

## Newsletter—January 2011

### FROM THE TOWN OFFICE...

#### Town Office Holiday Hours: Closed January 3rd 2011.

Town Council and Staff would like to wish the residents of Bruderheim a very happy New Year!

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday  
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Closed for lunch  
12:00—12:30 pm

Phone # 780-796-3731  
Fax # 780-796-3037

#### **GENTLE REMINDERS**

#### Dog & Cat Licenses:

Dog and Cat Licenses expire on December 31st, 2010. Dog owners have until January 31, 2011 to renew their licenses. All dogs and cats within the Town of Bruderheim must be licensed regardless of age within 2 weeks of ownership. Dog and Cat tags must be renewed each year. If you have a 2010 tag, watch for your 2011 renewal in the mail in early January.

#### Business License Renewal:

All businesses operating or performing work within the Town of Bruderheim must have a Business License. Those businesses with an existing license must renew their business license by January 31, 2011 or late fees will be applied.

#### Town of Bruderheim Bylaw 755-2006

A Bylaw of the Town of Bruderheim to regulate and control the operation of off-highway vehicles within the corporate limits of the Town of Bruderheim.

#### Section 1 – Definition

1.2 “Off-Highway Vehicle” means any motorized vehicle designed for cross country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when designed for such travel such as four wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicles, motorcycles and related two wheel vehicles, amphibious machines, all terrain vehicles, miniature motor vehicles, snowmobiles and any other means of transportation which is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind but not including motorboats or any other vehicle exempted from all of the provisions of this Act by the regulations.

#### Section 2 – Regulations

2.1 No person shall operate any Off-Highway Vehicle on any

area designated as parks or reserve land or Town owned property within the jurisdiction and under the control of the Town of Bruderheim, with the following exceptions:

i) A snowmobile is permitted to use streets or roads within the Town of Bruderheim as the most direct route in and out of the Town limits.

ii) Peace Officers, agents and employees of the Town of Bruderheim are exempt from the provisions of this bylaw while performing their official duties.

Every person in contravention of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:

i) For a first offence, to a fine of \$250.00, and

ii) For a second or subsequent offence, to a fine of \$500.00



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The Newsletter may be picked up at the following locations:

- The Town Office
- Bruderheim Bigway
- ATB Financial
- Lily's Restaurant
- Bruderheim School
- Esso Gas Station
- Bruderheim Moravian Church
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- The Bruderheim Seniors Centre

## TOWN OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

### Town Administrative Staff:

- Chief Administrative Officer—  
Tim Duhamel
- Administrative Assistant—  
Judy Love
- Director of Finance—  
Sharron Sinclair
- Legislative Services Director/  
Development/Bylaw Liaison  
Elaine Milliken
- Community Services  
Director—Jodi Brown
- Website & Communication  
Specialist— Jill Yanch

### Notices from the Public

**Works Department:** Please ensure that trailers and vehicles are removed from the streets during regular business hours for snow removal.

Please ensure that when you are shovelling snow off your driveway, that you do not deposit it in the street. This creates traffic problems and the public works staff may not be able to respond immediately.

### **Thank-you for your cooperation!**

### Snow Clearing Successes and Challenges

#### **The Challenges**

A heavy snowfall can be very frustrating when we find ourselves getting stuck on the streets and in our driveways. Our citizens have concerns of getting kids to school, getting to work, and other activities that require driving. Snow clearing after a heavy snowfall is one of the most challenging issues that municipalities face. The Town of Bruderheim has limited resources

with one grader, one wheel loader, and does not have a Town owned gravel truck to haul snow.

In 2009, The Town of Bruderheim's administration was asked by Town Council to look at new ways of moving snow that would allow its residents to enjoy a high level of snow clearing service. The goal was to make the roads drivable as fast as possible to ensure the effect of snowfalls on daily life was minimal.

The toughest issue facing us is not moving the snow, its finding places to put it after the grading is complete. As the Town grows, empty lots are being filled leaving us with less area to pile snow. This means we have to truck the snow to areas that are available to house the snow piles. That means it takes more time to remove the snow completely from Town streets.

#### **The Successes**

The Town's previous snow clearing policy did not allow windrowing (the pile of snow left in the middle of the road). That meant we did not leave a street until the snow was completely graded and removed. The policy required three weeks to grade every road in Bruderheim and depending on what side of Town we started; some citizens would not have their road graded for that three week period.

