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Dave Zweibahmer



Flower Donations

The City thanks the following for their donation to our flower fund

Ed & Ilse Meyer in memory of Verna & Fred Meyer \$ 100.00

Peter & Alma Meyer family in memory of Gary Bell \$ 35.00

We extend a sincere THANK YOU to Corey Meyer for his 2 years of dedication to the City of Calmar as Mayor and his four years as a City Council member.

Also a sincere THANK YOU to Isaac Phillips for his six years of dedication as a City Council member



Police

Joe Ward, Police Chief

Lance Peters, Patrol Officer

101 S. Washington St.

563-562-3224 (non -emergency)

911 (emergency)



Public Works

Junior Boyer, Superintendent

101 S. Washington ST.

319-361-2506 (cell)

Water/Wastewater

Matt Bullerman, Superintendent

101 S. Washington St.

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Public Library

Linda Crossland, Library Director

101 S. Washington St.

563-562-3010

Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri.

Saturday 10 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Calmar Swimming Pool

Annie Rude, Manager

Hwy 24

562-563-3148

319-361-8532 (cell)

The City of Calmar
Mayor

City Council and
City Employees

wish you a



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Are You ready for..

Winter

We're into the heavy coats, boots, ice, snow and COLD season. Maybe we won't have any of that this season ... but if we do be **PREPARED!** If you usually park your car on the street, do you know where you are going to park when the Snow Ordinance goes into effect? If you can, remove vehicles from the street parking areas during a winter storm. The snow plow is much more effective when they can pass through the streets easily and straight along the side of the road.



The snow plow deposits the snow along side of the road. This means that you will have snow placed in the area of your driveway, mailbox and sidewalk. The City may make multiple passes to keep the street area clear. This may require you to clean these areas more than once for each storm. There is no way to avoid this snow placement.

Snowmobiles.....are to be operated on streets that have NOT been plowed, OR on such streets designated as the SNOWMOBILE route OR during an emergency when snow upon the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicles impractical. Do not ride over private property. This isn't your property, and you do not have a right to be there. Do not ride over sidewalks. Snowmobile trail maps are available at the Clerk's Office, Calmar Police Department, and Drilling All Season Sports.



It is the responsibility of the abutting owner to remove snow, ice and accumulations from sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours accumulation. If the property owner does not remove snow, ice, and accumulation the City may do so at the owners' liability and assess the cost against the property owner. You will be notified and given one warning; either a door posting or a visit /call from the police department. If the accumulation or snow or ice isn't removed after this notification the City will take action to correct the problem at your expense. **Remember when you move snow, blow snow or shovel. It is unlawful for any person to throw or push snow or ice from private property onto any street or alley OR the property of your neighbor.**

A SNOW EMERGENCY

is when snow fall accumulates to 3" or more. At this time vehicles shall park on the even side of the street until snow is removed, then move vehicles to the odd side of the street. **SNOW REMOVAL** is always a challenge. We strive to remove snow and ice safely and as quickly as possible. **PLEASE HELP BY FOLLOWING THE RULES.**



THERE ARE NEW RULES IN EFFECT REGARDING THE NORTH AND SOUTH LOTS ON THE SQUARE AND MAIN AND MARYVILLE STREETS...THERE IS NO PARKING FROM 2:00 A.M.— 6:00 A.M. FROM NOVEMBER 1ST. THRU APRIL 1ST. (this is all of the time not just when it snows) Parking is available in the new parking lot adjacent to Washington & Clark Street.

The fine for violations is \$ 25.00. OFFENDING VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

Surviving Winter



-It is important for us to prepare for the power of winter storms.

It is also important to check and winterize your vehicles before the winter season begins. Keep your gas tank nearly full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. Make sure your car's battery is in good shape – cold temperatures can reduce the effectiveness of a battery by 50 percent.

If expecting adverse weather during your trip, tell someone at both ends of your journey where you are going and the route you intend to take. Report your safe arrival. Make certain that both parties have your cell phone number and license plate number before you start your trip.

