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Residents will now be able to recycle even more materials with the same convenience!

Materials including glass containers, foam packaging, flexible plastic packaging, aerosol containers, laminated paper and plastic packaging will now be accepted in blue bags. *Check pages 26-31 for the Expanded Materials List.*

Please note that items meant for long term use such as Tupperware, toys, reusable water bottles and cookware do not belong in your recycling - consider donating them instead.

Hazardous materials, like batteries and electronics, medical sharps, and hazardous aerosols do not belong in your recycling. You can safely recycle them at the Leduc Eco Station.

Be Recycle Ready

- Give containers a quick rinse before putting in your recycling.
- Containers must be empty for recycling
- Place clean and dry recyclables in your blue bag.
- Flatten and bundle cardboard to save space.
- Lids and labels can remain on containers.
- Have your recycling to the front
- curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.



Upcoming Water Fill Station repairs

Construction crews from the Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission will be working at the Reservoir and Fill Station to replace an aging fill-line in early October.

The line is owned and operated by the Commission and will need to be shut down during this repair period.

Workers will first install a two-inch bypass line, which will be used to feed the water reservoir during the construction period.

The repairs are scheduled as follows:

- Oct. 7 – 8: Place a tap to install the bypass fill line.
- Oct. 9 – 12: Run the original fill line over weekend.
- Oct. 13 – 16: Remove and replace existing fill line; sample water, conduct tests to ensure public safety, then recommission the infrastructure.

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FREE Adult Drop-in Volleyball
Mondays, 7pm-9pm
@Calmar Secondary School Gym

FREE 16+ Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7pm-9pm @Calmar Secondary School Gym

FREE Seniors Fitness
Tuesdays, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
@Calmar Program Centre

2026

Fall Clean Up

OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9

ITEMS MUST BE PLACED OUT BY 7 AM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.
PICK UP WILL BE COMPLETED BY 3:30 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.

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:

GRASS & LEAF BAGS, *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 FALL CLEAN UP PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE @ 780-985-3604

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CAO Column



Getting ready for the colder months

The start of October typically signals that we should begin preparing for the colder months ahead.

Residents are completing the last of the mowing, summer furniture is being stored neatly into sheds and garages around town, and homeowners who have trees and bushes on their properties are starting their winterizing plans and/or pruning, depending on the species.

For the Town, this time also means getting ready for the upcoming winter season. Public parks will be inspected, we will also run our last mows of the season, and snow removal equipment will be inspected and serviced so that we can tackle the winter tasks ahead.

During October, we will also run our last weed and unsightly enforcement operation of the season. As you are completing your yardwork in preparation for winter, we would greatly appreciate your collaboration in helping us keep Calmar clean and beautiful. Speaking of which, our beautiful community recently received five blooms - the highest points possible - from Communities in Bloom in recognition of our beautification efforts this year! Congratulations to everyone involved.

I also encourage everyone to take advantage of the Town's Fall Pick Up, which takes place from October 5-9, to properly dispose of accepted material like any material that you want to get rid of, like bundles of branches, metals and household electronics. If you have a question about what to set out during the Fall Clean Up, please contact the Town Office at 780-985-3604.

The Grass Depot at the Public Works Shop on 44 Avenue accepts your excess organic material (grass, leaves, small branches).

The Leduc Eco Station, which the Town of Calmar is a part of through the Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission, accepts household hazardous waste like paint, cleaners, used motor oil, tires, auto parts and large household items like TVs that you may want to safely dispose of. For more information on what they accept, please visit the City of Leduc website.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who participated in the first Mike Karbonik Arena site survey. With more than 500 respondents, this is a very good start to the process.

Like many municipalities, Calmar is planning ahead to help support responsible long term infrastructure planning. We are considering a range of options for the aging arena site, from repair to repurpose or replacement - no decision has been made, and no direction has been set for the facility's future.

We want to hear from community members, in addition to an understanding of the future costs and risks associated with any potential decisions surrounding the arena site.

Public feedback will be critical as the Town moves through the next steps of this process over the coming months.

The Town has engaged Catalyst Communications to support the process of communications and engagement surrounding the future of the arena site.

They are gathering the survey feedback into a What We Heard Report, which will be presented to Council for review on October 19 and subsequently shared with the public.

This is a multi-phase exercise that requires considerable thought and review, since the implications are significant for our community. Therefore, it is crucial that all the necessary discussions occur, and residents are allowed to have their say in this process.

As this project evolves, more information about the next steps and public feedback opportunities will be made available on the Town of Calmar website, through our social media pages, and in the Chronicle.

Sylvain Losier,
Chief Administrative Officer



National Fire Prevention Week runs from October 4-10.

This year's theme is *Charge into Fire Safety; Safe Charging is a Superpower,* which highlights safe charging habits for lithium-ion batteries at home to help reduce the risk of battery fires.

- Remember to use the cord and charger that came with your device, or ones approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charge can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.
- **Charge your devices on a hard, flat surface like a table or desk. Avoid charging them on your bed, couches, or under pillows.** While charging, batteries produce heat and if placed on a soft surface it can trap the heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat, melt or in extreme situations, explode.
- If your device feels hot, starts to swell, smokes or emits a strange smell, stop using it immediately. These are warning signs that your battery may be damaged or failing.
- When your device reaches full charge, unplug it from the charging cord. Leaving a device sit on the charger can increase heat and stress on the battery.
- Devices like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools should be charged outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.
- If you are flying on an aircraft, keep your devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the airplane. Let a flight attendant know immediately if you notice a problem with your device.



During **Fire Prevention Week**, we acknowledge our brave Calmar firefighters, who risk life and limb to help protect our community. Thank you.

