

New to Banff? How to become a local

Moving to a new community can be as scary as it is exciting. But for the influx of young adults who move here each season to work and experience all that Banff has to offer, the transition can be easy, fun and rewarding.

BanffLIFE, a unique service from the Town of Banff, offers a welcoming drop-in centre, plus programs, activities, friendship and support to Banff's young adults, age 18 to 30. Coordinator and coach extraordinaire, Christine LaRocque, spends much of her autumn introducing BanffLIFE and life in Banff to newcomers at staff orientations and job fairs, as well as developing an incredible line up of adventures to get them safely into the mountains – be it snowmobiling, backcountry ski touring, or ice climbing in winter, and camping, rock climbing and white water rafting in summer. The goal is to help newcomers settle into the community and channel their energy into healthy, positive and productive directions, as well as help them build a rewarding social network.

"The fastest way to make new friends and become a true Banff local," says Christine, "is to join us for pasta

night. And not just to eat, but volunteer to help." Pasta nights are each Wednesday, from 6 – 8 p.m. at The Hub, the drop-in centre at 302 Buffalo Street and cost \$1. Volunteers are always needed to help cook, serve and clean up, as well as help out with staging the other programs and activities.

There's no membership fee, nothing to join and no commitments to make. BanffLIFE is open to all young adults under 30, regardless of citizenship, employment status or length of time living in Banff. For more information, contact Christine at BanffLIFE at 403.760.2423, banfflife@banff.ca or visit banff.ca/banfflife.



Development Permits

The Municipal Planning Commission approved the following Development Permit in accordance with Town of Banff Land Use Bylaw 31-4:

- *Bed & Breakfast Home (2 bedrooms) with a variance to the required minimum separation distance between Bed & Breakfast operations – 116 Mountain Avenue (11DP57).*

The Development Officer approved the following Development Permit in accordance with Town of Banff Land Use Bylaw 31-4:

- *Home Occupation Type 1- Office space for an Internet Technology Support Service – Apt.201 317 Banff Avenue (11DP59).*

The approval of these applications shall not be valid until fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice.

Any person affected by the approval of these developments, or any conditions imposed by the Development Approving Authority, may appeal the decision by filing written notice within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice. Forward the reason for the appeal(s) along with a processing fee of \$50.00 to: Secretary, Development Appeal Board, Town of Banff, Box 1260, Banff AB, T1L 1A1.

Contact Planning & Development at 403.762.1215 for more information.

Banff Housing Corporation seeks a public member – Deadline extended to October 27, 2011

Help shape the future development and maintenance of affordable quality housing in Banff. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. There is one opening for a 3-year term. Deadline is Thursday, October 27 at 4:30 p.m. All applications are appreciated, however the BHC is presently seeking a non BHC homeowner member in keeping with the working group recommendations.

Attention Non-Profit Groups – Apply Now for 2012 Municipal Funding

Banff Town Council will consider requests for funding from non-profit groups during 2012 budget deliberations. Requests for Funds are online at banff.ca or from the Community Services department at Banff Town Hall. For more information, call 403.762.1254. Email completed Requests for Funds to municipal.clerk@banff.ca before noon Wednesday, November 16.

Groups wishing to make a verbal presentation to Council are invited to attend the council budget meeting on Monday, November 21. Contact the municipal clerk at 403.762.1209 or municipal.clerk@banff.ca to reserve a speaking time.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 20

- **Drawn to Nature – For Adults of all ages 6 – 8 p.m. Banff Park Museum**
The second of four monthly drawing sessions. You are invited to explore still-life sketching techniques with guest artists. To register call 403.762.6281. Materials provided.
- **Banff's Best Town Hall Council Chamber 6 – 9 p.m.**
Learn more about our beautiful national park, get certified and receive coupons for free stuff.
- **Why Now is Always a Good Time to Invest 7 – 9 p.m. \$10/person or \$15/couple**
An introduction to investment fundamentals. Find out what you need to take charge of your financial future.

Monday, October 24

- **BanffLIFE Calgary Bus Trip 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. \$30**
The cheapest return ticket to Calgary in town. Drop-off and pick-up from Chinook Centre Mall. To register, please visit banff.ca, call 403.762.1200 or visit Banff Town Hall Main Desk, 110 Bear Street, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 27

- **Alberta Winter Games Community Board Chair Application deadline**
The Alberta Winter Games Bid Committee is seeking a Chair for the Host Community Board who will serve until the 2014 Winter Games conclude. Please email Doug Fraser, email: albertabid.2014@gmail.com.

Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival

Oct. 29 - Nov. 6, 2011 at the Banff Centre

The Town of Banff is pleased to support the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival, and present the award for Best Feature Length film on November 6. Come celebrate the achievements of passionate pioneers and cutting edge adventurers up close. Share their exhilaration and pain as they take the spotlight to recount their inspiring stories of courage and tenacity. Come together to celebrate the spirit of adventure in one of the world's great mountain towns. Please visit www.banffmountainfestival.com for event listings and complete details.