

City of Calmar Newsletter Fall 2016

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T.J. Schissel

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The 2016 Calmar Street/Sidewalk Project

Oh, my, what an improvement!! We realize there was/is some inconvenience involved but in the end all will be fresh and new and will be well worth it.

The project contractors, Wick's Construction, Skyline Construction and Voltmer Electric are pretty much on schedule.

As the project moves along, the property owners that were required to make improvements to their water or sewer services will receive a bill/assessment from the City of Calmar. At the time the bill is issued the property owner can choose to pay the bill within 30 days or have the amount of the bill assessed to their property taxes.

Re-surfacing of the streets and the two uptown parking lots should also begin shortly.

Another improvement (not part of the street/sidewalk project) will be the surfacing of Lewis Street from Hwy 52 to East Street with 5" of asphalt.

Police

Joe Ward, Police Chief
Andrew Hageman, 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

Hwy 24
563-380-0240 (Pool cell)
Blake Moen (Manager)
319-361-8532 (Managers cell)

SOUTH WINN RECREATION



A director for the South Winn Recreation program has been hired. A picture and a short bio are on page six of this newsletter.



We wish him a warm welcome to the area and anticipate he will be busy planning for future activities. He will also be the Calmar Swimming Pool Manager along with his other recreation duties.



Thrifty White Pharmacy will be conducting a **FLU SHOT** clinic on **October 26, 2016** from **9:30—Noon** at **Calmar**

City Hall, 101 S. Washington Street in Calmar. Bring your insurance card when you come as they will file with your insurance



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LOW TO MODERATE INCOME SURVEY NEEDED

The City of Calmar **MUST** complete a “LMI” (Low to Moderate Income) Survey in order to apply for a CDB Grant for our wastewater facility.

KNOCK, KNOCK...VOLUNTEERS ARE COMING!

The City of Calmar is excited to share some news about an upcoming community betterment initiative! The City will be conducting a community income survey during the month of April; which will assist with grant writing opportunities for improvements within our community. Volunteers will be going door to door to speak personally with our community members to collect information. Completion of the survey responses should take just a few minutes. This data will be compiled and reviewed by Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC). This information will be used to determine potential eligibility for grant programs or assistance for residents of Calmar.

The success of this community initiative relies upon your active participation! Please assist your volunteer by providing responses to survey questions when they come to your address. Your local point of contact for further details is City Clerk, Michele Elsbernd (563) 562-3154. With your strong support and feedback, together we can make our community better! **THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED SOMETIME IN OCTOBER.**

FALL REMINDERS!

PLEASE be a considerate neighbor, and a good citizen—do not rake or blow your leaves into the street. They’ll just blow into your neighbor’s yards and/or clog up the storm water drains.

BURNING of yard waste IS allowed

You can burn from September 15th thru November 15th ONLY and between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. No burning on the blacktop or hard surface of any street or alley or in curb & gutters. Before you burn, check the wind speed and direction and be considerate of your neighbors.

A survey has been completed by city council members and we have **MANY** trees overhanging the street that need to be trimmed to a height of no less than 15’ above the surface of the street and 8’ above the surface of the sidewalks. Take a look at the trees in your yard or boulevard and PLEASE take care of getting them trimmed. Low hanging limbs can damage busses or trucks that drive or park on the streets. Affected property owners were sent a letter with compliance required by November 1st.

The yard waste site is available for grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, walnuts, apples etc. Please note that there are separate places for the tree limbs and the items that can be composted.

Now, there are flowers and there are WEEDS, our ordinance states that weeds or grass in residential areas not to exceed 6” in height. There are many places in town that have noxious weeds on their property that need to be taken care of. Check around your house and yard and please take care of this problem.

