



City Officials

MAYOR

Keith Frana

CITY COUNCIL

Larry Huinker

Dennis Kleve

Linus Sabelka

T.J. Schissel

Dave Zweibahmer



The City of Calmar
Mayor

City Council and
City Employees

wish you



Police

Joe Ward, Police Chief

Andrew Hageman, 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

Hwy 24

563-380-0240 (cell)

319-361-8532 (cell)

The City of Calmar
appreciates the following
donation received toward our
flower fund

Emily Hoffert ...\$40.00

AND

Toward our

Freedom rock project

South Winn Insurance \$ 1000.00

John & Louise Heying....\$ 25.00

CHRISTMAS IN CALMAR

December 3, 2015

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LETTER FOR
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City of Calmar

101 S. Washington St., P.O. Box 268

Calmar, IA 52132

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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.

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!



SNOW



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!



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.



RECIPE CORNER

Cheddar Ham & Veggie Crockpot Casserole

12 eggs	salt & pepper to taste
3/4 C. half & half	2 C. cheddar cheese, divided
1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes	1 C. broccoli florets, steamed
1/2 C. red bell pepper, chopped	1 (20 oz.) bag shredded hash browns, cooked
2 C. ham, cooked and chopped	

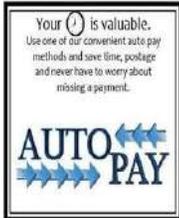
In a bowl, whisk together eggs, half & half, pepper flakes, salt & pepper, and 1 cup of cheddar cheese. In your greased crockpot, layer shredded hash browns, ham and veggies. Pour egg mixture over layers evenly and top with remaining cheese. Cook on low for 3 hours until eggs are firm. (8 -12 servings)

CITY OF CALMAR ELECTION RESULTS

The Calmar City Council will have two new members effective January 1, 2016. Dave Zweibahmer and Larry Huinker chose not to seek another term on the council. Jeanie Kirkeberg and Brian Ondrashek were elected to replace Dave & Larry. Linus Sabelka was elected to another four year term and Keith Frana was re-elected Mayor for another two year term. All four will be sworn in at the December 7th regular city council meeting.

ITEMS OF INTERST

THE CITY OF CALMAR can now accept CREDIT/DEBIT cards as payment for your utility bill. You can access this feature on the City of Calmar web site in the top right corner of the home page. Click on GOVEPAYNET and follow the instructions



Automatic withdrawal of your utility bill is available. Funds can be drawn from your savings or your checking account through our bank. You receive your normal bill and the amount of you owe is withdrawn from your account on the due date or as close as possible depending on weekends and holidays.

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 AND you have to do nothing

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.

Our Lewis Street sewer project is completed. At this time the street is gravel, it will be hard surfaced next summer after it is allowed to "settle" over winter.

Well # 5 is completed and available for use. This provides the city with two wells that should be trouble free for some time. Well # 3 (under the water tower) has been plugged and all piping and pump removed.

The Annexation of the 20 plus acres north of 175th street is complete and the Dollar General Store site is rezoned to commercial. The balance of the property will remain agricultural until such time it is developed.

NOTICE

The Iowa DOT and the engineer designing the Calmar 2016 sidewalk and US 52/24 & 150 surfacing work will hold an informational meeting at the Calmar Fire Station on December 10, 2015 from 5:00—7:00 P.M. Residents and Businesses directly affected by the project will get a letter from the DOT advising them of the meeting. All interested parties are invited to attend.





Christmas in Calmar

December 3 • 4-7 PM

South Winn Choir caroling through town.

LOCATION

Heying Lumber, Bucheit Appliance
& Lentz Financial

Bullwacker Logistics

Calmar Courier

Economy Ag

Employment for Everyone

Flaskerud Floor Covering

Gundersen Clinic

Library Entryway & Basement

Pinters/Randy Numendahl

South Winn Community Thrift

South Winn Insurance

State Bank

The Flower Pot

The Train Station

Therapeutic Massage by Audrey

Town Square

Wiltgen Construction

Whistlestop Antiques

ACTIVITY

Carriage rides (by the Calmar Commercial Club)
Hot chocolate & apple cider (by U-2 BBQ)

Cookies and cider - Gift wrapping free will donation
*1/2 of all proceeds going to the Calmar Senior Center

Free book and candy to each child - \$50 book drawing

Candy tractors & live nativity

Christmas goodies (across from the Fire Station)

The Grinch & lefse making

Anne's Dancers, hot apple cider & Christmas goodies

Caramel corn (by the City of Calmar) and cookie decorating

Frosty Sleigh Shuttle/Tractor

Candy Canes, Cards, Drawing for gift card

Elf workshop - Christmas ornament

Pick a prize Christmas tree and popcorn

Decorating silk poinsettias

Nutter Butter Reindeer

Goodie bags

Chicken Noodle Soup (by the Calmar Fire Dept)
Beer tasting and snacks (by United Beverage and Drillings)

Photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus
Ornament keepsake (by Wiltgen Financial)
Photo op (by Drilling's All Season Sports)

Chili (by Klimesh Ford & Whistlestop Antiques)

Sponsored by the **Calmar Commercial Club**

Members include: 5 Star Auto Detailing, Attorney Andy Nelson, Bob Peters, Black Hills Utility Holdings, Buchheit Appliance, Bullwacker Logistics, Calmar Courier, Calmar Oil, City of Calmar, Croell Redi Mix, Drilling's All Season Sports, Economy Ag, Elsbernd IBA, Gundersen Health Systems- Calmar Clinic, Grassmasters, Hacker & Nelson, Heying Mfg., Klimesh Motor Sales, Kwik Star, Lentz Financial, Northeast Iowa Spray Foam LLC, Northeast Iowa Community College, Rivals, Inc., Schluter-Balik Funeral Home, State Bank, The Bar, The Flower Pot, The Train Station, South Winn Insurance Services Ltd., South Winneshiek School District, The Warrior Wash LLC, Therapeutic Massage by Audrey, U-2 BBQ & Catering, United Beverage, Whiskey Grove, Whiskey Smokehouse, Whistlestop Antiques, Wiltgen Construction, Wiltgen Financial Services & Winco Farm Supply

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POWER OF TREES GRANT

The City of Calmar has submitted an application to Black Hills Energy and Trees Forever for a Spring Tree planting grant. If the grant is successful a limited number of trees will be available to be planted on private property within the City of Calmar.

Each participant will be responsible for planting, caring and maintenance of the tree. Each tree will be available for a cost of \$15.00 per tree. Trees will range between 8 and 10 feet and available in April/May of 2016 if the grant is successful.

The following varieties will be available on a limited basis:

- Hackberry
- Kentucky Coffee Tree
- Linden
- Northern Red Oak
- Skyline Locust
- Swamp White Oak



Please contact Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk, if you are interested in reserving a tree to be planted on your property. Trees will only be available if the grant is approved, announcement of successful grants should be made in December.