

The Chronicle



May 2026

News:

Happy Mother's Day!

Town of Calmar facilities will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 18.

Events:

Spring Clean Up will commence the week of May 11 thru May 15. Have all items placed on the e front curb by 7am for collection.

Council:

Council Meetings will be on May 4 and 19 at 6:30 PM.

Committee of the Whole will be on May 27 at 1:30 PM.

Where to find the Chronicle:

- Mint Health + Drugs
- Lee's Restaurant
- Whatever Repairs
- Grasshopper Restaurant
- Calmar Library
- Wild Summit Co.
- Calmar Bakery
- ...Is Good Coffee Bar & More
- Hayduk Lumber & Hardware
- Calmar Medical Clinic
- Town Office



Property Tax Notices Issued.

Property tax notices were mailed to property owners on April 29. Taxes are due by end of day on June 30. Payments received after this date are subject to penalties.

An Assessment Open House will be held on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office for residents with questions about their assessments.

To avoid penalties and make budgeting easier, residents can enroll in the Town's Monthly Property Tax Installment Plan, which offers automatic monthly withdrawals.



Get in touch:

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

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Calmar Ignite Volunteerism Expo 1 PM -4 PM PTA Mothers Day Market
3	4 ABC Star Wars Day Council Meeting @ 6:30pm Organic Collection Starts 	5  CINCO DE MAYO	6 Mental Health Week	7  Community Night 	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day 	11 ABC 	12 	13 Spring Clean Up	14   	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day Calmar Facilities Closed 	19  Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	20	21  Community Night 	22	23
24	25 ABC 	26  Business Breakfast 8 AM Program Centre	27 Committee of the Whole @ 1:30pm Assessment Open House @ 6:30PM Town Office	28   	29	30
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WEED & UNSIGHTLY ENFORCEMENT SCHEDULE

2026

May

- ★ May 4 - Inspection Date
- May 6 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ May 28 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

August

- ★ Aug. 4 - Inspection Date
- Aug. 6 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ Aug. 28 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

June

- ★ June 1 - Inspection Date
- June 2 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ June 25 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

September

- ★ Sept. 2 - Inspection Date
- Sept. 4 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ Sept. 24 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

July

- ★ July 6 - Inspection Date
- July 8 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ July 30 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

October

- ★ Oct. 1 - Inspection Date
- Oct. 5 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ Oct. 23 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

Mayor's Corner



Hello Calmar!

It is that time of year for financial documents for the Town! Council approved the 2025 Audited Financial Statement on April 13th. This document provides a snapshot of the Town's financial position and is submitted to the Government of Alberta. It provides transparency and accountability to the public of Council and administration's financial management of the resources entrusted to us. Then on April 20th, Council officially approved the final adjustments to Calmar's 2026–2029 operating budget and passed the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, wrapping up months of careful review and discussion. Throughout the process, Council's priority was clear: do everything possible to limit the impact on residents while continuing to deliver the services our community relies on. One of my commitments as Mayor is to keep Calmar affordable while planning for tomorrow. This work was especially important this year as the Town faced rising costs outside of local control, including increases to the province's property tax and the provincially mandated policing levy and the tough work of addressing the realities of our asset management program.

To help offset those pressures, Council worked closely with Administration to identify efficiencies and cost savings within the municipal operating budget. The result is a balanced budget that maintains service levels, avoids unnecessary new spending, and plans ahead for future needs. By tightening expenses where possible and using reserves responsibly, Council was able to reduce the tax rate on the municipal portion of property taxes, helping soften the overall impact for Calmar homeowners. In addition, this past year has been a strong year for us, with new homes and buildings being constructed in Town. Council has committed to directing the taxation dollars from new buildings into savings for infrastructure renewal projects, adding an additional \$180 000 to our planned transfer to reserves. Some additional funds were added such as \$40 000 from other governments related to the Community Peace Officers, \$20 000 as an increase in building permits and a \$40 000 reduction in administrative contracted services.

