

# CALMAR



# CHRONICLE

## January 2021









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## DID YOU KNOW...

### Planning & Development Department

Even though most of 2020 was spent dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic Development and Building has been strong in the Town of Calmar.

The Town issued 23 **Development Permits** (valued at \$1,661,200.00) which consisted of 7 new dwelling starts, 3 new Commercial Businesses and 2 Home Based Business.

The Town issued 23 **Building Permits** (valued at \$1,928,707.90) consisting of 7 new dwellings and basement developments.

The Town issued a total of 38 **Electrical**, 15 **Plumbing** and 35 **Gas** Permits for different projects within the Town of Calmar.

Calmar currently has 110 registered Businesses with valid Business Licenses consisting of Local businesses and non-local businesses. The fees vary depending on if they are local or non-local. At the end of this month or beginning of January Business License renewal invoices will be sent out for each business to renew and ensure they have a valid Business License.

## Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone! As 2021 rolls in it is that time to review what was and look forward to what is to come.

2020 was a daunting and unprecedented year for our community and the world. Let me start by saying I understand this frustration, as I too have dealt with the same concerns many other households in our community have faced. In under a year, this pandemic has had a huge impact on everyone's lives. We are hoping that with the new vaccines arriving in Canada and the world that this pandemic will be beat and we can continue to live our lives the way we choose.

Our Province has seen a huge downturn in the economy in the last few years but the news for Calmar remains positive. We continue to see a few new housing start-ups. Our service levels in town have remained relatively unchanged as in the past year except for the COVID-19 restrictions.

To everyone's disappointment we have had a number of community events cancelled and facilities closed down over the last year. The latest is the Mike Karabonik Arena, Library and Town Office. The Library and Town Office can still be reached via phone or email.

In 2020, the new Public Works Shop was a large project that was completed. Our Town is growing and that requires taking steps to support our future needs.

Rural Policing continues to be a critical issue and in 2021 the Provincial Government will be charging communities under a population of 5,000 people a fee for Policing Services. A fee of \$41,000.00 was charged to the Town of Calmar for Policing Services in 2021. Administration and Council worked hard to ensure that this 1.5% tax increase was not passed on to the residents.

On a positive note, we have very exciting news of a large company coming to Calmar in the very near future! I believe we are on the cusp of great growth in our community that will make Calmar a very attractive place for business and families to come home to! 2021 is the start of something big! Further details regarding this company will be announced in the early New Year!

Mayor, Council and Administration would like to wish 1960 Lumber & Hardware Co., all the best in their new location and endeavors. Calmar residents can look forward to the reopening of Hayduk Lumber! We look very forward to doing business with the Hayduk family again!

In closing, 2020 was a hard year but I hope you can find something positive in this past year to be grateful for! I know I am very grateful for my family and friends, the doors that closed and the new doors that have opened!

Please call me anytime with your questions or concerns. My door is always open and I try to keep the lines of communication open with transparency in what Council is doing. You can reach me at [wychimetz@calmar.ca](mailto:wychimetz@calmar.ca) or call me at (780) 722-4147.

Council meetings are on the first and third Mondays of the month. Council is holding virtual meetings during the shutdown. To attend a virtual meeting, contact the town office at (780) 985-3604 to get the meeting link. Between 6:30 to 7:00 pm any member of the public is welcome to talk to Council before the regular meeting begins.

From my Family to Yours, Kim and I are wishing everyone a Happy New Year and all the Best in 2021!

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

Mayor Wally Yachimetz



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Office of the Mayor

## Open Letter to the Residents of Calmar

Good day fellow Calmar Residents,

I am writing to address some of the misconceptions being shared on social media about the Town of Calmar.

### **CALMAR OUTDOOR SKATING RINK:**

The Town did not flood the outdoor arena this year and every resident that is upset needs to be aware this decision was made with careful consideration. As stated by Byron King, Town of Calmar Community Services Coordinator:

“Beginning with the original guidelines imposed on arenas, it was the Town’s every intention to have the outdoor rink operational so that those who did not participate in organized sport would have the opportunity to skate.

