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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.



PROPERTY ASSESSMENT OPEN HOUSE

2021 property tax notices and assessment information were mailed to property owners on May 07, 2021. We are hosting an opportunity for property owners to come and meet the Town's assessors and to ask questions about their property assessment:

Wednesday June 09, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Due to COVID-19, please call ahead to book an appointment time. The doors to the office will be locked, so call when you arrive, and you will be let in for your appointment. We ask that you do not attend the open house if you, or anyone in your household, are sick.

NOTE: if you've not received your tax notice by the middle of June, please let us know.
Email: hbryans@calmar.ca

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Dear Residents,

Recently we reached out to the Public through Facebook and the Calmar Chronicle asking if residents were interested in having a Community Garden space. Due to the lack of interest received, the Town will not be proceeding with the project for 2021. However, if residents from the Community would like to form a Community Garden group and spearhead the garden project for 2022, the Town would be happy to help in securing a lot for the garden and the initial set up of the plots.

Town of Calmar

PEACE OFFICER CORNER

Good day all....

Another month has gone by and it seems like it was just yesterday it was January. If this pandemic has had the same effect on you as it has on me, I feel lives and routines will have changed for the people who have made it through these tough times. I never would have thought I would be part of a "Toilet Paper Shortage." I remember my grandmother telling stories of wartime shortages, and how they had to get creative with what they used when there was no toilet paper. I never would have thought I would be restricted from seeing or socializing with my own family and friends. Wear a mask? What could possibly happen that would require all citizens to wear a mask? I had never even heard of the phrase, "Social Distance" until the start of all of this. I'm Italian! How do you expect an Italian to "Social Distance" or not "Socialize" and what do you mean I can't shake a hand or touch while talking!? That's the only way we know how to talk. I've caught myself many times, extending my hand then quickly retracting it because of the need to distance from others. How about our kids? How do you explain to your young kids that it's against the law to have fun with their friends?

My point of writing this article in the way that I am is simple; sometimes in a marriage, our friendships, our work lives, and our family lives we need to do things not because we want to, but because they are the right things to do for the greater good of those around us. I've said it before, to those who don't believe in the seriousness of this pandemic, there is a health risk to the vulnerable members of our society. Part of a democracy is we all don't always get what we want, but we try and do things that are for the greater good of all. That's all we are doing right now. Doing some things that some don't feel are needed, but still have to be done to take precautions that will be for the good of others.

It seems we are on the downward side of getting back to whatever our new lives and society will look like. My hope is we don't isolate ourselves from each other after life returns to the new normal, out of previous routine. The road has been long, we are all tired and have had to make many sacrifices. Let's try and help each other build our economy, lives, friendships, and family unit, back to a better place than it was before all of this mess. Let's all try and enjoy the weather within the restrictions that still exist. The weather is warm, the sun has been shining, and to those who are able to read this article, it seems that we've made it through this pandemic that future generations will be studying for a very long time.

Stay safe,

OFFICER LEGGIO

FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

At the time of this article's composition, Covid-19 continues to play havoc with all of our plans. That said, darn the torpedoes and full steam ahead.

As with many other towns in our province farming was, and continues to be, integral to the fabric of our community. You are invited to help recognize the contribution of farming to Calmar by attending the Farmer's Day pancake breakfast (please note: this event may be modified to accommodate Provincial Health Guidelines at the current time) Saturday June 12 from 09:00 – 11:00 at the Mike Karbonik Arena and where the kids can take part in a Tractor Pull contest . The Heritage Committee will be present to collect your favourite family recipes for the 125 Homecoming Cookbook. A big thank you to the Calmar Ag Society for the use of the Kids' Tractor Pull.

And although we may seem a bit early, there is the question of Calmar Days. At this time there is a plan for the return of Calmar Days the weekend of August 20 (also Homecoming weekend). It will be a bit different from the last incarnation people saw in 2019 but if things go as planned, it should still be a fun weekend for the whole family.

Traditionally with the school year coming to an end, thoughts would turn to the Summer Get-Away. Unfortunately, due to various factors, the Get-Away will continue its hiatus for at least another year. Cross our fingers that it will return in 2022.

