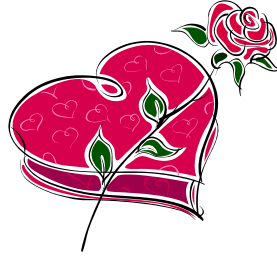


Calmar Chronicle



February 2013

*Town of Calmar Office
Will be CLOSED
Monday February 18, 2013
For the
Family Day Holiday*



Calmar's 4th Annual Spring Tradeshow & Market

Saturday May 4, 2013

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

@ Calmar Elementary School

**Free
Admission**

**Door
Prizes**

For more information or to register a table

Contact

Town of Calmar Parks & Recreation Department

Karen Ankerstein 780-985-3604 ext 224 or kankerstein@calmar.ca



Calmar Fire & Rescue

Are hosting the

5th Annual Firefighters Ball & Silent Auction



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

@ Calmar Legion Hall

Tickets are \$40.00 per/person

Includes Dinner and live band entertainment

For Tickets please call

Town of Calmar Office @ 780-985-3604



CALMAR INFORMATION BROCHURE

09-25 well bore repair and re-abandonment

Dear Neighbour,

We are contacting you to let you know that we will be doing work in your area. This brochure provides detailed information about why we are doing this work, how it could affect you, the project plan and expected timelines, questions and contact information for enquiries.

Why are we doing work in your area?

On September 20, 2012 the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) released Directive 079 "Surface Development in Proximity to Abandoned Wells". An abandoned well is an oil, gas, injection or disposal well that has been permanently plugged and capped below ground level.

ERCB Directive 079 requires the oil and gas industry to locate and test previously abandoned wells on private property within urban centres, or wells that will be within a proposed development.

Canadian Natural Resources Limited (Canadian Natural) has tested the CNRL LEDUC-WOODBEND 100/09-25-049-

27W4 well located in the field at the corner of 45 Avenue and 51 Street in Calmar (maps are on page 3 for your reference). The tests have detected a minor quantity of sweet natural gas leaking from the well. This well was originally drilled in 1951 by Rundle Oils Ltd. and abandoned in 1959 by Medallion Petroleum Ltd. Through various acquisitions, Canadian Natural is the current well license holder.

This minor presence of sweet natural gas poses no health or safety risk, but repairs and then re-abandonment (plugging and capping) of this well will be required. All work will be completed in accordance with ERCB standards and requirements.

What is the nature of the work being done?

■ 09-25 well bore repair and re-abandonment

Canadian Natural will bring equipment into the area to expose the well casing and install a new well head at surface. The new well head will enable us to monitor the well. The results will dictate the nature of the repairs required. A service rig will then be brought onto the site to repair the well bore. The final step for well re-abandonment includes permanently plugging, cutting and capping the well approximately 2m below ground level.

■ 09-25 well bore repair and timelines

We are planning to start the well bore repair project in February 2013. The project stages and approximate timelines are described on page 2. The project plan includes the steps for well bore repair and re-abandonment. All work will be done in a manner that ensures priority is given to public and worker safety and the protection of the environment.

■ Additional site work required

Separate from Canadian Natural's required testing of the abandoned well, the Town of Calmar initiated an environmental assessment of the land in the vicinity of the abandoned well for a potential site development. The area assessed includes a former small oil battery (processing facility).

Canadian Natural is responsible for any reclamation requirements associated with this well. Based on preliminary results of the environmental site assessment, future reclamation work near the 09-25 well will be required. Canadian Natural will perform a full assessment and comprehensive tests beginning in late spring of 2013. Timing is subject to weather and ground conditions. We will work with the Town of Calmar to keep the community and residents informed throughout this work.

How could this affect you?

Canadian Natural will complete all work between 8 am and 5 pm. To minimize local disruption to the site, all truck traffic will follow the route as shown on page 3 - Figure 2: Truck Traffic Route. A security fence will

surround the work site throughout the duration of all well bore and reclamation work to ensure public safety. Security personnel will be on-site during active work stages of the project.

