

Newsletter Fall 2014

City Officials

MAYOR

Keith Frana

CITY COUNCIL

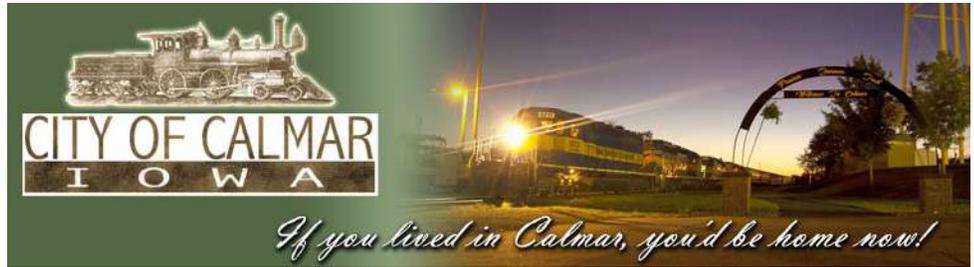
Larry Huinker

Dennis Kleve

Linus Sabelka

T.J. Schissel

Dave Zweibahmer



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
319-361-2505 (cell)

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/operator
Hwy 24
563-380-0240 (Pool cell)
319-361-8532 (Manager's cell)



The City of Calmar learned this spring that our back up well is no longer usable. The casing has been compromised and is not repairable. Therefore we are forced to drill a new well. We have the site approved by the DNR and are in the process of applying for a construction permit. The anticipated bid letting would be yet this fall with actual drilling possibly this winter with final site work and connection to the treatment plan in the spring. New wells that meet the DNR specifications for cities are very expensive, well over the \$ 300,000—\$ 400,000 range. We will be borrowing the funds to pay for this project. The City will do all we can to get a good interest rate and extend the payments to make it as painless as possible for the Calmar taxpayers.

The City of Calmar applied for a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant last fall. Of the 54 applications only 19 were funded and we were NOT one of them. The City will be reapplying for this program. There are a series of guidelines that will need to be followed, which includes a “target area”. Residents within the target area will be sent a letter to see if they might be eligible and wish to apply. Completed income eligible applications must accompany this grant submittal. The goal is to rehabilitate 6 homes in the target area. If you have any questions contact Lori Brockway at UERPC in Postville at [563-864-7551 ext. 106](tel:563-864-7551).



CALMAR CITY WIDE FALL GARAGE SALES

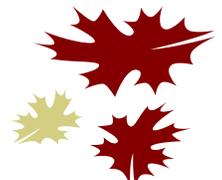
September 26—28, 2014

City of Calmar

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

The Calmar Police Department would like to pass along a few safety tips to keep in mind this Halloween.

1. Make sure all masks have sufficient eye holes cut in them to ensure peripheral vision is not obstructed. Make sure costumes are not a slip, trip or fall hazard.
2. Use flashlights along with reflective material on costumes for visibility and to ensure that parents are able to know where their children are at all times. This will also make people more visible when they cross the street.
3. Parents should inspect all candy and treats in their child's Halloween bag to ensure the treats have not been tampered with.
4. If your child is old enough to go Trick-or-Treating on their own, establish a strict curfew and make sure your child is checking in with you at least every hour.
5. Always stick to well-lit areas and avoid going through alleys and back yards.
6. If you are driving on Halloween during Trick-or-Treating hours, slow down and use caution. Be prepared for a higher number of people crossing the street.
7. If you are giving out Halloween treats, keep the outside light on and dispense treats that are packaged in the original packaging. Keep the jack-o-lanterns and other decorations far enough away from the entrance so trick-or-treaters will not trip over them.
8. Vandalism is never an acceptable behavior. Throwing eggs or pumpkins causes property damage and could lead to criminal charges. Always be respectful of people's property.
9. Trick-or-Treating should be done during times specified by public officials and people should stay in areas of town in which they are familiar



BARKING DOGS—WHAT TO DO?

A common complaint that the Police Department receives involves barking dogs. Many dog owners are unaware of the nuisance or disruption to the quality of life of others that their barking dog can create. Often this is the case because the owner has grown accustomed to the barking noise. Dogs bark for a variety of common reasons whether it is an inherent instinct to protect their territory; fears or phobias; or separation anxiety.

