

CALMAR CHRONICLE



July 2020




*Please note the Office
will be closed July 1st
for Canada Day.*

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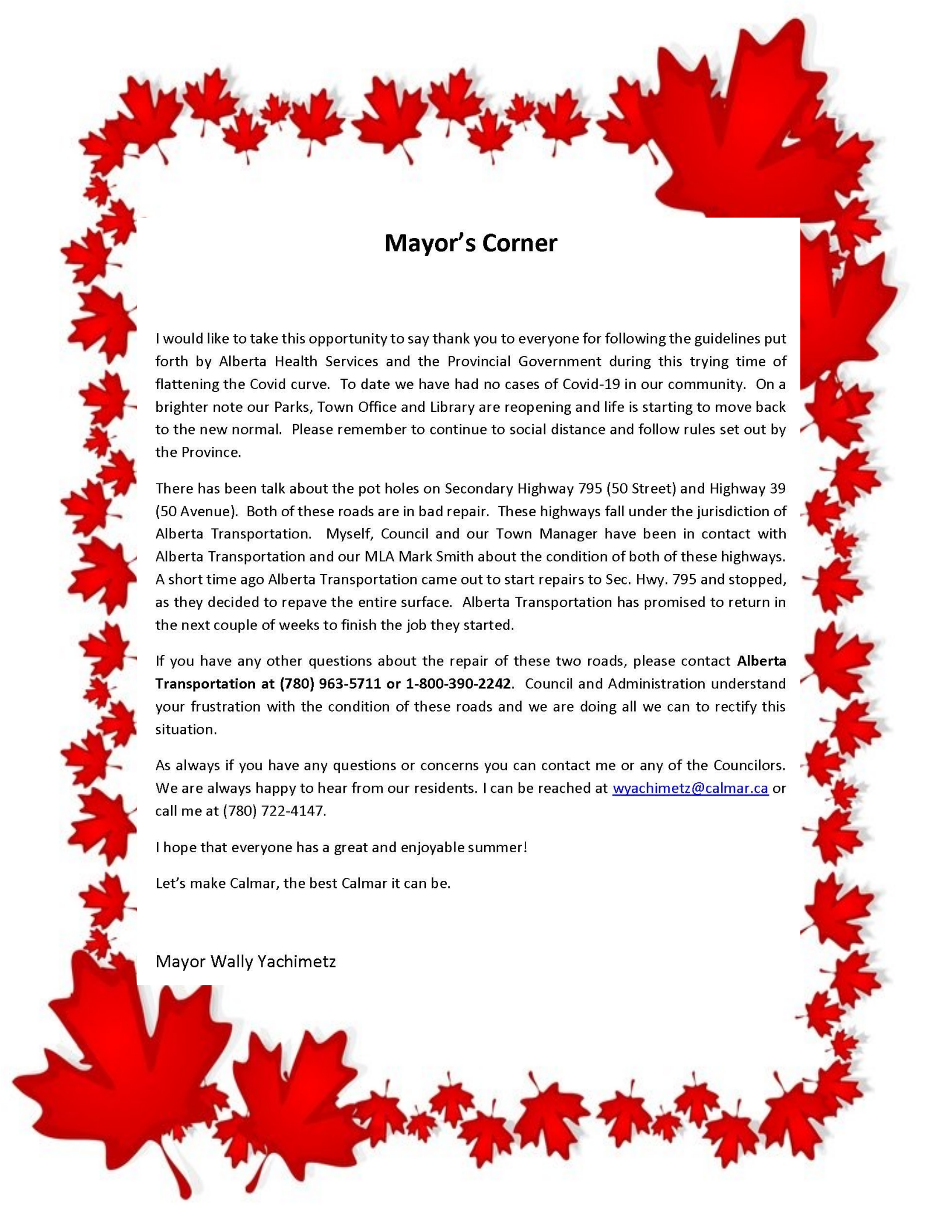
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DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ The deadline for completing the survey on the allowance of urban hens is July 8th. You can find the survey on our website www.calmar.ca
- ◆ Canada only got it's own flag 100 years after it became a country in 1965.
- ◆ Canada is the second largest country in the world by total area.
- ◆ Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world's lakes combined.



