



# City Voice

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## A MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

BY:  
**MAYOR JOE GREENE**



On behalf of the Office of the Mayor, and from my family to yours, Happy New Year!!

With the beginning of a new year, I have set some hefty goals for the City of Caro. New sidewalks and

street repairs are on the agenda. Working with the surrounding townships on cooperative projects to benefit all area residents is another. Establishing a working Community Calendar with the Caro Chamber of Commerce and the Caro District Library is in the works. And, most importantly, it is my #1 goal of keeping jobs in Caro. This will be accomplished by working with the Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber, to name just two entities, to encourage new businesses to locate in Caro and to be sure that businesses that are currently here, stay. I am looking forward to the planning of a new city police station and the continuation of improvements in the downtown area.

I am also looking to have Caro become more “people” minded. I would like to see more events for the citizens of our town. I am hoping to take the events that we currently have and make them bigger and better. Events like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Picnic, Movies Under the Stars, and Music in the Park. Events that are free of charge and open to all.

The new City Manager, Chris Olson, and the staff at City Hall have an open-door policy. Anything they can do to help improve Caro for the citizens and businesses is their number one priority. The well-trained Caro Fire Department and dedicated officers

of the Caro Police Department are also here whenever they are needed, as are the employees of the Department of Public Works and Waster Water Treatment Plant.

The City of Caro has excellent schools, access to state-of-the-art healthcare, beautiful walking trails, frontage along the Cass River, green spaces and parks with great playgrounds, safe neighborhoods, and people that care. It is a city that we can all be proud of. It is certainly one where I am proud to be Mayor!

We all need to follow the idea that “It takes a village to raise a child”! I know that it takes all the citizens of Caro to keep the city going strong. We cannot just be a part of the community, we need to take part in the community. We cannot bury our heads in the sand or believe “Ain’t my circus, ain’t my monkeys”! I appreciate any and all input. Questions and comments can be addressed to me at [jgreene@carocity.net](mailto:jgreene@carocity.net) or send a message to me on my Facebook page.



**Help me, help you!! If you have a fire hydrant near your home, please help your local firefighters by keeping the area around the hydrant clear of snow and ice. Thank you!**

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**CITY CLERK  
BY: KAREN J. SNIDER**



Now that the holidays are over and everyone is well rested, it is time to look at the upcoming year. Staff would like to remind everyone that the winter taxes are due on February 28, 2018. The City will continue to collect both the summer and winter taxes until 5 p.m. on that date. The

City staff will turn over the 2017 delinquent tax collection to the County Treasurer on March 1. Administration staff not only collects taxes for the City of Caro millage levied, but also for the other entities such as Tuscola County for their operating and special millages, State Education, Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro District Library, Caro Transit Authority, Caro Community Schools and Tuscola Intermediate School District. The monies collected for the other entities are reconciled and sent to them.

The assessments on your property for 2018 will be mailed around the end of February. Assessment appeals will be heard at the March board of review. Administration would like to welcome Sara Savage as part of their team.

She will be working with utility billing. Staff looks forward to serving our residents and hope the new year brings each and every one good health and the strength to endure the challenges that they may face. Thank you for making the “City of Caro” your home. If you have questions, please contact us at (989) 673-7671.



The last day to pay summer and winter property 2017 taxes to the City is Wednesday, February 28, 2018. After that date they will need to be paid at the Tuscola County Treasurers office.

**PUBLIC WORKS HIGHLIGHTS  
BY CHARLIE SUNDBLAD, DPW  
SUPERINTENDENT**



Winter will be soon upon us and that means that we should remember to drive carefully. Remember that there is no parking on any city street from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. during the months of December through March.

Also, there is an ordinance against shoveling or blowing your snow into the street. Remember to protect yourself when it gets cold outside, and to have fun skiing, sledding, or riding snowmobiles.

When the city crew is plowing please remember to give them consideration because they cannot always see you. Leaf pickup has ended for the year. We will have a week in the spring that we will pick up leaves.



<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS</b>		
Council	Jan 2 & 15	7:30 p.m.
	Feb 5 & 19	7:30 p.m.
	March 5 & 19	7:30 p.m.
Planning	Jan 9 & 23	7:00 p.m.
	Feb 13 & 27	7:00 p.m.
	March 13 & 27	7:00 p.m.
DDA	Jan 10	Noon
	Feb 14	Noon
	March 14	Noon
Historical	Jan 24	6:30 p.m.
	Feb 28	6:30 p.m.
	March	No Meeting
Parks & Rec	Jan 18	7:00 p.m.
	Feb 15	7:00 p.m.
	March 15	7:00 p.m.

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT BY CURTIS WELLS, SUPT



The staff at your Caro area wastewater treatment plant are hoping that everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas and are ready to make it through another Mid-Michigan Winter.

The #5 lift station upgrade is complete with the new recessed impellor pumps and new valves as expected. At the time of writing of this article, the Scada upgrade is well underway and should be complete by the time it comes out. Bio-Tech Agronomics Inc. hauled out and land applied over 600,000 gallons of product to a lucky farmer whose land will benefit from the nutrients that our biosolids provide. Since the last newsletter article, we had one month (October) where we had a record number of sixteen RV's in to utilize our dump station. But as a friendly reminder it will be closed for the season when the snow and ice show up.

