

September/October 2024

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

Bringing news from the City of Leduc to our LATS Clients

Are you new to transit?

Did you know that the City of Leduc's entire bus fleet is accessible? It is and that's because we know that all riders have different levels of mobility, and we want to give all riders access to the transit services they need.

Our 40' buses that travel between Edmonton's Century Park transit station and Leduc are low floor kneeler buses, meaning they can pull up to the curb and be at the same height as the sidewalk, making it convenient for someone with mobility issues to board. Our Route 10 buses are equipped with ramps which fold out onto the sidewalk to allow easy boarding access. Our On-Demand and LATS buses are equipped with lifts which makes boarding a breeze for our riders.

The City of Leduc offers travel training for both paratransit clients (LATS) and conventional transit riders, who use the public transit services. The training is free and benefits newcomers, people with disabilities, seniors and/or individuals who need help understanding how transit works. Training can be done over the phone, in person in group settings or one-on-one and instruction is tailored to the needs and abilities of the participant(s).

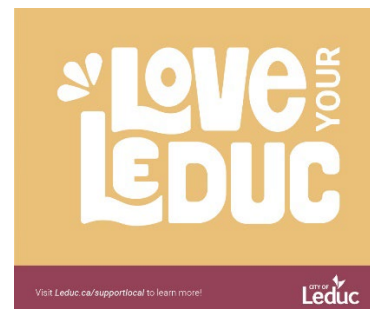
We teach you how to sign up for LATS and/or the On-Demand service. We will show you how to read maps and schedules, how to plan your trips, how to cancel your trips, where to

purchase fare products, how to connect between LATS, On-Demand and Routes 1 and 10 and much, much more.

If you are in a mobility device such as a wheelchair or scooter, having training prior to using the service can be very beneficial because it provides you with a chance to practice boarding the bus using a lift or ramp. You will also get to learn about our securement equipment and see us in action. This way, you are comfortable when you do ride with us.

It's time for you to have the freedom to go where you want, when you want! You will enjoy increased confidence and independence, better access to employment and volunteer opportunities, a means to travel and work, shop, dine out, attend school or church, visit the library, take in a movie or a play at the Maclab Centre and visit friends and family. Imagine the possibilities...

For more information about any of the City of Leduc's transit services or to book your travel training session, contact Maureen at 780-980-8445 or Charmaine at 780-980-8444.



What can I bring onboard?

Clients are allowed to bring **two bags on the bus only**. We suggest you use canvas reusable bags as they are sturdier and can hold more items. Please understand that we cannot safely secure more than 2 bags per client. Items such as water and kitty litter are considered **two items** and therefore that would be all a client could bring on the bus at that time.

When to book a LATS 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)

Holiday Hours

The City of Leduc is closed on the following dates:

Labour Day –
Monday, September 2nd

Thanksgiving Day –
Monday, October 14th

Remembrance Day –
Monday, November 11th

Christmas Eve –
Tuesday, December 24th *closed at 3 p.m.*

Christmas Day –
Wednesday, December 25

Boxing Day –
Thursday, December 26th

New Years Eve –
Tuesday, December 31 *closed at 3 p.m.*

New Year's Day –
Wednesday, January 1

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives



Having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home is essential to keeping you and your family safe.

The City of Leduc's Fire Services team encourages everyone to check their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms this fall. If you would like assistance or find they are not working or they are more than 10 years old, please contact Leduc Fire Services at 780-980-8475 and **book an inspection appointment**. A Fire Prevention Officer will come to check your alarms and advise on next steps. You may be eligible to receive a smoke/carbon monoxide alarm for your home.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6-12, and this year's theme is Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You. For more details on Fire Prevention Week in Leduc, please visit: <https://www.leduc.ca/firepreventionweek> and the city's social media channels.



A vibrant, colorful poster for a fundraiser. At the top left, it says "PROVINCIAL SUMMER GAMES" with a logo for the "55+ Club" and "20 LEDUC 25". To the right, it says "BLACKJACKS ROADHOUSE". The main title is "FUNDRAISER ALBERTA 55 PLUS SUMMER GAMES 2025 EDITION". Below the title is a photo of a group of people. Text on the poster includes "FEATURING THE BARKELLS", "Don't Miss It", "SEPTEMBER 7, 2024", "Doors: 6PM Show: 7PM", "\$30 ENTRY", "Purchase tickets at blackjacksroadhouse.com", "50/50 LIVE AUCTION 18+ EVENT", and "2110 SPARROW DRIVE NISKU, AB". There is a QR code in the bottom left corner.

Leduc Transit launched in 2014, and we couldn't be prouder of the service it provides to our riders.

**Happy 10th birthday
Leduc Transit!**



Senior Active Afternoons at the LRC

Are you aged 60+? The LRC offers FREE access Monday - Friday from Noon to 4 p.m.

Please visit Guest Services at the Leduc Recreation Centre to register for this membership today.

Senior 75+

If you are 75+, the LRC offers FREE access all day, any day.

Please visit Guest Services at the Leduc Recreation Centre to register for this membership today.

Recipe Corner – Harvest Salad

For the salad:

- ½ cup cooked sweet potatoes, diced
- ½ cup cooked beets, diced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 cup mixed greens, washed
- ¼ cup each of dried apricots, dried cranberries and crushed pecans

For the dressing:

- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon whole grain Dijon mustard
- ¼ cup olive oil

Mix the dressing together and drizzle over the salad ingredients. Serve chilled and enjoy.



