

CALMAR



CHRONICLE

April 2021



*Please be advised the
Town Office will be
closed for Good Friday
and Easter Monday.*

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April 2021

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With COVID-19 still present, the Town Office is following AHS Provincial Regulations and limiting staff and residents within the office. To ensure the health and welfare of both our residents and staff the office will be open during the following times:

Monday—Friday 9:00 am — 4:30pm

Please ring the doorbell for assistance, or call to make an appointment. Please note, only one person will be allowed in the office at a time.

If you require any other assistance, please call 780-985-3604 or visit www.calmar.ca to get a list of staff email addresses.

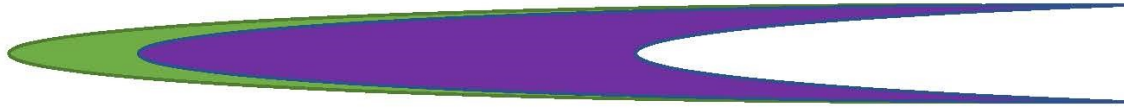
PLEASE BE ADVISED AS PER PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN THE TOWN OFFICE

The Office will be closed for lunch between 12:30pm—1:00pm.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

APRIL 2021



As I write this, roll out for Phase II has begun and LIBRARIES are included! By the time you read this newsletter we will have been opened to the public for most of March. Please note the hours below.

HOURS

CURBSIDE ONLY

MONDAY & FRIDAY

11:30 am TO 4:30 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & CURBSIDE

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Wednesday

10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Even though we are open to the public we will continue to offer **Curb-Side** pickup and our **Reading Bag Service**. Email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca to organize your reading bag and call 780.985.3472 to organize curb-side pickup date and time.

COMPUTERS

We have 2 of our public computers open for patron use. Reservations are needed and use of the computers will be limited to 30 minutes.

COVID GUIDELINES

- Five patrons in the library at a time
- All patrons are required to wear masks while in the library
- All patrons entering the library must use hand sanitizer
- Patrons must reserve computer time at a max of 30 minutes
- No Loitering or lounging

LIBRARY CARD

Need a library card? Not a problem! Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 and one of our helpful staff will be happy to set that up for you.

Reading Bag Service not just for the kids!



Haven't tried this service yet? Give it a try! This service is for everyone! Send the library your request. If it is for the younger members of your family, we ask that you give us the age of your children, reading level, and what types of books they like. For adults, let us know what genres and authors you like. We will do the rest! We will pick out 1 to 5 books for you and let you know when they are ready for pick-up. All you have to do is pick up your package. Easy Peezie. Contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 to book your **Reading Bag** today.

Programs

Take-and-Make kits available for Pre-K, Tween, Teen, and sometimes Family!

Reserve your kit, pick it up through our curbside service or when we are open to the public, watch the video on the release date, and then send a picture of your finished project to circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca for everyone to enjoy! (Please note, some of the kits do not have an accompanying video) Instructions will also be in each of the kits.

Teen Time – Kit release date: Monday, April 5th

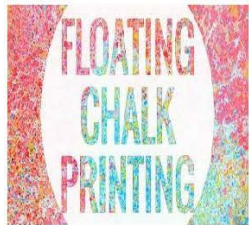
Magazine Treasure Boxes



What do you get when with some old magazine pages and a little glue? Your own magazine box to hold all your treasures. The kit comes with everything you need to make your magazine box. You'll have to come up with the treasures to fill it! Kits are available for pick up starting Monday, April 5th. Instruction video will be released Thursday, April 8th. Call to reserve your kit today before they are gone. 780.985.3472.

Tween Time – Kit release date: Monday, April 12th

Floating Chalk Printing



Get your creative juices flowing while you enjoy making these easy, but magical, floating chalk prints! The kits come supplied with chalk and paper, though you will need a shallow tub and something to scrap the chalk with. The kits are available starting Monday, April 12th until they are gone, and the instruction video will be released on Thursday, April 15th. You don't want to miss this one. Call to reserve yours today!

Pre-K – Kit release date: Monday, April 19th

Popsicle Stick Bunny Puppets



Spring is just around the corner and what better way to celebrate than by making one of these adorable Popsicle Stick Bunny Puppets. This month your kit will come packaged with the materials needed to make this hoppin' good project. The instruction video will be released on

Thursday, April 22nd and the kits will be available Monday, April 19th until they are gone. Limited supplies are available, so reserve yours today.

