



# TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

## Municipal News & Information

Phone: 885-4677 Fax: 885-4610

www.blackfalds.com

MAY 2009

### CALLING ALL BLACKFALDS GRADE 6 STUDENTS! YOU CAN BE MAYOR FOR A DAY!

The Town of Blackfalds is holding an Essay contest regarding the importance of being Mayor of Blackfalds! Every day the Mayor and Town Council make decisions to help make Blackfalds a better place. One of the best ways for a council to make those decisions is to ask the people, like you, what they are looking for. This year we are doing a Sustainability Plan and we hope when you answer this years Mayor for a Day question that your answers can be included! *As you have learned in Social Studies, the local government is responsible for local services like garbage collection, snow removal, animal control, building operations, parks, bylaw enforcement, etc. We can spend money on capital projects like building roads or operating projects like Camp Curious. In 2 paragraphs or more, tell us:*

#### As Mayor, what would your top three spending priorities be for the Town and why?

The winner of the Essay contest will be inaugurated at the May 26th, 2009 Town Council meeting and will get to be "Mayor for a Day" at Blackfalds Days Saturday, June 6th, 2009. The deadline for entries is **May 15th, 2009**. Please drop off your essay submissions to the Town Office attention Kimberley Wallen, or email: kimberley@blackfalds.com.

### SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS MAY 11

The Town of Blackfalds will be picking up household and yard waste that is not usually put in the garbage.

- Please place all items for disposal on the edge of your property in your back lane. Items inside your property can not be picked up.
- Please sort items into piles of wood, metal, and dry rubble waste.
- Grass, sod, and compost must be bagged or put in a manageable container.

Clean up is intended for household and yard waste, construction waste, car parts, and hazardous waste will not be picked up.

#### CLEANUP SCHEDULE

##### May 11 & 12

East of highway 2A

##### May 13, 14, & 15

Between 2A and the rail road tracks (the original part of town)

##### May 19, 20, 21, & 22

West of the railroad tracks (the remainder of the town). Items put out after these dates will be the responsibility of the property owner.

**Town Council has declared National Victims of Crime Awareness Week April 26, 2009 - May 2, 2009 and Seniors Week June 1-7, 2009. Please join us in recognizing these important dates.**



### CENSUS BEGINS MAY 1ST:

Census Enumerators will be starting to go door to door May 1st through May 19th. Census data is gathered to determine the population, to assist in the future of our community, and for calculating grants. If you have any questions regarding the Census, please call the Town office: 403-885-4677.

**Count yourself in!**



### STREET SWEEPING

The Town of Blackfalds has hired a contractor to sweep the town streets. This should take several weeks dependent upon weather conditions. Town staff are placing signs on streets and at the entrance of Subdivisions advising residents of street sweeping activities in their neighborhoods. Vehicles should be kept off the street and possibly parked in the back, during this period. Vehicles will not be towed, however residents are encouraged to observe the signage. If you have any questions regarding street sweeping please call the Town Office at 403-885 4677. Town staff appreciate your cooperation.

### TOWN SEEKS YOUR INPUT FOR THE MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

Community feedback allows the Town to gather information from its residents to approach future planning and development with citizen input and engagement. The Municipal Sustainability Plan, similar to a strategic business plan, reflects upon current community needs, maximizes the impact of resources and builds a firm foundation for the future to move the Town toward sustainable development.

The Town welcomes your input. There will be a questionnaire available on the website, at the Town Office and in your utility bill.



### COMMUNITY SAFETY

Check out the Town's website for links to various community safety initiatives and programs on Community Safety.



**JUNIOR GOLF CAMP** - 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, Max. 15

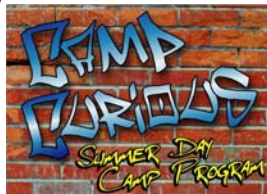
### **BLACKFALDS DAYS SLO-PITCH TOURN.**

June 5 - 7, All-Star Park 4 G.G./6 & 4 format. \$300.00/team - Register by May 29. First 32 paid teams. Great cash prizes! SPN Provincial Qualifier - SPN Umps

### **Western Canadian Slo-Pitch Challenge**

May 15 - 18, 2009 @ All Star Park. 4 G.G. / 6 & 4 format. B/C, D, & REC Division. \$350/team. SPN National Qualifier/\$7,000.00 Cash Prizes (based on 46 teams). Register by May 8.

