



The City is accepting donations for our flower baskets/pots. These flowers sure spruce up the town and the entrance to your business, We will plant, maintain and water. PLEASE consider donating to help with expenses! A donation of any amount will be accepted and sincerely appreciated. Your donation will be acknowledged in future newsletters.

Donations may be dropped off at the clerk's office or mailed to P.O. Box 268 Calmar.

THANKS TO Mark & Marcia Oltrogge for their \$ 100.00 donation toward our flower project in memory of Marvin Berkeland.

City Officials

MAYOR

Keith Frana

CITY COUNCIL

Larry Huinker

Dennis Kleve

Linus Sabelka

T.J. Schissel

Dave Zweibahmer



The Calmar Fireman's Dance featuring the band "Wag" will be held on June 21, 2014 in conjunction with Calmar Trail Days.

NICC will have their Breakfast on the Farm on June 21, 2014

The Calmar Lion's Club will be having their annual drive-thru chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 22, 2014.

Plan to support Calmar Trail Days activities, the Calmar Fire Department, Calmar Commercial Club, Calmar Lions Club and NICC's activities.

Other Trail Day activities are still in the planning stages. Watch the Calmar Courier, City Web Site, and City Facebook Page for updated information

Police

Joe Ward, Police Chief

Lance Peters, Patrol Officer

101 S. Washington St.

563-562-3224 (non -emergency)

911 (emergency)

Public Works

Junior Boyer, Superintendent

101 S. Washington ST.

319-361-2506 (cell)

Water/Wastewater

Matt Bullerman, Superintendent

101 S. Washington St

319-361-2505 (cell)

Public Library

Linda Crossland, Library Director

101 S. Washington St.

563-562-3010

Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri.

Saturday 10 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Calmar Swimming Pool

Annie Rude, Manager/operator

Hwy 24

562-563-3148 (Pool)

319-361-8532 (cell)



The CALMAR COMMERCIAL CLUB'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M. SOUTH WINNESHIEK FOOTBALL FIELD



City of Calmar

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NEWS QUICKIES

- If you notice a street light not working properly, notify Alliant Energy at 1-800-Alliant or you may call the city clerk's office at 562-3154.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited from city parks, city cemetery or the Prairie Farmer Trail.
- Did you know that you can sign up to have your City of Calmar water/sewer/garbage utility payment deducted from your checking or savings account automatically each month?
- If you are planning a building or outdoor remodeling project, check with the city clerk's office to see if a building permit is required and if there are any regulations that you have to be sure to follow. Permits need to be obtained BEFORE the project begins.

GRASS CLIPPINGS!!



Calmar Code prohibits the discharge of your grass into the street.

Grass clippings can block storm sewer intakes. Calmar storm-intakes discharge to the west for the most part, and end up in the Lake Meyer watershed. This causes water quality problems at the lake. You can take your clippings to the compost site near the WW treatment plant but do NOT put them in plastic bags.

If we see grass clippings in the street you will receive a "friendly" reminder from our local law enforcement to correct the issue.



Is your child interested in playing softball/baseball with the Calmar Little League? Children who have completed kindergarten thru 7th grade are eligible to play. If you have a child interested contact Little League Committee member Sara Feickert. Email: sarahan27@gmail.com

CALMAR COMMUNITY MEAL

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD.....Volunteers from Calmar and the area provide a **FREE** Community Meal to anyone that wishes to attend on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Calmar Lutheran Church facilities from 5:00—6:30 P.M.

Various groups from the area provide the main dish, salads and bars for the meal. This is an opportunity for you to come and have supper and socialize with other area residents.

Watch your church bulletin and look for posters to see who is providing the meal and what menu is planned. If you haven't been there, **PLEASE COME! YOU ARE SURE TO HAVE A PLEASANT SOCIAL DINING EXPERIENCE!**

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

It is important that we have up-to-date contact information on file for our residents and utility customers. Many of you have switched from land lines to cell phones but haven't provided the new numbers to our office. We have also noticed that the telephone directories provided do not always have the numbers listed that we need. Please take a moment to fill out this brief form and return it to the city clerk's office so we may update our records. **THANK YOU!**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PO BOX _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES _____

Severe Weather Awareness In Winneshiek County & Calmar Iowa



Since severe weather season is with us, we want to provide the following information on storm sirens. A continuous steady tone for three minutes indicates: The confirmed sighting of a funnel cloud or tornado-like winds (straight winds) or anticipated large hail that could cause major damage or create a threat to the general public. Take shelter immediately and listen to radio and television stations for further updates and advice.

Winneshiek County DOES NOT sound an all clear.

Sirens are sounded when the National Weather Service in La Crosse, Wisconsin indicates to Winneshiek County that a threat of severe weather is imminent.

