

# Newsletter Spring 2018



City Wide Clean Up information is on the back of this newsletter. Please use this opportunity to spruce us (Calmar) up!!

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T.J. Schissel  
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Police  
Joe Ward, Police Chief  
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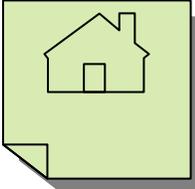
Water/Wastewater  
Matt Bullerman, Superintendent  
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Public Library  
Linda Crossland, Library Director  
101 S. Washington St.  
563-562-3010  
Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri.  
Saturday 10 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Calmar Swimming Pool  
Blake Moen Manager  
Hwy 24  
562-380-0240 (Pool) (cell)  
319-361-8532 (cell)

## NOTICE TO ANYONE PLANNING TO DO ANY CONSTRUCTION OR REMODELING PROJECTS!

*The Calmar City Council has implemented new procedures for building permit application and approval. There are new permit requirements and the permits are now approved by the City Council at their regular council meeting. The application shall be made in writing, filed with the building official and contain the following information: The name and address of the applicant, street address and full legal description of the property, the nature of work proposed to be done, the use for which the structure is or will be used. The application for permits shall be accompanied by such drawings of the proposed work, drawn to scale, including such floor plans, sections, elevations, structural details and building materials as the building official may require. Also required is a plot diagram in a form and size suitable for filing permanently with the permit record, drawn to scale, with all dimensions figured, showing accurately the size and exact location of all proposed new construction or, in the case of demolition, of such construction as is to be demolished and of all existing buildings.*



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS NEW REQUIREMENT AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

**Building permit applications are available on the city web site under the information tab.**

**City of Calmar**  
101 S. Washington St., P.O. Box 268  
Calmar, IA 52132  
City Clerk: Michele Elsbernd  
Phone: 563-562-3154 Fax: 563-562-3903 Cell: 319-361-2507

## The City of Calmar has a new and improved web site.

To check it out go to [www.calmaria.com](http://www.calmaria.com) 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](http://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.



## The Calmar Wastewater Improvement Project

is scheduled to begin after April 16th. The contract has been awarded to Blazek Corp. of Lawler in the amount \$ 2,659,500.00. Also part of the project is the planning and design loan repayment, engineering and contingency. The project is coming in just short of \$ 3,000,000.00. We will be installing a new liner in the original lagoon and updating the aeration system. We will be installing a “Sagr” (submerged attached growth reactor). **THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BECAUSE THE IOWA DNR HAS REVISED THE STANDARDS FOR DISCHARGE.** This “Sagr” system helps reduce our ammonia levels so we can meet the new standards. Also installed is a Ultraviolet Light for disinfection to meet the standards.

### JUST A REMINDER FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Your utility payment can be automatically deducted from your bank account each month by simply completing a request form at the clerk’s office OR the application is online at the city web site ([www.calmaria.com](http://www.calmaria.com)) under information/utilities at the bottom of the page. Funds are deducted from your bank of choice on the 5th of the month. Application can be returned via email or delivered to the clerk’s office for processing.



### CALMAR LION’S, POOL PARK AND LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITIES SCHEDULE 2018

The schedule is posted online on the city web page [calmaria.com](http://calmaria.com). The calendar is located under the picture on one of the black tabs.

To add an item to the calendar call 563-3154

### MOWING SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING

Calmar Code prohibits the discharge of 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 near 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.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## 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.

Branches, leaves and other yard waste is ALWAYS welcome at our yard waste site adjacent to the Calmar Sewer Plant on East South Street.



**Donations toward the flower baskets or the benches will be cheerfully accepted.**

**They can be dropped off at the city clerk's office or mailed to P.O. Box 268 Calmar, Ia 52132**



**City Wide Garage Sales are scheduled by the Calmar Courier.** They have set June 2, 2018 as the date for this year.



**The City of Calmar will be flushing hydrants the week of April 23-27th. You could experience low water pressure or discolored water when they are flushing in your neighborhood.**

## **2018 Calmar Pool Updates Meet the Head Guard**



RaeAnn Klimesh will be the headguard this summer. RaeAnn graduated in May 2016 from South Winneshiek High School and is currently in her second year at Loras College in Dubuque, IA. This will be her third year as head guard and fifth year as a lifeguard. RaeAnn was a member of CAST from age 6-18 and has been a coach for the last 4 years. In high school, she ran cross country and track for the Warriors and was active in drama, student government and cheerleading. At Loras, she is a member of Student Union, morale captain for Dance Marathon, and a student program coordinator in Student Life. She is very excited to be back in Calmar for the summer and looks forward to lots of fun at the Calmar pool!

It is time to get ready for the pool season! We have some information listed below, but please be sure to check out the city of Calmar website ([calmaria.com](http://calmaria.com)) and under the "Swimming Pool" tab for future information, registrations, etc. The new pool manager this summer is Blake Moen. Please feel free to reach out to him with questions at 319-361-8532 or [swinnrec@gmail.com](mailto:swinnrec@gmail.com). The plan is to open the pool on May 28th. at 1pm. We look forward to kicking off the summer with a splash!

We welcome back several guards who bring with them many years of experience. Familiar faces that you will recognize are Rae Ann Klimesh, Noah Faldet, Melissa Ward, Alex Nessel, Lexi Bohr, Tiana Bullerman, Madi Ondrashek, Josie Lennon, Kale Euans, Jaron Todd, Emmett Schwartzhoff and Hunter Todd. Our new staff will include Gabe Sadler.

We are currently working on our programming and pricing. The new fee schedule will be posted on the website in the upcoming weeks. Group lessons will be similar to last year. There will be three sessions of group lessons this year. These are the dates as of now, but they are subject to change.

Session 1: June 4 – June 15  
Session 2: June 18 – June 29  
Session 3: July 9 - July 20

Classes will be 30 minutes in length. You should register early, as all classes are a first come first serve basis. Class sizes will be limited to allow for a safe instructor/participant ratio. Payment will be accepted at time of registration. Group lessons will be conducted during the hours of 11 am and 1 pm. Based on registration numbers, there is the potential that we could combine different skill levels together during the same time. If this is the case, each participant will still get instructions based on the level they are signed up for, just would be together.

The staff is working diligently on developing "regular" events, such as gutterball tournaments and night swims. Information regarding all special events will be posted at the pool, city website, and Calmar Pool Facebook Page.

## **NEWS FROM THE CALMAR FIRE & RESCUE**



**The Department will have their RAFFLE FUND RAISER again this year.**

**Tickets, a stamped return envelope along with a letter of explanation will be sent to community members shortly and the drawing will take place the end of July.**

**Prizes include a 24 gun gun safe, \$ 300.00 gift certificate to Drilling's All Season Sports, 2 \$ 50.00 gift certificates to the Zipper, one \$ 50.00 gift certificate to Howard's Tire , one \$ 50.00 gift certificate to High Wide & Handsone, one \$ 50.00 gift certificate to Pivo Brewery, one \$ 50.00 gift certificate to Calmar Motors, one car wash a month for 12 months to Warrior Wash, 2 \$ 100.00 cash prizes and 4 \$ 50.00 cash prizes.**

**They need continued community support. They are volunteers and contribute time and efforts in an emergency—it could be your emergency! Funds help maintain equipment and train volunteers.**

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 Calmar, IA 52132



**Saturday, May 5, 2018 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 each.** 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 2018" a successful community-wide program, everyone must cooperate and follow the simple guidelines listed above. If you have any questions please feel free to contact City Hall at 562-3154.*