

# July Newsletter

*Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space*



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# June Recap



June 16th-22<sup>nd</sup> was Pollinator Week, and on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> was the Carson City Pollinator Palooza! With vendors at the Nevada State Museum and the Carson Mall, a Pollinator Parade, a waggle dance flashmob, and more, attendees were buzzing with excitement!

On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department hosted a Grand Opening for the brand-new Prison Hill West Trail. Participants had the opportunity to hear about the project, walk the trail, and even test out adaptive mountain bikes provided by Reno Adaptive!



This year, the annual Regional Jr Ranger Day was hosted by the Reno Park Rangers at Mira Loma Park. Carson City Park Rangers were present with their Jr Ranger Olympics activity and fun educational wildlife information!



# June Recap

As their first volunteer activity on their newly adopted section of the Linear Ditch Trail, US Bank volunteers came out for two hours on June 17<sup>th</sup> to dig invasive thistles along the trail. Volunteers collected 6 large trash bags of weeds total!



Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints volunteered on June 21<sup>st</sup> to weed the Empire Ranch Trailhead Pollinator Garden for 2 hours. Volunteers collected 8 large bags of weeds from the garden area and along the parking lot fence!



Friends of Prison Hill organized a community trash clean up at the Prison Hill OHV area on June 21<sup>st</sup> where 23 volunteers from both the local geocache group and the Goon Squad RC came out and collected several large bags full of trash!



# Parks Updates

2025

This year's round of cart path replacements were completed last month at Eagle Valley Golf Course, which totaled over 2,500 linear feet of pathway on the West course.



Centennial Tennis Courts should be completed in July 2025. Parks Staff will remove the old hitting wall after that, and the new restroom project will begin in October/November.



Mills Park Pickleball Courts are scheduled to be completed by early August this year.

# July Volunteer Opportunities

2025

## Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park Workday



Join Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space staff for another Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park Workday on **Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am!** Volunteer activities will include weeding, trash clean-up and possible trail maintenance. Dress appropriate for the weather! Long pants, long sleeve shirt, closed toe shoes and a hat recommended.

Please bring water and sunscreen.

No registration required. If you have questions please contact [volunteer@carson.org](mailto:volunteer@carson.org)

# July Volunteer Opportunities

2025

## Ongoing Volunteer Programs

### **Park Ambassador Program**

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at our parks and open spaces. We are looking for volunteers who can ideally visit the assigned park of their choosing once per week. Volunteers can assist with a wider variety of tasks, depending on their skill level. Some tasks may include (but not limited to): picking up trash, weeding, picking up dog waste, reporting vandalism and broken infrastructure, and other tasks dependent on your skillset!

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

### **Adopt-A-Trail Program**

The Adopt-A-Trail program is an environmental stewardship initiative and a chance for businesses, clubs, schools, and other citizen groups to give back to Carson City community by helping with care and maintenance of a trail. It aims to build civic pride and involve community members in positive outdoor recreation. Adopters coordinate 2-3 volunteer events per year at their adopted trail with activities based on their trails needs. Groups also get a sign at the trailhead promoting their group as the adopter.



DO YOU LOVE SPENDING TIME IN YOUR LOCAL PARK OR OPEN SPACE? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

# BECOME A PARK AMBASSADOR TODAY!

CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO SPEND A MINIMUM OF 1 HOUR PER WEEK IN THE PARK OR OPEN SPACE OF THEIR CHOOSING, ENSURING IT IS CLEAN, WEEDED, AND DOG WASTE FREE!

CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT [VOLUNTEER@CARSON.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@CARSON.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION!