**Family – Kit release date: Monday, April 5th
Spring Showers bring May Flowers**



Spring is just around the corner and we want to help make it a beautiful and colourful transition. This family kit comes with everything you need to start your garden growing: seeds, dirt and your own mini greenhouse to help with germination! This kit is available starting Monday, April 5th until they are gone.

Did you know?

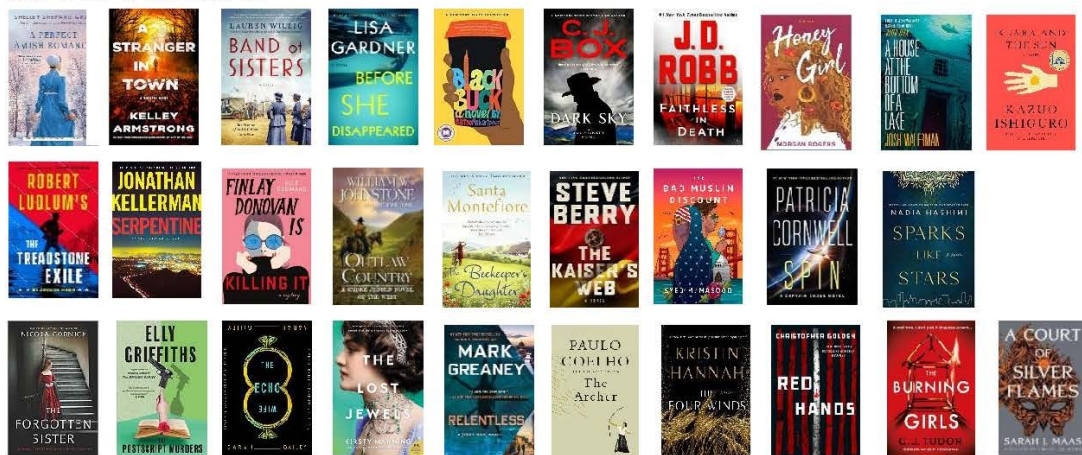
The majority of the funding for the Calmar Public Library comes from the Town of Calmar through your municipal taxes. Since public libraries share their resources to all Albertans, Public Library Services Branch (Municipal Affairs), and Leduc County also contribute. Every year the Library Board submits their operational budget for approval from the Town of Calmar Council. The spending of the budget is the responsibility of the Calmar Public Library Board while working closely with the Library Director.

The Calmar Public Library Board meets once a month, except July and August on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. and are open to the public. If you are interested in attending a Calmar Public Library Board meeting contact sparkinson@calmarpubliclibrary.ca for a link.

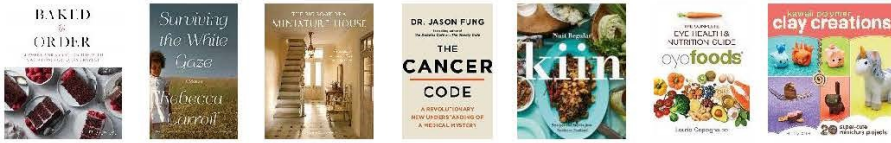
New Items at the Library

Below are a few of the many new items that we have added to our collection. Contact the library at 780.985.347 or www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca to reserve your copy today.

ADULT FICTION



ADULT NON-FICTION



YOUNG ADULT



JR. BOOKS



DVD'S



As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 780.985.3472. We are happy to help patrons make the transition to our new norm. We look forward to seeing everyone, though we ask that patrons who are immune-compromised or otherwise susceptible to COVID-19 infection not take out items from the library or enter the library. Remember we are still here to serve you! Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for our updates.

To keep up-to-date on information regarding the library please go to one of the resources below:

- Follow us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary>
- Follow us on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_34ttDgZU1zpV3WE5fWDA
- Go to our website @ <https://calmarpubliclibrary.ca/>
- E-mail us at: circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca
- Phone: 780.985.3472



Until next time..

Susan Parkinson
Director

FROM THE PEACE OFFICER

Good day all!