For the older kids, something to think about is the Student Advisory Council the town is trying to create. Council recognizes that when the town makes its plans/decisions, it is usually from an adult perspective. However, whose to say the next generation doesn't have some good input? Things are still in the process, but the goal is to create a council of 12 – 17 year olds that will provide ideas and opinions to help make our community the best it can be for all ages.

In closing just, a heads up that we are planning to have a Canada Day celebration of some sort on July 01. We might be restricted to handing out hot dogs, pop, and cake in the manner of a drive thru but one way or another, we will mark Canada Day on July 1st this year. Watch the town's website or Facebook page for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

Highway 39 is about 91 kilometres (57 mi) long.

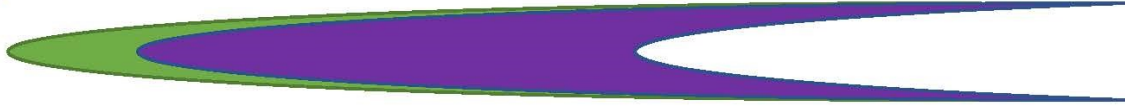
Highway 39 also connects with the communities of Breton, Warburg, Thorsby, and Calmar; while most of the small communities are now bypassed, Highway 39 still travels along Main Street in Calmar.

History

Highway 39 was originally constructed as a link between Leduc and Breton, where it ended at Highway 12 (now Highway 20). In 1955, a ferry across the North Saskatchewan River started operations south-east of Drayton Valley, resulting in Highway 57 following present-day Highway 616 to Breton. It proved to be short-lived as in 1957, the Highway 57 was realigned across a new bridge, terminating with Highway 39 in Alsike. In the 1960s, a 9 km (6 mi) section of Highway 39 between Breton and Alsike was renumbered to Highway 12, resulting in Highways 12, 39, and 57 once again terminating at a common point, this time in Alsike. In 1980, the Highway 22 designation was extended north, which included a 56 km (35 mi) section of Highway 57 being renumbered; the remaining 27 km (17 mi) section of Highway 57 became part of Highway 39.

What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

JUNE 2021



On May 4th, 2021 Premier Kenney announced further restrictions for the coming future. Due to these new restrictions, we will remain closed to our patrons until at least the end of May - if not longer. Although closed, staff are still working and here to assist you with your library needs! To remain up-to-date on what is happening at the library please go to our website www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca or like us on Facebook. In the meantime, we continue to offer curbside pick up and I strongly suggest that you utilize our knowledgeable staff with our **Reading Bag Service**. You may never go back to the old way of picking out items! Email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca to organize your reading bag and call 780.985.3472 to organize curb-side pickup date and time.

CURBSIDE HOURS ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
11:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday
10:00 AM TO 7:30 PM

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 for everyone!



Since you can't come into the Library to browse through the stacks, let us do it for you! The Library 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! All you do is pick up your items. Easy Peesie. Contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 to book your

Reading Bag today

Ongoing Services

Although closed to the public we continue to offer:

- eResource assistance
- Assistance on your holds and requests
- Fax, printing and photocopying

Need help? Contact us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472.

Programs

For the month of June our **Take-and-Make kits** are available for Pre-K, Tween, and Teens. To celebrate **Father's Day**, we thought it was unfair that only mom would get to have that special mug! So, mugs for dad too! With Father's Day on Sunday, June 20th, we will be releasing the kits a little early so that the mugs are finished in time for dad.

In recognition of **Aboriginal Awareness Day on June 21st, 2021** we are so pleased to have partnered with **Creating Hope Society** and **Leduc Family Resource Network** to host a virtual dreamcatcher workshop with kits supplied.

All kits are limited, so it is suggested that you reserve your kit as soon as possible. Pick up is available through our curbside service. Most of the kits also have videos that show you how to make the project that we release on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. We would love you to 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 but all kits have instructions included.)

Teen Time – Kit release date: Monday, June 7th

Father's Day Mug



Mug, sharpie, and your imagination - you now have the perfect combination to make your Father's Day mug for Dad. Kits are available for pick up starting Monday, June 7th. Instruction video will be released Thursday, June 10th. Call to reserve your kit today before they are gone at 780.985.3472. Don't forget to send a picture of your completed project!