# WANTED:

## RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS



**Are you passionate about Rifle Range safety? Do you love spending time outside with others who enjoy shooting at the Range? The Carson City Rifle Range is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at the range including (but not limited to):**

- Weed removal
- Picking up shell casings
- Enforcing the rules and policies of the range
- Answering questions/addressing concerns from range users

**This is a fun and exciting opportunity for those 18 or older, who have a National Rifle Association Range Safety Officer Certification. Volunteer hours are flexible, and those who work a minimum of 8 hours per week will receive an annual pass to the Rifle Range!**

**For more information or to apply please contact the  
Range Coordinator at [nartam@carson.org](mailto:nartam@carson.org)  
or call (775) 283-7348**

# July Recreation Opportunities

2025

## Adaptive Recreation

### **Picnic and Lawn Games**

Don't miss out on this potluck at Fuji Park. Food will be provided with sandwiches and more. Enjoy the day with food, lawn games, and friends. Make sure to bring water and sunscreen.

***Saturday 7/12 | 12:00pm-2:30pm | \$10 Fee | Fuji Park Pavilion***

### **Movers and Doers Fishing Derby**

Learn how to bait a hook and reel em' in during our annual fishing adventure at Fuji Park. Thanks to Nevada Department of Wildlife for supporting this activity.

***Saturday 8/2 | 9:00am-11:00am | \$5 Fee | Baily's Fishing Pond***

### **Mini Golf at Magic Carpet**

Spend the afternoon playing mini golf on one of the three courses Magic Carpet has to offer. Make sure to bring lunch, water, and sunscreen.

***Sunday 8/17 | 10:00am-1:00pm | \$15 Fee | Community Center***

### **Arts, Crafts and Root Beer Floats**

Let's get creative! Join us at the Community Center Bonanza room for arts & crafts and root beer floats. We will be making something fun and festive.

***Friday 8/22 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | \$5 Fee | Community Center***

# July Recreation Opportunities

2025



## Youth Sports



### **Skyhawks Basketball Camp**

Dribble, shoot, score with Skyhawks Basketball! Perfect for developing athletes, this program sharpens passing, shooting, and dribbling skills, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants develop defensive and rebounding abilities in a dynamic setting that promotes a personal and athletic growth. Get involved and make a difference on and off the court!

***Monday-Friday 7/7-7/11 | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$118 Fee | MAC***

### **Skyhawks Volleyball Camp**

Dig deep with Skyhawks Volleyball! This program combines the thrill of volleyball with fun while focusing on passing, setting, spiking, hitting and serving. Beyond skills, volleyball programs emphasize leadership and teamwork, fostering growth as players and team members.

***Monday-Friday 7/28-8/1 | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$118 Fee | MAC***

### **Skyhawks Tennis Camp**

Serve up the fun with Skyhawks Tennis! This program elevates tennis skills by focusing on the techniques of forehand, backhand and scoring while utilizing practice sessions and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded players. Each session also fosters personal growth, emphasizing sportsmanship and perseverance.

