Newsletter Fall 2015

City Officials

MAYOR

Keith Frana

CITY COUNCIL

Larry Huinker
Dennis Kleve
Linus Sabelka
T.J. Schissel
Dave Zweibahmer

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)

CITY ELECTION 2015

One of the most challenging and exciting responsibilities an individual can assume is to become a council member or mayor. The business of city government and local leadership presents a unique opportunity to resolve issues, accomplish goals, and affect the future of your community.

The City of Calmar conducts business on the first Monday of each month at 5:30P.M. With additional sessions when necessary. Council members are liaisons to the various city departments.

In order to hold office in the city, a candidate must be an eligible elector, meeting the same qualifications required to vote, and be a resident of the city he or she plans to serve.

On Tuesday, November 3, 2015 Calmar residents will have the opportunity to elect a Mayor and three council members. The current term of Mayor Keith Frana and council members Linus Sabelka and Larry Huinker and Dave Zweibahmer are due to expire on December 31, 2015. Mayors are elected to a two year term and council members to a four year term.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions you will need to pick up a nomination petition and have it signed by at least ten people eligible to vote in Calmar. An "Affidavit of Candidacy" and the petition need to be completed and delivered to the Winneshiek County Auditor's Office. **Candidate filing begins Monday, August 24th and ends with papers due at the County Auditors office by 5:00 P.M. Thursday, September 17, 2015.**

Nomination papers are available from the Calmar City Clerk's, the Winneshiek County Auditor's Office and online at the Iowa Secretary of State website. Governments are encouraged to have gender balance on their councils and committees, females are encouraged to consider becoming a candidate for city council or mayor.

WELCOME to Robert Gross, new pastor for St. Aloysius, St. Wenceslaus, St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of Seven Dolors.

WELCOME to all new teachers and students to NICC and South Winneshiek!

WELCOME to all other new Calmar Residents!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

City of Calmar
101 S. Washington St., P.O. Box 268
Calmar, IA 52132
City Clerk: Michele Elsbernd

Phone: 563-562-3154 Fax: 563-562-3903 Cell: 319-361-2507
Email: calmarcc@calmaria.com Web site: www.calmaria.com

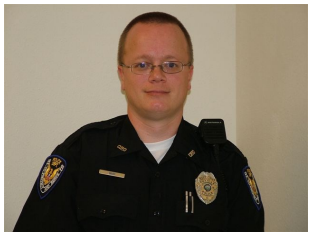
Officer Andrew Hageman with the new Police Explorer

You may have notice a new police vehicle patrolling around town with two officers inside. The vehicle is our new 2015 Explorer and the officers are Chief Joe Ward and the new member of the Calmar/Ossian Police Department Andrew Hageman. Andrew started work on July 27th and has been shadowing Police Chief Joe Ward ever since. He is scheduled to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in Johnston beginning on August 31st thru December 11th.

Andrew is the son of Merle & Darlene Hageman. He grew up on a farm between Calmar and Fort Atkinson and graduated from South Winneshiek in 2007. He attended NICC, joined the Army Reserve in 2007 and was part of the 322nd. Engineer Unit in Decorah. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011.

Andrew married Nicole DeSloover of Lawler in 2010. Before coming to work for the City of Calmar he was employed at Farmer's Union Coop in Fort Atkinson.

THE CITY OF CALMAR DOES HAVE A CURFEW!



Chief Ward wants to remind parents that the City of Calmar has a curfew. Calmar City Code, chapter 46 states as follows:

It is unlawful for any minor to be or remain upon any of the alleys, streets or public places or to be in places of business and amusement in the City between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) p.m. and five o'clock (5:00) a.m. of the following day on days commencing on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and five o'clock (5:00) a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The City of Calmar is ready to begin our "Freedom Rock" project. This site is intended to be a tribute to area service people from all branches of the military and also our emt, fire and police. We hope to have the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, US, POW and Iowa State Flags displayed around the Freedom Rock.

The EMT, fire and police will be recognized on the rock itself along with a poppy to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary. Other appropriate murals will also be painted on the rock.

The City is accepting donations to help pay for the cost of lighted flag poles, sidewalk, landscaping and benches. We will also be applying for grant funds to help with expenses. To donate contact the city clerk's office. There is only one "rock' per county, this is the Winnneshiek County "Freedom Rock military and service tribute!