FLOWER FUND/BENCH DONATIONS 2016

Connie McCasland	\$ 100.00
Emily Hoffert	\$ 50.00
Schluter—Balik Funeral Home (in memory of Dale)	\$ 100.00
Tom & Mary Welch (in memory of Art Rolfes)	\$ 150.00
Paul & Barb Posivio	\$ 35.00

RECEIPE CORNER

APPLE CIDER DONUTS

- 2 cups apple cider
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon each ground cardamom, nutmeg, cinnamon and all-spice
- 2 large eggs
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled
- Oil for deep-fat frying



Directions

1. In a small saucepan, bring cider to a rapid boil; cook over high heat until reduced by half, about 12 minutes. Cool completely.
2. In a large bowl, whisk flours, brown sugar, baking powder, salt, baking soda and spices. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, melted butter and cooled cider; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened (dough will be sticky). Refrigerate, covered, 1 hour or until firm enough to shape.
3. Divide dough in half. On a floured surface, pat each portion to 1/2-in. thickness; cut with a floured 3-in. doughnut cutter.
4. In an electric skillet or deep fryer, heat oil to 365°. Fry doughnuts, a few at a time, 1 minute on each side or until golden brown. Fry doughnut holes, a few at a time, 1 to 1-1/2 minutes on each side or until golden brown and cooked through. Drain on paper towels; cool slightly. If desired, dip tops of doughnuts into glaze of your choice. **Yield:** 1 dozen doughnuts plus doughnut holes.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS ON
Sunday, November 6, 2016
@ 2:00 A.M.**

CALMAR BUSINESSES INFO

Calmar Dollar General Phone # 563-562-6200
2372 175th. Street Calmar

Calmar Subway Phone # 563-562-9038
101 E. Henry Street Calmar

(Subway will have their Grand Opening on October 13th from 9 am—7 pm with BOGO free 6" or 12" sub or salad with purchase of 21 oz. drink with no limit on # of subs)

Val's Catering Phone # 563-379-1967
110 Maryville Street Calmar

South Winn Community Thrift Phone # 507-258-0558 has moved to 115 E. Main Street

Calmar Courier has moved to 110 N. Maryville Street Phone # 563-562-3488

Also coming soon: Studio D Salon & Spa (Danielle Humpal owner) to be located on Main Street in the Maryville Plaza Building.

CALMAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Over two years ago representatives from the City of Calmar, NICC and Calmar Development began meeting to see how they could identify ways to increase economic development activities within Calmar. Those efforts are beginning to show results.

Two of the most noticeable outcomes of these efforts are the arrival of Dollar General and Subway to the Calmar Community. Construction and expansion of N.E. Iowa Spray Foam Insulation and Albertson Construction is another project from these combine efforts. Other projects that have been announced and in the pipeline include construction of Pivo Brewery and Blepta Studio in the spring of 2017.

The development of a listing of current rental housing availability on the City of Calmar Homepage is now available. Property owners are able to list their available rental property by notifying Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk. This service greatly assists individuals looking to move to Calmar in finding what housing is available.

The current success is the result of working together and sharing information about business prospects and working with existing businesses. Each of us can play a role in Calmar's economic development. If you are aware of businesses that are looking at expanding please share that information with us, we will follow-up by contacting them. Let us continue to work together.



**CALMAR
FIRE & RESCUE
FUNDRAISER
CHILI AND CHICKEN
NOODLE SOUP SUPPER**



**SATURDAY, OCT. 8th
3:30—6:30 P.M. at
CALMAR FIRE STATION
Free will donation!**

**With Parade of Lights
starting at 7pm**



**Winners of the Calmar Fire
Department Raffle
Fundraiser**

1/2 hog & processing	Kristi Creek
Weekend Getaway	Tim Franzen
\$ 150 to Al's County Locker	Kevin Bischel
\$ 150 to Al's Country Locker	Monica Schwartzhoff
\$ 150 to Al's Country Locker	Cathy Hageman
A car wash a month	Roger Jaegar
Pest Control	Shelby Pinkowski
\$ 100 cash	Kay Heying
\$ 100 cash	Lana Ott



**The Winneshiek County Freedom
Rock Committee gratefully
acknowledges the following donations**
(All donations over \$ 500.00 recognized on a
plaque at the site)

