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The City of Calmar
Mayor
City Council and
City Employees
wish you a

**Merry
Christmas**

NOTICE

The time of the regular Calmar City Council meeting is changing. Meetings will be held at 5:30 P.M. (unless otherwise specified). Council will still meet on the 1st. Monday (unless otherwise specified) at the Calmar Fire Station.

Agendas for all meetings are posted at the Clerk's office, Calmar Post Office and online at calmaria.com

CHRISTMAS

IN

CALMAR

December 4, 2014

4-7 P.M.

(CHECK OUT THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS)

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

Hwy 24

563-380-0240 (cell)

319-361-8532 (cell)



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Winter weather is here. There are many issues to remember concerning snow. Be sure to drive and walk carefully. Slick conditions are beyond our control and can set in very fast. If you don't have to be out during a storm, please stay in and stay safe. The City crew goes out to work on the streets when the snow accumulates, is blowing or drifting to affect traffic, or there are icy conditions, needing sanding.

Remove all vehicles from the street parking areas during a winter storm if you can. Don't place them back on the street until the snow has stopped and the street has been plowed. The snow plows are much more effective when they can pass through the street easily and straight along the side of the road. Vehicles on the street must be moved every 24 hours, regardless of weather conditions. When snow accumulates and you must leave your vehicle parked on the street, park on the even side of the street until snow is removed, then move the vehicle to the odd side of the street.

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. Be kind to walkers and help make their pathway clear. Remember if there is a sidewalk it **MUST** be cleared. Snow from private driveways and sidewalks must be placed onto private property.



 The snow plows deposit the snow along the side of the road. This means that you will have snow placed in the area of your driveway, mailbox, and sidewalk. The post office will not deliver your mail unless the driver can access the mailbox. The City makes 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. When you remove the snow, do not place it back in the street or on someone else's property. You are liable for the snow at the front of your property. Make sure there is proper visibility for vehicles on the street and pulling out onto 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 is **NO PARKING** from 2:00 A.M.—6:00 A.M. IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH LOTS ON THE SQUARE FROM NOVEMBER 1ST. THRU APRIL 1ST. (this is all the time, not just when it snows) Parking is available in the new parking lot adjacent to Washington and Clark Street. The fine for violations is \$ 25.00. **OFFENDING VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE!**

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 on the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicle impractical. **DO NOT** ride over private property. **DO NOT** ride over sidewalks. Snowmobiling is **NOT ALLOWED** in city parks!

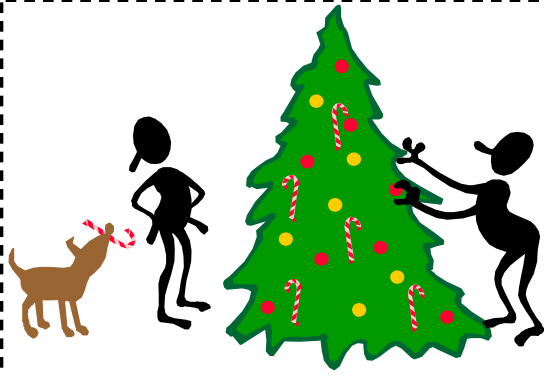


SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE, CALMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DRILLING'S ALL SEASON SPORTS.



REMINDER! As you clear snow away from your sidewalk and driveway also clear the snow away from the fire hydrants in your neighborhood. This hydrant and quick access to the fire hydrant will help save your home in the event of an emergency.

Holiday Safety Tips



Trim tightly: Cutting back landscaping such as trees, shrubs and flower beds in the fall can be an effective way to guard against spots where criminals can lurk or hide behind overgrown landscaping.

Light the night: Darkness comes earlier in the fall and winter months, so it's important that areas are properly illuminated at all times.

Time your light: With darkness consuming daylight, purchasing a light timer could be a smart idea—especially if you work overnights or keep otherwise unusual hours. Be sure to use one if traveling over the holidays too.

Decorate with decorum: If you decorate the interior or exterior of your property, make sure you don't overload outlets. Also, if you're hanging outdoor lights, make sure you're using lights designated specifically for outdoor use; keep the same caution in mind when using interior lights.

Conduct timely testing: 'Tis the season to test the batteries in your smoke detectors and make sure all fire extinguishers are working properly.

Gut the gutters: If gutters aren't properly cleared of leaves and debris in the fall, heavy snow and ice can cause irreparable damage during winter.

Secure Santa's stash: It's a good idea to remove holiday gifts from your car after a shopping trip, otherwise you could be an easy target for a holiday thief. If you must keep gifts in your car, secure them in the trunk or cover them with a blanket. And always lock your car doors.

Set the mood: While it's fun to decorate with signs of the season, it's important to do so safely. Avoid using real candles—"candles" that use LED light instead of real flames add the same ambiance as the real thing.

Keep it faux: While real greenery looks and smells like the holiday season, it can dry out—quickly becoming a fire hazard. Faux greenery looks great, is less messy and presents fewer risks than evergreen or pine.

Secure sliders: If you live on the ground level and have windows or sliding glass doors that are easily accessible from the outside, consider adding extra security measures to keep your holiday gifts safe. Keep the shades drawn most of the time, and consider using PVC pipe or a piece of wood to ensure sliding glass doors can't be opened on their tracks.



POOL NEWS!

Check out the Calmar pool staff from South Winneshiek High School! They continue to be great citizens, students, and athletes when they can't be on the pool deck!" We are proud of you!





