



WELCOME TO  
**BÆRUM**



BÆRUM KOMMUNE



This brochure has been prepared for those who want to find out a bit more about the municipality of Bærum. It is not meant to be a complete overview, but a few words about what we think is most important.

First and foremost, we have concentrated on what Bærum has to offer in the way of schools, the care of young and old, our technical services, culture and leisure. We also take a little trip back in time and we look at the issues facing the municipality of Bærum in the future. We also present a brief summary of the municipality's executive and council for 2003-2007.

There is a map of Bærum on the center pages. At which we have concentrated on showing what the local community looks like and where you will find the most important population centres and well known institutions. We suggest you refer to this map as you read the brochure. We hope you will find our brochure useful and we extend a warm welcome to Bærum.

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*<< Kolsåstoppen is a popular destination for climbers and walkers and offers some challenging rock faces. There is a panoramic view of Bærum from the top.*

*^ Bærum Kulturhus opened in autumn 2003. The building was designed by the architect company Snøhetta AS.*

## Welcome to Bærum!



**WELCOME TO BÆRUM!** They say Bærum is Norway in miniature. Norway's largest local authority outside the cities, with a population of 106.000 and a landscape which varies from beaches and fjord, to forests and hills. Just a few minutes drive from Norway's capital city lies agricultural land with a long farming tradition. Many of the country's cornerstone companies have chosen to locate their head offices in Bærum and we also have active service industries. The quality and development of the local authority's own services benefits all our residents. The municipality can offer all kinds of sports and activities as well as a rich and lively cultural scene, while the meeting places and public arenas provide for experiences and participation. Our intention with this brochure is to give a first impression of the municipality's different services and qualities and we hope you will find it useful.

*ODD REINSFELT, MAYOR*

# A LITTLE PIECE OF NORWAY

**TOWN AND COUNTRY:** They say Bærum is Norway in miniature. In Bærum you will find most of what nature has provided throughout the rest of the country. It enjoys a tranquil setting, sheltered from the north by forests and hills and open to the sun and sea in the south. We have most things to offer: fjord with thrilling islands and small island communities, wide, open and fertile valleys, arable land, hilly

terrain, challenging rock faces and deep forests. In other words, a place to search for peace and quiet, but at the opposite extreme a place of urban life.

**IDYLLIC COAST:** Glitredammen near Bærums Verk is the geographical centre of Bærum. Vidvangen at Krokskogen is the highest point, some 552 metres above sea level. Bærum has an area of 191.3 square

### BÆRUM IN FIGURES

- > 56.1 % of Bærum is productive forest
- > 9.3 % of the area is agriculture land
- > 32.9 % is built on
- > 1.3 % is water

kilometres and is the capital city's nearest neighbour to the west. The area's whole southern side from Oslo to Asker is one long, idyllic stretch of coastline. The border with Asker to the south-west is characterised by steep hills. To the north-west, over Sollihøgda and Krokskogen, lies the border with Hole in Ringerike.



**|||| BÆRUM IN FIGURES**

In 2004 there were:

- > 27.5 % children and young persons up to 20
- > 25.9 % between 20 and 39
- > 33.2 % between 40 and 66
- > 13.5 % over 67

THE PEOPLE OF BÆRUM >>>

## III BÆRUM IN FIGURES

- > 105.928 residents on 1 January 2006
- > An average household of 2.4 persons
- > 106 different nationalities

**RESIDENTS:** 106.000 people were living in Bærum at the end of 2005. In proportion to the overall area this is a densely populated municipality. The people of Bærum make up 21 per cent of the 500.000 total population of Akershus county. The population increases a little each year and there are slightly more women than men.

**HOUSING:** Housing within Bærum is fairly evenly divided between apartment blocks, terraced and semi-detached and detached houses.

