



TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

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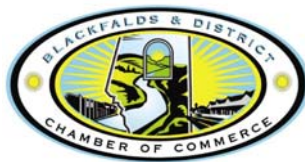
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SEPTEMBER 2009

2009 Business of the Year Awards

The Town of Blackfalds Economic Development & Tourism Board and the Blackfalds Chamber of Commerce present the "2009 Business of the Year Awards". 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 have been placed at: The Town Office, Granny's Loonie Bin, IDA Pharmacy, Family Foods and Blackfalds Gas n' Wash. You can also make nominations online. 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

The Census report is complete! The Town of Blackfalds population is 5,610!

Volunteers are the HEART of our community!

The listing below outlines the vacancies on our Town Boards. If you are interested in making an impact on YOUR town and being a part of important decision making, please contact Kimberley for more details: 403-885-6248. Our Boards meet once a month, with the exception of MPC which meets on an as-needed basis.

Recreation Culture & Parks Board	2 Vacancies
Economic Development Board	3 Vacancies
FCSS Board	2 Vacancies
Library Board	2 Vacancies
Municipal Planning Commission	Full
Subdivision & Dev. Appeal Board	1 Vacancy

NEW LICENSE BYLAW 1089/09

Council has passed First Reading of Bylaw #1089/09, which is the new Licensing Bylaw for the Town. A Public Hearing will be held on October 13, 2009 @ 7 pm in the Council Chambers to hear any comments and concerns of the residents and businesses of the Town. The Bylaw incorporates more definitions and provisions relating to certain businesses operating within the Town limits. A new business license fee is also proposed which includes an Economic Development Initiative (EDI) which is a charge on every license to assist with specific projects that would be deemed to enhance the Economic Development of the Town. Some examples of the initiatives may be assistance to the Town Beautification Program, Downtown Redevelopment Plan, Christmas Light Program, etc. A copy of the Bylaw is available for review on the town website. Any comments or questions may be directed to terry@blackfalds.com or 403-885-6237.

FRONT DRIVEWAYS - NEW GUIDELINES

Council at the August 25, 2009 meeting passed the following resolution regarding the issue of the existence of unapproved front driveway parking pads:

For driveways constructed prior to June 2001, they would be allowed to remain and the residents would be able to improve the driveways with hard surfacing as defined in the Land Use Bylaw and approved by the Planning and Development Department

That properties built prior to June 2001 will be exempt from front driveway provisions in the Land Use Bylaw and considered non-conforming properties that will not require conformance, if any renovations that require a development or building permit undertaken to the property, however, if the property is going to be rebuilt with an addition to the square footage of the existing home or by adding a detached garage then conformance to the front driveway portion of the bylaw is required.

For properties that constructed a driveway after June 2001, these will be reviewed by the Planning and Development Department and be required to be brought into conformance with the present Land Use Bylaw.

With respect to the aforementioned, the exception to this will be properties with no rear lane access, which will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Garages that are constructed in the rear of the property, with a front driveway access, where there are no rear lanes, will be required to hard surface the driveway from the road to the garage.

Where a resident has an approved driveway which provides front access to an attached garage and is requesting that he/she be able to park on a gravel extension of the driveway, they will be required to apply for a development permit (no charge) and a condition of approval for allowance of parking on this area will be that the extension of the parking area will be required to be hard surfaced to the satisfaction of the Development Officer. This will ensure that the whole front yard does not become a parking lot, which will be detrimental to the amenities of the neighborhood.

Should you have any questions regarding the aforementioned call 403-885-6239 or njensen@blackfalds.com, 403-885-6237 or terry@blackfalds.com.

Community Registration Night will be held September 8th at 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Blackfalds Community Hall. Register your table for your group by calling 403-885-6247. Bring the family out to have a look at all of the exciting opportunities for them to get involved in the community, such as sports, clubs, organizations and more!

Watch for the Fall/Winter Program Guide coming to your mailbox soon! It's full of programs, clubs and events to get involved in our growing community!