Mayor's Corner Part 2

This budget also includes a plan to change our financial software, enabling us to book facilities and make payments online as well as other much needed features (stay tuned- this is a long process!).

Local businesses and non-residential property owners also play an important role. The approved tax rate bylaw ensures costs are shared fairly while keeping Calmar competitive within the region. Council recognizes that rising costs affect everyone, and this budget reflects a shared commitment to responsible financial management, long-term sustainability, and keeping Calmar a great place to live, work, and do business. While there will be more information included in the tax notices being mailed out shortly, our analysis shows that the average home in Calmar will see a reduction in the municipal portion of taxes for 2026. The average home valuation in Calmar for this year is ~\$330 000, which equals a municipal tax amount of \$3031.00, a decrease of \$261 from last year. Your tax bill may vary depending on whether your home's assessment either increased or decreased more than the average. Keep an eye out for the Assessor's Open House, if you would like to find out more about your assessment values. All three of these documents can be found at www.calmar.ca. I encourage you to check them out.

As the weather warms up, we are beginning our spring/summer events. One I would like to highlight is the Bike Safety for Kids program on May 23rd at 10 am. It's happening down at the Library with Peace Officers Leggio and Day! Register by calling the Library at 780 985-3472. Please take advantage of the many opportunities to get to know your neighbours while the sun is shining. Your Council members are often at these events and would love to hear from you! As always, you can reach out to me at kgardner@calmar.ca with any questions or comments on what we are up to on your behalf!

Cheers,
Mayor Krista Gardner



2026

TOWN OF
CALMAR

SPRING CLEAN UP

**PICK UP SCHEDULED
MAY 11 - MAY 15**

ITEMS MUST BE PLACED OUT BY 7:00 AM ON **MAY 11TH**.
PICK UP WILL BE COMPLETED BY 3:30 PM ON FRIDAY
MAY 15TH.

CURB-SIDE FRONT YARD PICK UP ONLY
NO EXCEPTIONS

MAXIMUM PICK UP IS 1/2 TON TRUCK LOAD PER RESIDENCE.
BRANCHES ARE TO BE BUNDLED IN 3 FOOT (MAX LENGTH)
BUNDLES

PLACE METAL IN A SEPERATE PILE
PLACE ELECTRONICS IN A SEPERATE PILE

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

**PROPANE TANKS, FRIDGES, DEEP FREEZES, MICROWAVES, AIR
CONDITIONERS, WATER COOLERS, BROKEN GLASS, BATTERIES,
CAR PARTS, TIRES, CONCRETE, PAINT, OIL, ANTIFREEZE OR
CHEMICALS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2026 SPRING CLEAN UP
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE @ 780-985-3604**

Calmar Communities in Bloom

NEW EMAIL



HELLO@CALMARCIB.CA



FACEBOOK PAGE - CALMAR COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM SOCIETY



Calmar Play Dates

Calmar Program Centre
4815 49 Street
Monday Morning
9:15am - 10:15am

COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL

**CALMAR SECONDARY
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
7:00PM-9:00PM**

**TUESDAYS AND
THURSDAYS**





Junior CULINARY EXPLORERS



May 27, 2026



Calmar Program Centre 4815 - 49 St



3:30pm - 5:00pm



Ages 10+ Registration Required

WHAT WILL THEY GET?

- ✓ Basic kitchen safety and proper food handling
- ✓ Fundamental cooking techniques
- ✓ Measuring, prepping, and following simple recipes
- ✓ Understanding simple nutrition and making healthy choices



Host a stand at the..



Calmar's Annual Lemonade Stands

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

TAKING PLACE DURING RESIDENT APPRECIATION

Grab your application
package from our website or
the Town Office!



Ignite Volunteerism Expo

Saturday May 2, 2026

Calmar Royal Canadian Legion

Doors Open: 1:00pm

Speeches: 2:30pm

Inspire Connect Grow Discover Share Skills

Unite Create Empower Connect



Development Permit vs. Building Permit

What's the Difference?

What is a Development Permit?

