

CALMAR NEWSLETTER

August 2004

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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CALMAR WEB SITE www.calmaria.com.

We put the monthly council agendas, minutes and other information on this site regularly.

CHECK IT OUT!

The City is scheduling an **OPEN HOUSE** at the new wastewater treatment facility (lagoon and control building)

Monday, September 20, 2004 from 4:00-7:00P.M. at the facility

The Engineers will be there to answer questions and refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and see **YOUR** new facility.

TREES

Residents are reminded that it is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to keep the trees on or overhanging the street trimmed so that branches are at least 15' above the surface of the street and 8' above the sidewalks.

JUNK VEHICLES

are unlawful within the corporate limits. This means a vehicle that has not moved under its own power for 30 days or more, has broken glass, missing parts, defective or obsolete.

THE CITY OF CALMAR HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:
calmarcc@mchsi.com

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG
IOWA ONE CALL
800-292-8989

New West Side Lift Station and Force Main Project

Bids were let at the July meeting for the new West Side Lift Station and Force Main Project. Successful bidder was Kitchen Construction.

This project will consist of the construction of a new West side 3 pump lift station in the same general area as the present west lift station. A new force main will be bored from the west lift

up south street to Melden then dug to the lagoon.

The existing force main will handle the daily flows, while the new force main will handle the high flows and pump directly to the new lagoons.

The lift station will have 10 times the pumping capacity of the old lift station and should eliminate most backups.

Water Treatment Project

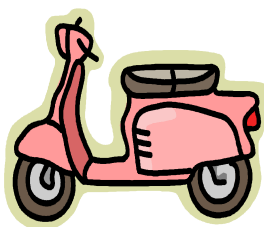
Bids will be let at a special meeting on August 23rd. For the new water treatment facility, building and pumping for well #4.



The contract should be signed after approval of the bids and work would begin almost immediately.

After completion of this project, the water from the two wells will be blended and treated at this facility and pumped to the tower to be used as needed.

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, ELECTRIFIED BICYCLES ETC.



Increasing in popularity, these products come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes, are sold by several different manufacturers, and have many names. These vehicles are often portrayed as commuter tools, something kids can use to cruise the neighborhood, or a means for making a trip to the store. While sales in Iowa are legal, these products cannot be legally operated on the streets, roadways or sidewalks. This class of vehicle generally cannot be registered. Therefore, in Iowa, operation of these vehicles while the motor is engaged is limited to private property, and then only with the landowners permission.

Calmar Area Swim Team



The Calmar Swim Team finished their season on July 18th, when they hosted the conference swim meet.

The teams of the Northeast Iowa conference include: Manchester, Monona/Postville, Elkader/Strawberry Point, Decorah,

West Union, Waukon, Cresco and Sumner. Four hundred swimmers participated in this event.

The numbers were down this season with only 52 swimmers participating for Calmar.

The team only won three dual meets this year.

The numbers were down but five individual swimmers broke pool records. They include Lindsy Franzen, Nathan Maloney, Katie Shatek, Carrie Mikota and Tanner Hageman.

Summer Street Projects



The City of Calmar is again in the process of hiring a second officer to assist Police Chief Jerry Balik.

Officer Isaac Phillips resigned to pursue other interests.

We will be sending the person who is hired to the Academy in September. This training is required before an officer can be

certified. When certified he will be working in Calmar and Os-sian.

The person who is hired will be required to sign a contract to re-pay the city for all training related expenses on a pro rated basis should he terminate his employment with the city before he has completed 4 years of employment. Reimbursement will be due the last day of employment.



Work has begun on the streets that will be surfaced this year.

The contractor is boring holes in some of the streets in an attempt to eliminate the spring frost boils that occur.

After these holes have had time to settle the street will be surfaced.

NEWS FROM THE CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Calmar Public Library has been a busy place this summer. We just finished our Summer Reading Program, "Discover New Trails @Your Library", with many children in attendance. We had stories, games, activities, crafts and even took a nature walk and were visited by two horses. The children especially enjoyed the horses, as they each got a chance to sit up on the mare and have their picture taken. We awarded prizes to the children based upon the number of books they read during the 5 week program. Our top reader was Mathew Hageman, who read a whopping 124 books! Congratulations Matt for being such a proficient "star" reader and a job well done reading this summer!

