



TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

Municipal News & Information

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Town of Blackfalds 2009 Photo Contest

Categories Include:

1. Seasons of Blackfalds
2. Active Lifestyles
3. Community Events



Junior Category

(ages 8-18)

Adult Category



Photos will represent the people, scenery and events of Blackfalds!



Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries must be clearly marked with either **Junior** or **Adult** and the category the pictures are being submitted under
2. Only digital submissions will be accepted (you can drop off a disk at the Town Office or email: photos@blackfalds.com)
3. Limit 5 pictures per person
4. Entries limited to Town residents
5. Photos will become the property of the Town and may be used in promotional material
6. Deadline: February 27, 2009



Town Staff, Council and Economic Development Board members and their immediate families are not eligible to enter this contest. Judging will be conducted by the Economic Development Board and the decision of the Board will be final.

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

Registration in the Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Plan begins January 2009 and is open until March 31, 2009. If you would like to join our tax payment plan, please call 885-4677 for more information.

BUSINESS LICENSES - Drop by the Town Office to renew your Business License for 2009 today!

DOG & CAT TAG RENEWAL - Beginning in January, the Town is offering discounted prices for dog and cat tags. **\$15 for neutered/spayed animals and \$20 for non-neutered/non-spayed animals.** After January 31, 2009, the fees are \$45 and \$50.

WEBSITE LAUNCH! The Town of Blackfalds is PLEASED to announce that the construction on our new website is near completion! Please keep checking our website at www.blackfalds.com for our brand new look and useful and helpful features that were designed with YOU, our citizens in mind. Some of the new and exciting features on the site include: weather tool bar, search engine, community events calendar and a photo gallery!

REGISTER YOUR VEHICLES! All vehicle owners should be aware that their new Registration forms come in the mail approximately 2 months early and maybe renewed at any time during that time frame. Please do not let your registration lapse---the Provincial fine for having expired license plate on your vehicle is \$230 and the may also be towed.

CONGRATULATIONS! At the Town Council Christmas Party on December 6th, staff and guests raised **\$3,765.82** through the Silent Auction and Teddy Bear sales. These funds have been donated to the Blackfalds Food Bank!



Winterfest 2009 will be held February 16th, 2009 at the Highway 2A Pond (across from Esso). Join us on Family Day for many great family focused activities! Activities include: Penguin Dip - Packages available early January, Family 4 on 4 Pond Hockey Challenge, Face Painting, Family Skating, Blackfalds Fire Rescue Concession, and a Fireworks Show!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Power Outages: 403-310-9473

Gas Outages: 403-310-5678 or 1-800-511-3447.

During the recent power outage, the town emergency phone numbers were called numerous times requesting information on the power outage resulting in delays in providing other services. The Town emergency number for Public Works and Community Services are for Town Services only. Town emergency personnel can be reached by calling the Town office at 885-4677 (24 hours). After hours, emergency personnel can be reached listening to the town's electronic message and pressing "1" for Public works for water, sanitary sewer, waste management and road concerns. Press "2" for Community Services emergencies for the arena, community hall, administrative buildings or other Town buildings. If the town phone is down the on-call phone number of Public Works is 340-9593 or Community Services is 357-9888.

Drop-In Skating

Location: Blackfalds Multi-Plex
Cost: \$2/person & \$5/family
Dates: All School Holidays (Not Statutory Holidays)
Christmas Holidays (Check website for dates) January 29/09, February 5 & 6/09, March 6 & 27/09
Times: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm **Please bring a helmet.**

Tuesday Drop-In Shinny

Location: Blackfalds Multi-Plex
Cost: \$5/person
Dates: October 7th, 2008 - March 24th, 2009
Times: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm *** Helmets Mandatory
Participants under the age of 16 must have a facemask.

Skating and Shinny

The Town of Blackfalds has 3 outdoor skating spaces available for skating and shinny. If the temperature drops below -25°C or if the outdoor ice is not ready, please check the Town of Blackfalds website under the "Recreation" tab for indoor drop-in skating times.

W.O.W (Women on Weights)

12 session spring program.
Watch for information posters around Town and on the website. Call 403-885-6246 for more information.

Household Dog Obedience

Whether it is teaching your dog such commands as sit, down, stay, come or learning how to become the pack leader, this is the class for you and your dog. For dogs 6 months and older.

Location: Community Hall (Indoors)
Cost: \$85.00 + gst
Dates: Wednesdays, Jan 21—Feb 25 (6 classes)
Times: 8:30 - 9:30 pm

Puppy Basics

This class is designed to build a bonding, working relationship between you and your new puppy. You will get started on basic obedience, socialization with other dogs, as well as confidence building and shaping control. A fun, motivational experience for both you and your dog. For dogs ages 3-6 months.

Location: Community Hall (indoors)
Cost: \$85.00 + gst
Dates: Wednesdays, Jan 21—Feb 25 (6 classes)
Times: 7:30—8:30 pm
Instructor: Nancy Howard



Blackfalds FCSS

Growing Families Center

This space is rented out to Little Star Playschool and the Blackfalds School Age Program. As well it is home to Blackfalds Parent Link! To check out what is happening with Blackfalds Parent Link visit www.blackfalds.com.

Seniors Snow Removal Program

Are you 55 years of age or older and physically unable to shovel your sidewalks during the winter months? If so please contact Jackie at 403-885-6247 for more information on our seniors snow removal program.

Red Cross Home Alone Safely

Designed for children that are home alone for short periods of time. This course includes parent and child responsibilities, how to establish ground rules, handling emergencies, and general safety. Cost: \$10.00 for local residents \$12.00 for non-local residents
Ages: 9 years and older Date: Saturday, January 10th



The Blackfalds Public Library

Children Programs

All our winter Programs start the **week of Jan. 12th** for Mother Goose, Story Hour, Terrific Three's, Puppetry & Story/Game 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 **Teressa @ 885-6251** or visit our website.*

Writing Workshop

Do you want to learn how to write fiction books? Join us on Jan. 31st @ your library with Award Winning Writer, Marcia Laycock. Please sign up at the library or phone 885-2343 for more info.

The Adult Book Club

For the next Book Club on Jan. 26th, 2009 we will have reader's choice of Fiction or Non-Fiction about other cultures. 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

Watch Movies @ your Library

Come to your library and watch some movies. Sat. Jan. 10th – **The Golden Compass** @ 2:30PM; Sat. Jan. 24th — **Nanny McPhee** @ 2:30PM; Free Admission for all movies **or** you can bring non-perishable food items for the food bank.

Teen Movie Night

The first and third Wednesday of every month we will have Teen Movie Night @ 6PM.
Wed. Jan 7th – **Van Helsing** @ 6PM; Wed. Jan. 21st – **Dazed & Confused** @ 6PM.
Free Admission for all movies **or** you can bring non-perishable food items for the food bank.

Library Board Meeting

The next library board meeting is Jan. 6th at 6:30pm. All library board meeting are open to the public. Call 885-2343 if interested in attending.

Blackfalds Historical Society

The Blackfalds & Area Historical Society extends warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and New Year. Watch for new and interesting displays in 2009. Membership is \$20.00 annually and our AGM is every May. New members welcome. Contact Judy – 403-885-4314.

HOME OF THE



Sun. January 4 @ 2 PM vs Three Hills
Sat. January 17 @ 7:30 PM vs Medicine Hat
Tuesday January 20 @ 7:30 PM vs Red Deer
Saturday January 31 @ 7:30 PM vs Okotoks
Sunday February 1 @ 2 PM vs Claresholm