Thinking about building, renovating, or adding something new to your property?

You might need a Development Permit first!



What it is:

Approval from the Town to make sure your project follows the Land Use Bylaw (district regulations).



What it checks:

- Is your project allowed in that district?
- Does it meet setbacks, height limits, and lot coverage rules?
- Is the use of the building permitted (e.g., home business, garage, secondary suite)?



Adding a garage, a new deck, changing a building's use.



Who issues:

Town Development Authority

What is a Building Permit?

Thinking about building, renovating, or adding something new to your property?

You might need a Building Permit!



What it is:

Approval to ensure your project meets the Alberta Building Code for safety and structural standards.



What it checks:

- Proper foundation, framing, insulation, and roofing
- Electrical, plumbing, and gas work
- Fire safety and code compliance



Finishing a basement, building a house, installing plumbing or electrical work



Who issues:

Safety Codes Officers
(Superior Safety Codes)

Development Permit = Planning approval (where and what)

Building Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Permit = Safety approval

Have questions? Call at 780.985.3604 ext. 227 or email at KTherault@calmar.ca

DO YOU HAVE STORIES TO SHARE?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SENIOR VOLUNTEERS TO
JOIN GOLDEN RULES

A FUN INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH SENIORS

THROUGH STORIES AND INTERACTIVE

STATIONS.

TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2026

10:30am - 12:00pm

Contact FCSS Coordinator Mikayla

780. 985.3604 ext 233 | mleibel@calmar.ca



CALMAR PTA FUNDRAISER

*Mother's Day
Market*

MAY 2ND 2026

10 AM TO 4 PM

CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5402 50 ST

CALMAR, AB T0C 0V0

CALMAR GRASS BUDDIES

HELP A NEIGHBOUR'S YARD SHINE
WITH OUR GRASS BUDDY PROGRAM.

YOUR TIME TURNS OVERGROWN
GRASS INTO A WELCOMING SPACE
WHICH MAKES SMILES THAT GROW
JUST AS FAST AS THE LAWN!

**VOLUNTEER, CONNECT, AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE
CONTACT FCSS COORDINATOR MIKAYLA
MLEIBEL@CALMAR.CA | 780.985.3604 233





Celebration of Seniors Luncheon



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



Calmar Legion

4815 47 St, Calmar, AB

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2026

DOORS OPEN: 11:00 AM

LUNCH SERVED: 12:00 PM

EVENT CONCLUDES: 3:00 PM

Contact FCSS to register

780-985-3604.EXT. 233

MLEIBEL@CALMAR.CA





Progressive Pathways Behaviour and Disability Services

Progressive Pathways is a nonprofit organization that provides diverse individual counseling and support to children, adolescents; and adults with cognitive disabilities and their families.

SUPPORT SERVICES

- 24 Hour support
- Emergency support (24 hr respite, hourly)
- Respite care (hourly, work related, Community)
- Day Camps for Children, adolescents and Adults
- Riding lessons



Equine Therapy

Evidence-based approaches:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy



**SUCCESS
AHEAD**

825-758-1656

info@progressivepathwaybds.ca



HEART CIRCLE

A SPACE FOR HEALING

The Heart Circle is a monthly, non-religious nurturing space for those of us navigating life's burdens.

Have you lost a loved one to: Death? Divorce? Estrangement? Addiction?


Have you experienced: Financial losses? Job losses? Health losses?

Are you grieving or burdened in some area of your life and looking for a safe space to make peace with your broken pieces?

