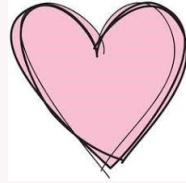




CALMAR CHRONICLE

February 2019



hello february



NOTICE: Our Office
will be closed February
18th, 2019 For Family
Day

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Mayor's Corner

Happy February Calmar! This month Family Day is on Monday, February 18th and the Recreation Board will be announcing the winners of the Photo / Essay Contest. There will be 3 categories: 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18 +. Contact the Town Office for details on what is required to compete in the contest. Prizes will include free use of the Arena (winter), Arena (summer), or Program Centre.

The question came up again of what tax payers get for their taxes. I have compiled a list of projects that the Town has under taken since 2011.

2011 - Street and Sidewalk Improvements 47st. (51ave. to 54ave.), 54ave. (47st. to 49st.).

2012 - Street Improvement 45ave. (50st. to 51st.)

2013 - Street Improvement 46ave. (50st. to 51st.).

2014 - Upsize Second Waterline to Industrial Park 51st. (48ave. to 42ave.).

2014 - Playground Structure Replacement Westview Park.

2015 - New Lift Station in South Industrial Park.

2015 - Contribution to Hi-way 39 Industrial Park Intersection.

2016 - Water Reservoir Expansion.

2017 - Street and Sidewalk Improvements 52st. (50ave. to 52ave.)

2017 - New Ice Plant and Zamboni Room at Arena.

2017 - Purchased 2 acres of Land to Expand the Public Works Yard

2018 - New Condenser, Insulation, Cladding and Dressing Room Washroom Upgrades at Arena.

2018 - Wheel Chair Accessible Vestibule at Library.

2018 - Street and Sidewalk Improvements Parkview Crescent.

2018 - New Playground Structure at Ball Diamond.

All the above projects were completed to support our infrastructure. This work prevents the deterioration of roads, sidewalks, etc., to the point that it cannot be repaired and requires replacement; which costs a lot more money than maintaining what we have.

As always if you have any questions or concerns you can contact me or any of the Councilors. We will answer your questions as soon as possible. I can be reached at wychimetz@calmar.ca or call me at (780) 722-4147 anytime. I would love to hear from you! You can also address all of Council between 6:30 and 7:00 pm before the council meeting held on the first and third Mondays of the Month.

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

Sincerely, Mayor Wally Yachimetz

From the Recreation Department



Well First Night seemed to go pretty well! There were a few minor hiccups here and there but nothing drastic and overall a wonderful time seemed to be had by all.



Thank you to Mayor Wally Yachimetz and Councillor Terry Balaban for helping to serve hot dogs and hot chocolate and thank you to Councillors Gardner and Rehn, Sandra, Tom and the rest of the McIntosh clan, Rec Board members Rhonda Kanis, Michelle Lemire, Patricia Ashley, and Darcy Enns and Patricia Coggan for helping with set up, take down, hot dog and hot chocolate prep, face painting... Thanks also to Ryan and Jim down at the Mike Karbonik Arena for all of their help and to the Leduc County Fire Department for looking after the bonfires and making sure the fireworks display could happen.








Overall, an estimated 260 people took part in the festivities. Unfortunately, not everyone got a hot dog but hopefully next year everyone who wants one will get one. Something else we missed out on was announcing the winners of the Christmas Lights contest. Mea culpa – that was my mistake as I forgot to bring the list of winners. You may have seen this elsewhere already but congratulations nonetheless to Craig and Kim Christensen whose decorations at #2 Parkview took top prize this year. They received a \$100 gift card for Hayduk Lumber to purchase.... maybe more decorations for next year!? Second place and a \$75 Hayduk gift card went to Wilfred and Annette Baines at #55 Spruceview Crescent and third place and a \$50 Calmar Pharmacy gift certificate was won by Andrew and Karen Patterson at....11 Parkview Crescent. With 2 out of 3 spots 'on the podium' Parkview must have been a very festive crescent indeed.

For those who may not have heard about this either, over at the arena Creekwood Pizza raised the white flag and asked to be released from their obligations as concession operator at the MKA after the Bantam tournament that ended on the 13th of January. For the remainder of the ice season there will be no concession operator but on the bright side the Town is already in discussion with someone for 2019 – 2020.

Lastly, for fitness fanatics out there, some bad news. The ladies who have been running the fitness classes at the Program Centre the past few years will not be doing so this year. One of them may resume in 2020 but for this year, there are currently no fitness classes booked. If anyone would like to get some new classes running at the Program Centre please feel free to contact Byron King at bking@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 224.

