

City of Calmar Newsletter Fall 2019

City Officials

MAYOR

Keith Frana

CITY COUNCIL

Brian Ondrashek

Dennis Kleve

Linus Sabelka

T.J. Schissel

Jeanie Kirkeberg



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

601 Pool Park Drive (Hwy 24)
563-380-0240 (Pool cell)

**THE CITY OF CALMAR IS
HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE**



**AT OUR RECENTLY
COMPLETED WASTEWATER
TREATMENT FACILITY**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

FROM 4-6 P.M.



Please come and see our DNR mandated project, visit with the engineer for the project and our facility operators Matt Bullerman and Junior Boyer.

SOUTH WINN FIRST RESPONDERS FUNDRAISER

They are raising funds for a Lucas Device

The Lucas device is an easy-to-use mechanical chest compression lifesaving device

Saturday, September 21, 2019

4:00—8:00 p.m.

Whiskey Grove Parking Lot



We will be serving BBQ Pork Sandwiches prepared by Memphis Rae BBQ along with sides. Proceeds will go towards purchasing a Lucas Device for the Calmar and Spillville and Festina area.

City of Calmar

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Calmar, IA 52132

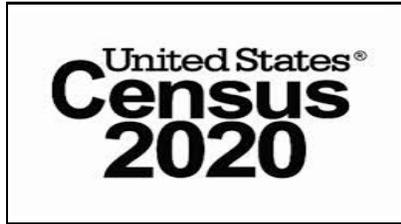
City Clerk: Michele Elsbernd
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A 2020 Census Q & A

The City of Calmar has committed to help facilitate a complete census count by reaching out to groups, networks and individuals.



tals, public works, roads/highways, and bridges. If the population count is not complete, federal money may be reduced to the City of Calmar and Winneshiek County

Is the Census data used for anything else?

It is used to create or redraw congressional and state legislative boundaries in Iowa.

Do you know what happens every 10 years?

It's the United State Census, and it happens again on April 1, 2020!

What is the Census? The United States Constitutes mandates everyone in the country must be counted every 10 years.

Why is the Census done? The Census counting shows the number of people and their locations in each state. Those results are used to apportion the 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and to determine the number of Electoral College votes that each state gets.

What is the Complete Census Count? The Census counts all people, and at the location where each person resides. The Census asks questions of people in homes and group living situations with the goal to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

How is the Census count used? Census data is used to determine how much federal funding is allocated for schools, hospi-

Is Census participation required? Yes. The Census is mandatory, and you are encouraged to complete your Census information for your household by April 1, 2020. It will be easy to participate. Responses will be possible online, by mail or by telephone. A Census taker will visit only if no response is received to collect the information.

Will information be kept private? Yes! Privacy is mandated by law; even addresses are confidential and cannot be disclosed. Answers are only used to produce statistical data; the complete count.

Is the United States Census important to Calmar, Iowa?

Yes! It is an important tool the City uses as a basis for funding and policy decisions, such as infrastructure and public safety. So, watch the city newsletters and website for upcoming information about the 2020 Census. LET'S GET EVERY PERSON COUNTED!



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CITY NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU?

Emailing the newsletter saves the city money. Every newsletter requires a \$.52 stamp. To get your city newsletter emailed, call the city clerks office to get on the list.

A new handicap assessable restroom has been built at Lion's Park near the shelter. The City of Calmar applied for and received a grant for partial funding from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation in the amount of \$ 7056.07 and also from Winneshiek County Development for \$ 4285.00. Most of the work for the restroom was done by City Employees. This is a huge asset to our Lion's Park!



THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR FLOWER FUND THIS YEAR

Connie McCasland	25.00
Emily Hoffert	35.00
Kenneth and Shirley Kirby (In memory of our parents)	100.00
American Legion Auxiliary #266 (In memory of deceased and living Members of the American Legion Auxillary #266)	50.00
Jeff Busta	25.00
Elizabeth Meyer	100.00
Paul and Barbara Posivio	35.00
James Buchheit	35.00
Ronald and Phyllis Elsbernd	50.00
Whistlestop Antiques (Mary Welch) In memory of Art and Lillian Rolfes And Tom Welch)	150.00
State Bank	200.00
Red Piglet (Michael and Jodi Nelson)	50.00
Randy and Lois Poshusta	25.00
Dennis and Karen Kleve	50.00
Alma Meyer	25.00
Warrior Wash	10.00
Anonymous	50.00





