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# Village Voice

The Village of Bawlf Newsletter  
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## Mayor's message



For those of you who haven't yet heard, the Village's long-serving **Fire Chief and Director of Public Works, Rod Blatz**, suffered a heart attack last week and was rushed by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose. He had surgery on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton and returned home during the weekend. Council and Administration wish Rod all the very best as he recovers. In the meantime, **Deputy Chief Armand Magnin** will be responsible for matters relating to fire protection and **Scott Dodsworth** will be responsible for matters relating to Public Works. Kudos to everyone who is pitching in during this difficult time; our

Administrative staff has matters well in hand and would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

*Please stop by the Village Office and sign the community get well card to Rod!*

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The federal election is slated for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Most of you have received your voting cards from Elections Canada by now. However, the cards state that the voting station here in the village (Poll #013) is at the Bawlf Senior Centre. This is an error. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BAWLF VOTING STATION FOR THE FEDERAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> IS THE BAWLF COMMUNITY HALL.** Polls are open from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call Elections Canada directly at 1-866-432-1034 or visit their website at [www.elections.ca](http://www.elections.ca).

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We thank those of you who have contacted the Village Office to express your views on the **property tax** increases that some ratepayers have faced in 2008. While Council and I are sympathetic to concerns about increasing costs (I'll remind everyone again that all Councillors are Village ratepayers, too), we are confident that the Village's **increased level of service** provides exceptional value for our hard-earned tax dollars. Moreover, taxes have risen very little in the Village of Bawlf in the past five years and we therefore continue to boast some of the lowest taxes in Alberta for a municipality of this size. The following table might provide a bit of perspective in this regard:

|  | Municipality                                     | Your 2008 taxes would be... |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>If your 2008 assessment is \$150,000:</b> | In the Village of Ryley                          | \$2,559                     |
|  | In the Village of Rosalind                       | \$1,776                     |
|  | In the Town of Daysland                          | \$1,768                     |
|  | In the Village of Holden                         | \$2,225                     |
|  | In the Town of Killam                            | \$2,628                     |
|  | <b>In Bawlf (including monthly garbage fees)</b> | <b>\$1,481</b>              |

Council will continue striving to strike a **reasonable and prudent balance between the services ratepayers ask us to provide and the amount ratepayers are able and willing to pay for such services.**

**A reminder to all Village residents:** the Village provides **recycling facilities**. The depot for plastics, cans, and glass is located in the lean-to behind the Village Office/Fire Hall, while the newspaper recycling shed is located by the bus garage, adjacent to the northeast corner of the school. Our public works staff would appreciate it if residents could sort their items and place them in the appropriate bins and they ask you to remember that this is *not* a garbage collection facility.

**A message to our rural friends:** please note that Village recycling facilities are for Village residents only. It costs the Village a significant amount of money to run the recycling system and we think it's only fair that the ratepayers paying for the service are the ones to benefit from it.

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Note that **regular Council meetings** have been re-scheduled from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Wednesday** of every month, starting in October.

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The **Dave Knipe Memorial Library is having a fundraising book and bake sale on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held at the Library from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Any donation of baked items would be greatly appreciated.

Whether you need some extra baking for Thanksgiving or you would simply like to browse the collection of books that the Library has for sale, drop by for a visit. Memberships will also be available.

Our public libraries are the hidden gems of small-town Alberta. Governed by volunteer boards, they are open to everyone and are a significant community information resource centre. Libraries are a place for everyone: young, old, and all those in-between.

**For further information or to donate baked items for the book and bake sale on October 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact Library Board Chair, Karen Robbins, at 780-373-2468.**

**No by-laws were given first reading at the September 23-29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.**

**By-law 562/08, a by-law to replace and rescind the Bawlf Traffic Control Bylaw 550/07 (and amendments thereto) and the Non-Highway Vehicle Bylaw 548/07** received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings on September 29<sup>th</sup> and has now been passed into law. Copies of the by-law are available on the Village's website at [www.bawlf.com](http://www.bawlf.com) or at the Village Office.

### October, 2008 Calendar

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Dave Knipe Memorial Library book & bake sale; at the Library, 4-7 PM.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>:** School closed (day in lieu of PD day in August).

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving

**October 14<sup>th</sup>:** federal election day. Voting at the Bawlf Community Hall; polls open 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** School closed (all-day staff meeting)

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Regular meeting of Bawlf Village Council at the new Community Hall, 7 PM.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Bawlf School Junior High and High School academic awards night. Main gym, 7 PM.

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*Council meetings are normally held the third Wednesday of every month at the Community Hall at 7 PM.*

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