

# CALMAR CHRONICLE

January 2019



Happy **NEW** Year 2019

NOTICE: Our Office will be  
closed January 1st, 2019

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## Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed this Christmas season. It is always a busy time for my family and I and we wish you all the very best in 2019. I feel it is always important to discuss where we have been and what we have accomplished as we head into the new year. With that in mind, I am happy to discuss the following accomplishments.

At the Mike Karbonik Arena we installed new washrooms, showers, exterior cladding and an ice condenser for the ice plant. This concludes many upgrades to the arena in the past 2 years. The Library received a new front vestibule, which makes the library warmer, the doors are handicap accessible and adds great curb appeal to the Town. On 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> street, the Town added crosswalk lights so that our children have safe passage across the highway. In 2019 we will be installing another set of crosswalk lights at 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Westview Drive. New curbs, sidewalks and pavement were replaced on Parkview Crescent with the work being completed in 2019. We celebrated the opening of the new Calmar Medical Clinic Building and Leduc County's new Emergency Services Building.

With all the projects that we have completed and the ones that are on the books to begin, we need to talk taxes, as of course, that is how we pay for all our upgrades and services. I have heard far too often that taxes are too high in Calmar and people want to know what we receive for our taxes. In the last 8 years, taxes have increased by an average of 1.5 percent per year. With these increases remember that inflation has also increased at the same time by 1.5 to 2.5 percent per year, which means we are only raising taxes to cover the inflation rate increases!

For information, I have collected the 2018 tax rate of seven communities in the Capital Region area that are close in population size to Calmar for comparison:

### Mill Rate Taxes on a \$300,000 Home

Thorsby	14.9643	\$4,489.29
Lamont	13.0400	\$3,912.00
Bon Accord	12.4680	\$3,740.39
Calmar	12.0623	\$3,618.69
Bruderheim	11.9267	\$3,578.01
Redwater	11.2278	\$3,368.34
Millet	10.2481	\$3,074.43

As you can see, the Town of Calmar is not the highest nor the lowest community for taxes. Something to remember when comparing towns' taxes is that not all communities provide the same services as Calmar for the tax dollars received. One example is the Town of Millet does not provide snow removal in the winter time. They only plow the snow to the side of the street, whereas Calmar plows the streets and removes all snow.

Some of the services that you receive from your tax dollars is as follows;

Arena, Parks and Recreation, Spray Park, Library, Community Cultural Centre, Communities in Blooms, Community & Family Programs, Family & Community Support Services, Community Policing, Fire Response & Prevention, Emergency & Disaster Recovery, Road & Sidewalk Maintenance, Street Sweeping & Snow Removal, Water & Sewer Services, Street Lights and Economic Development & Promotion.

All the people that are elected to Town Council are tax payers as well. When taxes are increased we are also increasing our own property taxes. We do not like to pay more taxes either, however as inflation goes up so does the need to increase taxes.

There are 2 main ways to keep taxes lower. We need to increase the number of residents and businesses in town or reduce services. Most tax payers would probably not be in favor of decreased services. Therefore, we need to find ways to increase our population, whether residentially or with business. I always ask myself how we can do this with all the negativity and complaints residents in our community partake in; running the town down drives new people and business away! Why would anyone want to come home to Calmar? We all need to show that our community is a warm and inviting place to call home and setup a business. Negativity does not achieve this goal. People need to know that our Town of Calmar has enormous potential and is a fantastic place to live! Spread the word of all the wonderful things our Town has to offer and leave the negativity alone. Don't participate in gossip and non-factual information! Ask questions of myself and Council. Just because you hear something on social media, in the coffee shop or in a business in Calmar does not make it true. Until information is confirmed by the Town or Council, it is merely hearsay!

As always, please contact me or anyone on Council if you have any questions. We like to hear from the residents and we want to answer your questions. We want our tax payers and community to be engaged with the things that go on in our Town. We want you to get involved and interested! We want to see you attend Council meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month and between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. you can address all of Council and/or just have a chat before the regular council meeting begins. This promotes camaraderie with Council and Administration to make a person feel more comfortable to become involved. You can reach me anytime at (780) 722-4147 or via email at [wyachimetz@calmar.ca](mailto:wyachimetz@calmar.ca).