The City of Calmar will be FLUSHING HYDRANTS (weather permitting)

The week of April 21-25

You may experience variable water pressure and/or discolored water

Drug Drop Off ... Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal



Saturday, April 26, 2014

10 a.m.—2 p.m. at the

Calmar Police Department



101 S. Washington Street in Calmar

Calmar City Wide Garage Sales

April 25-27, 2014

**Call the Calmar Courier
to get your garage sale advertised
and on the map!**



POOL SEASON 2014

Although the pool is still covered in snow, I have faith that it IS there, waiting for us to wake it up for another safe and happy season in the warm sunshine! You will see new faces on staff, as well as the familiar friendly faces of guards and instructors who have been re-hired. We are all eager to serve Calmar and the surrounding communities by offering a full range of summer swimming programs for all ages. You will notice that some major upgrades and repairs are going to become a reality this spring. Plans are in place to begin work replacing the pool's lining surface as well as the boiler and filter systems. This, along with a new hot water system for the showers, will improve the operating efficiency and subsequent costs. Now, the snow needs to disappear so that we can get to work! Dates, fees, and schedules for classes will be set up on the City Web Site, www.calmaria.com. Registration for lessons will begin May 1. Feel free to contact me if you would like to consult, or have further question. If all goes well, our pool will open on Sunday, June 1, 2014

Annie Rude

Calmar Municipal Pool Manager and Operator

319-361-8532

annierude@aol.com



GETTING THE WORD OUT TO OUR CALMAR AND AREA RESIDENTS!!

City of Calmar and Calmar Area items of interest and announcements can be found on the City of Calmar FACEBOOK page: <http://www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar> OR if you subscribe to Mediacom they will be found on channel 79.2 or 81. They are also on the City of Calmar website: www.calmaria.com. In cases of emergency we also post notices at the Post Office, Bank, Kwik Star, Train Station and use the local radio station KVIK when necessary.



Recipe Corner

SPRING TORTELLINI SALAD

- 1 envelope Good Seasons Italian Dressing Mix
- 1/2 cup Kraft Real Mayonaise (may substitute Miracle Whip)
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 3 Tbsp. water
- 2 pkg. (9 oz. each) refrigerated cheese tortellini cooked & drained
- 2 cups sugar snap peas, halved
- 1 cup shredded carrots



Combine dressing mix, mayo, vinegar and water in large bowl, add remaining ingredients and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate

CALMAR LION'S PARK SCHEDULE 2014

May 3, 2014 SODA event 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

June 28, 2014 Class Reunion get-together

June 29, 2014 Calmar Fireman's Picnic

July 19, 2014 S.W. 40 Year Class Reunion

Spring Yard Clean Up

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.

Branches, leaves and other yard waste is ALWAYS welcome at our yard waste site adjacent to the Calmar Sewer Plant on East South Street.



Indoor & Outdoor Spring Cleaning Hints



Around The House:

- Schedule a family garage clean-out. Create efficient storage for sporting goods, camping equipment, recreational vehicles, and garden tools. You'll have the jump on summer fun!
- Inspect, clean and repair outdoor furniture.
- Tour house exterior and grounds. Make a list of any needed seasonal maintenance.
- Inspect the roof for winter damage: leaks, missing or broken shingles or tiles. Arrange for any needed repairs early; roofing contractors can be hard to find during summer's construction season.
- Use a sunny Saturday to scrape, prime and paint peeling spots on trim or woodwork. You'll protect wood against Summer's heat and moisture--and prevent a more difficult paint job come fall.
- Clear away any remaining dead foliage and weeds from beds and lawn. New growth will be protected from damage or disease.
- Begin major Spring landscaping projects. Spring's the time to put in shrubs and trees, but check with your local extension office for specific planting recommendations for your area.

The Inside Story:

- Changing seasons, changing clothes. Hold a family wardrobe check as you bring out warm-weather clothing. Sort winter clothing for discards and donations before you store.
- Hold a garage sale! Declutter house and garage to turn trash into cash.
- Pick a weekend and enlist the family for Spring cleaning. Many hands make light work! Reward the team with dinner
- Wash windows inside and out.
- While at the window area, check drapes and window treatments. Vacuum any dust; send dirtier drapes to the cleaners.
- Move furniture and vacuum beneath it.
- Arrange for a spring inspection of cooling systems. Don't wait for the first hot day! Air conditioning firms will give better service when they're not busy.
- When the weather warms, deactivate heat system humidifiers. Check the system manual for instructions on how to power down for the summer.
- Drain sediment from hot water heaters.

CALMAR LIBRARY NEWS

Library staff is pleased to announce that we have been awarded two grants recently.

One grant is funded by The Depot Outlet in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 and will be used to install new window treatments in the front windows and two windows in the upper portion of the library. These window treatments are designed to provide protection from sun damage to displays and books, as well as enhance the appearance of the library. They should be installed soon.

The second grant has been awarded to the library from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation in the amount of \$ 2,800.00 to be used to upgrade the current automation software to Apollo Automation Systems, plus cover the cost of annual tech support for two years. We should be able to migrate to Apollo very soon, providing library staff and patrons with a more user-friendly product with enhanced features.

As always, we are regularly adding new titles to each section of the library and continue to expand the DVD collection to offer patrons a wider variety of items available for check out. Come in and browse the newest selections.



City of Calmar

P.O. Box 268

Calmar, IA 52132

AS OF APRIL 14, 2014 YOU NO LONGER NEED TO RUN YOUR WATER TO KEEP FROM FREEZING. ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE DISCONTINUED AS OF THAT DATE.



**Saturday, May 3, 2014 from
8:00 A.M.— Noon**

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. The dumpster will be removed at 1:00 P.M.

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 each. 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.