



CITY OF CALMAR

Winter 2008 Newsletter

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Am sorry to say that it is the time of the year to do our annual reminder of snow removal policies in the CITY OF CALMAR.

If you have a **sidewalk** in front or aside of your house in the Calmar City limits **IT NEEDS TO BE KEPT FREE OF SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATIONS!**

Our code states it is YOUR responsibility. You have a reasonable time (within 24 hours of cessation of snow fall or the forming of ice) If you do not shovel or remove the snow and ice the city may do so and bill you or assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

Whenever the City experiences a snow fall which accumulates to a dept of 3" or more, a snow emergency will automatically be in effect and all procedures will be in effect and must be observed by all persons. When a snow emergency is in effect all vehicles shall be parked on the even numbered side of the street until the snow has been removed, then vehicles are to be moved to the odd side of the street. Vehicles are to park in the North lot uptown until the south lot is cleared and then vehicles are to be moved to the South lot. The fine for violating the snow removal policy is \$ 25.00. If you have questions about our snow removal policy please contact the clerk or police chief.

It is very difficult for our personnel to plow snow around parked vehicles and keep the streets in good condition.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE RULES AND MAKE WINTER EASIER FOR ALL OF US!



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Get up-to-date information: agendas; minutes,
and the Calmar City Code online!
Cities email address: calmarcc@mchsi.com



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/Sewer Dept.....562-3150**
- Swimming Pool.....562-3148**
- To report fire, accident or
emergency.....911**

Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail



You will have noticed that the trail is



completed within the city limits of Calmar FINALLY!

The hard surface is down, the shouldering done, grass growing, gazebo placed on a concrete base, and the parking lot east of the trail head hard surfaced. There are still things to be done, the bricks and pavers need to be put in place and more work on the trail head. The trail between the depot and Charles Street was moved many feet to the north, the hill cut down and the area landscaped. We feel it looks great and will also be a great area attraction.

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Display your house numbers

We have noticed that many homes and businesses have house numbers that haven't in the past. EVERY house or business needs to comply with these regulations for lots of reasons but the main one being the ease to locate your building in an emergency. The police department will continue to post notices where there are no numbers present or they are difficult to see. If you get a notice and have a question, please let us know.



**Mayor McCasland, the city council, and city employees wish you a
HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
SAFE AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR!**

Dawn Wagner



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Calmar City Council has appointed Officer Joe Ward to replace Ron Werner as Police Chief. The appointment took effect as of October 6, 2008. After the resignation of Ron Werner the city began the procedure to hire another officer. After the process of testing and interviews the council approved the hiring of Dawn Wagner. Dawn accepted the position and began her duties on November 15th. She will be in training with Chief Ward until she begins her studies at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on January 5, 2009. The Academy is a 13 week program that will cover all the things a police officer needs to know. Dawn grew up in Clermont and graduated from Valley High School in 2000. She attended classes at NICC and joined the Army Reserves. She has served on active duty in Iraq and attended NICC and studied criminal justice upon her return. Dawn currently lives in Ossian and is engaged to be married this summer. Please Welcome Dawn and make her feel at home in our community.



**RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED
TO
SHOVEL OUT THE FIRE HYDRANT
NEAR YOUR HOME THIS WINTER.
FOR YOUR PROTECTION, YOUR
FAMILIES PROTECTION AND
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
PROTECTION!**



SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

ATV's and Snowmobiles shall be operated only upon streets which have not been plowed during the snow season and on such other streets designated as the Snowmobile Route (maps are available at the Clerk's office) or during an emergency when snow upon the roadway renders travel by convention motor vehicles impractical.



SANTA IS COMING TO CALMAR

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Calmar Public Library**

Bring your camera and Letters to Santa!

(Sponsored by the Calmar Commercial Club)



Happenings at the Calmar Public Library

In recent months, Calmar Public Library has experienced changes, some of which are very visible. First of all, new Laminate and vinyl flooring has been installed in the main portion of the library replacing the carpeting that was there since the library opened at its present location in 1991. Funding for the new flooring was provided by grant money from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation along with other funds from the library's T & A account. The library was closed for 5 days at the end of September so that the carpeting could be removed and the new flooring installed. In addition, the entryway and circulation desk portions of the library

received a new coat of paint to update its look. Other minor decorating changes have taken place as well. The new flooring is certainly a welcome change, giving the library a whole new look.

After serving for 41 years on the Library Board of Trustees, Marian Miller resigned her position in September when she and her husband, Garfield "Doc" Miller moved into the "Traditions" assisted living facility in West Union. A retirement gathering was held in her honor on September 20th. With many friends in attendance to congratulate her on her many years of service to the library and community in general and to wish her well in her new venture. Following Marian's resignation, Kay Heying of Calmar filled the vacancy on the library board when she was appointed by the City council at their meeting in October. Kay is a faithful supporter of the library and avid reader and a long-standing member of the community. We welcome her to the library board and look forward to her serving on the board for many years.

We had a very successful Summer Reading Program this year with an average attendance of 30-35 children each of the ten days we held the program this past July and August. This year's theme was "Catch the Reading Bug" and it was one of the most popular programs in recent years. Nicole Ondrashek, Children's Librarian spearheaded the program and did a great job.

There are many new books at the library for all ages from pre-school up through adults. Come and check out all the newest titles. In addition, the library continues to provide audio books, videos, and DVD's for checkout.

Future plans for the library include Library Director Linda Crossland attending classes from the State Library

of Iowa funded by a grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, providing instruction in creating a web site for the library, probably beginning in February 2009. After attending the classes, Linda will be able to create a web page providing information to Calmar and the surrounding areas about the services provided by the library as well as an on-line listing of books and materials in the library. Look for more information about this new service being offered in 2009.

Library Hours are Monday - Friday from 12 - 6 and Saturdays from 10 - 1. Come in and check out the new look at the library and take advantage of the many services your local library provides.



It's the heating season and now is the time to be sure and check your chimney for any possible blockages. Replace your furnace filters and be sure to have your furnaces checked regularly for your safety. If

you didn't change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors do it now.



The City of Calmar has installed a new storm siren at the Calmar Lion's Park. This siren is a revolving siren and was installed to give better protection to the people in the

northern part of the city. An identical siren is scheduled to be installed shortly replacing an old outdated siren west of the post office uptown. After the siren uptown is installed it will be programmed to again sound a "noon whistle". The sounding of the siren at noon will replace the fire departments twice monthly siren test on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:00 P.M. These sirens are STORM SIRENS and should only sound when bad weather or an emergency occurs. Twice recently these sirens were sounded in error when the Calmar Fire Department was paged for a jaws call. The switches for the pagers and sirens are positioned next to each other at the Decorah dispatch center. When the sirens sounded recently, they were turned on by dispatch in error. Most of the time they don't even realize that they were sounded in error until someone locally calls and tells them the sirens are blowing. There are now four sirens to alert Calmar citizens, one at Lion's Park, behind the Calmar post office, the west lift station on South Street and at the NICC campus.



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