**The second and fourth
Wednesdays of the month at
7:00pm**

St. Georges Anglican Church
1 St. Clair St, Devon

Rev. Lisa Wojna

 780-860-0313

 rector@stgeorgesdevon.ca

www.stgeorgesdevon.ca



CALMAR & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

INFORMATION

- 4916 50 AVE CALMAR AB
- seniorscalmar63@gmail.com
- Terry @ 587-988-3636

JAN TO JUNE 2026 MONTHLY EVENTS



MEETING SCHEDULE 2026 @ 1:00 PM (WEDNESDAY)

- January 14th
- March 11th (AGM)
- April 8th
- June 10th

COFFEE TIME 2026 @ 1:00 PM (THURSDAY)

- January 8th & 22nd
- February 5th & 19th
- March 5th & 19th
- April 2nd & 16th
- May 7th & 21st
- June 4th & 18th

JAM SCHEDULE 2026 @ 1:00 PM (TUESDAY)

- January 27th
- February 24th
- March 24th
- April 28th
- May 26th
- June 23rd

CARDS & GAMES NIGHT @ 7:00PM (THURSDAY)

- February 10th & 24th
- March 10th & 24th
- April 14th & 28th
- May 12th & 26th
- June 10th & 23th



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 3 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatments

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\$65 + GST
 1 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatment

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*Acreage and commercial quoted individually

*Pre-pay and listed price includes GST

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info@quickdrawvegetation.ca

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CALMAR & DISTRICT
SR CITIZEN CLUB



Game Night

**2ND & 4TH
TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH
7PM-9PM**

Join us for a night full
of fun, laughter, and
friendly competition!

**MAY 12TH
MAY 26TH**

LOCATION:
CALMAR SENIOR
CENTRE
4916 50 AVE

**Hosted by: CALMAR &
DISTRICT SR CITIZEN
CLUB**



**FREE
ENTRY!**

CENTURY 21

Signature Realty

CALMAR COMMON



NOW LEASING

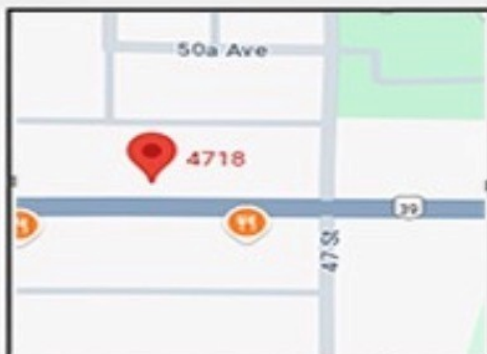
PRIME RETAIL OPPORTUNITY IN CALMAR

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 CRUs, 1,000 sq. ft. each
- Expected Fall 2026
- 15 parking spaces

WHY CALMAR COMMON

- High local demand
- Busy main street location
- Close to residential neighborhoods



CONTACT US TODAY

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calmarcommon@gmail.com



NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

MAY A MONTH FULL OF APPRECIATION

STAFF



VOLUNTEERS

PARENTS SOCIETY & SCHOOL COUNCIL

NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

The Charter Board is given the mandate to act on behalf of the association in the operation and management of the school in accordance with the Education Act, the Charter and the Bylaws. The Charter Board shall be guided by the Vision, Mission, Values and Beliefs of the Charter.



Kelsey Huber
Chair
July 2021
Current



Amie Meunier
Vice-Chair
November 2024
Current



Kristen Kuhn
Director (Former Chair)
July 2021 - October 2023
November 2025 - Current



Megan Olynyk
Board Advisor
Former Chair
July 2021 - November 2024
November 2024 - Current



Darelle Duperron
Former Director
November 2024
November 2025



Rachael Walker
Former Director
November 2024
September 2025



Crystal Wasieczko
Former Director
November 2024
February 2025



April Popik
Former Director
November 2022
December 2024



Bill Orlick
Former Director
July 2021
December 2024



Jenna Verhun
Former Director
September 2021
November 2024



Jennifer Jakubov
Former Director
July 2022
September 2022

MAY 2026

Calmar Connects

A page dedicated to the wellness of our community.



Why Nature Is a Homecoming for the Nervous System

May is the month when Alberta finally begins to thaw, and many of us feel an urge to step outside more often. This isn't just a preference or a mood shift. It's something deeper and biological. Nature has a regulating effect on the nervous system, and our bodies instinctively know it.