***Monday-Friday 7/28-8/1 | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$118 Fee | MAC***

# SUMMER

## Specialty Camps



6/9 - 6/13

### ART ENRICHMENT CAMP

- AGES 7 - 12
- \$100

6/9 - 6/13

### SKYHAWKS FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

- AGES 6 - 12
- \$118

6/16 - 6/17

### CLEAR CREEK BOWMEN ARCHERY CAMP

- AGES 9 - 14
- \$20

6/23 - 6/27

### SKYHAWKS INDOOR SOCCER CAMP

- AGES 6 - 12
- \$118

6/25 - 6/26

### FLY FISHING CAMP

- AGES 9 - 14
- \$30

7/7 - 7/11

### SKYHAWKS BASKETBALL CAMP

- AGES 6 - 12
- \$118

7/9 - 7/10

### GARDENING CAMP

- AGES 9 - 14
- FREE

7/28 - 8/1

### SKYHAWKS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

- AGES 9 - 14
- \$118

8/4 - 8/7

### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

- AGES 11 - 15
- \$61

8/6 - 8/7

### GARDENING CAMP

- AGES 9 - 14
- FREE

8/11 - 8/15

### SKYHAWKS TENNIS CAMP

- AGES 6 - 12
- \$118

8/12 - 8/14

### YOUTH KAYAK CAMP

- AGES 12 - 17
- \$85

# 2025 SKYHAWKS

## sports camps

JUNE 9-13

**FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP - \$118**

✔ CENTENNIAL PARK    ✔ 6-12 YEAR OLDS    ✔ 9AM-12PM

JUNE 23-27

**INDOOR SOCCER CAMP - \$118**

✔ CARSON CITY MAC    ✔ 6-12 YEAR OLDS    ✔ 9AM-12PM

JULY 7-11

**BASKETBALL CAMP - \$118**

✔ CARSON CITY MAC    ✔ 6-12 YEAR OLDS    ✔ 9AM-12PM

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**VOLLEYBALL CAMP - \$118**

✔ CARSON CITY MAC    ✔ 9-14 YEAR OLDS    ✔ 9AM-12PM

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**TENNIS CAMP - \$118**

✔ ROSS GOLD PARK    ✔ 6-12 YEAR OLDS    ✔ 9AM-12PM

# July Recreation Opportunities

2025

## Arts & Culture

### **Family Art Saturdays - Christmas in July!**

Enjoy a fun free art activity and add your one-of-a-kind ornament to the 2025 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree! Drop in anytime between 10:00am to noon. Bring your own recycled materials or use some of ours at no cost.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration preferred but drop-ins welcome.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will be providing the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree for 2025 and everyone in Nevada is invited to participate.

**Saturday 7/12 & 7/19 | 10:00am-12:00pm | FREE | Community Center**

### **Music and Art Tot Time**

Early childhood arts activities including imitation and exploration in music, movement, and visual art for children 1 to 5 years old with a participating adult. Free to attend - please register in advance!

**Mondays 5/5-9/29 | 10:00am-10:40am | FREE | Community Center**

**Mondays 5/5-9/29 | 11:00am-11:40am | FREE | Community Center**

# July Recreation Opportunities

2025

## Outdoor Programs

### Gardening Camp

Hosted by the Greenhouse Project. Join us for two days in the Greenhouse Project's gardens! We'll spend time learning about how the organization grows food to provide as donations to the community, get our hands dirty with the composting worms that turn food waste into healthy soil, work on the garden maintenance projects, and harvest fruits, veggies & flowers together. Camp is FREE, but pre-registration is required. Ages 9-14 years. Green Central, 1111 N. Saliman Rd.

**Wednesday-Thursday 7/9-7/10 | 9:00am-11:30am | FREE**

**Wednesday-Thursday 8/6-8/7 | 9:00am-11:30am | FREE**

### Youth Kayak Camp

This three-day camp will take participants to a variety of great kayaking locations while being taught kayaking skills. Curriculum includes proper paddling techniques, safety, trip planning, games and more. Equipment, transportation and lunch are included. **\$85 Fee**

**Tuesday 8/12 | 9:00am-4:00pm | Silver Lake**

**Wednesday 8/13 | 9:00am-4:00pm | Caples Lake**

**Thursday 8/14 | 9:00am-4:00pm | Sand Harbor**

# 2025 Kayak Trips

Explore the region's lakes this summer with trained guides from Carson City Parks & Recreation. Our guides will help you navigate the waters safely and introduce you to some great places to paddle! Kayaking equipment and transportation are included.

