

City of Calhoun

January 2026



NEW WATER RATES: New water rates went into effect on the January billing that you recently received in the mail. Rates increased by \$3.00 on the minimum charge and \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. This increase was needed to cover the annual increase the City receives from Henry County Public Water District #3 for the purchase of water and to save for replacement meters. Water rates are now \$30.45 for the first 1,000 gallons, \$10.55 per 1,000 gallons from 1001 to 15,000 gallons and then \$10.05 per 1,000 gallons over 15,000 gallons. Sewer rates remained the same.

2026 PET TAGS DUE

If you own a pet, you must register it annually with the City Clerk. The cost of registration is \$2.50 per animal. Please bring a copy of the pet's current rabies vaccination with you at the time of registration. Remember that all dogs must be kept on the owner's property at all times or restrained by a leash. Dogs are not allowed to run at large. If you fail to register your animal or let it run loose, you may receive a summons.

PROTECT YOUR WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING: Many people welcome the crisp, cold winter weather, but nobody welcomes pipe-related headaches that can come with the dropping temperatures. You can prevent your pipes from freezing or bursting by taking the following steps:

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, attic, and garage. These exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. The more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes are. Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection to exposed pipes. Even ¼" of

newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.

- Wrap pipes with heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables. Be sure to follow all manufactures' installation and operation instructions.
- Seal spots that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located (i.e. around electrical wiring, dryer vents, and other pipes), with caulk or insulations. When it's extremely cold, a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.
- Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- When temperature or wind chill is below freezing, let your warm and cold water drip from your faucet. Running water through the pipes, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If for some reason you take the lid off of your water meter pit, remember to put it back on immediately. Extremely cold temperatures and wind blowing into the pit can make the meter freeze and burst.

CALHOUN COLT SHOW

The Calhoun Colt Show Committee will meet on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Colt Show Building, 117 S. Olive Street, for a business meeting and election of officers. This would be a great time to join us. Volunteers are always needed to help keep this hometown tradition going!!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Thursday, January 1st – New Year's Day – City Hall Closed**
- Friday, January 9th – Harvesters Food Pantry – Approx. 1 p.m. – Calhoun Square**
- Monday, January 12th – City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall**
- Monday, January 19th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – City Hall Closed**
- Monday, January 26th – 6 p.m. – Colt Show Meeting – Colt Show Building**

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A customs agent at the border noticed a man crossing on a bicycle with two small sacks tied to the handlebars. Suspicious, the agent asked him to open the sacks, but when the cyclist did there was nothing but sand.

This went on every day for the next month. The agent would stop the cyclist, open the sacks, and find only sand.

A few months later, the agent ran into the same cyclist in a restaurant. After some small talk he had to ask, "Come on, tell me. All that time, I know you were smuggling something. So what was it?"

The cyclist just shrugged and said, "Bicycles."

