

# City of Camanche

## Fall Newsletter

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### Large Item Pickup

The Fall large item pickup is scheduled for the week of November 15. All items are to be at the curbside no later than 6AM November 15th and no earlier than November 8th.

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 City election scheduled for November 2, 2021 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. Signs placed incorrectly may be confiscated by the City and will be available to the candidate for pickup through the building inspector's office.

The Candidate Forum will be on October 14 at 7PM at the Camanche Middle School gymnasium.

### New Utility Bills

The next billing cycle for City utilities will have your statement in an envelope and in full page form. We will no longer be using cards. Look for the envelope with the City of Camanche coming in December. Your statements will have more detailed information as well as more room for messaging. We will also be including future newsletters with these statements to reduce the cost of producing the newsletter. In addition, we will be launching a new program for account management and bill paying online through our Front Desk portal which will be

coming soon to the City's website. This feature will allow you to view your current statement, review your usage and billing history, set up auto pay, and better manage your account overall. Keep an eye on the City's website and monitor the facebook page.

### City Hall

Construction is in full swing. Our expectation is to have the new facility side with drive thru service available in mid to late October. The drive thru will have a secured night deposit box for your convenience. An open house will be planned for early November. Keep an eye out for that date to come tour City Hall.

### Open House

The City of Camanche Fire Department will be holding an open house on October 9 from 10AM to 2PM. The Police Department will also hold an open house during these hours. Feel free to visit our staff and view the facilities. There have been quite a few changes in the fire station since staffing has moved to 24 hour coverage. There will be lots of goodies and snacks for the young ones and the usual visits from Smokey Bear.

### 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](http://www.camancheia.org) for regular updates.

### Historical Society

The Camanche Museum is starting up our potluck suppers again. The potlucks are open to the public. We ask that you bring a dish. This first potluck will be held on Monday October 25 at 6 PM. A speaker will follow at 7 PM. Potlucks are held quarterly on the last Monday of the month.

The Camanche Museum will be holding another Christmas Tree decorating contest at the museum with voting by the public to occur on December 11 & 12. Entry forms and rules can be obtained at the museum on Sundays 1-4 PM or on the Camanche Museum's facebook page. Setup of trees is on Dec 4 and 5 by appointment. Please call Juli Leonard at 259-1495 to make an appointment.

### 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.

### City Property Tax

The City of Camanche has seen an increase in property valuations in the last few years. For many homeowners, that increase has shown up in your taxable valuation. In preparation for this, the City Council lowered the tax levy from \$12.55 to \$12.25. If you review your Camanche Corp line on the back of your tax bill, that number should have remained very similar to what it was last year, unless you had a major improvement done since your last valuation. The City will continue to monitor these valuations and try to make adjustments accordingly.

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### *Parks & Recreation*

The Parks & Recreation Committee is finishing up the final touches on its Parks Strategic Plan. This will work in conjunction with the City's Capital Improvement Plan. The City of Camanche has committed to spending \$1.5M over the next 10 years to improve the park facilities. These improvements will include a splash pad, new playground equipment, improvements in Lum Park for a sensory playground, and a redesign of Platt Park to include new bathrooms in a centralized concession stand, a bandshell, pickle ball courts and much more. Thanks to our friends from ECIA, we have been able to get this plan moving forward. Expect big things in the near future.

### *Hometown Pride*

The Hometown Pride Committee is working on a digital sign to be placed at Central Park. Party in the Park will be hosting an event at Central Park on September 29 right after the homecoming parade. If you would like to purchase a brick for the sign area with your family name, please contact Karlee Low (klow@camancheisd.org). The goal is \$25,000 and through the generosity of some organizations and hard work of the committee, they have already raised \$19,500 with the recent \$1,500 donation from the Rotary Club of Clinton. The committee also received a \$10,000 grant from Union Pacific. Your donations are tax deductible to the Greater Camanche Community Foundation

### *Building Inspector's Corner*

The City of Camanche now has a full time Building Inspector / Code Enforcement employee. We will feature notes and recommendations from Harold Teagarden every newsletter. This quarterly reminder is to note that tarps as roof covering is not permitted under City Code 3-13-3.7. With winter approaching, it is imperative that these issues be addressed. Please note, if you are replacing more than 50% of your roof, it does require a permit.

Another area of concern is tall grass. Chapter 3-2-3 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances covers Grass, Weeds, Vines and Brush. All of the City Ordinances can be found on the City's website at [www.camancheia.org](http://www.camancheia.org). As with any violation, you will receive notice to abate the offense with a reasonable timeframe for corrective action

### *Holiday Closures*

Holiday closures for this season will include November 25 and 26th for Thanksgiving. City Offices will also be closed on December 23, 24, and 31. Offices will reopen for regular hours on January 3, 2022.

Remember that November 7 is the date to set your clocks back. It is also a good date to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