Communication among neighbors in an effort to resolve a barking dog complaint is the preferred first step before calling the Police Department. If a neighbor is uncomfortable discussing the situation with the dog owner in person an informative and polite note can be placed on the dog owner's door or sent through the mail. If an attempt to resolve the matter amicably fails, then call the Police Department.

Dogs observed by the Police Department's officers excessively barking, crying or howling may result in an owner being issued a citation.

Crosswalks:

Motorists and Pedestrians Should Be Aware of the Law



Crosswalk Law Highlights:

Drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians at "marked" crosswalks, including intersections without painted lines, traffic control signs, or signals.

Pedestrians must obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections that have them.

Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.

Pedestrians should use extreme caution when entering an unmarked intersection if a vehicle is approaching—it may be impossible for the driver to stop. There is not defined distance that a pedestrian must abide by before entering the crosswalk—use common sense.

When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection, in order to allow pedestrians to cross the roadway, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear must not pass the stopped vehicle.

Calmar's Haunted 5 K Fun Run/Walk



Date: Saturday, October 18th.

Time: 6 pm (registration begins at 5 pm at the Depot)

Cost: \$ 30 (pre-register by October 6th. To guarantee a shirt)

Included: Dri-Fit Performance long-sleeve shirt. witches stew with one free beverage. one vote for the scariest/creative section of the trail

Post-Race events: musical entertainment from 7:30—11:30 pm. a fire pit and warm drinks at Whiskey Grove Parking Lot

All proceeds used to fund free activities sponsored by the CALMAR COMERCIAL CLUB such as: Christmas in Calmar, Easter Egg Hunt and Punt, Pass and Kick

Run/Walk will be on the "Haunted" Farmer's Trail....costumes are welcomed!

**REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT: www.calmaria.com
(right side under news)**

Questions contact: Nicole Wiltgen at nwiltgen@yahoo.com or 319-551-7787



**The City of Calmar will be
FLUSHING HYDRANTS
(weather permitting)**

The week of October 6th.

You may experience variable water pressure and/or discolored water



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS ON
Sunday, November 2, 2014
@ 2:00 A.M.**



Recipe Corner

Crustless Cranberry Pie

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 2 cups cranberries
- 1/2 c chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 1 t almond extract

Preheat oven to 350 and grease a 9 inch pie pan.

Combine flour, sugar and salt, stir in cranberries and walnuts and toss to coat. Stir in butter, beaten eggs, and almond extract. Spread batter in prepared pan and bake for 40 min. or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream



NEIRHTF ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIRHTF) is accepting applications for housing rehabilitation/improvement projects. Applicants can be low-moderate income homeowners, landlord/for-profit organizations or non-profit organizations to promote and create affordable housing activities. All applicants must be in one of the four counties of Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, and Winneshiek. Eligible projects include rehabilitation and repair of existing housing, including, but not limited to: Roofs, windows, siding, plumbing electrical, energy efficiency, lead paint issues, and handicap accessibility.

For more information on the NEIRHTF, please contact Upper Explorerland RPC, at 563-864-7551 and ask for Mary Huinker, ext. 111 or you can obtain an application online at www.uerpc.org, Housing, Northeast Iowa Housing Trust Fund.

FALL REMINDERS!

PLEASE be a considerate neighbor, and a good citizen—do not rake or blow your leaves into the street. They'll just blow into your neighbor's yards and/or clog up the storm water drains.

BURNING of yard waste IS allowed

You can burn from September 15th thru November 15th ONLY and between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. No burning on the blacktop or hard surface of any street or alley or in curb & gutters. Before you burn, check the wind speed and direction and be considerate of your neighbors.

Trees overhanging the street need to be trimmed to a height no less than 15' above the surface of the street and 8' above the sidewalks. The best time to trim is in the fall when trees are dormant. Questions call the clerk's office

The yard waste site is available for grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, walnuts, apples etc. Please note that there are separate places for the tree limbs and the items that can be composted.

Calmar Fire Department Soup Supper Fundraiser

Saturday, October 4, 2014

3:30—6:30 P.M.



