



CALEDONIA MINNESOTA

A CITY FOR ALL SEASONS

New Resident Guide *Updated April 2023*

City of Caledonia
231 East Main Street, Caledonia, MN 55921
Phone: 507-725-3450
www.caledoniamn.gov

The City of Caledonia would like to welcome you to our city. The following is a list of city officials, departments, organizations, and other information about the City's services.

City Clerk's Office (725-3450)

Clerk/ Administrator	Jake Dickson
Finance Officer	Stephanie Mann
Utility Billing/ Accounts Receivable	Jessica Kohnen
Accounts Payable/ Payroll	Traci Ward
Assistant to Clerk/ Administrator	Michelle Ellingson

Public Works/Zoning Department (725-3450)

Public Works/ Zoning Director	Casey Klug
Custodian	Dan Muenkel
• <u>Electric Division</u> (725-3323)	
Line Foreman	Matt Blocker
Lineman	Nathan Becker
• <u>Water/Wastewater</u> (725-3402)	
Water/Wastewater Supervisor	Craig Nelson
Water/Wastewater Operator	Pete Muenkel
• <u>Street Department</u> (725-2060)	
Technician	Alex Betz
Technician	Dan Schwirtz

Police Department (725-3889)(Non-emergency)

Police Chief	Kurt Zehnder
Administrative Assistant	Kayla Snell

Ambulance Department (725-5754)

Director Mike Tornstrom

Municipal Liquor Store (725-3988)

Manager Joseph Holten

Public Library (725-2671)

Director Stephanie Eggert

Caledonia Public Schools (725-3389)

Superintendent Craig Ihrke

Phone/TV/Internet

Acentek (888) 404-4940

Mediacom (855) 633-4226

U.S. Postal Service

P.O. Box/Mailbox Information 724-3421

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING

The alternate side parking winter period shall be from and including November 1 through and including March 31. City Code requires that when parking on any public roadway between 1AM and 6AM (early morning hours) park on the even-numbered side of any public roadway on even-numbered days and the odd-numbered side of any public roadway on odd-numbered days. Violators may be fined and/or towed. Alternate side parking regulations apply regardless of weather conditions. Alternate side parking regulations do not apply to those streets in which parking is allowed on one side only. If you have any questions, please call the Caledonia Police Department at 507-725-3889.



AQUATIC CENTER

The Aquatic Center is open from June through mid-August and provides a variety of swimming activities for the entire family. It offers swimming lessons, early bird, day swim, night swim, and adult swim. The Aquatic Center is also available to reserve for private pool parties. Please call City Hall at 725-3450 to make reservations.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Contact Nick Rask at 507-459-0528 to report a lost animal or pet. Check the Caledonia Police Department’s Facebook page for announcements regarding lost or found pets.

ATV LICENSE

If you would like to obtain an ATV license, please visit the Caledonia Police Department at 304 E. Main St. to submit an application. The cost is \$25 and must be renewed annually.



AUDITORIUM

The City of Caledonia is fortunate to have an auditorium. This facility can be used for exercising or walking and may be rented for special occasions. The auditorium is also the polling place for City elections. To find out more about reserving the auditorium for an event, please contact City Hall at 725-3450.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Caledonia Area Chamber of Commerce is focused on being the voice of the business community by promoting our community and public policy that supports growth of existing businesses, and attracts new business and residents to our community.



P.O. Box 62, Caledonia, Minnesota 55921
E-Mail: caledoniacoc@gmail.com
Phone: 507-725-5477
Website: caledoniachamberofcommerce.com

CHURCHES

Immanuel Lutheran Church
419 E. Grove St.
507-725-3123

United Methodist Church
308 N. Kingston St.
507-725-2815

St. John’s Lutheran Church
620 N. Kingston St.
507-725-3228

St. Mary’s Catholic Church
513 S. Pine St.
507-725-3804

Faith on Fire Fellowship
617 W. Caledonia St.
507-724-5518

CITY CODE

If you have any questions about the City of Caledonia’s ordinances, please visit:
www.caledoniamn.gov/city-government/city-council/city-code/ for more information.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder
Councilmember David Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Bob Klug
Councilmember Amanda Ninneman
Councilmember Ryan Stenzel



The Caledonia City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, unless that Monday is a holiday, in which the meeting is held on the following Tuesday. The meetings are held at 6PM in the Council Chambers located at City Hall at 231 E. Main St. If these dates and times are changed, notices are posted at City Hall.

