



City Community Updates

Upcoming Events

- 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 Hall has 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**

Planning & Administration

Planning

- No new land use application submitted

Parks and Rec

- Are you 15 and want to be a lifeguard? Find out more here! <https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/parksrec/page/interested-being-lifeguard>
- NOTICE- Wennerberg Park may close for flooding, maintenance or other safety concerns this time of year. Please abide by all signage posted onsite.

Envision Carlton

- Survey opportunity here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Carlton-Objectives>

Carlton History

Carlton Volunteer Fire Dept. circa 1912



Public Works

Water

- Filter media delivered to water plant last week
- System check list underway at the water plant
Floating intake for Panther Creek Reservoir design accepted

Sewer

- Hawn Creek Pump station testing check list complete
New VFD for pump #3 installed at Main Pump Station

Parks

- Wennerberg Park closed during period of flooding
- Ladd Park Christmas Lights will be removed mid-month

Streets

- Rock delivered and spread on Johnson St. from Yamhill to Scott St
- We will be filling some potholes next week

Subdivisions

- Community Home builders no activity
- JR 2 new homes are being built.
- Lot 38 Apartments Framed interior work being done
- Lot 71 excavation for the new apartments
Brooklyn Terrace completed with occupancy granted

City Projects

- Reservoir Dredging waiting for intake to be built for final work
- Water Plant upgrade PLC components installed waiting for programming to be completed
- Civic Building Pre Demo Meeting was held 1/4/2023
- East Main St. Project closed out 1/4/2023

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Carlton businesses hit hard by burglary spree

Local man arrested, and freed, shortly after break-ins

Charles Johnson was taken into custody for allegedly breaking into eight businesses and an occupied residence in Carlton's downtown core the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 27. He was transported to the Yamhill County Jail where he was processed, released from custody and given a Circuit Court reporting date.

All of which left one of the business owners, Main Street Market & Deli's Tom Bischof, in a state of shock that the 23-year-old Johnson, a Carlton resident, was out of custody soon after Carlton police charged him with eight counts of possession of a burglary tool or theft device, six counts of second-degree burglary and one count each of first-degree burglary and carrying of concealed weapons. The charges are a mix of felonies and misdemeanors.

It was also an attached apartment to his business, where he and his wife Tina's 25-year-old daughter was living, that Bischof said Johnson accessed by breaking through a door.

"My daughter yelled and scared him off," Bischof said.

According to police, in addition to the Main Street Market & Deli, 208 Main St., other businesses victimized by Johnson were Blind Pig, 325 W. Main St.; Bull Run Distillery Carlton Post, 214 W. Main St.; Carlton Corners, 150 N. Yamhill St.; Carlton Market, 335 W. Madison St.; Earth & Sea Restaurant, 209 N. Kutch St.; and Cuvee restaurant, 214 W. Main St.

Bischof said Johnson gained access to his store by breaking through a door leading to the upstairs apartment.

"I was blown away by what happened," he said. "It's beyond words that someone could break into these businesses and a residence and not go to jail. I can't believe he's not in jail. What's this teaching people? It's scary."

Bischof knows not to blame the Carlton police. Officers solved the crimes quickly and charged Johnson and took him to jail, at which time he was set free, in part, because of Senate Bill 48, which went into effect July 1, 2022.

The law eliminated certain mandatory minimum jail conditions and required individualized assessments based on objective criteria when making release determinations and setting security. The bill directs the presiding judge in each judicial district to assemble standing pre-trial release orders, using crime categories as a guide.

Judge Ladd Wiles presides on the Yamhill County bench. Judge Cynthia Easterday was the presiding judge when Senate Bill 48 took effect.

Police

Bischof said after Johnson was identified by Carlton police as a suspect and taken into custody, he walked officers around town, identifying the businesses he had burglarized.

He was not unfamiliar to Bischof.

“The kid came in (to Main Street Market & Deli) regularly,” he said. “He was always pretty nice, never disrespectful.”

Video surveillance captured Johnson in Bischof’s store. He wore a mask. Martinez said he was identified as a suspect, largely in part due to surveillance footage and “other investigative leads.”

Martinez asserted that the primary objective of the break-ins was to obtain cash to support a fentanyl habit.

“It was not a significant amount of cash, and other items of value were not disturbed,” Martinez said.

Most of the locations were accessed with what Martinez described as a “pry tool” that damaged entryways. One business had the front door glass shattered.

Johnson is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges in circuit court at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Martinez, the Carlton chief since 2012, said he’s never seen so many burglaries in one night during his years leading the police department.

“We rarely have burglaries of businesses or residential homes in the city,” he said.

Between 2019 and 2022, he said there were about 40 burglary-related reports, including the most recent spate, of which only about 23 turned out to be what he classified as valid cases.

In light of these recent burglaries, Carlton Police will host a business/home safety presentation in the near future in order to help property owners avoid such a thing from happening in the future.

“Prevention of these crimes takes the partnership and preventative actions of community members, businesses and police, each doing their part to work together in order to minimize and reduce criminal activity,” Martinez said.

The date, time and location of the event will be announced when the plan is solidified.