



# CALMAR NEWSLETTER APRIL 2006

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| City Clerk's Office  | 562-3154 | Police Department   | 562-3224 or 800-632-5976 |
| Street Department    | 562-3349 | Water/Sewer Dept.   | 562-3150                 |
| Library              | 562-3010 | Swimming Pool       | 562-3148                 |
| Fire Dept. Mtg. Room | 562-3575 | To report FIRE etc. | 911                      |

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## CITY OFFICIALS

### Mayor

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562-3288

### Council Persons

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P. O. Box 193  
562-3956
  
- Karen Kleve  
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- Dave Zweibahmer  
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- John Patrick  
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562-3270

## CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTING A DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

The Calmar Public Library is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a Dedication/Open House on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon. This to officially dedicate the new "Francis "Sonny" & Marian Meyer Children's Library" addition to the library. The new Children's Library addition has been a long-time dream of the Calmar Library Board of Trustees and library employees. Through the generous monetary donations of family members of the Sonny & Marian Meyer family and the William & Patricia Balk family, who were the major contributors, the construction began in June of 2005. After four months of construction and finish work inside, the addition opened to the general public in late October 2005. Many individuals were instrumental in the building of the addition and gave of their time and talents voluntarily to make this dream a reality. The Board and staff are grateful and wish to thank everyone involved.

The Calmar Public Library would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the dedication event and visit the new children's library addition on April 29th. Refreshments will be served. As a reminder, due to this special event being held, there will not be

### OPEN HOUSE / DEDICATION

"Francis & Marian Meyer  
Children's Library"  
April 29, 2006  
10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon

## WE WILL BE MOVING SOON!

City Hall/Clerk's Office will be at their new location 101 S. Washington Street hopefully by the middle of April. We will be working back and forth between locations until we are completely moved. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The drop box will be moved to that location also.

**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO AN  
OPEN HOUSE  
City Hall  
Police Department  
April 29, 2006**

**BURNING REGULATIONS**

Spring is here and we are again thinking of sprucing up our house and yard. We have a little reminder for you regarding our burning ordinance.

Open Burning is RESTRICTED. Burning of leaves is allowed from April 1st thru May 15th and from September 15th thru November 15th ONLY and then between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

There is to be no burning on the blacktop or paved surface of any street or alley or in curbs and gutters within the City limits.

**A WORD FROM MAYOR WILLIS**

I want to take this opportunity to let you know some of the things I have been doing.

- Attending joint meetings to get the Calmar Prairie Bike Trail hard surfaced between Cresco and Calmar
- Doing research to get new businesses to Calmar and finding out what agencies are out there to assist.
- Trying to find out what types of grants that may be out there for the City and how to go about getting them.
- Working with the Police Chief to update the Calmar Police Department
- Setting up a new committee within the City of Calmar, the Calmar Historic Preservation Committee

**WANTED VOLUNTEERS**

The City of Calmar is seeking 3 to 5 volunteers to serve on the CALMAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Committee

Anyone wishing to serve on this committee, please call the Mayor at 562-3288 or the Clerk's office 562-3154

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Calmar Fire Department will soon be sporting a new metal roof over the meeting room and office section of the building. The work is now in progress. The flat roof was leaking and the council felt that the long range answer was a pitched metal roof.

**CALMAR FIREMEN'S DANCE**

May 6, 2006

Featuring the "WHITESIDEWALLS"

At the Inwood in Spillville

\$ 6.00 in advance & \$ 8.00 at the door

**THE FIREMEN WILL SOUND THE SIREN**

**AT**

**6:00 P.M. on April 19th.**

**To sell their dance tickets door to door**

**SIDEWALKS**

Last fall sidewalks that needed repair or replacement were marked and letters were written to the property owners affected.

**Repairs or replacements were to be completed by June 30, 2006. the council has now extended this deadline to September 1, 2006.**

Remember to get your permit before repair or replacement begins so you will be eligible for reimbursement of 50% of the cost of the cement or a maximum of \$200.00 per property owner.