When you spend time outdoors, even briefly, your system receives cues of safety. Slower movements, natural light, birdsong, open space, and the smell of earth all tell your brain that you can soften your guard. This is why a short walk, sitting under a tree, or standing on your deck can leave you feeling calmer without trying very hard. Being in nature lowers stress hormones, supports breathing, and increases a sense of groundedness. It helps pull you out of busy thoughts and back into your body. In a world that often asks us to stay productive and alert, nature invites us to settle.

Here are a few simple ways to let nature support you this month:

1. Step outside for one minute

Even a brief moment of fresh air can shift your state.

2. Pay attention to one natural sound

Birds, wind, leaves, or water can help anchor your mind.

3. Look for something growing

Noticing new buds or green shoots reminds your body of renewal.

4. Stand still

Let yourself be held by the environment instead of trying to hold everything yourself.

These small practices aren't about escaping life. They're about returning to yourself. Nature helps us regulate because it brings us back into rhythm.



This article is for general information only and is not a replacement for therapy, counselling, or medical care.



If you are in crisis, call 911 or go to your nearest Emergency Room. You can also reach the Alberta Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 or the Mental Health Crisis Text Line by texting CONNECT to 741741.

Articles written by Charlie Webb, RP, CT. Founder of Nurtured Minds Wellness Therapy and Retreat Group.



www.nurturedmindswellness.com



Economic Development

BUSINESS UPDATE

This Summer's Shop Local Program

The Town of Calmar is proud of our Downtown business community, and we want to share the wonderful shopping experiences with residents and visitors alike!

How it works:

- Visitors and residents can pick up a passport starting on June 1, 2026.
- When someone comes into your store, and they have a passport, you can stamp the square that has your business name on it.
- Each business will have its own special stamp.

Business Participation is easy:

- Let Sandra at the Town office know you want your business to be part of the program.
- You will get a Passport Kit complete with everything you need (stamp, extra passports, poster, and instructions).
- June 1st - We go live and will hopefully get to meet new customers every week over the summer!

If you own or run a local downtown business, and you want to be part of this initiative,
Please call Sandra at the Town office.

780-985-3604 ext. 226

Economic Development

BUSINESS SHOUTOUT!

New Business Opening in Town!



Route 39 Fitness

Route 39 Fitness is excited to be opening its doors on **May 1st**, bringing a welcoming, community-driven fitness experience to Calmar.

Our focus is on creating a space where people of all ages and fitness levels feel comfortable getting started, building confidence, and working toward their goals. With **24/7 access**, a variety of classes and programs, and personal training options, we aim to make fitness accessible and flexible for everyone's schedule.

Memberships are simple and affordable: • **\$60/month** for continuous adult membership • \$45/month for youth and seniors Plus GST

📍 4725 50th Ave, Calmar, AB

We'll also be hosting our **Grand Opening on May 9th** from 2:00–4:00 PM—everyone is welcome to come by, check out the space, and meet the team.

Stay connected by following our Facebook page, Route 39 Fitness, for updates, class schedules, and daily staffed hours.

We look forward to welcoming members of the community into the gym and supporting local health and wellness.

**Help us give them a huge WELCOME to the
Calmar Business Community!
We are so glad you chose Calmar!!**

Calmar Public Library: May 2026 WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Reader's Theatre

May 6 and 13 @ 4:00 - 5:00PM

Registration is required for this FREE program. Intended for participants between the ages of 8-12, our Reader's Theatre Group will offer kids an introduction to informal acting opportunities—where having fun is the goal! Each week participants will play theatre games and have the chance to perform a play at the end of the 8 week program. Line memorization is not required; the focus is on fluency and vocal expression. Snacks will be provided.

PD Day Movie Matinee: *Goat* Friday, May 15 @ 1:30PM

No school, no problem! Gather your favourite pillow, cozy blankets, and snacks and drop by the library for a free showing of *Goat*! Popcorn will be provided. If we do not receive the movie in time, we will be showing *Elio* instead!

Virtual Community Pride Quilt Call for Submissions: NOW OPEN

We will be celebrating Pride Month again this year, and would love to have you join us! **Create a piece of artwork that answers the question *What does pride mean to you?* and submit a high resolution photo of your work before June 2, 2026** to be featured in our virtual quilt! A selection of submissions will be displayed within the library during Pride Month, too!