Left to right: Assistant Deputy Chief Shelley Millar, FF Rebecca Molyneaux, Lt. Tammy O'Hara, FF Marjan Smits, FF Guay Lambert, FF David Littlewood, Lt. Stephen Thomas, Capt. Ryan Vanlooy, Deputy Chief Roger Anger.

Missing: FF Justin Kay, FF Matt Nickless, FF Dane Hopp, FF Landon Carlson, FF Calvin Rutter, FF Ryan Menyes, FF Corey Gray, FF Tony Ryan, FF Ian Escalante, FF Benjamin Keller, FF Joshua Vandeburgt.

Council Highlights



September 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

MCSNet Communications Tower – Letter of Support
Council directed Administration to prepare a letter in support, undersigned by Mayor Gardner, for the proposed high-speed internet service communication tower development at the Calmar Legion site. The letter will reiterate the importance of ensuring public safety by controlling access to the tower.

It is important to note that internet towers are legislated by the Federal Government, not local authorities.

AB Tourism Economic Budget Forum Dinner & GRIT Awards
Council directed Administration to secure one ticket for Councillor Danielle Bourdin to attend the 2026 Economic Budget Forum Dinner and GRIT Awards on November 16, 2026, at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

Calmar Legion #266 – Donation Request
Council accepted as information a request by the Calmar Legion for partnership or donations in support of their fundraising initiatives and events.

Draft Town of Calmar Strategic Plan
Council accepted as information the draft Strategic Plan, which outlines Council's strategic priorities like community well-being and recreation, growing Calmar and preserving our way of life, economic prosperity and opportunity, and communications.

4819 – 50 Street Development Permit
Council directed Administration to inform the applicant that Council supports the usage of the lot but would like the applicant to provide options for making the fencing more visually appealing in time for the September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

4707 – 49 Avenue Development Permit
Council directed Mayor Gardner to approve the development permit with the conditions as presented.

Communities in Bloom Awards Gala
Council directed Administration to purchase three tickets for Council to the awards gala.

There is the ability to purchase a further two tickets should anyone from Administration chooses to attend.

2026 Alberta Municipalities Resolutions Report
Council voted to receive this report as information.

Council Highlights

There will be 20 resolutions reviewed and discussed by attendees at the 2026 Fall Convention. Each Council member will have the ability to vote on these resolutions.

Alberta Municipalities Vice President Nomination
Council approved Mayor Gardner's nomination for the position of AB Munis Vice President at the 2026 AB Municipalities Fall Convention

Land Use Bylaw Review – Survey Results
Council received the *Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review: What We Heard Report* as information.

Coming out of Closed Session
Council directed Administration to advance the Strategic Plan, wind down the Economic Development department, and begin a transition from RRSPs to LAPP in 2027.

September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

4819 - 50 Street Development Permit
Council approved the development permit with the modified conditions presented by the applicant (three blocks height maximum and the finish being added in 2027) and directed the mayor to sign the permit on behalf of Council as the Development Authority.

Public Code of Conduct Policy
Council voted to adopt the Public Code of Conduct Policy #2026-125 as presented.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure safe, respectful, and productive interactions between members of the public and Town representatives, while supporting access to municipal services, democratic participation, and a healthy, harassment-free workplace.

Community Standards Bylaw
Council approved the amended Community Standards Bylaw #2026-09 after giving it second and third readings.

Changes to the bylaw include:

- A more detailed definition for daytime and night-time hours.
- An all-encompassing definition for the Peace Officer role to allow for a broader range of enforcement options.
- An update of the Nuisances
- Escaping Property section, specifically Water (sec. 20) to address the issue of property owners allowing water to escape their properties and infiltrating a neighbouring property, putting dwellings at risk of damage; and to minimize the potential of water being pumped directly onto/into municipal infrastructure, causing premature erosion or damage.

Grants to Organizations Report
Council received the Grants to Organizations Report as information.

Over the last three grant cycles, approximately 10 local non-profit organizations, two local businesses, both Calmar schools, one church and one non-local non-profit organization applied for funding, reflecting a broad range of interest and community participation in the program.

4707 - 49 Avenue Development Permits
Council directed the mayor to approve development permits #2026-044D and #2026-045D with the conditions provided.

Community in Bloom - Public Mural
Council approved the request from the Communities in Bloom Committee for commissioning a mural on the east-facing exterior wall of the Water Fill Station located in Woodland Park.

This will allow the artist, Andrew McDonald, to begin work under administrative oversight regarding site safety and site preparation. The final visual design – a prairie scene - was presented to Council at the September 15, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting.

For more information, including the meeting agenda and minutes, please visit the Council Meetings web page at www.calmar.ca.

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Town News

Election/referendum signs in Calmar



A provincial referendum, administered by Elections Alberta, is scheduled for October 19, 2026. Residents are encouraged to visit the Elections Alberta website for more information.

Municipalities cannot regulate election or referendum signage within in their communities, since that is governed by provincial legislation.

Within Calmar, you do not require a permit to install election signs along Highway 39 or 795; however, you must follow the Alberta Government's election signs guidelines. Signs placed on private property require permission from the property owners.

Complaints or inquiries regarding referendum signage should be directed to Elections Alberta at info@elections.ab.ca or phone at 780.427.7191 (toll-free dial 310.000).

The Town retains the authority for public safety and municipal operations. Community Peace Officers may respond when signs are placed on a Town-owned facility or property, if signage creates a public safety concern or traffic hazard, or if signs interfere with Town operations.

Residents can report concerns about signs that pose safety risks to the Enforcement Services Complaint Line at **780.985.0405**.



New pickleball courts open at Centre Park

Recently, Mayor Krista Gardner and councillors Jaemi-McKeag Reber and Don Faulkner joined members the Calmar Pickleball Group to celebrate the opening of the Centre Park pickleball courts.