CITY HALL HOURS

Sunday Closed
Monday 8AM - 4:30PM
Tuesday 8AM - 4:30PM
Wednesday 8AM - 4:30PM
Thursday 8AM - 4:30PM
Friday 8AM - 4:30PM
Saturday Closed

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 9AM - 6PM
Wednesday 9AM - 6PM
Thursday 9AM - 6PM
Friday 12PM - 6PM
Saturday 10AM - 2PM

MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Sunday 11AM - 4PM
Monday 9AM - 9PM
Tuesday 9AM - 9PM
Wednesday 9AM - 9PM
Thursday 9AM - 9PM
Friday 9AM - 10PM
Saturday 9AM - 10PM

POLICE DEPARTMENT HOURS

Sunday Closed
Monday 7:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM
Tuesday 7:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM
Wednesday 7:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM
Thursday 7:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM
Friday 7:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM
Saturday Closed

CITY UTILITIES

The City provides electric, water, sewer, stormwater, garbage, recycling, and street lighting service to most residential households. Bills are mailed by the 1st of the month and are due by the 10th of the month.

The City of Caledonia currently accepts cash, checks, money orders, automatic account withdrawal, debit and credit cards, and online bill pay. Any credit transaction is subject to a 2% convenience fee.

Payments may be mailed to 231 E. Main St. or dropped off in the drop box located at City Hall. If mailing your payment, please allow 3-5 business days for your payment to be received. A late fee will be applied to a payment received after the 10th of each month.

Bills may also be paid online at <https://www.caledoniamn.gov/pay-bills/>.

In order to stop or start utility service, please stop by City Hall during regular business hours. Renters are required to provide a \$250 utility deposit and landlords must sign a services agreement with the City.



CLINICS

Mayo Clinic Health System – Franciscan Healthcare
701 N Sprague St.
507-725-3353

Gundersen Orthopedic Clinic
405 S Hwy 44, MN-76
608-775-4765

DENTAL

Herman Dental
620 North State 44/76
507-725-3341

Family Dental
120 West Main
507-725-5254

DRIVERS LICENSE & VEHICLE REGISTRATION

The County License Center is located at 304 Marshall Street. The phone number is 725-5812.

DUMPSTERS

No garbage shall be disposed of in a business dumpster, except by the business itself. Violators will be fined. Dumpsters are only for the use of the business that pays for them. For dumpsters being used for construction or personal use, dumpsters must be placed on the property and not in the City streets.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Caledonia Economic Development Authority was established in 1992 and exists to support local businesses, attract new businesses, and promote the economic climate in the City

of Caledonia. The EDA and City offer a variety of financial incentives for both new and existing businesses, including low-interest loans, commercial rehabilitation loans (façade improvement), tax abatement, and tax-increment financing. If you are an individual or business looking to start or expand a business in the City of Caledonia, please contact the EDA for more information about how the EDA and the City can support your project.

EDA BOARD MEMBERS

- Commissioner Paul Fisch
- Commissioner Harley Meiners
- Commissioner Stephanie Mell
- Commissioner Francis Myhre
- Councilmember Amanda Ninneman
- Mayor DeWayne Schroeder
- Commissioner Matt Schuldt



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Caledonia Fire Department was established in 1889 and has a Class 4 ISO rating. The department’s members are ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and respond to approximately 40 calls each year. Every October members participate in Fire Prevention Week, providing fire safety information to elementary school students. The department is always accepting applications for those interested in becoming a firefighter.

GARBAGE & RECYLING COLLECTION

Curbside pickup of garbage is every Monday at 6:00 am. If Monday falls on a state or federal holiday, then garbage is picked up on Tuesday. Garbage must be put into garbage totes provided. Check the City website for details.



Recycled items should be put in the recycling totes provided and placed at the curb by 6:00 am for pick up. Recycled items are picked up every other week. Check the City website for a schedule.

