

CALMAR NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2005

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**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
to you
from the Mayor
City Council
and
Employees of the
City of Calmar**

CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Joe McCasland
P.O. Box 21
562-3403

Mayor Elect

(Mayor effective 1/1/06)

George Willis
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562-3288

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- **Alan Shindelar**
P. O. Box 203
562-3373
- **Tim Vondersitt**
P. O. Box 193
562-3956
- **Karen Kleve**
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- **Dave Zweibahmer**
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- **John Patrick**
P.O. Box 147
562-3270



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR-ELECT WILLIS

God has been good to our family this past year. It has certainly been a busy one. As we enter into the Holiday Season, we wish for you and your family, blessings of health and happiness. May we always remember the real meaning of Christmas and keep it's Spirit as we go about our daily lives, and as we enter the upcoming New Year.

George and Sharon Willis

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR McCASLAND



It has been an honor to serve the Calmar community as a Councilman for 10 years and Mayor for 4 years.

I would like to thank the Council members I have worked with for their dedication in working to improve the community. We have completed several major projects over the years, some popular and some not so popular even though they were all necessary.

Thank you to the Community for letting me serve them and I wish the best of luck to Mayor-elect George Willis



YOU'RE INVITED RETIREMENT COFFEE HONORING

JERRY BALIK

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

1:00—4:00 P.M. CALMAR DEPOT

SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

69:11 SNOW REMOVAL/SNOW EMERGENCY.

Whenever the City experiences a snow fall which accumulates to a depth of three inches or more, a snow emergency shall automatically be in effect and all procedures prescribed by this chapter shall be observed by all persons. The street superintendent shall utilize at his discretion all available communications media in the community to give notice to the public that a snow emergency is in effect, but failure of a person to receive such notice shall not constitute a defense to any prosecution for violation of the rules, regulations and procedures prescribed by this chapter where a snow accumulation of three inches or more has occurred.

1. While a snow emergency is in effect, curbside parking of motor vehicles shall be permitted only as follows:

A. All vehicles shall be parked on the side of the street where buildings bear even numbers, until such time as the snow has been removed or plowed from the opposite side of the street where buildings bear odd numbers, until such time as the snow has been removed or plowed from the opposite side of the street.

B. All uptown parking must be in the North lot until the South lot is cleared, then vehicles must be moved to the South lot.

C. Such plan of alternate parking shall supersede all posted parking restriction signs until the completion of snow removal from both sides of any given street within the City limits, after which regularly established parking regulations shall resume and shall be observed by all persons.

2. **Removing Violators From the Street.** In case any motor vehicle is found parked on any street or alley or parking lot in the City in violation of established or snow emergency restrictions, the Police Department or Street department or anyone under their direction is authorized to move such vehicle and to tow such vehicle to a designated impounding area at the owner's expense. When such vehicle is reclaimed by its owner, there shall be assessed, in addition to any court-imposed fine and costs, a reasonable fee for towing and storage. Neither the City nor its employees or agents designated to move vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall be responsible for any damage to such vehicle occasioned by such moving, towing or storage.

3. **Interference With Snow Removal.** Any vehicle parked or standing on any street or alley or parking lot in violation of any provision of this chapter so as to interfere with prompt and orderly snow removal is declared to be a nuisance, and in addition to being subject to removal and impounding, may be ticketed for illegal parking, and its owner, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of \$ 25.00.

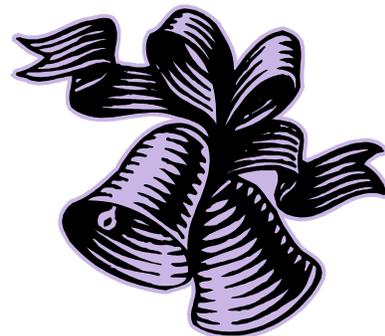
4. **Reclaiming Impounded Vehicles.** Any person who removes an impounded vehicle from any police-designated impounding area without first paying all fines, cost, towing and storage charges, is guilty of a

75.03 GENERAL REGULATIONS. No person shall operate an ATV or snowmobile within the City in violation of the provisions of Chapter 321G of the Code of Iowa or rules established by the Natural Resource Commission of the Department of Natural Resources governing their registration, numbering, equipment and manner of operation.