From my family to yours, we wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the Best in 2019!

LET'S MAKE CALMAR THE BEST CALMAR THAT IT CAN BE!!!!

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Wally Yachimetz

# January 2019

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27	28	29	30	31  Garbage		Please note, we recognize and respect that there are additional awareness dates, but for this Edition, we only highlighted a select few. <i>Thank you.</i>



## New Year's Eve Facts

- Sydney, Australia is the first major city in the world to ring in the new year
- Hogmanay is the Scottish word for the last day of the year
- Costa Rica has several traditions including eating 12 grapes to represent 12 wishes for the new year and running across the street with luggage to bring new trips and adventures for the new year (please don't judge if you see me doing this lol)
- In Mexico they have a tradition of making a list of all the bad or unhappy events over the past 12 months, just before midnight the list is thrown in the fire, symbolizing the removal of negative energy from the new year
- In the Philippines many opt to wear new, bright, or colourful clothes with circular patterns, such as polka dots, or display sweets and twelve round fruits as the centerpiece, in the belief that circles attract money and fortune and that candies represent a sweeter year ahead

## Finance Department Fourth Quarter Report

The Departments have finished the preparation of their 2019 Capital and 2019 – 2021 Operating Budgets. The first draft of each should be presented to Town Council for consideration early in the New Year. Watch the Town's website for the dates of the Council Committee meetings to address the budgets.

We are starting to prepare the necessary documentation for the annual audit to be conducted by MNP, LLP. Just a reminder that there is a 12% penalty levied, on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, on all property taxes outstanding after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

We hope you have a safe, joyful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Mike Storey  
Director of Finance

### **Good Day Calmar....**

Time for another update as to the on goings in the Town of Calmar. The weather has created poor walking conditions for all. Please remember you have 48 hours to clear your sidewalk of snow and ice after it falls. All our walks are very short in front of the homes so it only takes a short period of time to clear them. I'm stuck with the same snow shoveling as the rest, but I don't want any law suits brought against me so shovel I must. If the sidewalks are icy it's logical to assume so are the roads. We all know there will be motor vehicle deaths over the holiday season. Please don't be one of them.

On a better note, the kids are talking to me at the school about how excited they are for the Christmas season. One told me he doesn't believe in Santa Claus. I told him he's crazy!!! I said he's missing out on more presents!! If he lets his mom and dad know he feels Santa is not real, he will only get presents from them, but if he still believes in Santa, then he gets presents from Santa and his parents!! He saw the strategy and quickly stated he believes in Santa.

Have a safe Holiday Season,

Officer LEGGIO

### **Hello to the Town of Calmar,**

Well where has the year gone, as we ring in the New Year. On that note comes some friendly reminders. Please remember to have your dog on a leash at all times. In the last couple of months we have had many complaints in regards to animals running at large and unfortunately, some of these complaints led to dog bites, including an attack on our own Officer Leggio. You as a responsible pet owner have an obligation to make sure this bylaw is being followed, so please do so for the safety of others as well as your animal.

With that being said, please have a safe and hoppy holiday!

See you all in the New Year!

