



TOWN OF
CALMAR

December 2022


THE CHRONICLE



*You can find
me at:*
Calmar Pharmacy
Lee's
Whatever Repairs
Grasshopper
Calmar Library
Town Office

*Merry
Christmas*

*Please note the Office
will be closed
December 23rd, 26th,
& 27th.*



Town Administration Office
4901-50 Avenue, P.O. Box 750, Calmar, AB T0C 0V0
Phone 780-985-3604 Fax 780-985-3039
Website: www.calmar.ca Email info@calmar.ca

December 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5 * Council Meeting 	6 Town utilities are due	7 Public Skating 3:15-4:30 Xmas fun @ Seniors Center 6pm-7:30pm	8 	9	10
11 Shinny Hockey 3:15-4:45	12	13	14 Public Skating 3:15-4:30	15 	16	17 Christmas Lights Competition Deadline
18 Public Skating 3:15-4:45	19 * Council Meeting 	20	21 Public Skating 3:15-4:30	22 Christmas Lights Winners Announced 	23 *** Office will be closed	24
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day **Office will be closed	27 *** Office will be closed	28	29 	30	31 First Night Celebration



Mayors Corner

“May and October, the best-smelling months? I’ll make a case for December: evergreen, frost, wood smoke, cinnamon.” – Lisa Kleypas.

Well, here it is December 2022 already, wow where has another year gone. December is a time of reflection and giving as we all get excited about the holiday season.

I want to start by thanking all the town administration, town staff, town of council and all our community volunteers for the hard work and endless energy they pour into our community to continue to make Calmar a great place to call home.

November wrapped up with an excellent Christmas in the Park where many residents and neighbors came to enjoy each other's company and the festivities of the lights, sleigh rides, beverages, cookies and of course Santa.

December will bring some colder weather and snow. Please watch for snow removal schedules and remember to clear your sidewalks. This will help keep our community safe.

The holiday season is not about the gifts given or received, but about the care, compassion, and community we are all a part of. I urge everyone to find a way to express your own personal touch to the holiday season. Whether that be by decorating for the season, volunteering for seasonal events, donating items of need to the food bank, the seniors, those that have fallen on hard times, or simply just lending an ear or a shoulder to someone that may need it. Check out the town website or stop in and see Leah for information on the Christmas Elves Program and find out where you can anonymously help a child or family in need.

The New year will be upon us so quickly and with that in mind I would like to remind everyone of Calmar's First Night Celebration at the Mike Karbonik Arena on December 31st. Check the website for information. I also urge everyone to be safe during your holiday celebrations.

Sincerely Yours

Sean Carnahan, Mayor

Calmar a great place to call Home



What's Happening at DECEMBER 2022



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – Friday
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday
11:00 am to 8:00 pm

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Library will be closed the following dates:

Monday, December 26th

Monday, January 2nd

FREE LIBRARY CARD



New to the community? Library card needs renewing? Not a problem! Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 and one of our helpful staff will be happy to assist you.

DECEMBER NATIONAL DAYS OF INTEREST

Here are some of the recognized national days for October we found interesting:

December 4th: National Sock Day

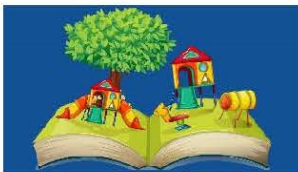
December 17th: National Maple Syrup Day

December 24th: National Eggnog Day

IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

NEW Every Thursday December 1st, 8th and 15th @ 10:00 am

Me & You Story Time



Join us for stories, songs and fun the whole family can enjoy. This program is for 0-5 years with caregivers. Drop in accepted but if you know you are coming, please let us know. To register or for more information, call 780.985.3472 or circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Girls Crafts Club – @ 2:00 pm Homeschool Program

December 2nd Dreamcatcher

December 16th Tape Resist Art



This program is geared towards girls aged 9-15 years who are currently being homeschooled. Join other homeschool participants for an afternoon of crafts and fun! Participants are asked to bring their own supplies. For a list of supplies please contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca.

PD DAY - Christmas Craft

Monday, December 5th 2:00 – 4:00 pm



Don't just sit around the house on PD Day! Come on down to the Library and join Miss Nancy for a fun afternoon of Christmas crafts. Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome! To register call 780.985.3472 or email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Christmas Family Fun

Wednesday, December 7th. 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



Join the Leduc County Family Resource Network and Miss. Nancy from the Calmar Public Library for an evening of crafts and games at the **Calmar Senior Hall located at 4916 50 Ave, Calmar**. Please note that this is a family event, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome! Contact the Leduc County Family Resource Network at 780.979.2385 or email frn@leduc-county.com

Learn to Knit -All ages!

