

CALMAR



CHRONICLE

September 2021



*Please note the Office
will be closed September
6th for Labour Day.*

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September

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DID YOU KNOW...

- Nomination Day for the Municipal Election is September 20th, all Nomination Papers can be found at <https://www.calmar.ca/elections/>
- Nomination papers must be submitted by noon on September 20th, 2021
- Calmar's very first Mayor, Mayor Michael Hrehorick was appointed on February 7th 1949 and Councillors were Arnie Dixon and John Bendick.,
- There are approximately 450 students enrolled in Calmar Elementary School and Calmar Secondary School

Mayor' s Corner

Greetings to all... I am so proud to be a part of this community! Calmar Days, the Mega Market, and Calmar 125th Celebration were all a big success! Many thanks to Byron King, the Recreation Board Members, Town Staff, Administration and the countless Volunteers for putting on another great Calmar Days, Mega Market and 125 Celebration. Job well done!

Our Town is looking beautiful again this year and I would like to thank the people from Communities in Bloom and the Parks and Recreation staff for their hard work.

We have enjoyed a very warm summer and the spray park has been a very popular place. I hope everyone enjoyed the heat.

Summer is over and school is back in session. Please watch your speed in and around Town. The children are excited to be going back to school and may not be paying attention as to where they are going or what they are doing. Let's be safe!!!

On October 18th, 2021 we will be going to the polls to elect our Town Council. Anyone wishing to run for Town Council can do so by picking up their nomination forms at the Town Office or on the Town Website. Nomination papers need to be in before September 20th at 12:00 pm.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you can ask myself or any of the Councillors and we will get you an answer. I can be reached at wychimetz@calmar.ca or called at (780) 722-4147. You can also come to Council Meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month, between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. and address all of Council at that time with your question or concern. We will be going back to in-person Council Meeting on September 07th, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

LET'S MAKE CALMAR, THE BEST CALMAR THAT IT CAN BE.

Mayor

Wally Yachimetz

Town of Calmar

2021 Municipal Election Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

October 18th, 2021 brings us to another round of Municipal Elections across Alberta for the positions of Mayors, Reeves, Aldermen and Councillors for local jurisdictions. In Calmar, residents will elect a Mayor and four Councillors. Nomination forms for Mayor and Councillors are available on the Town's website or at the Town Administration Office located at 4901 – 50th Avenue. All persons wishing to file a Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance form, with the Returning Officer, must also file a Candidate Financial Information form. Any eligible person may file a nomination with the Returning Officer at any time during regular business hours between January 2, 2021 and 12:00 noon on Nomination day, which is four (4) weeks prior to Election day which will be September 20th, 2021. You can pick up the forms at the Administration Office, Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm (closed from 12:30pm – 1:00pm for lunch) or download them from www.calmar.ca/elections/.

A **Public Forum** will be held on Tuesday September 28th, 2021 starting at 6:30pm, at the Calmar Secondary School gymnasium located at 5100 – 49 Street. This will give residents an opportunity to ask questions of the Candidates running for Mayor and Councillor.

Along with electing a Mayor and Councillors, residents will also be voting on Referendum questions. There are currently two announced Referendum questions to be voted on, they are:

- Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?
- Do you want Alberta to adopt a year-round Daylight Savings Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?

For those unable to vote on Election Day, an **Advance Vote** is to take place on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 between the hours of 11:00am and 2:00pm, at Council Chambers located at 4901 – 50 Avenue, using the east entrance.

Election Day will be Monday, October 18th, 2021 and voting is planned to take place between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm at the Voting Station located at the Calmar Legion at 4815 – 47 Street, Calmar.

All candidates, whether nominated for Mayor or Councillor, should review Section 147 of the Local Authorities Election Act, and make themselves aware of their responsibilities in regard to reporting campaign financing and expenses whether a candidate is elected or not.

For more information or should you have any questions, please contact Returning Officer Heather Bryans at 780-985-3604 ext. 232 or email hbryans@calmar.ca.

Calmar Enforcement Services Department
September Edition

Dogs

I will reiterate the importance of picking up after your dogs. The Town of Calmar is not a public toilet for dogs to do their business and for their owners ignore it and keep going, only to have the next resident walking their dog with their children who happen to walk into it. A resident just received a financial reminder for this reason, and they laughed without being concerned of what just occurred. We all want to enjoy the walkways and parks; therefore, financial reminders will continue being handed out if owners don't take responsibility for their pets.

Residential Yards

Resident yards and business yards are all a postcard for the Town of Calmar. How well maintained, or unsightly they are, is what visitors take home when they see these properties. Be proud of your home and show it off. You worked hard to afford to get where you are in life, why not have that reflected in a tidy exterior of your home or business.

