



# Municipal Newsletter

## Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

### Municipal Office

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[www.blandfordblenheim.ca](http://www.blandfordblenheim.ca)

### Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Monday – Friday

### Public Works Yard/Leaf Waste Depot

The depot is located at  
895957 Oxford Road 3,  
just North of Drumbo

### Community Centres & Parks

Bright Community Centre  
886277 Oxford Rd 8  
519-463-5347

Plattsville Arena  
68 Mill Street East  
519-684-7482

Princeton Centennial Hall  
35 Main Street South  
519-458-4891

### Town Hall Meetings

The Township will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> "Town Hall" style meeting for 2015. The meeting will take place on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 From 7 – 9 pm in Drumbo at the Drumbo Agricultural Hall.

These meetings will be based on a question and answer format with all members of the public welcome to ask questions and provide comments to Township Council and staff. These meetings are opportunities for informal chats and exchange of ideas. Come out and have your say!



### OPP ONLINE CITIZEN SELF REPORTING

You now have the option to use the **Citizen Self Reporting** system, to report specific incidents online at your convenience without attending a detachment or waiting for an officer.

**You can use this system to report:**

- Theft under \$5000
- Theft from Vehicle
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5000
- Driving Complaints
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5000
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5000
- Stolen Licence plates or validation stickers

**Do not use this system if this is an emergency!**

If you prefer, you may still contact the OPP by phone to report a crime to have an officer attend. The 24 hour OPP toll-free number is **1-888-310-1122**.

To report an occurrence or if you have any questions about the system or to determine if your occurrence qualifies for online reporting, please go to [www.opp.ca/reporting](http://www.opp.ca/reporting)

**Participation in this program reduces Policing Costs for our Township!**

### From the Tax Department

If you participate in the **Farm Property Tax Credit** program, even minor changes in ownership or farm tenants can have a dramatic effect on your assessment and taxes on your property. It is important to maintain your relationship with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) at 1-877-424-1300.

It is equally important to meet the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline each year with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) to maintain your participation in the **Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program** and maintain your exemption. (Contact 1-800-268-8959)

### From the Public Works Department

**Snow Removal:** Residents are reminded that it is an offense to deposit snow or ice on a roadway, which includes any portion of the road allowance. Snow pushed or blown onto a road creates a hazard to both vehicles and snow removal equipment and can interfere with water flow in ditches. This practice contravenes Township of Blandford-Blenheim By-law Number 455-82 and similarly The Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.H.8, S 181, which states "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or Road Authority responsible for the maintenance of the road".

**\*\*To assist with snow removal operations, parking is restricted on all Township maintained streets in the urban centres of Bright, Drumbo, Plattsville and Princeton during the winter season. Parking is restricted on these streets from 8:00.A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Parking on main streets maintained by the County of Oxford is restricted from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. during the same period.**

**Did you know?** Traffic Laws Section 170(12) of the Highway Act which prohibits parking so as to interfere with the clearing of snow from the highway and Section 170(15) provides for the removal of offending vehicles at the owners expense.

**Mailboxes:** The Township of Blandford-Blenheim will replace broken mailboxes only if snow removal equipment makes physical contact with the mailbox. Landowners are responsible to ensure mailboxes are securely attached to their post.

Do you have **feedback** as to other topics you'd like covered in our next newsletter?  
Please contact Michelle Van Wyk at [mvanwyk@blandfordblenheim.ca](mailto:mvanwyk@blandfordblenheim.ca) with comments.

### For Your Information...

**Civil Marriage Services** are now offered by the Township. Ceremonies may be on site during office hours, or off-site not during office hours. A marriage licence and two witnesses are required. You can apply for a marriage licence at the Township office. For more information contact the office.

**Municipal Drains:** If you believe the municipal drain on your property is in need of maintenance or repair, please contact our office at 519-463-5347 so we may set up a time to inspect the drain.

**Battery Recycling:** The Township offers a household battery recycling program. Drop off locations include the Drumbo Township Office, and Plattsville and Princeton Libraries.

### Waste Management

- Need to know if something can be recycled? Check out the new waste management website at [www.wasteline.ca](http://www.wasteline.ca), or download the wasteline app on your Apple or Android device. You can set up weekly reminders, see what can be recycled and try the new "what goes where" widget.



### From the Community Services Department

#### Princeton Park Expansion Community Open House:

- Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2pm-4pm at the Princeton Museum. Join us to see the plan and talk about the expansion.

#### Public Skating at Plattsville Memorial Community Arena (68 Mill St. E)

- Saturdays from 4:40pm to 5:20pm and Tuesday to Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm

#### The Goal Mouth Café at the Plattsville Memorial Community Arena

- The Café is now the lead in a pilot project with Oxford County Public Health in offering a healthy food alternative when visiting our arena. Along with our selection of healthy food choices the Café will also feature 3 types of smoothies. Public opinion will be gathered through surveys conducted by Public Health throughout the season.

#### Washrooms in parks

- Washrooms in parks are closed as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, except for approved public events.

#### Plattsville Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts & Drumbo Beach Volleyball Court

- Courts will close at the end of October.

### From the Protective Services Department

#### Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2015:

- Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep.
- Only one in five home fires were reported during these hours.
- One quarter of home fire deaths were caused by fires that started in the bedroom. Another quarter resulted from fires in the living room, family room or den.
- Three out of five home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

#### Turn your clocks, change your smoke alarms:

In order for smoke alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries. Once a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, please take the time to change the batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.



#### Green Light Awareness:

Do you know what it means if you see a vehicle with a flashing green in its window? The flashing green lights in the front window of vehicles means that those drivers are volunteer firefighters on their way to an emergency. If you see a vehicle with a flashing green light, please be courteous and yield the right of way.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Thurs. Oct 29<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm at Drumbo Agricultural Hall

**2015 Property Tax Final Installment Deadline:** October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Township Office Holiday Hours:** The office will be closed to honour Remembrance Day on Wed Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and will be closed from Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 until Jan.4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the holiday season.

**Santa Claus Parade:** Dec 5<sup>th</sup> –Bright @ 2pm & Plattsville @ 6:30pm

**Come see Santa at Princeton Centennial Hall:** Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm. Craft table, face painting, hotdogs, horse drawn wagon rides