Winter weather is almost 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; **IT WILL HELP SAVE YOUR HOME IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY!**

**TRICK—OR—TREAT
IN CALMAR**



**Will be observed on the
traditional night of
October 31, 2019 from
5-8 PM**

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



**Trunk
or
Treat**

**IN CALMAR
October 31, 2019**

**Washington Street Parking
lot from 5:30-7 p.m.**

**(anyone welcome to set up
your vehicle in the lot to
provide "treats" in a safe
controlled environment for
the children)**

plenty of parking available

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**The City of Calmar
Closed Thursday,
November 28 and
Friday, November 29**

CALMAR FIRE & RESCUE

FUNDRAISER

CHILI & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SUPPER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

4:30—6:30 P.M. at

CALMAR FIRE STATION

Free will donation!

With Parade of Lights

Starting at 7:00 p.m.



The City of Calmar will be **FLUSHING HYDRANTS**

(weather permitting)

The first week in October



You may experience variable water pressure and/or discolored water.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON



Sunday, November 3, 2019

@ 2:00 A.M.



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, and use the local radio station KVIK when necessary. The best way to “keep in touch” is to watch the cities **FACEBOOK** page!



The City of Calmar has three council positions expiring on December 31, 2019. These three positions and the Mayor are up for election on November 5, 2019

Candidate filing ends on Thursday, September 19, 2019 with papers due at the Winneshiek County Auditors office by 5:00 p.m.



Welcome!

The City of Calmar wishes a warm welcome to all new teachers and students.



AUTOPAY

The City of Calmar offers an easy way to pay your city utility bill. We can deduct your payment from your account on the due date or the first working day after the due date if it falls on a weekend. You will still receive a copy of the billing statement for your records. Auto pay authorization is available on the city web page or at the clerk's office.



The **CITY OF CALMAR**
Mayor,
City Council
and the
City Employees
wish everyone a



HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



FALL HOME MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

1. Arrange to have someone inspect and clean your gutters. All those leaves and yard debris can cause leaks and ice dams if not removed and flushed out
2. Schedule a heating system inspection. Annual maintenance and checkups can give you more confidence that once the cold weather hits your system will be burning fuel more efficiently. Regular maintenance will keep the system lasting longer and could prevent issues on the coldest winter nights.
3. October is Fire Safety Month do you have a fire extinguisher in your home? According to fire safety professionals, purchasing a fire extinguisher is one of the best investments a homeowner can make. Check and test any smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms in your home.
4. Reverse your ceiling fans. In the winter, reverse the motor and operate the ceiling fan at low speed in the clockwise direction. This produces a gently updraft, which forces warm air near the ceiling down into the occupied space.
5. Check your weather stripping, insulate your water lines that run along exterior walls.
6. Inspect and clean your fireplace and chimney.
7. Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded.
8. Trim back tree branches, winter wind, snow and ice can weigh them down, causing them to rub against the exterior or crack and fall on your home.

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.

Remember to trim your trees to a height of no less than 15' above the surface of the street and 8' above the surface of the sidewalks. Take a look at the trees in your yard or boulevard and PLEASE take care of getting them trimmed. Low hanging limbs can damage busses or trucks that drive or park on the streets. Winter is coming and ice and snow will affect the height also.

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.

HURRY UP BAKED APPLES



INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium size tart apples (Granny Smith, Braeburn, Cortland, Jonathan, Fuji)
- 1 teaspoon white or brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons oatmeal
- 2 tablespoons (total) raisins, sweetened dried cranberries, chopped walnuts or other nuts)
- 1 container (6 oz.) low fat vanilla yogurt

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut apples in half lengthwise. Use spoon to remove cores and hollow out a space 1" or more deep. Arrange apple halves, cut sides up, in microwavable dish. Cut thin slices off bottoms to keep from tipping.

Combine sugar, cinnamon, oatmeal, raisins, cranberries, and nuts. Fill each apple half with sugar mixture.

Cover with plastic wrap. Fold back one edge 1/4" to vent steam.

Microwave 3-3 1/2 minutes or until apples can be cut easily. Remove from microwave and let sit a few minutes.

Spoon yogurt over the top.



**Christmas in Calmar
December 5, 2019**

4-7 PM

**See the Calmar Courier
for details !**



The City of Calmar
will be Closed

December 24 and 25

WE WISH YOU A

JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

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