

March/April 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

Bringing news from Leduc Assisted Transportation Services
to Seniors and LATS clients

A little lesson in the history of Leduc

In 1889, a fellow by the name of Robert Taylor Telford decided to call this area home and he settled on a piece of land near what we now know as Telford Lake. Once upon a time Telford Lake was called Leduc Lake. He built the largest house in the region on the shores of the lake, which served as a 'stopping house' or hotel, for travellers with room and boarding available for those who travelled to the area as well as, rooms for his future family. Telford eventually moved his house closer to the railway station when the railway reached Leduc.

He wore many hats during his lifetime. He was the first postmaster, the first general merchant and the first justice of the peace. He later served as the community mayor and eventually as Leduc's first member of the Legislative Assembly.

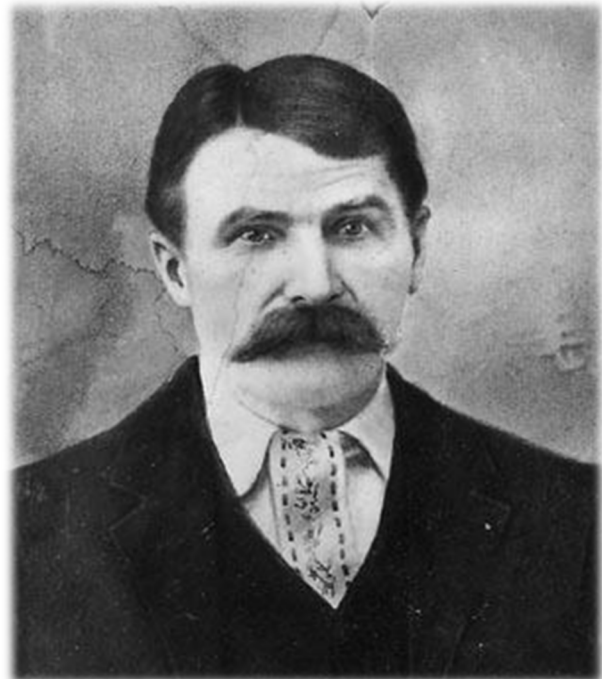
In 1886, a government telegraph office was set up by an area settler named Mr. McKinley. Needing a name for the place, he said, "We shall name it after the first person who comes in," and through the doors came Father Hippolyte Leduc.

In 1899, Minister Edward Dewdney, decreed that the settlement of Telford should be renamed 'Leduc' in honour of the

Roman Catholic missionary, Father Leduc, who had served the area since 1867.

The municipality of Leduc was officially incorporated as the Village of Leduc on December 15, 1899 and on December 15, 1906 the village attained town status. It wasn't until September 1, 1983, that the town became know as the City of Leduc.

Today we estimate the City of Leduc to be around 42.44 km². The 2022 census recorded a population of 35,398 residents.



Robert Taylor Telford
Member of the Legislative Assembly of
Alberta

When to book a trip

DATS Client Service Centre is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They can be reached at 780-986-5000, 'option 2'.

For Monday trips – Call Friday or Saturday (any time), or Sunday (before noon)

For Tuesday trips – Call Saturday or Sunday (any time), or Monday (before noon)

For Wednesday trips – Call Sunday or Monday (any time), or Tuesday (before noon)

For Thursday trips – Call Monday or Tuesday (any time), or Wednesday (before noon)

For Friday trips – Call Tuesday or Wednesday (any time), or Thursday (before noon)

For Saturday trips – Call Wednesday or Thursday (any time), or Friday (before noon)

For Sunday trips – Call Thursday or Friday (any time), or Saturday (before noon)

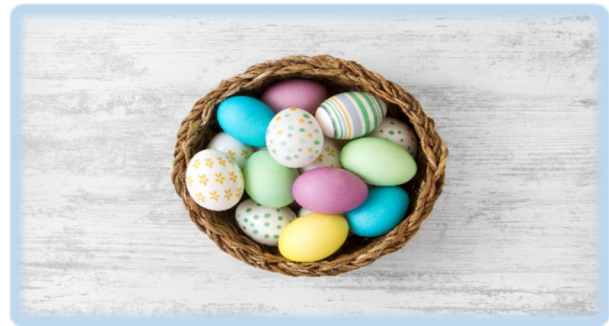
DATS menu options are as follows:

- **Press 1** to cancel a trip or to check on a late ride.
- **Press 2** to book or change a trip.
- **Press 3** to register for DATS.
- **Press 4** to submit a commendation, concern, or any other inquiry.
- **Press 5** for IVR self-serve options.
- **Press 6** for subscription requests.

We will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)
- Monday, April 10, 2023 (in lieu of Easter Sunday)

We are **open April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)**, for regular service.



Weathering Winter?

Dressing for the weather means wearing layers because rather than one thick piece of clothing, layers help trap heat, keeping your body warmer. If you do tend to warm up a little too much, you can always remove a layer or two.

Other ways to stay warm are to use a heated wheat bag or hot water bottle to warm your bed, wear extra warm socks or slippers when indoors, or snuggle up under a warm throw blanket. If you are a fan of flannel sheets, winter is the perfect time to use them.

Make sure you drink plenty of hot drinks throughout the day. Sip on some hot tea, hot cocoa or enjoy a cup of soup.

Get moving! It is important to avoid sitting for long periods of time. Exercise helps boost your circulation which in turn helps you to stay warm.

Sunday Service

If you are interested in securing a spot on the bus on Sundays and have a regular schedule planned for Sundays, you can put a subscription in place.

