

# The Chronicle



June 2026



**News:**  
**Happy Father's Day!**  
**Happy Pride Month!**

Property taxes are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Events:

The Resident Appreciation BBQ and Lemonade Stand is on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> a day celebrating our residents and young entrepreneurs.



## Council:

Council Meetings will be on June 1 and 15 at 6:30 PM.

Committee of the Whole will be on June 24 at 1:30 PM.

## Where to find the Chronicle:

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



## A Month of Celebration & Connection

June has arrived, bringing with it the excitement of summer and a lineup of meaningful community moments. As the school year comes to a close, we congratulate our Grade 12 graduates on their achievements and wish them all the best in what comes next. From celebrating our seniors to Resident Appreciation Day and the first day of summer, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We hope you'll join us in making the most of the season ahead and staying connected with our vibrant community.



## 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](http://www.calmar.ca) **Email:** [info@calmar.ca](mailto:info@calmar.ca)

# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>Pride Month</b>	<b>1</b>  Unsightly Inspection Council Meeting @ 6:30pm 	<b>2</b>  Unsightly Property Remedial Mail Out	<b>3</b> Seniors Week Senior Celebration Lunch 11 am	<b>4</b>  Community Night 	<b>5</b>  National Donut Day World Environment Day	<b>6</b> Utilities are due.
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>   	<b>12</b> CSCS Graduation Class of 2026 
<b>14</b>  Lemonade Stand Day Resident Appreciation BBQ 	<b>15</b>  Council Meeting @ 6:30pm 	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Community Night 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> First Day of Summer  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	<b>22</b>  	<b>23</b> CRA & Service Canada Outreach Clinic	<b>24</b> Last day of School! Committee of the Whole @ 1:30pm	<b>25</b> Unsightly Final Compliance for June  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  	<b>30</b> Property Taxes Due				



Playdates 9:15am - 10:45am  
Calmar Program Centre



Calmar Pickleball 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Calmar Secondary School

# 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



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY TEAM UP TO BUILD GAGA BALL PITS AT CALMAR ELEMENTARY



Two new Gaga Ball pits are open to Calmar Elementary School students thanks to parent fundraisers and to students attending Calmar Secondary Collegiate School (CSCS)

The project represents months of community fundraising, and a hands-on construction effort led by Grade 11 trades students from CSCS. Parents, staff, students, and local supporters all contributed to turning a popular recess game into a durable, long-term fixture on school grounds.

Gaga ball, played in an enclosed octagonal pit where players try to eliminate others by striking a ball below the knees, has become one of the most popular activities at the school. CES's Parent Teacher Association, a parent fundraising group, built temporary pits which could not outlast the amount of use they received, and revealed a need for something more permanent.

The new permanent pits came after the parent group raised over \$15,000 through bottle drives, meat and flower fundraisers, school markets, donations, and support from the Town of Calmar. PTA president Jenny Balding said the goal was a clear priority this year.

"My focus as president was to really make sure that the gaga ball pits got accomplished," Balding said. "This has been a goal for a couple of years now."

The Grade 11 students who built the pits are among the first cohort of CSCS's new trades programming, which launched in February. Students assembled the structures using metal brackets, wood framing, and reinforced fasteners designed for heavy use.

Zachary, a trades student working on the project, described the experience as a chance to build something useful while learning how to work as a team. "It's fun to do, and it pushes towards something useful for the kids," he says.

Once completed, the pits will serve both the school and the wider community during after-hours use. School staff say the hope is that the durability matches the game's popularity. For students, the impact is simpler: more space, more play, and a game space that rarely sits empty for long.

To learn more and stay up to date on Black Gold School Division visit  
[www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)

# 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



*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!