*Schedule and location is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances.*



**Full Moon: Washoe Lake | Monday 5/12 | 8:30pm | \$30**

**Sunset Paddle: Sand Harbor | Monday 6/2 | 6:00pm | \$30**

**Caples Lake and stop at Hope Valley Cafe | Saturday 6/14 | 8:00am | \$40**

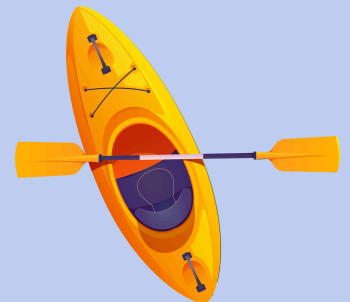
**Sunset Paddle: Cave Rock | Tuesday 7/1 | 6:00pm | \$30**

**Silver Lake Kayak & Geocache | Saturday 7/19 | 7:00am | \$40**

**Donner Lake | Friday 8/22 | 9:00am | \$40**

**Full Moon: Topaz Lake | Monday 9/8 | 6:30pm | \$40**

**Sunset Paddle: Sand Harbor | Friday 9/19 | 4:30pm | \$30**



**Twin Lake and stop at Walker Burger | Saturday 10/4 | 9:00am | \$50**

**Pumpkin Spice Sunrise Paddle at Cave Rock | Tuesday 10/14 | 7:00am | \$40**

For more information or to sign up, visit  
[carson.org/ccpr](https://carson.org/ccpr)



*New Year,  
New Challenge!*

*Carson City*

# Trails Challenge 2025

*March 15th - November 1st*

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Photo Credit: Christy Chamberlain, Previous Trails Challenge Participant

# Park Ranger-led Programs

2025



Sign Up Here!



OWLS



Join the Carson City Park Rangers for a hoot of an adventure in our new Jr. Ranger Adventure Series!

**July 13, 2025**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Mills Park Amphitheater  
(Seely Loop)**

This session is all about owls - one of nature's wisest and stealthiest hunters! Kids will have a whoo-tastic time learning about these fascinating creatures of the night and even get the chance to dissect a real owl pellet. Gloves and dissection tools will be provided.

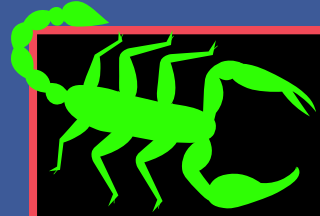


## **Jr Ranger Adventure Presents - Owls!**

Join the Carson City Park Rangers for a hoot of an adventure in our new Jr Park Ranger Adventure Series. This session is all about owls - one of nature's wisest and stealthiest hunters! Kids will have a whoo-tastic time learning about these fascinating creatures of the night and even get the chance to dissect a real owl pellet. Gloves and dissection tools will be provided. We will be stationed at the Mills Park Amphitheater (Seely Loop) off North Saliman Rd. There will be a short walk from the amphitheater to a nearby location within the park to hopefully catch a glimpse of a Great-horned Owl! **[Click here to register!](#)**

# Park Ranger-led Programs

2025



## SCORPION SEARCH



Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space  
Junior Park Ranger Programs

July 26, 2025  
9:00 PM-10:00 PM  
Wild Horse Trail

Join the Carson City Park Rangers for a scavenger hunt you'll never forget!



### Scorpion Excursion!

Grab your friends and family and join the Carson City Park Rangers for the fifth annual scorpion searching event! You will be given a blacklight to help in the search. Scorpions glow under the blacklight, which makes this activity unlike anything you've done before! We will be adventuring up the Wild Horse Trail located at the North end of Centennial Park. This activity is considered 'More Difficult' under the IMBA Trail Rating System. Expect uneven terrain, rocks, and sandy sections under the night sky. Blacklights will be provided, so all you need to bring is water, closed-toed shoes, long pants, and your best black light attire! [Click here to register!](#)

# Red Flag Warning Season!

What are Red Flag Warnings and what to look out for!



Do you know what a Red Flag Warning Day is? A Red Flag Warning is a forecast warning issued by the National Weather Service to inform the public, firefighters, and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire ignition and rapid spread. Red flag criteria occurs whenever a geographical area has been in a dry spell for a week or two, the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) is high to extreme, and the following forecast weather parameters are forecasted to be met:

1. A sustained wind average 15 mph or greater;
2. Relative humidity less than or equal to 25 percent; and
3. A temperature of greater than 75 degrees F.