Tuesday, December 27th and January 3rd @ 1:30 pm



Did you know that teaching kids to knit develops fine motor skills and attention span? Did you know that Russell Crowe and other famous people have taken up the needles? Christmas break is the perfect time to come down to the library and learn to knit with our experienced knitters who would love to show you the craft. No supplies? No worries! We have everything you will need! If interested just drop in and they will be happy to teach you!

Let's Get Cooking Cookbook Club

See you in January!



Do you enjoy browsing through cookbooks, trying new recipes or cooking techniques, sampling and sharing new dishes? Or are you stuck in a rut and keep making the same dishes over-and-over again? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then this is the club for you! For more information call the Library at 780.985.3472 or email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

To register for a program: Call 780.985.3472 or Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

DID YOU KNOW?

We have board games?



Did you know that we have board games that you can take home? Drop by the Library to see the list or contact circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca and we can help you.

SAY GOODBYE TO OVERDRIVE!

In early 2023 OverDrive will no longer be supporting or making available the OverDrive app. Users must make the switch to the Libby app for their checkouts to work. To learn more about this change contact the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE CALMAR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library is a charitable non-profit organization of volunteers who fundraise and advocate to support our library.

Friends of the Library are library lovers who believe that a strong and vibrant Library is a vital part of our community.

The Friends are looking for you! If you are interested in supporting your library, contact Susan at sparkinson@calmarpubliclibrary.ca



SAVE THE DATES:

January 4th 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Fun & Games at the Library

January 5th 5:00 – 7:00 Nerf Battle ages 7-12 yrs.

NEW ITEMS AT THE LIBRARY

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

DVD'S/AUDIO

Murder at Yellowstone City
Outlander Season 6
Lucifer Season 6
Where the Crawdads Sing
DC League of Super Pets
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris
The Munsters
Lightyear
Call the Midwife Season 11
The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family

ADULT NON-FICTION

I'm Glad My Mom Dies by Jeanette McCurdy
We are All One by Chief Robert Joseph
Go to Dinners by Ina Garten
The Rise of the Dragon by George R. R. Martin
The Myth of Normal by Gabor Mate MD
The First to Die by Adam Silvera

ADULT FICTION

Marple: Twelve New Mysteries by Agatha Christie
Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks
The Winners by Fredrik Backman
Lightlark by Alex Aster
The Winter Orphans by Kristin Beck
Fairy Tale by Stephen King
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult
Long Shadows by David Baldacci
Next in Line by Jeffery Archer
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover
No Plan B by Lee Child
The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy
Cheyenne – Pathfinder by Judd Cole
Holidays in Virgin River by Robyn Carr
Things We Never Got Over by Lucy Score
Bad Girl Reputation by Ele Kennedy
The Family Game by Catherine Steadman
The Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham

YOUNG ADULT

The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson
The Ballad of Never After by Stephanie Garber
Look Back by Tatsuki Fujimoto
99 Boyfriends of Micah Summers by Adam Sass
Hocus Pocus by A. W. Jantha
The First to Die at the End by Adam Silvera

JR. BOOKS

Dragon Masters: Guarding the Invisible Dragons by Tracey West
Quest Kids: Dragon Pants of Gold by Mark Leiknes
Big Nate: Destined for Awesomeness by Lincoln Pierce
Investigators: Heist and Seek by John Patrick Green
Big Nate: Release the Hounds by Lincoln Pierce
Pup Detectives: The Big Bad Woof by Felix Gumpaw
Narwhalicorn and Jelly by Ben Clanton
Diary of a Pug: Pug's Road Trip by Kyla May
Cryptocurrency by Matt Chandler
Saving by Heather Hudak
Budgeting by Heather Hudak
Borrowing by Heather Hudak
Earning by Heather Hudak
Battle of Juno Beach by Simon Rose
War by Simon Rose
War in Afghanistan by Simon Rose
Battle of the Atlantic by Simon Rose
Battle of the Plains of Abraham by Simon Rose
Battle of the Somme by Simon Rose
Battle of Vimy Ridge by Simon Rose

JR. Graphic Novels

Unicorn and Another Phoebe and her Unicorn Adventure by Dana Simpson
I Survived Hurricane Katrina by Lauren Tarshis

PICTURE/BOARD BOOKS

The Crayons Trick or Treat by Drew Daywalt
I am Me by Susan Verde
Leaves by Robert Munsch
The Three Canadian Pigs by Jocelyn Watkinson
Rainbow Hands by Mamta Nainy

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

The City of Leduc and the Town of Calmar recently signed an agreement that allows Calmar residents the opportunity to use the Eco Station in the City of Leduc. The staffed drop-off located at 6102 – 46 Street Leduc is designed to divert a range of material from the landfill. Materials are accepted free of charge for recycling, except for general household waste, where the first bag is free and additional bags are \$2 each (exact change must be provided).

