—Call City Hall at 712-484-3636 ahead of time to be added to the list.

Thursday and Friday, April 10-11th - City Hall closed while Clerk attends training. Please see below for Utility Payment options.

Monday, April 14th - Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Property Tax Levy 7:00 pm followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Public is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, April 15th - **Water bill due date.** See below for water payment options.

Saturday, April 19th - Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM at the Carson Park hosted by Carson Business Club

Saturday, April 19th - "High Tea" at the Judge Richard Distillery from 5 - 7 pm. First fundraiser of the year hosted by the Carson Park Board. Tickets are \$20 each and are available now at Rolling Hills Bank and City Hall.

Monday, April 28th - Special Council Meeting to Approve City Budget FY 2025/2026 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Public is welcome to attend.

Sunday, May 4th - Mother's Day Painting Party 2 PM at the Community Center hosted by Carson Community Club

Monday, May 5th - Monthly Yard Waste Pick Up—Call City Hall at 712-484-3636 ahead of time to be added to the list.

Monday, May 12th - Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Public welcome.

Thursday, May 15th - ZIP CODE DAY CELEBRATION!!!! See flyer in newsletter for list of events!

Thursday, May 15th - **Water bill due date.** See below for water payment options.

Monday, May 26th - City Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day. See below for Utility Payment options.

Friday - Sunday, May 30th - June 1st - Iowa High School Rodeo at the Carr Arena.

Monday, June 2nd - Monthly Yard Waste Pick Up—Call City Hall at 712-484-3636 ahead of time to be added to the list.

Saturday, June 7th - Carson's City-Wide Garage Sale from 8 AM to Noon. Some sales may go longer! Look through the newsletter for sign up details.

Monday, June 9th - Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Public is welcome to attend.

Sunday, June 15, 2025—**Water bill due date.** See below for water payment options.

*The City of Carson Drop Box is located at 316 South Commercial (South Side of the Community Center).
Water bills and other correspondence may be dropped here after hours or on days the City Hall Office is closed.
Payments may also be done online at our City website, www.carsongov.com.*

ANIMAL CONTROL INFORMATION

The City of Carson contracts with the Pottawattamie County for Animal Control Services. The county has staff officers trained to handle animal control issues. If you have a complaint or concern regarding animal control inside the City limits of Carson please use these contact numbers:

Animal Control: 712-366-1143 **Midland's Humane Society:** 712-396-2270 **For Emergencies:** 911
Comm Phone: 712-328-5737 (Non Emergencies)

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CARSON, IA 51525

Carson Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

Carson City Park
(North End by Playground)

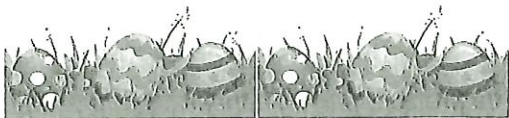
All kids thru 4th Grade

Kids will be divided into 4 age groups.

Arrive early for instructions.

Hunt starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the Easter Bunny will be handing out treats at the Rodeo Pavilion from 1:00 until 1:30.



CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY!
Come make memories painting with
your
Mom, Kiddos, Aunties, & Grannies!!!

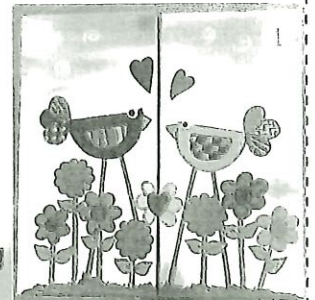


Sunday

May 4th

2pm

Carson Community Building



Sponsored by the Carson Business Club to Benefit
Riverside High School Scholarships

Choose a Painting Grouping that works best for you -
all materials, snacks & drinks included. Adults \$35 **** Kids \$20
Call or Text Barb Gees at the Wild Goose Chase at (402)
210-7612 to reserve your spots. All reservations are prepaid
unless other arrangements are made.

♥ Painting ♥ Games ♥ Crafts ♥ Door Prizes ♥ Fun ♥

