



# City Voice

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## THE MAYOR'S MINUTES

BY:  
MAYOR JOE GREENE



Fall is a great season to dust off your Bucket List of activities. Some items that are on my list are:

- Hosting a backyard bonfire. What better way to enjoy the last few nice nights before winter arrives with a backyard fire? Just think of it as another excuse to snack on some s'mores! Be sure to follow the City's guidelines for backyard fires as found on our webpage!!
- Football Tailgate. Make Friday game night a real party with great eats and good friends before cheering on the Caro High School Tigers! Or make it a Saturday fun day by attending a Caro Youth Football game at Stamats Stadium!
- Taking a fall drive. As trees come alive with fall colors, take a drive down an open country road here in the Thumb just to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
- Mastering an apple pie recipe. I think I may be able to cross that one off the list after making over 100 apple pies for the Thumb Octagon Barn Fall Family Days. On a side note...If you have never been to the Octagon Barn, go. It is well worth the drive!
- Visiting a pumpkin farm or cider mill. With hayrides, corn mazes, food markets, and more, they're a one-stop shop for autumnal activities. Don't forget the apple cider and donuts!
- Attending a fall festival. What better way to say hello to fall than by attending the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival and take part in all the activities that go with it. Don't miss out on the pumpkin pie the Rotary Pancake Dinner, the crafters, the decorated pumpkins, or the parade!

The City of Caro also has a bucket list for fall:

- Replacing City sidewalks, repairing streets, and

filling potholes. This item is near completion, however, the gas company came in and did some line work near new sidewalks and we are waiting for Consumers to repair the damage done. As always, if you see new potholes pop up on the streets of Caro, please contact the City DPW.

- New bathrooms at Chippewa Landing. The new enclosure for the porta-johns at Chippewa has been put in place following last fall's fire.
- Atwood Park Bandshell. Concrete work is set for October so watch for completion of this project. Once the bandshell is complete, it will be another great asset to our community!
- Caro Center. Watch for activity at the Caro Center property. A groundbreaking is set for October. Demolition of buildings also begins this fall. The City welcomes this addition to our community and appreciates all the efforts of everyone involved in keeping the Center here in Caro!

As seasons change, so come some changes to the faces at City Hall. Welcome to the new City Manager, Michael Silverman, who began serving our community in August. Silverman comes to Caro most recently from Wilmington, North Carolina. His past experience should serve the City well. Also, welcome Sara Savage to the desk of Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. Sara has served Caro in the front office of City Hall and will soon occupy her new office space across the hall. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Jennifer

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Trahan for her dedicated years of service to the City of Caro and wish her all the best as she leaves the City's employment.

Please be sure to follow the City of Caro and Mayor Joe Greene on Facebook and on the City's website. As always, feel free to contact me at [jgreene@carocity.net](mailto:jgreene@carocity.net), message me on Facebook, or call City Hall at 673-7671 to set up an appointment. If you ever have any questions or concerns related to the City of Caro, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Remember that the Caro City Council meets the first and third Monday of every month. Put that on YOUR bucket list and be sure to attend!

**MANAGER'S MUSINGS  
BY: MICHAEL SILVERMAN**



As a native of the South there is a great deal of excitement about experiencing my first Michigan Fall. All seasonal changes aside, the best part about having the opportunity to live in Caro is having the opportunity to work with great folks in and outside the office. All of the staff have been extraordinarily helpful since starting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Besides,

working with a great staff there is a great deal of thanks that must be given to City Council for providing the opportunity to work in Caro.

Another important part of my time has been meeting all the engaged citizens in the City of Caro. Witnessing my first "Music in the Park Event" in early August really demonstrated the level of dedication that the community has to providing great entertainment opportunities to its fellow residents. Also, sitting in on Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Exchange Club meetings has highlighted the level of civic commitment that Caro residents have to ensuring the well-being of our youth and local businesses.

Besides meeting great people in the City I have started to work with city staff on some infrastructure projects that will help Caro progress over the next few years. First, is the Caro Center project, which focuses on the City of Caro providing water to the new mental health facility. The Caro Center should be completed in 2021. The establishment of a new mental health facility will create more jobs in the area and update a facility that needs to be repaired. Second, we have put out the Pedestrian Crossing Request for Proposal (RFP) Bid. We are expecting to hear back shortly from potential bidders.