Materials Accepted Free of Charge

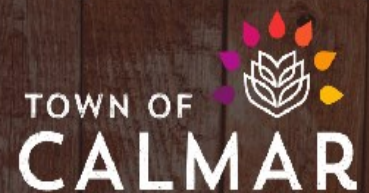
- Blue bag recyclables
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Organic waste
- Household hazardous waste
- Electronic waste (e-waste)
- Styrofoam

See <https://www.leduc.ca/ecostation> for more details.



New Service available to Calmar residents

Eco Station



PEACE OFFICER CORNER

It's been a while since I've written a piece for the chronical. Moving forward I'm going to try and enter a piece each print edition....

Let me catch up a little.....

Calmar days was a lot of fun. It was nice to see everyone come out and enjoy good times after a couple years of restrictions. Sure, there were no rides; but the cabaret, street vendors, baseball games, and arena area entertainment, felt like a breath of fresh mountain air. I enjoy my job the most when I get to see kids laughing and playing, adults socializing at a campfire, and businesses busy with customers. These are the moments that seem to make everything in life feel ok.

Thanksgiving. I never really looked at the word or felt meaning of the day until this October. Some may have looked at Thanksgiving as just another long weekend. This year, I didn't see it only as a celebration of pilgrims with the indigenous. I thought about how those two cultures were sharing a meal, not caring where each other came from. In life I feel sometimes we forget how important the little things are. Like saying "thank you" to the gas station attendants as they work all night or pump the gas in any kind of weather. Servers in our restaurants who always have a smile on their face when they show up at our table. Retail, medical, recreational, industrial, and office employees who stay open during the busy and slow times. Maybe we need to share those words with all of society we come into contact with. I'm not hugging a tree here, or giving a Wal-Mart chant, I'm just saying we all like to get a "thank you" occasionally to feel appreciated.

Christmas season is fast approaching. Unfortunately, it also means higher drinking and driving season as well. Please be responsible, and don't change the life of a family because of your poor choice to drink and drive. Not only will it change the lives of another family, but also your own family.

Finishing up on a positive note; if I were given three wishes that would come true in my law enforcement career I would ask for them in this order.

1. No death under the age of ninety, and to those who are living longer than ninety, to continue to live a quality life until their body decides it's time to go.
2. Happiness. Each of us have a different definition of "Happiness". I would wish that we all find our happiness in the way that makes us feel content and whole. I remember when I got the call from Edmonton Police and was sent my employment letter. I remember going to Calgary Police and thinking how fortunate I was to have been offered employment by two Police Services. It was the equivalent of winning the lottery, for me. Problem was, I was so focused on achieving what I felt would make me the happiest, but when I got there, I had won the lottery, but I had no one to spend it with.
3. Food. I'm Italian, and nothing is more satisfying than a good meal. I would wish that no one goes hungry, and all cupboards are continually filled. If you've ever been to the Italian store in Edmonton, have one of their sandwiches. Man, that's a great snack!

With all three of those wishes granted, I feel we all would appreciate more in our lives and realize our neighbors aren't that bad 😊

OFFICER LEGGIO





Coming Soon

IN JANUARY 2023!

A New Economic Development Page
in The Calmar Chronical

Do you have an announcement you would
like to make for your business?

Do you want a place to find out what is
happening in Calmar that may affect
your business?

If you answered yes - then you need to
check out The Chronical in 2023!



The Town of Calmar
Presents

CALMAR'S FIRST
NIGHT
CELEBRATION
2022

December 31st. Stay Tuned...



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CALMAR BRANCH

NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

DOORS OPEN: 8:00PM

LIVE BAND: 9:00PM - 2:00AM

MIDNIGHT LUNCH

CHAMPAGNE TOAST

DOOR PRIZES

TICKET PRICES

\$30.00 (Adv.)

\$35.00 (Door)

4815 - 47 Street • December 31, 2022

FOR TICKETS CALL PETE AT 780-920-1485





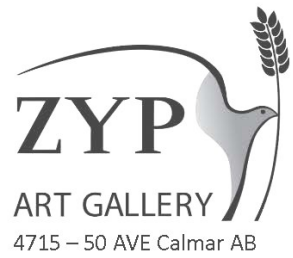
If you/your family or someone you know may need some extra support for this holiday season, our registration and referrals are open, call the office and speak with Leah to get your referrals in! Referrals close on **December 2nd**. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our FCSS Coordinator at the town office 780.985.3604 EXT 233 for more details.

The Christmas Elves donation boxes and Hampers are out around the community!

Thank you to our fantastic community and our neighbors for the endless support, we truly appreciate you!



