

TOWN OF LUSELAND

NEWSLETTER

September 2010

I think I must have blinked and missed summer – here it is September already, the days are getting shorter, the kids are back to school, the Sears Wish Book is out, and I am SO not ready for the next season.

My first month on my own has absolutely zipped by. Many thanks to all of you for your patience as I familiarize myself with the many bits and tasks that Lynne handled while I was learning the basics. Every day brings a new challenge, something new for me to learn or look into, and the variety coupled with your understanding has made it easy for me to look forward to coming to work every day. I never know for sure what I will be doing any given day, but I do know for sure I won't be bored.

Many of you stopped by in August to say farewell to Lynne Tolley before she left both the Town Office and the Town of Luseland to move on to the next phase of her life. While I was working with Lynne I really enjoyed her attitude towards the various gifts and kicks life had given her, and I hope that I remember to be as optimistic as the various changes occur in my life.

Do you belong to a group or club that has been receiving money from the Luseland Recreation Board? If you have some spare time you can squeeze out of your schedule, perhaps you can help - with the departure of Lynne Tolley, the Rec Board is in dire need of a Secretary/Treasurer, and the Board is also looking for members. The unpleasant truth is that we stand to lose the TIP grant if no one is willing to step forward.

Council has determined some changes have to be made concerning fire suppression within the Town. Currently, if a resident suffers a fire, the fire department puts it out, and no-one receives a bill for the service. Unfortunately, it is just not feasible to continue that way, no matter how much we would like to. Commencing January 1, 2012, the Town will continue to cover the first \$3000.00 of a fire suppression bill within the Town, but the balance will have to be billed to the homeowner. Council determined 2012 to be the best date to implement the change because it will allow everyone to speak with their insurance agent and find out what, if any, fire coverage is currently in place, and make any necessary changes.

Your recycling efforts are paying off. Thanks to your efforts, our recycling volumes are on the rise, and this is a wonderful thing. We all know the landfill is not large enough to last forever, and the more we recycle the less we're putting in the landfill. New government regulations are coming out all the time, it seems, and we just cannot burn many of the things that we used to (no matter how practical a solution it seems to be) so we have to do things like recycling in order to extend the life of our landfill.

While we're on the topic of the landfill, please remember that if you are taking items that are subject to a tipping fee, you are supposed to take the money, either cash or cheque, with you when you go. By paying directly at the landfill, it saves paper, postage, and time, as patrons not paying at the landfill have to be invoiced after the fact. An additional advantage is that if you have a question concerning the amount you are being charged for tipping, you can ask on the spot. If you would like a copy of the landfill tipping rates, it is available at the Town Office

A couple of reminders for you – if someone comes to your door trying to sell you services or merchandise, don't be afraid to ask to see their Town of Luseland business license, or a receipt to show they have paid for their business license. This will at least show we have contact information should the need arise. It might also be a good idea to check with the Better Business Bureau before entering into any contracts. Also, if you are hiring someone to do work for you – other than the kid who shovels your sidewalk or mows your lawn – they too are required to have a license from the Town.

Still on the subject of licenses, remember to check with the Town Office to see if you need a permit for any building project you undertake. Fences, garages, many interior renovations, and some sheds fall into the "need a license" category. A quick call to the Town Office can save you some grief.

Don't forget to get your entry ready for the Scarecrow Contest held by the Garden Club, with judging to take place in early October.

LOST

Everyone please keep an eye out for a small blue-grey case containing hearing aids.

FOUND

When the Mobile Playground was in Luseland this summer, some kids left some of their clothing behind. The haul amounted to two ball caps, two hoodies, and one and one half pair of socks, and can be retrieved from the Town Office.