

# City Community Updates

## *Upcoming Events*

- Dec. 30– Jan. 2** City Offices close at noon on the 30th and reopen 1/3/23 in observance of the New year
- January 10th** City Council Meeting @ 6pm
- January 16th** City Offices Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- January 17th** Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom @ 6pm
- January 18th** Comprehensive Planning Meeting via Zoom @ 6pm

See full list of closures and events on our website here: <https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/calendar>





## City of Carlton Press Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Date 12/29/2022

### Carlton Receives Federal Funding

Carlton city officials had lots to celebrate this Christmas thanks to Congress passing the Omnibus funding bill last Friday, Dec. 23.

Tucked into the “Congressionally Directed Spending” portion of the bill were two requests from the city, totaling \$3.7 million. That money will be used for two long-needed projects: Replacing the city’s 100-year-old main sewer collection line down West Grant Street, and repairing and resurfacing West Main Street, one of the main entrances to the city, and favored by heavy truck traffic wanting to avoid Hwy. 47. It has become severely degraded due to increases in use over the last couple of decades. The repair will include a grind and inlay of the pavement to an average width of 28 feet, base repair to provide a better driving surface and eliminate rutting, and generally increase the effective capacity of the street. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters will also be installed along with an ADA ramp.

“Both projects have been on the city’s high priority list for a decade at least, but finding the money to get them done without increasing our city service fees – which would mean higher costs for our citizens – has been the holdup,” said Carlton Mayor Linda Watkins.

“These grants don’t just appear; nor are they the product of any single person’s efforts. They owe their presence first and foremost to Congress (who put the program in place), and our U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley – who are doing the job we elected them to do: Helping their constituents.” Watkins also credits the Carlton City Council who voted to participate in the program and have supported the effort throughout the last eight months.

The project requests were submitted early last summer, and city staff and council have been tracking their progress through congressional review as the budget process stuttered its way through Congress – Until December 23, when the House of Representatives provided the final vote needed to approve the Omnibus bill. Said Watkins: “In case you’re wondering, yes – Mayor, Council and staff alike have been holding our breath for the last couple of weeks, as the budget process has inched along. And last Friday at 11:15 a.m., Council President Shirley Ward-Mullen, City Manager Shannon Beaucaire and I were finally able to breathe freely!”

Watkins commented that the Congressionally Directed Funding program is a prime example of the work Senators Wyden and Merkley do for their constituents every day.

“Being able to participate in programs such as this, and through it staying in contact with our elected officials and their staff not only helps local communities get the attention and assistance they need, it helps strengthen the ties between citizens and our government – something we badly need these days.”

Watkins said she encourages Carlton residents to thank their Carlton City Councilors for deciding to go ahead with the request, and Senators Wyden and Merkley for their support. She said they all have shown what true leadership and teamwork is, and they deserve the city's appreciation.

# Police



Carlton Police Department  
Press Release  
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Date 12/28/2022

## Downtown Burglaries

On December 27, 2022, at about 3:15 a.m. members from the Carlton Police Department responded to investigate a series of break-ins of some of the businesses on W. Main St. in the downtown area. There were 8 different locations that the suspect randomly targeted.

Carlton Police Officers subsequently worked on the investigation and quickly identified a possible suspect within a few hours. At about 4 p.m. on December 27, 2022, Officers arrested the sole individual responsible for the break-ins without incident. Several of the items stolen were recovered along with burglary tools that the suspect used during the break-ins. The suspect remained cooperative throughout the investigation. The investigation revealed that the suspect was looking for money to support his fentanyl addiction.

The subject was identified as 23-year-old, Carlton Resident, Charles Cameron Johnson.

Johnson was subsequently taken to the Yamhill County Correctional Facility regarding a number of charges including Attempted Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree x 1, Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree x 6, Attempted Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree x 1, Possession of Burglar Tools or Theft Device x 8, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon x1.

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## What's Going On at City Hall?

### **We have moved!**

Carlton City Hall Office is now located down at Lower City Park In the Public Works building! Follow the signs all the way down the hill and turn right through the gates into Public Works and come visit us!

We are open Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm

After hours payments can be dropped off at the Administration Office in the Modular building, which is located just before the Public Works entrance.

Payments can be made using the door slot **AFTER HOURS ONLY**

The Police Department has now relocated to Lower City Park as well!

### Planning Dept and Parks & Rec

#### **Planning**

- No new land use applications this week

#### **Parks & Rec**

- Lower City Park is currently flooded and closed to the public due to safety concerns.
- Are you 15 or older and want to be a lifeguard for summer 2023? Contact City Hall—we will help get you trained! 503-852-7575

Planning Commissioner vacancy, see link for details and how to apply:

<https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/bc-pc/page/vacancy-planning-commissioner-0>

# Code Corner

With the new year rolling Carlton residents may be expecting guests for their annual celebrations. In Code Enforcement, we truly appreciate all of the care our citizens have shown through the year by reporting and addressing issues. We appreciate everyone who has worked with us through the year and hope to continue to keep Carlton "A Great Little Town". Please review the parking guidelines as they are written in the City Ordinances to share with any guests who will be visiting as we toast the new year:

- Vehicles must be parked in the direction they would be proceeding upon the street.
- In areas where mode of parking is not indicated, vehicles must park within twelve inches and parallel to the curb.
- Owners must immediately move vehicles which are blocking emergency access for the fire department.
- A vehicle may not be parked in the same place on a public street for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours.
- Vehicles may not park in such a way as to impede traffic or obstruct the traffic view or sidewalk.

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

# Public Works

The City of Carlton has been fortunate to have an amazing Public Works team. We would like to take a moment to let you know just how important these guys really are to our community.

The Public Works crew is continually monitoring our water and sewer systems, making sure that everything is operating as it should. This can be a difficult task on a daily basis, but is made a lot more difficult with the heavy rain and flooding that it brings. They also help maintain our parks and public spaces, they respond to any urgent municipal maintenance issues, they perform building compliance inspections, hang seasonal banners, and they help facilitate the many projects and events that the City puts together.

Most recently, these guys played a big role in helping move City Hall and the Police Department down to our temporary home down in lower Wennerberg Park. They have given up their space to share with our officers and office staff while the new Civic Center is being built. It's been an adjustment for all, and it's not over yet.

We so appreciate the hard work these guys put in behind the scenes and out in the community. They are a valuable part of our City infrastructure.

Thank you Bryan, Ben, Jesus, Nathan & Anthony for all you do!