

CITY OF CAMANCHE FALL NEWSLETTER

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Large Item Pickup

The Fall large item pickup is scheduled for the week of October 19th. All items are to be at the curbside no later than October 18th and no earlier than October 12th.

As a reminder, the volume is to be limited to about the size of a small pickup truck load.



Items not allowed include electronics, appliances, chemicals, batteries, tires, paint, or yard waste. Items not eligible for pickup will be left at the curbside.



Yard Waste

This is a reminder that yard waste is not allowed in the black lid garbage cans. Households found to be violating this will have their garbage not collected. Repeat violations will result in suspension of services.

Trick or Treat

Hours for Trick or Treat are from 6 to 8 PM on October 31. Be prepared and be safe! All treats, no tricks.



Elections

The general election scheduled for November 3, 2020 will be held at the Camanche Community Center 323 9th Ave. There is plenty of parking and easy access to the site.

This is also a good time to remind everyone about campaign signs. It is against Iowa State Code to use the city, county or state right of way to place a campaign sign. Generally speaking, the area between the sidewalk and the street is considered right of way. However, there are some areas where the right of way is much larger, especially along Washington Blvd and streets between 3rd Street and the River. If you have electrical poles by your property, they are normally in the right of way. Please be conscious of your sign placement. This is not the City's option or policy. It is state code. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

Service Rate Changes

There have been some adjustments to sewer and garbage rates. The Debt Service Fee will be lowered from \$21.80 to \$16.55 per quarter on your December bill. This reflects the balancing of the City's sewer fund and accounts for any debts incurred by the sewer fund for operations.

The sewer rate increased \$0.02 per 100 gallons over the 4,000 gallon per quarter allotment. If you are a minimum user, you will see no impact from this adjustment. This increase will only effect large volume users.

The solid waste fee in-

creased \$0.25 per month (\$0.75 per quarter) on your current bill. This is the first rate increase since 2016. This is to account for additional costs and debts incurred through the solid waste operation.

We continue to monitor and manage the funds as needed with minimal impact to the users. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall.

City Hall

City Hall will remain closed until further notice. We continue to offer services over the phone, online, or by appointment. Council meetings will remain virtual until further notice. We will continue to evaluate services and safety of staff and the public moving forward.

Calendar Parking

Calendar parking will be in effect beginning November 15. As a reminder, it is only in effect when snow events are declared by the City. Follow us on facebook or watch the City's webpage at www.camancheia.org for regular updates.

Garage Sales

St. Mark's is sponsoring city wide garage sales the weekend of October 2 & 3. You may contact them to sign up for the sale at 259-1064.

We ask that you take extra precautions by wearing masks and encouraging social distancing. Garage sales are on your private property. You may establish the rules for your property. Following CDC guidelines is recommended.

Derecho

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those citizens who helped out during our storm clean-up. Camanche gathered more than 15,000 cubic yards of debris in total. It was a great team effort all around.

With the coming of Winter, we would like to caution property owners about the perils



of trees that are no longer solid. Weight from snow and ice, as well as wind, can wreak havoc and bring on unexpected consequences. Make sure you are having qualified individuals inspect your trees.

Did You Know?

Camanche now requires roofing and siding permits. These permits are designed to have the City be able to keep a record of contractors in the City performing work on buildings. A permit is required if more than 50% of the roof or siding is being replaced. For more information, contact the building inspector at 259-1112.

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COVID-19 Response

The City of Camanche continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and cautions all citizens to take proper precautions. We are saddened at the loss of citizens within our community to this deadly virus and we recommend all citizens be aware and alert to the hazards presented by the existence of the virus in our community.

Our at risk citizens are of primary concern. Good practices continue to be the washing of hands, sanitizing of spaces and wearing a mask. Remember, the mask isn't necessarily to protect you from the virus, it is to protect others from the spread from you in case you have it and are unaware. When possible, continue to practice social distancing.

Finally, please remember that although you may have opinions about the virus and its dangers, that not everyone shares the same health situations. One thing that is known for sure is that this virus negatively impacts those with underlying health issues. The spread of this virus is a great concern to many who are at risk or live with someone who is at risk. We ask that you be mindful and considerate of your neighbors and those within the community.



Remember that November 1 is the date to set your clocks back. It is also a good date to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

2019 Flood

To date, the City of Camanche has received \$140,000 in flood damage recovery from FEMA. An additional \$160,000 in funding is still pending. In total, the City sustained \$400,000 in damages to infrastructure during the flood. Improvements and repairs include: Swan Slough parking lot, Park Drive, 21" sewer main, 9th Street west of 67, 2nd Ave sewer, 3rd street sewer, bike path, and the 5th Ave boat ramp. We hope that the restoration of these sites remain strong for many years and that the big river provides some relief from overflowing.

Community Garden

The City of Camanche recently came into possession of a small tract of land off of 7th Avenue between 6th and 7th Street. The land was generously sold to the City by the estate of the Burlingame family. The City will remove the trailer



and clear the land.

The Hometown Pride Committee will

begin work on establishing this lot as a community garden. While the details are being ironed out, the City will be clearing the trailer and the overgrowth from the property. We are excited to bring this non conforming lot into a functioning piece of land for the citizens of Camanche to use for community betterment. There will be more details to come. Follow our city web page and our official facebook page for updates. We expect to have this ground tilled and ready for spring planting.