



# CITY OF CARNATION, WASHINGTON SPECIAL REPORT FALL 2020



*“With Liberty  
And Justice  
For ALL”*

## CITY OF CARNATION



To Our Carnation Residents:

The recent events of the past weeks have affected all of us in the community and nation very deeply. Your City Council and local King County Sheriff's Office strongly condemn the actions that led to George Floyd's death. The tactics utilized by the Officers in Minnesota were extreme and highlight the continued inequality for people of color in our country, as well as the importance of proper police training and accountability.

The City of Carnation contracts with the King County Sheriff's department, and here is a statement that Sheriff Mitzi G. Johanknecht shared with us:

“The King County Sheriff's Office is a model agency for training in our State. While the State requires our deputies to receive 8 hours of Crisis Intervention Training, we require them to have 40 hours. Another important component of reducing use of force in the field is something called De-Escalation Training. The basic principle of De-Escalation is creating physical distance between a combative subject and our personnel, when possible, and using verbal skills to calm emotions, bringing the subject into compliance and creating a better outcome.”

“Since I took office, we have also spent considerable time strengthening and improving our use of force policies and the process for reviewing internal and community complaints about uses of force and potential misconduct. Further, all members of the Sheriff's Office are required to attend 8 hours of Implicit Bias Training.”

We want to reassure our Carnation community that we are in constant communication with our local Deputy as well as surrounding cities. We totally support peaceful protesting, but cannot condone the unlawful rioting and looting. See something? Say something. Dial 9-1-1.

Sincerely,

Kim Lusk  
Mayor

Jim Ribail  
Deputy Mayor

Mitzi Johanknecht  
Sheriff

Dustin Green  
Councilmember

Tim Harris  
Councilmember

Adair Hawkins  
Councilmember

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## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

"Stay Safe/Stay At Home To Safe Start Reopening"

City Hall has been closed due to the COVID 19 PANDEMIC, since the Governor's Stay Safe/Stay at Home order in March. City Staff have been working remotely from home and on limited schedules in City Hall. Public Works crews have been on the job and in the field maintaining the water and sewer systems, cleaning storm drains and taking care of our streets and parks. City Council meetings on essential business only have been conducted remotely on-line and available to the public by dial-in.

We are preparing now for the next Pandemic phase whenever ordered by the Governor of Safe Start/Reopening. This may happen by early summer, though Public Hearings may still need to be held remotely due to public meeting size limitations. We're all in this together, so remember we're still here for you.

**Available by Phone:**  
9:00am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs  
9:00am-3:00pm Friday  
closed legal holidays.

City Hall 425-333-4192

Public Works *After Hours* 425-765-0508

Police/Fire Emergency 911

City Email [billing@carnationwa.gov](mailto:billing@carnationwa.gov)  
[clerk@carnationwa.gov](mailto:clerk@carnationwa.gov)

Council Meeting Dial Up

Members of the public are invited to visit <https://bit.ly/200602cc> or [www.carnationwa.gov/ccagendas](http://www.carnationwa.gov/ccagendas) for a link to join the online meeting.

**For COVID 19 Utility Bill Assistance, please contact the Treasurer at 425-549-0406 prior to July 20, 2020**



Interim City Manager  
Bob Jean

On May 19<sup>th</sup> City Manager Amy Arrington resigned by mutual agreement between her and the City Council— nothing scandalous or anything like that—just the Council felt it was time for a new management direction. Ms. Arrington has served the City as City Manager since 2017.

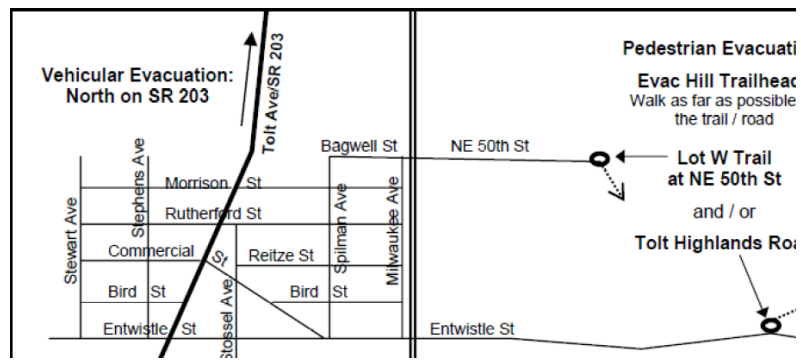
The Council appointed veteran City Manager Bob Jean to serve as Interim City Manager effective May 20. Mr. Jean had previously served as our Interim City Manager prior to Ms. Arrington's appointment.