Warmer weather is here and with that comes time to look at some up coming spring chores. Yard cleaning, frozen dog piles in the yard, and so forth. I have really noticed how much cleaner our town looks from only a few years back. It's always a work in progress, but to those who take pride in their yards, thank you for your efforts. To those who need a little push, I guess I'll be seeing you soon!

Now that the weather is warmer our pets are out in the yards more through out the day. Because more people are working from home now, we need to stay on top of the dog barking that disrupts those home based workers as they have online meetings throughout the day. Bark collars, keeping them in while you're out at work all help keep the noise and complaints down.

Lastly, looks like we are opening up a little more which allows us to do more things. Please remember that these restrictions and mask wearing are to protect the vulnerable.

Enjoy your Spring,

OFFICER LEGGIO

FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Maureen Geiger, winner of February's Time Capsule survey draw. Unfortunately, space precludes me from itemizing all the suggestions we received for what to put in the time capsule and where to bury it but there were some very good ideas and we have already started working on them.

Not a Homecoming event but under the category of congratulations, congrats to the winners of the Family Day Virtual Escape Room that the Town and the Calmar Public Library hosted. Our big winner in an astonishing 4 minutes was Tara Nelson. The battle for 2nd was tight but Cassie Brooks edged out Kyara Halicki by a mere 2 minutes. In addition to our winners we hope everyone who tried the escape room had fun – and for the record, my time was probably closer to 60 minutes.....

Back to the Homecoming front, this month should see the announcement of the Calmar Public Library's annual story writing contest. Watch the Library or the Town's Facebook pages for more information on the winners and on the public readings of their submissions.

We are still looking for submissions for Volume 2 of Pioneers in Progress. We would like to see updates (max. 500 words) on families featured in Volume 1 who still reside in the area as well as stories from families that arrived after 1980, stories about people in the community, teams, cultural groups, businesses, memorable events good or bad, and photos to go along with as many submissions as possible.

And don't forget, you can pick up your Homecoming crew neck sweatshirt or hoody from the Calmar Pharmacy, Calmar Public Library, or the Town Office. Show your Homecoming spirit!!!

Plans are in the works to get Calmar Days back after last year's pandemic influenced cancellation. One thing however is the organizers of the slo-pitch tournament have stepped down – Kelly and Rich Goldsworthy, thank you for running the tournament for as long and as well as you did – so we need a person or a group to fill the void. If anyone is interested, please email me at bking@calmar.ca.

In closing, if you would like to help advise on recreation for our community, we currently have openings on the Recreation Board for both At Large and Rec Group representatives. If you are interested in joining the Rec Board, you can contact me for more information (via the email above or by phone at 780-985-3604 ext 224) or submit a letter of interest with resume to my email.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Calmar is a small town but you can still fit the world's smallest country over 9 times in Calmar! (Calmar - 4.65 sq.km. vs Vatican City - 0.9 sq.km.)
- It was 10 years ago (April 5th 2011) that Rod Phillips (born in Calmar 1941) called his final Oilers game. In total Rod called 3,542 Oilers games beginning with the franchise's inception in the WHA in 1973.
- 2021 is the year of the sunflower which is also the symbolic flower of Calmar

<https://laidbackgardener.blog/2021/01/06/2020-year-of-the-sunflower/>

Economic Development & Tourism

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E: mlevasseur@calmar.ca

April Update



Heritage Committee Celebrating Calmar's 125+2 Homecoming

The Town of Calmar year of Homecoming is upon us!! The Heritage Committee is hosting monthly activities leading up to Homecoming Week in August. Follow the series of activities on Facebook and the Town website. Don't forget to pick up your FREE commemorative pin and purchase the official homecoming sweatshirt. These items can be found at the Calmar Public Library, the Calmar Pharmacy and the Town Office. The committee needs your help on the following:

1. Collection of artifacts and historical items, images, papers, etc. for the pop up museum.
2. Family, business, or service group story submissions for the second volume of Pioneers in Progress Book.
3. Homecoming Fridays – wear your homecoming sweatshirts and show your Calmar spirit. Watch for fun contest details and weekly sharing of stories.