Traffic

Ensure your vehicles are registered. Just because there are no license plate stickers anymore, does not mean we can't tell if you have an expired plate. It's **\$345** for driving with an expired plate. When I do a traffic stop, I will inform you of your last couple of tickets you received. I do this so you are aware of how close you may be to exceeding the points on your driver's license. I'll inform you if your driver's license, registration, or insurance are close to expiring or have expired as well as any infractions I may notice that your vehicle has. All of this is a courtesy to help you stay informed and keep you aware of costs you can avoid in the future.

Closing

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to call me and make a comment on the articles I write. Whether comments are positive or negative, I appreciate all of them. I will continue to improve in areas that are valid and brought to my attention. I have been employed with the Town of Calmar for five years now and will continue to try to build a reputation as a fair and understanding/trustworthy law enforcement officer. I hope to be seen as approachable, knowledgeable, and compassionate. I won't make everyone happy because my job is built around conflicts and concerns. Inevitably, one side or another I interact with, is not going to be happy with a resolution to the situation they created. I'm there because of your actions or infractions.

I hope you all had a great summer and had the opportunity, after the last year and half we all encountered due to the Covid 19 pandemic, to visit friends and family again.

Submitted by:

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**Recreation Department
September 2021**

Ball Diamonds - As the ball season winds down, a big "Thank You" to Leduc Co-Op Ltd. for their generous donation to the Hi-Way 39 Slo-Pitch League allowing the League to install another set of dugouts/shelters at the ball diamonds. That's 2 diamonds done, 1 to go!!! Thank you also to the Hi-Way 39 Slo-Pitch League for taking on this project in the first place.

Doggie Waste Receptables - The Town is in the process of installing more doggie bag dispensers and waste receptables to dispose of these bags once they have been used.

Parks - Additional Park benches and picnic tables were ordered for our parks. If you don't see them in the parks this year, you will enjoy them next year.

Hockey Season - As of now, the ice season should open by 20 September. If the pandemic hasn't flared up again, we intend to be back to business as usual, that includes the concession with Coffee, Pucks, and Poutine!!!!

Recreation Board - The Recreation Board is going through more changes and as a result, we have some volunteer opportunities once again. If anyone is interested in joining the Recreation Board, we are looking for both regular community members as well as members from recreation groups. Anyone who is interested in joining the Recreation Board can contact me at bking@calmar.ca or via phone at 780-985-3604 ext. 224 for more information.

Homecoming Celebrations - Homecoming activities are now complete; we are continuing to work on a 2nd Volume to Pioneers in Progress Book. If your family was featured in Volume 1 or if you/your family came to Calmar after 1980, we'd love to see an update on your family (maximum 500 words) or an introduction to your family. Don't forget to send photos if you have them as well. We also hope to have more of the history of the Town itself in Volume 2 so if you have any interesting stories/photos about Calmar (businesses, sport teams, art groups, etc.) from its founding to feel today, please free to submit these as well.

Composting -Here are some random tidbits about composting:

1. The Australian Brush Turkey makes compost to incubate its eggs in.
2. Composting dates back over 12,000 years.
3. You can compost with cockroaches.
4. Compost can reach 24C in just a few days.
5. You can cook in compost.
6. Hot compost can be used to grow heat loving plants in winter.
7. Compost can be used to heat greenhouses and houses.
8. Worms in a compost heap can eliminate e-coli and other pathogens.
9. Cleopatra was so impressed with the composting ability of worms she made them sacred.
10. Composting can capture carbon in the soil.

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What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

SEPTEMBER 2021



Well, it looks like we have finally worked ourselves out of the COVID lockdown and can breathe a sigh of relief. Knock on wood! As I write this article, we are in the middle of a heat wave! No complaints here as in 159 short days we will be in the winter solstice! Does anyone else notice how fast the summers go by and how the winters tend to move slower than a snail? Just my observation.

We have had a busy summer even though we did not run many of our usual programs. Due to the uncertainty, we did not run a summer reading program, but we are already working on the program for 2022. We look forward to partnering with the Town of Calmar again in 2022 with their summer day camp program!

With the restrictions being lifted we have been busy working on our fall programming for the library. I suggest that 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. I encourage that you utilize the knowledgeable staff with our **Reading Bag Service**. This service continues to be very popular! Email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca to organize your reading bag.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
Wednesday
11:00 AM TO 8:00 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!



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 pick the books and you just have to pick up the items! How easy is that! Contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 to book your **Reading Bag** today!