"This beautiful new facility represents Council's ongoing commitment to providing active and accessible recreation for residents of all ages and fitness levels," said Mayor Gardner. "We are actively working to maintain and enhance the quality of life that makes Calmar such a great place to call home."

Pickleball group organizer Lawrence Ong thanked the Town for enhancing outdoor recreation in the community. He also encouraged everyone to join the group and enjoy this fast-growing sport and recreational activity.

To find out more about the free pickleball community drop-in program, please visit: calmar.ca/community/recreation-programs/pickleball

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Upcoming water fill station repairs

Residents should not experience any water shortages or service interruptions during this period; however, contingency plans are in place to mitigate any unforeseen service interruptions.

We ask everyone to limit their water use to essential needs only during this time, and have water on-hand should any issues occur.

Weeds & Unsightly Enforcement Schedule

Oct. 1 - Inspection Date
Oct. 5 - Remedial Mailout
Oct. 23 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

Town News



Land Use Bylaw Review: What We Heard Report

The Town is actively reviewing the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). The bylaw controls land use and design regulations within the community.

Our goals for this review include removing redundant land use districts, having more straightforward and effective reguations, adressing emerging planning issues, and implementing the Municipal Development Plan.

Council recently received the *Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review What We Heard Report: Spring and Summer 2026* as information.

The report summarizes the public feedback received from 59 completed surveys collected between June 8 and July 1, 2026.

Key findings from first the two rounds of community engagement include:

- Clear support for simplifying the current Land Use Bylaw; however, responses indicate that changes should be intentional and transparent.
- Cautious support for higher-density residential development. Suggestions include that higher-density residential should go near schools, recreation spaces, and in newer neighbourhoods following comprehensive planning.
- A desire to focus commercial growth along highway corridors, particularly 50 Ave. While a few respondents indicated that mixed-use development and neighbourhood commercial is desirable, most feel it is most appropriate along the highway corridors.
- A focus on paying attention to the bigger picture. Changes need to be aimed at making the rules understandable and development predictable. Consideration needs to be given to the existing characteristics that make Calmar unique.

Next, Administration intends to draft a revised Land Use Bylaw while continuing to engage with residents and affected stakeholders about potential land use rules and regulations in the community.

The next phase of public engagement will have two components:

- Engagement on the direction of rules and regulations, and
- Engagement with developers and business owners.

We will also ask internal departments and our partner agencies about how the LUB review can support their objectives.

“Land use bylaws are living documents,” said Planner Kevin Theriault. “While working to create a strong framework for future development in the community, we recognize that the document may face unforeseen challenges and will require amendments as planning objectives evolve over time.”

A *Frequently Asked Questions* section has been included on the LUB Review page at www.calmar.ca to provide more information to the community.

Please contact Kevin at ktheriault@calmar.ca if you have questions or comments about the LUB review.

Town News



Regional FCSS Toy Run Ride nets donations for local kids!

Route 39 Public House Inc got a jump-start on the Holiday Season by holding their 4th Annual FCSS Toy Run Ride on Sept. 5 at the Thorsby Hotel, Bar and Grill - all to help bring smiles to local children!

Recently, Tammy McGhan *(pictured right)* visited the Town Office to present FCSS Coordinator Mikayla Leibel with bags of toys and $250 in cash donations.

“Calmar FCSS greatly appreciates the generosity and support of everyone who donated through this annual fundraiser, and thanks so much to Route 39 and Thorsby Hotel for organizing and hosting this very worthy cause,” said Mikayla. “Their kind contributions go to help support local children and families in our community.”



October 10 is World Mental Health Day, which calls for action to ensure everyone can get access to quality care as mental health as a universal human right. In Calmar, this is an opportunity to positively engage with family members, friends, and neighbours with lived experience of mental health conditions.

“Connecting with people and maintaining those connections can boost meaning and purpose, reduce stress, and foster a sense of belonging,” said FCSS Coordinator Mikayla Leibel. “Small actions can make a big difference; together we can strengthen mental health, reduce stigma, and build a healthier Calmar.”

If you or someone you know needs support, please reach out to Mikayla at Mleibel@calmar.ca or call 780.985.3604 ext. 233 for assistance.

New outdoor mural taking shape in Woodland Park



The Calmar Communities in Bloom Committee has received permission from the Town to commission local artist Andrew McDonald to paint a community mural on the east-facing exterior wall of the Water Fill Station.

“The mural aims to transform a highly visible, blank municipal utility asset into a vibrant point of community pride, celebrating Calmar’s unique identity while proactively deterring graffiti and vandalism,” said Committee president Stephanie Trubetskoff.

Andrew is in the early stages of his work and is expecting to complete the mural in a few weeks, weather permitting.

“I’m working on a beautiful prairie scene - one of my favourite visions - with aspens and pretty wildflowers in the foreground, and a red-tailed hawk soaring overhead,” said Andrew. “The prairie skies are also a big inspiration, and I will paint visible shafts of sunlight, called crepuscular rays, passing through the gaps in the clouds.”

Community Spotlight



This year, we're working to highlight the incredible groups, clubs, and organizations that help make Calmar a great place to live, connect, and get involved in.

This time we're turning the spotlight on **West 39 Bucks**, a local minor hockey association made up of young hockey players from Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg and all rural areas in between that play on teams ranging from U7 to U18.

As a non-profit organization, they are supported by an incredible group of volunteers, coaches, families, and hockey supporters of all ages.

"We are proud to provide a place where young athletes can develop their skills, build friendships, learn the value of teamwork, and create lasting memories both on and off the ice." said Chris Verhun, Vice President, Calmar. "We also provide opportunities to all players, coaches, and referees within our shared community."

By combining players from all three communities, the Bucks can grow the game and create a positive hockey experience. They have already made great progress, with 13 teams hitting the ice this upcoming season, and they are competing in the Central Alberta Hockey League.

