

**Town of Blaine Lake**  
**January, 2010 Newsletter**

**The Town and BLCA Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 for the Olympic Torch Relay.**

**WATER RATE INCREASE**

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 water rates will increase to \$33.50/month, waste rates are \$9.95/month and sewage rates are \$10.00/month. The monthly billing amount will be \$53.45 for 3300 gallons of water. If more water is consumed than the 3300 gallons the overage will be charged at a rate of \$1.02 /100 gallons.

**Annual Water Billings**

The option of being billed annually for water, sewer and waste disposal service is available to all local residents. People choosing to pay this way are billed for the entire year in January and given a 5% discount. The only time a person would receive a bill or need to pay more than this is when their quarterly consumption exceeds the maximum usage of 9900 gallons per quarter, and then they are just billed for the overage. This year the annual billing will be \$609.35 (including the discount).

Any resident, who is not already being billed annually but is interested in being billed for water, sewer and garbage on an annual basis (once per year) can contact the Town office for more information.

**DOG LICENSE REMINDER**

Dog licenses are due in January 2010.

The license fees are:

- \$10.00 for a spayed or neutered non-restricted dog;
- \$25.00 for a non-restricted dog that is not spayed or neutered;
- \$55.00 for a restricted dog (including Pit bull terriers, Doberman pinschers, Rottweilers, Bull Mastiffs, Wolf cross, Coyote cross, American Staffordshire, Bulldogs or any trained guard dog).

Any licenses that are not renewed by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will have a \$10.00 penalty added to them.

If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Town Office at 497-2531 and let us know.

**SNOW REMOVAL**

Please do not clear snow from your lots onto the streets. This practice creates a hazard to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. RCMP will be enforcing Section 22 of the Highways & Transportation Act which prohibits placing of any objects that may obstruct or interfere with public access of the street. The Town has designated several spots where residents can haul snow from their lots to. Please contact the Town Office at 497-2531 for these locations. By placing the snow in these specific places we hope to be able to control some of the spring run-off. Thank you for your co-operation

**SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS**

To accommodate snow removal from the sidewalks please park vehicles at least 1 foot away from the sidewalk. This ensures clearance for the quad and blade. Thank you!

**Online Payments through Bank of Nova Scotia**

Effective February, 2010 we will no longer be able to receive online utility and tax payments through the Bank of Nova Scotia. This is due to an increase in user fees from Scotia Bank which makes it too costly for the Town to continue to offer this service through Scotia Bank. People who pay through other Financial Institutions will not be affected by this change.

**AED/1<sup>st</sup> Aid**

We now have 3 AED (automated external defibrillators) in our community. One is at the skating rink and one at the curling rink. The newest one is in the school. This AED was donated by Wally Dutchak of WPD Ambulance in memory of Rick Lamontagne. It is available for after school hours community events. The more people we have trained in our community, the increased likelihood that these defibrillators will be used when the need arises. A Red Cross CPR/AED course is 4-6 hours in length. This course teaches the basics of choking and CPR/AED. A Red Cross Emergency First Aid/CPR/AED course is 6.5 - 8 hours in length. This course teaches the basics of choking, CPR/AED, how to deal with chest pain, breathing emergencies and bleeding. A Red Cross Standard First Aid/CPR/AED course is 16-18 hours in length. This course includes all topics taught in the Emergency First Aid course and other medical emergencies such as diabetic, seizure, and fainting. A minimum of 4 people are needed to teach any course and a deposit is required before any registration is accepted. Anyone interested in these courses needs to contact Diana at 497-2616 for more details.

### **Olympic Torch Relay in Blaine Lake**

The Olympic Torch will be in Blaine Lake on January 12, 2010. A committee is busy planning and organizing an eventful day for this historic once in a lifetime event. Please watch your mail box in early January for more information.

### **Provincial Toilet Replacement Rebate Program**

There is a \$50.00 rebate per eligible toilet replacement available through the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. In order to receive this rebate the toilet you are replacing must have a flush volume of at least 13 litres per flush and you must replace it with a CSA approved 6 litre or less flush toilet. Pamphlets with more information are available at the Town Office.

### **Applications for Librarian**

The Blaine Lake Library is accepting applications for a part time branch librarian (14 hours per week).

Applicant must be:

- computer literate
- willing to work with children and adults
- interested in books, reading and library activities
- able to maintain good public relations with Public Library Patrons & Board Members.

Forward Resume to:

Blaine Lake Library  
Attention: Selection Committee  
Box 491  
Blaine Lake SK S0J 0J0

Deadline for Applications:

January 30, 2010 – 4:00 pm

### **Blaine Lake Senior Citizens**

The Blaine Lake Senior Citizens Board of Directors wish to acknowledge the following contributions towards our building fund.

- (1) thank you to Raymond Bold for his donation of \$1,000.00
  - (2) thank you to Irwin Hawryluk from the Blaine Lake Hawryluk Funeral Home for his donation of \$500.00
  - (3) thank you to all donors who donated in memory of Marleen Fiala – the total amount is \$3,500.00
  - (4) thank you to all donors who donated in memory of Anne Krawchuk – the total amount is \$880.00
- Your donations are very generous and very much appreciated.

### **Community Hockey Tournament**

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**Call the BLCA Office to register by 4:00 p.m. Wed. Jan. 20/09**

**Full Hockey Equipment is Required**

Everyone Welcome to Play!

Pancake Breakfast is for everyone in the Community!

Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Blaine Lake Skating Rink

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***Any non-profit organization that has a community event they would like included in the Town's monthly newsletter or on the website should contact the Town office by not later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. We will try and include your event!***