



# City Community Updates

## Finance-Administration-Planning

### Planning:

- ❖ 1 vacation rental dwelling permit approved
- ❖ 1 vacation rental dwelling permit pending
- ❖ Planning Commissioner vacancy. Visit <https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/bc-pc/page/vacancy-planning-commissioner> for details

### Work in Process

- ❖ Subdivision work continues on Roosevelt street. Possible construction traffic in and around the area.
- ❖ Work continues at JR Meadows 2

### Pool

- ❖ Pool Manager position open- <https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/parksrec/page/pool-manager-2022-03>

### Carlton Business Association

- ❖ St. Patrick's day Crawl event on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in downtown Carlton



*Free Covid tests and masks still available at City Hall*

## Public Works

### Water

- ◆ Coastal Contractors has begun work on the Water Plant upgrades 2/25
- ◆ Reservoir dredging will resume this spring

### Sewer

- ◆ Hawn Creek pumpstation upgrade to begin April 1<sup>st</sup> Submittals are currently coming in.
- ◆ Pre engineering for the Lagoon sewer treatment upgrade is occurring. Geo techs sampling is complete

### Streets

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> & Monroe has been patched and paved
- ◆ Community home builders is responsible for the condition of the gravel as they use the old railroad crossing to minimize impact to 1<sup>st</sup> street residents

### Parks

- ◆ City Council approved the bid by Ace of Trades for construction of the Hawn Creek Park Shelter
- ◆ Arborist work in Wennerberg Park will begin to remove dead and hanging limbs

# Police

## Birthday Patrols

Senior Officer Jake Blair and Officer Micah Steeves had a great time visiting Rachel for her 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Rachel loved the stuffed Teddy Bear in addition to both Officers and her family members singing the Birthday Song to her.



Office Jordan responded to a Birthday Patrol request from 3-year-old, Sammy's family. Upon Officer Jordan's arrival he was greeted by Sammy who was dressed in a police officer uniform of his own. Sammy was very excited by the visit from Officer Jordan and the special gifts he received.



## Yamhill/Carlton Elementary School Patrols

When Officer Steeves arrived at Yamhill/Carlton Elementary School for his regular school patrol assignment, he was greeted by the YCES Traffic Cone Patrol Squad

For additional information about Police activity and statistics, please visit:  
<https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/police/page/crime-statistics>

## CPD Activity



Total CAD Reports Feb 1, 2022 – Feb 28, 2022: **219**  
 Total Case Reports Feb 1, 2022 – Feb 28, 2022: **15**  
 Total Traffic Stops for Feb 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2022: **38**

Total CAD Reports Jan 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2022: **385**  
 Total Case Reports Jan 1, 2022 – Feb 28, 2022: **25**  
 Total Traffic Stops Jan 1, 2022 – Feb 28, 2022: **75**

Carlton Police Activity Jan 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022	
(Not all calls were available at time of submission)	
Follow up/Info/Detail/Messages	72
Traffic Stops	75
Extra Patrol	48
Civil	22
Area Check	46
Suspicious	16
Alarm Response	8
Ordinance	4
Domestic	4
Fraud	3
Theft	5
Assist Outside Agency	6
Harassment	4
Trespass	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Criminal Mischief	1
DUI	4
Mental Violent / Mental Health	4
Disturbance	2

## *Wet Weather Driving Tips*

Spring and summer showers may mean flowers, but wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year. Here are some tips you'll want to follow the next time you're caught driving in the rain.

Safety starts before you drive, and your goal should be to see and be seen. Replace windshield wiper inserts that leave streaks or don't clear the glass in a single swipe. Make sure all headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are properly functioning so other drivers will see you during downpours. Turn on your headlights whenever you drive.

Proper tire tread depth and inflation are imperative to maintaining good traction on wet roadways. Check tread depth with a quarter inserted upside down into the tire groove. If you can see above Washington's head, start shopping for new tires. Check each tire's pressure, including the spare, at least once a month... and be sure to check the pressure when the tires are cold.

### **Avoid Cruise Control**

Most modern cars feature cruise control. This feature works great in dry conditions, but when used in wet conditions, the chance of losing control of the vehicle can increase. To prevent loss of traction, the driver may

need to reduce the car's speed by lifting off the accelerator, which cannot be accomplished when cruise control is engaged.

When driving in wet-weather conditions, it is important to concentrate fully on every aspect of driving. Avoiding cruise control will allow the driver more options to choose from when responding to a potential loss-of-traction situation, thus maximizing your safety.