75.04 PLACES OF OPERATION. The operators of ATVs and snowmobiles shall comply with the following restrictions as to where ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated within the City:

1. Streets. ATVs and snowmobiles shall be operated only upon streets which have not been plowed during the snow season and on such other streets as may be designated by resolution of the Council. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[4a]*)
2. Exceptions. ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated on prohibited streets only under the following circumstances:
3. Emergencies. ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated on any street in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicles impractical.

Except for the above mentioned exception all snowmobiles must travel on the approved snowmobile route. Maps of the route may be obtained at the city clerk's office.

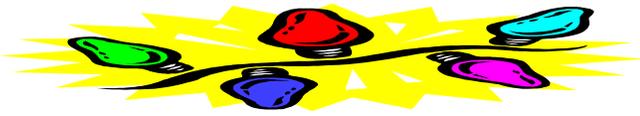


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WATER TREATMENT PROJECT

The water treatment project is **FINALLY** completed. The total cost of the project from drilling the well to completion of the water treatment building was a little over one million dollars. The well was drilled in 2001 and water began flowing into the Calmar water system in October 2005. The treatment plant on West North Street is a nice looking facility. The water from both wells is being treated and blended at this facility before it enters the distribution system. The project is being paid for by TIF (tax increment financing). There will NOT be an increase in property taxes and there will NOT be an increase in water user fees.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Expansion for Children's Room

With over 40% of the Calmar Library users being children or youth, two years ago the Library Board of Trustees decided to expand the library by constructing a Children's Room (dedicated to them). This room would fill in the space on the west side of the complex between the original library and the former Miller Medical Clinic..

The original plan would have added about 350 square feet of additional floor space. Then representatives of the city council persuaded the Library Board to expand the space so the city offices could ultimately be moved to the library building. (The city police department has been in the old clinic building a few years already). The expansion of space would result in the building being squared up and would add a total of 679 square feet of space for children.

The Library board set themselves a challenge of getting funds from sources outside of the city and not to use any tax money for the project. Dr. Darrel Hoff wrote grant proposals to: the R.J. McElroy Trust, Farm Bureau, the Decorah Depot Outlet, the Decorah

Area Foundation and Thrivent. In addition, we received a substantial gift from the Patricia Balk Family in her memory and a larger gift from the children of Sonny and Marian Meyer in their memory.

The original bid for the construction was \$ 42,112, but with the expansion devised and promoted by the City representatives, the total came to \$ 47,133.

Plans are not yet complete for a dedication, but invitations and announcements will be sent out when the time comes..

We extend special thanks to Dr. Darrel Hoff for his efforts to obtain grants and his dedication and supervision of the project from start to finish.

Also thanks to the volunteers that helped in any way to complete this wonderful addition.

Be sure and stop in and see this new Children's Room addition to the Calmar Library!

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Police Chief Jerry Balik has announced his plans to retire from the Calmar Police Department. He gave his required 90 day written notice effective November 1, 2005. He has been with the Calmar Police Department since 4-1-91.

Efforts are now underway to hire a second officer to keep the department a two person department. Applications were accepted until November 30th. Plans are to have someone hired and in place around the first of the year. Anyone hired that is not a certified officer is required to attend and complete the course at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

During the winter months city employees will be remodeling and updating the Police Department, installing new doors, windows, flooring and office equipment.

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SPECIAL THANKS

The City extends special thanks to Emily Hoffert for all her help with the City Newsletters.

She helps with the proofing, stamping, folding, stuffing, labeling etc. She does this as a donation to the City.