

## **Town of Blaine Lake July 2010 Newsletter**

### **The “Nuisance Bylaw”**

***Thank you to those residents who keep their properties neat and clean, and especially those who have removed old vehicles or other items they had on their properties and who have cut their grass and sprayed for weeds and dandelions, your efforts are very much appreciated by Council and your neighbours.***

Again, we remind residents that the Town **actively enforces** our “Nuisance Bylaw”. We will be sending notices to any residents who allow grass/weeds on their property to become “overgrown” (a height of over 20 cm); or have “junked vehicles” stored on their property; or whose property is deemed untidy or unsightly due to the accumulation of lumber, cardboard, paper, newspapers, appliances, tires, cans, barrels, scrap metal or other waste materials or junk. If the property owner does not remedy the situation within a specified time frame the Town will hire a contractor to go in and do the work and add the cost of doing the work to the owner’s property taxes.

### **Shellbrook & District Integrated Hospital Building Fund**

The Town **will not** be including any amount in property taxes for the Shellbrook & District Integrated Hospital Building Fund. Survey results indicated that ratepayers were not in favor of a tax increase to go towards the hospital project. Any residents wishing to make a donation to the Hospital Building Fund can do so at the Town Office and a charitable donation receipt from that fundraising committee will be issued to you. We understand that the Hospital Fundraising Committee will be doing several fundraising events and residents are encouraged to support them in any way they are able.

### **Meter reading boxes on outside of house**

Residents are reminded that when doing renovations to the exterior of your homes if you remove the water meter reading box it must be reinstalled. If the box is lost or destroyed the Town will charge the homeowner to replace it. We would also ask that shrubs and trees located in front of the meter reading box be trimmed so that the Town employees can easily access the boxes to take the readings.

### **2010 Property Taxes**

Property tax notices have been mailed out. Early discount periods for 2010 property taxes are as follows: July = 5%; August = 4% and September = 2%; there are no discounts during the months of October, November and December. Taxes are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Town Council is undertaking a multi-year plan to refurbish/reconstruct our streets. Our Engineers have advised us that in addition to the major street repairs that we require we must also fix the drainage issues that are damaging our road bases. Until we repair the drainage and road base issues we are experiencing we will continue to have major problems with our streets.

To this end, Council has increased the 2010 property tax bases by \$150.00. The entire amount of this increase is going directly into a reserve fund for “street and drainage repairs”. By establishing this fund, we will be able to schedule major street reconstruction on an annual basis, we will be able to take advantage of grants that may become available, fluctuations in construction costs and securing better construction prices by being able to offer contractors annual contracts over the next few years.

### **Communities in Bloom**

The Town has joined Communities in Bloom again this year. Community in Bloom Judges will be coming to Blaine Lake sometime in July or August to evaluate our Town. ***Let’s all work together to make our community green and beautiful!***

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### **Welcome to 12-40 and Beyond 'An Adventure in Rural Life'**

Saturday, July 24, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., & Sunday July 25, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This exciting self-guided Saskatchewan adventure includes the Blaine Lake, Marcelin, Leask and Hafford area.

Well maintained country roads take you to a variety of art studios, a Saskatoon berry orchard, apple orchard, antique museum and blacksmith shop. Hand made jewelry, denim and fabric designs, photography studio, weaving, leather and wood work complement the annual tour.

Enjoy fresh saskatoon berry pie and/or berry sauce with ice cream at the Heavenly Hills Orchard, savour apple cider at Petrofka Bridge Orchard, view or purchase paintings, art prints, art cards, mosaic tables and a variety of handmade items from any of the art studios . Weaving, and blacksmithing demonstrations will be held throughout the weekend.

Begin the journey at a site of your choice. All venues are within a thirty minute drive from the Blaine Lake community. Red grain elevator markers direct guests to the many sites where friendly smiles and country hospitality await you.

Brochures can be picked up at local businesses or Town Office or visit [www.12-40andbeyond.com](http://www.12-40andbeyond.com) . for more information.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Will be held at Martin's Lake Regional Park

July 19 – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

Swimming Lesson Fees:

\$30.00 BLCA member / \$40.00 non-member

Please Pre-Register

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