Officer Eshpeter

## Public Works/Development Ramblings

Well 2018 is coming to an end and I can't really say it was an easy year to get things completed. From rain to snow to scheduling etc. it just seemed to be a struggle to get work completed. However we did get some Capital projects completed: the new cladding and insulation on the Mike Karbonik Arena; wheelchair accessible washrooms in the dressing rooms; the installation of the new condenser for the ice plant; the vestibule and wheelchair accessible entrance to the library; and of course the dreaded Parkview Crescent rehab which is half completed. The Parkview Crescent rehab was the real stickler this year, with a late start, poor weather conditions, scheduling of crews, staging of project to maintain access, it was all a challenge. With all the setbacks we did manage to get half completed and look forward to completing the project in 2019. We also had a new play structure installed in an all new location at the ball diamonds. This was well received by residents living on the south side of Highway 39 and we look forward to more improvements to the area. The winter has been forgiving other than the snowfall which came on the weekend of Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. This proved to be quite a dump and after all was said and done there were approximately 298 loads of snow removed to our dump site as we put on approximately 2100Km between the 3 trucks, from town to dump site and back, over a period of 5 days. Quite remarkable really. Some projects which did not get completed is the lining of the sanitary line under Highway 39 from 47 street to 50 street, as well as the walkway adjacent to Highway 39 from Peace Park to 51 street. This is carried over to next year's budget. The completion of the new Leduc County Fire Station is a welcome addition to the Town of Calmar as well. It too is a very impressive building.

The Development end of things was quite slow in 2019 with no new subdivision development, other than 22 more lots being added to Southbridge. There was some residential development throughout Town with multi-family sites becoming very popular. The Development Department is working closely with Leduc County to create the Intermunicipal Development Plan as well as the Inter Collaborative Framework, both new requirements of The Municipal Government Act. The Town is also working to update our own Municipal Development Plan, as well as our Procedures and Design Standards for Development Document. The Land Use Bylaw was updated as well, however with the legalization of marijuana there will be many amendments required to allow for sales as well as manufacturing of the product.

Well that's about all I have for today. I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and all the best in the New Year.

Ed Melesko

Director of Operations/Land Development

# **CALMAR AND DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB**

## **JANUARY 2019 NEWS**

The Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club would like to welcome everyone to come and try us on for size! Make new friends or meet up with old acquaintances.

If you like to visit or dance come and check out the Music Jammers. A light lunch (rumoured to be one of the best in the county) and a great afternoon of music. The musicians even take requests! Come out, meet new friends and have an afternoon of fun.

Birthdays are another opportunity to meet new people as well as old friends, and usually there is a cake or two that is always delicious.

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2019.

**Activities to look forward to at the Calmar and District Senior Citizen's club location are as follows:**

Birthdays are now held quarterly at the General Meetings, a birthday cake will be provided but if your birthday falls in the three month period covered by the quarter, feel free to bring a treat for everyone to share.

Music Jammers: January 22, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Light lunch served. \$7 fee collected at the door.



### **Advance Notice:**

Annual General Meeting: February 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Please consider putting your name in for an Executive Board position. Elections will be held at the end of the AGM. Light lunch to be served after the elections.

Quarterly General Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. (Birthdays will be celebrated after the meeting)

Hall rental cost for meetings up to 4 hrs is \$100 and for more than 4 hours is \$200 plus equal amount for deposits. Please contact Marg /Ed at [780-985-3221](tel:780-985-3221).

# First Night 2019

New Year's  
Eve 2018

## **Let's Celebrate Together At Calmar's Annual First Night Celebration!**

Join us at the Mike Karbonik Arena (5019 - 47 St.)  
for an evening of free public skating, hot chocolate,  
and a hot dog served by your very own Town Council!

Balloon artist and face painting for the kids.

**Doors open at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Activities end at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Arena closes at 8:30 p.m.**

Reminisce about 2018 around the bonfire.

**Fireworks at 8:30 p.m.**

See you under the crescent moon!





## From the Recreation Department

Now that 2019 is here, let's do a quick wrap up of a couple of our major events late in 2018.

Christmas in the Park was held back on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November – a good 2 weeks before its traditional time and we were blessed with great weather. On an evening with negligible wind and a temperature of around -3, probably 200 people came down to Woodland Park for hot chocolate, cookies, time with Santa, arts & crafts for the young ones, sleigh rides, and socializing around the fire. Without a doubt, a good time was had by all.

Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December saw the annual Christmas Craft Fair at Calmar Elementary School. 41 vendors provided lots of Xmas shopping opportunities for everyone and the Jolly Old Elf even made an appearance. Thank you to all the vendors who participated and to all of you who came down to have a look/purchase something. Thanks also to the Black Gold School Division for allowing us the use of the Elementary School.