Tween Time – Kit release date: Monday, June 7th

Father's Day Mug



Mom got one last month so now it's Dad's turn. Your kit will come with everything you need to make a special mug for dad! The kits are available starting Monday, June 7th until they are gone, and the instruction video will be released on Thursday, June 10th. You don't want to miss this one. Call to reserve yours today!

Pre-K – Kit release date: Monday, June 7th

Father's Day Hug and Kiss Box



A few kisses and a big hug all wrapped up in a box you decorated just for dad! He won't need anything else to know how much you love him! Kits come with everything you need to make this special box for dad. The kit will be released on Monday, June 7th. Limited supplies are available, so reserve yours today.

Seniors' Week – June 7th to 13th



Every year the Town of Calmar does something special for the seniors in our community. This year the Calmar Public Library has partnered with the Town to offer their support. Check out Community Services submission in the Calmar Chronicle to learn more about what is happening.

Dreamcatcher Virtual Workshop – kit release date: June 1st

Virtual Program June 10th @ 6:30 pm



In celebration of National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous People day on June 21st, we are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Creating Hope Society of Alberta and Leduc County Family Resource Network to offer a Dreamcatcher Workshop. During the program you will learn the fascinating history of this First Nation Tradition. Your kit will come with everything you need to complete your own Dreamcatcher. Registration is by email

only to receive the link and to book your time to pick-up the kit. This is a great family activity.



Creating Hope Society of Alberta

An Aboriginal home for every Aboriginal child in care by 2025



In celebration of Pride Month, we invite you to decorate the sidewalk in front of the Library with your rainbows! You will find a container of chalk to use and another container to put the used chalk into. We ask that participants please maintain social distancing, so we are remaining safe.

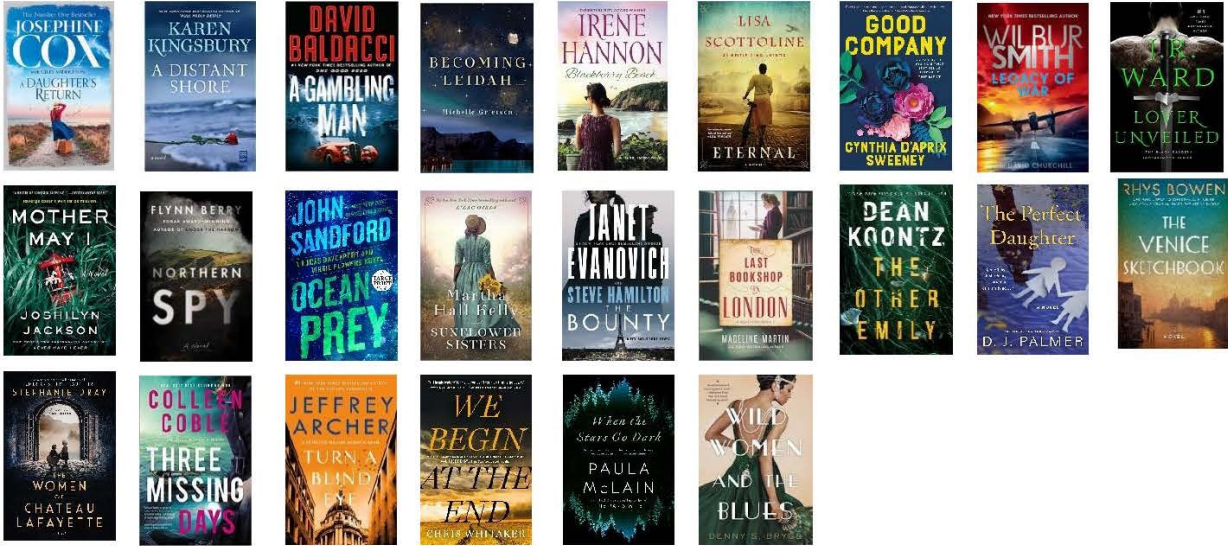
Did You Know?

Even with the Library being closed due to COVID-19 during the 2020 fiscal year, we were still able to have over 12,500 checkouts! We also added 992 new items, bringing the total collection to 15,052. There's something for everyone!