South Winn Insurance	\$ 1000.00
Linus & Doris Sabelka	\$ 100.00
Depot Outlet (paid total cost of flag poles and flags)	\$ 4099.00
Connie McCasland	\$ 100.00
Community Foundation of NE Iowa	\$ 5000.00
Rockwell Collins	\$ 500.00
Martin & Hattie Frana family	\$ 500.00
Merle & Darlene Hageman family	\$ 500.00
Farmers Union Co op	\$ 500.00
Decorah Bank & Trust	\$ 500.00
State Bank	\$ 1000.00
John & Louise Heying	\$ 25.00
Don & Julie Wurtzel	\$ 500.00
Ernest & Kay Heying	\$ 500.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 266	\$ 150.00
V.F.W. Auxiliary # 1977	\$ 100.00
Waukon State Bank	\$ 100.00
Black Hills Energy	\$ 500.00
Citizens Savings Bank	\$ 250.00
MiEnergy Cooperative	\$ 500.00
Hacker & Nelson	\$ 250.00
Charles & Doris Frana Family Ron & Norma Bullerman family	\$ 500.00
City of Calmar (in memory of Joe McCasland)	Bench
City of Calmar (in memory of Jerry Balik)	Bench
Paul Styve family	Bench
John D. Meyer family	Bench
Calmar Fire Department	Bench
Calmar Lion's Club	Bench
Peter & Alma Meyer family	Bench
We also acknowledge the donations of labor or materials from:	
Jimmy Gallery Wiltgen Construction Albertson Const.	
Sara Neuzil Landscaping Reicks Landscaping & Memorial	
Grassmasters (Al & Lisa Brockmeyer) Midwest Geographical	
Croell Redi Mix HRS Surveying Heying Lumber	

**TRICK—OR—TREAT
IN CALMAR**



Will be observed on the tra-
ditional night of
October 31, 2016 from 5-8
PM

Please visit homes that have
their porch light on!



IN CALMAR

October 31, 2016

**Washington Street Parking
lot from 5-7 p.m.**

**(anyone welcome to set up
your vehicle in the lot to
provide "treats" in a safe
controlled environment for
the children)**

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

**The first week in
October**



**You may experi-
ence variable wa-
ter pressure
and/or discolored
water**



Hello South Winneshiek Community!

I cannot express how excited I am to be named the Recreation Director for this community. Being from the area, I understand the commitment and dedication that South Winneshiek community members have for reaction, youth, and each other. Having an idea of the community, raises my excitement and thrill levels to an unmatched amount. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. We, as a community, must work together to create a successful and fun recreation environment for our kids. I look forward to accomplishing this goal.

A little bit about myself, I grew up on a farm about 10 miles northeast of Decorah, Iowa. I attended Decorah Community Schools and graduated from Decorah High School in 2012. Growing up in this area, I was very active in sports and recreation environments. Through high school, I played football, basketball, and baseball as well as worked for Decorah Parks & Rec, as a Recreation Assistant.

I went to Luther College and graduated in May of 2016 with a degree in Management. At Luther, I continued my involvement in different sport, coaching, and leadership environments. For two years, I played baseball for the Norse, lettering in one. After my sophomore year, I continued to be a part of the Luther Baseball team, by volunteering as a student coach. I also helped coach the Luther College Football team for two years. On top of my coaching experiences at Luther, I gained many years of high-school coaching. I coached 9th grade basketball at Decorah High School for

three seasons, as well as two seasons of high school baseball. One with Decorah and one with South Winneshiek High School. It was through many of these experiences that I developed a strong love for teaching youth the fundamentals of sports as well as striving to always keep recreation activities enjoyable.

Since graduating from Luther College, I have been living and working in the Twin Cities. I am absolutely elated to have the opportunity to move back to Northeast Iowa and become a part of this community. Please do not hesitate to approach myself with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help in any way possible, and want to always make myself available. I am hopeful that with my strong recreation and leadership background, mixed with this amazing community, we will be able to establish a well-known and enjoyable recreation department. I cannot wait to roll out our Recreation Department!!

Best,

Blake Moen

City of Calmar

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