Mayor's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for following the guidelines put forth by Alberta Health Services and the Provincial Government during this trying time of flattening the Covid curve. To date we have had no cases of Covid-19 in our community. On a brighter note our Parks, Town Office and Library are reopening and life is starting to move back to the new normal. Please remember to continue to social distance and follow rules set out by the Province.

There has been talk about the pot holes on Secondary Highway 795 (50 Street) and Highway 39 (50 Avenue). Both of these roads are in bad repair. These highways fall under the jurisdiction of Alberta Transportation. Myself, Council and our Town Manager have been in contact with Alberta Transportation and our MLA Mark Smith about the condition of both of these highways. A short time ago Alberta Transportation came out to start repairs to Sec. Hwy. 795 and stopped, as they decided to repave the entire surface. Alberta Transportation has promised to return in the next couple of weeks to finish the job they started.

If you have any other questions about the repair of these two roads, please contact **Alberta Transportation at (780) 963-5711 or 1-800-390-2242**. Council and Administration understand your frustration with the condition of these roads and we are doing all we can to rectify this situation.

As always if you have any questions or concerns you can contact me or any of the Councilors. We are always happy to hear from our residents. I can be reached at wychimetz@calmar.ca or call me at (780) 722-4147.

I hope that everyone has a great and enjoyable summer!

Let's make Calmar, the best Calmar it can be.

Mayor Wally Yachimetz

PEACE OFFICER CORNER

Good Afternoon ALL

ATV Riders - First of all, I would like to thank the ATV riders who have been calling to inform me of when, where and what they are riding. I have only received one complaint since the article came out last, and that is a direct compliment to those responsible riders who are not disturbing their neighbours as they head out for some fun. Because of the dramatic reduction in complaints I'm relaxing the requirement to make a call before you go out riding. That does not mean that I won't be enforcing traffic safety laws to those who choose to ride in a careless manner. What it means is, if you draw attention because of your riding habits, tickets and seizure of your ATV will still happen. I will finish this off by stating that the overwhelming majority of riders in Calmar are great with the rules and respecting our roads and safety. My hope is the majority can influence the minority to not drive in a manner that affects the discretion of riding to and from their homes.

Urban Hens - The Town of Calmar Council was approached and asked to consider issuing permits allowing Urban Hens on a residential property in town. Council and Administration are asking for your input by taking a four question survey on our Town Website and Facebook regarding your thoughts on this proposal. Also provided is a link on the website where you will also be able to view the proposed changes to the "Responsible Pet Bylaw". Deadline for completing survey will be July 8th, 2020 and surveys can be emailed to kbuss@calmar.ca.

I would like to thank the Town's residents for their continued efforts with respect to the health orders issued by all levels of Government. Unlike other communities, Calmar has had very little issue with compliance of the health orders put in place, as well as the restrictions our Council and Administration have felt necessary to keep us all safe. Job well done, keep up the strong effort required to have our community remain a safe for all those who call Calmar home.

Regards,

CPO Leggio
Calmar Enforcement

Finance Department Second Quarter Report

Well, we are nearing through half the year. Where does the time go? With summer now upon us, hopefully it will start warming up so we can get outside and enjoy some summer past times such as gardening, sightseeing and sports.

Like I said, where did the time go? We have just finished having Town Council approve the 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets and the Tax Rate Bylaw in May. A reminder for ratepayers who are not on the Monthly Tax Payment Plan, Council has amended the due date for tax payment to September 30, 2020. This change is only in affect for 2020 tax year. Tax accounts, which remain unpaid on October 1, 2020, will have non-payment penalties applied on October 1st, 2020 and again November 1st, 2020 if still unpaid.

We are preparing to start the budgeting process for 2021. You can obtain a copy of the 2020 Budgets at the front desk at the Town Office. If you have questions in regards to the Budget, do not hesitate to call me at 780-985-3604 ext. 226 or email me at mstorey@calmar.ca. The 2021 Operating Budget will reflect an automatic 1.5% increase in the municipal portion of taxes due to the Provincial mandate that all municipalities, regardless of population, will be starting to pay for RCMP services. The Provincial bill in 2021 will be approximately \$40,000, \$60,000 in 2022, \$80,000 in 2023 and \$120,000 in 2024 and years thereafter. Bad news to say the least!

Mike Storey, CLGM
Director of Finance

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Well, July has arrived and right off the bat I hope everyone enjoyed their virtual Canada Day celebration. The real deal will happen later in the year but when and in what form we don't know yet as we are waiting to see what the Pandemic dictates but rest assured, we will be doing something.

