



# City of Calmar Newsletter

November 2009

## 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**  
**Alliant Energy.....1-800-Alliant**  
**Black Hills Energy... ..1-888-890-5554**

## Elected Officials:

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Mayor Pro-tem</b>
Joe McCasland	Larry Huinker
P.O. Box 21	702 W. Clark St.
562-3403	562-3963

## Council Members

Luther Anderson	Corey Meyer
P.O. Box 125	P.O. Box 101
562-3625	562-3254
Isaac Phillips	Dave Zweibahmer
P.O. Box 591	P.O. Box 389
562-4857	562-3141

## Recipe Corner

### Pilgrim Hat Cookies

- 1 cup vanilla frosting
- Yellow food coloring (if desired)
- 32 miniature peanut butter cups
- 1 pkg. fudge-striped cookies
- 32 pieces orange mini Chiclets gum

in a bowl combine frosting & food coloring, remove liners from peanut butter cups, holding bottom of cup dip top in frosting, position over center hole of cookie, cookie should be chocolate side up, the frosting forms the hatband the chiclets gum is the buckle on the hat



## A Few Winter Weather Reminders

Oh-oh!



Looks like someone forgot to read up on Calmar's Snow Ordinance.

With winter weather approaching, it is **important** for us all to be reminded about the City of Calmar's snow procedures.

**A SNOW EMERGENCY** will automatically be in effect when the City experiences a snow fall which accumulates to a depth of 3" or more. At this time 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 then vehicles are to be moved to the South lot. The fine for violating the snow removal policy

is \$ 25.00. Snow removal can be very challenging for our Public Works Department. Our goal is to remove snow and ice from the streets safely and quickly. Please help by following the rules.

**SIDEWALKS**, if you have a sidewalk in front or aside of your house in the City of Calmar the sidewalk **NEEDS TO BE KEPT FREE OF SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATIONS**, (within 24 hours of cessation of snow fall or the forming of ice) **If you have it you shovel it!!** We need to treat all our residents the same, it is hard to tell one person they have to shovel when someone else doesn't. Therefore, we will be treating everyone the same and enforcing our ordinances!

**DUMPING OF SNOW** it is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley.



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

# Trees, Shrubs, Dogs and the Meter Reader!



Trees, Shrubs and dogs are always a challenge for our meter reader and the meter readers from the electric and gas company.

In the winter snow and ice make it even more difficult.

Our meter reader needs to be able to get a read from the meter touch pad on the outside of your building. Please trim shrubs away from the meter pad if at all possible and keep dogs away from the meter pad or inside when meters are being read. (usually between the 3rd. and 10th. of each month). Also if possible, shovel a path to your meters for the meter reader.



Dialing 911 is for an **EMERGENCY**

**ONLY.** If you have a non-emergency or wish to report a non-emergency issue you **DO NOT** dial 911. The Sheriff Department's 24 hour dispatch number is 563-382-4268 or 800-632-5976, extension 0.



## POLICE NEWS

According to Police Chief Joe Ward there has been an increase in the number of thefts from vehicles and garages in the city and surrounding areas. He advises that residents keep garage doors closed during the day and night. Also remove all valuable items from your vehicle and keep them locked especially if they are not securely enclosed in a garage.

The City Of Calmar will have a new officer starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. Lance Peters has been hired to fill the second officer position. Please welcome him to the community. Officer Peters will be attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in January for thirteen weeks.

A reminder also that we are approaching that time of year again for snow removal. Cars should be parked on the even side of the street until plowed then moved to the odd side of the street. A warning will be given on the first occurrence anything after that will be ticketed and possibly towed at the owner's expense. You have twenty four hours to shovel your sidewalk and remove ice buildup from sidewalks as well. You will receive a notice on your door of the violation and subject to fine for the violation under city ordinances.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

## City Election Results

City election resulted in Joe McCasland being re-elected as Mayor. Isaac Phillips re-elected to the city council. Dennis Kleve was a write-in for city council. He has accepted the position. These people will be sworn in at the December 2009 council meeting and their term will begin on January 1, 2010.



*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.*

## Street Lights Not Working?

Do you know of places where street lights are not working? Maybe they flicker off and on, or it's just plain dark where it shouldn't be.



Please contact Alliant Energy at 1-800 Alliant or go online at [alliantenergy.com](http://alliantenergy.com), on the right hand side of the page you will see [customer quick links](#), click on [report an outage](#) and then go to the middle of the page and click on [report a street light outage on line](#) and fill in the blanks of requested information and hit submit.



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from the

IOWA STATE PATROL AND  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

You can get [travel information](#) and [winter weather driving conditions](#) by dialing this number from any land line or cell phone. Information is also available online at [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org)

Also [coming soon](#) will be a local road report available by dialing 563-382-8084.



**Congratulations  
South Winneshiek  
Warrior Football on  
your successful season!**

## 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 conventional motor vehicles impractical.*

The City of Calmar DOES provide six months FREE water and sewer service as an incentive to any NEW business that would locate to Calmar. Please support YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES! They are VITAL to our community.

## SANTA IS COMING TO CALMAR



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Calmar Public Library

Bring your camera and letters to Santa

Cookie Decorating Contest

Sponsored by the Calmar Commercial Club and the Calmar Public Library

**Visit the City website: [www.calmaria.com](http://www.calmaria.com)  
Get up-to-date information: agendas; minutes, and the Calmar City Code online!**

**Cities email address:  
[calmarcc@mchsi.com](mailto:calmarcc@mchsi.com)**

**CITY OF CALMAR**  
**P.O. BOX 268**  
**CALMAR, IA 52132**

## **CALMAR LIBRARY NEWS**



The Calmar Public Library is pleased to announce the return of Preschool Story Hour, beginning Wednesday, December 2nd. And Thursday, December 3rd. Times for the sessions will be 10:00—11:00 A.M. each day. Sessions on Wednesday are for children 2 1/2—3 years of age and sessions on Thursdays are for children ages 4-5. We will have story time, crafts, activities, and snacks. For further information, please contact Linda Crossland at the library at 562-3010. We look forward to having your children attend story hours.

It will soon be December and that means special events at the library. “Santa @ the Library” is planned for Saturday, December 5th. From 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Santa will be visiting us here and will be glad to have your child come to visit. Children may turn in letters to Santa at that time as well. We will also have our popular “Cookie Decorating” in the main portion of the library while children are waiting to visit Santa. Be sure and bring your camera for pictures. Also during the month of December, we will again host “Lights for Life”, from Winneshiek Medical Center, where lights on our tree will be turned on in memory or honor of a loved one. For further information about this program at the library, you can either contact the Winneshiek Medical Center or the library.

Work continues on the library’s new web site. Library director, Linda Crossland has been creating the web site with the assistance of the State Library of Iowa and hopes to have it completed soon with updates made as needed. You can visit the web site at [www.calmar.lib.ia.us](http://www.calmar.lib.ia.us)

Be sure to come in and check out the new books in all age groups at the library. We have something for everyone. Library hours are Monday—Friday, 12-6 and Saturday from 10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. We also have a new book discussion group that has just formed, called “Let’s Talk About It” book group. This group is planning to meet once a month and welcomes new attendees. For more information contact Linda at the library.



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