The Prison Hill OHV Area will be closed beyond the Trailhead/Staging Area during Red Flag Warnings. Closures of Prison Hill OHV area will typically occur in the afternoon when temperatures and wind speeds are at their highest. It is the motorized users' responsibility to be aware of Red Flag Warning days and plan outdoor recreation accordingly. Visit [forecast.weather.gov](https://forecast.weather.gov) or [nevadafireinfo.org](https://nevadafireinfo.org) for current flag warning updates!

# 9 WAYS TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR PETS FROM TICKS

## EDUCATE YOURSELF

Know where to expect ticks, what environment they thrive in and the symptoms of a tick bite.

## WALK ON TRAILS & AVOID TALL GRASS

Ticks hide in tall grass and brush, avoiding these areas decreases exposure to ticks.

## CHECK BODY, CLOTHES, & PETS FOR TICKS

Check body, clothes and pets for ticks after being outdoors – use a mirror or have someone help check hard-to-see areas.

## WEAR CLOSED TOE SHOES & LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHING

Light colored clothing allows you to better spot ticks that may be attached to your clothes.

## USE A DEET-BASED REPELLENT

Regularly apply repellent on any exposed areas of skin (follow label instructions).

## TUCK PANTS INTO SOCKS

To prevent tick biting, tuck pants into socks to minimize exposed skin and seal off areas where ticks can hide.

## PROTECT YOUR PETS FROM TICKS

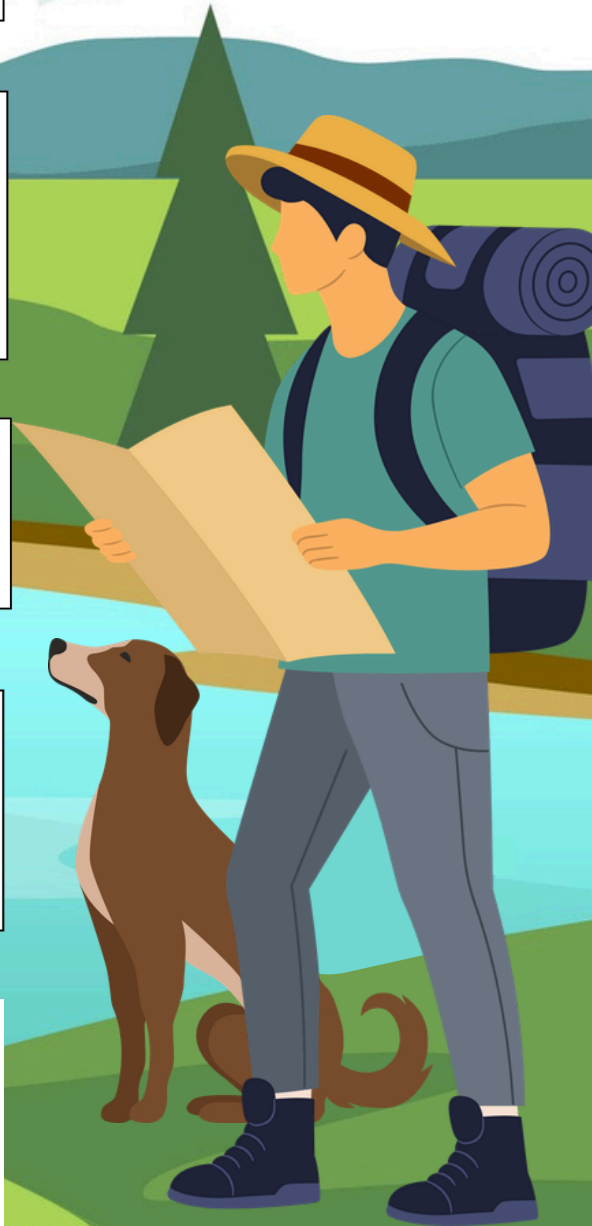
Speak to your veterinary clinic regarding a tick preventative treatment for your pets..