Of course back on 13 June the Province reopened even more. As part of the accelerated process, the spray park reopened. Now just to let everyone know, the spray park will be temporarily shutting down for a couple days later in the summer as we switch out some of the elements to jazz the place up a bit. Hopefully the days the new elements will be installed on will be less than ideal spray park weather so no one misses out. I will apologize in advance for the temporary shutdown if it does inconvenience anyone but once the new elements are in I am sure everyone will think it was worth it.

While the Program Centre is technically available for rental again, please keep in mind that any rental must still follow the Province's Pandemic Guidelines in place at the time of any event at the Program Centre.

As of submission time, a date hasn't been chosen yet for the Drive In Movie but the Virtual Dance Party will now be on Friday August 14th.

Not a this year thing but definitely a next year item, the Town is taking a serious look at setting up a small community garden. We are still in the planning stage but hopefully by this time next year some of you will be enjoying the fruits (or vegetables) of your labour. As details get hammered out you will be informed.

The Heritage Committee has established committees to work on the Historic Walking Tour and also on Volume 2 of Pioneers in Progress. If anyone wants to sit on either committee or has any information they would like to contribute, please do not hesitate to contact either Michelle Levasseur or myself here at the Town Office. And if any family wishes to be like the Cloustons and submit an update on their family for the new volume, please do! We will be officially asking you eventually anyway.

In closing, thank you to everyone and all the groups who responded to the survey for the Recreation Master Plan. I haven't kept an exact tally but normally, if a survey gets about 2.5% response rate, that is considered average and I am pretty sure we significantly exceeded that percentage. While some of the comments missed the mark (pretty sure recreation isn't responsible for roads and that the Town isn't responsible for the Curling Rink) there was a lot of valuable feedback that will help us plan and budget for years to come.

Economic Development & Tourism

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July Update



Heritage Committee

The committee has postponed the Homecoming Celebrations due to the Alberta Health regulations to cancel large events until the end of the summer. The event will be hosted on August 20-22, 2021. In the meantime, the committee will be working on updating the Pioneers in Progress book and revitalizing the Historic Walking Tour.

Community Vitalization Project

The Town of Calmar received funding through the Government of Alberta CARES grant program to launch a community vitalization project focused on Calmar's downtown. A project committee has been created, and a consulting firm has been selected. Members of the project committee will work alongside the consulting firm, Town administration and Council to provide support, strategic advice, and direction on the key elements of the plan as per the CARES grant requirements. This project will include a comprehensive public and stakeholder consultation process for our business community and residents. Up to date project information will be posted on a yet to be created project website and on the Town's Facebook page.

Downtown Lot

The Town of Calmar would like to temporarily enhance the empty lot on mainstreet until development can occur. We are looking to build a large moveable deck, create rock pathways, grass areas and provide ample seating for people to gather while still following social distance rules. Since this project is not budgetted for and is a temporary enhancement, we would like to access lowcost supplies that can be re-purposed. We are exploring grants that will help with temporary plantings, and contacting companies who may have surplus supplies laying around that could be reused for this project. If you have any connections that may help us access supplies, please let me know. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with some of the leg work once the project is underway. If you and your family are interested in helping, please let me know as well.

2020 NoWhere to Run

The annual NoWhere to Run event is schedule for October 2, 2020. The ability to host the event is still in question as the host committee awaits confirmation from Alberta Health Covid-19 rules and regulations. The preparation continues regardless, starting with a fun 5KM walk or run challenge for the month of June. You can do this solo or with your family & friends; share a photo on your social media with the hashtag #nowheretoruncalmar, comment the word COMPLETE on their Facebook post and you will be entered to WIN a great prize. Check out all the details on the @cssnowheretorunrun Facebook page.

What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

July 2020

Hello Everyone!

I want to start by letting you know how much the staff and I are missing you, and we can't wait to welcome you back!

By the time you read this we will be in Phase II! I started writing this article just as the Government of Alberta released the Guidance for Libraries re-opening. As I have just received the document, I can only share with you some of the procedures and changes we are looking at to ensure minimizing the risk of transmission for patrons and staff.

