

City of Calmar
P.O. Box 268
Calmar, IA 52132

MARCH 2012

City of Calmar Newsletter

We are again accepting donations toward our flower baskets. We have 53 baskets ordered that will be hung on the poles uptown and on the highways all coming into town.



We have extended the brackets for the poles in the business district (brown painted street light poles) so that the plants will hang further away from the pole. These baskets are \$ 35.00 each and do so much to beautify our town. A donation in any amount accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the clerk's office or mailed to P.O. Box 268 Calmar, IA



This mural represents Calmar's deep railroad heritage and generates a large amount of interest from visitors to the area. The mural is in a state of disrepair. The surface will need to be repaired and the mural re-painted. This is costly and the city would appreciate any donations toward this project.

We have started a replacement program for the large wooden picnic tables at the Calmar Lion's Park. Plans are to purchase several 12' aluminum tables each year. Donations will be accepted toward this project. A plaque recognizing donations or memorials toward these tables will be displayed under the shelter at the park.



Calmar City Officials
Corey Meyer, Mayor
 Larry Huinker, Mayor pro-tem
 Isaac Phillips, City Council
 Dave Zweibahmer, City Council
 Dennis Kleve, City Council
 Linus Sabelka, City Council



<p>Police Joe Ward, Police Lance Peters, Patrol Officer 101 S. Washington St. 563-562-3224 (non-emergency) 911 (emergency)</p>	<p>Public Library Linda Crossland, Library Director 101 S. Washington St. 563-562-3010 Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri. Saturday 10 A.M.—1 P.M.</p>
<p>Public Works Junior Boyer, Superintendent 101 S. Washington St. 563-562-3349 319-361-2506 (cell)</p>	<p>Water/Wastewater Matt Bullerman, Superintendent 101 St. Washington St. 563-562-3150 319-361-2505 (cell)</p>
<p>Calmar Swimming Pool Annie Rude, Manager Hwy 24 562-563-3148 319-361-8532 (cell)</p>	<p>City Clerk Michele Elsbernd 101 S. Washington St. P.O. Box 268 563-562-3154 563-562-3903 (fax) 319-361-2507 (cell) calmarcc@calmaria.com (email) Calmaria.com (web site)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Numbers of Interest</u> Alliant Energy 1-800-255-4268 Black Hills 1-888-890-5554 Mediacom 1-800-332-0245 Centurylink 1-800-507-0776</p>	



Annie and the 2012 Calmar Pool Staff are looking forward to another fun and safe swimming season, kicking off on Memorial Day, May 28. Annie has been busy this winter, applying for grants and funding to make our programs safer and more accessible. There will be money for an AED Unit. We are working on funds for an ADA compliant lift. Watch for more information about lessons, events, and the fee schedule.

CALMAR LIBRARY NEWS

Calmar Public Library is a participant in the NEIBORS Program offered to libraries in certain portions of the State of Iowa. NEIBORS stands for Northeast Iowa Bridge to On-line Resource Sharing, and is a program designed to provide library patrons the opportunity to download e-books and audio books from a website sponsored by Overdrive to a number of electronic devices, such as Kindles, Kindle Fire, Nooks, iPads, iPods, cell phones and more. All an individual needs is a computer with an Internet connection and their library patron number. The NEIBORS website is very user friendly and has an ever expanding collection of e-book and audio books from which to choose. Just follow the prompts for your specific device and get ready to enjoy some of your favorite titles that you can select from the convenience of your own home at any time of the day or night. There are specific instructions for downloading materials to Kindle and Nook devices, which are available at the library. Library staff will be pleased to assist you with any questions you may have and can provide you with some instructions for downloading both e-books and audio books.

Be sure to stop in and check out the many new selections available in the adult, young adult, junior, and children's sections of the library. And also be sure to visit the library's web site at www.calmarlibrary.com to follow library news and information as Linda Crossland continues to periodically update the site. In addition, there are still some paperback books available for FREE as Linda continues to make the collection of books throughout the library more attractive by removing some of the books which no longer circulate.

Calmar City Wide Garage Sales



May 3rd.— 5th.
2012

Call the Calmar Courier to get your garage sale in the advertising and on the map!

Calmar Trail Days

Are scheduled for June 23, 2012. They will be having a 5k Run/Walk with profits donated toward the mural repair and the Emt/Fire and Rescue. The run will be on Friday evening with registration at 6 PM at the depot and the run beginning at 7:00 PM. Registration fee is \$20 which includes t-shirt, brat, beverage of choice and admission to band in the parking lot by Whiskey Grove. There will be many other events scheduled, watch the local access station, local newspapers, city web site or city Facebook page for more information. Support your community and attend these worthwhile events! Questions call Nicole Wiltgen at 563-562-4900.



Calmar Fireman's Dance

Saturday, June 23, 2012
8-12 P.M.

Parking lot by Whiskey Grove in Calmar
In conjunction with Calmar Trail Days
Music by the El Caminos

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



I am looking forward to working with everyone in Calmar to ensure it stays an inviting, thriving, full of opportunities for all, beautiful community. I do believe we have so many attributes that we need to explore within our neighborhoods, and as a community we have available to use many opportunities to grow and utilize granting programs to facilitate our continued development. I do believe our position as the gateway to northeast Iowa with all its recreational and eco-tourism gives the opportunity "reel in" visitors to enjoy our community and maybe have them bring new businesses and their families to strengthen our locality.

Myself, Christi, Carly, Cody and Caden are very proud to live in Calmar and we all agree this is an excellent community to raise a family in and help be small sliver of what makes our town of Calmar so great.



