



CITY OF CALLAWAY

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Callaway Connection



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You will receive time-sensitive notifications wherever you specify, such as your home or office phone, mobile phone, text message and/or email address. You pick where, you pick how. Visit alertbay.org to sign up.



Fall is here, making October the last month to submit your yard for the city's **Yard of the Month Program** during 2025.

Nominations will be accepted *through October* by e-mailing recommendations, including address and pictures, by the **15th** of each month to:

yardofthemonth@cityofcallaway.com

Let's help make Callaway beautiful!!

June—November is Hurricane Season, Make Sure You and Your Home Are Properly Prepared.



NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

The City of Callaway will be increasing the utility consumption rates for both water & sewer based on the increase in cost to purchase both services from Bay County. **The county has increased the water charges & sewer treatment cost . The City will be increasing the Water Consumption Rate by \$0.05 & the Sewer Consumption Rate by \$0.15 to *offset* the increased costs from the county.** The new consumption rates will be **effective on the October 2025 Utility Bills.**

MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 & Tuesday, October 28, 2025

All meetings are public and held at 6:00 pm, unless reflected above, at the Arts and Conference Center, 500 Callaway Park Way.

Meeting agendas are posted at City Hall, on the City's website, and provided to the local media prior to the meetings.

Please call the City Clerk at 215-6694 to confirm information for a specific meeting.

Your Elected Officials

(850) 871-6000

Pamn Henderson
Mayor

Vacant
Ward I

Bob Pelletier
Ward III

Kenneth L. Ayers, Jr.
Ward IV

David Griggs
Ward II, Mayor Pro Tem



MAYOR'S CORNER

The Following Are Highlights From The Budget For The New Fiscal Year:

There is a decrease in the ad valorem rate from 2.75 to 2.70. While not a large decrease, your Commission is doing what we can to lower your tax burden.

There will be a \$.05 increase in the water consumption rate and a \$.15 increase in the sewer consumption rate per 1,000 gallons. These increases are a result of increases by the County in water and sewer rates. The increases are simply a pass-through.

All employees, apart from the Mayor, Commissioners and Fire Department staff, will receive a \$.75 per hour pay raise effective October 1. To stay competitive with other cities in Bay County, Fire Department staff (excluding the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief) will see changes in shift schedules and will receive a \$2.00 per hour raise.

The city is adding one new position in Leisure Services to assist with maintaining our growing number and size of city parks, and one position in Solid Waste due to our growing population.

Capital Expenditures include:

- Additional bunker gear for Fire personnel
- A new Station Alerting System for the Public Safety building
- Land on Boat Race Road for future city expansion
- A new ½ ton double cab pickup for Leisure Services
- Patterson Park paving for parking
- Pavilion at Rec Complex fishing pond
- Gore Park paving for additional parking
- Carpet for Conference Center
- Amphitheater at Sports Complex
- Stormwater Study
- Chlorine Booster System at East Bay
- Claw truck for Solid Waste
- Boom Axe for Street Department

Capital Projects, many funded by grants, include:

- Berthe Spillway
- Miscellaneous stormwater improvements and road paving
- Cherry Street drainage, paving and sidewalks
- Lift station rehabs
- Lannie Rowe and Fox Pond continued cleanup
- Boat Race Road roundabout
- Sandy Creek water and sewer rehab
- Hugh Thomas spine road
- Lake Drive and Berthe sidewalks

Good fiscal management allows Callaway to maintain or exceed current levels of service without increasing taxes on our citizens as we *Continue the Progress.*

Pam Henderson, Mayor

CITY OF CALLAWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

DAVID JOYNER — FIRE CHIEF

October - National Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week commemorates one of the worst fires in American history - the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. On October 9th, 250 people died and over 17,000 buildings were destroyed in a fire where the property damage was estimated at \$169 million dollars. The Fire Marshal's Association established Fire Prevention Day in 1911 to publicize the fire problem. In 1922, President Harding proclaimed National Fire Prevention Week and since that time the National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of Prevention Week activities throughout the nation.