Of course, New Year's Eve saw Calmar's Annual First Night celebration but because of deadline issues, I won't be able to tell you how things went until the February issue of the Chronicle. But let me leave you with this about it – Twinkletoes was there!

And now, for something completely different....

Family Day is still almost 2 months away but I am taking this opportunity to announce my first event/activity for Calmar – it's the Family Day Photo and Essay Contest!!

Because the purpose of Family Day is supposed to be for spending time with one's family, I felt it wouldn't be right to have a special event that would require workers/volunteers spend time away from their families as that would essentially be defeating the purpose of Family Day. So I decided I could help the community celebrate the holiday by having this contest where the prizes would benefit families. The top prizes would be an hour of ice time at the Mike Karbonik Arena. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners would each get a day's rent at the Program Centre and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners would get 1 hour of dry floor use at the Mike Karbonik Arena in the summer. PLEASE NOTE: Refundable Damage Deposits still apply and the bookings have to be used for family functions. Also, all bookings are subject to availability.

So how do you win? There are two components to the contest. There is photography/hand drawn picture and there is an 'essay'. Within each of these there are Age Categories: 12 and under, 13 – 17 years, and Adult. Submit a photo/picture or an essay that you feel best embodies the concept of family. To make it even easier, the photo can be as old as 01 October 2018. Any photos taken earlier than that will be deemed ineligible. The essay contest isn't that hard either as there is no minimum just a maximum of 600 words. All that is needed is something that truly evokes what family means to you/is all about.

A maximum of 18 prizes are up for grabs so get your photos and essays in to the Town by Friday 01 February. The winners will be posted on the Town's Facebook page for Family Day and will also be featured in the March Chronicle.

All submissions must have the entrant's name and age. For youth, the contact name and information for a legal guardian must be provided.

## **What Does Family Mean To You?**

Every weekend in the summer my father takes us all out to the lake where we spend our time playing on the beach, floating in the water, and fishing for our supper. Together we also build a giant sand castle and then watch as the water washes it away



Say it in words (max. 600 words) or say it in pictures (photos or hand drawn) and you could win one of the following:

1. 1 hour of ice time at the Mike Karbonik Arena
2. A full days rental of the Program Centre
3. 1 hour worth of dry floor time at the Mike Karbonik Arena.

Three Age Categories:

1. Youth up to Age 12
2. Youth ages 13 – 17
3. Adults 19+

All submissions must have the entrants name and age. For youth, the contact name and information for a legal guardian must be provided.

Submit all entries via email to [bking@calmar.ca](mailto:bking@calmar.ca) or by fax at 780-985-3039 or bring it to 4901 – 50 Avenue or mail it to P.O. Box 750, T0C 0V0.

# What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library **January 2019**



## **January One Time Programs**

### **Read for 15 Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

On **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, libraries across Alberta will be reaching out to encourage citizens in their communities to read for 15 minutes in support of Family Literacy Day that takes place on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. To add some motivation, there is the "Readerpalooza" trophy that is awarded to the community with the greatest per capita rate of readers.

The contest starts 12:01am on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and closes 11:59 pm Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a 24-hour contest to see who can read supreme!

The trick is to let us know that you have completed your 15 minutes of reading. This can be done several ways:

- Call 780.985.3472 (leave a message with your name)
- Email us at [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)
- Drop by the library during operational hours and let us know.
- Make a comment on our Facebook page, better yet take a picture and post it on the page!

If you read as a group, just let us know how many were in your group. Remember, you can read anything, from books, magazines, text messages, articles on the web, even cereal boxes count! Just Read.

If you have any questions or would like to know how to organize your class room, club, or your work place to get involved, give us a call and we can help you out. Keep in mind that there is no age restriction on this challenge and only one entry per person.