Recyclable items include: glass bottles/jars; metal cans; plastic bottles/jars; paper, newsprint, junk mail, magazines and boxboard (cereal, chip, cake boxes, etc.) and corrugated cardboard.

To prepare recyclables, remove caps/lids, rinse cans, bottles, and jars; there is no need to remove labels. No plastic bags or Styrofoam. Flatten cardboard and paper board.

GAS UTILITY COMPANY INFORMATION

- Minnesota Energy Resources
- 24-Hour Customer Service: 1-800-889-9508
- 24-Hour Gas Emergency: 1-800-889-4970

Call Before You Dig: 1-800-252-1166
Home Services: 1-800-889-3479

HOUSTON COUNTY RECYLING CENTER

This site has been established for Houston County residents only. **14750 Richard’s Road** - Turn west off of Highway #44 by Evergreen Cemetery. Go approximately 1 mile; take private driveway right off of the curve.



- **Hours**
 - Wednesday 10AM – 6PM
 - Saturday 8AM – 3PM

For further information, please contact Houston County Environmental Services at 507-725-5800 or Houston County Recycling 507-896-2535.

LICENSED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS (CURRENT AS OF 01/01/2022)

Name	Address	Phone
Beckman, Brenda	218 W. Caledonia Street	725-5633
Welscher, Sandra	1025 E. Grant Street	725-3479
Kids Corner Daycare	519 Old Hwy Drive	725-8909
Klinski, Beth	7960 Giblin Drive	724-2923
Kumpf, Wendy	621 N. Kingston Street	507-429-3137
Meyer, Beverly	14102 State 76	725-8882
Renk, Brianna	216 N Sunnyside Drive	608-304-9941
Schuldt, Cindy	721 Center Street	725-3926
St. Mary’s Little Blue Jay’s Daycare	513 S. Pine Street	725-3804
Vonderohe, Diane	109 S. Winnebago Street	725-4653

NEWS

The *Caledonia Argus* is the City’s official newspaper for legal notices. In addition to the *Caledonia Argus*, the *Fillmore County Journal* has an office in the City. Both the *Caledonia Argus* and *Fillmore County Journal* publish news about the City of Caledonia. The *Argus* is published weekly every Wednesday and the *Journal* is published weekly every Monday.



PET LICENSE & LEASH ORDINANCE

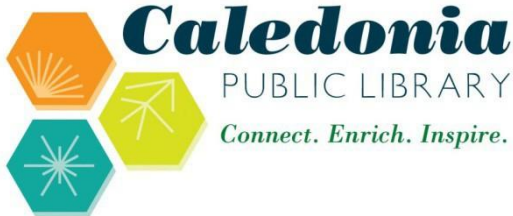
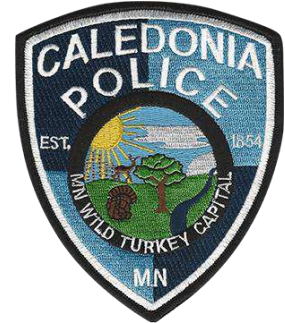
All dogs and cats are required to be licensed. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required before any license is issued. There is a \$10.00 per animal fee for a license. There is a \$2.00 discount if your pet is spayed or neutered. You can purchase your pet license at the Caledonia Police Department. Private ownership cannot exceed three of either species.



Every owner or keeper of any animal shall keep such animal upon the premises of such owner or keeper, or secured by a leash. A fine plus boarding will be charged to the owner of any animal found at large. Proof of rabies vaccination will be required before the animal is released to the owner. See the Animal Control section for more info.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Caledonia Police Department prides itself on being a community-oriented department. They work closely with youth and City residents to ensure the future and safety of the Caledonia area. If you have any questions, please call the office, as the police chief or any of the officers will be able to assist you. Non-Emergency Phone: 507-725-3889



PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Caledonia Public Library offers thousands of books, magazines, DVDs, and more. They also have a local history section, including a microfilm collection of past Caledonia newspapers. They offer regular programming to our patrons, from birth to adult. The library is also connected with SELCO, one of Minnesota’s 12 regional public library systems. They have access to over 3.5 million items within the system and even more statewide.

