



April 17, 2020

Citizens of Camanche,

As we continue trying to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus by staying home, I hope all of you and your families are remaining healthy. We continue to act in accordance with Governor Reynolds' emergency proclamation. As you may already know, she has announced that Iowa schools will not reconvene in the 2019-2020 school year. My heart goes out to all the high school seniors who may have missed some special opportunities as a result of this pandemic! But this just gives us more reason to stay the course by continuing the social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing, etc. To date Iowa has over 2,100 confirmed cases statewide, with Clinton County having 39 confirmed cases. The governor has also placed further restrictions on regions surrounding the region we live in. Most of this is due to the large number of cases in meat packing plants. We are still not through this yet folks! We need to continue to stay home for a few more weeks! If we all do our part to limit exposure, the length of this will be lessened!

In other news, I had urged you last week to take the time to fill out your census data information. Currently, 61.2% of our households have voluntarily reported. In 2010, we had 81.1% of our households voluntarily report. So, we need to pick up the pace a little bit! This is very important to all of us and could have a direct impact on how much each of us pays in taxes. The process is very simple. It can be done online or over the phone and it only takes about 10-15 minutes. I would appreciate your attention to this particular matter.

As for city business, we are currently planning to hold our second virtual city council meeting on Tuesday, April 21st. The agenda and public packet should be on the city's website by the end of the day today. As this is still very new to all of us, we will continue to try to work out the bugs to make the meetings tolerable and informative. With that said, anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda to speak at a council meeting may do so by contacting city hall on the Monday before the council meeting. As far as the meeting itself, there are two ways to "attend":



To call in to the conference, the number is 1-717-275-8940. The access code is 289 8487

To log in on the internet, the web address is

<https://hello.freeconference.com/conf/call/2898487>

We ask whether you call in, or join the meeting online that you mute your phone or computer. This eliminates any background noise which may inhibit the council's ability to hear and understand the business at hand. When it is time for the citizens to be heard, we will unmute each number individually. However, any phones or computers creating feedback or unnecessary noise will again be muted.

We continue to monitor the river water levels. We are being informed that we should expect a decrease in water level, which is great news. Once levels drop, we will proceed with work at the boat ramps and Park Drive. Should the levels go back up, we will be ready with necessary supplies for the area.

Finally, I recently spoke with Clinton County Auditor Eric Van Lanker and he would like to share some information regarding the June 2nd Primary Election for Clinton County. It is my understanding that due to the coronavirus, there will only be about half the amount of polling places countywide as there would be for a normal election. As such, the easiest way to vote in the Primary Election would be by absentee ballot. I have provided his information below.

So, as we hunker down to limit our exposure, let's stay safe, stay healthy and stay home!

Thank you and God bless!

Trevor Willis

Mayor, City of Camanche

Hello Camanche voters from Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections.



Thank you to Mayor Willis for allowing some space in your City of Camanche update to encourage those wanting to vote in the June 2nd Primary Election to vote absentee by mail.

We want to make sure all of you and your neighbors and our folks who work at the polls are as safe as possible during this pandemic. The best way to keep everyone safe during the Primary Election is for the voters to vote from the safety of their home.

To receive a ballot at home you must first submit a request to have one sent to you. Request forms can be found at www.clintoncountyelections.com or you can call the County Auditor's Office at 563-244-0568 and ask to have a request form sent to you. Also, the Secretary of State's Office will be mailing all active registered voters in Clinton County a request form. Those mailings are expected to show up in your mail the week of April 27th.

When you get your request form, make sure to fill it out completely and sign and date it at the bottom. Also, please choose which ballot you would like sent to you...Democratic or Republican. The Primary Election is a nomination process, so to participate you must choose on the request form which ballot you would like. You can find sample ballots at clintoncountyelections.com.

If you have any questions about the June 2nd Primary Election, please call the Clinton County Auditor's Office at 563-244-0568 or email us at auditor@clintoncounty-ia.gov

Stay healthy, Camanche!!!!

Eric Van Lancker

Clinton County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections

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