



The City is accepting donations toward our flower baskets/pots.

A donation of any amount will be accepted and sincerely appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off at the clerk's office or mailed to P.O. Box 268 Calmar.



## City Officials

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### Thanks to the following for their donations to our flower basket/pot project

Mark & Marcia Oltrogge in memory of Marvin Berkeland \$ 100.00; Kenneth Kramme \$ 70.00; Tom & Mary Welch \$ 60.00

We will have a limited amount of additional baskets that we can purchase from our supplier, if you are interested call the clerk's office to reserve \$ 35.00 each



Calmar Trail Days are scheduled for June 22, 2013. The 5k fun run/walk will again be part of the festivities. A Little league tournament and many other activities are in the planning stages. NICC will have their "Breakfast on the Farm" on Saturday morning and the Calmar Lion's will have their drive-thru Chicken Dinner on Sunday. Watch the newspaper, city web site, local access station and facebook for more details.

The Calmar Fireman's Dance featuring the band "Wag" will be held on June 22, 2013, town square south parking lot.

Plan to support Calmar Trail Days activities and the Calmar Fire Department annual fundraiser!

### 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.  
563-562-3349  
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### 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  
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## City of Calmar

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**Calmar Area Items of Interest and Announcements can be found on the**

**City FACEBOOK page** <http://www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar>



**OR**

**If you subscribe to Mediacom all announcements are posted on the local access station.**

**These same announcements are available on the City web site home page as a youtube video.**

**([www.calmaria.com](http://www.calmaria.com))**

**TO POST AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR ITEM OF INTEREST CALL, FAX OR EMAIL THE CLERK'S OFFICE**



### **KNOCK, KNOCK...VOLUNTEERS ARE COMING!**

The City of Calmar is excited to share some news about an upcoming community betterment initiative! The City will be conducting a community income survey during the month of April; which will assist with grant writing opportunities for improvements within our community. Volunteers will be going door to door to speak personally with our community members to collect information. Completion of the survey responses should take just a few minutes. This data will be compiled and reviewed by Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC). This information will be used to determine potential eligibility for grant programs or assistance for residents of Calmar.

The success of this community initiative relies upon your active participation! Please assist your volunteer by providing responses to survey questions when they come to your address. Your local point of contact for further details is City Clerk, Michele Elsbernd (563) 562-3154. With your strong support and feedback, together we can make our community better!

**Community members will be going door-to-door with a one page survey. They will drop the survey off and you can complete while they are there or they will return a short time later to pick up your completed survey. The survey does NOT ask for your name or address and you will be given an envelope to guarantee your answers remain private. Please cooperate and complete this survey when the volunteer knocks on your door.**

**A copy of the survey follows for your review.**



## Library News

In spite of the cold and snowy winter we have been experiencing, the library has been able to remain open through it all and continues to be a place for recreational reading, time spent on the computers and sometimes a place for relaxing, reading the newspapers or just visiting with other visitors in the library.



Library Director Linda Crossland was off work for a few weeks beginning in early January due to medical issues with her foot requiring some surgery and convalescing, but she has recently returned to work full-time and is doing quite well. Fortunately, former library director, and now library assistant Anna Houdek, stepped right in and managed the library exceptionally well, for which Linda was very grateful. Anna is a very special lady and always seems to be full of energy and in good spirits, plus her historical knowledge of people, places, and events surpasses nearly everyone in this area.

Recently, during the late fall, the library basement went through some major changes and renovations. The old carpet was removed, the cement floor was smoothed out with the use of a special grinder for concrete (with a tremendous amount of dust generated that left the basement in a dense cloud and even filtered up into the library itself), and then the floor was painted with a special epoxy paint in a light beige color with speckles scattered throughout. Next was the painting of the ceiling and all the walls including those down the handicap ramp, followed by installation of new vinyl baseboards throughout, including the ramp. There was a new toilet installed in the bathroom with a new pre-hung door.

This was a very large undertaking and couldn't have been completed without the help of several individuals. City workers Junior Boyer and Matt Bullerman spearheaded the project and spent many hours working very hard, enduring a major "dust storm" in the basement, and coordinating moving of all the furniture out of the basement and then moving everything back. In addition to Junior and Matt, some men from the community assisted with the project, including John Dale Meyer, Kenn Kirby, Kyran Lutkenhaus and Merle Thuente. Annie Rude, city pool manager helped with clean-up and there were also some community service volunteers that assisted in various ways. A special thank you goes to John Dale Meyer who spent many hours working in the basement doing a number of tasks, including painting, scrubbing and cleaning the refrigerator and especially the stove and oven, which is probably cleaner now that it has been for quite some time. He also came back to help with general clean-up. The renovation project is pretty much complete except for some additional cleaning of cabinets and such in the kitchen.

The Library Board of Trustees and library staff are discussing hosting an Open House to welcome the community to the newly renovated Community Room. Date and time will be announced when that information becomes available. Watch for details about this upcoming event on the library's website [www.calmarlibrary.com](http://www.calmarlibrary.com), an article in the newspaper, city web site, city facebook page, local access station or a posting at the library display board.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CALMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**The Calmar Police Department would like to remind everyone that we have again reached the time of year when we see a rise in phone scams. We have received several calls this year from concerned citizens regarding phone calls that seem to be fake.**



**The biggest one we have seen lately is someone calling and claiming to be a grandson who is in another country and in some sort of trouble. The caller then requests that you send them money to help them out of the trouble they are in. The calls are very convincing, the caller knows the names and some personal information. They will usually tell you that they will call back and tell you where to send the money.**

**NEVER give out personal information over the phone. If you believe the call is a scam, hang up or ask them to leave a number so you can return the call, then notify the police. Most times when we attempt to call the number back there is no such number or it ends up being in a foreign country with no answer.**

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Recently I watched the movie Cars for the 187<sup>th</sup> time to my children's delight. It finally dawned on me that once you get beyond the grounding of Lightning McQueen and the finding his true self as just one of the guys with the zany antics of Tow Mater; you realize the back story of the movies is a small town just trying to survive. How in real life mirrors this script and that is playing out throughout many parts of our state. Radiator Springs is like many towns that have had a celebrated past and now may not be as distinguished as it use to be. The one theme that plays out through the movie is the strong backbone of the community with the resilient nature or attitude that things will get better. So as the movie progresses the community comes together to unite and celebrate their past with sprucing up their amenities and celebrating what they do have which is the sense of "community". From their hard work and a little luck their community finds its right "gear" again and Radiator Springs finds its niche in the world making it a thriving and bustling community again. By no means is the movie Cars a playbook for comprehensive planning, just a refreshing reminder of what a fa-  
ble can do to encourage a positive outcome to hard work!

In the next several weeks the city of Calmar and local interest groups will be going door to door in Calmar to help facilitate a Low to Moderate Income Survey. This survey will be instrumental in receiving some funding sources to rehabilitate our downtown and or further investments towards infrastructure needs of our community. The last time one of these surveys was completed was in the late 1990's. To be eligible for funding, projects must meet the national objective of primarily benefiting low-and moderate income (LMI) persons so what that means is at a minimum, 51% of those benefiting from the activity must be considered LMI, and applicants must be able to document this benefit to receive funding such as Community Block Grants. Please take the time to fill out these **confidential** surveys as folks from our community stop by your home, they are very quick and easy with everyone's participation we can start implanting some the plans that were highlighted through Visioning process.

I am pleased to announce a reemergence of local partners looking at the cultivation of new business and hopefully the propagation of interest to make our downtown a thriving locale again. We have been researching with help from Upper Explorerland to find ways to offer incentives to bring new business to town; along with our towns keystone partners we would like to increase the availability of incentives to ensure successful startups. Another exciting part of our community that will be featured in the upcoming weeks for Calmar is NICC Wilder Business Center grand opening and the plentiful resources that facility will have to offer. My feeling is Calmar could be a success story in the making, but it's going to take some very hard work to watch race over the finish line.

A salute goes out to all our area students that have successfully participated this past year in Band, Choir and the Musical as featured lately in the Calmar Courier. Also, good luck on the upcoming golf and track seasons!

The Calmar Little League and CAST will be having their official sign-up events in the weeks to come as the calendars start to reflect the summer is coming on. I know there is great interest in finding participants on the diamond and in the pool so we encourage our younger community members the opportunity to represent the community of Calmar.

Calmar was recently been blessed with the awarding of grants that will go towards the enhancement of our community pride and infrastructure. Encouragement of finding good projects that benefit the community of late has been getting simpler as we seem to be jelling together to make marked improvements to our community and Calmar; so to that I say thank you to all involved.

We look forward to our avenue of flowers again this year and are still taking donations or memorials to ensure the city can continue this beautification of our cities avenues.

In closing maybe let a little a bit of your inner Tow Mater show as we meet and great those on our streets because we may never know who that next stranger or neighbor maybe...

Finally, check us out on the World Wide Web @ <http://www.calmaria.com> were the city does now feature all its upcoming events via a slide presentation no matter your connection to cable or satellite and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar>



### Drug Drop Off ... Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

**Saturday, April 27th 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at the**

**Calmar Police Department**

**101 S. Washington Street in Calmar**



**Is your child interested in playing softball/baseball with the Calmar Little League. Children who have completed kindergarten thru 7th grade are eligible to play. If you have a child interested contact Little League Committee member Corey Meyer at 562-3254.**



## Sustainable Lifestyles: How the Greener Half Lives

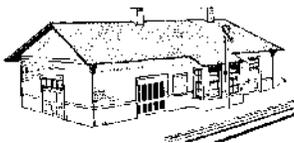
With climate change and other environmental issues getting greater attention, households around the country have found ways to alter their lifestyles and live more sustainably. How are they doing it? The following are some of the secrets of sustainable living that can help you save energy and reduce your impact on the environment.

Reduce, reuse and recycle. This is rule number one in sustainable living. After all, if you just throw something away, it is not only wasteful, but it will probably end up in a landfill where it will contribute to a host of environmental problems. Be a green consumer, select products and packaging made from recycled and recyclable materials.

Save energy. The production and use of energy to fuel households and vehicles results in emissions of carbon dioxide and other pollutants that lead to a host of environmental problems, including climate change. Simple conservation strategies can yield big savings. Turn off lights and home electronics when they are not in use. Adjust your thermostat at night or when you are not at home. Small retrofits such as compact fluorescent lights and air sealing also make a big difference.

Travel smart. Automobiles use tremendous amounts of fossil fuels and are a major source of emissions that contribute to global warming. Instead of driving, walk or bike whenever possible. Car pools are a great way to cut down on driving miles to work. When shopping for a vehicle, consider fuel efficiency and emissions ratings in your purchase decision.

Use water wisely. Fresh, clean water is not an infinite resource and providing it to our growing population comes at a cost to the environment. A green household is a drier household. Take shorter showers and only use the dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load. Fix leaks as quickly as possible and consider installing aerator faucets and low-flow showerheads.