The Bucks also host several weekend tournaments, welcoming teams and hockey families to Calmar from communities across Alberta.

"Be sure to watch for our teams throughout the season as we practice and compete at the Mike Karbonik Arena," said Verhun. "We look forward to another exciting season of West 39 Bucks hockey!"

Find out more about this great community group at www.west-39hockey.com.

Another local group promoting healthy activity in Calmar is **Adult Drop-In Volleyball**, which offers a weekly indoor game night for local and area residents who want movement, teamwork, and light competition without committing to a full league.

"We are a local dop-in volleyball group playing Mondays from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Calmar Secondary School," said group organizer Maureen Geiger. "The gym doors will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to allow for setup and warmup before play."

Participants do not need to organize a team or handle registration details. The focus stays on good rallies, fair play, and a welcoming atmosphere so new and long-time players share the court comfortably.

"We welcome everyone aged 16-plus at all skill levels to join us, as long as they have filled out a waiver," said co-organizer Dale Macdonald. Waivers can be found on the Town of Calmar website. Please print one and bring in on your first day of play or fill out one upon arrival.

Maureen reminds those who want to participate to ensure they have clean indoor running shoes (non-marking) and to bring a water bottle with a lid as well. No open drinks are permitted in the gymnasium.

"This drop-in program is run by volunteers, so please be respectful towards them and the staff working in the school," she said.

For more information, contact her at maureenfe19@hotmail.com or join the Calmar Adult Volleyball Facebook group.



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Together We Thrive | Your FCSS Update

From Calmar FCSS Coordinator, Mikayla Leibel

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm
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FCSS works to enhance the quality of life for residents by offering preventative programs, fostering community connections, and providing access to local resources and services they need. FCSS is committed to supporting individuals and families; helping them thrive at every stage of life.

World Mental Health Day: October 10,2026, is a day to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world. It is also an opportunity to learn about different ways we can stay mentally healthy and acknowledge that not everyone cares for their mental health in the same way and asking for help regarding mental health is an act of resilience.
Small actions can make a big difference; together we can strengthen mental health, build healthier communities, and help more people feel connected. Here are a few simple ways to support positive mental health!

- **Connect with others:** Maintaining connections with others; connecting with people can boost meaning and purpose, reduce stress, and foster a sense of belonging. Reach out, even when it's the last thing you feel you want to do.
    - Call a friend/ family member
    - Join or volunteer with a local group: Meet others with shared values- sports team, book club, dance/workout class, or community group/ organization.
- **Listen to others:** It's far too common to answer, "I'm fine, thanks," even when it isn't true. Taking a moment to listen in those moments can provide opportunities to support each other through difficult times, which can help us get help when we need it. Listening is a skill that we can all develop with practice.
- **Ask for help:** Acknowledge how you're doing and let trusted friends or family know. Being open with others will let them know how they can help you.
    - **211 Alberta: https://ab.211.ca/**
    - **Canadian Mental Health Association :** https://edmonton.cmha.ca/find-help/
    - **Leduc County Health & Wellness:** https://www.leduc-county.com/living-here/community-and-family-support/health-and-wellness
    - **Leduc County Health & Wellness Tool Kit: https://www.leduc-county.com/public/download/files/288980**

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- **Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change Webinar:** Friday October 9, 2026 – **more information and to register**: https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2026/10/09/default-calendar/world-mental-health-day-webinar

Play Dates: Monday's 9:15am – 10:45am – at the Calmar Program Centre (4815–49 St) Check out our Facebook page for weekly updates!

Community Nights: Twice a month on Thursdays from 6:00–8:00 PM at the Calmar Program Centre (4815–49 St). Come connect, be creative, and enjoy a fun evening with neighbours and friends! **Upcoming Community Nights:** October 15, October 29.

Grants to Organizations: 2027 Applications **NOW** open! **August 1 to October 31, 2026,** The Town of Calmar offers a grant program to support registered non-profit organizations and established community groups located within the town's corporate limits. Contact FCSS Coordinator Mikayla at MLeibel@calmar.ca for questions or more information!

Volunteering: We're always looking for passionate volunteers who want to make a positive impact in our community. When people hear *"come volunteer"* it can sound like a major time investment. But the truth is, even giving just a little bit of your time can go a long way. **Big or small, every bit of time you give truly makes a difference!**
For volunteer opportunities and more information, be sure to visit the Calmar website**.**
Upcoming Opportunities:

- Snow Angels
- Christmas In the Park
- Christmas Elves

Upcoming FCSS Fall Sessions:

- **Seniors Health & Wellness: Chair Exercise Class:** Every Tuesday for the month of October 1:30pm – 2:30pm at the Calmar Program Centre

- **Spot the Scam: Learn How to Protect Yourself**: October 7, 2026, 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Calmar Library

Fraud can happen to anyone! Fraudsters are working full time trying to find new ways to separate you from your hard-earned money. Join us for a conversation about the latest frauds and scams. The best defense is awareness! **To register, contact Mikayla at 780.985.3604 – Ext 233 or mleibel@calmar.ca**

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- **Planning Ahead: Wills & Estates Made Simple:** October 8, 2026, 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Calmar Program Centre

Join Ridley Law to learn why wills and estate planning are important for adults of all ages and how taking the time to understand your options can help you plan with confidence. **To register, contact Mikayla at 780.985.3604 – Ext 233 or mleibel@calmar.ca**

- **Hearing Aid Awareness: Taking Charge of Your Hearing Health:** October 21, 2026, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Calmar Library

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association takes participants on a path recognizing unrealistic expectations they may have of hearing aids, accepting their reality of hearing loss, develop an understanding of what they need to do to reconnect with loved ones. Hear Canada will be onsite and available to provide **free** hearing tests. **To register, contact Mikayla at 780.985.3604 – Ext 233 or mleibel@calmar.ca**

- **Junior Culinary Explores:** November 4, 2026, 3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Calmar Program Centre - Ages 10+ **Registration opens October 21st**

Mix it up, whip it up, and taste the fun! Join us for a hands-on cooking class filled with tasty recipes, new skills, and plenty of kitchen confidence!

You can find more information on events & programs by visiting www.calmar.ca or the Town of Calmar Fcaebook.



Early Literacy

Leduc County families, did you know building literacy skills begins at birth?

Through everyday interactions with your infants like singing, talking and reading books you are building foundations for preschool readiness!

If you have an infant between 0 and 18 months old and would like to receive ***free books*** and ***activity packages***, please connect with our **Family Resource Network** at **frn@leduc-county.com** to make arrangements for pick up at an area near you.

LEDUC COUNTY

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.

Turning small talk into meaningful conversation

Meaningful relationships start with a simple hello—but how do we make sure those first conversations don't just fade away? Join us as we discuss why small talk matters and how it opens the door to genuine connection. We'll explore the art of initiating conversations and share practical techniques for moving beyond surface-level exchanges. Learn how to transition from small talk to more meaningful "deep talk," creating authentic connections that last.

Registration is open to anyone 18+. This session will be facilitated by Kim Silverthorn, BA, RPC, MPCC, CT from Tacit Knowledge.

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Online

Understanding utilities in rural communities

Utility services in rural Alberta can be very different from those in urban areas. Understanding your options can help you make informed decisions and better manage your energy costs. Join the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) online via Zoom or at our in-person Nisku viewing location for an informative presentation.

Information in this presentation will be tailored to rural households and farms.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026
Time: 3 to 4 p.m.
Location: Online or in-person at County Centre, 1101 5th St., Nisku

Understanding utility choices for seniors

Managing utility costs can come with unique considerations for seniors, but having the right information can make a big difference. Join the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) online via Zoom or at our in-person Nisku viewing location for an informative presentation.

Whether you're looking to lower your monthly bills or simply better understand your utility services, this presentation will provide helpful information and practical tips.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026
Time: 3 to 4 p.m.
Location: Online or in-person at County Centre, 1101 5th St., Nisku

Creating change: Bystander intervention to build safer communities

In recognition of Family Violence Prevention Month, join us for the third annual Creating Change event. This free event is open to all including community members and professionals. The event will include the following workshop:
I've got your back: Bystander intervention to build safer communities with Julie Lalonde
Learn about common obstacles to intervention and the importance of challenging our own biases.
Registration deadline: Nov 6, 2026

Date: Friday, Nov. 13, 2026
Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (lunch will be provided)
Location: Rig Hand Distillery, 50158 Range Road 244 A, Leduc County, AB

Taking control of your debt

Join us for this practical session as we help participants understand their debt situation and identify actionable strategies to regain control of their finances. This session will be facilitated by Credit Canada.

By the end of this webinar participants will be able to:

- Understand the difference between good and bad debt
- Evaluate their debt load and types of creditors
- Explore repayment strategies
- Prioritize debt during financial hardship
- Avoid worsening debt with high-cost borrowing
- Understand options for negotiating or reducing debt

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Online

Scam Smart Series

These sessions will be facilitated by Consumer Protection Expert, Julie Matthews. Julie has dedicated her career to stopping scam artists and protecting Canadians. She spent 19 years as an investigative TV reporter—10 of which were spent as Global TV Edmonton's "Troubleshooter" and another 10 years as senior investigator with the Government of Alberta's Consumer Investigations Unit. Julie now delivers engaging and informative fraud prevention presentations and shares tips through her weekly "Scam Alert" segment on CFCW radio.

Session 1: The latest scams & how to protect yourself
Date: Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Online

Session 2: When someone you love is being scammed
Date: Monday, Nov. 23, 2026
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Online



KidSport™
LEDUC AND COUNTY

KIDSPORT
LEDUC & COUNTY

We provide financial support to help cover the costs of registration fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Leduc & Leduc County can play a season of sport.

Our recently expanded chapter, administers grants of up to $350 per child/year, ($750 if they qualify for the Hockey Assist Program), for athletes living in Beaumont, Calmar, Devon, Leduc, Leduc County, Millet, New Sarepta, Thorsby, Warburg, or Wetaskiwin.

So ALL Kids Can Play!



Calmar & District Senior Citizens Club

September to December 2026 Activities

4916 50 AVE CALMAR, AB
587-988-3636 (TERRY) || SENIORSCALMAR63@GMAIL.COM

2026 MEETINGS @ 1:00PM
Wednesday, November 10

COFFEE TIME @ 1:00PM
Monthly, every Thursday (except December 24 & December 31)

Last Coffee Time each month will be member **birthday celebrations**!

MUSIC JAM @ 1:00PM
Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, November 24
December (NO JAM)

CARD & GAME NIGHT @ 7:00PM
Thursday, October 8 & 22
Thursday, November 12 & 26
Thursday, December 10

POTLUCK DINNERS
Wednesday, October 7 @ 12:30PM (members only)
Wednesday, December 9 @ 12:30PM (members only)
Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:30PM (everyone welcome)

Calmar Public Library: October 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NEW

Hours of Operation
Additional Evening Hours on Thursdays!

The Calmar Public Library is excited to announce we are introducing additional evening hours. Beginning in October we will be **open from 11:00AM - 8:00PM on Thursdays**! This change allows the library to offer more programs and more time for those that work during the day to stop in and browse our collection!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday	11AM - 5PM
Wednesday, Thursday	11AM - 8PM

CLOSURES: weekends and statutory holidays

NOTICES

Closure: Thursday, October 1
Alberta Public Libraries' Day of Action

October is Canadian Library Month! Libraries are a vital part of Albertan communities. Bill 28 will impact that—as well as the libraries you love. We appreciate your understanding as we navigate how to implement these new requirements.

Closure: Friday, October 2
TRAC Server Migration

As the transition of our Regional Library's servers to cloud hosting come to an end, the library will be closed so that we can help ensure things will be running as smoothly as possible! Thank you for your patience this past week while library services were limited.

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!



Movers & Shakers Storytime
Thursdays @ 2 - 2:45PM
Ages 2-5 with caregiver



Chess Club
October 7 @ 5:00PM
All ages and skill levels



Cookbook Club
October 14 @ 6:00PM
Theme: Rice Paper Party



LEGO Club
October 21 @ 4:00PM
Ages 6 and up

Avenge the Alchemist

Halloween Escape Room Experience

October 28, 29, and 30 @ 2:00 - 7:00PM
Registration is required. Accepting teams of 1-5 people.

The magnum opus of every great alchemist is to successfully forge the Philosopher's Stone, and from it brew the Elixir of Life. Now, it's up to you and your team to explore a master alchemist's laboratory and assist a scatterbrained apprentice in the search—but will you find the Elixir before the authorities arrive to dismantle everything the alchemist has worked for?

The escape room is open to all ages, but children 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or family member over the age of 12. **Each team will have thirty minutes to try and complete the escape room.** Please arrive at least ten minute prior to your registered time. Rescheduling late or missed slots is subject to availability.

While we are open to drop-ins, we are **not** able to guarantee that your team can be accommodated. If you wish to participate, please register for a time.



TAKE & MAKE KITS

Pre-K	Sensory Play Witches Brew
Tween	Tissue Paper Pumpkin



Scams and Fraud Seminar
Wednesday, October 7 @ 6:00 - 7:00PM

Registration preferred: 780.985.3604 (ext 233) or mleibel@calmar.ca
Fraud can happen to anyone! Fraudsters are working full time trying to find new ways to separate you from your hard-earned money. Join us for a conversation about the latest frauds and scams. The best defense is awareness! *This program is offered in collaboration with the Town of Calmar.*



Welcome to Spooky Season
Tuesday, October 13 @ 1:00 - 4:00PM

No school, no problem! Get into the Halloween spirit even earlier by dropping in at the Library and spending the afternoon creating some spectacularly spooky—and fun—crafts and decorations!



Book Sale!
October 13 - 22, 2026

Stop by the library during our operating hours and browse our selection of gently used books, audiobooks, and DVDs! **We can only accept cash payments.** All proceeds will go towards supporting the Friends of the Calmar Public Library Society!

Book Sale Prices (per item, cash only)	
Books	$1.00
DVDs (feature films)	$2.00
DVDs (TV shows)	$5.00
Audiobooks	$2.00



Your Third Ear: Hearing Aid Seminar
Wednesday, October 21 @ 1:00 - 3:00PM

Registration preferred: 780.985.3604 (ext 233) or mleibel@calmar.ca
The *Canadian Hard of Hearing Association* is here to help you recognize unrealistic expectations you may have of hearing aids, accept the reality of hearing loss, and develop an understanding of what you can do to reconnect with loved ones. Hear Canada will be onsite and available to provide free hearing tests as well. *This program is offered in collaboration with the Town of Calmar.*

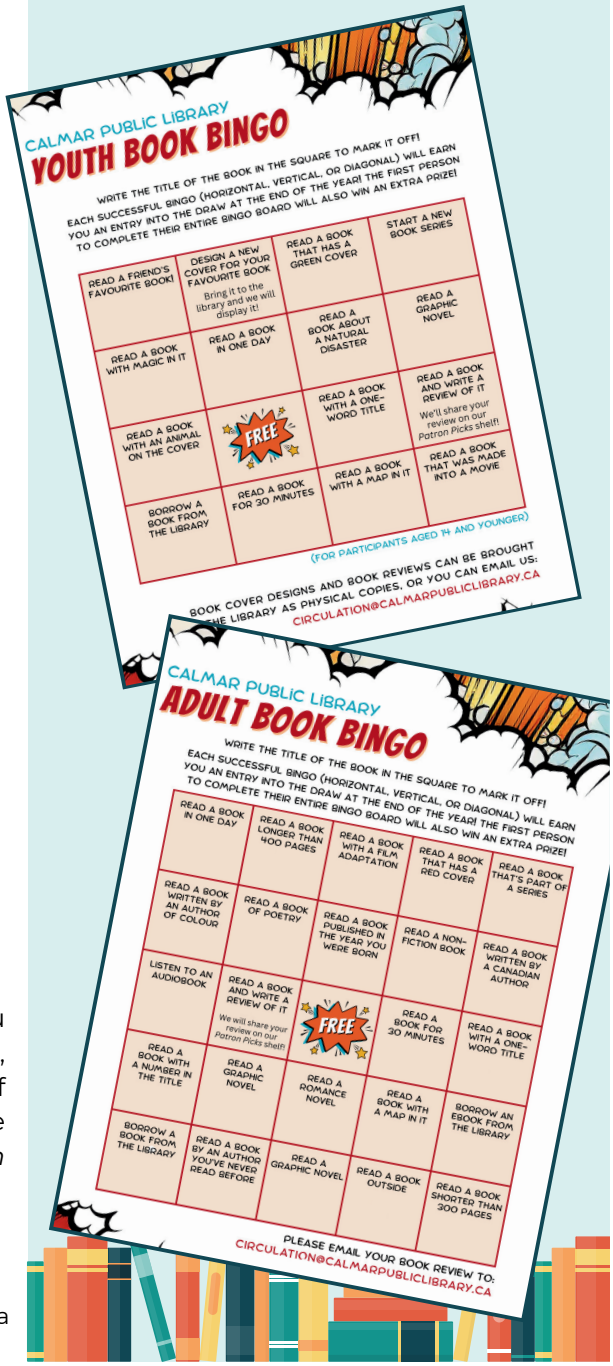
Calmar Public Library

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!