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 *Council Meeting	5 	6 *Utility Bills Due	7	8 	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18 * Closed Family Day	19 *Council Meeting	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 		

Please note, we recognize and respect that there are additional awareness dates, but for this Edition, we only highlighted a select few. Thank you.

Snow Removal By-Law 2009-02

As per Town of Calmar By-law 2009-02 "The Sidewalk Clearing By-law", Residents and Businesses are required to ensure sidewalks are cleared within 48 hours following any snow event. Failure to ensure sidewalks are cleared will result in written notice of the infraction. If sidewalks are not cleared following the notice to comply Town crews may clear the sidewalks and the property owner will be charged for the work completed. **Minimum charge for Town crews to clear the walk is \$130.00 per lot.**

CALMAR AND DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

FEBRUARY 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.

Announcement:

It's time to elect a new Board of Directors for the Seniors Club, so at this time we would like to thank the past Board members for their hard work and their time donated to try and make the Calmar and District Senior Citizen's Club the best club in the area. There are a number of positions open this year so we encourage all members to consider putting their name in for a position on the board. It has been a rewarding experience for all of us and we hope you will join and find it so as well.

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

Annual General Meeting: February 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Board member position elections will be held as part of the AGM. Light lunch to be served after the elections.

Music Jammers: February 26, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Light lunch served. \$7 fee collected at the door.

Advance Notice:

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).



What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

February 2019



February Programs

PD Day Game Bonanza

Friday, February 1st @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

What better way to spend the afternoon on PD Day than coming to the library and enjoying a friendly afternoon of board games, cards, or just hanging out with friends. The Library has purchased several new games such as: Sushi Go Party, Gobblet Gobblers, Hedbanz, Labyrinth, Exploding Kittens, Squashed, Pandemic, and of course some classics like Candyland, Old Maid, Animal Rummy and Go Fish for everyone to enjoy. Come on down and give the games a try!

Estate Planning: Session 1 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Understanding Financial Statements: Session 2 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Thursday, February 7th

Session 1: Estate Planning will help you to understand the what and why of estate planning. Some of the topics being covered will be: power of attorney, joint accounts, trust, gifting and much more.

Session 2: Understanding Financial Statements regarding, profit and loss, cash flow, balance sheets, and how to use the information that they contain.

Both sessions will be presented by Karen Stix BCom, CPA, CMA.

Registration is required for this FREE program.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way!

Wednesdays, February 13th at 7:00 pm

Do you have a will? Is your family taken care of? Would you like to know your options? Get peace of mind with answers to your questions by joining us for a free information night on Wills. Seth Nelson, of Jackie Handerek & Forester, will discuss the various documents associated with wills and estate planning, and options to protect you and your family.

Registration is required for this FREE program.

Monthly Programs

Cookbook Club

No meeting this month due to the Family Day holiday.

Early Dismissal Movie @ 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 6th: SGT. Stubby

Thursday Tween Scene (6 to 12 years of age)

February 14th @ 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

With Tween Scene falling on Valentine's Day we are having an afternoon of crafts and all things full of hearts! Come on down and enjoy the afternoon making crafts. Snacks are provided. Contact the library to let us know you are coming.

Adult Book Club New Time

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

This month we will be discussing "**Small Great Things**" by Jodi Picoult.

Drop by the library to pick up your copy and join the conversation as we make books come to life.

NEW PROGRAM: Baby, Play, and Grow

Baby, Play, and Grow is a free program specifically designed for babies aged 0 to 12 months old. During this one-hour program, babies and their caregivers will engage in a variety of activities to promote early learning and development through play. Enjoy fun activities, meet other parents, and learn important information about early childhood development! The program will run Tuesdays, March 5th to 26th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Older siblings are welcome. Registration is through Leduc Regional Parent Link at 780.979.2386 or lrplc@leduc-county.com

Save the Date

These are programs that we have scheduled for March:

Emotional Freedom Technique: Wednesday, March 20th @ 7:00 pm

Edmonton & Area Land Trust Information Session: Monday, March 25th @ 7:00 pm

**In celebration of Family Day, the Library will be closed
Saturday, February 16th
Monday, February 18th**

Check out our webpage: www.calmarpubliibrary.ca

Call 780.985.3472 for more information.