Calmar's Haunted 5k Fun Run/Walk

Date: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 7pm *(registration begins at 6pm at the Depot) We will have stagger starting times*

Cost: $30 *(pre-register by Oct 6th to guarantee a shirt)*

What's Included:

- Dri-Fit Performance long-sleeve shirt
- one vote for the scariest/creative section of the trail.

Post-Race events:

- All proceeds used to fund free activities sponsored by the ***Calmar Community Club*** *such as: Christmas in Calmar, Easter Egg Hunt and Punt, Pass and Kick*

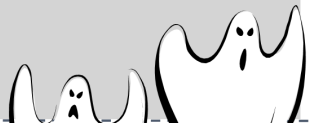
REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT: www.calmaria.com

(right side under news)

Run/Walk on the "Haunted" Farmer's Trail

Costumes are welcomed!

You'll never know what creature is lurking around the bend. Local groups will be taking their turn to scare you. At the end, you will be able to cast your vote as to which group was the scariest!



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

The week of October 5th.

You may experience variable water pressure and/or discolored water

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON

Sunday, November 1, 2015

@ 2:00 A.M.

Recipe Corner

HARVEST HASH TRAIL MIX

1 Pkg. Mini twist pretzels

1 Pkg. Bugles chips (or 2 if you like Bugles)

1/2 Box Honeycomb Cereal

1 Pkg. Candy Corn

1 Pkg. Corn Pumpkins

2 Pkg. Chex Muddy Buddy

1 Pkg. M & M's

1 Pkg Craisins

1 Pkg. Goldfish

Other options (nuts, marshmallows, popcorn, cheerios, chocolate chips)

Just mix together and serve!

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.

Trees overhanging the street need to be trimmed to a height no less than 15' above the surface of the street and 8' above the sidewalks. The best time to trim is in the fall when trees are dormant. Questions call the clerk's office

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.

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.

IOWA ONE CALL
1-800-292-8989
www.iowaonecall.com
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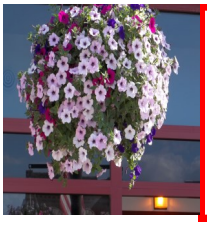


The City of Calmar gratefully acknowledges the following donations to our "Flower Fund"

Keith & Stephanie Gerlich	$ 50.00
Wesley Kuboushek (in memory of Judy Kuboushek)	$ 50.00
Randy & Lois Poshusta	$ 25.00
Kenn & Shirley Kirby	$ 100.00
Schluter-Balik Funeral Home (in memory of Dale)	$ 100.00
Rev. Donald Hawes	$ 25.00
Kathy Euans	$ 25.00
Ervin & Connie Glock	$ 25.00
Paul & Barb Posivio	$ 35.00
Earl & Judy Knutson	$ 50.00
Marcia Oltrogge	$ 50.00
Ed & Ilse Meyer (in honor of Ed & Cecil Meyer)	$ 300.00
Tom & Mary Welch (in memory of Art Rolfes)	$ 125.00
Gary Ames	$ 40.00
Don & Julie Wurtzel	$ 50.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 266	$ 35.00
(in memory of living & deceased members of the American Legion & Auxiliary)	
John & Louise Heying	$ 20.00
Dennis & Karen Kleve	$ 70.00
Calmar Corvette Club (in memory of family & friends)	$ 70.00
Wayne & Corrine Wiest	$ 35.00
Kyran & Bev Lutkenhaus	$ 40.00
Darlene Elsbernd	$ 10.00
State Bank	$ 200.00

CALMAR CITY WIDE FALL GARAGE SALES

September 24—26, 2015

South Winn Athletic Booster Club and the Calmar Commercial Club HOST the NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK competition powered by USA Football. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. at the South Winn Football Field in Calmar. This competition is FREE and open to boys and girls ages 6-15. For more information go to the booster club web page at www.southwinn.com or check them out on Facebook. Registration can be completed online at www.nflppk.com or beginning at 6 pm the night of the event. Note: no football cleats allowed, wear soft sole shoes. Top finishers in each age group will advance to a sectional competition.

TRICK—OR—TREAT IN CALMAR

Will be observed on the traditional night of October 31, 2015 from 5-7 PM

Please visit homes that have their porch light on!

IN CALMAR

October 31, 2015

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 **Calmar Commercial Club** is excited to announce that they want to enhance the structure of their organization and open membership to anyone who shares their interest in community betterment. The name has been revised to the "CALMAR COMMUNITY CLUB". More information about the group and membership application is available on the City of Calmar's Web Site, home page under NEWS!

