

MAY/JUNE 2024

# COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

Bringing news from the City of Leduc to our LATS Clients

## 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 the LATS service works so that when you do ride for your first time, you'll know what to expect.

## 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 let your driver know. Drivers will also ride up the lift with you if it makes you more comfortable.

## Calling All LRC Seniors

Did you know the LRC hosts a Seniors Social each week from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays? The program runs until the end of June.

You can enjoy free coffee and tea and have the opportunity to meet new people and gather with friends in a comfortable and safe environment. Please meet in the curling rink lobby.



## We will be closed on the following dates:

- Victoria Day - Monday, May 20, 2024
- Canada Day - Monday, July 1, 2024



Dominion Day was renamed in 1982 and is now known as Canada Day, which is a federal statutory holiday in Canada. It celebrates the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation, which occurred on July 1, 1867, with the passing of the British North American Act, when three separate colonies of the United Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, were united into a single dominion within the British Empire called Canada. This year, Canada will be 157 years old. Happy Birthday Canada!

**Please remember to cancel your trips if you are going to be away on vacation or on respite. This saves us from sending a bus to a location when it is unnecessary to do so. It also frees up a trip time for someone else to use. We appreciate your cooperation.**

## When to book your 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'.

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.

**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)

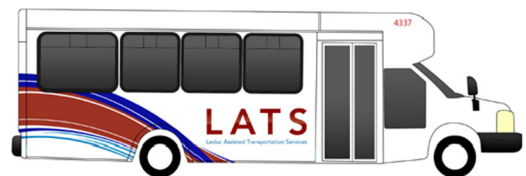
When you call into DATS, please be patient as hold times can be long at times. Speak clearly and have all your information ready for the booking agent such as the day you want to travel, the time you would like to be picked up, the address or business name of where

you are going to, your LATS number, etc. Don't forget to book a return trip as well.

## Client Waivers

Ambulatory Assistance Services are provided at no extra cost to Leduc Assisted Transportation Services (LATS) registrants. We understand that not all our clients want or need driver assistance. If you do not want or need a driver to meet you at your door and assist you with boarding and disembarking, or to assist you to the first set of accessible doors at your end destination, we will send a waiver out for you to sign and return to the City of Leduc, which we will keep on your file.

If you have any questions about the waiver, please call the LATS office at 780-980-8448 and we would be happy to assist you.



## Leduc Transit/LATS Fares

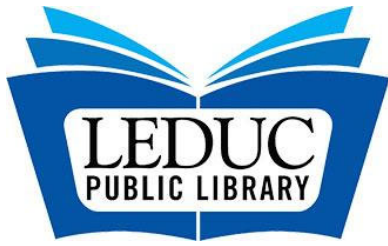
Unless your trip is covered by one of our wonderful sponsors, fares are as follows:

- Monthly local pass: \$55
- Ticket sheets: \$18 (10 tickets for 10 trips)
- One-way cash fare: \$2
- CNIB card holders: no charge

Fare products can be purchased at the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC), the Civic Centre, or over the phone and have them mailed out to you. Ticket sheets can be purchased from your driver.

## Subsidized Transit Pass

Monthly transit passes are available at a reduced rate for residents who qualify based on annual income. Recipients will be required to pay half the price of the regular rate for a monthly local or commuter pass. These subsidized fares are being made available through grant funding from the province. For more information, please visit FCSS Social Support Services at the Civic Centre.



To register for a program:

- Call **780-986-2637**,
- Stop by the Information Desk in the library, or
- Use our website, [leduclibrary.ca](http://leduclibrary.ca) under Programs & More

*The following ZOOM program will run in partnership with Strathcona County Library:*

### **Food & Finance**

**Thursday, May 16, 7 - 8 p.m.**

*This is a registered ZOOM program.*

Participants will learn how to create healthy and financially sustainable meal plans and tips on frugal meal plans. Bring your ideas to share. Presented by the Credit Counselling Society.

### **The following programs will be held at the Leduc Public Library:**

#### **Walk & Book Talk**

**Saturday, May 4 & 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

*Drop-in/Registered*

Strap on your sneakers and head to the library Saturday morning, for a gentle stroll or power walk around Alexandra Park. Then meet on the library patio to discuss your latest favorite reading experience.