# 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**





# 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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@stgeorgesdevon.ca)

[www.stgeorgesdevon.ca](http://www.stgeorgesdevon.ca)



# CANADA REVENUE AGENCY & SERVICE CANADA OUTREACH CLINIC

DROP-IN AND CHAT WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
SERVICE CANADA & CANADA REVENUE AGENCY

**TUESDAY JUNE 23, 2026**

**10:00 AM - 2:00PM**

**CALMAR PROGRAM CENTRE**

**4815 - 49 ST**

**SERVICE CANADA WILL  
BE ONSITE TO ASSIST  
WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- My Service Canada Account
- Social Insurance Number
- Canadian Dental Care Plan
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Canada Disability Benefit
- Canada Pension Plan & Old Age Security

**CANADA REVENUE AGENCY  
WILL BE ONSITE TO ASSIST  
WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- Unlock your CRA Account
- Account updates (address, phone number, direct deposit)
- Benefits & Credits information
- Printing of Notice of Assessments and/or other Letters

**The Calmar & District Senior Citizen's Club  
would like to thank the following  
Businesses and Organizations for supporting our  
2026 Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser.**

**With your help we were able to raise over \$2000  
for our club.**

ATB Calmar	Country Cannabis	New Port Manufacturing Design
Bank of Montreal	Devon Registries	Norpoint Sandblasting
Big Country Auto	Direct Line Insurance	Paragon Wireless
Calmar Bottle Depot	Dyck Insurance	Rhooster Tail
Calmar Burger Bar	Grasshopper Restaurant	Ridley Law
Calmar Chiropractic	Hayduk Lumber	Route 39 Public House
Calmar Compounding Pharmacy	Home Hardware (Devon)	Route 39 Fitness
Calmar (Liquor) - Esso	It's Good Coffee Bar	Silverstar Oilfield Transportation Ltd.
Calmar Elementary School	Lanko Systems	Spreen Repairs
Calmar Medical Clinic	Latman Generators	Subway - Calmar
Calmar Public Library	Leduc Chamber of Commerce	Town of Calmar
Calmar Storage	Leduc Regional Housing Foundation	Transload Logistics
Canada Post - Calmar	Lee's Restaurant	Whatever Repairs & Service
Chevron	Loganberry's Antiques & Curiosities	Wizard Lake Marine
Co-op Gas Bar (Staff)	Mint Drugs	Yesterday's Treasures

We also wish to thank all the other individuals who purchased pieces of our delicious Strawberry Shortcake that was made by our members. Your generosity and support of our Senior's Club is greatly appreciated and allows the seniors in the Calmar region for camaraderie and Social gatherings.

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

- February 10th & 24th
- March 10th & 24th
- April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 12th & 26th
- June 10th & 23th



# QUICKDRAW VEGETATION CONTROL

BOOK NOW



## Fertilizer & Weed Control Services

**HERO PACKAGE**  
**\$275 + GST**  
**(\$55/visit)**  
 5 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatments

**DEFENDER PACKAGE**  
**\$180 + GST**  
**(\$60/visit)**  
 3 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatments

**QUICKSHOT**  
**\$65 + GST**  
 1 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatment

**AERATION**  
**\$100 + GST**  
**(\$25 Off with a Package)**  
 Fall Deep Core Aeration

\*Pricing for lawns up to 5000 sq feet

\*Acreage and commercial quoted individually

\*Pre-pay and listed price includes GST

*Our focus is within Leduc County  
(including Beaumont, Leduc and Calmar)*

## Why Choose Us?

- ✓ **Beaumont Owned and Operated**
  - No franchise. No call centre.
- ✓ **Transparent Pricing**
  - Clear, upfront pricing. No travel fees to Calmar.
  - No automatic annual billing.
- ✓ **Career Applicators**
  - Licensed applicators with years -not days- of experience.
- ✓ **Service You Don't Have to Chase**
  - Quick responses. Fast scheduling.
- ✓ **Attention to Detail**
  - Rock beds and driveway cracks treated.
  - Gates closed when we leave.
- ✓ **Safe for Kids and Pets**
  - Health Canada approved. Safe once dry.

[www.quickdrawvegetation.ca](http://www.quickdrawvegetation.ca)

[info@quickdrawvegetation.ca](mailto:info@quickdrawvegetation.ca)

**(780) 222-9157**

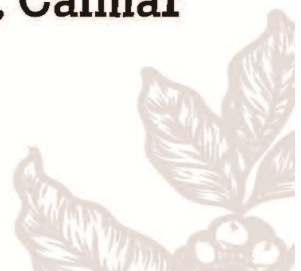
# CALMAR & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB COFFEE TIME!

Join us down at the senior hall  
for a cup of coffee and visit.

**1:00 PM**

**May 21st - June 4th - June 18th**

**4916 - 50 Ave, Calmar**



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!

**JUNE 10TH  
JUNE 23RD**

LOCATION:  
CALMAR SENIOR  
CENTRE  
4916 50 AVE

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

**FREE  
ENTRY!**

**CENTURY 21**

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# CALMAR COMMON



## NOW LEASING

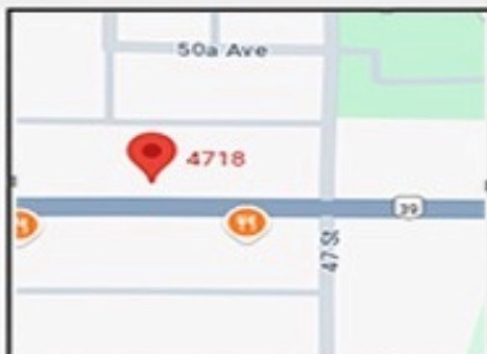
**PRIME RETAIL OPPORTUNITY IN CALMAR**

### 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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Neeraj Mudholkar 780-266-4094  
calmarcommon@gmail.com



# NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Thank  
you

A sincere thank you to all the students, staff, community members and supporters who made 2025-2026 an extraordinary year!



## WE ARE GROWING

NHCSA received capital project approval through the Government of Alberta's Schools Now program (formerly the School Construction Accelerator Pilot Program) to advance planning and prepare the project to be shovel-ready for construction of a replacement school. Schools Now supports the delivery of new classrooms for Alberta's growing communities.



Stay connected through our website and social media for the latest updates.



2026  
HAND IN HAND  
HUMBLE  
ROOTS  
FUNDRAISER

RAISED

\$100,780

A {SPECIAL} THANK YOU

for supporting New Humble Community School Programs and Growth!

HAVE A GREAT

SUMMER



WWW.NEWHUMBLESCHOOL.CA  
48469 HWY 795, CALMAR, AB  
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JUNE 2026

# Calmar Connects

A page dedicated to the wellness of our community.

## How to Set Summer Boundaries Without Feeling Guilty



June often feels like a fresh start. School begins to wind down, the weather warms, and invitations start rolling in. Barbecues, gatherings, sports, camping trips, family events. Summer can be wonderful, but it can also fill up quickly and leave very little room for rest. Many people struggle with boundaries this time of year because summer carries an unspoken pressure to be available, social, and constantly “on.” But your energy doesn’t expand just because the days get longer. You’re still human, and you still have limits.

Here are a few ways to set gentle summer boundaries without guilt.

### 1. **Choose what matters most**

Pick the events and activities you genuinely want to be part of, not the ones you feel obligated to attend. Let this guide your yes and your no.

### 2. **Give yourself permission for partial plans**

You don’t have to commit to the whole day. Try saying, “I can come for a little while” or “I’ll join for the first hour.”

### 3. **Make rest part of your schedule**

It’s easy to treat downtime as optional. This summer, try protecting pockets of rest the same way you protect plans with others.

### 4. **Listen to your body’s cues**

If you notice tension, exhaustion, irritation, or dread, those are signs of needing space. Your body often tells the truth before you say it out loud.

### 5. **Let your no be simple**

A boundary doesn’t need a long explanation. “I won’t be able to make it, but I hope it’s wonderful” is enough.

Boundaries aren’t about distancing yourself from people. They’re about keeping your energy steady so you can enjoy the moments that matter most.

If you’re feeling stretched thin or struggling to balance commitments this season, our team at Nurtured Minds Wellness is here with therapy and nature-based support to help you move through summer with more ease and less overwhelm.