In order to ensure the effect of heavy snowfalls is minimized, our public works crew developed a revised snow removal policy that Council reviewed and accepted. We now windrow, work overtime and have more staff trained on our equipment. We strive to grade every road in Bruderheim within 3

days compared to 21 days with the previous policy. Operationally, we use our grader to clear the road and our wheel loader to clear the intersections. This method does leave the inconvenience of windrows. We cannot remove windrows at the same time as the Town only has one wheel loader that would be used to load the windrows into a dump truck and it is busy clearing the intersections.

Once the grading is complete we hire a dump truck operator and begin the process of removing windrows. We have estimated that it takes a full ten days to remove all windrows from our subdivisions. Our policy is to choose a different subdivision each year to start to ensure fairness in the process.

We apologize for the inconvenience of windrows. If any cause significant driving issues, please call the Town office and we will review the concern. We are always striving to get better and are currently reviewing faster methods to remove windrows per Council direction. We believe our current method achieves the goal of making our roads driveable as fast as possible with some inconveniences. If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to call the Town Office.



## **Community Events Calendar for 2011**

February 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Family Day Celebrations
April 15 <sup>th</sup> :	Volunteer Appreciation Night
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Town Wide Pitch In and Clean Up Event
Week of June 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Senior's Breakfast
July 1 <sup>st</sup> :	Canada Day Celebrations
Summer Market:	July, August, and September
September 8 <sup>th</sup> :	What's Up in Bruderheim Community Awareness Night
November 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Remembrance Day Service
November 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Christmas Craft Sale, Festival of Trees, & Christmas Skating Party

Town Wide Garage Sale: yet to be determined.

Watch for details in the February Newsletter on our Family Day Celebrations planned for February 21<sup>st</sup>!

### **Christmas Light Up Contest Winners!**

On Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8 pm in the evening, judging took place for the annual Christmas Light Up Contest.

This year's residential award goes to the Bilyk family. They will receive a gift certificate for dinner at Lily's Steak and Pizza Restaurant.

Honourable mention goes to all of the residents in the crescent at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In addition, the judges would also like to recognize the following residences for their beautiful displays: 4806-54<sup>th</sup> street and 4912 - 51st Street.

This year a new commercial category was introduced for businesses. The winner of this year's competition is Old Country Sausage. Owners Andrea and Rolf Hinken will be presented with a plaque in early January. Check our website ([www.bruderheim.ca](http://www.bruderheim.ca)) for photos!

Congratulations to the category winners and thank you to all for helping Bruderheim shine this holiday season!

### **PARENT & TOTS PROGRAM**

The Parent and Tots Program will resume on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This program runs on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Bruderheim Moravian Church. Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee and meet other families with young children in your community! Free childcare is provided on site. Registration forms are available on site or at the Town Office

### **Outdoor Ice Rink**

The outdoor ice rink is open! Come check it out and enjoy the improvements the staff have made to make the outdoor fun a better experience. We now have upgraded decks and sitting areas and a new leisure ice area with its own lighting. The outdoor rink is a great addition to the Town's recreation opportunities.

Putting in outdoor ice is highly dependant on weather and that is why we chose to start flooding in mid December. If you put outdoor ice in too early there are concerns of ice quality and the possibility of losing the ice completely to warm weather. Our goal was to be ready for Christmas and we made it!

It takes roughly -15° weather for 10 days to get ice in properly. Municipalities that get ice in earlier typically flood at night when it is colder as they have night time crews. A big challenge for our crew is we do not have a water source nearby so we use the fire truck to flood the rink! We are adding a water source to the adjacent fire hall so next years flood will be much easier and we will be able to start earlier. It takes ten days at 2-3 floods a day to get the ice ready. A big job for our arena staff in the cold!

A thank-you to Town staff: Rob and Don for all their hard work to get the ice ready for the citizens of Bruderheim!



### **Indoor Walking Club**

Tuesday and Thursday mornings at  
the Community Centre  
Starting January 11th  
8:30 am to 10:00 am  
Free to participate!  
Clean, indoor shoes required.  
Fun incentive program!



## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### Bruderheim Seniors Christmas Supper

The Christmas supper at the Bruderheim Seniors took place Wednesday Dec. 15, 2010.

The food was great (thanks to the catering by Lloy Maschmeyer), the company was good, and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Ben and Lydia Radke, who attended and had just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Considering that we all had to shovel a lot of snow and that the roads were not in good condition for driving, it was surprising to see that just five people who had planned to come could not, one from Fort Saskatchewan, one from Smoky Lake and three from Ardrossan.

All that is left to do now is to do a little bit of cleaning up (we will get together on

Tuesday, 10 a.m., Dec. 21st, 2010, to do that) and to hand out the prizes for the raffle.

The winners of the raffle are:

1. Jean Morrison (lap quilt, donated by Virginia Differenz)

2. Carol Klass (two tickets for the Josephburg Concert Series - donated by the Josephburg Ag. Society)

3. Sue Rocheleau (two tickets for the Josephburg Concert Series - donated by the Bruderheim Seniors Club)

4. Chad Hogan (\$40 gas-voucher, donated by Bruderheim Shell)

The winners of the door prizes are:

1. Catherine Lekochinsky ( \$20 gas -voucher, donated by Bruderheim Shell)

2. Anne Rutar (large pizza-voucher, donated by Lily's Restaurant)

Pat Lorand (Cocoa collection, donated by a member of the Bruderheim Seniors Club)

Thanks to those who came and to all who helped to make the evening a nice one to remember (to Dick Johnston: thanks for clearing the snow in the parking lot, and to Sharon Johnston: the garlands on the handrails at the entrance were an especially nice touch).

Except for the little house-cleaning we will do on Tuesday, 10 a.m., Dec. 21st, 2010, the Seniors Club will be closed over the holidays, until Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 2011. See you then, and in the meantime, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**LION'S CLUB BINGO**  
will resume Jan. 10th, 2011.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Bruderheim School is looking for volunteers to read with children. If you are interested in spending a few minutes a week helping a child develop their literacy skills, please contact Principal Rob Smith at 780-796-3936.



### Metro Kalyn Community Library

#### Hours:

Tuesday: 3-8pm  
Wednesday: 11-4pm  
Thursday: 3-8pm  
Saturday: 10-3pm

### **Ready, Set FIT!!**

January 6, 2010 Bootcamp Fitness classes to be held at the Arena  
6:30 -7:30 Ladies class  
7:45 - 8:45 Men's class - 5 people minimum

Pre registration encouraged or register at 1st class.

6 weeks for \$55.00

Please call 780-318-3321 or email [sue\\_pelrine@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_pelrine@hotmail.com)

### NEW CRAFTERS GROUP Crafters Group

AT; Lion's Den

TIME; 7-9 PM

DATE: January 14, 2011

PROJECT: Birthday Cards

May be a small cost for materials  
Please contact Debbie Kettler @ 796-3503 for further information.



**From the Town of Bruderheim  
Family & Community Support Services**



**FOCUS ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR  
SENIORS IN BRUDERHEIM**

**MORE VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Volunteer Based Senior Snow Removal Program:**

This is a brand new program in the Town of Bruderheim!

The purpose of this program is to help connect seniors with local volunteers willing to help with snow removal during the winter months.

The Town of Bruderheim (Family and Community Support Services) staff recruits and screens volunteers for this program. We will do our best to match seniors with a volunteer as soon as possible **however** we cannot guarantee the availability of a volunteer. You will be notified by an FCSS staff member once your home has been assigned to a volunteer or volunteer group. Once you have been assigned a volunteer, he or she will clear snow at your home within 48 hours after a major snowfall.

To register for this program, please drop in to the Town Office and complete a register form or contact **Jodi Brown (Community Services Director) at 780-796-3731.**

**Seniors Club Activities:**

**The Bruderheim Senior's Club holds Regular Drop In hours as follows:**

Monday to Thursday  
10:00 am to Noon  
Starting January 4th



**Bruderheim Senior's Potluck Supper**

January 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm  
Free with Contribution

**Indoor Walk & Talk Program**

Being active is one of the most important things that you can do to maintain your physical and mental health as you get older. Walking, stretching, and keeping your muscles in good condition will help you to maintain your independence. It also helps to stay connected to your community by getting more involved, more often! Join us for the Indoor Walking Program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Community Centre! It is free to participate!