However, The Callaway Fire Department wants you to remember that fire safety should be practiced every day, and offers the following suggestions:

- ♦ Install and maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home.
- ♦ Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.
- ♦ Keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children.
- ♦ Have home heating systems and chimneys inspected by a professional.
- ♦ Store flammable liquids in safety cans and outside the house.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Walk Safely

- ♦ Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- ♦ Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- ♦ Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- ♦ Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- ♦ Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- ♦ Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- ♦ Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- ♦ Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- ♦ Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- ♦ When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

- See more at: <http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips#sthash.DfS8WuRs.dpuf>



WASTE AMNESTY DAYS

Bay County's Biannual Waste Amnesty
Days will be Friday, Oct. 17th & Saturday,
Oct. 18th from 7 am—4:30 pm

Bay County holds Waste Amnesty Days twice yearly, during the spring and fall. During these two days, the tipping fee will be waived **ONLY** at the **Steelfield Road Landfill**, located at **11411 Landfill Road in West Bay, off State 79.**

Bay County residents may drop off their yard debris, household garbage, and hazardous waste at no charge. This event is open to Bay County residents only. Proof of residency is required (e.g., driver's license, power bill, voter registration card). Tipping fees will not be waived for commercial customers. All loads that arrive in commercial vehicles or trailers will be assumed to be commercial in origin and are subject to tipping fees.

The following materials will be accepted:

- * **Appliances**
(air conditioners, dryers, stoves, washing machines, etc.)
- * **Construction and demolition debris**
(concrete, lumber, sheetrock, etc.)
- * **Trash**
(kitchen garbage, furniture, carpet, clothes, etc.)
- * **Household hazardous waste**
(pesticides, paints, used oil, fluorescent tubes, lead acid batteries, lithium batteries, antifreeze, etc.)
- * **Small engine containing devices**
(lawnmowers, weed eaters, edgers, etc.)
- * **Tires**
(limit 25 per vehicle)
- * **Yard debris**
(grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, etc.)
- * **Recyclables**
(batteries, metals, computers, cell phones, tablets, etc.)

Regulations prohibit the disposal of appliances, household hazardous waste, small engine-containing devices, and tires in landfills. The landfill accepts these items, but must process them separately from other waste. If possible, please stage these materials in the load so they can be dropped off at the designated area.

Bay County will not accept gas cylinders, explosive materials, ammunition, or flares. However, residential-sized propane tanks are accepted.

For more information, contact

Bay County Solid Waste Management at 850-236-2212.



Callaway Historical Society
522 Beulah Ave.

The Historical Society will meet
Thursday, October 16th
5:30 pm-7 pm
The Community Center in Gore Park.

Anna Pelletier will tell Haunted Stories about the local area.

CALLAWAY SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

The Bay County Council on Aging will meet at the Senior Citizen Center at the City of Callaway's Arts & Conference Center.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 a.m. until Noon

The center is open to all citizens 60 and older and includes activities, exercise classes, entertainment, games, and things to keep seniors active, healthy, and involved. Meals are served and donations are accepted.

Please call 850-769-3468 the day before
8:00 am and noon to reserve a spot.



The Arts & Conference Center

For Facility Rental Information visit www.cityofcallaway.com or contact the Leisure Services Department (850) 874-0031.

THE CITY OF CALLAWAY SUPPORTS FAIR HOUSING

The Fair Housing Act and other federal and state laws guarantee a right to a national housing market free from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability.

If you feel you, or someone you know, has had their fair housing rights violated, you can make a complaint by:

1. Filling out an online form at:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint

2. Calling Toll Free: 1-800-669-9777 or

3. Calling the City Manager at (850) 871-6000



The City of Callaway Community Center



BUY-A-BRICK !

The City of Callaway has entered Phase 2 of the Veteran's Memorial Wall located at Veteran's Park

Forms can be found at City Hall!

You can order a 4" X 8" brick with up to 3 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for \$50.

Payments can be made as cash, check, or money order!

IMPORTANT UTILITY BILLING DATES

Monthly - 15th* Payment must be received by 5:00 p.m. to avoid a 15% late penalty.

25th** Payment must be received by 5:00 p.m. to avoid interruption of service and an additional \$50.00 Delinquency Fee.

* If this date falls on a weekend or holiday, you have until 5:00 p.m. the next business day to avoid a penalty or disconnection of service.

** Payments deposited in the drop box **after 5:00 p.m.** are not posted until the next business day!

• **The City is not responsible for the timeliness of the U.S. Postal Service. Failure to receive your bill or payment will not excuse penalties or disconnections. Postmarks are not considered.**

• In the event service to an existing account is disconnected for failure to timely pay for services, regardless of cause, reconnection of service will be on the **same business day** if payment **IN FULL** is received by **3:00 pm**.

NOTICE: ACCOUNT INFORMATION CAN ONLY BE DISCUSSED WITH THE ACCOUNT HOLDER.