### CALMAR PARK AND DEPOT SCHEDULE 2013

#### Lion's Park

May 5, 2013 Jess Peters

July 7, 2013 Stephen Frana family reunion

June 23, 2013 Calmar Fireman's Picnic

#### Pool Park

July 6, 2013.....Laura Taylor (Timp reunion)

June 23, 2013.....Betty Hackman

#### Calmar Depot

May 17-18 2013.....Connie Klimesh

May 3-4 2013 Amy Sabelka Garage sale

June 1, 2013 NICC Day Care Garage sale



## POOL SEASON 2013



Although the pool is still covered in snow I have faith that it is there, waiting for us to wake it up for another safe and happy season in the warm sunshine! You will see new faces on staff, as well as the familiar friendly faces of guards and instructors who have been re-hired. We are all eager to serve Calmar and the surrounding communities by offering a full range of summer swimming programs for all ages. Once again I have spent the winter writing for grants to upgrade equipment and improve the overall safety of our

programs. Now, the snow needs to disappear so that we can get to work! Dates, fees, and schedules for classes may be found on the City Web Site, [www.calmaria.com](http://www.calmaria.com). You may register there as well. Feel free to contact me if you would like to consult with me, or have further question. The pool will open on Memorial Day, May 27.

Annie 319-361-8532 [annierude@aol.com](mailto:annierude@aol.com)

### Severe Weather Awareness



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

### The City of Calmar will be FLUSHING HYDRANTS

**The week of April 15-19**

**You may experience variable water pressure  
and/or discolored water**

### Spring Yard Clean Up

Burning of leaves is allowed from April 1st.—  
May 15th., between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.  
Do NOT burn on the blacktop or hard surface  
of any street. Do NOT burn in the alley or in  
the curb & gutters.

### Calmar City Wide Garage Sales



**May 3rd.— 5th. 2013**

Call the Calmar Courier to get your garage sale in the advertising and on the map!

### GRASS CLIPPINGS!!



Calmar Code prohibits discharging your grass into the street.

Grass clippings can block storm sewer intakes. Calmar storm intakes discharge to the west for the most part and end up in the Lake Meyer watershed. This causes water quality problems at the lake. You can take your clippings to the compost site by the WW treatment plant but do NOT put them in plastic bags.

If we see grass clippings in the street you will receive a “friendly” reminder from our local law enforcement to correct the issue.

### Recipe Corner

#### Fried Pickles

#### Ingredients:

Dill Pickle Chips

3/4 to 1 cup beer

2 eggs

1-2 cups of flour

Cholesterol free oil



Pour oil in large skillet to 1-2 “ up the side of the pan, heat to 350 degrees. Strain pickles in a colander. In mixing bowl, whisk the yolks and 3/4 cup of the beer. Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Whisk in enough flour to form a batter. If too thick add remaining beer to thin. Dip pickles in batter and place in heated oil for 2 minutes flipping after 1 minute. Drain on plate lined with paper towel and season. Serve with ranch dressing

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## SPRING CLEAN UP 2013

**Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 8:00 A.M.— Noon**

Let us help you cleanup your property! The City of Calmar will sponsor a City-Wide Spring-Clean Up Day. This year we will have a large roll off dumpster at the City Shop site. The site will be monitored by city personnel. Only items from residential homes in Calmar will be accepted. The dumpster will be removed at 1:00 P.M.

**During Spring Cleanup the following items can be brought to the dumpster with no cost to the homeowner:**

- 1) Furniture and household items without limit. **(Excludes ,TV's, computer equipment, and major appliances)**
- 2) Minor home remodeling debris, provided it is bagged, boxed or bundled, is no longer than 4 feet in length and that each bag, box or bundle does not weigh more than 50 pounds
- 3) Paint cans containing **dry paint** with the lid removed.

**The following items can be brought to the city shop site for disposal for a fee of \$ 20.00.** Washing machines, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, trash compactors, stoves, microwave ovens, freezers, humidifiers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers (questions about other items call)

The city will also pick up items for people unable to haul these items to the city shop site, we will pick them up at the curb of your residence. To have these items picked up call the city clerk at 562-3154 to make arrangements. **The following items will not be accepted:** vehicle tires, hazardous waste materials such as liquid paint, solvents, pesticides or herbicides.

The City of Calmar reserves the right to reject any items brought to the site for disposal.

*To make "SPRING CLEANUP 2013" a successful community-wide program, everyone must cooperate and follow the simple guidelines*