

BLAINE LAKE NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Town Council Meeting

Regular Town Council Meeting will start 3:30 on Monday, December 21, 2020. Council meetings are open to the public and will continue to be held at the Senior Citizens Centre until further notice. Please call the Town Office first if you are interested in attending due to social distancing.

DEADLINE TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES

2020 Property taxes must be paid no later than December 31st, 2020 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, 2020. If you are mailing your payment, the envelope must be post marked not later than December 31st, 2020.

** December 31, 2020 we will be closed at Noon. **

ANY OUTSTANDING WATER & SEWER BILLS AS OF DEC.31, 2020 WILL BE ADDED ON TO THE TAX'S ALONG WITH A PENALTY.

Christmas Hours for Town Office

December 23th – OPEN

December 24th – Closed at Noon

December 25th – Closed

December 26th – Closed

December 27th – Closed

December 28th – OPEN

December 31st – Closed at Noon

January 1st, 2021 – Closed

Christmas Hours for Transfer Station

Wednesday, Dec.23/20 – OPEN

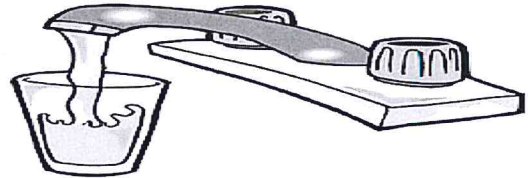
Sat. Dec.26/20 – OPEN

Wed. Dec. 30/20 – OPEN

Wed. Jan.2/21 – OPEN

DIRECT DEBIT

The Town of Blaine Lake offers Direct Debit out of your bank account where the payment can be withdrawn on either the 15th or 30th of each month automatically.



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.

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. 306-497-2531



DOG/CAT LICENSES

2021 Licenses are due in January. License rates are \$15.00 for spayed or neutered non-restricted dog or cat. \$60.00 for a restricted dog. Licenses must be renewed by February 28, 2021. 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 \$50.00 in addition to the license fee.

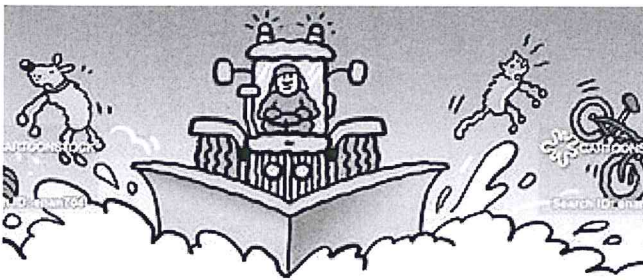
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LIFETIME DOG/CAT LICENSES

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 if \$100.00. Permanent, lifetime, per 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.

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SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Residents are reminded not 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.

up more copies at the Town Office or off the website.

PHONE BOOKS

We received more phone books at the Town Office.

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TRIP OF THE MONTH

"FINAL Draw of the Year"

December winner: Gerry Lamontagne - \$2500.00 of Saskatoon, Sask.

Previous Purchaser winner: Terry Lightbody of Saskatoon, Sask.

2020 COMMITTEE AND CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

1. Finance/Budgeting - All of Council
2. Water /Sewage System - Weber, Pederson, Johnson
3. Streets/Drainage - Weber, Breland, Harder
4. Machinery - Gutknecht, Pederson, Weber
5. Zoning/Maintenance Standards/Housing - Breland, Harder, Johnson
6. Blaine Lake Medical Clinic - Weber, Breland
7. Recreation/Culture - Weber, Gutknecht, Johnson
8. Emergency Measures Org. - Breland, Pederson, Weber
9. Fire Department - Pederson, Harder
10. Transfer Station Operations - Weber, Harder, Johnson
11. Employee Relations - Harder, Breland, Weber
12. Occupational Health & Safety- Pederson, Johnson, Gutknecht
13. School Partnership Project - Breland, Johnson

2020 CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

1. Wapiti Regional Library Board - Harder
2. Blaine Lake Library Board - Harder
3. Martin's Lake Regional Park - Pederson, Linsley
4. L.C.A. - Johnson, Hutchings
5. Chamber of Commerce - Harder
6. Communities in Bloom - All of Council
7. Blaine Lake Museum Board - Breland
8. Shellbrook Hospital Foundation - Breland
9. 16 to 43 Waste Management - TBA
10. Thickwood Hills Watershed Authority- Pederson, Hutchings
11. Joint R.M. & town of Blaine Lake Comm - Breland, Weber, Hutchings
12. Water Treatment Plant Project - Hutchings, Pederson, Weber

Please see attached the new Garbage/Recycle Schedule for 2021. Also you can pick

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

We are excited to partner with Prairie Spirit School Division (PSSD) on the development of our new K-12 school in the Town of Blaine Lake. They have asked us to contribute our ideas regarding the possibility of adding facilities onto the new school that would be for community use.

The current school is aged and in need of repairs which is largely the reason for the School Division deciding on new as compared to renovating. Council has reviewed reports provided by PSSD as to the condition of the infrastructure, mechanical state, air quality and structural repairs needed and have determined that utilizing the old school would be costly long term and not a viable option.

As they move forward, your Council wants your input and asks that you take 5 minutes (**Yes – only 5 minutes!**) to complete this survey. Please let us know what kind of facilities you would like to see included within the new school structure that would be for our residents to use and access outside of school hours.

DEADLINE TO GET YOUR SURVEY IN – DECEMBER 16, 2020 4PM

Your Thoughts: What type of facilities would you like to see that would be accessible to the Community (examples – library, fitness center, daycare, etc.):

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Comments:



TOWN COUNCIL – 5 YEAR FOCUS

Our new town council would love your input regarding what you would like us to focus on over the next 5 years. As we create our strategic plans and budgets early in the new year, your feedback is so important to us. Please give us the top 3 things you would like to see us accomplish!

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: With any project there is the decision-making process, but then there are the people that make it happen! That's you – whether it is sitting on a Board - BLCA, spearheading a project or program to make it happen, or volunteering your time to make projects and programs successful. You matter and we need you. Please let us know your availability and area of interest in serving your community.

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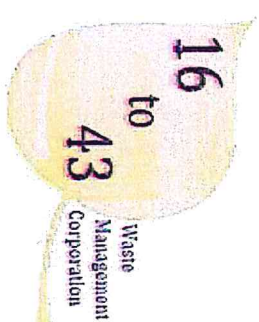
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Town of Blaine Lake

2021 Recycle/Waste Schedule

Recycle

Waste

Holidays

Please have your bins out by 8:00 am

Thank you

Any questions please contact
16 to 43 Waste Management
306 - 246 - 0678