

City of Camanche

Fall Newsletter

September 2023



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City Elections

There are 2 City Council Seats and the Mayor Seat up for reelection this November. If you'd like to run, stop at City Hall for nomination paperwork or visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html> to print your own. Must be turned in no later than **5:00PM September 21.**

City Wide Sales

City Wide Garage Sales will be Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30. This is being organized by St. Marks. Please contact Alice Srp for details at :
563-249-9196

Fire Department Open House

The Camanche Fire Department is hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Please join us from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.



There will be free Firetruck Rides!

Large Item Pickup

Large item pickup will be November 6-10 or until finished.

- *No White Goods/Appliances
- *No Electronics
- *No Building Materials
- *No Tires
- *Items picked up at truck drivers' discretion.

Employment Opportunities

The Camanche Police Department, and the Camanche Fire Department are hiring. Please visit our website for more details. <https://www.camancheia.org/employment-opportunities>

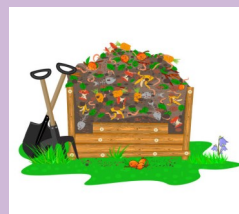
Camanche Hometown Pride

Do you love our community and want to help but aren't sure how? Camanche Hometown Pride is the place for you! Keep Iowa Beautiful developed the HTP program in 2012 as an effort to assist and improve communities through a 5-year coaching commitment. Our Camanche HTP committee is a 501c3 nonprofit and has been active since 2017. Some of the projects we have completed include rental bikes in Camanche, Electronic Message Board at City Park, Veteran & First Responder banners along Washington BLVD, and the annual Summer Yard Contest.

Camanche HTP currently has about 10 committee members meeting monthly to identify and implement projects to improve our community! We are always looking for interested members to join us and would love to hear new project ideas to improve our small town! You can find us on Facebook at 'Camanche Hometown Pride', where you'll find the links for the message board and the banner applications, or email us at CamancheHTP@gmail.com.

Yard Waste Days

Remaining Yard Waste Days



- September 18
- October 2
- October 16
- October 30
- November 6
- November 13

*These dates are subject to cancellation due to weather.

PFAS Update

The City of Camanche has reached an agreement with 3M as directed by the EPA to rectify the Camanche water supply and its PFAS issue. Since the EPA directive was announced, City staff, engineers and consultants have worked towards getting our deep well (#5) to be the main supply as that testing has shown no detectible levels of PFAS. This effort has been successful. The next step will be the drilling of 2 new deep wells. This will provide water from the same uncontaminated source as #5. We are awaiting approval from the Iowa DNR for the well site placement. Once that is done, the drilling of the first new well will begin. When the first new deep well is finished, work on the second new deep well will begin. Then, when the 2nd new deep well is finished, we will cap the contaminated shallow wells. As you can imagine, this takes a bit of time. The amount of time proposed has been accepted by the EPA as a suitable timeframe. Although there is a chance that the shallow wells may be needed in an emergency, we are confident that the supply will be within the new tolerances of PFAS testing.

It is important to note that this process and its associated costs are the responsibility of 3M to either pay or reimburse the City for the expense. In the end, we will have all new well infrastructure for the City's supply. We had anticipated needing to fund this type of work. Instead, we will begin to analyze water line infrastructure replacement, which we believe is the main culprit of the regular complaints of discolored water. This discoloration, while unpleasant to users, is **NOT** hazardous. We also experienced higher than normal issues with discoloration by making well 5 our main source as it reversed flow in some portions of the City. We are grateful for your patience and hopeful that most of these issues will be resolved in the next couple of years in order to supply customers with cleaner water for decades to come.

Lead & Copper in Public Water Lines

Camanche Resident,

Due to new regulations from the U.S. EPA on Lead & Copper in public water lines, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has developed a program for all cities and towns to inspect and report on the piping of the water supply systems up to the water meter for all residences connected to the water distribution system. The goal is to reduce the possibility of having lead service lines that could cause serious health issues, particularly in small children.

With these regulations will come our need to check the water line coming into each residence built prior to 1978 and check for lead or copper water lines still in service. We need to have our final report sent to the IA DNR by Oct 2024. This will give us just over 1yr to inspect approx. 1800-meter connections, compile all of our findings and fill out data sheets. If you know your home was built after 1977 you may disregard this notice. If your home was built before 1977, or you aren't sure, please follow directions below.

We are asking for your help in this inspection process. Please mark one (1) or two (2) days/times that work best for you for us to inspect the line. We will take this information and schedule an appointment for this inspection. It will take several months to complete this. Please cut the chart off and fill out the following information so we are able to call and set up an appointment. Return this to City Hall c/o Lead Copper Inspection. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Dept. at 563-259-9410

Thank you,

Gaylon Pewe

Public Works Director

	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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11A-1P	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1P-3P	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Name:

Phone #:

Address: