



# Talk of the Town

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## Winners of Fairview's Facebook Photo Contest



**Did You Bring Me a Fish?**  
Fran Wylie - First Place Winner

The Town held a Facebook Photo contest from October 1 to December 12, 2011. Entrants were asked to submit photos taken within Fairview or M.D. #136 which characterized the beauty of our community. Thirty-nine entries were received. Winners were determined by Facebook votes.

First Prize went to Fran Wylie for her submission of a gallery of local wildlife as well as a lovely photo of Cummings Lake Trail.



**Sunset on 102 Avenue**  
Dianne Lindstrom - Second Place Winner



**Amazing Fairview Sunset**  
Third Place - Lisa Osterhold

Second place went to Dianne Lindstrom and third place was a tie between Lisa Osterhold and Christine Bjorklund Bruyere.



**Geese in Marsh**  
Third Place - Christine Bjorklund Bruyere

The top three winners will have their photos displayed in the Fairview Fine Arts Centre.

# Precious Time and Money Wasted on False Alarms and False 911 Calls

Sgt. Bruce Bracken brought his quarterly and annual reports to council at regular meeting held January 17<sup>th</sup>. It was immediately apparent from the stats that a serious problem exists with regard to false alarms and false 911 calls.

## False Alarms (Business and Residential)

2010 - 138  
2011 - 183 (up 32.6%)

## False 911 Calls (Land Lines and Cell Phones)

2010 - 58  
2011 - 2012 (up 377.6%)

First, it must be said, RCMP and emergency workers take every call seriously. However, Sgt. Bracken estimates up to 99% of alarms are false. He asks for more diligence from people who have intrusion alarms, forget their passwords or do not enter the password quickly enough. Motion detectors are set off by hanging decorations or curtains when the furnace kicks in. Rodents, birds or pets also set off these alarms. Weather related phone and power interruptions can cause false alarms. Unexplained false alarms should be reported to the alarm or phone provider to deal with any technical problems.

The increase in false 911 calls from land lines and cell phones is more daunting. These are generated on land lines when children play with the phone, with or without their parent's consent. Inclement weather can also set off false 911 calls. **The largest increase in false calls can be blamed squarely on cell phones** when the phone's pre-programming is set off simply by rubbing in a pocket or an accidental touch. Users are encouraged to lock out cell phone screens using password protect so this does not happen. At times, a cell phone will ask if you wish to place an emergency call - you don't read the message through carefully and hit "yes". Parents give their old deactivated cell phones to young children to play with, not knowing that a 911 dial will still go to 911 dispatch. Cell phone 911 calls take up the most police resources.

Are you guilty of any of the above? We need our RCMP, Ambulance and Fire Department available for real emergencies! That real emergency could involve you or someone you love.

## FAMILY DAY WEEKEND EVENT

Sunday, February 19  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cummings Lake Recreation Area

Skating Oval - Bon Fire - Cross Country Ski  
Demos, Milk Jug Curling.....and more!

BRING A



WINTER PICNIC

## PUBLIC SAFETY DURING SNOW REMOVAL

Drivers and pedestrians are asked to practise extreme caution around the big machines during snow removal. ~Do not drive under or close to the loader bucket. ~When machinery is backing up, keep a safe distance. If you are too close, you are not visible in the mirrors. ~When meeting the grader, be certain you have eye contact with the operator before you pass or overtake. ~When hauling snow, it takes four minutes to fill a truck. Please be patient - when filling is complete the operators will make room for you to pass. ~After the grader has gone by, the loaders are generally 10 to 20 minutes behind the grader, depending on the amount of snow. Again, we ask for your patience.

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## BLUE BAG RECYCLING PICK-UP SCHEDULE

February 9	Paper and Cardboard
February 16	Plastic and Tin
February 23	Paper and Cardboard
March 1	Plastic and Tin
March 8	Paper and Cardboard

Plastics #1, #2, #4, #5 are accepted

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