Following the Guidance for Libraries document, we will be making some adjustments to how business will be done at the Calmar Public Library. Due to limited staff, we will be offering limited hours of operation with a time slot available for our vulnerable sector population. Limited services will be available; all in-house programs are suspended until further notice and the games, toys, and puzzles have been removed. We are currently marking the floors and walls with social distancing signs and decals. Plexiglas is being installed at the circulation desk, and we will have to monitor the number of people that are in the library at one time. As you can see, we have a lot to consider while ensuring the safety of patrons and staff. We ask for your patience and understanding while we work through the logistics of re-opening. 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>
- Go to our website: <https://calmarpubliclibrary.ca/>
- E-mail us at: circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca
- Phone: 780.985.3472

We started offering curbside service the second week of June. The plan is to continue to offer curbside pick-up and our limited options for placing holds even after we open for those patrons that do not feel comfortable coming into the library. I have included the process for those who did not get it last month.

What is curb-side service and how does it work?



For those patrons who do not wish to come into the library once we are open, curb-side service is our way of getting items to you. The items will be from our collection, as there is no Inter-library service at this time and will be based on availability. Below are the steps and guidelines for Curb-side Service. It has been broken down into three parts:

- Requesting New Items Procedure
- Options for Placing Holds
- Picking Up Items

CURB-SIDE SERVICE

Requesting New Items Procedure



- **Service offered Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**
- This service is for registered patrons of the Calmar Public library. Those patrons in need of a new card or renewal are to contact the library.
- Patrons are encouraged to email the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca to request items. Emails **must** include: first and last name, library barcode and contact number. Emails will be regularly monitored while staff are in the building.
- Phone calls will be answered when staff are able. Please have your library barcode ready. Phone 780.985.3472.
- Please note that we have only one phone line so e-mailing may be your best option.
- If you receive the answering machine: leave your first and last name, library barcode, and a contact number you can be reached.
- Three options available for placing holds. (Instructions Below)
- Holds may **NOT** be placed online but Tracpac can be used to help search for Calmar items.
- We are not taking specific requests at this time unless you have located the item yourself through Tracpac. (Instructions Below)
- Patrons cannot take out more than 5 items at a time- with a maximum of 2 of those items being DVD's -and will have no more than 10 items on their card when they call in.
- Patrons will have the items for a maximum of 21 days with no renewals.
- Patrons will not have access to those items that are too delicate or too large to be returned through the book drop. This includes literacy kits.
- Items borrowed from the Calmar Public Library **must** be returned to the Calmar Public Library.
- Patrons will receive items in a plastic bag and are encouraged to keep items in the plastic bag until you are ready to use them. Please do not return the plastic bag.

OPTIONS FOR PLACING HOLDS

OPTION 1: USING TRACPAC FOR FINDING CALMAR ITEMS



- Go to tracpac.ab.ca online.
 - In the "Quick library search" box, type the name of the item you are searching for.
 - Example: BOOK; Big Lies in a Small Town" by Diane Chamberlain
 - Then narrow the search to Calmar Public Library items only, select Calmar Public Library from the left-hand side "narrow your search" menu under ASSIGNED BRANCH
- (Calmar items will appear first in the list if you have followed the previous instructions)
- Choose the item you are looking for from the options, then click "WHERE IS IT"
 - If Calmar does not appear in the list, you cannot order it at this time
 - If Calmar Public Library appears in the list and the item is checked "in" you may email or call us to request this item.
 - Please keep in mind that even though it says checked in, if someone has requested it before you, you will not receive that item.

- We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. This system is not perfect, but we are trying the best we can.

OPTION 2: Favorite Author or Genre



Patrons can tell staff their favorite authors or genre and we will find you something. If you have a reading list, we will go through it to see the type of items you enjoy and to ensure you have not already read or watched the item. Keep in mind this is not a perfect system, but we will try our best.

OPTION 3: Blind Date with a Book

This is a great time to have a "blind date" with a book. Give us some authors and we will find others that have similar writing style. Perfect time to branch out a little with your reading choices.

