



# TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

## Municipal News & Information

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### CROSS WALK LIGHTS

Orange flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights have been installed at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Park Street to control pedestrian and vehicle traffic at this intersection. The lights can be activated by pedestrians pushing the pedestrian crosswalk button at the corners of the intersection activating the lights instantly. The lights will remain flashing until the pedestrians cross the street. The lights are bright flashing orange lights which can be seen easily by drivers that make the intersection safer.

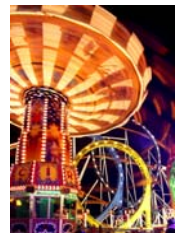


Pedestrians are encouraged to use the crosswalks. The orange crosswalk lights will start flashing once the button is pressed, and the drivers will be alerted to slow down and stop, if the crosswalk is occupied. Pedestrians - even though they have the right of way - are encouraged to check for vehicle traffic before crossing. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 403-885-4677.

### 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.

### BLACKFALDS DAYS - June 5, 6, & 7, 2009



- ◆ Pancake Breakfast at the Multi-Plex
- ◆ Parade—following breakfast
- ◆ Co-ed Slo-Pitch Tournament
- ◆ Carnival—at Multi-Plex
- ◆ Fireworks—at All-Star Park Saturday at dusk
- ◆ Interdenominational Community Church Service

Keep checking our website for updates!

**Important Information:** Due to the size of our parade and to help alleviate the congestion at the school on parade day, all individuals or groups who wish to participate in our Blackfalds Days 2009 parade will be required to **Pre Register**. Each entry will be **Pre Assigned** a section to line up in corresponding to the category they are registered in and whether or not they are being judged. See you there!!

### NEW LAND USE BYLAW 1081/09

A new Land Use Bylaw has been adopted by Council for the Town of Blackfalds. The changes to the Bylaw were mainly to the definitions (to clear up the inconsistencies and add new definitions), to the landscaping requirements (to make them consistent for the districts and to assist in maintaining the integrity of the bylaw), to some land use designations (reviewing of the permitted and discretionary uses) to some general regulations to bring them in line with requirements that are consistent with surrounding municipalities and Schedule "D" has been attached to the Land Use Bylaw. Schedule "D" will incorporate a fine schedule which will allow the Development Officer and Bylaw Officers to have some "teeth" behind the enforceable portions of the Bylaw.

### TOILET FLUSHING CONCERNS

Public Works has noticed that a large number of items are being flushed down the residential toilets that are causing problems at the Town's Sewer Lift Stations.

It is imperative that only toilet paper is flushed down the toilet. Don't flush baby diapers, sanitary napkins, rags, cleaning pads, clothes or any other material that could plug your toilet and cause the town's sanitary sewer pumps troubles. Please call the Town Office at 403-885-4677, if you have any questions.



### BYLAW 1083/09 - AMENDMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE

Bylaw 1083/09 received third and final reading at the February 24, 2009 Council meeting. The amendment enacts the requirement of a Development Permit Security which would be returned to the applicant once all conditions of the Development Approval of residential buildings have been met. The deposit is \$1000.00 per residential unit to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for 20 or more units. This would ensure that items like landscaping of the front yard, including the topsoil provision, address numbers placed on the unit, mailboxes, adherence to the Safety Codes, etc. It is not required for basement development, garages or deck development applications.

**Don't forget!**

Daylight Savings time starts March 8th! Set your clocks ahead one hour!



**Drop-In Skating** – March 6, 27, and April 1, 11 AM – 1 PM, \$5/family - \$2/person, all skaters under 16 years must have a helmet.

**Ag Society's Jim Hurley Free Skate** – every Sunday at 6:15 PM (no free skate on March 29 – last free skate April 5)

**Drop-In Hockey** – Every Tuesday and Thursday @ 11:30 AM, \$5/person

### **Blackfalds Jr. B Wranglers**

Sunday March 1 @ 2 PM vs Red Deer Vipers  
Thursday March 5 @ 7:30 PM (if necessary)

**Blackfalds Lacrosse Association** – For registration information contact Barbie @ 403-885-5890

**Blackfalds Minor Soccer Association**, Registration nights, Monday March 2 and Monday, March 23, 6:30 PM – 8 PM, Community Hall

**Blackfalds Minor Ball Association**, Registration night, Monday, March 16 @ 7 PM, Blackfalds Multi-Plex Banquet Room

**Women on Weights** – Starts April 7, 10 sessions, information and registration form available at [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com)

**Drop in Badminton** - Wednesdays, starts April 8 \$2 per person.

### **Red Cross Babysitters Course**

Saturday, March 7th \$15.00 for local residents and \$18.00 for non-local residents. To register for this course please call 403-885-6247.

### **Volunteer Appreciation**

Thursday, April 23rd, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This event is dedicated to all of the hard working volunteers in our community! We invite all community volunteers out to enjoy a relaxing evening with great food and entertainment!



### **Leaders of Tomorrow**

Celebrating youth in Blackfalds!  
Nominate an outstanding youth in Blackfalds. Nomination forms available at [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com)  
Deadline for submissions April 10th, 2009.  
The Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Ceremony takes place on Monday, April 20th 2009 at the Community Hall.

### **Dylan Stork Youth Ambassador Award**

An award created to celebrate the youth in our community who have expanded the boundaries of Blackfalds! Nomination forms available at the Town Office or [www.blackfalds.com](http://www.blackfalds.com). Application deadline is April 13th, 2009. This award will be handed out at the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Ceremony on April 20th.

**CAMP CURIOUS** - Runs July through August  
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

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



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 for winter 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.*

### **Books for Babies**

Come by to the library with your baby and receive a book bag of goodies and a **free membership** for your babies' first library card.

### **The Adult Book Club**

The book club discussed **Peace like a River** by Leif Enger in Feb. 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. March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm – **Peter Pan (2003 version)** & Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30pm - **Camp Rock** @ your library. 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. Movies playing this month are:  
Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – **Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery - PG** & Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – **The Fast & the Furious – 14A**  
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 March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. All library board meetings are open to the public. Call 885-2343 if interested in attending.

### **Blackfalds Historical Society**

We have nearly completed the new and permanent display depicting the Gregson family. The Gregson's were some of the first settlers to the Blackfalds area, arriving in 1890, and all of them were avid entomologists. Drop into the library and learn about their unique and interesting life and hobbies. Do you have a collection or some antique treasures you'd like to show off? Contact Judy at the library every Wednesday, or call 403-885-4314.

### **Library Hours:**

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

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