



CITY OF CALMAR

April 2007 Newsletter

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PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall.....562-3154
Street Department...562-3349
Library.....562-3010
Fire Dept. Mtg. Rm...562-3575
Police Department...562-3224
Sheriff Dept.....800-632-5976
Water/SewerDept.....562-3150
Swimming Pool.....562-3148
To report fire, accident, or
emergency.....911

City Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except Monday holidays, the meeting will then be held on the following Tuesday. The City welcomes anyone to attend.

The printed agenda of upcoming meetings is posted the Friday before the meeting at the Post Office and the window of the Clerk's office. It is also available on the web site.

If you wish to be placed on the agenda for a Council Meeting, please call City Hall, 562-3154 no later than 12:00 p.m. the Thursday before the Monday meeting.

Council Minutes are published in a timely fashion in the Calmar Courier and posted on the cities website



"IOWA ONE CALL"

Remember to Call Before You Dig!

The toll free phone number is
1-800-292-8989

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Tornado / Storm Sirens

Since tornado weather is with us, we want to provide the following information on storm/tornado sirens. A continuous steady tone for three minutes indicates: The confirmed sighting of a funnel cloud or tornado-like winds (straight winds) that are known to 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.



Calmar Firemen's Dance
May 5, 2007

Featuring the
"WHITESIDEWALLS"
At the Inwood in Spillville
\$ 6.00 in advance &
\$ 8.00 at the door

The Firemen will sound the
siren at 6:00 P.M. on
April 18th to sell their dance
tickets door to door.
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

A NOTE ABOUT YARD WASTE

JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR YARD WASTE SITE IS JUST THAT FOR YARD WASTE. SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO FIND ITEMS THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER CLOSING THE SITE OR HAVING IT OPEN ONLY ONE DAY A WEEK AS A MONITORED SITE.



Sidewalk Reminder

If you didn't get your sidewalk repair done last summer/fall NOW is the time to get it taken care of.

Take a look at your sidewalk to see if repairs are needed, we WILL be checking that repairs have been made and looking at the sidewalks again to see if additional repairs are needed.

If you have questions call the clerk's office and we'll get an answer for you.



This summer at the Calmar City Pool is going to be a summer of adjustment and change. The first change was myself Jennifer Johnson, being named the new manager. I am very excited and thrilled to be in this position. I have many ideas I want to incorporate into the existing way of daily operations. The pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend on May 26th.

The biggest change on the part of the lifeguards will be the new uniform policy. I have implemented this policy to join the guards as a team. I also felt that the City was putting itself at a huge risk management issue having its guards wearing any suit and looking like a patron of the pool. We need our guards out on deck in matching Red Guard uniforms so they are noticeable to the public in case of an emergency.

A Lifeguard Training Course is being offered at the Calmar Pool this year for those who wish to be trained. The cost of the course will be \$100 which includes the participant manual and a CPR mask. A lifeguard candidate must be 15 years of age by May 25th to take this class. The course will begin in the next couple of weeks, so please contact myself at (319) 361-8532 for any information regarding the Lifeguard Training Course.

Another change is the running of candy sales. This summer we will be moving all the concession equipment into the guard house. We will be adding pizza, chips, and frozen treats to the list of candy and pop we currently sell. We are hoping to sell more in concessions to aid in any mechanical malfunctions that will need fixed come the end of the summer.

This year general admission will be \$2.00 for all ages. The baby pool is free, but all children who are not potty trained must wear "Little Swimmers" diapers, which can be purchased at the pool for a small fee. Family passes are available for up to 4 swimmers for a cost of \$150.00, and more than 4 swimmers for a cost of

\$175.00. Individual passes are available for \$65.00. Family passes are for your immediate family only. This does not include your neighbor, babysitter or relatives who come and visit during the summer. You may purchase the passes at the pool on or after opening day.

Don't forget about renting the pool for birthday or group parties. The first hour is \$100.00 and each additional hour is \$50.00. All pool parties are available for up to three hours beginning at 7pm.

Low Attendance and weather conditions--When the pool has ten or fewer swimmers during the day or evening, the pool will close. The pool will also close if the daily temperature is 65 degrees or cooler. If the manager or head lifeguard decide to close the pool, the swimmers will be informed that the pool will close in 1/2 hour.

I hope to offer Water Aerobic Classes again this year starting mid June. Also, lap swimming will be offered during the family swim time for anyone who wishes to use it. Please call if you're interested in Water Aerobic Classes and/or lap swim.

This year we are going to offer swimming lessons a little differently. This years schedule will be different from previous years. We will no longer be offering a specific two week session for each town. Instead we are offering different levels of lessons throughout the entire summer for anyone who wishes to participate. We hope this will make it easier for parents who wish to have their children in lessons all summer to improve their swimming abilities. Fees for swimming lessons will be \$25.00 per session. Lessons are first come first serve so sign up early. You must sign up and pay before the lesson starts. If you have any questions, please contact me at 319-361-8532 or the Calmar Pool 562-3148 after opening day.

Session 1: June 4 - June 15

Session 2: June 18 - June 29

No Lessons during the week of July 4th
Session 3: July 9 - July 20 - Ossian running bus

Session 4: July 23 - August 3 - Turkey Valley running bus

Level 1 & 2 will swap times for Sessions 2 & 4.

Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills
9:00 - 9:45 & 11:00 - 11:45

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills
10:00 - 10:45

Level 3: Stroke Development
9:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 10:45 & 11:00 - 11:45

Level 4: Stroke Improvement
9:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 10:45 & 11:00 - 11:45

Level 5: Stroke Refinement
9:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 10:45

Level 6: Personal Water Safety/Lifeguard Readiness
10:00 - 10:45 & 11:00 - 11:45

Levels and times will remain the same for all sessions

During Sessions 2 & 3 there will be a Parent/Infant class at 5:15 - 5:45 P.M.

Lessons will be held Monday - Friday for 45 minutes each day for two weeks. Any lessons cancelled due to weather or mechanical problems will be made up the following Saturday at the same time.



SPRING IS HERE!

Let's be PROUD of OUR TOWN. Spring is time to spruce up. Clean up your yards and remove the things you have "laying around" that look unsightly and no longer need.

The CALMAR CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY is May 12, 2007.

Anyone wishing to dispose of large items and appliances can do so by calling Malcom Enterprises and requesting a pick up.

The fees for appliances, televisions, microwaves, etc. are \$ 25.00. Other large items such as recliners, couches, mattresses etc. can also be picked up for \$ 7.50 per item. They will pick up a reasonable amount of other items at no additional cost.

Call by MAY 5th. TO ARRANGE FOR PICK UP. Call 563-379-1626

Items not accepted are, concrete, bricks, yard waste, anti-freeze, motor oil, herbicides, tires, cars, shingles etc. **If you have a question concerning what will be accepted call them and ask.**

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY. CALL THE CALMAR COURIER TO HAVE YOUR GARAGE SALE PLACED ON THE MAP

Burning within City Limits"



Just a reminder

Burning of leaves shall be allowed from April 1st through May 15th and from September 15th through November 15th, providing that such burning shall only occur during the specified months between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) p.m., and further provided that an adult is present at all times to supervise the burning. No burning shall be allowed on the blacktop or paved surface of any street or alley or



in curbs and gutters within the City limits

The First Calmar Farmers' Day 1909



This year Farmers Day is scheduled for June 23, 2007. There will again be a parade, kids games, bands, fun run and MORE. The 2007 theme has not yet been decided.



A WORD FROM
MAYOR WILLIS

Spring is here and we have many new things going on here in Calmar and the surrounding communities.

Please watch the newspaper, listen to the radio, and watch the local access channel for more information.

Also, remember to support our local firemen as they are asking for our support this year with the Firemen's Dance. Also the Pave the Way fundraiser the following week.

Also with spring comes travel and outdoor activities, remember be safe and have an enjoyable summer.

FROM POLICE CHIEF
RON WERNER

SPRING TIME, a great time of the year, we've made it through another winter and everyone is glad to see the snow disappear.

Soon many of the citizens will be spending a lot of time outside, performing spring yard work and enjoying outside activities.

This brings me to an important topic, for both the citizens of Calmar and visitors to the community. Spring clean up or as I refer to as CIVIC PRIDE. Take some time this spring and show your CIVIC PRIDE. Take the time to clean up debris from your residence and surrounding areas. Walk through the alleys picking up garbage, make a trip around the block with a bucket and collect garbage. At my house we make it a competition to see who can

collect the most garbage. It's a great family activity. Remove junk and abandoned vehicles and unwanted items from your residence or business.

It is going to become very important for the community to display CIVIC PRIDE. The citizens and community need to change the reputation of Calmar to attract visitors from outside the area. As many of you know several folks have been working very hard on getting the bike trail hard surfaced, which will be an awesome benefit for the community. However the community needs to do their part in this project and show visitors a clean friendly community.

To assist in the CIVIC PRIDE, the Police department will be proactively identifying and taking the necessary action to abate nuisances in the residential and business areas. Your cooperation in abating any nuisances would be greatly appreciated and show that you have CIVIC PRIDE!

KIDS, REMEMBER...WHEELS UNDER YOU AND HELMET ON TOP.

The seat belt law has been in place for 22 years and the fine is \$ 83.00.

Over 90% of traffic accidents occur at a traffic control device.

Over 50% of the people killed in traffic accidents are NOT wearing seatbelts.

Unbelted persons brought into emergency rooms were 3 times more likely to be hospitalized, 8 times more likely to suffer head injuries and incurred 3 times more medical costs than belted persons.

Iowans are saving at least \$69 million annually due to the safety belt law.

Iowans save an estimated \$ 11 million per year in insurance premiums because of the safety belt law.



**Update on PAVE THE WAY
By Jim Buchheit**

The Pave the Way committee has negotiated a \$450,000 Iowa CAT Grant that will require a local match of \$115,000. This is a challenging but achievable goal for our communities.

Erdman Engineering has been contracted to do the design specs for the paving project. Bids are to be let sometime in August with completion of the project set for late October.

Fundraising continues with Bricks, Pavers, Mile markets etc.

that you can purchase just by contacting Security State Bank for a form.

By the way, Security State Bank matched the net proceeds of \$18,000 generated by the Pave the Way Banquet. A BIG Thank You for all who helped with this very successful fundraiser.

The Pave the Way committee is planning a "BACK HOME BOYS" Dance at the Inwood in Spillville on May 12th. from 9-1. Tickets will be \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. There will be a raffle of 6 really special items including an infield package to the races at Newton and a quilt. The raffle will be during the dance. Plan NOW to help support this next PAVE THE WAY project.

Calmar Historical Preservation

The Calmar Historical Preservation Committee has been successful in obtaining a \$3,000 Winneshiek County Gaming Grant. The grant was written requesting funds to make updates to the restroom and/or heating system in the Depot. The grant stressed that the Depot is an important part of the history of Calmar and also important to the Trail Project as it is at the Calmar Trailhead.