**INCOME:** Average gross income per person over 17 is 380.000 kroner.

**EMPLOYMENT:** In 2004 there were 52.526 people employed in Bærum. Much of the area's commerce is in the fields of technology and shipping, trade in goods and service industries. There are predominantly small and medium sized businesses. Out of the total number of businesses, 70 per cent are in trading and service industries. Even though the area has over 100 per cent job coverage, there are many

who commute to neighbouring municipalities, especially Oslo. About 20.000 people commute into Oslo every day and just as many travel in the opposite direction to work in Bærum. Commercial development in Bærum in the coming years will be strongly influenced by the development of Fornebu, ref page 15 which will create many jobs. The largest employers include the local authority, Telenor, Asker and Bærum Hospital, Det Norske Veritas and Kværner engineering.

**TWIN CITIES:** Bærum is twin with six municipalities abroad, mostly in Scandinavia. Cooperation between the communities includes the exchange of knowledge and competence. Study tours are made to the twin towns and Bærum in turn welcomes visitors, both political and administrative, from its twins. Exchange visits are also made by schools, associations and other organizations. The six twin cities are Hafnarfjörður in Iceland, Hämeenlinna in Finland, Frederiksberg in Denmark, Tartu in Estonia, Uppsala in Sweden and Altea in Spain.

# ✓ ✓ ✓ A JOURNEY



Bærum has always had ties with places near and far, with other ways of life. This has made its mark on our exciting history, which is not just local but part of the history of Norway.

**BÆRUM – MOUNTAIN COUNTY:** Bergheim, the old name for Bærum, tells of a place of hills and mountains. When the first people came here, most of the area was under water. When the ice melted there grew forth a fertile area with rich soil. Rock carvings have been found under Kolsåstoppen: figures of ships, heavenly bodies and bowl shaped hollows from as far back as the bronze age, 1500 years B.C. On Kalvøya there are traces of habitation from the bronze and iron ages. The name Bærum first appears in

Sverre's Saga. After Olaf Haraldson – the king and saint – was killed at the battle of Stiklestad in 1030, many people set out on the pilgrimage to Nidaros. The old pilgrim's way went through Bærum and is now marked with information signs. Bærum has two medieval churches, at Tanum and Haslum.

**THE BAD YEARS:** The black death, which raged from 1348 to 1350, layed waste three quarters of all the farms in Bærum. Times were hard and for 200 years a quarter of the old farms remained untilled. During the turbulent years around 1500, the manor of Nesøya was moved to Kjørbo at Sandvika. The manor was an economic and cultural centre for the whole country for several hundred years.

# THROUGH THE HISTORY



<<<< *Haslum Church is one of our two medieval churches from the 12th century which are still in regular use.*

<<< *Malmskrivergården in Sandvika was built in the 17th century when ore began to be shipped to Sandvika for onward carriage to Bærums Verk.*

<< *At Bærums Verk today there is a unique shopping centre in the old factory buildings.*

< *The painter Christian Skredsvig lived at Fleskum farm for many years and took his motif for «Seljefløyten» from the area around Dælivannet.*

**LIME BURNING:** Lime burning has been an important industry in the area for several hundred years. The lime kilns were in operation as early as the year 1300. The mortar was used for many large building projects around Oslo: churches, monasteries and Akershus Fortress. The mortar was shipped out from Sandvika and Slependen. Bærum's choice of a lime kiln as a symbol on its municipal coat of arms has a solid historical basis.

**BÆRUMS VERK:** Industrial Bærum is known for more than lime burning. In 1603 iron ore was found and Bærums Verk was established. In 1780 the forge at Fossum was built. At that time Bærums Verk had a marked influence on the Norwegian economy. Peder Anker was one of the owners,

succeeded after his death by his son-in-law Count Herman Wedel-Jarlsberg. The Løvenskiold family took over in 1902 and owns the factory to this day.

**INDUSTRIALISATION:** Malmskrivergården in Sandvika was built in the 17th century when ore for Bærums Verk began to be shipped into Sandvika for onward carriage. Industrialisation came early to Bærum. Tullin, governor of Christiania, built a nail works, powder and starch factory beside the Lysaker river and lived at Granfoss. An active little community gradually grew up here.

**ARTISTIC COMMUNITY:** Besides the industry, an exciting artistic community developed in Bærum; many Norwegian painters lived here

at various times, including Fritz Thaulow, Christian Skredsvig, Harriet Backer, Kitty Kielland and Otto Sinding. Best known are the so called Lysaker Circle, with Eilif Pettersen, Gerhardt Munthe and Erik Wereniskiold. Fridtjof Nansen was also a member of the circle.

The *Fleskum* summer of 1886 remains a unique event in Norwegian artistic history. Six of our foremost artists stayed at the Fleskum estate in Bærum. The hosts were the painter Christian Skredsvig and his wife Maggie. They had moved home from Paris and bought Fleskum, where they were frequently visited by other artists. This period in Bærum led to a turning point in Norwegian art. The new romantic period, the atmospheric musical pictures, with their emphasis in the poetic

twilight of the summer evenings, brought new tones into the realistic art of the 1880s. Christian Skredsvig's «*Seljefløyten*» is probably the circle's best known painting. The motif comes from the area around Dælivann in Bærum.

**THE BÆRUM COLLECTION:** The Bærum Collection in the main library in Bekkestua has a special collection of local historical literature, a large picture collection, newspaper clippings, maps, tape recordings and other archived items which illuminate the history of Bærum. The collection also includes microfilm of source material such as church records and folk histories, as well as the historical Budstikka. For more information see the library's website: [www.baerum.folkebibl.no](http://www.baerum.folkebibl.no).



NEW CHALLENGES >>>



**QUALITY OF LIFE:** We have excellent living conditions in Bærum. Here you will find things to satisfy most demands. The municipality of Bærum wants you to have a good life. Bærum is an attractive area to live in. The housing stock is large and varied, but it is difficult to find housing at prices to satisfy all home seekers. Bærum has made it a priority to establish rented council housing to meet this challenge. Other possible solutions are under continual assessment. It will remain a challenge to manage the building and development in such a way as not to reduce or detract from the qualities which make Bærum so attractive. Quality of life is a common responsibility and a challenge for us all. In Bærum our vision is to create a community which can increasingly enable a better utilisation of people's resources. The aim is to create a local community with higher quality and better provision for each individual. A development of this kind cannot have a deadline, but must be seen as an ongoing process.

**MORE CHILDREN AND ELDERLY:** The number of children is stabilising at

a high level. During the last decade the number of births has decreased a little and is now around 1,350 per year. Children and young people represent 27% of the population. We have made it a priority to ensure the right conditions for our young people to grow up in.

The number of elderly Bærum residents, especially in the oldest age group, will increase somewhat in the coming years. Even though Bærum is among the municipalities with the best coverage of hospital beds in the country, there is a need to find alternative solutions. The main challenge will be to develop flexible housing for the very oldest, in which those who are able to look after themselves can live outside institutions, with the help they need available. At the same time, those who need nursing and are unable to remain at home must have good quality institutionalised accommodation, with the emphasis on co-determination and freedom of choice.

**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** Commerce and industry in Bærum are diverse. There are over 60.000

jobs (2005) in the municipality and about 52.500 employed persons living here. The service industries (offices etc.) make up about half of the jobs. The local authority acknowledges the challenge of providing for establishment of new businesses and for the development of the existing business community.

#### **URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN**

**SANDVIKA:** The municipal council decided that Sandvika should have town status from June 2003, following comprehensive urban development since the end of the 1980s. The town is a hub for bus and rail transportation systems. The shopping centre Sandvika Storsenter and several housing projects are in place, and more are being planned and built. With the coming of the council building, local administration and other public service buildings, a cultural and social centre, cinema and several places to eat and drink, Sandvika is being seen more and more as a town centre.

Work is in progress in the planning of Sandvika itself as a town of innovation and recreation. There will be further possibilities for growth in

this direction with the planned tunnel beneath the town for the E16 and E18 highways.

#### **FORNEBU AS A NEW PLACE**

**TO LIVE:** A new residential and business area is in the process of development where the main airport used to be. The overall plan calls for 6.000 homes and 15.000 jobs in the Fornebu area. Several new commercial buildings are already in place, with Telenor's head office the most prominent.

The residential area has been planned as five neighbourhoods, each with its own centre. The first neighbourhood centre is being built at Hundsund and work commences in summer 2006. The neighbourhood centres will include such services as schools, day nurseries, health and sports areas. A district centre is also being built at Fornebu with not only shopping and other services but also a library, church and cultural elements. This area will be under development for several years to come.



*<<< The development of Fornebu has begun and in the next few years there will be plenty of building activity in the area. Kåre Groven's sculpture "Kast" stands in one of the roundabouts in Ny Snarøyvei at Fornebu.*

*<< Sandvika is a young town, which offers culture, good shopping opportunities, housing, offices and many public services.*

*< The E18 highway through Bærum is one of the busiest stretches of road in the country. Putting the road through a tunnel has been discussed for many years.*



# GROWING UP & EDUCATION



## BÆRUM IN FIGURES

- > 5.919 children go to day nurseries
- > 146 day nurseries in the municipality
- > 20.315 students attend school
- > 40 primary and secondary schools
- > 8 upper secondary schools



< *The school of music and culture caters to almost 2.000 students.*

> *The local health services organise maternity groups and other support groups for parents and children, in addition to the normal children's health and development programmes.*

>> *At Sjøholmen maritime centre, Bærum pupils are given maritime skills.*



**SCHOOLS:** Bærum has long been in the forefront in education. Many exciting reforms have been carried through. Quality, both professional and social, has always been important. 14.500 pupils and 2.500 employees work in Bærum Schools. The pupils are taught at 26 primary schools, ten lower secondary schools and one combined primary/secondary school. We also have three alternative schools and Haug school and resource centre. 6 per cent of the pupils at Bærum Schools belong to language minorities and mother tongue teaching is done in 45 different languages. Bærum also has an international school for foreign pupils and a Montessori School. There are after-school care programmes at all the primary schools. These are open to all children from the first to the fourth classes.

Within the borders of the municipality there are altogether eight ordinary upper secondary schools, two of which are dedicated mainly to occupational and aesthetic subjects. A top-level sports school with its

own secondary school and Steiner School which covers all class levels are also to be found in Bærum. Bærum's municipal adult education centre offers teaching to those speaking minority languages, adults with difficulties in mathematics, reading and writing and mentally handicapped adults.

**SJØHOLMEN MARITIME CENTRE:** Sjøholmen is a resource centre for the schools in Bærum at which the pupils receive swimming training as well as instruction in nature and the environment in maritime surroundings near Sandvika. They receive sea sense and the chance to try sailing, canoeing and beach activities.

**THE MUSIC AND CULTURE SCHOOL:** The municipality's music and culture school provides teaching at all levels for children, young people and adults. A major part of the school's activity is teaching music instruments. It is also a resource centre for the primary and secondary schools as well as for day nurseries and the

leisure music scene. Teaching in most instruments starts at age 7-8, but there are also special schemes for 3 to 4 year olds and song groups for babies. There are about 1.800 student places at the music and culture school, with about as many again on the waiting list.

**DAY NURSERIES:** In Bærum there are 31 council run all-day nurseries and 115 private nurseries, including family nurseries. There are altogether 5.519 places for children in the nurseries. Further day nurseries are in the planning stage. There are 23 private parks in the area which give the opportunity for short-term play and activities outdoors for small children with adults.

**HEALTH CENTRES:** The municipality of Bærum has ten health centres which offer health services and maternity groups for children aged 0-6 and their parents. The health centres in Sandvika and Bekkestua also have a midwife service and antenatal classes as well as a health centre

for young people. There are school health services with health visitor at all schools in Bærum.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION:** Children and young people should be ensured a good and secure way of life by means of the coordination of municipal services for children and young people in Bærum. By means of preventive health and childhood measures, as well as the active participation of the child welfare authorities, the municipality, in partnership with parents and young people themselves, intends to create positive conditions for childhood and adolescence in all areas. Public services, such as youth services, contact services, the police, the mediation board, pedagogical psychological service, child welfare, health and school, often collaborate with voluntary bodies to ensure a secure and open childhood and adolescent environment.



**|||| BÆRUM IN FIGURES**

- > 14.009 residents over 67 years old
- > 8.064 people received nursing and care services in 2004
- > 2.041 received financial social assistance

SECURITY



- < *Lønnås residential and treatment centre is one of the municipality's 16 institutions for the elderly.*
- ✓ *Home assistance is offered following application to the municipal Assignment Office.*
- ✓✓ *In addition to institutional places, the municipality has serviced housing, daytime services, home help schemes and its own security department.*

**IN THEIR OWN HOMES:** The elderly of Bærum should feel secure with their way of life. It is our goal that all our elderly should have the opportunity to live in their own homes as long as possible. The municipality is therefore providing services adapted for the individual user, such as home-visiting nurses, home help, security alarms, home care pay, user-managed personal assistants, support contact, daytime services for the elderly, serviced homes and stays of longer or shorter duration in an institution.

In Bærum there are 16 institutions with a total of 800 places for the elderly. Nursing and care services are assigned by the Assignment Office. Bærum has also made available hospice places for seriously ill or dying patients. The municipality has its own security department, to help the elderly who live in their own homes and manage on a day to day basis, but who for various reasons may feel that life from time to time can be difficult.

**REHABILITATION RESIDENCE:** The municipality of Bærum operates its own rehabilitation centre in Altea in

Spain. The centre offers short term stays of six or twelve weeks for the purpose of rehabilitation.

**ACTIVE ELDERLY:** The 12 council-run centres for the elderly form the backbone of an active social fellowship for the elderly of Bærum. Based on these centres there is also a comprehensive programme of help with the motto: "The elderly help the elderly". The centres are intended to inspire activity and commitment - to help provide a good social network and better quality of life.

**VOLUNTEER CENTRE:** The volunteer centre is intended to help encourage voluntary commitment in the community among private individuals and organisations. The centre can help with social contact and home visits, supporting displaced persons, creating help groups at institutions, homework help and adult contact for children and young people, transport, help with shopping, straightforward practical assistance and creating various hobby and interest groups.

**SOCIAL SERVICES AND HELP WITH HOUSING:** The social service provides

advice which can help in solving or preventing social problems. The service can also give financial support to those who are unable to provide for themselves or with other economic entitlements. The social counselling service is part of the social service and is an initiative for drug and alcohol abusers between 18 and 40 years of age who want help in changing their situation. The service also offers counselling to close relatives. The contact service helps young people to seek work, school places, housing and meaningful leisure activities. The housing office rents council housing to persons who are unable to meet their own housing needs on the open housing market. The office also offers young people's housing for those aged between 18 and 35 who are living on their own for the first time, as well as overnight and daytime assistance for the homeless and drug abusers. The housing office offers loan and subsidy schemes for the improvement or purchase of property and gives advice to individuals regarding debt problems.



# FOR YOUNG AND OLD





PLACES IN BÆRUM >>>



< *Bekkestua is the hub of eastern Bærum, with good connections right across the area and into Oslo. Located here are the main library and the municipality's largest sports arenas Nadderud Stadium and Nadderud Hall.*

> *For many people Lysaker is a place of work, but in recent years many homes have also been built along the estuary of the Lysaker river.*



**BEKKESTUA:** The centre of Bekkestua is the natural hub of eastern Bærum. Here you find shops catering to most needs, the wine and liquer store, post office, senior citizens' community centre and Bærum's main library. Buses from Oslo, Sandvika, Eiksmarka and Bærum's Verk stop here. The Kolsås railway is closing for redevelopment from 1 July 2006. When it reopens it will offer improved transportation between Oslo and West Bærum via Bekkestua. Not far from here are Nadderud Stadium and Nadderud Hall with its swimming pool. Also located here are lower and upper secondary schools, the International School and Stabekk and Haslum primary schools.

**BÆRUMS VERK AND LOMMEDALEN:** The Bærum's Verk shopping centre covers everything from crafts and furniture, through gifts to food and clothes. It is a pleasant place to shop, where care has been taken to maintain the historic buildings and build new in harmony with the old. Its history goes back to the founding of the iron works in the 1600s. Each year there is a performance which presents some of the history of the works.

Located in the area are several primary schools, a lower secondary school, sports hall and golf course. Lommedalen also has the newest church in Bærum - Lommedalen Church.

**RYKKINN:** The Rykkinn area was developed at the beginning of the 1970s and many families with children moved in. Today the area's residents cover a wider age spread. The area has two primary schools, a lower secondary school, church, health centre, leisure centre for young people, sports hall and swimming pool. Most of the shops are at Rykkinn Centre, which has a good range of goods as well as a library.

**EIKSMARKA AND ØSTERÅS:** Eiksmarka and Østerås are two shopping centres located close to each other. Both are centrally located close to the Østerås railway, with bus connections to Oslo and Sandvika. Eiksmarka Centre was the first modern shopping centre in Norway. A branch library, health centre and primary school are located here. At Østerås you find a lower secondary school and close by both primary and upper secondary schools. Østerås senior citizens' community centre is

a favourite meeting point for many people.

**STABEKK:** Stabekk is one of Bærum's oldest transportation hubs. There are many good shops right beside the railway and good bus connections to Oslo. Stabekk Cinema, in the old cinema premises, is now a leisure and culture centre. Stabæktunet residential and treatment centre is beside the railway. A little higher up towards Ramstad and Høvik school lie Stabekk residential and treatment centre and Stabekk Hospice.

**LYSAKER:** Lysaker is the first area you come to travelling west out of Oslo on the E18. In recent years a number of new offices have been built up here. Lysaker Station is in the process of development to become a central hub for trains from east and west. From Lysaker the road goes out to Fornebu, which is being developed into a medium sized town. Large companies such as Telenor, Norske Skog and - soon - Aker Kværner have established their head offices at Fornebu.

**HØVIK:** Travelling along the E18 you can easily spot Høvik Church which

is on a hill. There is a branch library here and a shopping centre close by.

**KOLSÅS AND THE RUD/HAUGER AREA:** Kolsås Centre is a shopping centre with a variety of outlets including a wine and liquer store, located at the end of the Kolsås railway. From here it is a short distance to the Rud/Hauger area, where there are several schools and a large sports facility which includes skating rink, golf and tennis. The municipality's implementation unit BK Bedrifter is located at Rud.

**VØYENENGA AND SKUI:** Taking the E16 from Sandvika, you soon come to Vøyenenga, which is being expanded with a shopping centre and new lower secondary school. Kirkerudbakken ski centre is also here - a popular place in the winter. Driving further along the E16 you come to Skui primary school and Isi refuse reception facility, before driving up towards Sollihøgda, which is a popular starting point for cross country skiing in winter.

