

# City of Camanche

## Autumn Newsletter

September 2022



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### Fall Cleanup

The fall cleanup is scheduled for the week of September 26-30. You may begin placing items to the curb beginning September 19. The volume should be limited to the approximate size of a small pickup truck load. Excluded items are: Electronics, Tires, Chemicals, Appliances, Yard Waste, Toilets, Sinks, Construction Materials. The ability to collect certain items and volume is at the discretion of the contractor. All small engine items must have fluids completely drained.

### Junk Vehicles



The City is working on enforcement of its junk vehicle ordinance. We are asking all residential and commercial property owners to address these issues. Vehicles must be currently registered and tagged. Junk vehicles may have one or more of the following issues: lacking an engine or structural pieces for proper operation; broken, loose or missing fender, door, bumper, hood; cracked or broken windshield or window; has become a habitat for rats, mice, snakes or any other vermin.

### Construction Update



The roundabout project is ongoing. As of now, it is about 1 week ahead of schedule. We anticipate this intersection being re-opened in late October. The back end schedule will include improved lighting to be installed.

All projects for Phase 3 of the Street Improvement Plan have been completed. This project was a \$400,000 investment in streets. Phase 4 of the SIP is scheduled for 2024.

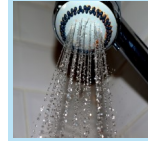
The 9th Street project is in the beginning stages.

This will replace all of the pavement in front of the Murphy's subdivision. We will be installing curb and gutter as well as storm sewer to alleviate some of the issues and to prevent premature degradation of the infrastructure. The estimate for this project is approximately \$2,000,000. The City recently issued a bond with an interest rate of 3.5% for this project.

We are assessing more streets to add to the schedule of the SIP as they arise.



### Water Pressure



Recently we have had some issues with water pressure. Our automatic system for filling the water tower had failed and parts were difficult to obtain. Staff was responsible for manually making the fill commands for the last 2 months. This caused some changes in water pressure which is similar to hydrant flushing pressure changes. This process created some discoloration in the lines. The issue has been resolved for the short term. We expect to have a computer system overhaul in the spring. This will update the equipment and provide renewed stability in the system. We appreciate your patience.

### Garage Sales

Camanche City-Wide Garage Sales will be Fri. September 30 & Sat. October 1. If you'd like to participate, send your completed form and \$7 fee to St. Mark's Church, 808 3rd St, no later than September 26. Forms are available at City Hall. For more information, please contact Alice Srp (563)249-9196.

Please follow social distancing guidelines.

### Property Cleanup

This is a reminder that now is a great time to clean up a property which has weed or bush overgrowth. Getting this done prior to winter will enable the neighborhoods to look much cleaner for the winter. Overgrowth is considered a nuisance under Camanche City Code 3-2-3 and Iowa State Code 657.2

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### Historical Society

The Camanche Historical Society and Museum is open on Sundays from 1-4PM. Please feel free to stop in and visit some history of our city. You will find a lot of interesting artifacts, pictures, and a lot of warm friendly people to greet you. You can also research your family history through the Clinton County Genealogical Society, which is housed in the same building. Donations are always welcomed.

## Rotary Club Project

The Rotary Club of Clinton has selected the Camanche Train Depot as a project for fundraising in order to rehabilitate the structure, re-open as a museum, and create a train safety awareness day to begin in 2023. The current president of the club is City Administrator Andrew Kida. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact him. The estimated cost is \$37,000. So far, the Rotary Club has raised \$18,750. There is an annual RCOC fundraiser called the Boo Bash scheduled for October 28th. Participating in this event will assist the RCOC in its fundraising. If you would like to dedicate a dollar amount specifically for the project, please contact Mr. Kida at 563-249-9219 or email him at akida@camancheia.org

## Yard Waste

Camanche Yard Waste Dates and times are as follows:

3:30-6:00

September 26

October 10

October 24

October 31

November 7

November 14

**These dates are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.**



## Building Inspector /Code Compliance

This is a good time to revisit the code concerning swimming pools and fences. Some pools are existing and do not have fences. As the season winds down and pools are closing up, please note that fences are required around yards with swimming pools. A 4 foot fence is required for the yard. A fence may be attached to the side of a pool if it can hold 250 pounds of side pressure. This is a safety issue for all swimming pools. Camanche Code of Ordinances Section 6-11-8 covers swimming pools and fences. Any pool that is able to hold two feet or more of standing water requires a fence. Pools with ridged sides may have fencing material attached to it. That fencing must be able to support 250 pounds of side pressure. Fences attached to the pool or to a deck surrounding the pool must also have a childproof locking gate access point.

Building Inspector Hours are 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. He is only available by phone prior to 8:00 AM. Phone contact is 259-8342 ext. 203. Email is [permits@camancheia.org](mailto:permits@camancheia.org)

## Fire Department Open House

Camanche Fire Department will be hosting its annual open house on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 10AM-1PM. The Med Force Helicopter, Davenport Hazmat Team, and the Fire Safety Training House will be there as well. The Camanche Fire Department will be offering free fire truck rides, as well as juice, coffee, and donuts.



## Fall Leaves

Burn days remain Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10AM-5PM. It is illegal to burn leaves in the street. All burns must be attended and controlled. It is also illegal to brush your leaves into the street. These leaves can travel to storm water collection points and create issues to infrastructure, which causes further issues and added expenses to the city. Please be mindful as the leaves fall.



## Thanksgiving Closing

City Hall and Public Works will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving and will open on Monday, November 28. Emergency Services will remain open and operate as normal.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



## Rail Update

The City of Camanche has been in negotiations concerning the proposed merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern. To date, the proposal from Canadian Pacific has been considered insufficient to meet the City's needs in order to mitigate the issues which will be created with such a merger. The volume of train traffic and increased noise will create life, health and public safety concerns. Additionally, this merger will greatly increase hazardous contents contained on these trains. They will mostly be carrying bituminous oil, which we consider to be a serious safety issue to our community. The City considers the negotiation with Canadian Pacific to be at a standstill and we are working with other cities, state elected officials, and federal representatives over our concerns.