CALMAR INFORMATION BROCHURE

Project stages and timelines

1. Well re-abandonment

Activities at each stage and corresponding timelines are approximate. They are contingent on information gathered in the prior stage. Please check the Town of Calmar website for updates and potential changes www.calmar.ca/.

Stage	Activities	Approximate duration	Expected timeframe
1. Install well head	- Excavate to expose well casing - Install well head	2 days	Early February 2013
2. Monitor well	- Monitor the well head for pressure	Several weeks	February to March 2013
3. Service rig and well services equipment	- Bring a service rig to repair the well bore	10 to 14 days	March 2013
4. Monitor well	- Monitor the well to ensure the repair was successful	30+ days	April to October 2013
5. Well re-abandonment	- Complete the well re-abandonment by removing the well head and cutting and capping the surface and production casing 2m below ground level	2 days	May to November 2013

2. Reclamation timeline

A full environmental assessment will be conducted in late spring 2013 to obtain data needed for a comprehensive reclamation plan. The time to complete the work plan is subject to the findings from the full environmental assessment. We will keep the community and residents informed through to completion of this work.

Our commitment to safety

As with all projects we undertake, our priority is safety. All work will be done in a way that ensures public and worker safety and the protection of the environment.

Maps - Canadian Natural 09-25-49-27W4



Figure 1: Aerial Map of Project Site



Figure 2: Truck Traffic Route





Where can I get information? Who do I contact with questions?

In an emergency

In the event of an emergency, call Canadian Natural toll free at **1-888-878-3700**. Canadian Natural will adhere to its Corporate Emergency Response Plan.

All other inquiries and concerns

We want to ensure that all your questions are answered with regard to this project. We have been communicating with the Town of Calmar and the ERCB as this project moves forward. Project updates will be posted on the Town of Calmar website at www.calmar.ca. You can also e-mail calmar@cnrl.com with questions or comments or call the Canadian Natural St. Albert office at (780) 544-2250 for Greg Clegg or Darcy Harty. For media enquiries, please contact Canadian Natural's Investor Relations team at ir@cnrl.com.

ERCB

St. Albert branch
Phone: (780) 460-3800

Customer Contact Centre
Phone: (403) 297-8311
Toll free: 1-855-297-8311

Canadian Natural Resources Limited

St. Albert Office
210, 110 Carleton Drive
St. Albert, AB T8N 3Y4

Phone: (780) 544-2250
Greg Clegg: (780) 544-2272
Darcy Harty: (780) 544-2269

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Calmar, Alberta T0C 0V0

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Fax: (780) 985-3039
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Ed Melesko: (780) 886-2212

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CALMAR
FIRE & RESCUE

GET INVOLVED

CALMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING FIREFIGHTERS AND JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Did you know that 80% of Alberta's firefighters are volunteers? You give us some of your free time; We will give you: Training and Equipment to keep you safe and the ability to serve your community! Applications can be picked up from the Town of Calmar Office or any Tuesday evening at the Fire Hall after 7pm.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL FIRE CHIEF, DAVID BROOKS 587-985-7587**

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Town of Calmar's new Fire Chief. My name is David Brooks and I officially started this new position on January 7, 2013. I bring with me a variety of experience in both the Fire and Medical professions. I have worked in Emergency Services for over twelve years, most of which was spent working with volunteer departments.

With me I bring my wife and two sons to the community. Originally from BC, we recently spent the last year and a half in the Municipal District of Greenview, where I worked in a similar position. We are looking forward to calling Calmar home!

I am looking forward to working with Town Administration and the Fire Department members as we continue to build and strengthen the Calmar Fire Department that serves not only the Town of Calmar but the County of Leduc as well. Currently, we are looking at a new training program to ensure our members have the proper skills and education when dealing with emergency situations to keep them safe.

We encourage and welcome anyone interested in volunteering with the Department to pick up an application at the Town of Calmar office or stop by the Fire Department any Tuesday after 7pm. We are always looking for new members.

