



TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

Municipal News & Information

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MAY 2010

SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS MAY 17

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 (paint, oil, etc.) will not be picked up.

CLEANUP SCHEDULE

MAY 17-18

East of highway 2A

May 19, 20, and 21

Between 2A and the rail road tracks

May 25, 26, 27, and 28

West of the railroad tracks (the remainder of the town)

Items put out after these dates will be the responsibility of the property owner.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Please note that Council has passed First Reading of By-laws 1105/10 and 1106/10 which provide for the amendment to the Valley Ridge Area Structure Plan and to Schedule "A" of Land Use By-law 1081/09 by changing a portion of Parcel A Plan 6147NY (known as the Southwick Property) to Public Facility (PF), and a portion to Direct Control (DC). A Public Hearing has been set for **May 25 at 7pm** in the Town of Blackfalds Council Chambers.

Vista Trail and South Street Construction Project:

Road construction will be starting on upgrading Vista Trail and South Street. The contractor will be placing the deep services: water and sanitary lines plus upgrading the road and constructing curb, gutter and an asphalt surfaces. This will provide greater road access for residents to Highway 597 from Westbrooke Road and the areas in the NW of Town. There will be construction detours to accommodate construction and residents are requested to note the detour routes and check the Town Web Site for more information as it becomes available.



PLEASE NOTE: THE TOWN WILL NOT BE CONDUCTING A CENSUS FOR 2010.

Please remember to be a responsible pet owner and keep your dogs on their leash at all times and pick up after them! Everyone deserves to enjoy our parks, please clean up after your pets and dispose of waste properly. Fines are listed in the Animal Control Bylaw 1054/07 and are enforced 24/7.

The Town office will be closed Monday, May 24th for the May Long Weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT BINS - Waste Management of Canada provides large 4 x 4 bins to the Town to residential and commercial users for dumping waste for a monthly fee. These bins are picked up once or twice a week. They are placed on private property and are for the strict use of the property owner. Some individuals are illegally dumping their waste into these bins. This causes a problem for the bin users as it fills the bins sooner and with large objects such as furniture and appliances. This results in the bins having to be tipped earlier at a cost to the bin renter. The abusers are trespassing on private property and could be charged. At the Transfer Site in Blackfalds there is no charge for dumping waste and it is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, note the open hours on our web site. The Prentiss Transfer Site is open Mondays to Saturday and will take most waste material however there may be a charge, please refer to the Town web site for hours of operation. To help Town residents the Town also offers a Spring and Fall Cleanup Service which runs for two weeks in the Spring and Fall. Town employees will pickup garden waste, old furniture, appliances and e-waste. Hazardous Waste such as paint can be taken to the Prentiss Transfer site year around for disposal.

We are requesting that residents use the Town's weekly waste pickup and bi-weekly recycling services provided. There is also a compost site at the Towns Transfer site for grass clippings and sod. For non-residents they are advised to use the Tranter Sites provided by Lacombe County. Residents are encouraged to phone the Town Office to report any activity of individuals dumping their garbage illegally in the large industrial bins.

Town of Blackfalds Environmental Initiatives - starting May 17-21, 2010, the Town of Blackfalds is implementing two important initiatives:

1. **Rain Barrels** - rain barrels reduce your consumption of treated water by up to 20%. One inch of rain falling on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof area can produce up to 600 gallons of water which can be used on plants, gardens and lawns
2. **Backyard Composters** - the reduction of waste going to the landfill sites is significant and will reduce the carbon footprint for the Town. Composting can reduce the amount of Municipal solid waste going to the landfill by almost 50%.

What can you do to be part of these initiatives? During the week of May 17-21, 2010, purchase a rain barrel and/or composter unit. This will be a first come, first serve basis. You can fill out the form below, bring it to the Town Office to PRE-ORDER your unit(s). Forms are also available on our website. Starting May 17, 2010 units will be available for pick up at the Town Office. Thank you for taking part in keeping Blackfalds a clean and beautiful place to grow!



RAIN BARREL & BACKYARD COMPOSTER ORDER FOR

Offer available to Town residents only—not for resale

Name: _____ Rain Barrel Quantity: _____

Mailing address: _____ Composter Quantity: _____

Street address: _____

Phone number: _____

Subtotal (\$49.99 each): \$ _____

GST: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Yes, I would like this to be added to my utility account (**HOMEOWNERS ONLY**).



Please sign to indicate approval of adding price to utility bill

Volunteers needed for "Clean Up Blackfalds" Day: Saturday, May 8th from 10:00 am to 12pm. Areas assigned that day. Refreshments served afterwards.



Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 15th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Phone 403.885.6241 to have your address put on the brochure.



****Please note corrected date****

Blackfalds Days – June 4th, 5th and 6th

Parade Registrations now available at www.blackfalds.com under the Community Tab then click on Special Events. Register early as only the first 40 applications will be accepted!

Dog Obedience

Days: Wednesdays
Dates: May 5th-June 9th, 2010 (6 classes)
Time: 7:30-8:30pm
Location: Blackfalds Community Hall (indoors)
Instructor: Crystal Aberle
Fee: \$85.00 + GST (\$89.25 incl. participant and pet!)



Jr. Golf Camp

Two sessions will be offered this July. All sessions are at the Lacombe Golf and Country Club (drop off and pick up at the Blackfalds Community Hall). The camp is for children 9-15 years old and runs from 8:30am-12:30pm.

Session 1– July 5-9, 2010

Session 2– July 19-23, 2010

August 23-27 waitlist (if there is enough interest a session can possibly be offered.)

For more information on this program please call 885-6246.



REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 21, 2010!

Camp runs July through August, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, \$125.00/week/participant, Open to children ages 5-10 years.

Features weekly themes, fieldtrips, swimming lessons, sports, special guests, crafts and more! For more information on Camp Curious please call the Town of Blackfalds at 403-885-6247 or visit www.blackfalds.com.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Servus Credit Union for sponsoring the Servus Credit Union Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Ambassador Recognition Awards Ceremony. Celebrating the amazing youth in Blackfalds!

Special thanks to Lee Ball from Servus Credit Union for all her help during the ceremony!



The Blackfalds Public Library



Children Programs

All our programs for Mother Goose, Story Hour and Terrific Three's begin our current session continues until June 10th, 2010. New children are always welcome. **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 **Jean @ 885-2343** or visit our website.

PRE-Release Movie @ the Library

Come join us at the Library on **Saturday, May 15th, 2010 @ 12:30pm** and watch the latest not yet released on DVD movie from **Tim Burton, Alice in Wonderland.**

The cost: **FREE** (or you can bring a **non-perishable food item** to donate to the Blackfalds Food Bank.

eAudiobooks & eBooks are now available @ your library

Do you download books onto your computer or portable media player? If yes, stop by your library and sign up for a membership and save your self lots of money downloading your next book. For more information go to our website or come and ask our staff.

Movies @ your library

Did you know your local library has movies you can borrow for 7 days? We have many to choose from but we also have access to other libraries across Alberta who you can borrow from as well.

****Remember you can place blocks on your children's library cards to restrict them from taking out specific items. For more information please call the library.**

Do you have any Music CD's or DVD's

The library is accepting music cd's or dvd's to add to their collection. If you have any collecting dust or you are willing to part with any in your collection, then bring them to the library to share with others.

Please make sure they are in working condition.

Blackfalds Library Board – Volunteers

Do you want to contribute to your community? Do you want a chance to share ideas? Do you want to have a chance to go to Jasper for a conference? Are you looking to volunteer? Are you able to meet for a couple hours once a month? If so, come to the library and fill out a volunteer sheet and join the Blackfalds Library Board.

Blackfalds Historical Society

Do you have a collection you'd like to share and display in the library? Would you like to research topics of Blackfalds' past? The Historical Society's archives are open Wednesdays in the library. Donations of old photos, documents, or anything regarding Blackfalds past are always welcomed. Contact Judy at 403-885-4314

Library Hours:

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

www.blackfaldslibrary.ca

*Closed May 22nd – 24th, 2010

Our Book Drop is open 24 hours 7 days a week for your convenience!!

Please do not put CD cases in the drop box.

Thank you.

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