The library has been a hub of activity with patrons coming in to utilize the computers for a variety of reasons from checking e-mail to playing games to internet surfing, as well as checking out books and movies. We continue to increase our inventory of books for all ages

with some of the more popular authors and have added many new audio books as well for those patrons who enjoy listening to books on tape. We have added some "new" movies to the library and over time; plan to add more new videos and DVDs.

We still have some videos and Junior Fiction books for sale with the proceeds going toward the addition of the new children's section of the library, which is still in the planning and funding stages. Thus far this year, the library has received two grants totaling \$ 5,500.00, to be used toward the building project.

In the fall, we will resume our Preschool Story Hour and After School Program. More details with dates and times TBA in the near future. We also hope to offer after school tutoring again this year.

We had to say good-bye to our Children's Programs/Library Assistant, Fawn Benson,

who has been with us for over a year. She has gotten a new full-time job at the Calmar Courier. We hate to see her go and will miss her, but wish her the best of luck in her new job.

We will be welcoming a new face to the library to take Fawn's place. Our new Children's Programs/Library Assistant is Melissa Miller. She will begin working at the library in mid-August and is excited to begin her new job here.

Our hours remain the same

Monday through Friday from 12-6 P.M. and Saturdays from 10-1. Come in out of the heat, get a cold drink of water and check out some great books



CALMAR LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAMS

The Calmar Little League has completed a fun filled season topped off with a picnic and pool party.

Coaches this year were Brian Meyer and Jodi Luzum.

The big girls team consisted of 15 girls, and the little girls had 14 participants.

There were 3 boys teams; the big boys team had 15 participants, middle boys

13 and little boys 14.



The team played their away games first this season so the field would be in the best possible condition and the concession stand completed.

Team pictures are posted on the cities web site.

Thanks go out to all the parents, grandparents, Lions club members and other area residents who put the time and effort into completing the LITTLE LEAGUE CONCESSION STAND.

This would not have been possible without all you wonderful VOLUNTEERS.

This is a great addition to the City of Calmar and Lion's Park.

PROPER FLAG DISPOSAL



An American flag that is worn, tattered or torn is not merely to be thrown away. Flag etiquette states that flags must be disposed of through a flag burning ceremony.

If you have a flag that needs to be disposed of contact the local American Legion Post commander, Randall Poshusta 562-3659. They periodically have a flag burning ceremony and will be glad to dispose of your flag.

The local American Legion Auxiliary has 3' X 5' flag available for purchase. Contact Reggie Klimesh at 562-3381.

GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES



Sharp Trucking, who handles the garbage collection for the City of Calmar has raised their fees for residential garbage collection to \$ 10.00 effective with the July bill due on or before August 5th.

OPEN BURNING, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING

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 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

No burning on the blacktop or paved surface of any street or alley or in curbs and gutters within the City limits.



The City provides a yard waste dump site at our city shop site on Lewis Street. THIS IS FOR YARD WASTE ONLY AND NOT TO BE USED FOR ITEMS SUCH AS FURNITURE, ROCKS, CEMENT, APPLIANCES. ETC.



Recycling bins are provided across from the city shop site on East Lewis street by Spectrum for collection of cardboard, glass, newspapers, and cans. DO NOT DISPOSE OF USED OIL AT THIS SITE. Contact Klimesh Motors or Calmar Oil to dispose of used oil.

CALMAR WASTEWATER FACILITY AND SEWER RATES

As you are all aware, the new sewer rates went into effect in June. This increased the amount collected from \$ 14.50 to \$ 25.00 monthly per unit to retire our debt. The amount also increased from \$ 3.20 to \$ 6.50 per thousand gallons to treat. The \$ 25.00 is the amount we are anticipating we will need to JUST PAY THE DEBT. This payment with interest (3%) will be approximately \$ 165,000.00 yearly. The raise in fees to treat will cover the operation of the wastewater department. Our loan with the State of Iowa is for 20 years.

The calculations for this project

were done by Patrick Callahan, he is a consultant the City hired to make sure we are on the right track.

These calculations were done using projected figures regarding cost to build the plant and all other related projects. When the west lift station and force main project is complete this will finalize this project and we will again be looking at the figures. We do not anticipate another increase.

The new facility has a new 3 pump lift station, another lagoon the

same size as the previous lagoon as well as a small final cell. A control building was built to house a lab/ office area, restroom motor control center and a mechanical room.

The Department of Natural Resources mandated that the City update our facility. WE HAD NO CHOICE.

Since we started our project many other towns in the area have been required to update their facilities to get into compliance with DNR regulations also.