1-800-292-8989
www.iowaonecall.com



To do" AND "Not to do"

Burning of leaves is allowed from April 1st.—May 15th., between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Do NOT burn on the blacktop or hard surface of any street. Do NOT burn in the alley or in the curb & gutters.

When you walk your dog, remember to clean up behind him/her. The City has provided pet stations at three locations between the Calmar Depot and 175th. Street. PLEASE use them!

Do I need a Permit for that?

If you are planning sidewalk work, a new home, an addition to your current residence, putting up a garage or shed or installing a fence, a permit is REQUIRED! If you have a question, call and we'll provide you with an answer.

Please Be Kind to Your Storm Sewers!

Please, when you mow, do not discharge your grass into the street. Grass clippings can block storm sewer intakes or clog the pipes, both of which can result in difficult problems that are expensive to fix. Our storm intakes, for the most part, discharge toward the west and end up in the Lake Meyer watershed. This causes water quality problems at the lake. Use the city compost site by the WW Treatment facility. Do NOT use plastic bags.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Want to receive the latest news concerning city or local activities? Check us out on

FACEBOOK at <http://>

www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar

OR sign up at the clerk's office to receive notice of announcements and events via email.

We can also send you this newsletter electronically as a PDF file, if interested contact the clerk's office or email us. The newsletter is also available at the cities web site: www.calmaria.com

Our web site also has a news section on the home page, so you can follow all upcoming activities on either Facebook or the web site.



CALMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Calmar Fire Station

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

1:00 P.M. registration; 1:30 P.M. start

\$ 40.00 entry with cash prizes

BYOB

For more information call Tom at 563-419-2585

Proceeds to benefit the Calmar Fire Dept.

Bicycle Safety Reminders

With spring almost here, the Calmar Police Department would like to remind citizens to take the necessary bicycle safety precautions when riding. According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, more than 500,000 people are treated and 700 people are killed each year in the United States from bicycle-related injuries.



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommend the following precautions for bicyclists:

1. Protect your Head. Wear a helmet.
2. Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly and ready to ride.
3. Always check brakes before riding.
4. Avoid biking at night
5. Stay alert. Always keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.
6. Ride on the right side in a straight predictable path. Always ride single file
7. Always be aware of the traffic around you.
8. Learn the rules of the road. Obey traffic laws, including stopping at stop signs.

CALMAR VISIONING

The City of Calmar has been chosen as one of 12 communities to participate in this year's Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. Iowa State University is conducting a survey to learn residents' opinions on how to improve Calmar's landscape through transportation enhancements. The goal of the project is to develop a landscape plan that will graphically illustrate the vision of the community. Input from residents is an **IMPORTANT** part of this process and ideas about community design and enhancement are valuable to the Calmar visioning committee.

We hope you participated in the survey, online or by paper copy.

Other IMPORTANT dates are:

April 14th. and April 21st.

On April 14th., we need a wide assortment of individuals from the community to obtain their perceived needs, attributes and wants for Calmar.

On April 21st., this group workshop will send individuals out into the community with a camera to take pictures and Geo-reference points in our community that are "important" to what makes our community great or not so great.

Slow Cooker Sweet & Sour Chicken

- 4 tbsp. butter, melted
- 3/4 c. ketchup
- 1/2 C. white vinegar
- 3/4 C. brown sugar
- 3 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt & pepper, to taste and could add a dash of red pepper flakes or ground cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 C. chicken broth
- 6 boneless chicken breast halves, skinned removed
- 1 can (8 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained

Wash chicken; pat dry. Place in slow cooker, Combine melted butter, ketchup, vinegar, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, salt & pepper, hot pepper, chicken broth; pour over chicken. Cover and cook on LOW for 5 to 7 hours, until chicken is tender but still moist. Add pineapple and cook for 20 minutes longer. Serve over rice.

NORTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

Their mission is to ensure that Northeast Iowa counties of Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, and Winnebago County residents have access to well-



maintained, safe and affordable housing in both the rural and urban areas of each county. They also have a program in place that provides forgivable loans for needed house repairs for low to moderate income families in the area. If you have a need call Upper Explorer Land in Postville for more information at 563-864-7551.

SPRING CLEAN UP 2012

Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 8:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.

Let us help you cleanup your property! The City of Calmar will sponsor a City-Wide Spring-Clean Up Day. This year we will have a large roll off dumpster at the City Shop site. The site will be monitored by city personnel. Only items from residential homes in Calmar will be accepted.

During Spring Cleanup the following items can be brought to the dumpster with no cost to the homeowner:

- 1) Furniture and household items without limit. (**Excludes TV's, computer equipment, and major appliances**)
- 2) Minor home remodeling debris, provided it is bagged, boxed or bundled, is no longer than 4 feet in length and that each bag, box or bundle does not weigh more than 50 pounds
- 3) Paint cans containing **dry paint** with the lid removed.

The following items can be brought to the city shop site for disposal for a fee of \$ 20.00. Washing machines, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, trash compactors, stoves, microwave ovens, freezers, humidifiers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers (questions about other items call)

The city will also pick up items for people unable to haul these items to the city shop site, we will pick them up at the curb of your residence. To have these items picked up call the city clerk at 562-3154 to make arrangements. **The following items will not be accepted:** vehicle tires, hazardous waste materials such as liquid paint, solvents, pesticides or herbicides.

The City of Calmar reserves the right to reject any items brought to the site for disposal.

To make "SPRING CLEANUP 2012" a successful community-wide program, everyone must cooperate and follow the simple guidelines listed above. If you have any questions please feel free to contact City Hall at 562-3154.