If you have any questions call the clerk's office and we will get you the answers you need.

Listed below are the contractors that have indicated they would do sidewalk work in Calmar.

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Phone #</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Jerome Hayek       | 563-380-8183   |
| Mark Bohr Concrete | 563-532-8980   |
| Matt Lansing       | 563-562-3108   |

## From the desk of Calmar Police Chief Ronald Werner

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I would like to tell you a little about myself and family and give you an insight of where the Police Department is headed and what is in store for the future.

Most of you have read the newspaper articles about the new chief so by now you have a good idea of who I am and where I am from. On the personal side of things my wife Darci of 20 years and 5 year old son Brock are excited to be in Calmar and are getting somewhat settled in to our new house in Calmar. We look forward to becoming an active family in the community and be a part of the many positive changes that are coming to Calmar.

My family and I enjoy many outdoor activities from hiking, bike riding, gardening, sledding and Brock and I will enjoy the pool during the summer. We have been active in the church and look forward in becoming active with a local church. Darci stays busy having debates with and chasing Brock and has recently moved her kids variety store to the area so I hope you stop by and say hello.

Now for some vision of where the Police Department is headed and what direction I have in plan for the Police Department. The total remodel of the Police Department is near completion and is looking great. With the office space and updates it gives us a more professional and efficient place to conduct the day to day business. I have completed an inventory and needs assessment of the Police Department equipment and plan on replacing some much outdated and worn out equipment. By this summer I hope to have the Police Department on a computerized records system which will make investigations and case file records more efficient.

As for activities outside the Police Department I would like to see us become more involved with the schools and especially the younger kids with educational and awareness programs. The Police Department will be more involved in local business groups and organizations helping out where we can.

The most noticeable change that will be seen by the communities is in the street patrol. The Police Department will become a proactive patrol department and less of a fire watch department. Patrol will not only be conducted by vehicle but you will see us out on foot more and when weather allows on bicycle. It has been proven that police presence deters crime and unwanted activities before it occurs. The Police Department will be involved in special traffic and regulatory programs throughout the year, yes more traffic stops and citations. The Police Department will be more involved with City code violations in an attempt to make the communities a cleaner and nicer place to live.

In closing, I hope the communities understand that the Police Department is the enforcement unit but it takes the whole community to make law enforcement successful. A strong working relationship between the Police Department and the community makes for a better community in whole. It is encouraged that the citizens report any suspicious activity and or complaints to the Police Department; we can't do anything about a situation if we don't know about it.

## CALMAR CITY WIDE CLEAN -UP DAY & CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

May 6, 2006

A CITY WIDE clean up day is scheduled. Anyone wishing to dispose of large items and appliances can do so by calling Malcom Enterprises and requesting pick up.

Fees need to be paid to Malcom at time of pick up. The fees for appliances, televisions, microwaves etc. is \$ 25.00. Other large items are such as recliners, couches, mattresses are \$ 7.50 per item also payable at the time of pick up.

**CALL BY MAY 1ST.**

**TO ARRANGE FOR PICK UP**

**563-379-1626**

*Items not accepted*

Concrete, bricks, yardwaste, anti-freeze, motor oil, herbicides, tires, cars, shingles etc.

If you have a questing concerning accepted items call them and ask

**CALMAR WEB SITE**

**www.calmaria.com**

**CALMAR EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**calmarcc@mchsi.com**

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

**IOWA ONE CALL**

**800-292-8989**

## CALMAR FARMERS DAY CELEBRATION

The Calmar Commercial Club have set June 17th. as the date for their annual Farmers' Day celebration 2006. The theme will be "PAVING THE WAY". This theme is intended to generate interest and begin the fundraising efforts to hard surface "Pave" the bike trail.

Plans are for an 11:00 A.M. parade, beer garden, children's entertainment and games along with Little Miss Calmar Pageant and good food. To get your spot in the parade call Jean Dotzenrod at 562-3962 or Jim Buchheit at 562-3623.