Need a space or supplies to create? Throughout the month of May you can stop by the library and ask any of our helpful staff for access to the Art Cart! We can also assist in photographing your finished artwork for submission, too!

Bike Safety

Saturday, May 23 @ 10:00AM

Registration is required for this FREE program. Kids aged 5-12 are invited to pedal over to the library with a caregiver for a wheel-y fun morning with Peace Officers Leggio and Day! Participants will learn how to ride safely, the ABC's of checking their bikes, and practice their skills on our obstacle course. Bring your bike and helmet and get ready to ride smart and stay safe!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 11AM - 5PM

Wednesday 11AM - 8PM

CLOSURES: weekends and statutory holidays

IT'S FREE! JOIN THE LIBRARY!

New to the community and looking to get a library card? Great! Contact the library to apply for your card today!

Monthly Programs



Knit n' Stitch
Tuesdays @ 2:30PM

All skill levels welcome!



Stay and Play
Thursdays @ 10:00AM

Ages 0-5 with caregiver



Chess Club
May 6 @ 5:00PM

All ages and skill levels



Cookbook Club
May 13 @ 6:00PM

Theme: Glorious Cheese



LEGO Club
May 20 @ 4:00PM

Ages 6 and up

TAKE & MAKE KITS

Pre-K Paper Tube Posy

Tween Mini Lightsaber



Have a question? Want to register for a program?

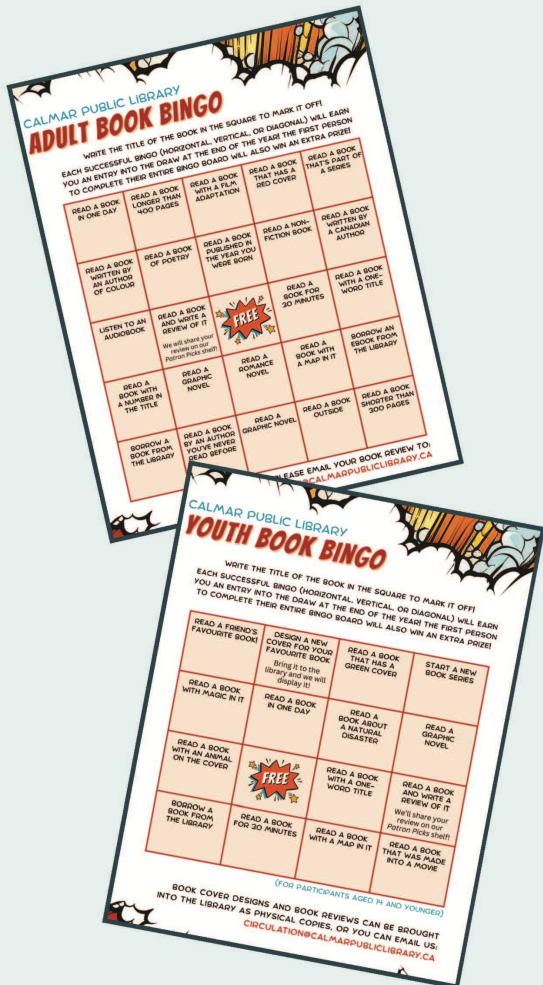
Website: www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Contact: 780-985-3472 or circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Book Bingo 2026 Reading Challenge

Readers young and old: we challenge you to read throughout the year and see if you can complete your bingo card! For every bingo achieved (horizontal, vertical, and diagonal) you will earn an entry into the draw for a bookish gift card! The first people from each age category to complete every challenge on their bingo card will also win a bookish prize pack!

Bingo cards can be picked up from the library or found on our website!



What's New on Our Shelves!

We are always adding to our collection! Here are some of the newest titles that we added last month.



Community Pantry

Our Community Pantry is now available to the public during operating hours. Take what you need, leave what you can!

