



Your Town News



Greetings From The Mayor

December was a quiet month for Town Council. We had the town Christmas party on December 10th. This was a potluck dinner with town staff, town council and the fire department preparing the food. Approx. thirty-five people enjoyed the home cooked meal. We would like to thank the Bowden Golf Club for offering us the use of their clubhouse at no cost.

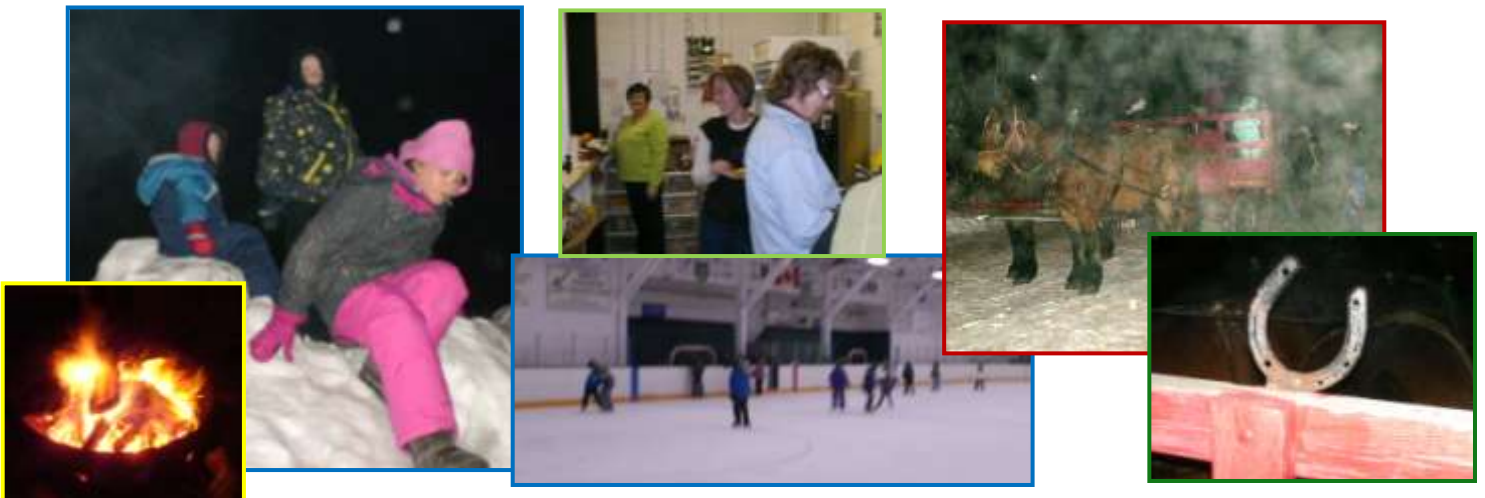
Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Sleigh Ride/Tour of Lights on December 15th due to a business trip. I was informed that there was a great turnout for this event. Numerous people enjoyed the horse drawn wagon rides, skating, hot dogs and bonfire. Thanks to the Recreation & Culture Board and volunteers (including town staff and town council) for their efforts. A special thank you to Councillor Cory Jasper for donating the firewood. As always, we sincerely appreciate the efforts of Dale and Wendy Bradshaw of the Red Lodge Guest Ranch for their wagon and horses.

It looks like a busy New Year. We will be having a strategic planning session in January and will be starting work on pending projects and the budget process.

Until next time,

Robb Stuart

Mayor



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETS AT 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, in council chambers at the Town Office. A PUBLIC COPY OF THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE THE PRECEDING FRIDAY. Meetings are open to the public. To speak to an issue important to you at council, be sure to have your delegation placed on the agenda by the Wednesday preceding council. Contact the Town Office at 224-3395 for more information.



Bowden Recreation & Culture Board

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Sleigh Ride on December 15th. What a great night! Thank you also to all the volunteers and staff who helped to make this event possible.

The Rec Board is so proud of our community, and it is our pleasure to offer the Sleigh Ride FREE as a small gesture for your support throughout the year. We are now in the beginning stages of planning something BIG with all of the fundraising that has occurred within the last two years. Do you want to be a part of it? Join the Rec Board!

Bowden Volunteer Fire Department News

2011 Fire Fighter calendars of our department are now available. They are only \$20.00 and all proceeds go to the Bowden Rescue Society to help purchase new rescue equipment.

The Bowden Volunteer Fire Department is currently looking for NEW MEMBERS! If you would like to become a member, please contact Fire Chief Larry Werner at 403-224-2246. Practices are held every Wednesday night at 7:00pm



Bowden Public Library

403-224-3688 bowdenlibrary.prl.ab.ca

Holiday Hours: Closed Jan. 1. **We have new hours!** Starting January 4, 2011 we will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from Noon – 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm. Go online and check out our **NEW website**, and take a moment to fill out our survey. Also new: “Like” us on **Facebook** to get updates on upcoming events. Keep checking in as we have many new books coming in at the beginning of the New Year.

