



TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

Municipal News & Information

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Public Information Meeting - Construction Schedule for Vista Trail, South Street and Highway 597

In 2010 the Town of Blackfalds will start construction on several major street projects, which will involve the construction of Vista Trail from Highway 597 to South Street, from South Street to Duncan Avenue and from Duncan Avenue to the Quarter line (by the School). This will include the placing of deep services - water, sanitary sewer and stormwater along Vista Trail and placing curb, gutter and asphalt. The section from Highway 597 to South Street will be realigned with a new intersection at South Street. South Street from Vista Trail to Westridge Drive (future Intersection from the Rolling Hills subdivision) will also be upgraded with deep services - water, sanitary and stormwater and will be upgraded with curb, gutter and asphalt. This construction activity will be disruptive to local traffic and we want to outline our construction schedule and proposed detour routes. The Town will review any comments that you may have. A fact sheet providing more information and map can be picked up at the Town Office. You may also contact our office at 403 885 4677 and speak to Ray Kerber, Director of Operations and Engineering or Terry Topolnitsky, Manager of Planning and Development. The Public Information Meeting for residents of Blackfalds is scheduled for **Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Community Hall at 4810 Womack Road**. A short presentation outlining the project will be presented at 7:00 and Town staff and Stantec Consulting Ltd will be in attendance to answer any questions.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF - A Site has been prepared at the Public Work Shop for residents to drop of their Christmas Trees (**No artificial Trees**). The site is located at 5411 South Street on the east side of the Public Work Shop and is identified with a sign. The site is open between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM from Monday to Friday and will remain open until February 15, 2010. Town residents are encouraged to use this site to deposit their Christmas trees. There is no residential Town pickup for this service.

SNOW CLEARING - Due to the heavy snowfall in November and December 2009 and the extremely warm weather in January, the Town was required to revert to additional methods of snow clearing as per the Town's existing Snow Removal Policy.

This procedure was used in the residential areas where there is room to store the snow on the sidewalk and it would be costly to truck out the snow. This process cleans the entire roadway and keeps both parking lanes open as well as the traveling lanes. Snow is deposited on the sidewalk and partially onto the grass, there should be no damage to the grass. Residents **will not** be required to clean their sidewalks where snow has been deposited. All driveways and walkways from the residences are cleared. In subsequent years the snow would be deposited on the other side.

Residents are encouraged to move their vehicles when snow removal signs are put up to allow crews to effectively clean their street. On most major roads or where there are boulevards the snow is plowed into the boulevards. This allows the Public Work Crew to speed up their snow removal and plow more streets in a shorter period of time.

The Town's Snow Removal Policy is posted on our website.

SNOWMOBILES ON TOWN STREETS - As per the Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation, you must transport your snowmobile by truck or trailer. Use of Town streets is prohibited. The Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation will be enforced. Some fines are listed below for your information.

- Fail to produce registration certificate or License - \$172.00
- Fail to produce financial pink card - \$172.00
- Unauthorised operation of a OHV on a highway - \$230.00
- Drive on any property public to use - \$402.00
- Owner operate/permit to operate an uninsured OHV - \$230.00
- Permit other person to operate OHV not registered - \$115.00
- Permit other to drive contrary to Act - \$230.00
- Fail to stop/remain stopped for Peace Officer - \$172.00
- Provide false information - \$172.00
- Under 14 drive OHV - \$115.00

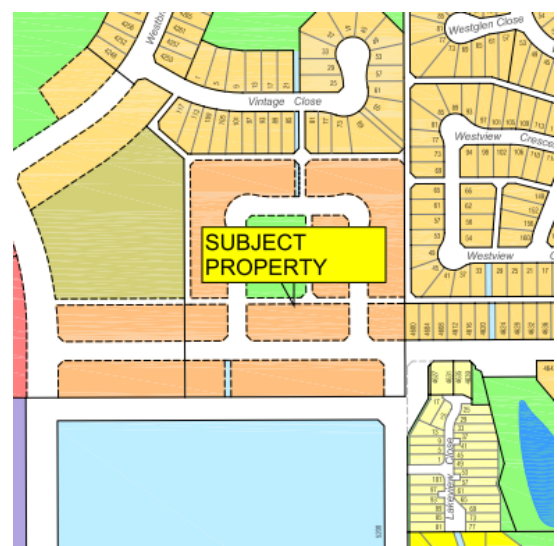
NOTE - A peace officer who on reasonable and probable grounds believes that an offence under "a" to "j" above has been committed may seize and detain any off-highway vehicle in respect of which the offence was committed.

