



April 24, 2020

Citizens of Camanche,

As we enter into another week dealing with the COVID-19 virus, there is a lot of uncertainty as folks try to determine what their next steps should be. There is talk in Iowa about slowly starting to open things back up, maybe even by region or county. As we begin the return to some sort of normalcy, please continue to practice social distancing. The virus is still out there and many are dying from it. Clinton County has had 47 confirmed cases as of this morning and we have had our first confirmed death from the virus. Please continue to wear your masks and wash your hands as well. We will continue to follow Governor Reynolds' proclamations and act accordingly with our employees and processes.

In city business, the council passed a resolution requesting that Camanche citizens not hold garage sales at this time. This is not a ban on garage sales as the governor's proclamation would preempt the city from enacting a ban. However, I'm proud of the fact that our citizens have kept this virus from sweeping through the community and garage sales would only invite folks from surrounding communities, thus compounding the potential for exposure to the virus. So, we would ask that you please refrain from holding a garage sale until the emergency proclamation has been lifted.

With the weather finally starting to break we have seen an increase in folks enjoying the outdoors. With that, there is a lot of spring yard work being done. So, the city has decided to open up yard waste collection on Mondays at the city maintenance garage. We will begin collecting yard waste this coming Monday, April 27th. The hours will be from 3:30-6:00pm. If you intend to drop off yard waste, expect delays as there will be changes from before. For example, you will only be able to get in from the southbound lane of 9th Avenue, only one vehicle will be allowed in the garage area, you must exit westbound on 5th St., and public works employees are being asked to not help citizens unload. We are taking these precautions to protect our employees from possible exposure to the coronavirus. Also, for those who need a reminder, DO NOT put yard waste in your trash or recycle bins!



It appears that some more of you have taken the time to report your data to the U.S. Census Bureau. As of this afternoon, Camanche's voluntary reporting was up to 69%. We were at 61% one week ago. If you've already done yours, help spread the word. Or, maybe you could help someone else who may be technologically challenged. Again, this is very important information for both the city and its citizens.

Finally, it looks like we are getting closer to being out of the woods as far as any major flooding in the city this spring. We are aware that there were several homes impacted by the high water again this year, but it appears that the river level will be down around 13.5ft in about a week. The level is currently 15.6ft with minor flood stage being 17ft. Hopefully, we won't have to worry about any more flooding this year.

Remember, continue to try to limit your exposure to, and the spread of the coronavirus. We've done well thus far, let's not give in to it now. Thank you. Stay healthy and God bless.

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