Due to steadily increasing demand for the Community Pantry, we are seeking donations of the following:

- instant and “soup in a cup” noodles
- individually packaged snack foods such as granola bars, protein bars, fruit gummies, etc.
- toiletries and cleaning supplies

Check us out online!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary
 YouTube: www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary

DID YOU KNOW?

The Calmar Public Library is proud to offer services for printing, photocopying, and faxing (yes, we still have that!)



Leduc County Family and Community Support Services

The following are events, webinars and other important information.
Everyone is welcome!

Sign up to receive our monthly update directly to your email inbox. Send an email to fcssinfo@leduc-county.com and ask to subscribe to our email distribution list.

Upcoming Registered Sessions

Registration is required for all upcoming sessions and space is limited. Call us at **780-979-2385** or **1-888-301-FCSS** to learn more.

Youth money matters: Financial literacy series

Take the first step toward a confident financial future! Over four interactive weeks, you'll explore essential money skills:

- **Week 1: Budgeting and Saving** – Discover how to balance spending and saving to build a strong financial foundation.
- **Week 2: Credit Cards and Debt** – Understand how credit cards work and learn practical strategies for managing debt responsibly.
- **Week 3: Earning Income** – Find out how your unique skills and talents can help you earn your own money.
- **Week 4: Goal Setting** – Learn to set clear, achievable goals to make your dreams a reality.

Watch virtually from your home or join our in-person watch party at the Thorsby Family Resource Network site to watch the Zoom call. This series is intended for students in grades 9-12 and/or parents. These workshops are facilitated by Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Dates: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 4 to 5 p.m.

Location: Thorsby FRN Site or Zoom online

It's not just clutter: Understanding hoarding

This workshop explores the realities of hoarding by addressing common myths and stigma, guiding you through assessment approaches, and examining complicating factors and treatment options. You'll also gain practical communication strategies, harm-reduction techniques, local resources, and hands-on tips and tools that you can apply in your work or personal life to help others in a positive way. Facilitated by the Hoarding Disorder Foundation of Alberta,

Date: Thursday, May 14

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Location: Leduc County Business and Entrepreneur Centre (BEC), 606 18 ave., Nisku



Connect with us!

780-979-2385 or fcssinfo@leduc-county.com





Leduc County Family and Community Support Services

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Everyone is welcome!

E-Prep Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Emergencies can happen at the most inconvenient times. Having a 72-hour kit can be helpful when you are home and need to shelter in place or evacuate. What happens if you are at work or your family members are at various locations when an emergency occurs? In this session, we'll discuss realistic strategies to consider when untimely situations happen.

E-Prep is an interactive and educational workshop with a step-by-step approach to create a personalized preparedness kit while focusing on mental health and emotional wellness for both individuals and communities. The intent of this workshop is to encourage individuals to discuss, explore, discover and develop their own personal emergency preparedness plan.

This is a Recovery Alberta program and will be facilitated by Leduc County FCSS.

Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

Time: noon to 1 p.m.

Location: Online

Counselling subsidy

This counselling subsidy program is meant to provide short-term, skill-based preventative services. The cost of counselling services can be a barrier for many individuals and families. You may qualify for a counselling subsidy that helps low-income residents access counselling services.

To qualify for a counselling subsidy, you must:

- be a resident of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg
- not have access to an employee or health benefit plan that covers the cost of counselling
- have a family income of less than \$75,000 per year

Eligible households can choose from the following free options:

- Three sessions per individual*
- Six sessions per couple
- Nine sessions per family

**If individuals prefer to attend group sessions with other participants, seven sessions will be allotted.*

Sessions must be used within six months or they will expire.

Contact us at 780-979-2385 to apply.

ORGANICS

Safety, Knowledge and Experience - The GFL Advantage

ACCEPTED ORGANIC MATERIALS



Food Waste



Plant Waste/Grass Clippings



Soiled Paper Products



Paper Towels & Napkins



Pet Waste



Certified Compostable Products

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE ORGANICS BIN.