The Town of Blackfalds Council wishes to advise the Public that it supports the closure of portion Range Road 27-1. With the annexation of property to the East of the old boundaries of the Town of Blackfalds, Range Road 27-1 is now completely within the Town boundaries. This road is not in the transportation plans to be utilized in the future. It is the intention of Council to review Bylaw 1103/10 on February 23, 2010. Comments or concerns should be submitted to the Planning Department by February 15, 2010. For a detailed map please visit our website.

PUBLIC HEARING - First Reading of By-laws # 1101/10 which is related to the Area Structure Plan of the area known as McKay Ridge and Bylaw 1102/10 which states that Schedule "A" of the Land Use By-law No. 1081/09 be amended by changing the SW ¼ Sec 25-39-27-W4M, located to the east of Panorama Estates. A Public Hearing has been set for **February 23, 2010 at 7pm** in the Town of Blackfalds Council Chambers. For more details please visit our website.

OPEN HOUSE AND VISIONING DISCUSSION in the development of a concept plan for potential uses of the Town owned property know as the Southwick property (approximately 10 acres) located at the west end of Womacks Road. The session will be held **Monday, February 8, 2010 in the Community Hall, 4810 Womacks Road, starting at 7:30 pm.**

The objectives of the visioning session are to gain the community's visions and aspirations in the development of a concept plan that reflects the needs of the Town while recognizing the full development potential of the plan area with respect to site location, existing natural features, transportation features, and surrounding land uses.



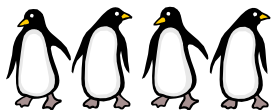


**Winterfest 4 on 4
Family Pond Hockey
Challenge
February 15
4 game guarantee
\$25 / team**



Monday, February 15th

- 9 am—4 pm 4 on 4 Pond Hockey Challenge**
The trophy is back up for grabs—challenge your neighbors, friends and teammates to a game of pond hockey. Call **885-6246** to register your team.
- 11 am—2 pm Fire Department Barbeque**
Your donation will support these valued volunteers. Hot chocolate, hot dogs, chili dogs and chips.
- 1 pm—2 pm Penguin Dip**
Our crazy dippers will be back to jump into our ice cold manmade pond. All proceeds will again support the Back 2 School Kits Program. All dippers must pre-register—no jumpers will be accepted that day.
- 11 am—2 pm Penguin Kidz Zone**
There will be snow rafting, snowman building and a Loonie Dig at 1:30. Loonie Dig is open to children under 12—please bring your own ***small*** shovel.
- Dusk Fireworks**
What a beautiful way to end to our winter celebration.



**We are growing.... for more room we have moved Winterfest to All-Star Park.
www.blackfalds.com for more info
or call 885-6241**

Don't miss the revised garbage and recycling schedule included in this newsletter!



The Blackfalds Public Library

Children Programs

All our programs for Mother Goose, Story Hour, Terrific Three's, Lets Play & Creative Explosion begin the week of January 5th, 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 **Teresa @ 885-6251** or visit our website.

Pre-Release Movie Showings

Astro Boy – Saturday, February 20th @ 12:30pm & **Princess and the Frog** – Saturday March 6th @ 12:30pm. All movies are FREE or you can bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Blackfalds Food Bank.

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.

Friends of the Library

The Friends would like to thank all of the vendors that came to our last Christmas Craft Sale in November. We would also like to send out a huge Thank you to everyone who donated door prizes: TOPS, Sonja Knight, Weekend Crafters, Lisa Elford, Loretta Hiebert, Heather Provines, Janice & Kara, Nathan Klammer, Noah's Ark, Christina Deacon, Karie Ann Mantel, Ava Lelond, Trudy Kelly & Blackfalds United Church. The Friends of the Library is currently looking for new additional members. Please call 403-885-2343 for more information.

Blackfalds Historical Society

With the expanded display space the society now has in the library, we'll work to have more interesting and educational themes to showcase. Donations and/or loans of your keepsakes and collections are welcome. Drop in to the library and talk with Judy every Wednesday, or call 403-885-4314 for more information, or about membership to the Historical Society 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 Feb. 13th & 15th, 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.