Take & Make Kits

For the month of September our **Take & Make kits** are available for Pre-K, Tween, and Teens and might require some adult supervision. Supplies are limited, so it is suggested that you reserve your kit as soon as possible. Pick up is available through our curbside service or drop by and pick them up during our hours of operation. Some of the kits also have videos that show you how to make the project. We would love it if you sent us a picture of your finished project to circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca for everyone to enjoy! (Some kits do not have an accompanying video, but all kits have instructions included.) **PLEASE NOTE: Due to limited funding the TAKE & MAKE KITS are not for DAY HOME PROVIDERS. Thanks for your understanding.**

Teen Time – Kit release date: Tuesday, September 7th

Smashbook



Smash books are inbetween a scrapbook and a journal! In a smash book you can write, draw, paint, and glue in embellishments or memorabilia. In other words: no rules! No rules, no theme - just whatever you want to put in it. Smash books celebrate tattered and messy, unique and original, just like you! This kit will start you off on your smash book journey. Kits are available for pick up starting Tuesday, September 7th. Call to reserve your kit today before they are gone at 780.985.3472.

Tween Time – Kit release date: Monday, September 13th

Wax Paper Lantern



Create your own soothing night light to keep on your bedside table or have displayed in the living room. Everyone is going to love your unique lantern. The kits are available starting Monday, September 13th and will be available until they are gone. An instruction video will be released on Thursday, September 16th. You don't want to miss this one. Call to reserve yours today!

Pre-K – Kit release date: Monday, September 20th

Peg Dolls



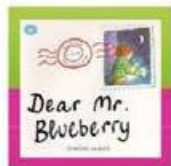
These cute and adorable peg dolls are easy and fun to make! This kit will come with everything you need to decorate the supplied peg dolls. You can make these dolls as simple or as complicated as you want. This kit will be released on Monday, September 20th. Limited supplies are available, so reserve yours today.

Outdoor Programs



September 7th to 21st at the Spray Park (chain link fence)

StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are displayed and installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll along, you are directed to the next page in the story. This month's story is Dear Mr. Blueberry. We are very grateful for the Calmar Elementary School for lending us the StoryWalk!



In-House Programing

Songs & Stories – Family Program



Wednesday from Sept 15th to Oct 6th

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration Required at 780.979.2385 or frn@leduc-county.com

This program is a fun way to bring music, songs, books and crafts together at one location. It offers songs and activities for parents, caregivers and children to enjoy together in a group setting. We will be doing crafts that are planned around the book theme for that week, along with movement breaks and singing. E-mails will be sent out to registered participants with a reminder of the date and a brief look at the activity planned on that day. This program is in partnership with the Family Resource Network.

Living Library in Honour of Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Wednesday, September 29th 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



Human beings are like books: they contain stories and wisdom far beyond their covers or outward appearances. This session will feature speakers who have lived experiences related to the legacy of residential schools. We recognize the profound harms that the residential school legacy has and continues to cause indigenous families and children.

Every child matters and all children require love to grow and develop optimally. It's time to open up conversations between indigenous folks and settlers, increase our understanding and move forward in the truth and reconciliation process as Canadians. The Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available 24-hours a day for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of their Residential School experience: 1-866-925-4419. We are proud to offer this program in partnership with Creating Hope and Leduc County Family and Community Support Services.

Winner of the Adult Summer Reading Challenge will be announced in the October Chronicle.

Did You Know?

Municipalities are the primary funders of your public library.

Ask your local library about how you can advocate for them during the election.

Below are a few of the many new items that we have added to our collection. Contact the library at 780.985.347 or www.calmarpubliibrary.ca to reserve your copy today.

ADULT FICTION



ADULT NON-FICTION



YOUNG ADULT



JR. BOOKS



DVD'S



As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 780.985.3472. 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.

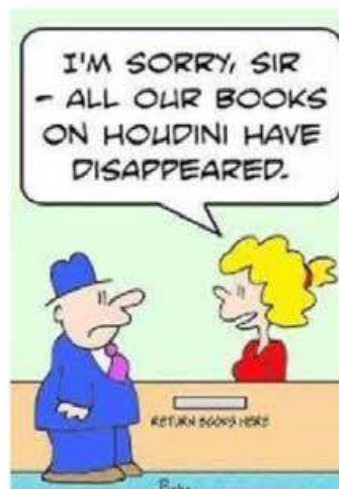
To keep up-to-date on information regarding the library please go to one of the resources below:

- 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....

Susan Parkinson

Director of Public Library Services





Our Ambitious Future

Community Strategic Direction Setting
& Brand Refresh for The Town of Calmar

Calmar Residents... Have your voice heard!

This is a generational opportunity to have your say about the future of Calmar as we envision an energetic strategic direction for our town. **Let's legacy-build together.**

The Town will be using its Facebook page to ask residents some key questions and hear your ideas for the future. To get you thinking, imagine we have worked together to pursue ambitious action. What now makes Calmar different or better than other places? What priorities did we need to have? What opportunities have we opened up? What challenges have we solved? What do other people now think or feel when they hear of Calmar?