Here are some Driving tips. Be gentle with both the accelerator and brake. Don't use cruise control in wintry conditions. Don't be overly confident in your four-wheel drive vehicle. You may get going quicker than others but you can't stop faster. Four-wheel drive vehicles can lose traction as quickly as two-wheel drive.

Carry a winter storm survival kit in the back seat of your vehicle (in case your trunk jams or is frozen shut) that includes:

- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Shovel, tools, booster cables and windshield scraper
- High-calorie non-perishable food (raisins, candy bars, energy/protein bars, etc.)
- Sand or cat litter to use for traction
- Cell phone adapter

Safety First - Stay Informed

The National Weather Service (NWS) issues winter storm warnings and watches. Here's what they mean and what you should do.

Winter Storm Watch – Winter storm conditions (heavy snow, sleet and freezing rain) are possible within the next 36-48 hours. Continue monitoring the weather forecast.

Winter Storm or Ice Storm Warning – A significant winter event is occurring or will begin in the next 24 hours. The combination of snow, sleet, freezing rain and moderate winds will impact travel and outdoor activities. An Ice Storm Warning is issued when mostly freezing rain is expected with ice accumulations of 1/4 inch or more within a 12-hour period. Take necessary precautions – consider canceling travel plans.

Blizzard Warning – A dangerous event with winds that are 35 mph or greater in combination with falling and/or blowing snow that reduces visibility to 1/4 mile or less for a duration of at least 3 hours.



The Calmar Fire Department would like to remind you to clear snow away from fire hydrants as you shovel and plow sidewalks and driveways. When recovering from a major snowfall, it's easy to forget emergency responders not only need access to your front door, but to the equipment that will help save your home in the event of an emergency.

RECIPE Corner

BACON BREAD

Ingredients

12 bacon strips, diced
 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen bread dough, thawed
 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
 1 envelope (1 ounce) ranch salad dressing mix



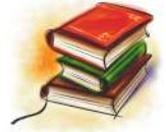
Directions

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat for 5 minutes or until partially cooked; drain on paper towels. Roll out dough to 1/2-in. thickness; brush with 1 tablespoon of oil. Cut into 1-in. pieces; place in a large bowl. Add the bacon, cheese, dressing mix and remaining oil; toss to coat.

Arrange pieces in a 9-in. x 5-in. oval on a greased baking sheet, layering as needed. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes or until doubled.

Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Cover with foil; bake 5-10 minutes longer or until golden brown. Yield: 1 loaf.

Our Calmar Library has a new surface on their west and north



walls. Siding has been installed on the bottom half and spray foam insulation on the top half. The surface has been painted and is ready for some type of mural to be applied in the spring.

Are YOU an artist or know of one that might want to design and paint an appropriate mural on this wall? If so, notify Linda at the library.

While painting murals across the country Ray “Bubba” Sorensen had the idea of spreading the message of The Freedom Rock to other small communities across Iowa. The idea in part came from the 99 county tours that both Sen. Grassley and journalist Kyle Munson took part in, and so the Freedom Rock Tour was born.



For the next few summers Sorensen and his family will travel the state of Iowa to put a (smaller and unique to their area) Freedom Rock in each county.

As we may have mentioned earlier, the City of Calmar has applied for, paid the deposit and has been selected to have the Winneshiek County “FREEDOM” ROCK.

Sorensen has scheduled the Winneshiek County, Calmar Freedom rock for 2017.

The City of Calmar needs to locate and place our rock. If anyone knows of a LARGE rock that could be used for this purpose let us know.

We will also have to come up with a drawing of what we want painted on this rock, thoughts are to recognize service (fire, police, emt) and veterans into the design.



FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

My first article as mayor related to the fact of all the attributes that bless our community and how

we have cohesively rallied around these foundations to make our town a locale where folks want to live, thrive and prosper. In reflection of that time two years ago I am taken back by all we have done in that short time as a community. We joined together through a couple trying events in the community and most importantly when we had the opportunity to showcase ourselves triumphantly as we have stepped up and proudly proclaimed “We are...CALMAR, We are...CALMAR, We are...CALMAR” when the spotlight has been shown upon our community members! Our visioning project revealed the unified community support to continue the investment into the betterment of Calmar; dedicated investment into the infrastructure of our community, we enjoyed some exciting community events and we solidified our partnerships with keystone allies NICC and Upper Explorerland to name a few.

I want to thank all the community members, city employees, council members, various board members, institution/government partners, friends, and my family that made my time as Mayor such a rewarding experience. Albeit, not every day was rosy, we as a community and myself learned from the life experiences that make us all different like the winter snowflakes that are upon us; yet unified we become a beautiful landscape that together in the spring will melt together to feed a new beginning. Again thank you all!



Keep Warm and Safe this winter



Frostbite is damage to body tissue caused by extreme cold. A wind chill around – 20°F could cause frostbite in just 15 minutes or less. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear tips or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, seek medical care immediately!

Hypothermia is a condition that develops when the body temperature drops below 95°F. It is very deadly. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, disorientation, slurred speech and drowsiness. Seek medical care immediately!

Overexertion is dangerous. Cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a car can bring on a heart attack or make an existing medical condition worse.

Pets also need extra care when the temperatures fall. They should be brought inside when the temperature reaches 30°F with wind chill. Dogs and cats can get frost bitten ears, nose and feet if left outside during bitter cold weather. Chemicals used to melt snow and ice can also irritate pets' paws - be sure to keep anti-freeze, salt and other poisons away from pets.

Be Prepared

Some of the dangers associated with winter storms include loss of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies. To help protect your family, now is the time to put together a disaster supply kit. Here are some items to include:

- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and a commercial radio
- Bottled water and non-perishable food that requires no cooking
- First-aid supplies
- Fire extinguisher, smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector
- If appropriate, extra medications and baby items
- If you have an emergency heating source such as a fireplace or space heater, make sure you have proper ventilation

Make sure pets have shelter and plenty of food and water

Our CALMAR signs are up. The sign by Calmar Lion's Park and the sign coming into Calmar on 150 from the south have lighting for night viewing. Plans are to illuminate the sign by the Calmar pool and the sign on 52 coming in from Ossian in the spring. **We have a new parking lot.** The city purchased the property at the intersection of S. Washington Street and W. Clay Street. The house has been demolished and 2/3 of the area has been surfaced for parking. The remaining 1/3 will be developed as "green space" in the spring. The parking lot is currently surfaced with asphalt millings, compacted and ready to use. **Renovations to our 35 year old swimming pool have also started.** Our leak has been located, repaired and the deck surface replaced. The old filters and boiler have been removed. New liner, filters, boiler, and other miscellaneous items will be installed in the spring. All should be ready for the 2014 swimming season.

City of Calmar

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CHRISTMAS IN CALMAR (December 5, 2013 from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.)

Photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus

Live Nativity Scene

The Grinch

Holiday Dancers: 6 PM & 6:30 PM

Hot Apple Cider and Cookies

Carols with the South Winn Choir

Free Carriage Rides

Elf Workshop: Create a Christmas ornament

Candy Tractor Shop

Gift Wrapping

Books & Candy

City of Calmar Caramel Corn

Candy Coins presented by the Christmas Pup

Cookie Decorating

Chocolate Dipped Candy Canes

Hot Chili

Hot Chocolate

Snacks

Christmas Tea and Cookies

Leinie's Lodge

Fireman's Chicken Noodle Soup

Wiltgen Construction

Winco Farm Supply

Flaskerud Flood Covering

Gundersen Clinic

Gundersen Clinic

Heying Lumber (tentative)

Heying Lumber

South Winn Insurance

Economy Ag

Bullwacker's Logistics

Calmar Courier

Main Street

Security State Bank

Calmar Public Library

Train Station

Whistlestop Antiques—Train Depot

Available throughout Calmar

Whiskey Grove

Nana's House Bed & Breakfast

Washington St

Main Street