SAVE THE DATE

New Programs!

We are excited to announce a selection of new programs that will start in November!

Baby Rhyme Time
Wednesdays @ 2-2:45PM

This program is for children between 3-25 months, with a parent or caregiver. Join us for an afternoon of stories and songs!

Stuffie Storytime
Monthly: First Wednesday @ 6:30-7PM

This program is for children aged 2-6 years, with a parent or caregiver. Bring your favourite stuffie and cozy up for a selection of bedtime songs and stories!



Applications Open! Children's Maker Market

Application deadline: <u>October 30th</u>
We're give young entrepreneurs aged **6-17** the opportunity to be a vendor at our first ever Children's Maker Market, taking place on **November 16th**! Have an exciting idea for a product you'd like to make and sell? Stop by the library and pick up an application package today!

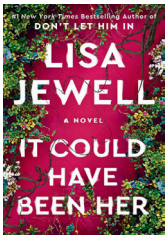
DID YOU KNOW?

The library has a variety of early literacy kits, with topics ranging from counting to farm animals to things that go! Check them out!

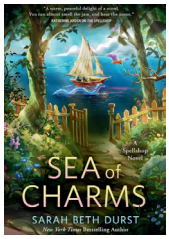
What's New on Our Shelves!

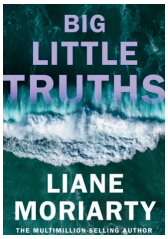
The Calmar Public Library is always expanding our collection! Here are some of the newest titles that we have added to our shelves.

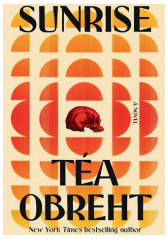
Adult Fiction



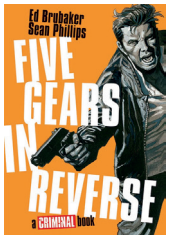


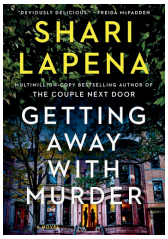












DVDs / TV Series

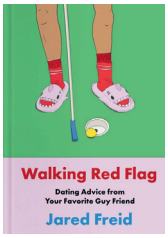






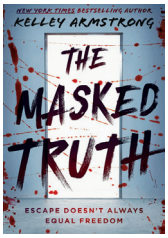


Non-Fiction



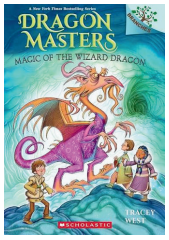


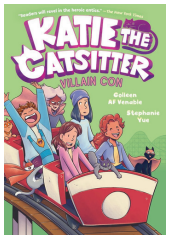
Young Adult



Juvenile













Early Readers



Community Pantry

Our Community Pantry is available to all during our operating hours! Bags are available. We kindly request to limit shopping to three items per person, per visit, to help ensure we can meet as many needs as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Check us out online!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary
YouTube: www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary

CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY PANTRY

"Take what you need, leave what you can."

The Community Pantry is open during regular library operating hours, and is available to all—no questions asked!

Bag are provided if you need them.

For more information:
780-985-3472
circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

What You Can Donate:

- Canned Food
- Dry Foods (cereal, pasta, etc.)
- "Instant" and Microwavable Soups
- Individually Packaged Snack Foods
- Spices, Sauces, and Spreads
- Toiletries and Cleaning Supplies







The pantry is run solely on donations, and it would not be possible without the help of our community. Thank you to everyone for your support!

OCTOBER 2026

NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



MEET Jackson

Jackson was a welcome addition to the Humble Herd last March. He settled in quickly, making plenty of new friends among our students, staff and chore families.
You will often find him braying a friendly hello, enjoying his daily walks, or soaking up the care and attention from our students.



HIGHWAY SAFETY

We're excited to share an important safety update for our New Humble Community School community.



We would like to thank past and present parents and community members for advocating for a safer traffic corridor and Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors for partnering with us on this pilot project.

If you notice any issues with the speed signs, please reach out to contact@newhumbleschool.ca

Slow down. Stay safe. Help us protect our students, families, staff, and community.





TOWN OF CALMAR

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

GRANT TO ORGANIZATIONS

CALLING CALMAR-BASED NON-PROFITS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!
AUGUST 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2026

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT FCSS COORDINATOR MIKAYLA

MLEIBEL@CALMAR.CA | 780.985.3604 EXT. 233

Recyclable material list
October 1, 2026

Paper/Fibre

Material & examples	What to know
 **Cardboard boxes** Pizza boxes, direct mail boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes.	☑ Flatten. No larger than 60 x 60 cm. ☑ Empty.
 **Boxboard** Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, rolls from toilet paper and paper towel.	☑ Flatten. ☑ Empty.
 **Paper** Any colour, including flour bags, prescription bags, paper produce bags. Notepads, white or coloured loose paper, file folders, other printed materials. Community newspapers, flyers, brochures and magazines. Greeting cards and envelopes, gift boxes.	☑ Place shredded paper in a tied clear plastic bag. ☑ Separate from plastic bags used to cover items, remove elastic bands. ☑ Remove rope handle from bags. ☑ Do not include soft or hard covered books/novels.

OCTOBER 1, 2026

For details on what goes where, visit **circularmaterials.ca/AB**.

Recyclable material list
October 1, 2026

Paper/fibre

Material & examples		What to know
	**Paper laminate packaging** Pet food bags, food service paper bags, and plates.	☑ Empty.
	**Paper laminate containers** Spiral cans, cookie dough containers, ice cream containers and hot and cold beverage cups.	☑ Empty. ☑ Remove lids.
	**Cartons** Molasses and sugar cartons, laundry and cleaning cartons, soup and sauce cartons.	☑ Empty. ☑ Lids and caps on.