Your responses will contribute to creating direction ... *for our ambitious future.*

For more information, please contact:

Councillor Krista Gardner at KGardner@calmar.ca
or Michelle Levasseur, EDO, at MLEvasseur@calmar.ca



CALMAR YOUTH COUNCIL

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12

LEARN MORE BY CONTACTING THE TOWN OF CALMAR
OR THE CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY
780.985.3604 / 780.985.3472
SPARKINSON@CALMARPUBLICLIBRARY.CA
/ TTHOMAS@CALMAR.CA



TOWN OF CALMAR
COMMUNITY SERVICES

FINANCIAL
LITERACY
VIRTUAL
LUNCH AND
LEARN SERIES



OCTOBER 5, 2021 @ 12:00 PM - THE TRUTH ABOUT CREDIT!

OCTOBER 6, 2021 @ 12:00 PM - SPENDING PLANS

OCTOBER 7, 2021 @ 12:00 PM - WAYS TO SAVE

REGISTER NOW, BY CONTACTING TTHOMAS@CALMAR.CA OR CALLING 780.985.3191.





Community Connections

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST | 5PM-7PM
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CALMAR BRANCH
4815-47 STREET CALMAR**



**Lets disconnect from our devices and
reconnect with our community!**



Are you in need of financial assistance? Are you looking to learn more about available recreation programs for your child? Are you a new resident interested in connecting with local businesses? Join us for an evening of information, connection, and refreshments!

Measures will be taken to ensure public health and safety. Hand sanitizer and masks will be provided & appropriate social distancing is recommended. Please watch the Town of Calmar website for all COVID updates. Contact Community Services to learn more @ 780.985.3191 or tthomas@calmar.ca



Stress Strategies to Optimize Your Life

Are you feeling stressed? Do you want to learn new ways to navigate life's challenges? Join Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) for a free group where we will discover more about how our brains have been wired to survive and thrive during difficult situations. Join us in person as we share information, experiences and coping strategies focused on building resilience and flexibility while connecting with others having similar challenges.

This is a registered group that will be facilitated by a registered social worker.

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

- ▶ **Dates:** Thursdays, Sept. 9, 16 and 23
- ▶ **Time:** 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** Program Centre - 4815 49 St., Calmar
- ▶ **Register:** please register by contacting Eugena at **780-955-6421** or **eugena@leduc-county.com**.
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of five registrants; maximum of 15



Alberta Zirka Ukrainian Performers

Registration Night/General Meeting

September 08 @ 6:00pm at the Zirka Hall (Main Street)

For More Information Contact: abzirkapresident@gmail.com



September is

FASD

awareness

month



visit www.canfasd.ca for more information

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

& PLAYSCHOOL

for the 2021-2022 School Year



New Humble Community School

✉ newhumblecg@gmail.com

- Hands-on experiential learning
- Agriculture, Environment & Stewardship
- Follow Alberta Program of Studies
- Non-profit cannot charge tuition
- Kindergarten - Grade 6



Humble Beginnings Playschool

✉ humble.playschool@gmail.com


- Learning through play
- Certified Teacher
- Starts mid September
- Children ages 3 & 4



Registration Open
on a first come first served basis!
SPACE IS LIMITED
EMAIL AND REQUEST YOUR
REGISTRATION PACKAGE TODAY!

Mark Your Calendars!

Get Ready to have fun at Wilton Park Community Center this fall and winter!!

Let the fun begin> We are proud to present - Quarter Auctions  with Caribou Exchange. Starting Tuesday September 21st, 2021. Bring your Quarters. Doors open at 6:00pm Auction starts at 6:30pm.

A concession   will be available. This is a cash only event, with lots of items to be won and or purchased. Come out and join us for a fun evening. For more info and vender inquires please contact Tanya at Tanya@caribouexchange.ca.

Jam nights at Wilton Park Community Center.   Jammers get in free.

Saturday October 23rd, 2021

Saturday November 27th, 2021

NOVEMBER 13th, 2021

On Saturday November 13th we will be having a Combination, Musical swap meet,  Xmas Bazar,  and Bake Sale. Food and drink will be available for purchase

If you have any musical instruments that are hiding in your closets bring them to the swap meet!

We will be hosting Paint Nights and sign making nights. Dates to follow!

Wilton Park Community Center meeting will be Held on Wednesday September 8th at 7pm. We have members from different communities. Come out and see what we have to offer.



Back to School

W S H N E V C A M D O I J H Z R Y L Q K
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 school

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 senior
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 sophomore
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NewsLetter DEADLINE 15th of the month!



Family owned and operated since 1977


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 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



<p>Darrin & Kathy Mills 5001 - 50 Ave. P.O. Box 1200 Calmar, AB. T0C 0V0 email - dkmills_123@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Conv. Store 780-985-7224 Liquor Store 780-985-3334 Fax 780-985-3334</p>
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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/

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 form 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., watch FB and website
 for details.

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