If you have any questions regarding the Department or the services we provide, please feel free to contact me (Office) 780-985-3604 ext.225, (Cell) 587-985-7587 or (Email) dbrooks@calmar.ca

Sincerely,

David Brooks, Fire Chief
Town of Calmar



Calmar Preschool
 Registration and Parent
 Information Night
 Tuesday March 19th, 2013
 Presentation at 7:00pm with

Preschool Registration to follow.

New 1 day a week 3 year old program, as well
 as the 2 day a week 4 year old program
 Any Questions Call 780-985-2510

Parents Only Please

Calmar Protective Services Traffic Safety Initiative

Calmar Protective Services will be implementing a 2013 Traffic Safety Initiative that will take a different traffic safety focus each month and work on improving safety, compliance and education in that area. Areas of focus will include commercial vehicle safety, distracted driving, school areas and many more. For the residents and visitors to Calmar, this will result in safer roads for both motorists and pedestrians.

Calmar Protective Services will utilize partnerships with the RCMP, Sheriff's, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and other law enforcement agencies to help implement these initiatives. Focus will not necessarily be on issuing more charges in the particular areas, however, will be on encouraging voluntary compliance and educating the public.

Public safety and service for both locals and visitors to the Town of Calmar is a top priority for the Calmar Protective Services. Implementing this initiative will help improve the Town of Calmar and make it an even greater place to live and visit.

Matthew Weavell—Peace Officer



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Calmar Minor Hockey Association

would like to take a minute to also thank our other
 2012/2013 Ice Sponsors that were missed in the
 January 2013 Calmar Chronicle Newsletter

We couldn't do it without your generous support!

Newsletter

*** Calmar Legion**

*** Cargill**

We apologize for the oversight!



Business License Renewals

ARE NOW DUE

Kindly submit your renewal application and payment.

Thank you,
 The Town of Calmar



**NOTICE to
 Town of Calmar Residents
 Water Bills**

Effective January 1st, 2013, the Capital Region South west Water Service Commission has increased the price of water, purchased by the Town of Calmar by 10.25%. This increase necessitates an increase in the bi-monthly flat rate, charged for water on residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, service clubs and seniors housing accounts, starting with the January/February 2013 billing. The average increase on a bi-monthly bill will amount to \$3.00. Sanitary sewer and garbage rates will remain unchanged for 2013.

Ski & Snowboard Experience

Featuring the
"Chill Zone"

Saturday, February 9, 2013

6 - 9 p.m. (Rental shop opens at 5:40 p.m.)

Rabbit Hill Snow Resort



- PRICE:**
- Individual** - \$25 per person with rentals
 - Individual** - \$15 per person without rentals
 - Family** - \$110 for a maximum of five immediate family members
 - \$25 per each additional family member
 - Rental and family rates includes ski or snowboard rental, helmet, and a beginner lesson.

TICKETS:

- **Tickets are on sale from January 21 to February 7 at:**
Leduc County Parks & Recreation Department
2nd Floor, Services Building, Room 240,
1103 5 Street, Nisku
- **Tickets are on sale from January 21 to February 4 at:**
Calmar Town Office, Devon Town Office, Arctic Spas
Recreation Complex (Thorsby), New Sarepta AgriPlex
and Warburg Village Office
- **Unsold tickets will be available on February 9 at
Rabbit Hill starting at 5:30 p.m. for \$30 per person**

The "Chill Zone"

In addition to enjoying the crisp winter weather you can hang out in the "Chill Zone" where you can chill out and warm up. Chill out with some great dance music from a local DJ and warm up with free hot chocolate and cookie decorating!



For more information contact Darlene at 780-955-6410 or visit our website at www.leduc-county.com.

Have nothing to do????

"Take in a hockey game at our local Arena."

Support our teams !!!



Family Day Unplugged

February 18



Family Day is a great opportunity to unplug from technology and connect with yourself, your family and your community.

Disconnect to Connect
with your **self** • **family** • **community**



Why Unplug?