Christmas Art Show & Sale



**ORIGINAL ARTWORK
PRINTS AND ARTISTS MERCHANDISE
FOR SALE *ALL* of December 2022**

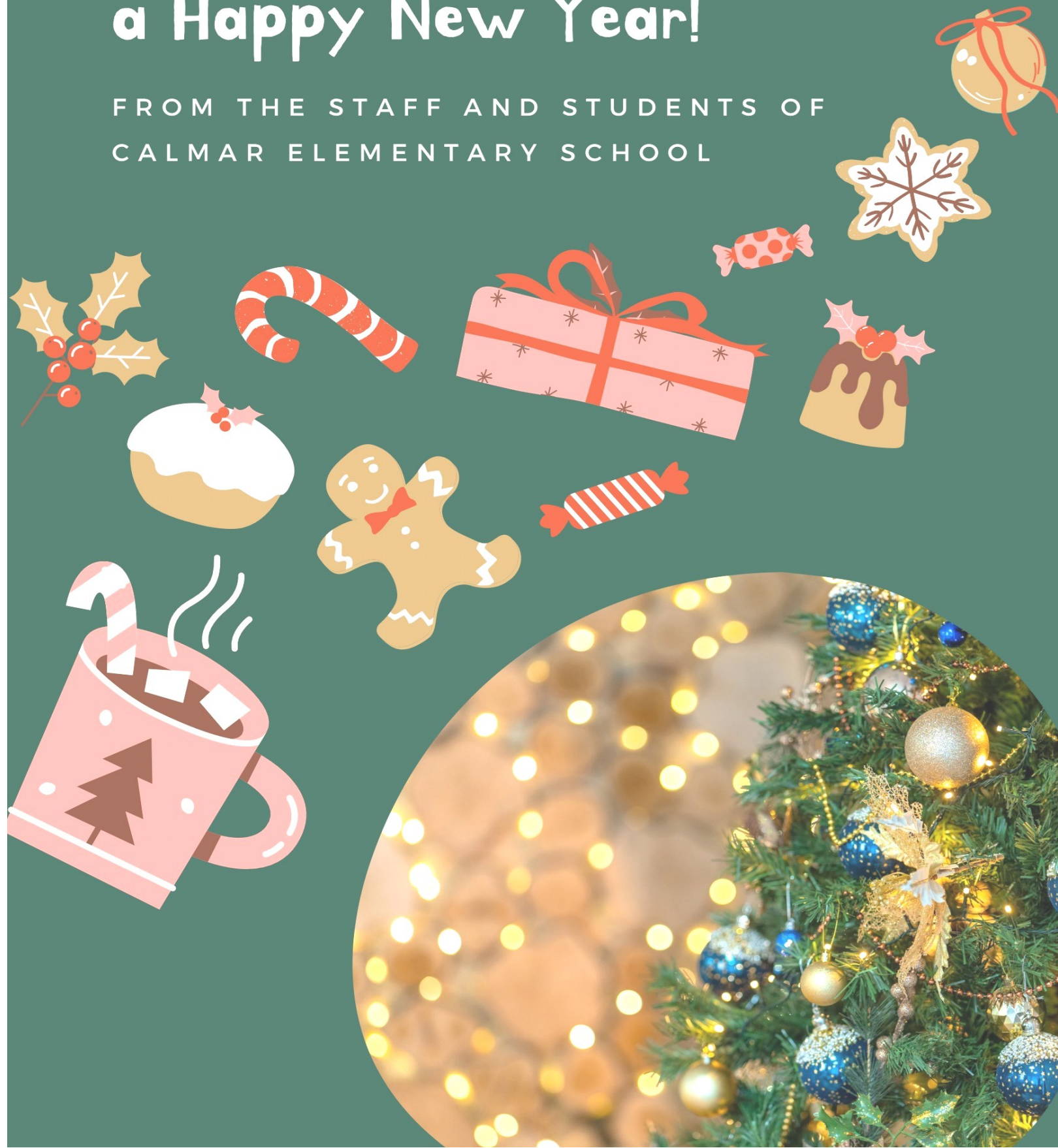
Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm
EVERYONE WELCOME !!



4715 - 50 AVE Calmar AB Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

FROM THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF
CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

MERRY Christmas

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE MERRY!

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. 233 Fax: 780.985.3039
Email: Imacdonald@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
Front Store: 780.985.3142
Pharmacy: 780.985.3121
Website: www.calmarpharmacy.com

Family owned and operated since 1977

Hours of Operation

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

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.

Health link Alberta 811

Mental Health Help Line (24hrs) 1-877-303-2645

RCMP non emergency line—Leduc, Calmar, New Sarepta)
780-980-7267

Non emergency social, health and government services in the community — 211

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 & in person @ 7p.m., watch FB and website for details.

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