NO Plastics



NO Glass



NO Metal



NO Diapers



NO Rubber Bands
or Twist Ties



RECYCLING

These items must be placed in your blue bag and be clean and free of foods, liquids and dirt.



Hard Plastic Containers, Tubs and Bottles.
No Lids or Caps.
(e.g. detergent, condiment or shampoo bottles, margarine and large yogurt containers, ice cream pails)



Aluminum and Tin Cans and Containers



Cardboard - Flattened



Mixed Paper/Paperboard
(e.g. Magazines, flyers, newspaper, Catalogues, Office Paper, Envelopes, Craft Paper, Books with front and back cover removed)



Deposit Items Including:
Milk Containers, Pop & Beer, Cans and Bottles, Tetra Paks



Wrapping Paper Greeting Cards
No Foil, decorations removed



No Styrofoam / Plastic Clamshells



No Shredded Paper



No Coffee Cups / Plastic Cups



No Straws / Plastic Utensils



No Plastic Bags



No Hazardous Waste



ORGANICS



Food Waste



Food Soiled Paper



Plants/Grass Clippings

Small Quantities of Pet Waste



Shredded Paper



Certified Compostable Bags



No Plastic Bags



No Produce Stickers



No Glass or Metal



No Diapers



No Rubber Bands or Twist Ties



LANDFILL



No Recyclables



Coffee Cups



Styrofoam & Rubber



Non Refundable Glass



Plastic Clamshells



Fabric



Film Plastic



Single Use Packaging



No Organics



***No Hazardous Waste**

Must be taken to Enviro-service Station

BE CART SMART

STOP. THINK. SORT.



Items may be sorted differently depending on your community

csredmonton@gflenv.com

Introducing the Circular Materials Recycling App

Now available in the Town of Calmar.

- Find your recycling schedule.
- Get collection notifications.
- Search what materials go into your recycling.

Download the Circular Materials recycling app.

circularmaterials.ca/app



Utility Bill Due Dates

JANUARY - FEBRUARY = APRIL 6

MARCH - APRIL = JUNE 6

MAY - JUNE = AUGUST 6

JULY - AUGUST = OCTOBER 6

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER = DECEMBER 6

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER = FEBRUARY 6

Reminder to set up your E-Billing. Go to our website www.calmar.ca for more details. Or contact Darlene Parchoma at the Town Office @ 780-985-3604 ext 222

2026 WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Waste collection is every Thursday.
Please use bin provided and set at front curb.

All bins are property of GFL. If you require a bin to be replaced, the cost is the sole responsibility of the property owner. Requests for replacement or additional bins can be made by contacting the Town Office. 780-985-3604.



Recycling is through Circular Materials and GFL, download their app, or contact **780-444-8805**

NEW:
Blue bag collection will be every second THURSDAY.



UPCOMING:
Organics collection will be weekly May thru October.
NEW:
Monthly collection starts November 2026

Roll Bins will be provided in the Spring of 2026.
Watch for updates.

Call 780-985-3604 ext. 222 for more info.
See reverse for landfill details

January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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Have bins at front curb by 7:00 AM on pick up day.

Helpful Information

Important Numbers:

Public Works On Call: 780.446.7319
Public Works Shop: 780.985.2121
Community Peace Officer: 780.985.0405
Emergency: 911

Submissions:

Newsletter Submissions
Deadline is the 15th of each
month for the next edition.
Community Groups are free!

Want to Submit?

To Book ad space and for rates
Phone: 780.985.3604
Fax: 780.985.3039
email: mblack@calmar.ca

Property Taxes:

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

You can sign up anytime throughout the year, but 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 more missed due dates and penalties, and 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 Bryans at 780.985.3604 EXT. 232

Council Meetings:

Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, except on a holiday, in which case the meeting will be held on the following day (Tuesday). Meetings are at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Committee of the Whole meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are held in Council Chambers at 4901 – 50 Ave

Alternatively, you may join the regular meetings from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

You can also dial in using your phone.

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Access Code: 211-016-493

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