



**Newsletter
November-
December
2017**

City Officials

MAYOR
Keith Frana
CITY COUNCIL
Brian Ondrashek
Dennis Kleve
Linus Sabelka
T.J. Schissel
Jeanie Kirkeberg



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



Donations
*to the
Freedom Rock project not
previously acknowledged.
Whiskey Grove Bar & Grill
\$ 500.00
Nancy Meyer \$ 100.00*

Donations
*to the
Flower Fund not
previously acknowledged
State Bank \$ 200.00
Marian, Rick & Teena Hosper
\$ 100.00*

**CHRISTMAS
IN
CALMAR
December 7, 2017
4-7 P.M.**

**(CHECK OUT PAGE 5 OF THIS
NEWSLETTER FOR THE SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS)**

Police
Joe Ward, Police Chief
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
Blake Moen, Manager
Hwy 24
563-380-0240 (cell)
319-361-8532 (cell) Mgrs. Cell



**City of Calmar
101 S. Washington St., P.O. Box 268
Calmar, IA 52132**

**City Clerk: Michele Elsbernd Deputy Clerk: Sheila Bullerman
Phone: 563-562-3154 Fax: 563-562-3903 Cell: 319-361-2507
Email: calmarcc@calmaria.com Web site: www.calmaria.com**



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. Quick access to the fire hydrant will help save your home in the event of an emergency.

THE CITY OF CALMAR can 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 **CLICK TO PAY NOW** and follow the instructions or you can call our office and we can enter the information for you.

Automatic withdrawal of your utility bill is available. Funds can be drawn from any checking or savings account from any bank thru our bank. You receive your normal bill and the amount 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 case of emergency we also post notices at the Post Office, Bank, Kwik Star, Train Station and use the local radio station KVIK when necessary.

The City of Calmar is in the process of changing to Ultrasonic“SMART” water meters. Our current meters are over 20 years old and after this period of time they tend to fail or not register correctly. City personnel will be visiting your home to change your current water meter for a smart meter. We hope to complete this process during the winter months. You could be contacted via a door hanger to make an appointment to change your meter if you are not home during our normal working hours.



The City of Calmar has a new ordinance and procedures in effect for building permits, building renovations and exterior cladding. The application form has been expanded to include more required information and documentation and the permits will now be approved by the city council. Residents need to plan ahead as the council meets monthly usually on the first Monday of the month.

Calmar Development is in the process of completing the bike trail from the current trail at the intersection of 175th. Street east along 175th. Street past Pivo Brewery and Blepta Studio to the Dollar General Store. This will be hard surfaced first thing in the spring.



The City of Calmar DROP BOX is now located closer to the alley and can be a drive up drop on the drivers side if coming up the alley heading east.

City employees are entitled to a life after work hours. If your water is turned off for non payment you will be reconnected between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday so make your arrangements accordingly. Do NOT call their home phone or bother them on weekends unless water is bubbling out of the ground or a dire emergency.



Calmar Senior Citizens

December 15th marks the 37th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Calmar Senior Club. You are invited to the Calmar Senior Center on December 15, 3-6 for coffee and cookies to celebrate the event. It is also an opportunity to share your thoughts about activities in which you would enjoy participating and to join the Calmar Senior Club. Membership for a year is \$1.00

The City of Calmar Affirmatively Furthers Fair Housing and prohibits discrimination in the provision of housing because of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, gender identity or familial status. The City of Calmar has designated the following person as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this policy. Inquiries should be directed to Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk, 101 South Washington St., P.O. Box 268, Calmar, IA 52132 (563-562-3154)



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. You can also do this online by a Google search for Alliant Street Light Repair and fill in the needed information on the form. This is what we do when you call us so you can eliminate the middle man if you wish.



Do you know that the fine for a stop sign violation is \$ 195.00, 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.



CITY OF CALMAR ELECTION RESULTS

Keith Frana was re-elected to his third term as Mayor of the City of Calmar.