Please consider becoming involved in YOUR community!

MONEY SAVING TIPS

WATER HEATING

Set water heater temperature no higher than 120 degrees

For households with 1 or 2 members, a 115 degree setting may work fine

Install water-heater wrap per manufacturer's instructions

Drain 1-2 gallons from bottom of water heater each year to reduce sediment build up

Install heat traps on hot and cold water lines when it's time to replace your water heater

Insulate exposed hot water lines

Limit shower length to 5-7 minutes

Install low-flow shower heads

Fix dripping faucets

Don't let water run while you are shaving

Don't let water run while brushing your teeth.

LAUNDRY

Wash clothes in cold or warm water. Use hot water only for very dirty loads

Only do full laundry loads

If you must do smaller loads, adjust the water level in the washing machine to match the load size, especially when using hot water

Always use cold-water rinse

Use bath towels at least twice before washing them

Clean your dryer's lint trap before each load

Minimize clothes drying time, use moisture sensor on dryer if available

Dry consecutive loads to harvest heat remaining in dryer from last load

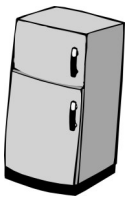
Consider using a "solar-powered" clothes dryer, an old fashioned clothes line

KITCHEN

Switch your refrigerator's power-saver to "ON" if available

Clean refrigerator coils annually

Set the refrigerator temperature to 34—37 degrees and freezer temperature to 0-5 degrees



Ensure gaskets around door seal tightly

Use microwave for cooking when possible

When cooking on the stove top, use pot lids to help food cook faster

Use a crockpot instead of simmering foods on the stove

Use cold water for garbage disposal

Only run dishwasher when fully loaded

Use air-dry cycle instead of heat-dry cycle to dry dishes

The City of Calmar is considering applying for a Tree Grant thru Black Hills Energy. Grant applications have changed and in order to apply we need the name and location where the tree will be located. Trees are limited by city code as to where and what kind can be planted. The deadline for this grant cycle is November 1st. We WILL be applying for future Tree Grants. If you would be interested in receiving a tree with these stipulations (kind and location) sign up at City Hall by October 1st. The trees (if we receive the grant) will be dispersed in the order of application. The applicant will be expected to pay a portion of the cost of the tree when it is picked up for planting.

Happenings in the City of Calmar

Our water project (new well # 5) has been drilled, the water line has been bored under the railroad siding and North street to our water treatment plant on the east side of North Street. The electrical lines will be placed under those same surfaces shortly. The pump installation and the rest of the hook ups will follow. This should be operational this fall at which time the well under the water tower will be "plugged".

We will be starting a sewer project on Jefferson and Lewis Street. This line will serve the planned "Habitat for Humanity" home to be built on Henry Street. This project will also eliminate sewer line issues on Lewis Street near the city shop area. These lines are not very deep and are likely to freeze in the winter.

The City has Annexed 20 plus acres of property north of 175th. Street along Highway 52. This will be the new site of the "Dollar General" store that is scheduled to be built the spring of 2016. A sewer and water line will be bored under 175th. Street in the spring to serve the area. The Calmar Development Corporation, Calmar Economic Development Director Don Wurtzel and the City of Calmar have been working for many months to secure suitable land for the Dollar General Store.

The Spring of 2016 should see much activity in the City of Calmar as the Iowa DOT is scheduled to begin sidewalk and surfacing work in all four directions thru the city. Current sidewalks will be replaced and made ADA compliant (where possible), the street surfaces will be overlaid with asphalt. New street light wire will be installed under the new sidewalks, solar stop sign flashers will be installed. The parking lots will also be resurfaced. Homes or businesses that have lead water lines or bad sewer or water lines will need to replace those items. Business owners that have their curb stop in the sidewalk will be required to replace them. The City will be responsible for some of these costs such as surfacing of the parking lots, parking areas, street light conduit, solar stop signs etc. The actual road surface and sidewalks along the highway will be at DOT expense. When this project is completed we will be able to enjoy these much needed improvements in our city.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

When property owners find it necessary to dig under the curb to replace /repair defective water and sewer lines and the curb settles either immediately or in the years to come, THE HOMEOWNER is responsible to replace the defective curb at their expense.

Property owners are also responsible to pay for the repair of the street to the condition it was before the excavation.

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

Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 8:00 A.M.— Noon

Let us help you cleanup your property! The City of Calmar will sponsor a City-Wide Fall-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 Fall 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.