### **Lego for Literacy Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Get your Lego on!** That's right friends, it is time for a little **Lego for Literacy** challenge. You make your masterpiece at home (perfect over the Christmas holiday) and bring it to the library **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** between 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The winner will be announced once the judging has been completed that evening. We will have 3 categories; Category 1: 1 to 6 years; Category 2: 7 to 12 years; and Category 3: 13 years and older. You must include in your Lego entry a story or picture (for those who are too young to write) about your entry. Tells us about your entry. Why did you make it? What did you like best about making it? If you and a friend or family member are doing an entry together, your entry will go into the category of the oldest person on your team. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each category. No kits will be

accepted as we want you to use your imagination. So, get your creative juices running and **Get Your Lego On!**

## **Monthly Programs**

### **Zookinesis**

Zookinesis is a chair exercise that is designed to bring youthful vitality back to the body. Program runs every Monday (except Stat holidays) @ 11:30 am

### **Knit & Stitch**

A great place to share your interest whether you're a beginner or pro. Bring your handiwork and spend some time with fellow knitters. All levels of skill welcome. Wool and patterns available. Bring your own needles.

**Starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

### **Play Learn & Grow**

This program is in partnership with Leduc Regional Parent Link and is geared towards 0 to 5 years of age with caregivers. Discover how you can play and have fun as your child goes through each exciting stage of development.

**Every Wednesday starting January 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm**

### **Early Dismissal Movie**

First Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm – (school age)

January 9th – **Smallfoot**

Popcorn and a movie! What a great way to spend the afternoon! Please register so we know how much popcorn to make.

### **Thursday Tween Scene (6 to 12 years of age)**

January 10th @ 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

This month we are learning how to make hot ice! Please call to register as limited spots are available.

### **CookBook Club**

The Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. starting January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. (No program if the Monday falls on a Stat holiday). This program is a fun way to try new recipes and taste new dishes. Call the library for more information.

### **Adult Book Club**

Last Monday of the month 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

There will be no book club meeting in December. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 we will be discussing ***Behind Closed Doors*** by B. A. Paris. The book will be available at the library the beginning of January. Contact the Library if you have any questions. Come on down and join the conversation.

## Tween Book Club (6 – 12 years of age)

The Tween Book Club meets on the last Thursday of the month starting January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm. Sometimes each participant reads a book of their choice and sometimes participants will all read the same book to discuss as a group.

For more information about these and other programs check out our webpage or like us on Facebook.

Check out our webpage: [www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

Call 780.985.3472 for more information.



CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS						
JANUARY 2019						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31 CLOSED	1 CLOSED	2 11:00-8:00 1:00 PM PJ Movie Time (6-12years) "Early Man" 5:30 PM Teen Movie Time (13 yrs & older) "Alpha"	3 11:00-5:00	4 11:00-5:00	5 11:00 – 3:00	6 CLOSED
7 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise	8 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	9 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver) 3:00 PM Early Dismissal Movie: "Smallfoot"	10 11:00-5:00 3:30 Tween Time (6-12yrs) Make hot ice.	11 11:00-5:00	12 11:00 – 3:00	13 CLOSED
14 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise	15 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	16 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver)	17 11:00-5:00	18 11:00-5:00	19 11:00 – 3:00	20 CLOSED
21 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise 6:30 PM CookBook Club (Adult)	22 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	23 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver)	24 11:00-5:00	25 11:00-5:00 All Day Read for 15! 1:00 PM Mother Daughter Book Club (Family)	26 11:00 – 3:00	27 CLOSED Family Literacy Day
28 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise 1:30 PM Adult Book Club	29 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	30 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver)	31 11:00-5:00 3:30 PM Tween Book Club (6-12 yrs)			



**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 - 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**CALMAR PROGRAM CENTRE - 4815-49 STREET**



This Public Information Session is to obtain public input on locations where proposed Cannabis Retail Stores should be allowed in the following Districts:

C1 – Commercial (Central) and C2 – Commercial (Highway) Districts

Should you require further information regarding this information session please contact Ruth Sider – Development Officer at  
780-985-3604 ext. 233

or by emailing [rsider@calmar.ca](mailto:rsider@calmar.ca)

## *CALMAR FIGURE SKATING CLUB*



Now accepting registrations for  
2019 winter programs.