FEBRUARY 2019 CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 11:00-5:00	2 11:00 – 3:00	3 CLOSED
4 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise	5 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	6 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver) 3:00 PM Early Dismissal Movie: SGT. Stubby	7 11:00-5:00 11:00 am to 1:30 pm Estate Planning & Understanding Financial Statements	8 11:00-5:00	9 11:00 – 3:00	10 CLOSED
11 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise 6:00 CookBook Club Outing	12 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	13 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver) 7:00 PM Information Will Night	14 11:00-5:00 3:30 Tween Time (6-12yrs)	15 11:00-5:00	16 11:00 – 3:00 CLOSED	17 CLOSED
18 11:00-8:00 CLOSED	19 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	20 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver)	21 11:00-5:00 7:00 pm Board Mtg	22 11:00-5:00 1:00 PM Mother Daughter Book Club (Family)	23 11:00 – 3:00	24 CLOSED
25 11:00-8:00 11:30 AM Zook Adult Exercise 1:30 PM Adult Book Club	26 11:00-5:00 1:30 PM Knitting Group (Everyone)	27 11:00-8:00 10:00 AM Learn, Play, Grow (0-5yrs with caregiver)	28 11:00-5:00 3:30 PM Tween Book Club (6-12 yrs)			

Greetings and Happy New Year! Sending you all wishes of a healthy, happy and prosperous year in 2019

THANK
YOU SO MUCH



CALMAR & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS ELVES PROGRAM

Calmar & District Christmas Elves would like to say **THANK YOU** to the community for it's support and generosity. The donations of food, gifts, volunteer time and money were appreciated.

We were able to provide **32** families, (56 adults and 52 children) with hampers. The majority of food and gift donations were received from the Calmar Christmas Elves Food Drive. We did receive an increase of food and gifts donations compared to the previous year. We were extremely excited that through the generosity of Calmar & District community members we were able to meet the hamper referrals submitted. We hope the hampers offered the families the chance to enjoy a family Christmas dinner with a gift for the children, and perhaps experienced a little less tension during the holiday season.

Special acknowledgements and gratitude to **Calmar Pharmacy**.

On behalf of the Calmar & District Christmas Elves recipients and the Calmar Christmas Elves team, **THANK YOU** to the **Calmar Pharmacy** (Tanya and staff) for your exceptional support for many years and generous donations of gift certificates to all the families that received the Calmar and District Christmas Elves hamper.

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We also like to express a heartfelt thank you to **Calmar Chiropractic Clinic**. In December 2018, the Calmar Chiropractic Clinic accepted donations of food, gifts and monetary donations in lieu of payment for treatments with Dr. Phillips. Dr. Phillips has been promoting the Calmar & District Elves program for many years and we are grateful for the assistance and donations received.

Genuinely thankful, the Calmar & District Christmas Elves Team

♡ Darlene Behiel, Tracey Gordon & Yvonne Pearson ♡



We'd be in a

PICKLE

without your support

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 7 - APRIL 13, 2019



2019 Calmar National Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Scheduled for Saturday evening, April 13, 2019



Location: Calmar Royal Canadian Legion

The evening includes buffet supper, entertainment and hopefully a few laughs

Attention All Calmar community groups

Please contact Yvonne to update organization and contact information

@ (780)985-3191 or email ypearson@calmar.ca

Each organization or group will be receiving an information and request letter. Included in the email or envelope will be a registration form requesting each organization or community group to enter the chosen volunteers the organization or community group would be participating in the celebration.



CALMAR VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

The program is tentatively Scheduled from March 5 – April 30, 2019

This program is for Low Income Individuals, Families, Students and Seniors.

*Please make sure you have received all your T-Slips from the various sources of income.

You may consider contacting Revenue Canada Individual Income Tax Inquiries CALL # 1800-959-8281.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL UTILITY CUSTOMERS!



Effective January 1, 2019 Capital Region Southwest Water Service Commission has increased the price of water purchased by the Town of Calmar by 8.16%. This increase necessitates an increase to the bi-monthly charge for water on all residential / commercial / industrial / institutional accounts.

GFL has also increased their rates by 3% for garbage and recycle collection.

These new service fees will be reflected on your January/February 2019 billing.



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If you haven't filed in several years – no problem I can assist you with getting your info required

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Contact: Renee McCarty @ 587-599-5520

tx.done.right@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ in 2018 GFL collected 64.22 MT of recycling, 526.96 MT of waste and 77.19 MT of organic waste
- ◆ In 2018 the Town of Calmar and its residents consumed 230 000 cubic meters of water, or 230,000,000 Litres. That's the equivalent of 57 million 4 litre milk jugs, 2.9 million bath tubs, or 92 Olympic sized swimming pools.

**What flowers do you not
give on Valentine's Day?**

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RANDOM FACTS

- Many believe that the X became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s
- Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets

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 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/



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


Hours of Operation

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

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, 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 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.

Property Taxes

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

You can sign up anytime through out the year!

(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, contact Heather @ hbryans@calmar.ca or

780-985-3604 ext. 232.