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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> - 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

**Join Us!**

Downtown Calmar's  
Shop Local  
**Passport Program**  
**June 1 – Sept. 7, 2026**

Pick up your passports  
at the Town Office  
or at a downtown business!!

- Stop by each of the stores listed on this passport and receive a stamp on its square.
- Once you have all of your squares stamped, please bring the completed passport to the Town office to be entered in the prize draw.

**You Could Win!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**

**\$100.00 Gift Card**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**

**\$ 50.00 Gift Card**

# Calmar Public Library: June 2026 WHAT'S HAPPENING?



## Virtual Community Pride Quilt Check Out the Creativity!

We asked *What does pride mean to you?* and the community answered! Stop by the library throughout the month of June during our regular operating hours to have a look at our display, which features a selection of the artwork that was submitted!

## CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH THE LIBRARY!

June is Pride Month, which commemorates years of struggle for civil rights and the ongoing pursuit for equality for the LGBTQ+ community, as well as the accomplishments of LGBTQ+ individuals.

Celebrate with the Calmar Public Library by adding your own chalk rainbow to our front sidewalk throughout the month!



## HearCANADA: Information Social Wednesday, June 17 @ 1:00PM

*Hear Today! Hear Tomorrow! With HearCANADA!*

Join your HearCANADA Leduc team as we chat about how hearing health is the heartbeat of a healthy life. Whether it's a busy restaurant or a quiet evening at home, we want you present for all of life's special moments. Hear today, hear tomorrow—because your favorite sounds deserve to be heard for a lifetime. **This is a drop-in program.**

## Summer Reading Program 2026

## Coming Soon...

Set sights on adventure, the library is taking to the high seas this summer! On **July 2, 2026** drop anchor at the library, where books are treasure, stories are maps, and every reader is a brave pirate on a quest for fun. Whether ye be a brand-new deckhand or a seasoned captain, there's a place for you aboard our crew in the quest to earn an invitation to the *Buccaneer Blowout* on **August 19, 2026!**

The Summer Reading Program also means another **Escape Room**, which will happen at the end of July, and invites everyone to see if you can track down the pirate captain's hidden treasure...



Have a question? Want to register for a program?

**Website:** [www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

**Contact:** 780-985-3472 or [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

## 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 @ 1:30PM

All skill levels welcome!



**Stay and Play**  
Thursdays @ 10:00AM

Ages 0-5 with caregiver



**Chess Club**  
June 3 @ 5:00PM

All ages and skill levels



**Cookbook Club**  
June 10 @ 6:00PM

**Theme:** Starring Cinnamon



**LEGO Club**  
June 17 @ 4:00PM

Ages 6 and up

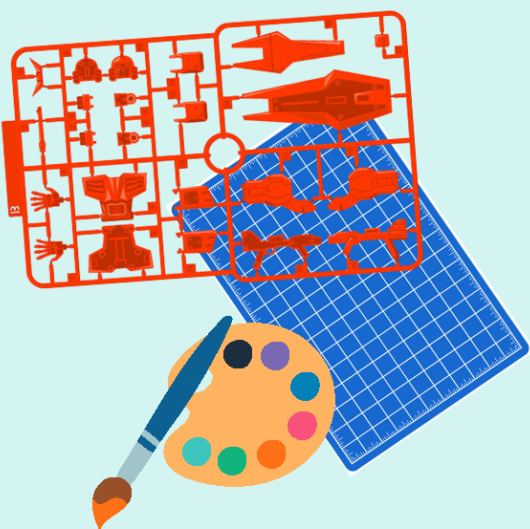
## TAKE & MAKE KITS

**Pre-K** Fairy Flower Jewelry

**Tween** Pipe Cleaner Headband

## Interest Check: Model Building Club

Do you enjoy building model kits, miniatures, or painting tabletop game figures? If so, we want to hear from you! The Calmar Public Library is exploring starting a monthly drop-in club for model kit and figure hobbyists! If there is enough interest, we plan to start the club up in the fall!



## 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!

## DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Community Pantry that is available to the public during operating hours!