A **HUGE** thank you to all of the residents of Blackfalds for coming out and making **SUMMERFEST** a great event!

We would also like to thank the following sponsors and participants:

Blackfalds Fire/Rescue	Repicci's Real Italian
Ice Piccolo's Pizza	On the Mark DJ
Let Them Eat Cake	Blackfalds Parentlink
Dinger Rings Mini Donuts	Grannies' Loonie Bin
After the Grind	Blackfalds Food Bank
Blackfalds Family Foods	

Congratulations to our prize winners:

Donna Hinsperger of Blackfalds won a picnic basket and Wendy Pritchard of Blackfalds won an outdoor fire set

September Drop In Skating

Location: Blackfalds Multi-Plex Arena
Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family
Dates: Sept 12th & Sept 26th
Time: 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Please bring a helmet. No sticks permitted

WILD PINK YONDER

On their historic ride for the cure supporting breast cancer we had a small but determined group of riders visited Blackfalds on July 12th. In late August, the Blackfalds Agricultural Society will be donating \$3,365.63 to this group when they return for their cheque presentation. An additional \$318.53 was raised at a Help Whip Cancer Fundraiser Show where the funds went directly to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone who donated to this valuable cause and to all the volunteers who help to make this such a successful event.

GREENING YOUR YARD CONTEST

No entries were received this summer. The Beautification Committee looks forward to running this contest again next summer.

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. 31st, 2009.

Summer Reading Program

This year the kids read for **690 days** in just 6 weeks!!! Well done Blackfalds youth!!! Thank you to all of our sponsors for another successful Summer Reading Program!!!

A&W Blackfalds, Ace Hardware, Alberta Gold Rentals, Baby Cupcake, Beaners, Blackfalds Chiropractic, Blackfalds Dental Centre, Blackfalds Esso, Blackfalds Family Foods, Blackfalds Gas & Wash, Blackfalds IDA, Blackfalds Shell, Blackfalds Walkin Medical Clinic, Carnival Cinemas, Castaway Manufacturing Limited, Chapters, Coles Books, Control Technologies, Costco, Dairy Queen, Devon Canada Corp., Dollarama Parkland, Eagle Ridge Homes, Fas Gas, Gord Scott Nissan Inc., Granden Auto, Grannies Loonie Bin, Green Apple Bower Mall & Parkland Mall, Kids in Harmony, Leson Landscapes, Let Them Eat Cake, Main Street Massage, Marilees, McDonalds, Movie Gallery, NWP Industries, Old Navy, Optimist Club of Blackfalds, Pebble Pushers, Piccolos, Public Liquidation Warehouse, Q.A. Structures Inc., Quinn Contracting, Red Deer Toyota, Reel to Reel Cinemas, Roses Front Room, San Francisco, Scrapbookers Paradise, Servus Credit Union, Subway Blackfalds, Sutton Realty, Tim Hortins, Tupperware, Walmart North & South, Wendy's & Winners.

Children Programs

All our programs for Mother Goose, Story Hour, Terrific Three's, Let's Play (NEW) & Creative Explosion (NEW) begin the week of **Sept. 8th**. **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.

Adult Movie Night @ the Library

Every Monday starting September 14th we will have Adult Movie Night on our projector, big screen & great sound. All movies are **FREE** or you can bring a non-perishable food item that we will donate to the Blackfalds Food Bank.

This month we will show: **Duplicity** (Sept. 14th), **Operation Valkyrie** (Sept. 21st) & **The Changeling** (Sept. 28th) all movies start @ 6:30pm.

After School Movies @ the Library

Every Wednesday until the end of November @ 3:45 after school we will have a movie matinee. Please call or use our website to find out what we are playing.

Blackfalds Historical Society

Drop into the library and see the Gregson display, depicting the life of one of the area's earliest families. Our current display is 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.

Library Hours:

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

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Closed September 5th & 6th