As the pandemic has progressed, provincial guidelines have made recreation programming and planning ever so tricky while the Town has also striven to ensure the safety of its residents and Town Staff as well as doing its part in maximizing the safety of our province (and the country and the world) as a whole.

With the latest guidelines, while outdoor rinks are permitted, it is with restrictions. No more than 10 people on the ice at a time, only 1 household on the ice at a time, and no shinny. Because of these guidelines, someone would need to be present to ensure they are being met. This means staffing would be required essentially from sun up to 11 p.m. The Town does not have the manpower to provide this enforcement nor does it have the resources necessary to do so as a warm shack and a washroom would need to be available for the attendants.

The idea of just a sign outlining the restrictions is not sufficient as the onus would still be on the Town to enforce the guidelines.

Without enforcement of the guidelines Calmar would run the risk of being another super spreader of Covid-19, something I am sure you would prefer the town not to be known for.

If the taxpayers of Calmar have no objection to an increase in taxes staffing and facilities to allow for proper supervision and enforcement of provincial guidelines could be arranged. However, from past experience, we know that our ratepayers do not want additional costs.

We knew this would be an unpopular decision but it is a decision that was made with consideration for the best interests of our residents as well as our staff.”

*For Your Next Lifestyle Change...COME HOME to CALMAR!*

#### **44<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE ROAD UPGRADE:**

The Town was asked this summer by the Provincial Government if we had any shovel ready projects that they could help us fund, to stimulate the Alberta Economy. The roadway on 44th Avenue is a shovel ready project.

Because of the complaints about 44th Avenue, Administration had estimated numbers for that upgrade. We submitted the numbers to the Provincial Government and they awarded us money for the project.

Council instructed Administration to send out letters to the property owners with rough cost estimates for the roadway upgrade to see if they still wanted their road improved with the proposed tax levy.

The residents came back with a resounding "NO" to fix the road with the estimated costs, which council has taken into consideration.

#### **WHAT EVERY TAX PAYER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT ROADWAY UPGRADES:**

Before 1975 the only street that was paved in Calmar was Highway 39. All other streets and avenues were gravel roads with ditches. **ALL streets and avenues that have been upgraded from gravel roads to curbs and pavement have had an improvement levy (tax) put on to the properties that are adjacent to those roadways.**

Any new development that has been built since 1975 pays for their roads and sidewalks in the price of their lot and house when it is purchased. Every single person, regardless of where you live (Edmonton, Leduc, Millet, Warburg, etc.), pays for roads and sidewalks when purchasing their lot and house. This may not be stated on the house or land deed; however, the roadways and sidewalks have been taken into consideration when pricing the house and lot.

Once a roadway and sidewalk has been upgraded from gravel to pavement the costs to maintain those roads become the cost of the municipality namely the town of Calmar.

When the Town repaves an existing paved road, those costs are paid by the Town of Calmar through taxes and, if available, grants. None of the residents were given improvement levies (taxes) because they paid for these roadways and sidewalks when they purchased their homes. The Town was only resurfacing these roads so that they do not decay to the point that they need to be completely rebuilt at a much greater cost.

#### **44<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE COST SHARE:**

The Town of Calmar and Canadian Pacific Railways would be paying more than 2/3rds of the roadway costs. The residents along 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue would only be responsible for the frontage of their property and could have this cost added to their taxes over a 20 year period.

**TOWN OF CALMAR, PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT:**

The reason the 44<sup>th</sup> avenue road breaks up is because it was never built properly in the first place.

Heavy Town equipment is usually empty 98% of the time when leaving and returning to the town yard. When town vehicles are empty, they do not weigh any more or less than some people's private vehicles on that road.

**TOWN OF CALMAR COUNCIL CONTACTS:**

Please be advised that Council and Administration will **NOT** be addressing complaints on social media platforms. These platforms are not conducive to learning or listening to facts but rather incite anger and provoke a percentage of the population to spread mistruths.