- Children who watch more television during the first three years of life are more likely to have more problems with attention deficit disorders when they are 7 to 9 years old. (Institute for Safe Families)
- By graduation, the average teen will have spent more time watching screens than being in the classroom, playing sports and talking to their parents. (Screensmart.ca)
- Teens who have more than three family dinners per week are more likely to get better grades (Casa, 2009)

Can your community connect the most on Family Day?

Log the hours you and your family unplugged on February 18. Beginning February 19, go to www.fcssa.org to log your hours and tell your story.

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Beaumont: February 15-16, 2013
Leduc: February 19-21, 2013
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 **Alberta Health
Services**



2012 INCOME TAX RETURNS



**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM
BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2013**

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE

FOR SENIORS, STUDENTS, ADULTS OR FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOME

TAX RETURNS DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**FOR APPOINTMENT OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
YVONNE @ 780-985-3191**

OFFICE HOURS: Tues - Wed. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

EMAIL: ypearson@calmar.ca

The Volunteer program **DOES NOT** complete returns with income from:

- * Capital Gains
- * Fishing Income
- * Farming Income
- * Bankruptcies
- * Rental Income
- * Deceased Persons
- * Self Employment Income
- * Interest over \$1000

**I can collect individual Income Tax information for individuals who
have transportation challenges.**

**Please contact me for pickup @ (780)985-3191 between
March 12 to March 26, 2013**



**INCOME TAX RETURN
FILING DEADLINE
APRIL 30, 2013**

**Looking to
Advertise in our
monthly newsletter:**

\$25.00 Business Card
Size

\$50.00 Half Page

\$100.00 Full Page

Contact Karen at
780-985-3604 Ext 224

kankertein@calmar.ca

Community Groups are
FREE to advertise your
news
and information



**Town of Calmar Office is
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**Monday February 18, 2013
For Family Day**

**We're on the Web!
www.calmar.ca**



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Newsletter submissions
are due each month by the
15th*

*Submit to:
Karen Ankerstein
kankerstein@calmar.ca
Fax 780-985-3039*

2013 Mayor's Address

2013 is now upon us, with new challenges and exciting opportunities for the Town of Calmar.

We bid farewell to 2012, a year that saw its own challenges and successes. We had more houses built in Southbridge and we saw the start of another sub-division, Hawks Landing by the school, finally get into the ground, as they put in their deep services in preparation for the completion of Phase One this summer. These developments are helping us to create more homes that will bring more residents to our community and allow us to continue to grow. We also saw the start of the "Affordable Housing" project by Leduc Foundation, east of the Elementary School, a project expecting to be completed this spring.

There was also some reorganization done at the office. In 2012 we decided not to continue providing Peace Officer Services to other communities and started a process that saw us go down to one Peace Officer, eliminate the Director of Protective Services position and create the position of full time Fire Chief, who also oversees Disaster Services and Occupational Health & Safety. We restructured this Department to make our community safer and more efficient.

As we move into 2013 we continue our efforts to minimize taxes and maximize growth opportunities. It looks like another year with a 2.5% increase, which is roughly inflation, while expanding our capacity for non-residential development, broadening our profile through promotion and providing expanded recreational opportunities. We are receiving a grant that will allow us finally to erect an electronic digital sign as you enter Calmar from the east, which will enable the Town to keep residents highly informed about activities and events, as well as important notices.

One event that I am extremely excited about is an upcoming "**Town Open House**", that is happening on March 16/13. The exciting part about this open house is that it will be interactive. By that, I mean it will be set up so as to show the residents of Calmar how all the different departments work and allow for public input as to some of the direction we might go in the future. So put a circle around March 16/13 and come down to the Calmar Curling Club (upstairs), between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Don't forget to bring your ideas and questions; we will have Council and Staff there waiting for you.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council and our wonderful Staff for all their hard work in 2012 and say that I'm looking forward to the excitement that 2013 will bring.

Don Faulkner—Mayor