Community Vitalization Project (CVP)

Phase 2 of public consultation is complete and draft concepts, plans and priority setting is in progress. Thank you to everyone who attended the Live Presentation and Q & A Event. The concept boards are staying up in the downtown lot if you wish to check them out still. You can also stay up to date with all CVP project information by visiting the Town website at www.calmar.ca/cvp/.

Development Incentive Grant Program

The Town of Calmar has a broad mandate to provide support for residential and non-residential development that reflects the needs of the community. A three-year development incentive grant program has been established for new development projects. The objectives of this program are:

- Increase services for the community.
- Create new jobs.
- Generate new non-residential space to help with business attraction efforts.
- To attract a wide diversity of housing types to Calmar.
- To entice diversity and the highest quality of home builders to Calmar.
- To complete in-progress neighborhoods and infill projects.
- Balance the tax revenue generation between residential and non-residential.

Calmar Businesses

Calmar businesses are open and working hard to serve the community while adhering to all covid measures. We are pleased to welcome Trykaysa Clothing and Accessories to the community. They are located in downtown at 4737 – 50 Avenue. Thank you for continuing to support local businesses.

Town of Calmar
2021 Municipal Election Newsletter
MARCH 15,2021

October 18th, 2021 brings us to another round of Municipal Elections, across Alberta, for the positions of Mayors, Reeves, Aldermen and Councilors for local jurisdictions. In Calmar, residents will elect a Mayor and four Councilors. Nomination forms for the Mayor and Councilors are now available on the Town's website or are available at the Town Administration Office located at 4901 – 50th Avenue. All persons wishing to file a Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance form, with the Returning Officer, must also file a Candidate Information form. Any eligible person may file a nomination with the Returning Officer at any time during regular business hours between January 2, 2021 and 12:00 noon on Nomination day, which is four (4) weeks prior to Election day which will be September 20th, 2021. You can access the forms available at the Administration Office by ringing the doorbell at the front entrance, Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm (closed from 12:30pm – 1:00pm for lunch). Watch the Town's website at www.calmar.ca for any changes in business hours that may occur due to COVID.

Election Day will be Monday, October 18th, 2021 and voting is planned to take place between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm at a Voting Station, the location of which is to be determined due to Covid-19 and social distancing restrictions. Watch for further information in this regard.

For those unable to vote on Election Day, an Advance Vote is proposed to take place on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 between the hours of 1:00pm and 4:00pm, again at a Voting Station location to be determined.

All candidates, whether nominated for Mayor or Councilor, should review Section 147 of the Local Authorities Election Act and make themselves aware of their responsibilities in regard to reporting campaign financing and expenses whether a candidate is elected or not.

For more information or should you have any questions, please contact Returning Officer Mike Storey at 780-985-3604 ext. 226 or by email at mstorey@calmar.ca.

Mike Storey, Returning Officer

CYBERWORLD WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUTH PRESS SEND?

May 5 2021 / 6pm / On Zoom!

WELCOME TO CYBERWORLD. THIS PRESENTATION IS NOT FOR THE FAINT AT HEART! IN FACT, WE ACTUALLY CONSIDER THIS PRESENTATION R RATED, SIMPLY DUE TO SOME OF THE CONTENT WITHIN IT. WE TALK ABOUT A LOT OF TOUGH STUFF INCLUDING ONLINE STREAMING, APPS, PORNOGRAPHY, GAMING, AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF THAT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE NAVIGATING THESE DAYS. DEFINITELY TIME WELL SPENT, WE THINK!



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2021

Join us in recognizing and celebrating Calmar's dedicated volunteers.

Date: April 24, 2021 | Time: 3:00 pm | Location: Online via GoToMeetings

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://www.gotomeet.me/KathyKrawchuk/nvw2021> You can also call in using your phone: +1 (647) 497-9373. Access Code: 312-864-301.

For assistance in accessing this presentation please contact.





Community Income Tax Program March 1 – April 29.

Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), community organizations host free tax clinics where volunteers file tax returns for eligible people.

New this year: Virtual Tax Coaching

Do you want to gain the skills to complete your taxes?

Do you have access to reliable internet?



Register for Virtual Tax coaching!

In order to be eligible for the CVITP, individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

Contact Taylor Thomas for registration and inquiries at C: 780-985-3191
or E: tthomas@calmar.ca



Calmar Communities In Bloom

Spring is here and we are getting ready to paint the Town with colour!!

