

Town of Blaine Lake February, 2011 Newsletter

DOG & CAT LICENSE REMINDER

Dog licenses were due in January 2011.

The license fees are:

- \$10.00 for a spayed or neutered non-restricted dog or cat
- \$25.00 for a non-restricted dog or cat 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 28th, 2011 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.

HEALTH FORUM – BLAINE LAKE/HAFFORD AREA COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

Date: February 7, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: National Hall in Hafford – (1st Ave W)

- Update on Community Health Plan progress to date
- Update on local Health Services
- Opportunity to ask questions regarding local health services

Refreshments Provided For More Information call – Stan Novicki 549-2256

FEBRUARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Due to "Family Day" on Monday, February 21st, 2011 the Regular Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011 at 10:30 am in Council Chambers. The March Town Council meeting will be held on the usual Town Council date (3rd Monday of each month at 10:30 pm) on Monday, March 21st at 10:30 am.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN OPEN HOUSE

As you may recall, in March and April of 2010 the Town hosted several public meetings to get community input into the development of our Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP's purpose is to provide a comprehensive policy framework to guide the physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of our community. A draft copy of our Official Community Plan has been prepared by Lenore Swystun and associates of Prairie Wild Consulting. Town Council is again asking for your input into our future and how we want to shape and guide our medium and long term plans for growth and development. Lenore, together with senior associate, Karen Thogersen, will be on hand to share information on our draft Official Community Plan and listen to your ideas, suggestions and comments in regard to this Plan.

All members of the local community and region are invited. So please join us, bring your family, and invite the neighbours – youth, seniors, everyone. We need your input. Please come and be a part of shaping our community's future.

WHEN AND WHERE:

**Tuesday, March 1st, 2011
Blaine Lake Community Hall (107 Main St.)
3:00 to 8:00 pm (coffee and donuts provided)**

If you have any questions or would like more information about this process please call Anna at 497-2531.

2012 CENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING

The next planning meeting for our 100th Birthday Party in 2012 will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, 2011; 7:00 pm at the Curling Rink. Please come out and help plan for this historical event.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Everybody Welcome to attend a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 5th, 2011 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the Blaine Lake Senior's Centre.

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What's News at the Library?

The New Year has brought some changes to the Blaine Lake Library.

Please help us in welcoming our new Librarian, Amanda. Amanda is very knowledgeable and friendly, and will be offering **general computer help every Friday from 2-4pm**. She welcomes the chance to assist you with using the Internet, online services, Library online catalogue, Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher, formatting resumes, letters, etc.

Craft n' Chat will be held every **Saturday from 2-4pm**. Bring your knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking etc. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

The Blaine Lake Library is in need of **volunteers to help us make way for new books**. We are asking people of the community to help the Library Board sort through many stored books that due to Wapiti Regional Library's New Catalogue system, are unable to be put on the Library shelves. Because the community has expressed its concern in this matter, we are asking for your help. Please call the Library if you are able to donate your time to help recirculate these books in the direction you would like to see them placed.

**Library hours are Tuesday 2-5pm, Wednesday 1-5pm, Friday 1-5pm, and Saturday 1-4pm.
New children's DVDs and books have arrived! Come and check them out!**

Please call Amanda at **497-3130** for more information on our services.

Thank you and keep reading!

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 25th of the month. We will try and include your event!