Downtown Caro will also be undergoing some major infrastructure changes as well. First, the City of Caro and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have submitted an RFP for a Certified Grant Administrator to oversee a Caro Façade Program. The Caro Façade Program will provide exterior rehabilitation to businesses located in the downtown area. Also, we will be starting construction on the Atwood Park Band Shell in the next few weeks. Having this Band Shell will provide a great environment for our citizens to enjoy the beauty of Atwood Park and all the great events that take place there.

During the next few months it will be great to continue to meet new residents and learn more about everything that Caro has to offer. Hope everyone has a great start to October. If you ever have any questions always feel free to contact me on my phone at 989-673-7671 or e-mail me at [msilverman@carocity.net](mailto:msilverman@carocity.net).

<b><u>UPCOMING MEETINGS</u></b>		
Council	Oct 1 & 15	7:30 p.m.
	Nov 5 & 19	7:30 p.m.
	Dec 3 & 17	7:30 p.m.
Planning	Oct 9 & 23	7:00 p.m.
	Nov 6 & 20	7:00 p.m.
	Dec 11 & 26	7:00 p.m.
DDA	Oct 10	Noon
	Nov 14	Noon
	Dec 12	Noon
Historical	Oct 24	6:30 p.m.
	Nov 14	6:30 p.m.
	Dec	No Meeting
Parks & Rec	Oct 18	7:00 p.m.
	Nov 15	7:00 p.m.
	Dec 20	7:00 p.m.



**City offices will be closed on  
Thursday November 22 &  
Friday November 23, 2018**

**In observance of  
Thanksgiving**



**City offices will be closed on  
Monday December 24, and  
Tuesday December 25, 2018**

**City offices will be closed on  
Monday December 31, 2018 and  
Tuesday January 1, 2019**

## NOTICE 2018

The City of Caro leaf pickup schedule is as follows:

Zone 1: October 8 to  
October 12

Zone 2: October 15 to  
October 19

Zone 3: October 22 to  
October 26

Zone 1: October 29 to  
November 2

Zone 2: November 5 to  
November 9

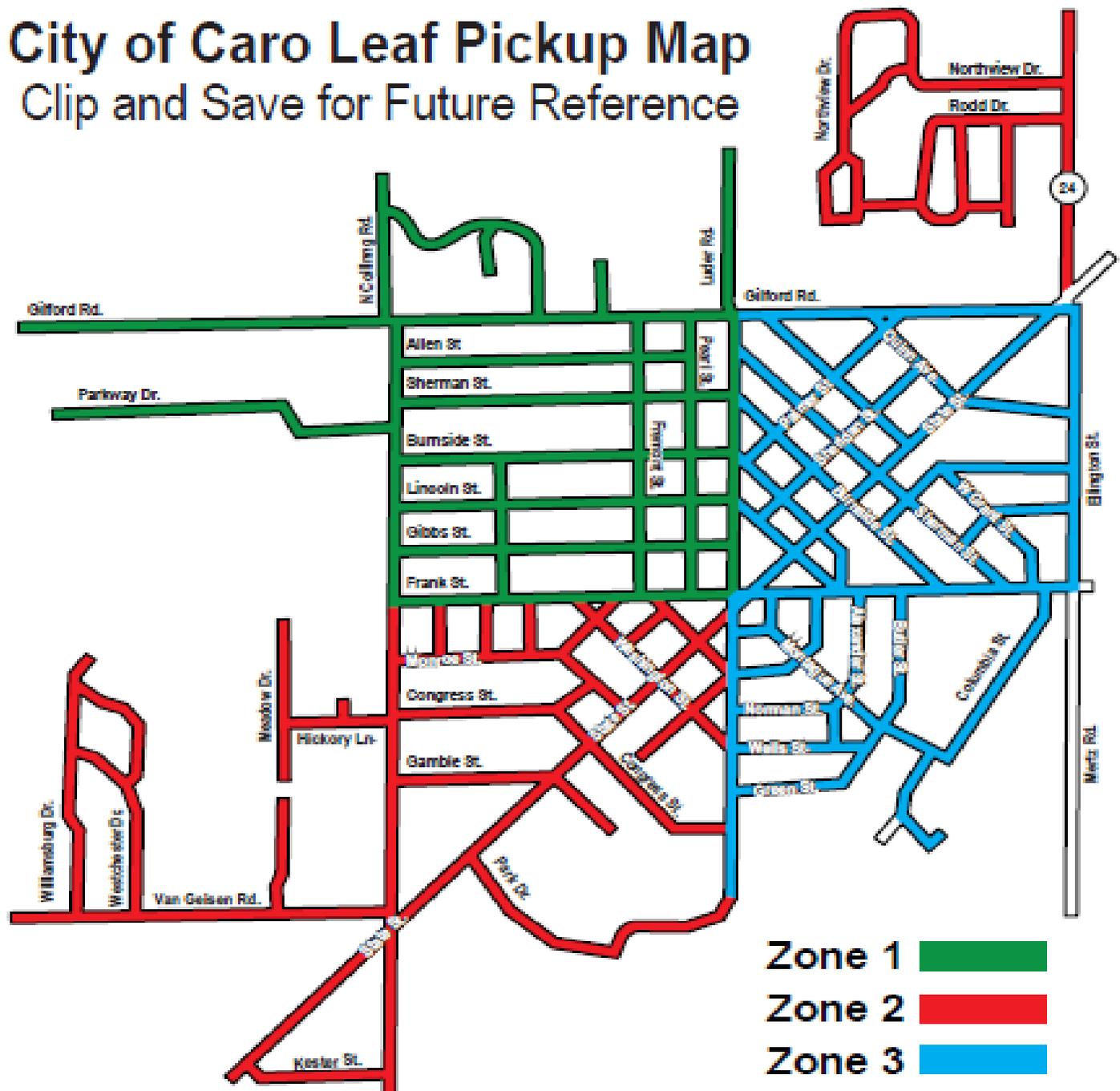
Zone 3: November 12 to  
November 16

Zone 1: November 19 to  
November 23

Zone 2: November 26 to  
November 30

Zone 3: December 3 to  
December 7

## City of Caro Leaf Pickup Map Clip and Save for Future Reference



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



Be sure to mark your calendar for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. If you are a registered voter and reside in the City of Caro you will vote at the Caro Municipal Building, 317 S. State Street, Caro, MI.

In 2007, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a provision of Michigan Election law regarding every Michigan voter who offers to vote at the polls must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification is constitutional and enforceable. The election inspector will ask each voter who completes an Application to Vote to show picture identification. If the voter does not have a picture identification, the inspector will give the voter an affidavit to sign attesting that he or she is not in possession of a picture identification. It is important to understand that if the voter refuses to display a picture identification or signs the affidavit, the voter cannot be issued a ballot.

It is anticipated to be a large turnout this year so we hope to see you at the Polls or receive your absentee ballots.

Staff welcomes

Sara Savage

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Sara worked as the Utility Billing Clerk before accepting the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Sara resides in Caro with her husband, Matthew, and 18-month old daughter.

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE**



**Friday November 23, 2018**

**Last day for Yard Waste  
Pick up Thur. Nov 29, 2018**

**Friday December 28, 2018**

**Friday January 4, 2019**

**PUBLIC WORKS HIGHLIGHTS  
BY JEFF GRAHAM  
DPW SUPERINTENDENT**



Well summer is just about over and that means that leaf season is soon to be upon us. The leaf pickup schedule will be in the paper, on the radio and on the sign at city hall. The last day for brush pickup will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Remember there is a brush policy regarding how much we will pickup. If you need a copy of the policy you can get one from city hall or on the city web site. If you have more than the allotted amount you can take it to the Weeden Road dump that is open 10 am to 12 noon the first and third Saturdays of the month and ending the last Saturday in November. When putting your leaves in the street **PLEASE** do not put grass clippings or sticks in the piles as this will plug the equipment. We will be flushing hydrants the week of October 8th. Also the first week of leaf pick starts with Zone 1. Followed by Zone 2 the next week and Zone 3.