The Calmar Communities In Bloom Committee are busy coordinating flower deliveries and planning bed and barrel planting in June. If you would like to sponsor barrels or one of our beautiful flower beds in Town, please contact Brandon Richards-Fedor at (587) 985-0346 or brichardsfedor@outlook.com.

Sponsorship Prices:

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|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Barrels | \$ 40.00 | Woodland Sign Bed | \$ 100.00 |
| Peace Park (Pumpjack Bed) | \$ 400.00 | Woodland Keyhole Bed | \$ 400.00 |
| Centre Park Gazebo | \$ 80.00 | Woodland Half Moon Bed | \$ 150.00 |
| Mike Karbonik Arena Sign | \$ 80.00 | Woodland Rock Garden | \$ 100.00 |
| Tot Lot Bed | \$ 100.00 | Woodland Flagpole Bed | \$ 250.00 |
| Tot Lot Sign | \$ 80.00 | Westview Sign Bed | \$ 80.00 |

BLACK KNOT FUNGUS

Black knot is a fungal disease caused by the fungus *Apiosporina morbosa* (formerly referred to as *Dibotryon morbosum*). It affects mainly plum and cherry trees in North America.

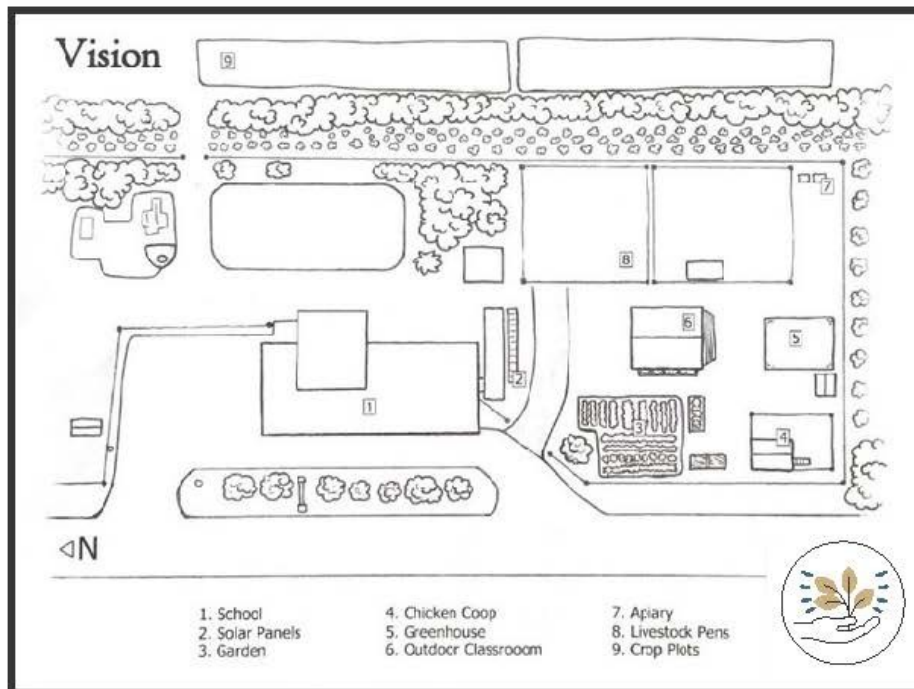
The disease produces rough, black growths that encircle and kill the infested area, providing a habitat for tree damaging insects.

If left untreated, black knot can limit the life span of a tree. Control of black knot requires both prevention and sanitation.

- Inspect your trees during dormant season
- Prune out all infected branches in late winter (late February through the mid-April)
- Remove at least 4-6 inches of healthy tissue below each knot to ensure elimination of fungus
- Make sure to safely discard the infected stems and branches by throwing them in the trash or burning them
- Sanitize your pruning tools with 70 percent rubbing alcohol to prevent reinfection.
- A severely infected tree should be removed completely
- Continue to monitor the tree in the following months and years to detect newly infected parts early.

NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



Wondering how NHCS is unique?