\*\*\*\*Come learn to skate!!!

Sessions commence Wed, Jan.9/19  
till March 20<sup>th</sup>.

CanSkate ages 3+ is Wednesdays 5-5:45pm  
-11 week session \$135 + \$40 registration fee + \$50  
fundraising commitment. No bingos or casinos.

StarSkate is Wednesdays 3:30-4:45pm

For more info or to register, please contact Bonnie  
Kabanuk at: 780-387-2262, 780-719-0360 or email  
kabanukranch@telus.net

**Calmar Family & Community Support Services**

**2018 Calmar & District Christmas Elves Door to Door Food Drive**



Once again the Calmar and District volunteers and the Calmar Volunteer Fire Fighters did a tremendous job . Even though the snow was deep, 35 Volunteers participated in the Calmar Christmas Elves Annual Door to Door Food and Gift Drive. They happily trudged through all that snow, with smiles on their faces.




Sincerely, The Calmar Christmas Elves Team Darlene Behiel, Tracey Gordon & Yvonne Pearson

**Thank you to the Calmar Volunteer Fire Fighters for heading the food drive, your support and kindness is appreciated. You are all our community heroes.**

**Program Information**

Canada Revenue Volunteer Income Tax Program Available from March 5—April 30, 2019




**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM**

BEGINNING MARCH 5, 2019

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FCSS COORDINATOR YVONNE @ 780-985-3191

EMAIL: [ypearson@calmar.ca](mailto:ypearson@calmar.ca)





# CHRISTMAS WINNERS ALERT!!



**The winners for the Calmar Christmas Lights are:**

**First place (\$ 100.00 Gift Card) - #2 Parkview Crescent**

**Second place (\$75.00 Gift Card) - #55 Spruceview Crescent**

**Third place (\$50.00 Gift Card) - #11 Parkview Crescent**



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# DID YOU KNOW...

Different types of snowfalls require different methods of removal and determine the priority areas. On a typical snowfall as we saw at the beginning of December, lots of snow and no wind, drifting was not an issue therefore we would follow our snow removal policy. The grader will start on streets which can be winged off (snow not needing to be picked up), outside streets, etc., the loader will be used for intersections where cars need to stop and start, parking lots, etc. The skid steer and smaller equipment is used to clear walking paths, sidewalks etc. This allows businesses time to clear their sidewalks by pushing snow into the parking lane along the commercial areas. Crews typically start clearing the 50Ave (Hwy 39) at approximately 2:00 am – 3:00 am, this is done for safety reasons, as traffic is minimal, as well the parking lanes are clear. Once the Hwy is done we clear 50st (795) from 50 Ave to 47 Ave. Snow South of 47 Ave is winged off. Although Alberta Transportation plows the driving lane on these two streets the Town is responsible for removing the snow from parking lanes. When Hwy 39 and Sec. Hwy. 795 are clear, the next priority areas are schools and seniors living accommodations to ensure emergency vehicle access. From here we move to residential areas. Signs are placed out the night before snow removal in a given area so that vehicles can be moved off the street. Vehicles that remain on snow routes may be towed at the owners' expense. As indicated sometimes this priority list must change, if strong winds accompany snow storms crews may be focused on external routes where drifting occurs.

We thank you for your patience as clearing the entire Town takes approximately 5 days depending on conditions.



"Growing together in Jesus Christ



to spread His light of love in Calmar"

# Calmar Community Baptist Church

Pastor Keith Froese (780)721-2171 Email: calmarcommunitybaptist37@gmail.com Street Address: 37A Parkview Cres.

## Sunday Mornings @ the church

Adult & Youth Sunday School class - 9:00 - 9:45am

Pre-service coffee 9:45 - 10:25am

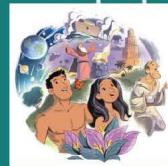
Pre-service Prayer 10:00 - 10:15am

Service begins @ 10:30am

Hey Kids!