Bob Jean is a semi-retired City and County Manager with over 40 years of local government management experience. Mr. Jean holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Puget Sound. He retired in 2010 from full-time city management after 15 years as the first City Manager for the new City of University Place, and has served as City Manager for cities in Washington, Oregon, California and Kansas. He is past President of the Washington City/County Management Association and former Board Member of the Association of Washington Cities.

From his Interim with Carnation in 2017, he already knows many community leaders, Council Members, and most of the City Staff. Mr. Jean has hit the ground running.

# FLOOD EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE

For those new to our community and as a reminder to long-time residents, Carnation can flood. More seriously, the Tolt Dam upstream of town has the potential for serious flooding should the dam break! The noon Wednesday siren is a test of the emergency flood warning system of any dam failure or major flooding. The safest and fastest evacuation route is UPHILL off NE 50<sup>th</sup> ST, just past 326<sup>th</sup> AVE SE



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Drive in Movie Fridays: July 10, July 24, Aug 7, Aug 21

Halloween Costume Parade: Oct 31, 2020

Christmas in Carnation: December 5, 2020

A successful **Safe Start** means we all have to do our part.

It's safest to stay home.

BUT IF YOU HEAD OUT:

Wear a mask.



Stay six feet apart.



Wash your hands.



Prevent the spread by staying local.

# Tolt Highway Project: Moving Forward Again

After many years working on the Tolt Avenue Central Business District rebuild design of State Highway 203, we are now ready to go to bid this fall and construction in 2021. The COVID 19 Pandemic and other design delays pushed out bid award until October of 2020. The plus side of this is that we will have plenty of time over the summer to go over the final plans and specifications with the community and businesses along Tolt Avenue before we go out to bid.

The project is a partnership between the City, the State of Washington, and the Federal government. As with any multiagency project and funding, there are a lot of different regulations that come into effect with a project of this size and scope. All of the rights-of-way and easements have been acquired.

Meanwhile our Public Works crews have been able to start the Off-Tolt Parking improvements and will have these completed before construction disrupts On-Tolt Avenue parking.

Our Thanks to all our business partners and community members, along with groups like Lee Arts Foundation (LAF) and the Chamber of Commerce, for their involvement throughout the design phase. *Now, let's get it built!*



## CONGRATS CLASS OF 2020!

Look at it this way, you'll certainly have a story to tell in years ahead of how you graduated in 2020 in the middle of a worldwide Pandemic. Know this, that whatever challenges life may throw at you, you are some of the brightest and best educated young people in the history of America. We are all counting on you to help us rebuild our American economy following the Pandemic, and to make us all be better Americans every day. **BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT FOR ALL.**



### TOILETS ARE NOT TRASH CANS

Carnation is special in many ways. One you may not think about is our vacuum sewer system, until it backs up! Unlike most sewer systems that flow by gravity, our flat topography necessitated a vacuum system that uses pumps to suck the sewerage down to the treatment plant. **ONLY TOILET PAPER AND HUMAN WASTE SHOULD GO INTO THE TOILET!**

Earlier in March, during the Pandemic, there was a rush to stock up on toilet paper and some ran out. Paper towels and towelettes got used and started clogging our pumps. Then people started flushing face masks and gloves. **NO! Everything else goes into the trash, except toilet paper and bodily waste!**





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### Carnation 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration:

The City of Carnation and the Carnation 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee are happy to announce we are having a PARADE! The parade will begin at 11:00 AM, it will follow a different route, please refer to the Parade Route below. We are asking everyone to obey Social Distancing. We have a map of the suggested viewing areas based on where you live on our website: <https://carnation4th.org/>. If you live on the route, if possible, move your vehicles off the street. We are asking you not to spread the word outside the area, we do not want people coming from all over for the parade, we wanted this to be for our residents to celebrate our Independence Day!!! There is a 5K Run/Walk, please check our website to register and find out more information. Around 10:10PM there will be a Fireworks Display! The company that puts on our show will be sending the fireworks higher in the sky, this way you will be able to enjoy them from home.

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.....Stay Safe, Social Distancing is important!!!



The parade will begin at the back side of Carnation Elementary travel west down Morrison to Stewart up Entwistle to Stossel turning right, go through Regal Glen come back out to Entwistle continue to head east, go into the first entrance of Swiftwater turn left onto 42nd then a left onto 329<sup>th</sup>, exit Swiftwater, head west to Milwaukee to the end, turn left onto Bagwell and end back at Carnation Elementary.