

Blaine Lake Newsletter

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SPRING THAW BE READY FOR IT

Once the sun starts to shine and it begins to warm up we are expecting a substantial amount of spring run-off. Flood prevention in your home and yard is your responsibility. If the snow melts quickly, your home may be at risk of flooding, even if you've never flooded before.

Tips to help reduce your risk of a snow melt flood in your home:

(Some of the following tips involve snow shoveling which is heavy work. Consider doing a bit at a time and please use care and caution. Get help if you have health concerns.)

- Remove snow from around your foundation. Pay particular attention to the areas around window wells
- Most lots drain along the outside edges. Remove snow from these areas.
- **DO NOT SHOVEL SNOW ONTO THE STREET OR BACK ALLEYS** as this could block drainage
- Clear snow and ice from around the bottom of your downspouts and extend the downspouts at least 2 metres so that water drains away from your foundation.
- Check your roof and eaves troughs for excess snow. Consider hiring someone to clear snow from your roof if you are unable to do it yourself. A roof rake may help to clear the snow and debris from the edge of your roof.
- If you don't have a sump pump already, you might want to purchase one. If you already have a sump pump, check it over and make sure it is working properly.
- If you are removing snow from your property **DO NOT PUT IT ONTO THE STREET OR ONTO SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY, DOING SO IS ILLEGAL AND MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN.** Please contact the Town Office and we will advise you as to where you can haul your snow.
- If you have items stored on the floor of your basement, lift them off the floor now and set them on something higher so that if your basement does have seepage/flooding you will minimize the damage.

LANDFILL HOURS AND FEES

The Landfill will go to summer Hours effective April 1st to September 30th.

Tuesdays: 3:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Saturdays: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Blaine Lake Wapiti Library News

A **dietitian** will be sharing information on **food and nutrition for infants/children** at MOM & TOTS Wednesday, April 24th at 2 p.m. in the children's section of the library. **All moms are welcome to take part in the discussion.**

"Like" Blaine Lake Wapiti Library's FACEBOOK page for updates on new arrivals and current programming.

The Blaine Lake Community Association's mandate is: "To Maintain and enhance sports, culture and recreation; facilities, equipment and services for Blaine Lake & District".

Would you like to see more drama or cultural events/projects? Would you like to see other activities for children/youth/adults that we presently do not offer? Would you like to see an upgrade/change to a facility owned by the BLCA?

The BLCA has gotten caught up in the same old routine and we tend to run the same kinds of projects and events year after year. If you have the desire of seeing a particular activity, event or project happening in our community, attend the Annual General Meeting of the Blaine Lake Community Assoc.

As a Director of the BLCA you will be required to attend a meeting once a month which is held in the lounge of the curling rink. The meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and generally run for 1 ½ hours. More time might be required of you if you

are involved in the operation of a facility or a specific project/event.

For more information as to what is involved in being a BLCA member and/or director please contact a current member or the BLCA office at 306-497-2222.

The Present Directors are: Jim Joanette; Glen Bowie; Christie Dargin-Linsley; Larry Androsoff; Bert Dyck; Karen Fiala; Sharon Gauthier; Dale Horner; Mike Linsley; Wendy Onishenko; Marjorie Pool; Lorne Popov; and Nicole Gagnon. For contact information for the directors please contact the office at 306-497-2222.

The BLCA has a PROUD PAST, but we want an even brighter future. To accomplish this objective, we need NEW MEMBERS! WE NEED YOU!!!

Blaine Lake Community Association

**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, April 9/2013
7:00 p.m.
Curling Rink Lounge**

BLCA Memberships expire March 31, 2013. Memberships must be current to vote. Memberships can be purchased that evening prior to the AGM.

A single membership is \$25.00 with a \$20.00 OFFICIAL INCOME TAX Receipt.

A family membership is \$75.00 with a \$60.00 OFFICIAL INCOME TAX Receipt.

Your memberships help keep our facilities operational.

When you have a membership you can save \$\$\$ on your program fees: Curling, Yoga, Skate Club, Power Skating, Minor Ball, Minor Hockey, Soccer, Swimming Lessons and any programs the BLCA offers.

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Communities in Bloom

Every year we get so many compliments on our flowers. There is so much more to the program and we need you. We are looking for volunteers to help with our community program. We are holding an information session on April 25th at 7:00 pm at the Seniors Centre. Please come out for a cup of coffee or juice and a snack and see how you can take part in the program. No green thumbs are required and there are no age restrictions! We welcome your children to come out and take part! Turn it into a craft for your young children – they will love to see 'their' flowers grow all summer long. Do you have teenagers? We'd like to see them as well, we can always use a helping hand to carry and distribute the pots. There are lots of jobs out there and we will find the right balance of work with the volunteers! See you on April 25th at 7:00 pm.

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.

Blaine Lake Mud Bogs & Tug of War

We are in the planning stages of the Annual ATV MUD BOG and TUG OF WAR on Saturday, June 22, 2013.



To make this event successful at least 5 people are needed on the planning committee. If you have some new ideas, new energy and

would like to be part of this event, please give Laurie a call at 306-497-2222.

Canadian Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will be at Martin's Lake Regional Park on July 22-26/13



Meet on the Beach at Martins Lake Monday July 22nd

8:15 A.M. \$45.00 (BLCA Member)
55.00 (Non-Member) (fees subject to change)

If Possible Pre-Register By Calling BLCA @ 306-497-2222

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Can't find your Blaine Lake Newsletter? We would love to email it to you every month! Please send us an email to blainelakenews@sasktel.net to get your email address registered.

16th Annual Farmers' Spiel

The Farmers' Spiel Committee would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that helped make this our 16th Annual Success Story.

Sponsorship Program

The Blaine Lake Community Assoc. started a sponsorship program about 4 years ago. It is designed for Business's interested in donating to the community organization on a one time per year basis. The Sponsorship Program includes many benefits for the Sponsor.

If you are interested in this program please contact Laurie at the office.

We would like to thank all the businesses that participated in this program in 2012.

Wendland Ag Services
Blaine Lake Tire & Repair
Blaine Lake Ambulance Care
Crossroads Tavern
Hoepfner Insurance
Reban Wood Products

Your support is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Thank-you to absolutely everyone that helped in the Blaine Lake Skating Rink this season. If you took a shift or 2 in the kitchen, helped to make ice, helped at a minor hockey game or pulled nets, or any other way, we appreciate the donation or your time.

Congratulations to the MUSKEG LAKE Blades for winning the Beaver Lake Hockey League!

Annual Spring Tea

The Blaine Lake Doukhobor Ladies Club 66th Annual Spring Tea, Raffle, Craft, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Sandwiches, Coffee/Tea, Dessert Borscht is back by popular demand! Saturday, April 20, 2013 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at Blaine Lake Seniors Centre