Again, I will ask anyone who has a concern to contact me, Council or the Town Office to have your questions or concerns addressed. I have made myself available day and night for residents to contact me. Our contacts are as follows:

Wally Yachimetz, Mayor	<a href="mailto:wachimetz@calmar.ca">wachimetz@calmar.ca</a>	(780) 722-4147
Terry Balaban, Councilor	<a href="mailto:tbalaban@calmar.ca">tbalaban@calmar.ca</a>	(587) 988-3636
Don Faulkner, Councilor	<a href="mailto:dfaulkner@calmar.ca">dfaulkner@calmar.ca</a>	(780) 974-6882
Krista Gardner, Councilor	<a href="mailto:kgardner@calmar.ca">kgardner@calmar.ca</a>	(780) 991-2946
Town of Calmar Office		(780) 985-3604

Council and Administration want to hear from you and make Calmar a Community that people want to call home.

We welcome your questions and your interest in the Town!

Respectfully,

*WJ Yachimetz*

Mayor Wally Yachimetz

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:

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm**

**If you need to make a payment, please ring the doorbell for assistance, 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](http://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.

## **From the Recreation Department**

With January's arrival we have hit Homecoming Year!! This year we plan to celebrate Calmar's first settlement 126 years ago back in 1895.

To start things off we have the window decorating contest. Building around the 11x17 poster of the Homecoming logo you can pick up from the Town Office or the Library, decorate your front window in a way that pays tribute to our town then take a photo and submit it to [bking@calmar.ca](mailto:bking@calmar.ca) by January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All entries will then be posted on the Town's Facebook page for people to vote on a winner. Voting will commence on the 25<sup>th</sup> and end on the 29<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please note that by submitting your photo you acknowledge and consent to the Town using your name and address for the purposes of this contest. Also, don't forget to submit your house/business address as we will be encouraging people to drive by and look in person as well as online.

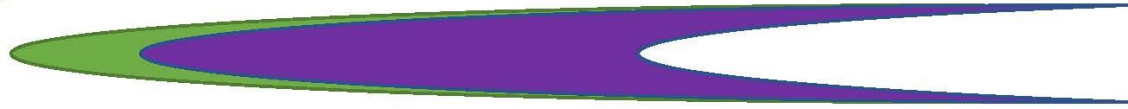
Later in February we will be having our Time Capsule poll and in March the old-time costume contest – full details will be in future editions of the Chronicle.

Onto regular recreation. Unfortunately, I cannot announce anything right now as we are still waiting on the latest provincial guidelines to get an idea of what we can or cannot do during the year. Ideally regularly scheduled events would return but for the time being we are in a wait and see mode. Keep checking the Chronicle, the Town's Facebook page, and the Town's website for any updates.

Remember, the Town will be making its decisions based on what would best safeguard the health of our residents, visitors, and staff and not what would be the most popular decision.

# What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

## JANUARY 2021



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

## Welcome to the New Year!

Finally, 2020 is over!

I wish I could say that everything is back to normal, but that isn't the case.

The plan in January was to open the library up for more hours, but at the time of writing this we are under new restrictions which closed the library until January 11<sup>th</sup>. At this time, we are unsure as to when we will be opening to the public. For current updates check our Facebook page or our website at [calmarpubliclibrary.ca](http://calmarpubliclibrary.ca).

Although we are not open to the public at this time, you can still use your library card to access the wealth of eResources that are available through your library card. Go to [www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca) for information on the available eResources.

We are also offering curbside pickup service during the following days and times. This service is available by appointment only.

### Curbside Service Hours

Monday:	3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday:	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday:	12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday:	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Friday:	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Contact us:

[circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

780.985.3472.



## What's Available?

Inter-library loans will be available, though not all libraries are participating. If you need assistance, please contact us and we will help you find what you need.

### Reading Bag Service ..... not just for the kids!

Let us do the picking! The Library now offers a service of picking out books 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](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca) or call 780.985.3472 to book your **Reading Bag** today.

