



TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

Municipal News & Information

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CONGRATULATIONS 2009 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS! The 2009 Business of the Year Award Winners were announced at the October 27, 2009 Town Council meeting.

Long Term Service Award - Blackfalds Gas n' Wash

Customer Service Award - Blackfalds Gas n' Wash

Community Involvement Award - Family Foods

New Business of the Year - After the Grind

Each business was awarded a plaque and a one year business profile on Blackfaldslive.ca. Congratulations to all of these outstanding businesses!



(L-R) Larry Jeske with Blackfalds Gas n' Wash, Amanda Tallon with After the Grind and Rich Knebel with Family Foods proudly display their 2009 Business of the Year Awards.

FOLLOW US! The Town of Blackfalds now has a Facebook page and Twitter account! Track us, follow us and be the first to find out important events and news! We are excited to launch this in one of our many steps to create constant and consistent communication with our citizens and business sector!



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FINAL READING GIVEN TO LICENSING BYLAW 1089/09 - At the October 27, 2009 Town Council meeting, third and final reading was given to Bylaw 1089/09, the Licensing Bylaw for the Town. This bylaw provides for the control, regulation and licensing of businesses within the Town. To review a copy of this bylaw please visit our website.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER - All sidewalks need to be cleared of snow and ice within 48 hours of snowfall. Each business owner and residence owner will be given only (1) 24 hour warning. Failure to comply with this will result in a \$35 fine plus costs incurred by the Town to clear any obstructions. After the first warning there will not be a second. Any subsequent snowfall not removed in 48 hours will be ticketed immediately. Bylaw 890/01 supports these statements.

If you are physically and/or financially unable to maintain your sidewalks, you are asked to make arrangements with family, friends or neighbors to assist you. Please be a considerate neighbor and keep our sidewalks clean and safe!

The Town office will be closed Wednesday, November 11th in recognition of Remembrance Day.

Remember...



Thank you to everyone who applied for a position on our Town Boards. We appreciate the time and commitment you are providing to the Town. You will truly feel satisfied knowing you are making a difference!

FRANCHISE FEE INCREASE NOTICE:

The Municipal Government Act ("MGA") provides a framework for Alberta municipal government. The MGA obligates municipalities to meet specific needs of citizens. To provide funding for municipalities, it also provides for the collection of revenues through property and business taxes, user fees and franchise fees.

The MGA recognizes that all of Alberta's municipalities are unique, and therefore provides the flexibility to municipal governments to tailor their revenue streams according to the needs of their communities and to the unique nature of their tax base. Municipal governments negotiate utility franchise agreements with utilities meeting both the needs of the municipality and the utility serving the community.

Please be advised that the Town of Blackfalds is proposing to increase the local access fee, which is charged to FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) for use of municipal lands for its power lines effective January 2010. This fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the Town of Blackfalds. This local access fee will be increased from 3% to 20% of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy related riders.

Please be advised that the Town of Blackfalds is proposing to increase the municipal franchise fee, which is charged to Atco Gas for use of municipal lands for its natural gas lines effective January 2010. This fee is recovered by Atco Gas from its customers as the local access fee on natural gas billings of all customers that receive natural gas service in the Town of Blackfalds. This local access fee will be increased from 19.12% to 35% of the delivery charge of Atco Gas.

The town has some major capital projects that require financing in the near future. These projects are very important to the community, however, funding them through regular taxation would be difficult at best. The franchise fees that we collect currently form a portion of our regular operating budget. The franchise fee increases will generate additional revenue that will be used in part for the purpose of constructing, repairing and/or replacing capital assets. A beneficiary of this revenue stream is the recently approved project for the construction and completion of Vista Trail linking South Street (Hwy 597 Intersection) to the north area.

Drop In Shinny

Drop in shinny is an opportunity for any interested hockey players to come out and play some hockey over the lunch hour.

Location: Blackfalds Multi-Plex Arena
Cost: \$5/player
Dates: Tues. and an additional ice time Thurs Nov 13th.
Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Drop In Skating

Drop in skating is being offered on all non statutory school days off.

Location: Blackfalds Multi-Plex Arena
Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family
Dates: November 9th, 13th and 20th
Additional dates will be offered during Christmas break. Please check website for additional times. Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Please bring a helmet. No sticks permitted.