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 780.985.3472 or www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca to reserve your copy today.

ADULT FICTION



ADULT NON-FICTION



YOUNG ADULT



JR. BOOKS



With Nancy Drew making a comeback we have purchased the following from the Nancy Drew Diaries:

- Secret at Mystic Lake
- The Magician's Secret
- A Script for Danger
- Once Upon A Thriller
- The Phantom of Nantucket
- The Clue at Black Creek Farm
- Sabotage at Willow Woods
- Mystery of the Midnight Rider

- Strangers on a Train

- Curse of the Arctic Star

PICTURE AND BOARD 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, Stay safe....

Susan Parkinson
Director of Public Library Services





2021 Seniors' Appreciation Week

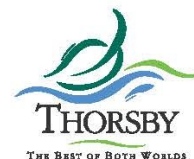
Entertainment from Aloha Dancers YEG

Grab your favourite tropical shirt, a few snacks, and sit back in the comfort of your own home as the Aloha Dancers YEG whisk you away to a Polynesian tropical paradise through their music and dance moves.

Ho'omaka Hanu A Ke Aloha Polynesian Dance Society is a non-profit group based out of Edmonton. The name means to begin to breathe with aloha.

Registration for this entertainment will close on June 9 as session space is limited. We also have a limited number of goodie bags for registered participants. The goodie bags will be available for pickup after registration.

- ▶ **Date:** Friday, June 11
- ▶ **Time:** 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** online via Zoom
- ▶ **Technology needed:** internet access through a smart phone, tablet or computer.
- ▶ **Register:** register by **June 9** by calling **780-979-2385** or emailing fcssinfo@leduc-county.com.





Elder abuse: two upcoming workshops

WEAAD 2021: RESPONSES TO ELDER ABUSE ACCORDING TO THE LAW

Join the Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta (CPLA) to learn about seniors who are or could become victims of abuse. This webinar will teach you about legal responses to elder abuse and provide legal information resources.

- ▶ **Date:** Tuesday, June 15
- ▶ **Time:** 10 to 11 a.m.
- ▶ **Location:** online
- ▶ **Technology needed:** internet access through a smart phone, tablet or computer.
- ▶ **Register:** contact Carla at **780-955-4554** or **carla@leduc-county.com**.

BUILDING PERSONAL AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE LAW?

Are you a partner, parent or grandparent? The law encourages building healthy relationships. In this session, we'll provide an overview of what the law says about relationships between partners, relationships between parents and children, and relationships between grandparents and grandchildren. Please register for this session by June 10 as space is limited.

- ▶ **Date:** Tuesday, June 15
- ▶ **Time:** 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** online via Zoom
- ▶ **Technology needed:** internet access through a smart phone, tablet or computer.
- ▶ **Register:** register by **June 10** by contacting Carla at **780-955-4554** or **carla@leduc-county.com**.



June 7th –11th

Seniors' Week

Seniors' Week Celebrations

Join the Town of Calmar in celebrating our valued senior community members. "Seniors are a vital part of our community. As parents and grandparents, mentors and friends, employees and employers, they make a difference in our lives. It is important that we continue to recognize, celebrate and support seniors throughout the covid-19 pandemic."

June 8th 1:00-2:00 PM

GeriActors' new play *Way Back*. Contact Community Services to register **NOW** for this Zoom performance as space is limited! Provided in collaboration with SAGE Seniors Association.

June 9th 11:00 – 1:00 PM

Kirk Popiks' food truck treats will be available complimentary to our seniors at the Mike Karbonik Arena Parking Lot. While you pick up your treat check out **Classic Cars** from Calmar and area.

Drive through ONLY.

June 9th All Day

Seniors' discounts available at your local retailers! Look for the I HEART SENIORS signs for participating vendors.



Taylor Thomas, Community
Service Programmer
780-985-3191



Family Resource Network
leduc-county.com
780-979-2385 | frn@leduc-county.com

MESSY PLAY YOUR WAY THROUGH STRESS

Online

This program is geared towards encouraging children to get their hands, feet and whatever else dirty, while exploring art and science experiences. By allowing your child to take the lead in their exploration of new and exciting messy play and sensory experiences, you are encouraging their overall development and confidence. We will learn how this messy play helps children to deal with stress.