## IF YOU OR YOUR PET GETS BITTEN BY A TICK

Use tweezers to grab tick and slowly pull upward, immediately clean the area with soap and water or rubbing alcohol and reach out to your medical provider for medical attention.

## KEEP PETS OUT OF TALL GRASS & BRUSH

Keep pets secure to minimize exposure to high tick areas (tall grass and brush).



VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html)



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# WE'RE HIRING



## Sports Programs Staff

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is currently seeking energetic and enthusiastic members of the community looking to assist with sports programs at the MAC & Centennial Park! The ideal candidates will thrive in a fast-paced environment that serves many residents through sports programs. Sports include: softball, kickball, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, soccer and more!



**Apply now**

Apply online at:  
[www.carson.org/jobs](http://www.carson.org/jobs)

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# Flora | Fauna Highlight



**The Northern Scorpion** is the most common type of scorpion found here in Nevada! Due to its ability to survive in harsh conditions, this scorpion can be found in all Western states and is the only type of scorpion found in Canada! They are NOT lethal to humans. Scorpions are largely nocturnal and hide during the day. They live in burrows, under rocks, and in cracks. They are mostly nonsocial, can be extremely aggressive towards other scorpions. Scorpions fluoresce under blacklights, as seen in the photos above. Want to learn more and search for scorpions here in Carson? Join the Park Rangers for their summer Scorpion Excursion on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Wild Horse Trail from 9:00pm-10:00pm!

# DONATE OR JOIN TODAY!

## MISSION

The Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation is dedicated to improving citizens' experience with Carson City's parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.

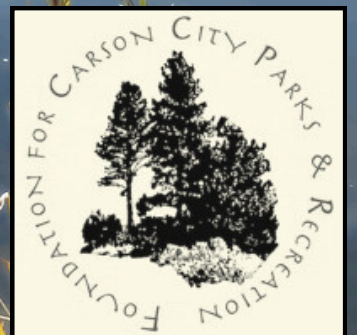
## ABOUT

The Foundation for Carson City Parks & Recreation, Inc (FCCPR) was established in 2015 as a non-profit member-driven 501(c)(3) organization. Operating as an independent, non-governmental organization, the Foundation is dedicated to bringing together members of the Carson City community to encourage and enable public support for the continuing enhancement of Carson City's parks and recreational facilities.

The Foundation promotes and supports individual and organizational-based projects to enhance indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and public use areas under the administration of the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department.

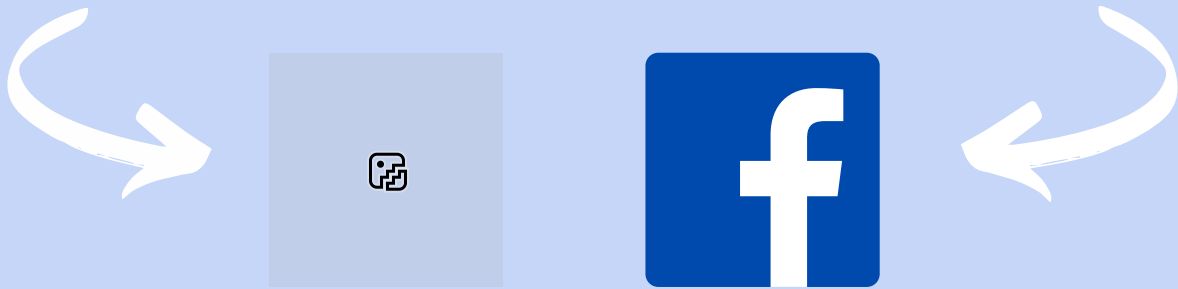
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**LEARN MORE!**



# For More Information

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**OR**

**Sign up for upcoming events at:**

**[www.carson.org/ccpr](http://www.carson.org/ccpr)**