**Large Item Pickup**

The city wide large item pickup is scheduled for May 20-22. Have your items out no earlier than May 12 and no later than May 19. Quick tip: no appliances, tires, batteries, white porcelain items, electronics, chemicals, or paint. For a complete guideline, check [www.camancheia.org/city-information](http://www.camancheia.org/city-information). Limit the volume to what would fit in a small pickup truck. All items collected are at the discretion of the contractor.

The City would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the sandbagging efforts during the recent flooding. Thank you to Logisticus for letting us use their property. An added thanks to the Camanche School District for their property usage.

And a big thank you to all of the students from Camanche and DeWitt high school students who came out to help fill and deliver sandbags. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Road Work**

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**Walk Your Dog**

It is getting to that time of year where Fido gets to go on walks. This is a reminder that it is not okay to let Fido do his business and leave the business where he left it. It’s easy enough to carry a plastic baggy and clean up after your pet. The parks will soon be seeing dispensers for bags to help you clean up after Fido when he visits the parks.

**Recycling**

Things that can be recycled: Aluminum, glass, tin cans, paper, cardboard, plastics with the recycle symbol.

What Can NOT be recycled: styrofoam, plastic bags, electronics, wood, chemical containers, any plastic without a recycling symbol. More information will come with the containers.

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Library Dates

Here are some important dates for the Library this summer:

- Story & Craft May 1st 11:15am & 2:15pm
- May 4th Star Wars Movie Marathon with Craft & Snacks
- Knit & Crochet 10:00pm
- Mother’s Day Craft on May 11th
- Story & Craft May 15th 11:15am & 2:15pm
- Painting Program 12:00pm & 2:00pm
- May 20th Knit & Crochet 6:00pm
- DIY Adult Craft May 23rd All Day
- Library Closed May 27th
- Story & Craft May 29th 11:15am & 2:15 pm
- Registration for the Summer Reading Program is the week of June 10th - 15th.
- The launch party is Monday June 10th
- The LumberKings will be at the library for Story & Craft June 12th @11:15am
- We will have a Freespirit Yoga on June 17th @ 2:00pm
- Clinton County Conservation will do a Story & Craft June 19th @11:15 am
- Juggling & Logic Puzzles with the Clinton Discovery Center June 24th @ 2:00pm
- Storytime With Sinkey Pete June 26th @ 11:15 am

Park Vandalism

There has been a recent uptick in vandalism at the parks. To date, two slides have been damaged and the new water fountain had the spigot broken off. In total, the amount of damage is over $4,000 which has to come out of the Park & Rec budget. That means there is $4,000 less to spend on upgrades and improvements. We are asking that citizens be alert and report any suspicious activity to the Camanche Police Department. These are your tax dollars being directed to compensate for bad behavior.

Burn Days

Spring brings the start of yard waste burning. This is a reminder that burning is permitted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.