### Programs

We have craft and project kits available for Pre-K, Tween, and Teen.

Watch the video on the release date, reserve your kit, pick it up through our curbside service, do the craft, and then send a picture of your finished project to [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca) for everyone to enjoy! (Please note, some of the kits do not have an accompanying video)

### Teen Time – Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Shrinky Dink Bookmarks



This month your kit will come packaged with the materials needed to make Shrinky Dink Bookmarks. The video will be released on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> with the instructions on how to make your bookmarks. The kits will be available January 4<sup>th</sup> until they are gone. Limited supplies are available, so reserve yours today.

### Tween Time – Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Marble Roller Coaster



This is your opportunity to put together your own Paper Plate Marble Coasters! Get your creative juices running on how to build the best roller coaster for your marbles. The kit will come with paper plates, tape, and even some marbles to get you started. The instruction video will be released on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> with the supply kit available starting Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> until they are all gone. Don't be disappointed, call to reserve yours today!

## Pre-K – Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

### Snowball Shooter



These cute snowball shooters are easy to make and a way to explore physics all while having fun! Your kit will come with everything you need to make your own snowball shooter, you just need to bring your imagination. The video will be released on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and the kits will be available starting Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Kits are limited so reserve yours today.

## Family Virtual Escape Room Fun: Flee the Flying Dutchman

Link will be released on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on our Facebook page.



In the deep waters of the sea a ship known as the *Flying Dutchman* rises with a skeletal figure commanding its bow, striking terror into the core of the bravest of sailors. Your role, should you choose to accept, is to find a way to flee the *Flying Dutchman* and save yourself. This escape room is intended for all ages, and can be completed on your own, or with friends and

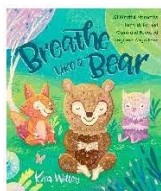
family. We hope you enjoy it! Make sure you have a pencil and paper handy (or a phone if you prefer to take pictures) to help as you progress through the escape room. Below is the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSJkoCZC-wiAM\\_aLu79mUY1ExSXq7JFQvXhIdWjv-WpmOkag/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSJkoCZC-wiAM_aLu79mUY1ExSXq7JFQvXhIdWjv-WpmOkag/viewform)

## Breathe Like a Bear

Virtual Program with Leduc County Family Resource Network

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 am to 11:00 am.



Based on the book *Breathe Like a Bear* by Kira Willey, this program will guide children and parents to a state of mindfulness. Parents, caregivers – and especially kids – will love the different ways to explore mindfulness and breathe through the book's imagery of the animals, the story, as well as the program activities. Virtual link will be sent to your email address closer to the starting date.

For more information, and to register, call 780.979.2385 or email [frn@leduc-county.com](mailto:frn@leduc-county.com)

## Blue Monday

Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**BLUE  
MONDAY**

Blue Monday is known as the most depressing day of the year. It's dark, it's cold, and the credit card bills from the holiday spending are arriving. Not only that, but what about 2020? It was something else! Join artists, poets, and storytellers for an ode to both the struggle and the hope that we need in our darkest hours. Through powerful and inspiring performances, we will honour the melancholy and welcome the New Year with some optimism and anticipation. We'd love to hear your tale or reading from the open mic segment, but there is no obligation to actively participate. You're more than welcome to sit back, relax, and enjoy the variety show! Headliners are Mary Ann Lippiat and Wendy Edey. This program is open to residents of Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New



## JR. BOOKS



## PICTURE AND BOARD BOOKS



## DVD'S AND AUDIO BOOKS



## READ FOR 15!

I wish I could tell you for sure that Read for 15 is happening in 2021. Our fingers are crossed but so far, no date has been released. Always the optimist, the Library has decided to give all the information out, except the date, with the belief that it will be a go.

Remember we came in 3<sup>rd</sup> for all of Alberta last year! We have a title to uphold!

In support of Family Literacy Day, Libraries across Alberta will be reaching out to encourage citizens in their communities to read for 15 minutes. The contest takes place in a 24-hour span where everyone in the community is encouraged to read for 15 minutes and then contact the Library so it can be documented.