## 2026 Writing Contest Ceremony Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:30PM

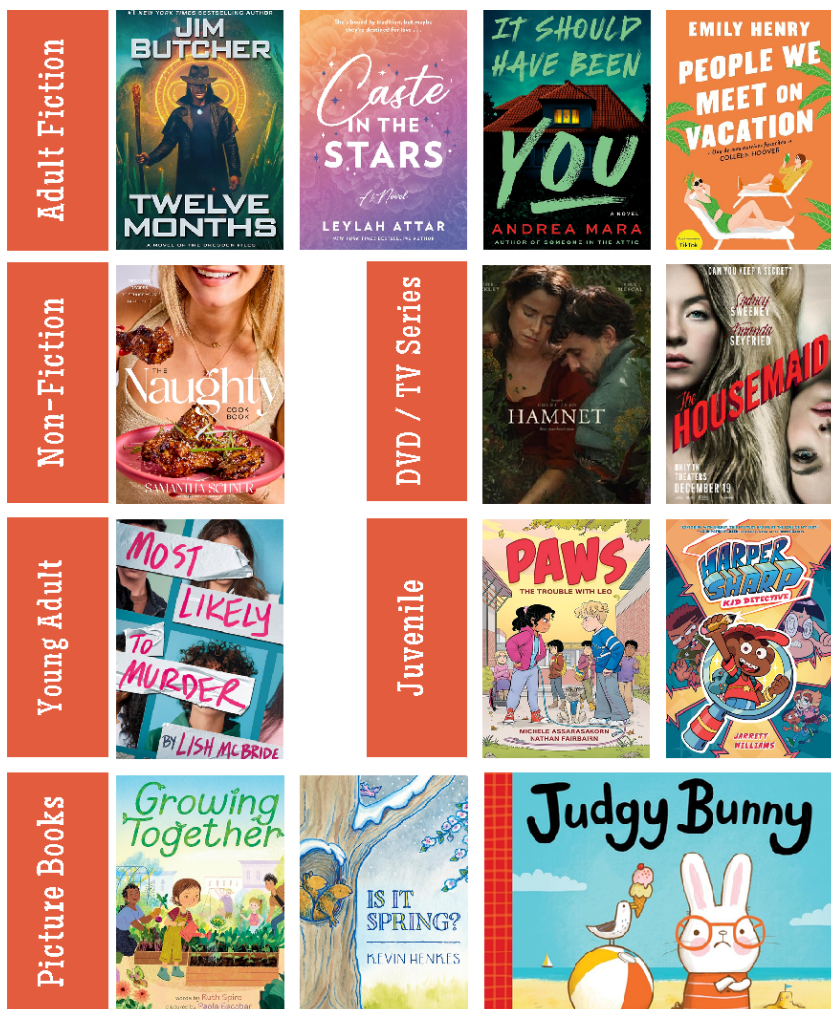
Join us in celebrating the achievements of the winners of the 2026 Calmar Public Library Writing Contest! Prizes will be awarded to the top three submissions in each age group and category, and the winners will be invited to read their poems or an excerpt from their short stories aloud to the audience.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Calmar Art Society for sponsoring the Writing Contest again this year, and offer thanks to our judges, Nicole Harrish Gowda and Tonya Simpson, for their time. As well, thank you to *everyone* who entered the Writing Contest! The creativity, effort, and talent of all participants is what makes our Writing Contest successful year after year!

Light refreshments will be provided. All submissions will be available for the public to read at the library beginning on June 25, 2026.

## 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.



Check us out online!

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary](http://www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary)

# 🌀 2026 CALMAR WRITING CONTEST ≡ CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

Many thanks to our sponsor, the Calmar Arts Society; our judges Nicole Harrish Gowda and Tonya Simpson; and, of course, everyone who entered! Your creativity and effort are what makes our Writing Contest successful every year!