There will be a balance between outside hands on learning, indoor hands on learning and direct instruction. The green house, animals and other programs will be integrated into the daily learning. Teachers will be able to take their grade's Alberta Program of Studies (APS) and build their lesson plans with a focus on experiential hands-on learning. The agriculture aspects, the broiler chicken program, green house, garden, field trips, presentations, Wizard Lake Watershed, outdoor classroom and more will all be tools for the teachers to build their lesson plans. Instead of having a before or after school program with these activities our programs will be integrated within everyday teaching. The development of these lessons will include guidance from the Superintendent, Principal, and Board of Directors for the school.

Where we started ~~707~~

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

*Where we are now **25***

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

*Beat the waitlist
Enroll Now*

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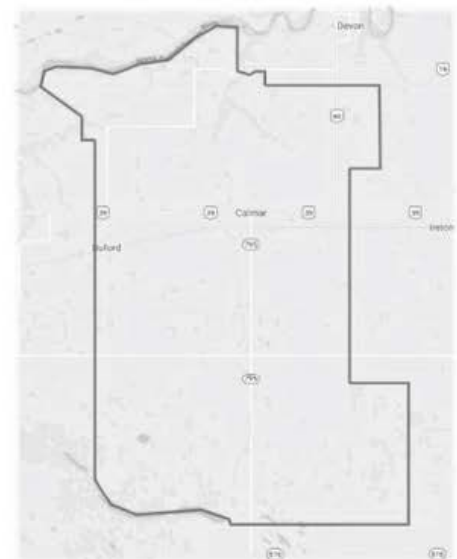
"When considering the local school or NHCS with the focus on hands-on learning, getting outside, agriculture, and still covering the Alberta curriculum I knew this would be a good fit with my child's learning style."

Grade Four Parent

NEW HUMBLE



NHCS Transportation Boundary



GLEN PARK HALL CPEP

**WITH SENIORS ONLINE EVERY WED
10 AM – 12 NOON**

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH/APRIL 2021

MARCH 10 – HEALTH MATTERS

MARCH 17 – GARDEN TIPS/IDEAS

MARCH 24 – SENIOR CENTER WITHOUT WALLS

MARCH 31 – TIMESHARE – CRUISING – DESTINATIONS

APRIL 7 – GARAGE & KITCHEN HOBBIES/TALENTS



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CONNECT
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Need a Change? We can Help.



NewsLetter DEADLINE 15th of the month!

OPTIONS:

\$100.00 Full Page \$75.00 Half Page
\$50.00 Quarter Page \$25.00 Business Card
COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE FREE!

Phone: 780.985.3604 ext. 232 Fax: 780.985.3039

Email: hbryans@calmar.ca



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Please contact the Town office with any inquiries. When requesting an ad please submit it in an electronic format which is print ready. **All ads must be paid for at the time of submission.** Calmar Community groups are free. A full list can be found on our website: www.calmar.ca/newsletter/

Starting a Home Based Business?

Did you know that you may require a Development Permit and possibly other approvals if you are going to change the existing use of your building?

Also, you are required to obtain a Business License.

Please contact Ruth Sider, Development Officer, at rsider@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 233.

Property Taxes

The Town offers a penalty free payment plan specially for Tax Accounts. (TIPS)


You can sign up anytime through out the year! (You will need to pay up front for the months that have already passed, to stay caught up).

All you need is a signed Pre-Authorized Debit form and a VOID Cheque/Direct Deposit paper from your bank.

No missed due dates and penalties, no need to renew every year. Just an automatic withdrawal from your account once a month.

~The payment is calculated based on your most current levy~

If you are interested in joining, contact Heather @ hbryans@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 232.




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Family owned and operated since 1977

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 Pharmacy: 780.985.3121
 Website: www.calmarpharmacy.com

Hours of Operation

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| Monday-Friday | 9:00AM-7:00PM |
| Saturday | 9:00AM-5:00PM |
| Sundays & Holidays: | 11:00AM-5:00PM |



CALMAR FAS GAS
 CONVENIENCE STORE - LIQUOR STORE - CARWASH

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 Liquor Store 780-985-3334
 Fax 780-985-3334

PUBLIC WORKS ON CALL
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PUBLIC WORKS SHOP
 780-985-2121

**COMMUNITY PEACE
OFFICER**
 780-999-7181

EMERGENCY
 911

**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

Held virtually @ 7p.m.,
 watch FB and website for
 details.

1st and 3rd Mondays each
 month (except January, July
 & August).