

BLAINE LAKE NEWSLETTER

December 2017

2015-12

From the Mayor's desk:

Christmas is just around the corner and where did the year go? Council and I had a very busy year with street drainage, tree pruning, bylaw enforcement and general maintenance. We got a lot accomplished and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. Over the next few months we will be discussing the surfacing of the streets for 2018. Some areas will need to be patched and some need to be replaced. As I mentioned last month curb stops need to be exercised and replaced or repaired next summer. Our Town Hall Meeting in November went well with a lot of new ideas and a renewed interest in trying to find solutions to help our Town grow. Out of the meeting came the idea to form some community committees, to assist the Town in these efforts. One was a committee to explore senior housing needs. (I.e. Apartments, condos, or duplexes) Another committee was to address the needs of our children and youth. To find activities and facilities for after school and during summer holidays. Perhaps we could have one councillor on each committee but this committee should be made up of residents with interest in either group. Lots of folks seem to be on board with these ideas, we just need volunteers to get them started. Please call the Town office if you feel you would be willing to sit on one of these committees. Let's start the process and see what we can come up with.

Remember that on January 01, 2018 we start with new waste and recycle services out of **16 to 43 Waste Management Corporation**. Lorass will pick up the old containers and our staff will deliver our new ones. The timing will be somewhere in this newsletter. Pick up will remain on Fridays alternating between waste and recycle as before and a schedule will also be part of this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. May everyone be safe! See you next year.

Mayor

Al Sorenson

DEADLINE TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES

2017 Property taxes must be paid not later than December 31st, 2017 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, 2017. If you are mailing your payment, the envelope must be post marked not later than December 31st, 2017

** December 31st, 2017 is a Sunday.

Unpaid Utility Bills

Any utility bills that are in arrears at December 31st, 2017 will be transferred to that property's tax account.

Christmas Hours for Town Office

December 25th– closed
December 26th – closed
December 27th – open
December 28th – open
December 29th - open
January 1st – closed

Christmas Hours for Transfer Station

December 23rd- open
December 30th – open

Town Council Meeting

Regular Town Council Meetings will start on the following dates at 8:00 am in Council Chambers. Council meetings are open to the public.

Monday, December 18, 2017
Monday, January 15, 2018
Monday, February 12, 2018
Monday, March 12, 2018
Monday, April 16, 2018
Monday, May 14, 2018
Monday, June 18, 2018

Sarcan Hours for Christmas

CLOSED December 23, 2017 – Tuesday, January 2, 2018.



PUBLIC Skating

The caretaker has started making ice and we will be skating in early December. We will keep you posted with the start date. Public Skating this year will be:

CIBC COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Blaine Lake Senior Citizen Centre, 107 Main Street




Blaine Lake Clinic Services

**Clinic now Open Monday-Friday
8:30 am to 4:30pm
(except Statutory Holidays)
Call (306) 497-2494 for appointment
Nurse Practitioner & Physician Services
available
Lab- Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 am**

**Redberry Pharmacy: (306) 497-2270
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs- 9am-12pm**

**Visiting Services Include:
Public Health: (306) 747-6827
Addictions: (306) 883-4479
Mental Health: 1 (888) 765-6055**



**Blaine Lake Gospel
Chapel**



**Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**

Dec.24 starting at 7 p.m.



CITY HALL

MEET THE MAYOR

*** See New Pharmacy Hours

2018

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Waste Management
Calendar Plot

Town of Blaine Lake

2018 Recycle/Waste Schedule

Recycle

Waste

Holidays

Come and Meet the Mayor at the Town Office on Thursday, December 21, 2017 from 2-4 p.m.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Annual Christmas Potluck School Event

To be held on Friday, December 15

5:00-6:00 Choir

Potluck Dinner to follow

Please bring a prepared food item to share.

Our elementary classes have been busy practicing some Christmas carols . Please R S V P to Tirzah.Reilkoff@spiritsd.ca or to the school at 306-497-2632.

December is the last month for Garbage/Recycle pickup with Loraas Disposal out of Saskatoon. Please have your **Waste Cart** out on Friday, December 22, 2017 and leave it out on the street **AFTER** it has been emptied as Loraas will be collecting them. Also on Friday, December 29, 2017 the **Recycle Cart** will be picked up **after** they are emptied.

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of the fires.



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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

FACTS

- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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A \$500.00 donation from C.I.B.C. to the Blaine Lake Fire Department for the purchase of new equipment. The cheque was presented by Cindy Bretz –Blaine Lake Branch to Thomas Lozowchuk, Fire Chief.