In closing we would like to remind everyone that disposable does not mean flushable... And the staff here of Ken, Tom, and Tim, would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

### CITY OF CARO RESIDENTIAL RUBBISH & TRASH RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

**Effective January 1, 2018 the new rubbish and trash rates for City of Caro residents will increase from \$22.50 per billing cycle to \$23.00 per billing cycle**

**NEW RATES WILL BE REFLECTED ON THE FEBRUARY 2018 BILLING**



Winter is a beautiful season but with it comes the danger of slipping and falling. Please remember it is the homeowners responsibility to keep your sidewalks and walks to your

mailbox clear of ice and snow. The mail delivery people must be able to get to your mailbox to deliver your mail.

**It is important to keep your contact information current with the City of Caro. If you have had a change in any of your information, please fill out the attached form and return to the City hall.**

**NAME & ADDRESS TO BE CHANGED TO:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP-CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY NAME & NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

UTILITY BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## CARO POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CHIEF BRIAN NEWCOMB



Winter is here and a friendly reminder that as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, and through the months of December, January, February and March, cars, trucks or trailers cannot be parked on City of Caro streets from 2 A.M. until 5 A.M. We

appreciate your cooperation. This is required for snow removal purposes. Since we never know exactly when and how much snow we will receive, it is required to have all cars off the streets.

The police department is responsible for the hiring and assigning crossing guards for the Caro School system. We currently have three crossing guards. They are Sadie Garza, Billie Jo Reid and Jeff Dibble. Sadie is stationed at Hooper and Gibbs Street, Billie Jo is at Schall school on Frank Street and Jeff is at Burnside and State Street. Their job is to provide safety for your children as they cross our busy city streets. It is sometimes a thankless and dangerous job. Drivers are in a hurry and fail to stop for them. As police chief I want to thank all of them for the great job they are doing. They are on the job rain, snow or shine. They are all parents with children attending Caro schools. We are all very fortunate to have such dedicated crossing guards. If you get a chance, say a kind word of thanks to them. Believe me, they deserve it.

With that said, we need additional crossing guards. If you think you might be interested, please call Karen Snider the Caro City Clerk and make arrangements to fill out an application.

In the meantime, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Drive carefully and stay safe.

The Caro Police Department  
will be open  
Monday—Friday  
from  
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

## CARO FIRE DEPARTMENT BY CHIEF RANDY HECKROTH



The fire chief would like to help you pick out the perfect gift this year—a smoke detector. Not expensive, but priceless when needed. It has been proven time and time again that smoke detectors save lives. So please give the gift that will keep on giving throughout the year. And remember to get one for yourself.

For burn permits outside the Caro city limits, please contact the fire station at 989-673-2002. You will hear a message concerning the rules and regulations for the State of Michigan. Anyone that would like to have a camp fire within the city limits, please leave your name and number. The fire chief will contact you. Please remember that the State only allows the burning of tree branches and logs. No garbage, and no lumber of any type.

With winter fast approaching it is time to have your heating appliances cleaned and inspected by a professional. A little time and money spent now could save you thousands in the event of a house fire. Please go over escape routes from bedrooms with your family, and have an outside meeting place.

If you wish to become a member of the Caro Fire Department, please contact the Fire Chief in person to receive an application.

Please contact the fire chief or any firefighter for all your fire safety related questions.



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## CODE ENFORCEMENT BY CHIEF RANDY HECKROTH



The code enforcement officer would like to thank everyone for their efforts in keeping our city clean this past summer. Although there is still work to be done, it looks great.

Please check your yards for any items that may need to be stored inside for the winter months. Remember, anything left laying out will be there come spring and possibly damaged. Please check your house and garages for any type of structure damage that could become worse when ice and snow get into it. Check for any holes that critters may try to enter to stay warm.

Please be aware that there is an ordinance that does not allow any parking on the streets during the months of December, January, February, and March. This will allow the city DPW workers a chance to insure proper snow removal from the streets. A reminder that no one should park across or on a sidewalk, this is a safety issue. Parking there may force a person to walk around and onto a street where vehicles are in motion, causing an unsafe act. There is no parking on the city right of way, which is between the curb of the street and the sidewalk. Please insure that your sidewalks are kept clean of any ice and snow. The ordinance states this should be accomplished no later than 10 A.M. of each day. Failure to do so may cause city workers to perform the task at the expense of the property owner. This again is for the safety of our residents, and to insure a safe passage for your mail delivery.

For any questions regarding any code issue, please contact my office.



City offices will be closed  
Friday March 30, 2018  
in observance of  
Good Friday

## DR. TINA HAHN CARO MEDICAL CLINIC



Dr. Hahn is a board-certified pediatrician who received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Lake Superior State University where she was Summa Cum Laude. Prior to medical school, Dr. Hahn did cancer research at the University of Michigan, where she also went on to receive her medical degree. Dr. Hahn completed her pediatric residency at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Appointments can be scheduled with Dr. Hahn by calling (989) 672-5777. To learn more about Dr. Hahn or Caro Medical Clinic, visit [www.cch-mi.org](http://www.cch-mi.org).



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