RECIPE Corner

BAKED CREAMY CHICKEN SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE

Ingredients

4-6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
 1 pk. Spaghetti
 1 10 oz. can Rotel tomatoes, drained (mild or hot)
 1 10.5 oz. can Cream of Mushroom Soup
 1 10.5 oz. can Cream of Chicken Soup
 2 C. French's fried onions
 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
 Boil chicken until done and save the water
 Boil the spaghetti in the saved water until done
 Cut cooled chicken and velveeta into bite size pieces. Drain the spaghetti.
 Combine all ingredients in a large baking dish (except for fried onions)
 Stir until cheese begins to melt. Cover with onions and bake at 350 degrees until cheese melted and heated throughout.



If you notice a street light out in your neighborhood you can call 1-800-ALLIANT to report the outage or you can call the clerk's office and they will report it for you.

When new lights are installed the street light heads are replaced with the NEW LED lights. You will notice these lights give more light to the street below.



Do you know that the fine for a stop sign violation is \$ 95.00, and for not stopping at the railroad stop signs is \$ 330.00? Officers are stepping up their patrol on stop sign violations....so think \$\$ when you don't stop completely or don't stop at all!

Calmar Police Department reminds you to drive safely, winter driving conditions are upon us. It is time to put your winter survival kit in your vehicle.



THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE is in the process of working with a company so we will be able to take CREDIT and DEBIT card payments. You will be able to do this from our web site or by coming into the office to scan your card. There is a small convenience charge to the card holder for each transaction. We have had more and more people want to pay their water bills with a credit/debit card. This service will be available before the beginning of December. Questions call us and ask.

Also available is the automatic withdrawal from your checking account through our bank. You receive your normal bill and the amount of you owe is withdrawn from your account on the last working day before the 5th of the month (normal due date). You can sign up for this service at the clerk's office. It is a great way to simplify your life and avoid late payments and late charges.



The City of Calmar
 Offices will be
 Closed on



Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Friday, November 28, 2014

ALSO

December 24th , 25th , and 26th.

WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

THIS AND THAT

Our CALMAR SIGNS are getting an update. They have had a new coat of red paint and the words Welcome to (and) est. 1850 are being added with a swirl effect. All the signs are now illuminated with the exception of the one coming in from the east.



Pool renovations are completed. We basically have a new pool with replacement of the defective concrete deck, new boiler and filter system, new pool liner, and new water heaters. This renovation should last for many years to come. The CAST applied for and received a grant from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation to get new starting blocks for the swim team. CAST thanks the WCCF and all others involved in this much needed project.

We are still looking for a LARGE ROCK for our Veteran and Service Memorial. This rock will be painted by Ray “Bubba” Sorenson in 2017. It will be placed on the hill on city property west of the post office. Plans are for a veteran/fire/police/EMT memorial with green space, seating etc. Please everyone keep your eyes open for a great rock. If you want to check out what kind of rock we are looking for do an internet search for Freedom Rock. There will only be one FREEDOM ROCK per county. We WELCOME any artistic person in the area that would like to come up with a design to be painted on the rock. Questions call us.

The Calmar City Shop has also undergone renovation. The heated area has been enlarged and concrete and insulation added. A couple new overhead doors have been installed and new signage attached to the building. The office area of the shop has also been “spruced up”. This project has been needed for a long time. During winter months there was not enough room in the heated part of the shop to keep the equipment ‘thawed out’.

Calmar experienced HAIL this year and we replaced the roof on the shelter at the Pool park. New doors will be installed at the Fire Station due to hail damage.

Coming yet this winter or early spring will be new windows in the Depot building.

The Calmar Little League field has a new restroom facility. The Calmar Little League applied for and received a grant from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation. The restroom was built with funds from WCCF, volunteer labor with help from the City of Calmar. This is a great addition to this facility and much appreciated by all. The Little League thanks the WCCF and all volunteers involved in this project.



Our new parking lot at Washington & Clark is used by many. It is the perfect place for people to park during snow removal and for employees during the work day. It provides extra parking for the funeral home and was also used for the First Annual “TRUNK OR TREAT” on Halloween. I’m sure the Second Annual next year will FILL THE LOT!



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December 4, 2014 (4:00—7:00 p.m.)

Calmar Commercial Club will be providing Carriage rides at Heying Lumber

U-2 BBQ will be providing Hot chocolate and Apple cider at Heying Lumber

Calmar Courier invites children to stop in for a free book

Calmar Fire Department will have their Chicken Noodle Soup available on the square

City of Calmar will have their caramel corn at the Calmar Public Library front entrance

The Calmar Public Library will have cookie decorating at the library

Economy Ag will have candy tractors available for the children

Employment for Everyone will serve Christmas goodies (101 S Charles St.)

Klimesh Ford & Whistlestop Antiques will serve Chili at the Depot building

South Winn Insurance will have an Elf workshop to make a Christmas ornament

The Flower Pot will help you decorate a silk poinsettia flower

The Train Station will have Nutter Butter Reindeer

Wiltgen Construction is where you can get your Photo's with Mr. & Mrs. Claus

Wiltgen Financial Service will have an Ornament Keepsake at Wiltgen Construction

Drilling All Season Sport will have a Photo Opp by Wiltgen Construction

State Bank will hand out Candy Coins

Therapeutic Massage by Audrey will provide Goodie bags



Bullwacker Logistics will serve Cookies & cider, will gift wrap for a free will donation (1/2 proceeds to Calmar Senior Center)