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. Watch our website and Facebook page for update information about Read for 15 and other programs.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_34ttDgZU1zpV3WE5fWDA)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBSAbLtwUdvFwz5wUxgvjOw/videos>
- Go to our website @ <https://calmarpubliclibrary.ca/>
- E-mail us at: [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)
- Phone: 780.985.3472

Until next time, Stay safe....

Susan Parkinson  
Library Manager



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The Glen Park Community Hall is pleased to Launch THE COVID PROOF CONTACT PROGRAM with the Code Name "CPCP for Seniors". This program is designed to assist seniors to connect in our community while staying at home to avoid contacting Covid-19. We have the resources to assist individuals to learn how to use computer, cell phone and touch pads to connect with family and essential services.

1. Are you a senior or know a senior who would like to see a family member, doctor, or friend as well as do online banking virtually via Messenger, FaceTime or Zoom? Would you like some help in learning how to use your device to connect with others?
2. Do you have a computer or device with internet access?
3. Would you be interested in learning which electronic device would be the best one for you to purchase?
4. Would information on how to avoid internet fraud, scams or telemarketing be helpful?
5. Would you be willing to attend a limited, social distanced, in person training session or would you prefer to meet via zoom?

The Glen Park Hall will be hosting the following CPCP for Seniors Sessions on the following dates:

Remote Sessions via ZOOM every Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00 Beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>. 2021

In person sessions at the Glen Park Hall will start again when Covid 19 regulations are lifted.

Please Register by calling 780-919-1250

# Support BUSINESSES

## Calmar businesses are open!

Refer to the Calmar Business Directory for a list of local businesses who serve our community year over year.

The directory can be viewed online at [www.calmar.ca/businessdirectory/](http://www.calmar.ca/businessdirectory/) or check out your printed directory.

### **BUY LOCAL.**

Where possible, buy your products and services locally (gift cards count too). You may not only get your items or services faster, but you will be helping a local business weather Covid-19 and stay open.

### **BE GENEROUS.**

Spread the news about the great service you receive from a small business. Follow local businesses on social media. Use #calmarab. Leave positive reviews online (our businesses could really use the love right now). Refer a Calmar business to your co-workers or to the business you work for, many of our small industry businesses rely on these types of connections.

### **SHARE RESOURCES.**

Many of our small businesses are working extra hard to pivot and re-align their services to meet the new measures. Are you an expert in your field? Do you have spare time or helpful resources that can be shared with a business? If you have time, please check in with a local small business and ask what you can do to help.

TOWN OF CALMAR  
**COMMUNITY  
VITALIZATION PLAN**



# What is possible for Downtown Calmar?

The Community Vitalization Plan will guide future changes along downtown's main street, 50 Avenue (Highway 39).

In the second phase of the project, we want to know if the **draft concepts** for downtown align with the vision and ideas you shared in Phase One. Join the conversation and share your feedback!

Opportunities to participate beginning in January:

**1 Downtown Boards**  
4718 50 Ave (vacant Lot)  
Jan. 25 to Feb. 14, 2021

**3 Online Survey**  
Jan. 25 to Feb. 14, 2021

**2 Presentation & Live Q&A**  
*To be announced*

Watch your mailbox for more information in January 2021.

[www.calmar.ca/cvp](http://www.calmar.ca/cvp)



# Thank you to our Generous Donors



The Calmar & District Christmas Elves program helped over 100 community members thanks to the amazing support of individuals and businesses in Calmar. In this unprecedented year, you all went above and beyond to make this Christmas a special one for those in need.