**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/wk. **Registration opens May 22nd, 8:30 am.**



**DROP IN BADMINTON** May 6 – June 24, Iron Ridge Junior Campus 7:00 – 8:30 pm, \$2.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** - Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. To be a part of this garage sale extravaganza phone 403.885.6241 to have your address added to this list. Deadline to get your address on the list is Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Maps will be located at the following businesses the week before the Garage Sale: Civic Cultural Centre (Town Office), Library, Neighbourhood Place, Servus Credit Union, IDA.

### **BLACKFALDS IS TURNING PINK**

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Blackfalds Agricultural Society will sponsor and host a Wild Pink Yonder fundraiser and awareness initiative! Visit [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com) to find out ways that you can be involved in this 'pink' initiative in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Call 403.885.6241 for more information.



**Blackfalds Days 2009**

**June 5th, 6th, & 7th**

**Friday, June 5th**  
Youth Octagon Much Music Youth Dance  
Wildrose Carnival - 6:00 - 10:00 pm, Multi-Plex

**Saturday, June 6th**  
Councilor's Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 - 9:30 am,  
Multi-Plex, Parade - 11:00 am - Noon  
KDZ Zone - Noon - 4:00 pm, Multi-Plex: Featuring  
face painting, photo booth, bouncers, street illusionist,  
Heart of A Child, Lego Land, mini golf and more!  
Carnival - 11:am - 11:00 pm, Muti-Plex Grounds  
Panorama Estates Fireworks - At dusk, All-Star Park

**Sunday, June 7th**  
Community Church Service - 10:00 - 11:30 am,  
Community Hall

**For more information visit [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com) or  
watch for Blackfalds Days flyers!**



The Blackfalds Public Library

### **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.

### **Children Programs**

All our Programs have begun for Mother Goose, Story Hour, Terrific Three's & After School Fun time. **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.*

### **The Adult Book Club**

The April 27<sup>th</sup> book club discussed **The Good-bye Summer** by Patricia Gaffrey. We meet the **last Monday** of each month at 7PM if interested in joining call Karen to find out what we are reading next at 885-2343. Or visit our new website and look under the calendar at [www.blackfaldslibrary.com](http://www.blackfaldslibrary.com)

### **Watch Movies @ your Library**

Movies playing this month are: **Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup>** @ 1:30pm – **Race to Witch Mountain** @ your library.

Teen Movie Night - **Wed. May 27<sup>th</sup>** @ 6pm – **1408– 14A** – Horror

Free Admission for all movies **OR** you can bring non-perishable food items for the food bank.

### **Writing Workshop Critique**

This is a continuation from the Four F's of Writing Fiction class, but all are welcome to have their fiction stories critiqued. Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-2pm @ the library, Free.

### **Library Board Meeting**

The next library board meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All library board meetings are open to the public. 885-2343 if interested in attending.

### **Friends of the Library**

We are looking for new members to join. The Friends of the Library helps fundraise so the library can buy more books, offer free memberships and upgrade our public computers etc. Please call 403-885-2343 for more info.

### **Blackfalds Historical Society**

Drop into the library and see the Gregson display, depicting the life of one of the area's earliest families. Our new display is "Irons", as in clothing irons, from times past. If you have an old iron to lend for this display, please let us know. Our AGM will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the library (side entrance), all are welcome to come. The archives are open every Wednesday in the library. Please drop in or contact Judy at 403-885-4314.

### **Library Hours:**

Monday & Wed – 10am - 8:30pm  
Tues, Thurs, Friday & Sat.- 10am-5pm  
Sunday & Stat Holidays – Closed

[www.blackfaldslibrary.com](http://www.blackfaldslibrary.com)

**\*Library Closed May 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Our Book Drop is open 24 hours, 7  
days a week for your convenience!!**