What's the difference between a mandatory attendant and a companion?

A 'mandatory attendant' (MA) is a person who is assigned to ride with you each and every time you ride with LATS. They would be assigned if you have a medical condition that makes travelling alone difficult for you. Your doctor will have checked this off when completing this part of your initial application to use LATS. When you have an MA assigned, you cannot book any trips with our bringing your MA along to assist you. The MA does not have to pay a fare.

Sometimes, it's nice to bring a friend along on your ride. This person is called a 'companion', but they are not there to assist you. They will have to pay a fare, and you will have to let the booking agent know when you book your ride that you are bringing a companion along. Please note that companion must be a minimum of 18+ years of age.

What do the fares cost for LATS and Leduc Transit?

Did you know both Leduc Transit and LATS accept many of the same fare products?

Travel within the City of Leduc, Edmonton International Airport and South Nisku:

Leduc Transit Monthly Pass: \$55 Local Pass for travel within the City of Leduc, Nisku & the Edmonton International Airport (valid on Route 10, On-Demand Transit and LATS)

Leduc Local Tickets: \$18/10 tickets (valid on Route 10, On-Demand Transit and LATS)

One-way Cash Fare within City of Leduc/Nisku: \$2

Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) cardholders: Free on all Leduc Transit and LATS

Travel to and from Edmonton:

To travel to and from Edmonton Century Park Transit Station, a rider can pay a **One-way Cash Fare of \$5.**

Additional fare products (Commuter monthly pass and Commuter Tickets) are available for those who commute between Leduc and Edmonton regularly. For the convenience of our riders who are travelling on Edmonton Transit as well as Leduc Transit, you may purchase any Leduc Transit fare product, as well as monthly Edmonton Transit Bus Passes at the following locations:

Leduc Civic Centre:

1 Alexandra Park, Leduc (780-980-7177)

Leduc Recreation Centre:

4330 Black Gold Drive, Leduc (780-980-7120)

Leduc County Centre:

101, 1101-5th St, Nisku (780-955-3555)



>>> **SUBSIDY** <<<

Receive 50% off of a monthly Leduc Transit bus pass for low-income residents!

- Choose between a local, commuter, or LATS (*if eligible*) bus pass
- Must be a City of Leduc resident
- Must meet income eligibility requirement



For more information:

780-980-7109



Sunday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Cost \$61.00 per person

For more information, contact the Maclab Centre at 780-980-7170 or by email at maclabcentre@leduc.ca

To register for a program, call

780-986-2637, stop by the

Information Desk or use our

website leduclibrary.ca under Programs & More...



The following ZOOM program is run in

partnership with Strathcona County Library:

[Hudson Bay Company Archives: by the Family Tree Trackers](#)

Thursday, Oct 10, 1:30 – 3 p.m. This is a registered ZOOM program.

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives (HBCA) is home to the archival records of the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC). The records document all areas of HBC's activities such as

the fur trade, exploration, land sales and the retail stores. This orientation session will provide an overview of the Archives, its uses as well as its database and online resources. Bring your questions!

[IRISH Genealogy](#)

[Tuesday, Nov 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This is a registered ZOOM program.](#)

Irish genealogy is challenging. Researching online, plus creating detailed research plans prior to your trip, gives you the best chance of success. Submit your research roadblock in advance to hlovatt@leduclibrary.ca before Thursday, Nov 14. Colleen Murrey, Certified Genealogist, will walk us through a live demo tackling as many queries as possible.

The following programs will be held at Leduc Public Library:

[Adult Paint Night at the Library](#)

[Tuesday, Sept 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registered](#)

Attendees of any skill level can recreate an autumn painting by following step-by-step instructions as a group!

[Living Well for the Older Adult](#)

[Thursday, Sept 26, 10 – 11 a.m. Registered](#)

This in-person class, taught by a Primary Care Network Registered Nurse and Registered Dietician, will provide information on such topics as mental health, being active, eating well as we age, medication, fall prevention and more!

[Planning Ahead: A Guide to Funeral Pre-Planning](#)

[Thursday, Oct 17, 10 – 11 a.m. Registered](#)

Join us for an insightful seminar that explores the critical aspects of funeral planning. Learn the steps involved in pre-planning a funeral and the numerous benefits it offers, from easing the emotional burden on your loved ones to ensuring your final wishes are

honored. We'll also delve into the potential challenges and complications that can arise when a funeral isn't pre-planned, highlighting the importance of taking proactive steps now. Gain valuable knowledge and peace of mind as we guide you through this essential process. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare for the future with confidence.

[Estate Planning](#)

[Thursday, Nov 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.](#)

[Registered](#)

Do you have an estate plan? When are you going to get one? Sign up for this session to learn what an estate plan is and the key steps needed to ensure that your assets are distributed – in life or after death.

[Christmas Card Making](#)

[Saturday, Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.](#)

[COST \\$15 Registered](#)

Make 6 beautiful seasonal cards to send to family and friends! \$15.00 non-refundable registration fee.

You must register for this program at the library.

[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 kwollman@leduclibrary.ca for more information.