

City Community Updates



Public Works

- Porta-Potties have been delivered near the new playground, shelters 2 and 3.
- Street Signs/Stop Signs are scheduled for install on April 20th at Grant and Cunningham Street. This is for enhanced pedestrian and vehicle safety up and down the hill to Wennerberg Park.



- Parking striping will be done on April 19th & 20th in Wennerberg Park.
- Preparation for Pool Opening will begin around the first week of May.



Police

- Carlton Police Officers qualified with their department-issued firearms and less-lethal weapons on Friday, March 26th. Officers are required to meet DPSST standards related to firearms and use of force training to maintain their certifications.



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By Paul Daquilante • Staff Writer • March 30, 2021

Horse owner indicted on 55 counts of animal neglect

A Carlton woman who allegedly provided inadequate care for 48 horses on her Northeast Hendricks Road property has been indicted on 55 counts of second-degree animal neglect by a Yamhill County Grand Jury.

She also neglected a group of cats, according to court records.

In addition to the Class C felony neglect counts, 82-year-old Susan Swango has been charged with fraudulent use of a credit card, a Class A misdemeanor, by Carlton police.

The owner of Silver Oaks Saddlebreds farm made her initial court appearance last week by video before Circuit Court Judge Ladd Wiles. She is not in custody.

All the horses seized by the sheriff's office continue to recover at Sound Equine Options, a horse rescue in Gresham.

"I cannot go into specifics of any conditions relevant to the case, but they are all gaining strength and weight nicely," said Sound Equine Options Executive Director Kim Mosiman, a 1988 McMinnville High School graduate.

The Oregon Humane Society assumed custody of the cats.

The sheriff's office began developing information about Swango in early February when deputies were informed the farm was without water because service had been shut off for non-payment.

That situation led to Swango being charged with fraudulent use of a credit card.

Last December, she “unlawfully and with the intent to injure or defraud, used a Chase Bank debit card for the purpose of obtaining services with the knowledge that use of the card was not authorized by Chase and the individual to whom the card was issued,” a district attorney’s information document states.

“She used that (card) number to make a payment and she had no authority to do so,” Carlton Police Chief Kevin Martinez said. She withdrew \$800.

The individual to whom the card was issued does not know Swango, according to Martinez. She and her horses were known to the sheriff’s office. A veterinarian previously assessed their condition on the property, but lack of evidence prevented a search warrant from being served at the time.

When water was turned off to the property, deputies became concerned Swango could not provide the horses with minimum care, required under Oregon law.

Deputies assisted Yamhill County Code Enforcement in serving a warrant at the property on Friday, Feb. 19, days following an ice and snow storm.

It was determined the horses were receiving inadequate food and water. An insufficient water supply was being obtained from a nearby creek.

Swango accepted a donation of two tons of alfalfa hay the following day. However, she refused an offer of 1,000 gallons of water.

The sheriff’s office Crime Response Team and Special Investigations Unit, assisted by the Oregon Humane Society, served a warrant at the property over a two-day period, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 23-24, when the horses and cats were seized.

One horse died after falling while volunteers attempted to guide it into a trailer.

Swango’s case is being prosecuted by Animal Cruelty Deputy DA Jake Kamins.

A petition for forfeiture of the seized horses he filed identifies them by breed and designates them by initials. Breeds include Bay Mare, Bay Stallion, Chestnut Mare and Chestnut Stallion.

Five male and two female cats were seized, and their breeds include Calico, Tabby and Tortoiseshell. They are designated by initials, too.

The petition states, in part, “Yamhill County, the Oregon Humane Society and Sound Equine Options have incurred expenses related to the care, feed and medical treatment of the animals. These costs are expected to be ongoing as the criminal case continues.”

A forfeiture hearing will be held at 10 am Friday, April 9, before Presiding Judge Cynthia Easterday.

That hearing is also expected to decide how costs for care, feed and medical treatment of the cats and horses will be covered.

Swango filed a two page, handwritten “request for continuance” of her arraignment on the indictment. The neglect case is tracking with the credit card fraud case. She asked for a two-week delay, which was denied as the proceeding was held as scheduled.

The request alleged the City of Carlton illegally shut the water off to her property which resulted in the horses losing weight. The bill was paid in advance, her request claimed. She also alleges the horse that died was being transported illegally.

Sound Equine Options continues to accept monetary donations. They can be made through their website at this address: soundequineoptions.org/ways-to-help.

The horses can be assisted by typing "YCSO" in the "Send an Acknowledgment to" box on the Donation Information page.



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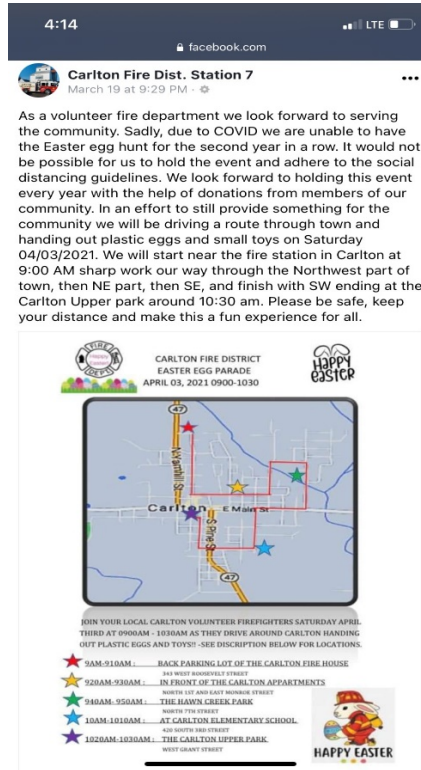
- **To Review Previous City Community Updates:**
 - [City Community Updates | City of Carlton, Oregon](#)
- City Manager Shannon Beaucaire starts April 4th, 2021.
Email: sbeaucaire@ci.carlton.or.us



Shannon Beaucaire was the City Manager of Yachats, OR, where she has served since 2017. Ms. Beaucaire has 12 years of local and state government management experience, including as the Statewide Manager for the State of New Mexico Supreme Court; and a Division Manager for the City of Albuquerque Legal Department. She holds a Juris Doctorate from the Northwestern School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University.

- NIMS (National Incident Management System) certification is currently taking place for staff.
- The lifeguard positions for this summer have been posted and advertised.

- Carlton Fire District Easter Parade is on April 3rd



- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Juliette’s house has begun to bring blue to the downtown area for Child Abuse Awareness. The Mayor will make the official proclamation at the Council Meeting on April 6th during the regular session at 7:00 pm.
 - To access the meeting using your computer, please follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85298346789?pwd=MFl6QnRnS05YMhd2endLbllteFQ1Zz09>
 - To access the Agenda packet on the City’s website, please follow this link: https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_council/meeting/5347/final_april_packet.pdf
- Department Head budget meetings were held this week, reviewing estimates and proposed budget figures for FY22.

- 156 E Monroe St (Brooklyn Terrace) is set for the April 19th Planning Commission Meeting. Notices of public hearing were mailed and posted last week.



COVID

City Pool Update. The City is planning a smaller opening driven by the guidelines and insurance carrier approval. If the numbers continue to rise and the guidelines change, the pool **may not** open. There will be **no** pool passes sold this year due to the gathering restrictions.



Oregon Health Authority Guidelines date 03/24/2021:

[OHA 2351E Sector Guidance – Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Fitness Establishments \(state.or.us\)](#)