Date: Wednesday , June 9 - 23

Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams or Zoom

A link will be sent out to participants prior to the start of sessions

Registration starts: Tuesday, May 4

Please note registration is required as there is limited space.

***Information will be sent out to make arrangements to pick up kits for program.**

To register for this program or for more information, call 780-979-2385 or email frn@leduc-county.com.



THE SCHOOL IS EMPTY!

Can You **HELP US FILL IT**

Fresh Air Fresh Minds

The Benefits of Hands on Education are Greater Than You Know

The benefits of experiential learning have been proven in so many areas but many may not be aware of just how far they reach.

- ✓ Increases motivation and engagement
- ✓ Builds social-emotional skills
- ✓ Engages emotions
- ✓ Increases learning retention



Why Support Us?

Your contribution plants a seed that grows students into accountable and contributing citizens in their communities. Contributions will have an immediate impact on learning opportunities and you will be able to see your donation being put to good work as we develop our outdoor facilities and programs.



REGISTRATION OPEN

REGISTER NOW

LIMITED SEATS

Email Us!

To Donate!

To become a Program Sponsor!

✉ newhumblecg@gmail.com

Find out more @

<http://newhumblecg.wixsite.com/website>



GET GLASSY THIS SUMMER WITH OUR ADVENTURES IN GLASS **SUMMER CAMPS**

Two Day Youth Camp Dates

July 7 & 8
July 14 & 15
July 21 & 22
August 11 & 12
August 18 & 19

Ages 8-14
\$300+gst

Two Day Adult Camp Dates

July 9 & 10
July 23 & 24

\$350+gst



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and click
on Summer
Camps to
register
today



for more information:

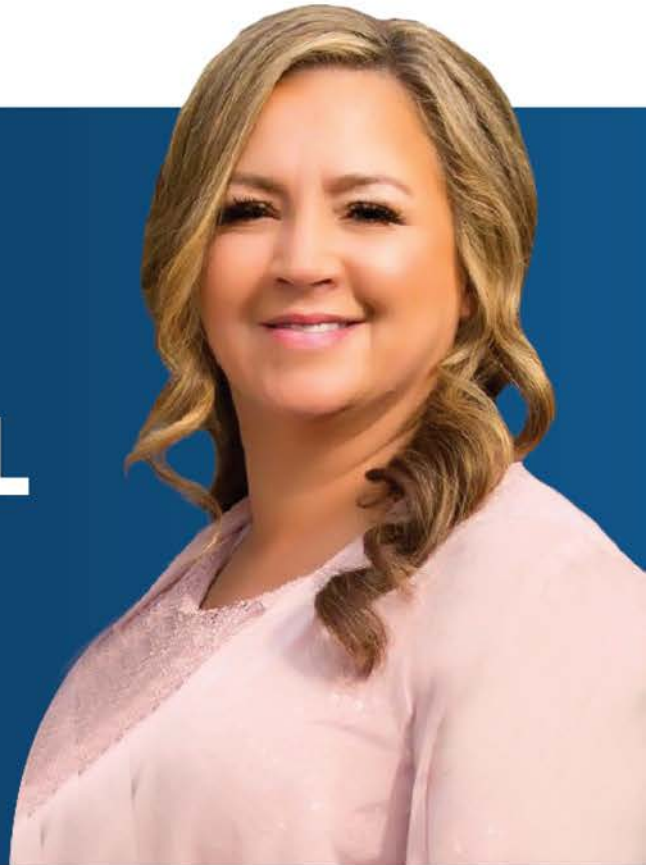
Phone: (780) 739-1112

Website: www.underthesun.glass

Email: office@underthesun.glass



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COMMERCIAL
OR FARM
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**Call Darlene Sayers for Local,
Professional Service**

780.985.3866



HOURS OF OPERATION: ATB 9AM—4:30PM DIRECT-LINE 8:30AM—4:30PM

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

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 Pharmacy Ltd


5002 - 50 Ave, Calmar AB T0C 0V0
 Family owned and operated since 1977
 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-5:00PM
Sundays & Holidays:	11:00AM-5:00PM

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

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