Hi Caro residents, I am your new Superintendent, Jeff Graham, I have been with the city for 4 months now and have had a good transition into the city. I feel the community has welcomed me with open arms. I have met several residents and look forward to meeting many more of you and serving the city! A little about me I came from Bridgeport Township where I worked 14 years with water and DPW and 9 years in waste water. I also served 26 years in Army National Guards. I look forward to meeting more residents and serving this community!

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
BY CURTIS WELLS, SUPT**



The staff at your Caro area wastewater treatment facility hopes everyone had a great Summer. Unfortunately, this means colder weather is on its way and the annual reminder that the RV dump will only be open until the snow and ice start accumulating. Also, our children are back in school so please

be vigilant at our school crossings.

We are trying to research new methods of keeping the algae at bay here at the plant and are in contact with the MDEQ for guidance. The recessed impellor pumps at the lift stations have been retrofit into and are working great to keep the pumps from clogging.

But as always, we would like the residents to remember... disposable does not mean flushable. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation in this matter. God Bless!

## CARO POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CHIEF BRIAN NEWCOMB



It's hard to believe another summer has come and gone. Fall is here and Winter is on the way. School is back in session and children are walking and crossing city streets. Please watch out for their safety and drive carefully.

The Tuscola Pumpkin festival will be held the weekend of October 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is

welcome. Enjoy the festival, and please remember to be careful if you are attending the parade on Sunday with small children. We encourage you to keep them near the curb and not to approach any floats for safety reasons. Also a quick reminder that during the winter months, cars cannot be parked on city streets. This allows our DPW to perform their snow removal.

## CARO FIRE DEPARTMENT BY CHIEF RANDY HECKROTH



The hot summer days are now behind us. It is time to rake the leaves, and do a final mowing of our lawns to prepare them for another cold winter that is fast approaching. With recent winds there may be a lot of branches to get rid of. Please read closely to insure you have them removed in the proper

safe manner.

Please contact the City DPW Superintendent for times and dates for leaf and branch pickup. There are specific rules in which to follow to insure they are removed. If you are a City resident, you are not able to burn these items. Only domestic camp fires are allowed, in a proper burn unit. Please contact my office for regulations regarding 'Burning within the City limits of Caro'. For burn permits for brush piles, and LEAVES (OUTSIDE the City limits) please call 989-673-2002 please listen to the MESSAGE, leave your name, contact number, and address, permits are free, and are valid for thirty-days.

And of course-----Please check your smoke detectors, Michigan law requires every residence to have at least one.

A special thanks to all business owners that contributed to this years Fire pup program, we have raised over \$2500.00 that will be used to order fire prevention merchandise, all will be distributed throughout the county. Please see the December news letter for a full list of all donors.

Fire run totals for the last three months, for the Caro Fire Dept.:

May 2018 47 runs  
June 2018 18 runs

July 2018 13 runs  
August 2018 24 runs

Totaling 102 runs in 123 days

For any questions regarding any fire laws and rules, please contact the Fire Chief at 989-673-2002.

## 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. It looks great.



Please contact your local DPW Superintendent for times and dates for raking leaves and branch pickups. If you do receive a notice, PLEASE contact this office immediately. Extensions may be granted based on individual situations. Please do not

ignore the notice.

Please review the following list for the most active blights and zoning issues---

- All vehicle must be properly plated and in running order
- Not allowed are: pallets, crates, tires, appliances and any type of construction material & equipment
- All fences, pools, and any type of structure needs to have zoning permit

Please review the web page at [carocity.net](http://carocity.net) for all the rules and requirements. Please be safe and enjoy the Michigan Autumn.

Please take the time to pass by our recent **winner**s of "Beautiful Lawns and Homes" throughout the City of Caro.

### June 2018

720 W. Sherman St.  
1093 Northview Dr.  
215 W. Grant St.  
824 W. Lincoln St.  
909 W. Burnside St.  
1062 Knollwood Dr.

### July 2018

310 N. Almer St.  
124 Wilsie Dr.

### August 2018

318 Pearl St.  
1290 Cambridge Ln.  
1066 Glenwood Dr.  
431 N. Almer St.  
625 W. Burnside St.  
426 S. State St.

For questions regarding any code or zoning issue, please contact my office at 989-673-1373.