

Municipal News

Port Blandford

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Happy Halloween to everyone.

Municipal Taxes

We have two months left to pay our taxes. Our 2007 poll and property taxes were due and payable April 30th and the water tax is due monthly. Council encourages anyone with outstanding taxes to make the necessary arrangements to have accounts paid before year end.

With everyone's help we would like to keep our taxes as low as possible. The town would like to thank you for your support and council is also thankful to residents who are prompt in paying their taxes.

Summer Jobs

This was the seventh year that The Town of Port Blandford had research assistants at Northwest River sponsored by Terra Nova National Park. We had Allan Hann for fourteen weeks, Megan Clouter,

Cassandra Tucker & Hedley Moss for twelve weeks.

We had one student under the Level I, II & III Program for six weeks. Casey Tisler did a variety of work for the town.

Thank you to the students, sponsors and anyone else who participated in any way.

Tidy Towns Update

We would like to thank everyone for helping us participate in the Tidy Town competition. Our judges enjoyed their tour of our community as well as the Meet & Greet afterwards at the Anglican Church Hall. We will be receiving our evaluation overview soon and we will post the results in the next newsletter. In the meantime, let's keep our roadsides clean, compost our scraps, recycle our cans and bottles, and keep our community clean and beautiful!

33rd Annual Fireman's Ball

On Saturday, October 6, 2007 the firemen held their 33rd Annual Fireman's Ball at the Royal Canadian Legion. It started at 8 p.m. with a cold plate supper. The Anglican Minister Rev. Jessie Broaders gave the blessing and Rev. Ettie Gordon was also in attendance. MC for the evening was Mayor Reginald Penney.

Awards were presented from the Port Blandford Fire Department, Town of Port Blandford, Provincial Government and Federal Government. Recipients of these awards were as follows: Calvin Greening and William Harris for 30 years of service, Paul Chatman, Raymond Chatman, Roland Keats, David Skiffington & Alvin White for 20 years of service. An award was also presented to Paul Chatman who received Fireman of the Year.

Paul Oram, MHA gave greetings on behalf of Provincial Government and passed along a message from Scott Simms MP from the Federal Government. Mayor Penney gave greetings from the Town. President Gilbert Phillips gave greetings from the Royal Canadian Legion Br. # 48.

Fire Chief Winston Peddle thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely supper, Reg for being MC, Fire Department members for their support over the past year, The Corner Stop, Rudy's Gas Bar and Wanda's Convenience for selling their bingo cards over the past year and to the general public for all of their help and support.

A dance with music by Barry Lewis sound system followed the supper and presentation of awards with a very enjoyable evening had by all.

Annual Bobber Race

The Port Blandford Fire Department had their bobber race on Sunday October 14, 2007. 1st Prize went to Ron White, 2nd Prize went to June Holloway and 3rd prize went to Marina Green. The Fire Department wishes to thank everyone for their support.

Bulky Clean Up 1st Wed. of Month

The first Wednesday of each month is Bulky Clean Up. If you have any items to be picked up, place them by the side of the road by 9 a.m. Let's keep our community clean. If you need further information you may contact the Town Office.

Waste Management Hours of Operation

Hours of operation are Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All waste entering the site will have to be separated prior to arrival by the owner of the waste. This includes residents, businesses and contractors. Waste will not be received by the attendant if it is not property separated.

The different categories are metals, car wrecks, compost, wood/lumber, furniture, household hazardous and landfill.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are set for the first and third Mondays in each month unless otherwise notified.

Office Hours

Unless otherwise notified office hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lunch hour is from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Garbage collection day is every Tuesday.

Water System Improvements

The water storage tank has been completed. It is now filled and has been tested and approved. The storage tank will provide extra capacity and pressure for all areas of the town using the water supply.

Happy Halloween

The Town reminds all motorists to drive slow and be on the look out for trick or treaters to ensure a safe Halloween Night on Wednesday October 31. Also, make sure your child can see, is wearing bright clothing, and is supervised.

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween.

