

## 2014 Water Sewer & Waste Rates

Water rates will remain at \$34.50 per month for the first 3300 gallons and 1.05 per every 100 gallons used over the 3300 gallons. Sewer will be \$12.00 per month and waste will be \$15.00 per month. New for 2014 will be a \$5.00/month infrastructure fee. This \$5.00 will be put into a reserve account for future utility infrastructure projects. In March when the new curbside recycling program starts rates for waste/recycling collection will remain the same.



## 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 \$767.00 (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.



## Curbside Recycling

Town Council is excited to announce that we will be moving to curbside recycling. We expect to

roll out the “blue bins” starting in March 2014. The “blue bin” that is located beside SARCAN has been so popular with our Community that Council felt it was time to make it even easier for the Town of Blaine Lake to be “Green”. A letter is enclosed with this newsletter that gives you more information on this new program



## Snow Removal Policy

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to clean snow from your property onto Town Streets or Town Property or any property that you do not own. If you are moving snow off of your property, or if you are having someone remove snow from your property it must be hauled away. Please contact the Town Office for approved snow dump sites.

***Anyone caught putting snow from their property onto streets, back alleys or property other than their own will have the costs of loading and hauling that snow away added to their property taxes. Please make any contractor that you may hire to remove snow from your property aware of this, as you are responsible for snow that is removed from your property and not properly disposed of.***

A reminder as well, that the Town will not be clearing back alleys this year. Council has decided that the Town’s priority must be to keep our streets graded and snow from the streets hauled away.



## Dog/Cat Licenses

2014 Pet licenses are due in January. License rates are: \$15.00 for spayed or neutered non-restricted dog or cat; \$30.00 for non-restricted dog or cats that are not spayed or neutered; and \$60.00 for a restricted dog. Licenses must be renewed by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. After that date, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer will be ensuring that all pets in the Town are licensed and the owners of pets that are not licensed will be fined \$40.00 in addition to the license fee.

## Lifetime Dog/Cat Licenses

Pet Owners are now able to purchase a license for their dog or cat that is good for the lifetime of their pet. The lifetime license fee for a spayed or neutered dog or cat is \$50.00; or for an unaltered dog or cat is \$100.00. Permanent, lifetime, pet licenses will not be issued to a restricted dog.

This license is not transferable to another pet and once purchased no refunds would be made to the purchaser regardless of the circumstances.

## January Regular Town Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00 am in Council Chambers.



## SARCAN

Sarcana will once again be supporting a fundraising promotion for Kinsmen's Telemiracle in January and February, 2014. All Sarcana depots will be selling the "Helping Hands" for \$1.00. Additionally, Sarcana will be making a donation based on milk container recycling in February.

Sarcana is offering each depot \$100.00 to purchase a prize to raffle off and raise further funds for Telemiracle.



## Newsletter

Anyone wanting to have the newsletter emailed to them can contact the Town Office at [blainelake@sasktel.net](mailto:blainelake@sasktel.net), or call 306-497-2531 to be added to our email list.

***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 27<sup>th</sup> of the month. We will try and include your event!***