OCTOBER

For details on what goes where, visit **circularmaterials.ca/AB**.

Recyclable material list
October 1, 2026

Plastic packaging and containers

Material & examples	What to know
 **Plastic containers** Laundry detergent and household cleaner jugs, shampoo, body wash, salad dressing, condiment, dish soap, mouth wash bottles.	☑ Empty. ☑ Lids and caps on.
 Food trays, salad, yogurt, peanut butter, bakery and egg containers, plastic cups, plastic tubs and lids.	
 Toothpaste tubes, deodorant, hand cream tubes.	
 Small item packaging, hand sanitizer bottles, plant pots.	

For details on what goes where, visit **circularmaterials.ca/AB.**

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Recyclable material list
October 1, 2026

Plastic and foam packaging

Material & examples	What to know
 **Flexible plastic packaging** Bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers. Overwrap (paper towel & toilet paper, beverage containers). Coffee bags or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, snack wrappers, cereal liner bags, plastic gift bags.	☑ Empty.
 **Foam packaging** Meat trays, takeout containers, cups, plates, bowls, foam packaging.	☑ Empty. ☑ Remove film wrap and absorbent pads from meat trays.

OCTOBER 1, 2026

For details on what goes where, visit **circularmaterials.ca/AB.**

Recyclable material list
October 1, 2026

Metal containers

Material & examples		What to know
	**Metal** Food cans, metal lids, candle, cookie, coffee and tea tins.	☑ Rinse and dry.
	**Aluminum (foils and trays)** Aluminum foil, pie plates, frozen food trays.	☑ Empty. ☑ Ball up aluminum foil.
	**Aerosol containers** Food spray, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant.	☑ Empty. ☑ Lids and caps on.

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For details on what goes where, visit **circularmaterials.ca/AB.**

Recyclable material list
October 1, 2026

Glass

Material & examples	What to know
	**Glass containers** Clear and coloured glass. Food containers, jars and bottles. Cosmetic containers, spice bottles, oil and vinegar bottles.	☑ Empty. ☑ Lids and caps off.

October 1, 2026

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



Calmar Community Nights



October 29 - Halloween Community Night

@Calmar Program Centre, 4815 49 St

For more information, please contact Mikayla at:
MLeibel@calmar.ca | 780.985.3604 ext. 233



TOWN OF CALMAR

Early Years Playdates



Mondays

Calmar Program Centre
4815 49 St
9:15am-10:45am



October 5 - Thanksgiving Crafts
October 12 - No Playdates
October 19 - Dance Class
October 26 - Halloween Party!
(last playdate of the year)







TOWN OF CALMAR

Calmar Connects

A page dedicated to the wellness of our community.

Fight, Flight, Freeze in Real Life

Most poeple have heard of the terms fight, flight, and freeze, but many don't realize these are everyday nervous system responses, not just reactions to emergenices. They show up quietly in regular life, especially during busy or stressful seasons like fall.

Understanding these responses can help you feel less confused by your reactions and more supported by your body, not frustrated with it.

Here's what they often look like in day-to-day situations:

Fight

This isn't always anger. Sometimes it looks like irritability, defensiveness, frustration, or feeling on edge. Your system is trying to push through stress.

Flight

Instead of running away, this can look like rushing, overworking, keeping busy, avoiding tasks, or feeling like you "can't stop". Your body is trying to outrun discomfort.

Freeze

This shows up as shutting down, feeling stuck, zone out, or losing motivation. It's your system trying to protect you by slowing everything down.

None of these responses mean something is wrong with you. Theyya re automatic survival patterns that have kept humans safe for thousands of years. They activate quickly, and often without our awareness.

Here are a few ways to support yourself if you notice any of these responses this month:

1. **Name what's happening** - Saying "My body is in Fight" or " I'm in freeze" brings clarity instead of shame.
2. **Slow your breathing** - A longer exhale helps shift your system into a calmer state.
3. **Change your environment briefly** - Step outside, look out a window, or move to a quieter spot. Even a small shift can help your body reset.
4. **Be gentle with yourself** - These responses come from protection, not weakness.

Fall is a busy time, and it's normal for your system to react. Understanding what your body is doing can make the hard moments feel less overwhelming.

If you're needing support with stress or emotional wellbeing, Nurtured Minds Wellness offers therapy and nature-based services for our community.



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

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





825-758-1656

info@progressivepathwaybds.ca



RECYCLING

These items must 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)



Wrapping Paper
Greeting Cards
No Foil, decorations removed



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



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



Styrofoam & Rubber



Coffee Cups



No Recyclables



Plastic Clamshells



Non Refundable Glass



No Organics



Film Plastic



Fabric



*No Hazardous Waste
Must be taken to Enviroservice Station



Single Use Packaging

BE CART SMART

STOP. THINK. SORT.

GFL environmental

Items may be sorted differently depending on your community

csredmonton@gflenv.com

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.



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.

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

NEW:
Blue bag collection will be every second THURSDAY.

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

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July 2026

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August 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
- Community Peace Officer: 780.985.0405
- Emergency: 911

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Property taxes made easier

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No more missed due dates or penalties, and there's no need to renew every year. The monthly payment is calculated based on your most current levy.

You can sign up anytime throughout the year. All you need is a signed pre-authorized debit form and a void cheque/direct deposit form from your bank.

If you join part way through the year, you must make up payments from prior months to stay current. For example, if you decide to join in April, you need to make up the payments for January, February, March and April.

Interested in joining TIPS program? Please visit the Town Office or contact Heather Bryans at 780.985.3604 ext. 232.

TOWN OF CALMAR

How to stay in the know!



Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, except on a public holiday, in which case the meeting is held the following day.

Regular Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 4901 50 Ave. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers (unless otherwise stated)..

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