PICK UP PROCEDURE



- **Service will be offered Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm by arranged appointment. (Date of opening service to be determined)**
- You must have an active TRAC library card. (new patrons or those who require renewal please contact the library)
- The Calmar Public Library has the right to refuse service.
- The procedure can change without notice.
- Patrons will not have more than 10 items out on their account when they arrive for their pick-up time.
- Patrons can request 5 items at a time. (Max 2 DVD's out of the 5 items) Total of 15 items per card at one time.
- Items will be loaned out for a maximum of 21 days with no renewals at this time.
- Staff will call to arrange pick-time once items are available.
- Each time slot will be for 15 minutes; if items are not picked up within designated time, the patron will have to reschedule.
- Patrons **must** have their library card to pick up items.
- Pick up will take place at the back door of the library.
- Upon arrival patron will:
 - o ring buzzer
 - o return to assigned designated area
 - o staff will confirm barcode and place items in designated drop box
 - o patron will retrieve items once staff have closed the door
- All items will be in plastic bags
- No return items will be accepted at the back door.
- All returns must be dropped off in the overnight bin.
- If patron is finished with item sooner than the 21 days – please return item so someone else can have access to it.

I recognize that this is a lot of information, but we are here to help you through this. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Summer Reading Program

It will come as no surprise that the Summer Reading Program for 2020 will not look like it has in the past. We are working with other libraries in the province to offer different formats for our

summer reading program this year. Keep watching Facebook and our webpage for more information.

I think that is it for this month. We hope that everyone takes advantage of the curbside service, though we ask that patrons who are immune-compromised or otherwise susceptible to COVID-19 infection not take out items from the library. Remember we are still here to serve you! Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for our re-opening date!

Until next time, stay safe....

Susan Parkinson
Library Manager



<https://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary>.

Check out our webpage: www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Call 780.985.3472 for more information.

**Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club
July 2020 News**

Activity Schedule

All July activities have been cancelled at this time. Please watch your mail or future editions of the Chronicle for future events when they resume.

Canada Day Word Search

Search for the hidden words going up, down, left and right.



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 UNIFICATION

BEAVER
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 ONTARIO
 TERRITORIES
 VANCOUVER

CANADA
 MAPLE
 OTTAWA
 TORONTO
 YUKON



NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

WE HAVE APPLIED

The preliminary application to form a public charter school, New Humble Community School was submitted to the Minister of Education.



IT IS ALL ABOUT TIMING

Final application work is underway!
Requesting a September 2020 opening!



COMMUNITY COFFEE TALK

School choice is your choice.
Local students & families will have an additional option, school of choice at New Humble Community School.



OUR VISION

New Humble Community School will foster the growth of each individual student through innovative academics, stewardship and agriculture literacy

More about us at
<https://newhumblecg.wixsite.com/website/blog>



WHAT IS A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

A public charter school is a tuition-free public school, "school of choice", operated by non-profit organizations.

FAQ's can be found here
<https://newhumblecg.wixsite.com/website/blog>



CONTACT

newhumblecg@gmail.com
<https://newhumblecg.wixsite.com/website>
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/NewHumbleCommunitySchool>



"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 Crescent, Calmar

Sunday Mornings @ the church

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

We are going through "The Bible Project"

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

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

Service begins @ 10:30am

Men's Bible Study

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

"Abiding In Christ" Series

Saturday mornings @ 7:30

@ the church

Breakfast every 1st Saturday of the month.



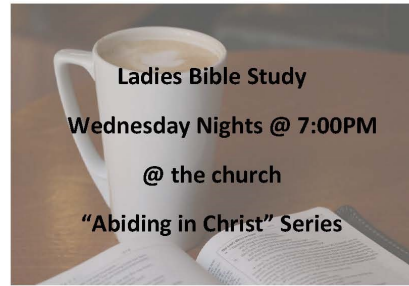
ALIVE
YOUTH MINISTRIES
Friday June 19th @ 7:00PM at the Church
Outdoor Games and Fire pits
We will be taking July & August off
and restarting in September.

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Nights @ 7:00PM

@ the church

"Abiding in Christ" Series



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NewsLetter DEADLINE 15th of the month!

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\$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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5002 - 50 Ave, Calmar AB T0C 0V0
 Front Store: 780.985.3142
 Pharmacy: 780.985.3121
 Website: www.calmarpharmacy.com

Hours of Operation


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

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/

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

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, 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.

PUBLIC WORKS ON CALL
780-446-7319

PUBLIC WORKS SHOP
780-985-2121

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER
780-999-7181

EMERGENCY
911

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held in Council Chambers
@ 4901-50 Avenue @ 7p.m.

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

**CURRENTLY ONLINE—
DUE TO COVID-19**