

Blaine Lake Newsletter

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Preparing for Spring Run Off

With the amount of snow that has fallen this winter, removing all the snow accumulation has certainly been a challenge. In the last couple of weeks, the Town has been removing snow from the streets to lessen spring runoff, to accommodate proper drainage and to help prevent flooding.

Snow removal will be ongoing. There are steps homeowners can take to protect their property from flooding due to melting snow: (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.)

Clear snow away from basement window wells and your home's foundation.

- Check your roof and eavestroughs (gutters) 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.
- Water should be drained at least 6 feet away from outside walls and ensure that it flows away from the house.
- Ice ridges and snow build-up on the ground that is stopping water from draining onto the street should be removed.
- 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.
- Most lots drain along the outside edges. Remove snow from these areas.

Please be considerate of your neighbours and prevent water from your property draining onto their property.

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE REMINDED IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CLEAR SNOW FROM THEIR YARDS AND ADD IT TO THE STREETS OR PLACE IT ON ANOTHER PROPERTY THAT IS NOT THEIR OWN.

If you are removing snow from your property, please contact the Town Office for current snow dump locations.

**Congratulations to
Ron Zarubiak
on his Retirement**

Congratulations to our Town Foreman Ron Zarubiak on his retirement. After 23 years of working for the Town Ron is retiring. February 28, 2013 is his last day. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

New Town Employees

We would like to extend a welcome to our new Town Foreman, Russel Krysak and our new public works assistant, Gilles Gauthier.

Medical Clinic News

Dr. J. Rye will hold Clinic on March 18, 2013 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the Medical Clinic for more details. 497-2494

Easter Office Hours

The BLCA, Town & RM offices will be closed for Good Friday on March 29th and on Monday, April 1, 2013 for Easter Monday

**Blaine Lake Wapiti Library
News**

The Blaine Lake Library would like to thank all of those who came and made the **2nd Annual Valentine's Extravaganza** a wonderful evening. A special thanks to the Dizzy Chicks and guest "Roosters" for the hilarious performance, Tanys Sherstobetoff and Ed Bajack for sharing their musical talents, and to all those who provided gifts for the door prizes. All proceeds from this event will go directly to purchasing new, current material for the library and supporting the library's community programs.

Library Programs:

MOMS & TOTS 2-3 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27th in the Children's section of the library.

CRAFT N' CHAT Drop in 5-8 p.m. Every Thursday in the museum room.

PLAYSCHOOL'S STORYTIME & INTRODUCTION TO THE LIBRARY first Thursday of the month.

Library Services: Free Internet Access, printing, scanning, photocopying, books, magazines, DVDs, children & youth section, access to multilingual material, meeting / study space, proctor service.

Library is open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1-5, Thursday 5-8.

"Like" Blaine Lake Library's FACEBOOK PAGE for updates of new arrivals and current programs.

Please call 497-130 for more information.

**Blaine Lake Community
Association Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

7:00 pm Curling Rink Lounge

Consider becoming a Director of the BLCA!

Be sure to visit us at

www.blainlake.ca

Q: What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A: Bugs Bunny!

Q: What's the best way to catch a unique rabbit?

A: You 'nique up on him

Q: Why did the Easter Bunny hide the egg?

A: Because it was a little chicken

Q: What do you call a dumb bunny?

A: A hare brain!