Calmar Fire Station

Serving: Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili

Free will donation

FIRE TRUCK PARADE OF LIGHTS

Saturday, October 4, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

Main Street—Calmar



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!

GETTING THE WORD OUT TO OUR CALMAR AND AREA RESIDENTS!!

City of Calmar and Calmar Area items of interest and announcements can be found on the City of Calmar FACEBOOK page: <http://www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar> OR if you subscribe to Mediacom they will be found on channel 79.2 or 81. They are also on the City of Calmar website: www.calmaria.com. In cases of emergency we also post notices at the Post Office, Bank, Kwik Star, Train Station and use the local radio station KVIK when necessary.



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The City of Calmar gratefully acknowledges the following donations to our "Flower Fund"

Gary Ames		\$ 35.00
Schluter—Balik Funeral Home (in memory of Dale Schluter)		\$ 100.00
Paul & Barbara Posivio		\$ 35.00
Tom & Mary Welch (in memory of Art Rolfes)		\$ 100.00
Laureate Beta Epsilon		\$ 35.00
Dennis & Karen Kleve		\$ 35.00
Kyran & Bev Lutkenhaus		\$ 40.00
Emily Hoffert (in memory of Jim Hoffert)		\$ 35.00
Randy & Lois Poshusta		\$ 25.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 266 (in memory of living and deceased members of the American Legion and Auxiliary)		\$ 35.00
Economy Ag		\$ 35.00
Kuhn Trucking		\$ 100.00
Kevin & Dedra Kuhn		\$ 100.00
Kenneth & Shirley Kirby (in memory of Marie Kirby)		\$ 100.00
Ervin & Connie Glock		\$ 25.00
Darlene Elsbernd		\$ 10.00
Mid American Publishing		\$ 50.00
Calmar Library		\$ 50.00
Calmar Corvette Club (in memory of Lee Lensing & Bill Hilsabeck)		\$ 70.00
Mark & Marcia Oltrogge		\$ 50.00
Wayne & Corrine Wiest		\$ 35.00
Gerald Andera Greenhouse		Asst. Plants
If we missed anyone PLEASE let us know!		
We are still accepting donations!		

**TRICK—OR—TREAT
IN CALMAR**



**Will be observed on
the traditional night
of October 31, 2014
from 5-8 PM**

**Please visit homes
that have their
porch light on!**



The 2014 pool season came to a safe and successful end on Monday September 1, Labor Day. Pool Manager/Operator Annie Rude and the 2014 Staff are grateful for the support of area parents, patrons, and citizens throughout the summer.



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"CALMAR LIBRARY MURAL ADDS BEAUTY WITH BOOKS" by Mary Welch

As you drive through Calmar, be sure to see the wonderful mural that has been created on the north and west walls of the Calmar Library building. Carl Homstad of Decorah is the artist who painted it, based on the suggestions of Calmar Library Director, Linda Crossland, and her assistant, Annie Rude. This is now the 3rd Homstad mural in Calmar, the other two being of the old train depot and train (by the railroad tracks) and the old bandstand, depicting a concert in progress (on the side of Whiskey Grove). In addition to the 45 murals he has done all over the midwest, Homstad creates beautiful paintings, woodcut prints, and has even done book illustrations.

Calmar's charming small-town library is now more beautiful on the outside, but it is the inside that holds treasures for all ages. Where else can you spend time looking for books, magazines, books on CD, dvd movies, or use the computer, all for no charge? The Calmar Library Book Club meets monthly to discuss the chosen book. I must admit that I am a member and have read some books that I never would have picked out myself, but that is part of the fun! South Winneshiek students gather after school to do homework and responsibly use the computers. Residents of Calmar and surrounding communities reserve the lower level for meetings, parties, and classes. The library is just a great place to spend time by yourself or with your children the year round. There is nothing more rewarding than going home with a book or movie that you will be able to use and return, and then get more. The library is open from 12:00 noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sundays. Find out more about the Calmar Library at www.calmarlibrary.com or ask their helpful staff when you stop in.



"Completed Calmar Library mural"

"Artist Carl Homstad beside the almost completed Calmar Library mural"