NEW “Power Monitor” available for check out, plug it into any of your appliances, and see how much energy it really uses! If you are a library member, you can go online to Parkland Regional Library and order your books or movies from the comfort of your home, and, we will call you when they get here. Download audio books or E-books without leaving the house! Family memberships are \$15/year.

Campus Alberta – Bowden Community Engagement Site

Starting January 2011, we will be hosting the following sessions:

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| 1. Babysitter Training | 6. Safe Sport | 11. Tax Smart Investing |
| 2. At Home Alone + First Aid | 7. Stranger Smarts | 12. The 12 Steps of Succession Planning |
| 3. At Home Alone | 8. I Wanna Talk | 13. Boys Working with Boys Brain |
| 4. Never Bee Lost | 9. Cyber safe | |
| 5. Safe Kids | 10. Food Safety Certification Course | |

For more information or to register for these courses, please contact Tammy Olsson @ 403-559-7495
Or Email: tolsson@chinooksedge.ab.ca



From the FCSS Desk:



Happy New Year to all Bowden and District citizens!

Bowden Seniors Wisdom

"A person's life does not consist of the abundance of his possessions."

-Helen Reid

Seniors: Thank you to all of you who responded to the Seniors Survey. A lot of good information was gathered about your interest in different programs and activities so stay tuned for some exciting initiatives.

The responses in the recreation/leisure/active living category have been passed on to the Rec Board for development and the health related, and some of the educational category responses will be used to develop sessions for Seniors Week activities in June. More to come....

In response to those interested in a **Cooking Club**, an **information session will be held on January 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Office**. Come on out, bring a friend, have coffee and treats and find out how we'll save time, money, learn new recipes, and have fun.

And for those of you who want to **learn more about computers and/or the internet**, a **class just for you will be held on January 26 from 2:30 – 3:30 at Campus Alberta (Community Engagement site) in the Bowden Grandview School**. For \$5, you will have one on one help to learn what YOU need to learn, in an informal fun setting. Call 403.224.2207 to register and if you need a ride. To give everyone individual attention, space is limited, so register soon! If there's great demand, a second class could be arranged.

And mark your calendars.....**February is "I Love to Read" Month**, and in response to the survey, the Bowden Library will be holding a planning meeting to begin a **Seniors Book Club**. **Come to the library on Thursday, February 10 at 1:00p.m.** to discuss guidelines and get ready to share your love of reading.

Families: Please take time to complete and return the brief **survey** that was in the school newsletter. FCSS and Family School Wellness want to know what sorts of programming you'd like to see that would be relevant to your lives and your children's lives.

In the FCSS office, there are some good resources for supporting the **children** in your life through the **grieving process** after a loss due to death (a person, a pet), separation, divorce, or a move. Call 403.224.2207 if you would find some resources helpful.

The new **Jumpstart** funding cycle begins on January 15. If you are in need of financial support so your kids can participate in organized sport and recreation, call 403.224.2207 for an application form.

Just for **dads**, a new free series of workshops called the **Father Involvement Program** is beginning in January at Family Services of Central Alberta. The benefits to kids who have an involved dad are huge, and include children are less likely to smoke, to break the law, skip school and have sex at a younger age. Children are also less likely to be depressed and over stressed. All in all having an involved father means improved child development and a higher standard of living for children....and is of great benefit to moms and dads too! For more information or to register, visit www.fsca.ca or call **403.343.6400**.



Bowden Community Calendar						
January 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Years Day – HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2	3 Town Office Closed	4	5 Cemetery Board Meeting 6:30pm	6	7	8
9	10 Regular Council Meeting	11 Cooking Club 1:00pm Town Office	12 Rec Board Meeting 7:00pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Regular Council Meeting	25 Library Board 7:00pm Town Office	26 Seniors Computer Class 1:30-3:30pm Grandview School	27	28	29
30	31					

Upcoming Events

Arena Holiday Hours:

- Dec. 24, 2010: closed at noon
- Dec. 25, 2010: CLOSED
- Dec. 26, 2010: CLOSED
- Dec. 27 –30, 2010: Public Skating 2:00-2:50pm, Shinny 3:00-3:50pm
- Dec. 31, 2010: 7:30-4:00
- Jan.1, 2011: CLOSED
- Ice time is available the 27th-31st.

Public Skating & Shinny Hockey:

- Shinny – Fridays from 5-6:20pm, Sundays from 4-5:20pm
- Public Skating – Fridays from 6:30-7:20pm, Sundays from 5:30-6:20pm
- Moms & Tots – Wednesday from 3:30-4:20pm
- Times are subject to change; please call the Bowden Igloo Arena at 403-224-2445 for booking or for information.

Dog Tags:

- The Town of Bowden will be selling Dog Tags for the 2011 year. If you come in during the month of January 2011, dog tags will be on sale for \$15.00 for spayed/ neutered dogs and \$20.00 for non-altered dogs.

	= Meetings
	= Town Events
	= Canadian Holidays
	= School
	= FCSS



Happy New Year

The Mayor, Council, and Staff at the Town of Bowden would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year! We look forward to the opportunities and challenges it may bring.