## ADULT SHORT STORY

1. Emily Hammer - There I Stood
2. Holly Hughes - Red Oleander
3. Shayla Sorenson - Awake in a Dream

## ADULT POETRY

1. Katelyn Smith - You and I Are Sunflowers
2. Emily Hammer - A World of My Own
3. Holly Hughes - 1:59AM

## YOUTH SHORT STORY

1. Johanna Arcand - The Cactus Flower
2. Kayden Chouinard - The World of Dominance
3. Emily Grant - The Other World

## YOUTH POETRY

1. Rowan Andersen - Everything Has an End
2. Ethan Hammer - Falling Snow
3. Jordan Hammer - A New Born Nation

# 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

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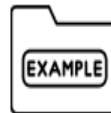
#### What it is:

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](mailto:KTherault@calmar.ca)



## 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](mailto: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.

#### Home Alone: Parent & Child

Do you think your child is ready to start staying home alone occasionally for short periods of time? Does your child have some experience being home alone? No matter what your situation, this workshop will enhance your child's skill and confidence to stay home alone while giving you the knowledge about what your child needs in order to be ready. This workshop focuses on home alone skills and readiness, as well as emergencies, back up plans and scenario practices. Children must be a minimum of nine years old to attend. A parent or caregiver must be in attendance.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Centre

#### Emotional Literacy, Regulation and Coping Tools

*For children aged 8-13 who reside in Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg.*

This day will gently introduce children to understanding emotions through interactive, nature-based learning. Together, we will explore how feelings show up in the body, practice simple regulation tools through movement, breath, and grounding, and build a shared language for emotional expression. The day will include guided outdoor activities, small-group connection circles, creative expression, and plenty of time in nature to practice calming strategies in real time. Children will leave with practical coping tools they can use at home, at school, and with friends. *This is an outdoor day camp at a nature-based therapeutic retreat centre.*

**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Nurtured Minds Wellness Retreat Centre, Wizard Lake



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# Leduc County Family and Community Support Services

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

## Life transitions – grief, loss and separation

*For children aged 8-13 who reside in Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg.*

This supportive day offers children a safe and compassionate space to explore experiences of change, grief, and big feelings at their own pace. Through gentle nature-based practices, storytelling, art, and reflective outdoor activities, we will normalize grief and help children understand their experiences in age-appropriate ways. The day includes quiet moments in nature, opportunities for connection and sharing, and simple rituals to support meaning-making and emotional processing. Our focus is on reassurance, belonging, and helping children feel less alone in their experiences. *This is an outdoor day camp at a nature-based therapeutic retreat centre.*

**Date:** Wednesday, July 15, 2026

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Nurtured Minds Wellness Retreat Centre, Wizard Lake

## Friendship Skills & Communication

*For children aged 8-13 who reside in Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg.*

This interactive day focuses on building confidence, connection, and healthy communication skills through experiential learning in nature. Children will practice listening, expressing themselves clearly, setting boundaries, and navigating conflict through games, role-play, and group activities. Outdoor challenges and cooperative nature-based exercises will support teamwork and problem-solving while fostering empathy and self-awareness. The day includes space for reflection, connection, and laughter, helping children strengthen both their social skills and sense of belonging. *This is an outdoor day camp at a nature-based therapeutic retreat centre.*

**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2026

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Nurtured Minds Wellness Retreat Centre, Wizard Lake

## Preparing for what matters most: An introduction to the Aging Well in Leduc County workbook

What would happen if your health, mobility, or financial situation changed tomorrow—would your life still reflect what matters most to you? This session introduces the *Aging Well in Leduc County* workbook, a practical and supportive resource for adults, older adults, and caregivers who want to plan ahead with confidence. You'll learn how the workbook can help you identify where you—or a loved one—are in the planning journey, and how to take meaningful first steps toward a future that aligns with your values, wishes, and priorities.

**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2026

**Time:** 2 to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Calmar Fire Station

**Date:** Thursday, August 13, 2026

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Online



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## 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**



**Plastic Clamshells**



**Non Refundable Glass**



**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\*

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## 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](http://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](http://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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*May 2026*

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*June 2026*

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*July 2026*

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*August 2026*

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*September 2026*

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*October 2026*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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*November 2026*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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

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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## 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

All current Agendas and information can be found on [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca)