## Truly, thank you.

- ❖ Calmar Food Town
  - ❖ KDM Management Inc 1999
  - ❖ Liquids Transloading Ltd.
  - ❖ Karen & Rod Norris
  - ❖ Evelyn Walker
  - ❖ Direct Line Insurance & ATB Calmar
  - ❖ Rosemarie and Rudy Seneka
  - ❖ Karen & Lyle Buss
  - ❖ Orest Fitzowich
  - ❖ Calmar Chiropractic Clinic
  - ❖ New Humble Community School Association
  - ❖ Leduc Electric Ltd.
  - ❖ Carter Popowich
  - ❖ Jerome & Rose Lickacz
  - ❖ Gloria Rowland
  - ❖ Trent & Tammy Vandenberghe
  - ❖ Stan Rose
  - ❖ Darlene & Terry Parchoma
  - ❖ Calmar Pharmacy Ltd.
  - ❖ The Calmar Fire District- Leduc County Fire Services
  - ❖ Leduc & District Food Bank
  - ❖ Calmar Ag Society
  - ❖ Calmar Pond Hockey Association
- A special thank you to those whose cash and food donations made a difference this year.
- If you were not included in this this please accept my sincere apology, and thanks for your contributions.
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# Thank you to the Angels of Calmar



A special thank you to those whose donations helped a child in need have a wonderful Christmas this year. Each child on our Angel Tree received a meaningful gift this year, despite the impacts of COVID19 on the program.

Thank you to those who went out of their way to ensure this program was a success.

Without the collaboration of the Calmar Public Library this would not have been possible, thank you.








## Calmar and District Christmas Elves Team



You give so much of yourself in the kindness you show and the lives you touch. That's why you deserve a heartfelt "thank you" and a wish that all the goodness you share comes back to you.

Tracey Hughes and Darlene Beheil thank you for your exceptional volunteer service during this unprecedented holiday season.



## CAL COFFEE

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Join me for the First Annual Cal Coffee

A virtual conversation, building community one coffee at a time. Fostering communities where voices are heard, well-being is promoted, and engagement can flourish.

January: An introductory chat

If you would like to be a part of directing Calmar Community Services, please email me @ [tthomas@calmar.ca](mailto:tthomas@calmar.ca) to register.

# It's Almost Tax Season

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is offered in partnership with the Canadian Revenue Agency. To determine if you are eligible for this service, please visit the CRA's website.

To register for the Free Tax Clinic  
Please contact Community Services  
at [tthomas@calmar.ca](mailto:tthomas@calmar.ca)  
or 780-985-3191.



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This program is open to residents of Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New Sarepta and rural Leduc County.

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

This is an Online program, to register please contact Eugena at 780-955-6421 or [eugena@leduc-county.com](mailto:eugena@leduc-county.com).



# NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

*Happy New Year*

*New School Year*

**Enroll today for  
the 2021-2022  
school year!**



New Humble Community School will utilize experiential learning to reinforce core curricular concepts and deliver great results.

Imagine your child's class going outside, gathering & recording data from the schools onsite broiler chicken program. Then using this data to learn math analysis & equations, continuing to use this information to complete Language Arts journal entries. This is just one example of how hands on learning can be utilized to teach the Alberta Program of Studies at NHCS.

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Follows Provincial Curriculum	✓	✓
Charge tuition/profit	✗	✗
Unique/Specific Learning Approach	✓	

# Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) winter programs



## Online and telephone programs

Leduc County FCSS is hosting a number of online and telephone programs this winter. Participation requires internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. Some of the programs are also available by telephone.

If you don't have access to the necessary technology, contact us for access to resources that could help! *Please note, the programs are open to residents of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg and New Sarepta.*

### Available workshops include, but are not limited to:

#### Financial literacy sessions

- Holiday Money Hangover
- Organizing Your Finances in One Month
- Slam the Scam

#### Seniors sessions

- Alberta Blue Cross for Seniors
- Wills, Personal Directives and Power of Attorneys

#### Sessions for adults

- Blue Monday
- Stress Strategies for Tough Times
- Getting to Know Your Grief



For more information on any of the above-listed workshops, call 780-979-2385. A complete listing of all workshops is available online at [www.leduc-county.com/community-family](http://www.leduc-county.com/community-family).

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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/](http://www.calmar.ca/newsletter/)

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### 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](mailto: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.

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### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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