Dennis Kleve and T.J. Schissel will also retain their current seats on the Calmar City Council. They will be sworn in at the December meeting.



Beautification has a proposed plan to add flag poles to the area 1 block on either side of the town square.

They are seeking donations to sponsor a flag, these poles with flag cost under \$ 400.00 each. If you choose to donate a flag your name would be acknowledged at the flag pole.

If you are interested in making a donation or have questions let us know.



The City of Calmar

Offices will be

Closed on

Thursday, November 23, 2017 and Friday, November 24, 2017

ALSO

December 25th & 26th. January 1st. & 2nd.

WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON



CHRISTMAS IN CALMAR

December 7, 2017 (4:00—7:00 p.m.) 2017 CHRISTMAS IN CALMAR ACTIVITIES

Al's Country Meat Locker	Snacks in the town square	
Buchheit Appliance	Snacks at Heying Lumber	
Bullwacker Logistics	Cookies & cider	
Calmar Community Club	Christmas Train, Christmas bags and letters to Santa at Wiltgen Construction	
Calmar Courier	Book and coloring pages give-a-way, food and drink	
Calmar Fire Department	Chicken noodle soup	
Calmar Library	Cookie decorating in the basement	
Calmar Lions	Christmas Train	
City of Calmar	Caramel corn in entry of library	
Drillings All Season Sports	Photo ops at Wiltgen Bldg & snacks in the town square	
Economy Ag	Candy tractors	
Economy Ag	Live Nativity scene by CFSR students with animals	
Grassmasters	Roaming Elves	
Gundersen Clinic	Christmas goodies - Anne's Dancers from 6:00 -6:30 pm	
Heying Lumber	Snacks & Christmas Train pick up point	
High Wide & Handsome	Snacks	
Klimesh Motor Sales	Chili at Whistlestop Antiques/Train Depot 5:00 pm until gone	
Lentz Financial	Snacks at Heying Lumber	
NICC	Frosty Sleigh Wagon Rides - wagon courtesy of Pinter's Gardens - decorations by Grassmasters	
Kwik Star	Hot chocolate at Train Depot	
Peaceful Springs	Krumkaka & Tulsi tea	
PIVO Brewery	Beer tasting in the town square	
South Winn Insurance	Elf workshop	
State Bank	Popcorn & enter to win a prize	
Subway	Christmas coloring contest	
The Train Station	Nutter Butter Reindeer	
Therapeutic Massage by Audrey	Cookies and gift bags	
U-2 BBQ	Hot chocolate & apple cider @ Heying Lumber	
United Beverage	Beer tasting in the town square	
Val's Catering	Bloody Mary soup (non alcohol) and trail mix	
Whiskey Bar & Grill	Christmas goodies	
Whistlestop Antiques	Chili at Train Depot with Klimesh Motor Sales 5:00 pm until gone	
Wiltgen Construction	Photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus 4:30 - 7 pm	
Wiltgen Financial	Reindeer food	





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RECIPE CORNER

Broccoli-Cauliflower-Rice Bake

- 1 (10 oz) pkg. Frozen broccoli
- 1 (10 oz) pkg. Frozen Cauliflower
 (or you can use California Blend Veg
 (has carrots too))
- 1 cup uncooked minute rice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 cup velveeta cheese (cubed)

1/2 cup milk

1 T. butter

Salt & Pepper

Mix all ingredients and place in a
 casserole and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes



BLIZZARD PARTY MIX



- 2 cups Corn Chex
- 2 cups miniature pretzels
- 1 cup dry roasted peanuts
- 20 caramels, coarsely chopped
- 1 pkg. (10 to 12 oz) white baking chips

In a large bowl, combine the first four ingredients. In a microwave, melt chips; stir until smooth. Pour over cereal mixture and toss to coat. Immediately spread onto waxed paper-lined baking sheet; let stand until set, about 20 minutes. Break into pieces. Store in an airtight container. Yield: 6 cups.