City Community Updates

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* **Elections Update**
* **Results:**
  + **Linda Watkins-Mayor**
  + **Kevin Skipper-Councilor at Large**
  + **Guilherme Brandao-Councilor at Large**
  + **Grant Erickson-Councilor at Large**
  + **Vacancy Notice will be posted on January 2 for Linda's position to take applications for the open Councilor position.  The consensus of the Council will decide from the interviews of the applicants.**
  + **I met with two of the new Councilors, and they have signed up for elected official training.  They will be provided with handouts, manuals, and training for the office.**
* **COVID Update**
* **New Yamhill County Resources attached for persons impacted by COVID.**
* **Police**
  + **The police and fire parade was a big hit.  Everyone loved the Porches, shirts, sweatshirts, and candy that was handed out.  The following are some of the comments we received following the parade.**
  + **"Hi, Chief.  Saw that you were looking for photos from the parade, so I have two to share with you. They are attached.**
  + **Thank you so much for the amazing parade.  It was sad that we couldn't bring the community together with Fun Days and other events this year, so this fantastic parade was a nice, unifying reminder of why we love this small town.**

**The Porsche's were amazing and made the parade enjoyable for the whole family!**

* + **While I have you, I want to thank you and your team for the great job you guys do with community policing.  I fear in this current climate of ignorance, dissonance, and keyboard warriors, you guys, might not always feel appreciated. My family and I are extremely grateful for your community policing model, the safety of Carlton and all that you do.**
  + **I've lived in Carlton for 10 years now and I regularly see a patrol car cruise N. Kutch, manned patrol cars watching speeders and police presence on foot (or bikes!) in town and at *all* school and town events.**

**Thank you for keeping our town safe and always being accessible." (Karen)**

* **"I just wanted to send a message on behalf of myself, my dad and the entire team here at the Corner that we appreciate you all at the Police Department and all that you do! I saw online that some unkind things were done so I wanted to send you some kind words. You all have always  been prompt to our calls, you care about our calls, you work hard to help us out, and you always make sure to follow up with us. You guys are THE NICEST and most down to earth group of people and I am proud to live and have a business in a town with you all as our backbone. Thank you!"  (Heidi)**
  + **"Hello,I wanted to reach out to say thank you so much for the parade yesterday. During a year that my kids have had to lose out on so much already, it was so nice to have something for them to do on Halloween that was safe AND fun! My 2.5 year old LOVED the parade so much and was so excited to see it. My teenage girls even loved it and fought over who got to have the sweater we got. Thank you for making this community such a great community to live in. You all are amazing!" (Lisa)**
  + **The candy, shirts, sweatshirts, and Porches were all provided by a community member who truly believes in the department's community policing philosophy. The ultimate end of police and community is great partners toward a kinder safer, and more livable community.**
* **Public Works**
* **The water line negotiations for easements is almost complete for the Grant paid new line.**
* **Tetra Tech, with its design approval from Council, has begun work. DEQ has been notified about the outfall and Hawn Creek park design work.**
* **Hawn Creek Park playground update, Saturday the site will be excavated, and the curb poured for the equipment.  The equipment is down at the Public Works building.**
* **The paving project on E Monroe St between 2nd and 5th has begun, and then prep work on Lincoln, Howe, Cunningham, Carr, Washington, and Taylor Streets will begin after the paving is complete next week.**
* **Finance and Administration**
* **Audit questionnaires were sent out to Councilors.  If you are having problems, please let me know. Thank you**
* **City Manager Recruitment update: Twelve applications have been received.**
* **We will be having a drone taking evening pictures of Carlton's lights on December 4, so get your lights up early 😊. We will be posting the video collected for the children in the community.**
* **Finance had training from the Government Finance Officers Association on the new Governmental Accepted Accounting Principles for 2021.**
* **Trivia**
  + **November 1**  
    *1512 – Michelangelo's paintings on the Sistine Chapel ceiling in the Vatican Italy were first exhibited. He started the work in 1508.*