



# TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

## Municipal News & Information



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**JULY 2009**

### NEW UTILITIES & GARBAGE BYLAWS

#### INTRODUCED

The water, sewer and waste disposal bylaws have been reviewed and revised. At the May 12, 2009 Regular council meeting, new bylaws covering the installation, distribution and collection of water, sewer and garbage received first reading. The new bylaw consolidated, updated & rescinded the existing ones.

Town Council passed the above two mentioned bylaws at their June 23, 2009 Council Meeting. **No changes have been made to the rates applied to the monthly bill.** The purpose of the changes include, but are not limited to,

updating the information so the bylaw reflects changes in process to address growth within the community; to improve efficiency in delivering and collections of the services; to allow for significant changes made to the billing account setup, specifically, who is able to apply for the services; provides for cost recovery with the installation and repairs of infrastructure where appropriate and consolidates redundancy where possible.

The Town of Blackfalds supplies water, sewer and waste disposal to properties within its boundaries. It has now been clarified in the new bylaws that only the property owners have the ability to request the

service as they are ultimately responsible for the charges incurred. The processes for setting up utility accounts has changed significantly as the property owner must be the primary account holder, additional bills can be sent out to property managers and/or agents at the written request of the owner. Deposits will no longer be required from property owners when setting up a utility account.



### PUBLIC HEARING: MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW 1088/09

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Town of Blackfalds has given first reading to By-law 1088/09 to adopt the Town of Blackfalds Municipal Development Plan By-law 1088/09. The purpose of the By-law is to adopt a revised Municipal Development Plan to address the components of future land use, development framework, Intermunicipal Development co-ordination, transportation, provision of municipal services and facilities within the Town. It is the intent of Council to repeal the existing Land Use By-law 892/02 and enact By-law 1088/09.

A copy of the By-law may be inspected by the public on our website [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com), under Planning & Development/News & Updates or at the Town Office, 5018 Waghorn Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays, except holidays.

Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, 5018 Waghorn Street, Blackfalds, on **Tuesday, July 28 @ 7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving comments from any interested parties on the proposed changes to the Municipal Development Plan.

For further information, please contact Terry Topolnitsky Planning & Development Manager at 885-6237.

The Town of Blackfalds Economic Development & Tourism Board and the Blackfalds Chamber of Commerce present the "Business of the Year Award". This award will be broken out into 4 categories which you, as a citizen of Blackfalds, can nominate an eligible business for:

1. Long Term Service
2. New Business
3. Community Involvement
4. Customer Service

Nominations can include home based businesses.

Ballot boxes will be placed at local businesses, as well, nominations can be made online or at the Town office. The deadline for nominations is September 30th, and the winners will be announced in October.

For more information please contact Kimberley at 403-885-6248 or [kimberley@blackfalds.com](mailto:kimberley@blackfalds.com)

This is your opportunity to recognize our hard working businesses!



Please remember to remove your Garage sale signs/posters when your sale is over!

**There will be no July Standing Committee of Council meeting. The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be August 17th at 7:00pm.**

## Back to School Kits Program:

Are you a family in Blackfalds, with school age children, and need assistance with back to school supplies?

Do you know a family in Blackfalds that may need assistance?

Back 2 School Kits is a new program brought to you by the Town of Blackfalds, Blackfalds FCSS and Neighbourhood Place and designed to assist families, who have school age children, with back to school and winter supplies.

If you would like to apply, the application form can be found at Neighborhood Place, The Town of Blackfalds office or on the town website [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com)



## CAMP CURIOUS

Runs July through August and features weekly themes, field trips, swimming lessons, sports, special guests, crafts and more! Open to children ages 5-10

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

\$125/camper per week

For more information on Camp Curious please call 403-885-6247 or visit [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com).



## JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

**Date:** July 20 - 24, 9 am - 12 pm  
Aug 17 - 21, 9 am - 12 pm

**Cost:** \$125.00 / participant

**Age:** 10 - 14 years



Pre-registration required. Maximum 15 golfers.

Practice and games will take place at Lacombe Golf and Country Club. Golf clubs can be provided; however, if you have your own set you are encouraged to bring them.

For more information please call 403-885-6246.

**Summerfest will be held on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and we are bringing back the ever popular Family Street Dance on Broadway Avenue. This event is intended to be an enriching family experience. Watch for more information on our community signs or check out our website [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com) under the Community tab. Make sure to mark this date on your calendar!!**



## The Blackfalds Public Library

### FREE Child Membership Promotion

All youth 18 years and under can receive a FREE library membership or renew their current membership. This is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the promotion is available until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

### Summer Reading Program

Our SRP is open to everyone 0 - 18 years and **KICKS OFF**, Monday, **July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11am** with **Child Find!!!** Everyone must have a library membership to participate in the SRP prizes. Keep track of all your hours you read and win prizes. Join us **Monday to Friday - Story Fun Time @ 11am & 2:30pm** by the fireplace; **Monday to Thursday - Puppet show @ 4pm**; **Friday Movie Matinee @ 2:30pm** and much much more!!

**Special Guest Events** - Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - **Puppeteer (Colleen)** time TBA; Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - **Aboriginal Stories & Crafts (Darla)** @ 11am; Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> & August 4<sup>th</sup> - **Ventriloquist (Erin)** @ 1pm; Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - **Magician (Brian Lehr)** @ 2pm.

### Children Programs

All our programs for Mother Goose, Story Hour, Terrific Three's & After School Fun time are done for the summer and will resume in September. Please see Summer Reading Program. **Registration is required for all classes.**

**Memberships are required for all Children & Young Adults to attend any day, after school programs. For any questions and/or for registration please call **Teresa @ 885-6251** or visit our website.**

### New Library Hours

Did you fill out one of our library Survey's in 2008? Did you ask for more hours? Did you ask for more movies? Did you ask for different magazine titles? If you answered yes to any of these questions than come down to your library and see the results. We are now **open on Saturdays from 10am - 5pm** for your convenience.

### Do you listen to music?

Did you know that you can borrow music from the library? Utilize our inter library loan service through Parkland Regional Library System and borrow CD's from 50 other libraries with your membership.

### Library Board Meeting

The next library board meeting is July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All library board meetings are open to the public. Call 885-2343 if interested in attending.

### Blackfalds Historical Society

Drop into the library and see the Gregson display, depicting the life of one of the area's earliest families. Our upcoming display will be summer sports. Do you have any old memorabilia to lend? The archives are open every Wednesday in the library. Please drop in or contact Judy at 403-885-4314.