Do you need some time to do some Christmas shopping, baking or just relax before the rush? Why not plan to drop your child off for a day of Christmas craft projects. Your child will leave with a variety of Christmas crafts—each perfect for that special someone. The day ends with a Christmas movie. Please pack a lunch for your child—snacks will be provided.

Elves Workshop

Mini Elves Program is full!!

Ages: 8, 9, 10 & 11 Cost: \$30.00/participant
Min/Max: 5/10 Location: Community Hall Date: November 14/09
Time: 10am-4pm. **There are only a few spaces left!**

As part of our Back 2 School Kits Program the Town and Neighbourhood Place are now collecting new or handmade hats, scarves and mitts for the school aged children of Blackfalds that are eligible for this assistance program. Please bring them to the Civic Culture Centre during regular office hours. This new program provided 44 backpacks to students who met the criteria at the start of this school year. If you have any questions please phone 403.885.6241

Breakfast with Santa

Join us for a morning of entertainment, crafts and food and a visit from Santa. Children will have a chance to tell Santa their special Christmas wish. Parents are welcome to take pictures.

Date: Saturday, December 12th

Time: 9:00 —11:30 am

Place: Blackfalds Community Hall

Fee: \$1.00/child \$3.00/adult

Food Bank donation gratefully accepted that morning.

Please note: Limited Seating—Tickets are required and are available at the Town Office prior to the event.



Red Cross Babysitters Course

We are excited to offer the Babysitters Course once again to the Blackfalds area. This is a practical and fun course that will enable you to handle real life babysitting situations. You will also leave with a manual that you can use for quick reference.

Age: 11 years and up

Fee: \$15.00 for local residents \$18.00 for non-local residents

Drop In Signing!

Join Blackfalds FCSS and Blackfalds Parentlink for this free, drop-in Infant Sign session. There will be half hour to 45 minutes of structured activity and then time for parents and baby to interact and play. Note that there will be no theory taught in this session.

When: November 3, 10, 17, 24 & Dec 11

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Cost: FREE!

Location: Growing Families Center

parentLINKcentre



Blackfalds Wranglers Games

Nov 7 @ 7:30 PM vs. Coaldale

Nov 8 @ 2:00 PM vs. Okotoks

Nov 10 @ 7:30 PM vs. Rimbey

Nov 24 @ 7:30 PM vs. Stettler



The Blackfalds Public Library



Christmas Craft Sale

Come to the Blackfalds Community Hall on **November 28th** and shop for Christmas and buy some baking from 10am – 3pm. Enjoy some yummy Hamburger Soup at the concession and browse around for some gifts. All of the concession funds and table rental fees go towards helping the Library. See you there!!

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.

Children Programs

All our programs for Mother Goose, Story Hour, Terrific Three's, Let's Play (NEW) & Creative Explosion (NEW) are in session. 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 **Teressa @ 885-6251** or visit our website.*

Movie Night @ your Library

Come down to the library on Monday for our Movie Night and watch 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: Nov. 2nd - **American Gangster (18a)** (Denzel Washington), Nov. 9th - **State of Play (PG)** (Russell Crowe), Nov. 16th - **Apocalypto (14a)** (Rudy Youngblood), Nov. 23rd - Pre-Release of **Public Enemies (14a)** (Johnny Depp) & Nov. 30th - **Rescue Dawn (14a)** (Christian Bale) all movies start @ 6:30pm. All movies are intended for an Adult audience.

Music @ your library

Did you know that you can borrow music from your library? If we don't have what you are looking for maybe our 290 other libraries in our system will have the artist.

Blackfalds Historical Society

The displays in the library have been moved to the meeting room at the back of the library. We've expanded our displays, so make sure you drop by and take a look at the Remembrance Day display "**Lest we forget**" up for the whole month of November. The Historical Society welcomes donations that are relevant to Blackfalds 7 area and we have a charity status and can issue tax receipts. Contact Judy @ 403-885-4314.

Library Hours:

Monday & Wed – 10am-8:30pm

Tues, Thurs, Friday & **Saturday – 10am-5pm**

Sunday & Stat Holidays – Closed

www.blackfaldslibrary.ca

*Closed November 11th

Our Book Drop is open 24/7 for your convenience!!

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