PUBLIC WORKS

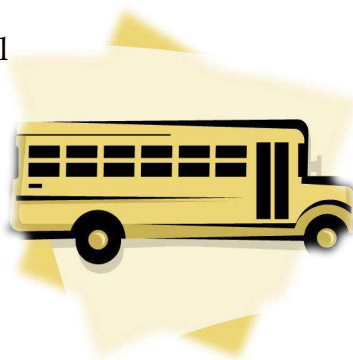
The City of Caledonia Public Works Department maintains City water, streets, sewer services, storm drainage, street lighting, and parks and recreation facilities.



SCHOOLS

Caledonia Area High School
825 N. Warrior Avenue
507-725-3316
Cps.k12.mn.us

St. John’s Lutheran School
720 N. Marshall St.
507-725-3412
Stjohnscal.org



Caledonia Area Elementary School
511 W. Main St.
507-725-5205
Cps.k12.mn.us

St. Mary’s Catholic School
308 E. South St.
507-725-3355
Churchofstmary.net

TREE DISPOSAL SITE

Yard waste may be disposed of at the City’s tree disposal site. Yard waste must be contained within biodegradable paper bags. No plastic bags are permitted. The Tree Disposal Site is open

from April 1 - November 1. There is no fee to use the tree disposal site for City residents.

Directions: Take County Road east of Caledonia, then turn right onto County Road 32.

TREE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Sunday	Closed
Monday	10AM-4PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10AM-4PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	Closed
Saturday	9AM-4PM



PARKS

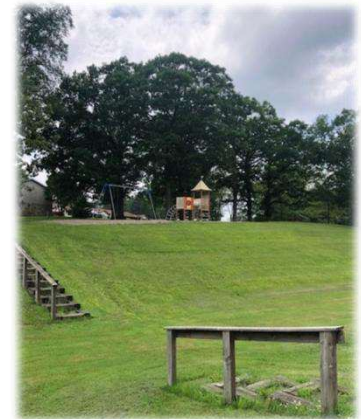
The City of Caledonia offers a variety of parks and recreational opportunities within the community, enabling residents to take advantage of the natural amenities that are available in the area.



Veterans Memorial Recreational Area: The park is located in the northern portion of Caledonia and contains a number of different facilities, including both a baseball and softball field, a pickleball court, concession stand, aquatic center, three shelters, lighted basketball court, 3 large play sets that serve different age groups, 6 pieces of free-standing equipment, and restrooms.

North Park: The park contains 2 shelters, restrooms, 2 pieces of play equipment, and the Earthwalkers Memorial display. North Park is used in the winter as a sledding park. The park also contains the seasonal signs, flags, and flowers that welcome visitors entering the community from the east on State Highways 76 and 44.

Gazebo Park: The park contains a gazebo, picnic tables, and two pieces of play equipment. Given its central location immediately adjacent to the downtown, this park serves as a focal point for a number of community activities including Music in the Park, Children's Fun Fest, Founder's Day, readings from the library, and an occasional petting zoo.



South Park: The park is located on Adams Street in the southernmost portion of the community. South Park contains a shelter with picnic tables, benches, and two pieces of play equipment.



Sprague Woods: It is an approximately 8-acre wooded parcel located at the intersection of State Highways 76 and 44. This parcel was donated to the City in 2006 and has a walking trail.

Pocket Park: The pocket park is located in downtown Caledonia. The park consists of an 8' x 48' mural depicting natural scenery and wildlife. Included in the park are benches for relaxing and a picnic table is available for dining.

Other Parks: The public elementary school facility located at 511 W. Main St. in the center of the Caledonia community offers a large open space with basketball courts and soccer fields. The school grounds also offer four pieces of play equipment that receive use by students and the general public.

The Caledonia Middle/High School Complex has a 1-mile walking trail around the complex that includes views of prairie grasses and flowers.



ZONING APPLICATION

Are you planning an addition or remodel to your home or property? Be sure to contact City Hall to see if you need to fill out a zoning application.

Zoning applications are needed for new homes, home additions, garages, accessory buildings, decks, patios, fences, and buildings, etc. If you are unsure whether you need a zoning application, please call City Hall at 725-3450.