



January 2018

The Town of Red Cliff

You're Invited

To celebrate the completion of our Broadband Project, we are throwing a party on January 17th at 11am. Many of our partners and support through this process will be attending. Please join us at Town Hall to thank all those who made this happen and enjoy some refreshments.

This will also be a great opportunity for everyone to gain a better understanding of what has been accomplished and what we can expect moving forward.

Elections

I know it seems a little early to be discussing Town elections in April. However, if you wish to be a candidate on the ballot, you have from now until January 22nd to complete and submit your nomination petitions.

I have heard that there are several of you interested in running and am truly ecstatic to see more folks getting engaged in our government.

If you are interested, please see Barb at the Town Office to pick up your petition and receive information on how to complete it.

In order to be eligible, you must be a registered voter in Red Cliff and be a resident of Town for at least 1 year as of April 1st, 2018.

Putting Down Roots

In the last month, we have had two Red Cliff residents sink their roots in the community deeper by purchasing a home in town. Congratulations to Erin who has chosen Pine St as her haunt and Dana who is a welcome addition to the Eagle St clan. I am so happy to see first time homebuyers choose us as their community.

Newcomers

As I predicted, this has become a regular feature of newsletters. Red Cliff has two more recent arrivals. Give a warm welcome to Missy who is brightening the

neighborhood on Pine St and Michael who has joined the High St club.

A Red Cliff Christmas

I was overjoyed with the success of our Christmas event this year. We had roughly 30 people join in on caroling as we ventured out to sing to some of our elderly residents. I think we will need to tighten up the music and song sheets for next year and hope that this will only get bigger.

A big thank you to Suzanne & Barb for their work in helping pull this together.

Santa came to Mango's for a visit and distributed gifts to all the children in Town. We only had about half of the children present to receive theirs. I am hoping we will do better on that next year. The Community Fund had a budget



of \$20 per child and I am hoping we will have the same again. This year's gifts were predominately financed by a donation to the Fund from Outwest Mechanical. If you have a child who received a gift, tell them to give Larry a hug when they see him!



The bake sale was great and thank you to everyone who contributed (by baking or by buying). A thank you is also due to Nathalie Roy who

donated the ornaments available in exchange for donations to the Community Fund.



The Community Fund raised \$340 during the event and we have decided to commit those funds towards holding a Valentine’s Day Dance. Details to come.

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Willa, Madison, Bristol and Emery who are celebrating this month!

If you are under 18 and have a birthday this month and I didn’t mention you....be sure to tell me!

Board Banter

Board Banters this month are Thursday, January 11th and January 25th from 6pm-8pm @ Mango’s. Barb will also be at the Banter to help with election forms should anyone wish to pick up their nomination petitions. Please do come and talk with us about it. The more people get involved, the better job we can do. It’s OK if you’re not sure if it’s for you. Come and ask questions. Any board member would be more than happy to explain what the job entails and what to expect.

Board Topics

There have been discussions recently regarding exterior lighting and I wanted to explain a little about what we have been trying to accomplish.

It struck me that the newsletter from January last year had a section on exterior lighting as well. I believe that this has been an ongoing issue because we have failed to effectively communicate with you and we plan to do a better job of messaging on this front starting right now.

Exterior lighting is encompassed by several parts of the Town Code. Here is a summary:

- If you are making ANY changes to the exterior appearance of your home (with the exception of seasonal decorations), you need to contact the Town Office to have any requirements explained.
- If you are building a new home or a major remodel that impacts the exterior, the P&Z Commission will require that all exterior lighting be “dark sky” compliant.
- If you are adding an exterior light to your home, you must use a light that is “dark sky” compliant.
- If you are replacing an existing exterior light with a new light, you must use a light that is “dark sky” compliant.
- If you are not making any changes and have existing exterior lighting, that lighting must be installed in a manner that restricts the light to within your property. The light must not in any way create a public safety hazard by shining in the street which could interfere with driver’s ability to see.

“Dark sky” compliant is a certification that lighting manufacturers can receive that ensures the light from the fixture directs downwards. If you have questions, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are trying very hard to make sure we do not place an undue burden on residents in this issue. That is why the “dark sky” requirement is not being placed on existing lights. We are also aware that many residents have added lighting in response to the elimination of street lights. We want everyone to have the level of light around their home that they desire. We want everyone to have sufficient light to feel safe. However, we need to make sure that lights are installed in a manner that doesn’t create other dangers or encroaches off of people’s property.

We are always open to creative solutions and welcome any suggestions that will help. At the end of the day, we are in this together and need to work together.

Honored to serve,

Mayor Anuschka Bales