# THE GOSPEL PROJECT

FOR KIDS



Come Join Us  
Sunday Mornings!

Learn how **Christ** fits  
into the entire **Gospel Story**,  
pre-creation to eternity.

## Welcome All Ladies!

Come join us on Wednesday Nights  
@ 7:00pm for coffee, encouragement &  
digging deeper into God's Word.



## Men's Bible Study

Enjoy studying God's word,  
discussion and a cup of  
coffee together.

Saturday mornings @ 7:30  
Breakfast every 1st  
Saturday of the month.

## Christian Service Brigade

Boys ages 8-12

Restarting for the New Year January 10th.  
Held @ the Calmar Elementary School

Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00pm

"Bright & Keen for Christ"



# ALIVE

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

"Don't let anyone look down on you  
because you are young, but set an  
example for the believers in speech, in  
conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

**Hey Youth!**



Be on a look out for our new Friday  
night events in the New Year! TBA

# AM

café

open mic  
music  
speciality coffee  
snacks

**TEEN CHALLENGE**

**ALBERTA MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM**

Come and hear a dynamic presentation  
by Teen Challenge, featuring students  
sharing their amazing stories of freedom  
from addiction!

**WHERE**  
Calmar Community  
Baptist Church

**WHEN**  
Sunday January 13  
@ 10:30am

I STRENGTHEN my  
COMMUNITY

www.alberta.ca

# 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!**

4901 - 50 Avenue  
 PO Box 750  
 Calmar AB T0C 0V0

Phone: 780.985.3604 ext. 232  
 Fax: 780.985.3039  
 Email: [hbryans@calmar.ca](mailto:hbryans@calmar.ca)

Please note that even though there is a new business publishing their own newspaper in Calmar, this does not affect the Calmar Chronicle. The Town of Calmar will still continue to send out our newsletter as normal.

Please contact the Town office with any inquiries. When requesting an ad please send in exactly what you'd like to have advertised. **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/](http://www.calmar.ca/newsletter/)

Calmar Pharmacy Ltd

**Family owned and operated since 1977**

5002 - 50 Ave, Calmar AB T0C 0V0  
 Front Store: 780.985.3142  
 Pharmacy: 780.985.3121  
 Website: [www.calmarpharmacy.com](http://www.calmarpharmacy.com)

**Hours of Operation**

Monday-Friday	9:00AM-7:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM-6:00PM
Sundays & Holidays:	11:00AM-5:00PM



The coldest temperature ever recorded in Canada was -63C in Snag, Yukon! The coldest ever in Alberta was -61C!!



## CALMAR STORAGE

**Box 693, 5009 - 43 Avenue  
 Calmar, Alberta T0C 0V0  
 Tel: 780-985-2102**

## CALMAR FAS GAS

CONVENIENCE STORE - LIQUOR STORE - CARWASH

**Darrin & Kathy Mills**  
 5001 - 50 Ave. P.O. Box 1200  
 Calmar, AB. T0C 0V0  
 email - [dkmills\\_123@hotmail.com](mailto:dkmills_123@hotmail.com)

Conv. Store 780-985-7224  
 Liquor Store 780-985-3334  
 Fax 780-985-3334

### 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, if you are operating a Home Based Business you are required to obtain Development Permit approval and Business License approval.

Please contact Ruth Sider, Development Officer, at [rsider@calmar.ca](mailto:rsider@calmar.ca) or 780-985-3604 ext 233.

### Never Forget To Pay Your Utility Bill Again!

The Town offers the option for your utility payments to be automatically withdrawn.

You will still receive your regular bill in the mail, stating "Do Not Pay". Your amount due will automatically be withdrawn on the 6th of each billing month (every two months).

This will help ensure your accounts are always in good standing with no penalties or transfers to Tax accounts.

If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Darlene @ 780-985-3604 ext. 222 or [dparchoma@calmar.ca](mailto:dparchoma@calmar.ca).