

Town of Blaine Lake

December, 2012 Newsletter

Season's Greetings from the Town of Blaine Lake. December is a busy month around town, please take some to enjoy the activities happening, take time for family, friends and take some time for yourself.

Blaine Lake Seniors

A special "Thank You" to the Glencross families for their thoughtful fundraising contribution to the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre. They raised enough money during the Centennial Celebrations to buy a double-size food cooler for our use and for renter's use. This is a great tribute in memory of their parents, Jack & Marge Glencross. Very much appreciated by the Blaine Lake Senior Citizens Centre Board of Directors.

Deadline to Pay Property Taxes

2012 Property taxes must be paid not later than December 31st, 2012 to avoid having a 10% penalty added to them. Payments can be made at the Town Office, on-line, or at several banking institutions. For your convenience we will accept cheques that are post-dated to December 31st, 2012. If you are mailing your payment, the envelope must be post marked no later than December 31st, 2012. ****The Town office will be closing at 12:00 noon on Monday, December 31st, 2012**.**

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 are 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 \$674.70 (including the discount).

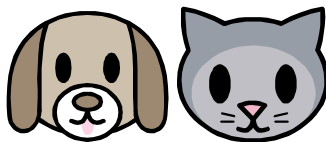
Any resident, who is not already being billed annually but is interested in being billed for water, sewer and garbage on an annual basis (once per year) can contact the Town office for more information.

2013 Water, Sewer & Waste Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 2013, water, sewer and waste rates will be increasing. Water will be \$34.50 per month for the first 3300 gallons and 1.05 per every 100 gallons used over the 3300 gallons. Sewer will be \$11.00 per month and waste will be \$13.00 per month.

Pet Owners

2013 dog licenses are due in January. License rates are: \$10.00 each for spayed or neutered non-restricted dogs; \$25.00 if it's a non-restricted dog; and \$55.00 for a restricted dog. Help us help you to locate your lost pet!



Sarcan Christmas Hours

The Blaine Lake SARCAN depot will be closed from December 22, 2012 to January 2, 2013 for Christmas Vacation.

Portable Sign for Rent

The BLCA has purchased a Portable Sign. If you would like to rent this sign, the cost is \$50.00/week. It will be your responsibility to set up the sign, take it down and return it to the BLCA. This sign **MUST** stay within Town limits. To rent this sign for any function please contact the BLCA @ 497-2222!

TOWN OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

December 24, 2012 open 8:00 am to 12:00
December 25 & 26, 2012 closed
December 27 & 28, 2012 open regular hours
December 31, 2012 open 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
January 1, 2013 closed (*Happy New Year!*)
January 2, 2013 open regular hours

Snow Removal – it seems we are in for a lot of snow this winter and we ask for your cooperation in keeping your vehicles off the street during street cleaning. The snow is always removed from Main Street first coinciding with accesses to the fire hall and ambulance services. The grader then clears the access ways to the school and then tends to the residential streets. Please keep the snow removal process in mind when parking your vehicles on the street. We can't do an efficient job at our end if we don't have our residents doing their part.



Blaine Lake Snowdrifterz would like to remind everyone safety comes first when out sledding. Blaine Lake has adopted a by-law that allows riders to ride from Point A to Point B in town on a licensed snowmobile. All riders must be wearing a helmet and abide by all roadway signage.

Can't find your newsletter? We can email you a copy every month! You will always find it in your inbox! To get your email address registered please send us a quick email at blainelakenews@sasktel.net. The newsletters are also posted on our website at www.blainelake.ca for your convenience.

The Blaine Lake Wapiti Public Library and board would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday season. We would also like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to those great volunteers who have so willingly given their time and labor through the year. Be sure to visit us on the corner of Railway and Main Street. We have books, magazines and movies, internet access, and free access to over 35 subscription websites. Looking for a special book or resource information? Come in and we will try our best to find it for you. Drop by and get your free membership today.



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The library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Thursday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

New Arrivals at the Library Brand New & Current Children's DVD Movies will be arriving this month, as well as adult paperback fiction, adult DVDs, and adult non-fiction.

Upcoming Programming at The Library:
Craft n' Chat has begun again at the library. It runs as a drop in program, Thursdays 5-8. Just bring a friend and a craft. A table will be set up and tea and cookies served.

Make your own Christmas Snowglobe! for ages 7-11 will be the Library Children's Christmas Craft this year. Check your mailbox for a mailout in the coming week for more details.

Mommy & Tot Playdate and Storytime will be starting in the new year. Please leave your name and number at the library if you are interested in participating. Children ages 0-5 and their moms are invited to get to know each other, play games and read stories. Expecting moms are also welcome.



Community Christmas Party

FUN FAMILY CURLING NIGHT

At the Blaine Lake Curling RINK

Saturday, December 15th, 2012

Cocktails - 5:30

Potluck Supper - 6:00

(Please bring a meal item to share)

With a Food Item Adults - \$5.00 Family - \$20.00

\$15.00 per person without food item Children 6 and under - Free

Everyone Bring a CLEAN pair of Runners for an evening of FUN, FAMILY CURLING, or just come & cheer others on!!

Absolutely NO experience is necessary.

Special Visit from **SANTA**

Come One, Come all!"
Come Join the Festivities

Blaine Lake Curling Rink Schedule

Learn To Curl

Mondays at 5:30 - 7:00. – Cost is \$50.00

Sturling

Mondays at 7:30 - 9:30 pm- Cost is \$5.00 drop in Enter as a Team of 2

Regular Curling

Wednesdays at 7:00 – 9:30p pm

For more information or to register for any of the above please call Dale Horner 497-2628 or The Blaine Lake Community Association @ 497-2222.



Hockey, Hockey & More Hockey Thanks to the cold weather the ice is almost ready at the Blaine Lake Skating Rink. Just one of the benefits of our Saskatchewan winters. ☺. Our kids in Blaine Lake have joined forces with Hepburn for the Atoms and the Pee Wees. We are hosting a couple games in Blaine Lake so be sure to watch for signs and posters. We look forward to seeing you at the rink and cheering our young hockey players on!

Blaine Lake is also putting on a Pee Wee hockey tournament on Friday and Saturday, February 8th & 9th and an Atom Tournament on Sunday February 10, 2013. This is an exciting weekend at the skating rink so come on out and cheer our Teams on. Make sure you have room for a rink burger and poutine.



Blaine Lake is also going to be home to the **Muskeg Lake Blades**. The first game in Blaine Lake is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 14/12 at 8:30 p.m. Come on out and enjoy some great hockey.

We will be in need of many volunteers for the youth games, tournaments and Muskeg Lake games. If you are interested please contact Laurie at the BLCA office – 497-2222.

Watch for future flyers with a full skating rink schedule!!!!

Blaine Lake Medical Clinic Dr. J.G. Rye will be holding a clinic on Monday December 10th, 2012 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please call the medical clinic at 497-2494 for more details.

Any non-profit organization that would like to include an announcement or event in the Town's monthly newsletter or on the website should contact the Town Office no later than the 25th day of the month! We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please email blainelakenews@sasktel.net or call 497-2531.