### **Slow Down and Leave Room**

Slowing down during wet weather driving can be critical to reducing a car's chance of hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water. With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

To reduce chances of hydroplaning, drivers should slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and drive in the tracks of the vehicle ahead of you. Also, it's important for motorists to allow ample stopping distance between cars by increasing the following distance of the vehicle in front of them and beginning to slow down to stop for intersections, turns and other traffic early.

### **Responding to a Skid**

Even careful drivers can experience skids. If a driver feels their car begin to skid, it's important to not panic and follow these basic steps:

- Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go.
- Avoid slamming on the brakes as this will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to control.

If you feel the car begin to skid, continue to look and steer in the direction you want the car to go. Don't panic, and avoid slamming on the brakes to maintain control.

Overall you want to be extra cautious in wet weather. Slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and allow ample stopping distance between you and the cars in front of you. Also, do these things one at a time. Brake, then turn, then accelerate.

### **Avoid flooded roads**

Frozen ground, melting snow and heavy rains are just the right recipe for flooding. If you're approaching a flooded road, turn around and find a safe route. Standing water is particularly dangerous because there can be strong undercurrents and it's difficult to tell if you're looking at just a puddle or deeper water.

### **Prepare for potholes**

Pair salt, sand and heavy snowplows with alternating cold and warm weather and you've got the perfect conditions for potholes. The best way to handle potholes is to avoid them. But that's not always an option. If you see a pothole ahead and can't avoid it, the safest approach is to slow down and, right before you drive over the pothole, release your brakes. This reduces the speed of impact and gives your suspension a chance to minimize the effects.

### **Stay off shoulders**

Winter erosion followed by spring rains and flooding can soften gravel shoulders and wash away the ground underneath. Your best bet is to avoid driving and parking on gravel shoulders.

### **Look for pedestrians and bikers**

After a long winter, everyone is ready to enjoy the weather. This means increased motorcycles, bicycles and foot traffic on roads and shoulders. Keep your eyes open for others and be particularly cautious in areas with children.



### Watch for four-legged travelers

It's not just people that love the change of season. Many animals are coming out of hibernation. If you see an animal on or near the road, slow down and prepare to stop. If it's already in the road, resist the urge to swerve. It's safest to brake in a straight line. Be on high alert at dusk and in rural areas where critters tend to be most active.

Being alert on the road isn't the only way to tackle springtime driving hazards. Preparing for spring also means prepping your car for the new season. If both you and your vehicle are prepared for whatever the weather throws at you, you'll be better able to stay safe out on the road.

## *The Carlton Code Corner*

As we continue caring for our community and property let's review some ordinances as they pertain to clutter and rubbish and how we can keep our town looking beautiful!

Citizens and visitors are not to:

- Accumulate debris, rubbish, manure, decaying food or other refuse on private property or sidewalks. If, in the course of reasonable activities, these items are accumulated they are to be removed within a reasonable time.



- Keep old, used, or second-hand material such as bottles, metal, furniture, bicycles, motor vehicles or their parts, which are rendered practically useless for their original purpose and would be commonly classed as junk or secondhand goods on private property.
- Leave vehicles for more than 72 hours in the same space on public streets, this is considered "dead storage"
- Throw, dump or deposit rubbish, trash, debris or any substance that mars the appearance or detracts from the safety or cleanliness of public places
- Create any situation in which an animal vehicle or person may be injured traveling upon a public way
- Accumulate grass, weeds and other noxious vegetation, living or dead, of an inflammable nature on private property
- Pile materials or machinery and equipment that are accessible and dangerous to the general public on private property

The codes in their entirety can be accessed on the City's website at [https://library.municode.com/or/carlton/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/or/carlton/codes/code_of_ordinances).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to City Hall with any questions: 503-852-7575

# See what's being built in 2022!



Visit our [online open house](#) to learn more about construction happening in your area.

## ADA curb ramps Construction in 2022

ODOT is installing ADA compliant curb ramps on the corners of several intersections in Carlton. ODOT plans to construct one corner of an intersection at a time, with up to five intersections under construction at once. When construction starts, expect ODOT crews working during the day and at night as needed. During construction, the project webpage or [Tripcheck.com](http://Tripcheck.com) will have the most up to date information about impacts. ODOT is working with the City to help coordinate and distribute information and project updates. For questions about the ADA curb ramps, contact the project manager:

Brennan Burbank [brennan.burbank@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:brennan.burbank@odot.oregon.gov) 971-701-3342



## OR 47 realignment design is underway

You may see activity in Carlton as ODOT restarts the design of the OR 47 realignment project. This project includes installing ADA curb ramps, bike lanes and rerouting traffic to a new alignment of OR 47 from W Main Street onto Monroe Street.

ODOT will be engaging the community throughout the design process, stay tuned for information on how you can get involved.

For questions about the OR 47 realignment work, contact the project manager:

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