**The Alberta Seniors Information Line(1-800-642-3853)**

is now part of the Alberta Supports Contact Centre and the toll-free number is 1-877-644-9992. Please update your phone lists with the new phone number. Note that if you still call the original Seniors Information Line number your call will be automatically redirected to the new contact centre.

**Did you know?**

The Town of Bruderheim FCSS provides information, advocacy and referral services for all residents, please contact Jodi Brown Community Services Director at 780-796-3731.

**Volunteers Needed for Seniors Snow Removal Program!**

Are you willing to help a local senior with snow removal this winter? The Town of Bruderheim (Family and Community Support Services) is currently recruiting volunteers for this new community program.

Volunteers are matched to a local senior needing assistance with snow removal. The volunteer agrees to clear snow within 48 hours of a major snowfall at the senior's residence.

You can make a difference for a senior in our community this winter!

Please contact Jodi Brown (Community Services Director) at 780-796-3731 for information on how to become a "Snow Angel" for one of our seniors!

**Indoor Walking Program Facilitator:**

Bruderheim FCSS is looking for a volunteer to be on site for the Indoor Walking Program. This person would need to be on site for the duration of the program (8:30 am to 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the winter months) and would ensure that all walkers register and sign in for the program. Volunteers may also walk while working in the program. Its easy, fun and a great way to support your community! For more information, please contact Jodi Brown (Community Services Director) at 780-796-3731.

*The monthly newsletter is a project of the  
Town of Bruderheim  
(Family and Community Support Services).*



## Thank You Notes

### **2010 Christmas Hamper Program:**

*This year 24 Christmas Hampers were delivered in the Town of Bruderheim and surrounding area. Each hamper contained food and gifts for everyone in the household.*

Our sincerest appreciation and thanks goes to the following businesses and organizations for their generous support of this program:

Walmart Canada  
Dow Chemical  
Timothy Bartz-Royal LePage  
Royal Canadian Legion Fort Saskatchewan  
Carey Industrial Services  
Bruderheim Bruins Bantam Hockey Team  
Highway 45 Restaurant  
Canexus  
Vac Tec Septic Services  
Old Country Sausage  
Westland Quads  
Agrium  
Bruderheim School  
Bruderheim Fire Department



A warm and heartfelt thank-you is also extended to the many individuals who generously made financial donations or donated food, gifts and Christmas bear gifts to the hamper program.

In addition, our sincerest appreciation goes to the volunteers from the Bruderheim Fire Department and Fire Department Auxiliary who put in many volunteer hours preparing and delivering the hampers.

Finally, a big thank-you goes to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for managing the financial accounts and providing tax receipts as well as to the members of the congregation that provided hats and warm mittens for the hampers.


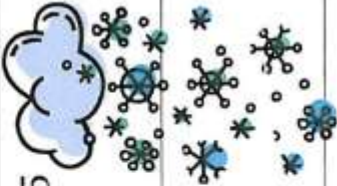

***Without these donations and volunteer support, this program would not be possible!  
Thank-you for helping to make the holiday season joyous and blessed for everyone in our community!***

*If we have inadvertently missed anyone on this thank-you list, please accept our apologies and our sincerest thanks for your support.*





# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 EVERY SUNDAY BETHEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM	3 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY	4 BMSA MEETING AT THE ARENA 7:30 PM	5 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS	6 EVERY THURSDAY RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION LIONS MEETING LION/ LIONESS DEN 7:30 PM	7 EVERY FRIDAY COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION DAY	8 
9 EVERY SUNDAY MORAVIAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM	10 LIONS BINGO COMMU- NITY CENTRE DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM	11 AG SOCIETY MEETING AT WALKER SCHOOL 6:00 P.M	12 FREE SENIOR'S SKATE EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:00 -2:15 PM	13 EVERY THURSDAY FREE PUBLIC SKATING 3:15 -4:15 PM	14 CRAFTER'S CLUB 7:00-9:00 PM LION'S DEN	15
16 EVERY SUNDAY FREE PUBLIC SKATING 4:15 -5:15 PM	17	18 PARENT & TOTS FREE SKATING EVERY TUES- DAY 1:00 -2:15 PM	19 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29 
30	31					