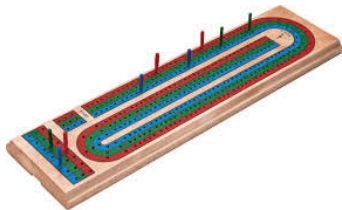
#### **Card Games & More for Older Adults**

**Tuesday, May 14 & June 11**

**2 – 3 p.m.**

*Drop-in.*

Yahtzee, Cribbage, Hearts and more!  
Come and play some of your favourite games and meet new people.



### **Invitation to Indigenous Reading Month of June**

*Drop-in (Library hours)*

June is National Indigenous History Month. Participate by reading about the history and/or experiences of Indigenous authors and their communities.

You can WIN prizes!

### **Adult and Teen Summer Learning Game**

Get ready for a whole new Summer Learning Game for teens and adults at Leduc Public Library! This summer, race around the board game The Book of Life. Take the opportunity to have fun reading and exploring your community. Remember, your participation provides the opportunity to win multiple prizes throughout the summer.

Make sure to enter the game before starting your adventure and then add your name to the ballot box (online or at the library) for each challenge completed!

### **Dates to remember!**

- June 25 – Gameboards are available.
- July 2 – Let the Game begin!
- August 21 – Last day to enter ballots.

### **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. Do you love to read but are no longer able to commute to the library? We can now bring library items to you! Audio Books, Daisy Books, Large Print, DVD's, etc.

Please call 780-986-2637 or email Kristi at [kwoollman@leduclibrary.ca](mailto:kwoollman@leduclibrary.ca) for more information.

## Senior's Week is June 3 to 9

To kick off Seniors Week, the City of Leduc is hosting a free Concert at the Maclab Centre featuring Tracy Millar, considered one of Alberta's finest and most talented disciples of traditional country music.

For the two decades, this singer, songwriter, bandleader and recording artist has shown she is all in for the long run, when it comes to championing her favorite brand of country music.

**Monday, June 3**, the performance runs from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Please **RSVP by May 24 to (780) 980-7115** or pick up tickets at the Leduc and District Senior Centre beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Limited number of tickets.  
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

## Recipe Corner

### Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

- 4 cups rhubarb, washed and chopped
- 2 cups strawberries, washed and sliced
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 tbsp. orange zest
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract



- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup old fashioned rolled oats
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar, divided into two  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. salt
- 8 tbsp. cold butter

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 9 baking pan.

For the filling, mix fruit, cornstarch, orange zest, sugar, and vanilla in a bowl. Pour into the prepared pan.

For the crumble, mix flour, oats, the remaining sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl and work the flour in until it is all incorporated. Put crumble on top of the filling.

Bake for 45-50 minutes until golden brown. Cool 30 minutes and serve with vanilla ice cream.

**FRIENDLY CALLS**

What if we told you that a meaningful connection was just a *phone call* away?



**Make a connection, one call at a time.**

Friendly Calls is **safe, accessible, free, and available nationwide.**  
Call **1-833-979-9779** or connect with us at [redcross.ca/friendlycalls](http://redcross.ca/friendlycalls).

The Friendly Calls program matches **people over the age of 18** with trained Red Cross personnel who connect with them regularly to check-in, provide emotional support, encourage healthy coping strategies, and suggest well-being resources and community connections to other existing services.

 Canadian Red Cross  Croix-Rouge canadienne

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**We love working in transit because...**



Kevin, Maureen, and Charmaine like helping people stay connected to the community.



Russ appreciates the variety of people he encounters.



We love your smiles and stories!



Asad learns a lot from the people he meets and now he appreciates people in a new way.



Karen enjoys all of her co-workers and the clients she works with.



Thor enjoys his coworkers, clients, and the comradery.

Randy enjoys the diversity of people he gets to work with.

Delaney loves helping people!

CANADA – Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid above.  
 The remaining 47 letters spell a secret message. Have fun!

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Hockey	Alberta	Newfoundland	Regina
Iqaluit	Bears	Northwest Territories	Saskatchewan
Labrador	Beavers	Nova Scotia	Snow
Lakes	British Columbia	Nunavut	St. John's
Loonie	Caribou	Oil	Toque
Manitoba	Charlottetown	Ontario	Toronto
Maple Leaf	Curling	Ottawa	Victoria
Maple Syrup	Edmonton	Prairies	Whitehorse
Moose	Forests	Prince Edward Island	Winnipeg
Mountains	Fredericton	Quebec	Yellowknife
New Brunswick	Geese	RCMP	Yukon
	Halifax		