Subscriptions need to be for a minimum of 6 weeks and must occur on the same day and the same time of each week. For example: if you need a subscription to go to church each Sunday and your service starts at 10:00 a.m., you could put a subscription in place so that you get picked up between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. so that we could get you there on time. You would also need to put a subscription in place for the time you would like to return home from your place of worship. Once in place, you wouldn't have to call in to book your trip. You would just need to be ready and waiting for the driver at the time you set up.

If you are interested in putting a subscription in place, contact the booking line at 780-986-5000 and choose option 2. Make sure that you have all your information ready when you call to put a subscription in place. You will need your LATS client number, which can be found on your LATS card, the address of where you will be picked up from (origin), the address or business name of the location you would like to be dropped off at (destination), the day of the week the subscription will be set up for and the times you would like to be picked up at both from home, and then again from where we dropped you off.

Subscriptions usually take up to two weeks to become active so when you call in to set the subscription up, the agent will let you know an approximate 'effective' as of date. Until your subscription is 'active', you will have to call in to book rides.

As with any ride on LATS, if you do not need your ride, please remember to cancel it and provide as much notice as possible. This opens ride availability for other clients who may need a trip. When clients forget to call to cancel in advance, it is an unnecessary use of LATS resources and frequent cancelling at the door or not showing up for your ride, may result in a suspension of our services to you. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please keep in mind that LATS is a shared-ride-service. This means that we may pick others up or drop others off along the way, but we always do our best to get you to your destination on time.

Did you know that mid-morning (after 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and mid-afternoon between 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.), are usually less busy, which means your chances of getting a trip time are quite high during these periods.

How is your mobility?

Did you know that several of our clients use the lift for boarding and alighting the bus? If you find the stairs difficult to navigate, you can board the bus using the lift. It is easy and safe. If you are interested in this or would like to give it a try, please contact Maureen in the office at 780-980-8445 and she will arrange a time for a driver to stop by so you can try using the lift.

Travel Training

New to LATS? We are here to help. If you would like to learn more about our service and how we can assist you, please call Maureen at 780-980-8445 to arrange for a Travel Training session. We will come to you and teach you how to ride the bus.



For more information about programs happening at the library, check out the Leduc Public Library Winter and Spring Community Program Guides for March – June 2023. Stop by to grab a copy or find it online at www.leduclibrary.ca. Call 780-986-2637 to register or for more information.

Seed Swap Registered

Tuesday, March 21 6:15 – 7:30 pm

Spring is on its way, and it's time to think of gardening! We invite you to come to the library's first seed swap. Participants are asked to bring two types of clearly labeled seeds to share, and then browse to find seeds you would like to take home!



Taxes for Adults 65+ Registered

Friday, March 24 1:30 – 2:30 pm

This program will look at income, benefits, credits, deductions, and the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP).

It will also look at recognizing scams and what to do about it. Presented by Canada Revenue Agency Outreach Services.

Cards games & More for Older Adults Registered

Tuesday, March 14 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

In April, we will be hosting twice a month from 2 - 3 pm – Dates TBA

Yahtzee, Cribbage, Hearts and more! We provide the games, cookies, tea, and coffee while you get to play some of your favourite games!



Leduc Adult Learning

Did you know that Leduc Adult Learning offers tutoring, basic digital skills and computer/tech classes?

Contact Leduc Adult Learning by calling/texting 780-915-9835, or by emailing learn@leducadultlearning.ca for more information.

Outreach Services

Outreach Services is a convenient service that supplies books, large print books, audio books, Daisy books, DVDs, and other library materials to people who are unable to use the library due to temporary or long-term physical and medical disabilities. Library staff or volunteers will deliver books to your home and pick them up once a month.

Please call Kristi at 780-986-2637 ext. 214 or email outreach@leduclibrary.ca for more information.



Microwave Oven Safety

With busy lives, families rely on the microwave oven as a quick way to heat up a meal, warm up a drink or defrost dinner. While the convenience of the microwave oven is something we take for granted, safety should not be. By following a few simple safety tips you can prevent painful burns and possible fires.

SAFETY TIPS

- » PURCHASE a microwave oven that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Make sure to complete and return the product registration card. This way the manufacturer can reach you if there is a recall on the product.
- » PLUG the microwave oven directly into the wall outlet — never use an extension cord.
- » MAKE sure the microwave oven is at a safe height, within easy reach of all users.
- » OPEN food slowly, away from the face. Hot steam or the food itself can cause burns.
- » FOOD heats unevenly in microwave ovens. Stir and test before eating or giving to children.
- » NEVER heat a baby bottle in the microwave. Since a microwave oven heats unevenly, it can create hot pockets, leading to burns. Warm a bottle in a bowl of warm — not hot or boiling — water, or by running it under the tap.



MICROWAVE USE

Always **supervise** children when they are using a microwave oven.

Use only **microwave-safe** food containers or dishes. Never use aluminum foil or metal in a microwave oven.

If you have a **fire** in the microwave, leave the door closed, turn the oven off and unplug it from the wall. If the fire does not go out, get outside and call the fire department.

FACT

Scald burns are the leading cause of injury from microwave ovens.

Name of Organization Here

Contact Information Here



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM



**Please Call the FCSS Income Tax Program,
if you'd like us to complete your tax
return 780-980-7109.**

Eligibility:

- Simple Tax Return
- Lives within the City of Leduc
- Is not self-employed (this include freelance income/deductions)
- Does not have interest income over \$1,000
- Is not in bankruptcy
- Meets the Financial Guidelines

Financial Guidelines:

Family Size	Total Family Income
1 person	\$35,000
2 persons	\$45,000
3 persons	\$47,500
4 persons	\$50,000
5 persons	\$52,500
More than 5 persons	\$52,500 plus \$2500 for each additional person

WWW.LEDUC.CA/TAXPROGRAM