**MAP OF BÆRUM SANDVIKA** PAGES 16 & 17  
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LOMMEDALEN

BÆRUMS VERK

SOLLIHØGDA

RYKKINN

BRYN

KOLSÅS

HAUGER

VALLER

SKUI

VØYENENGA

TANUM

SLEPENDEN

SANDVIKA









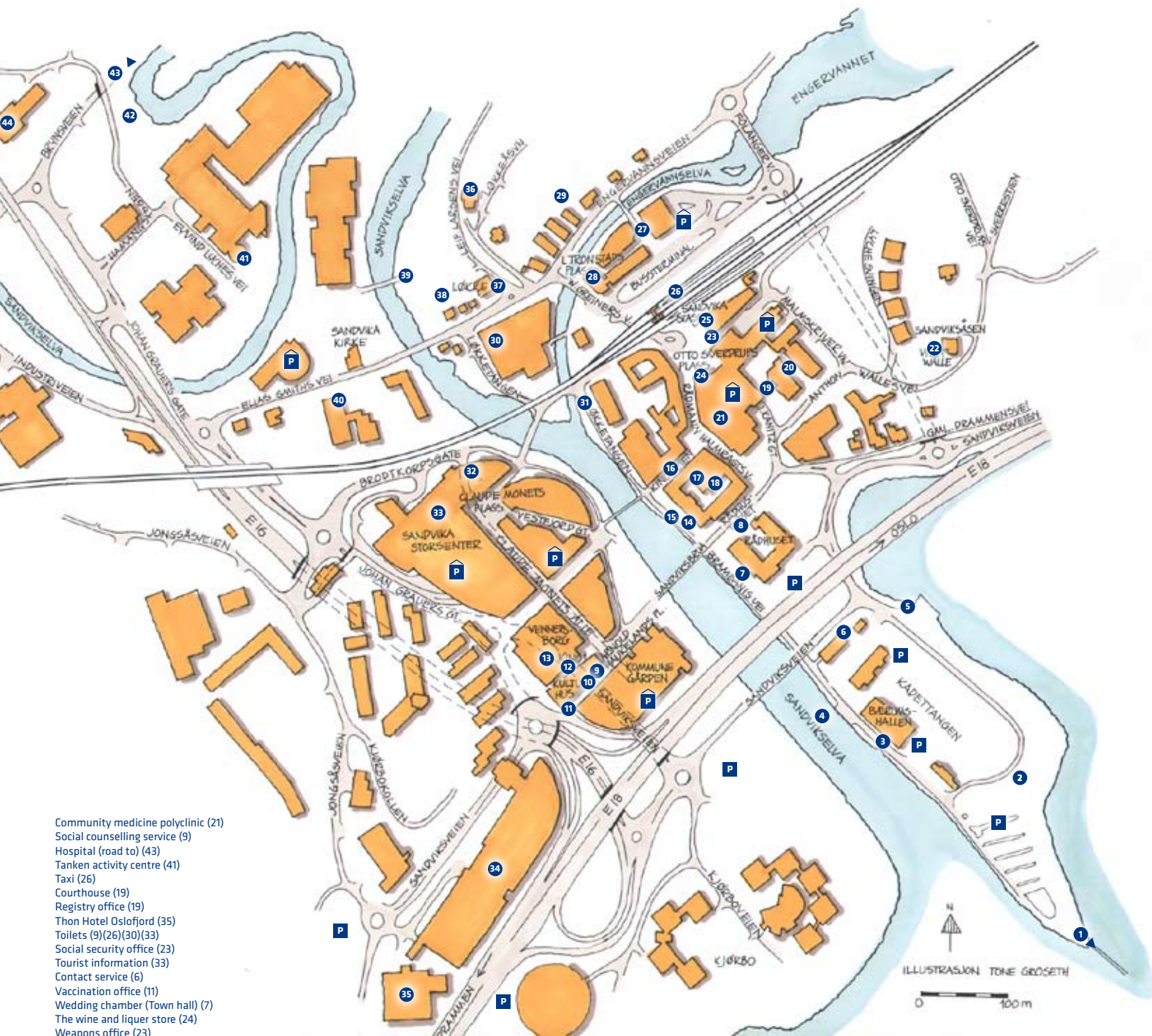
**SANDVIKA – BÆRUM’S TOWN:** Once Sandvika used to be called the “little white town in the cove”. Alongside the development of the local community in Bærum and the western region of Akershus county, Sandvika has developed into a natural centre. Sandvika has always been Bærum’s “capital”, the site of the municipal administration and Town Hall. The government is also well represented with institutions such as the state employment service (Aetat), the national register, tax office, social security office, district stipendiary magistrate, courthouse and Asker and Bærum police station. The

development of Sandvika continues. For many people Sandvika has long been the shopping centre of choice and with Olav Thon’s expansion of Sandvika Storsenter towards Inforama and Thon Hotel Oslofjord this trend can only continue. The number of homes in the centre is increasing and the local authority is keen to promote the development of an active cultural and social scene. The many small and pleasant places to eat and drink make Sandvika an attractive town beside the Oslofjord. The Kino 1 cinema sits shoulder to shoulder with the cultural centre and library. There are several stages, shops,



restaurants, cafes and bars a short distance from buses and trains. The country’s busiest stretch of highway, the E18, runs right through Bærum. From Sandvika the E16 highway sets out towards western Norway. Both these roads are also main arteries for local traffic and are heavily overloaded. The building of the new E16 should be completed in 2007. Bærum’s public transport network consists of buses and local and main line railways, with Sandvika as an important rail hub. By 2011 a new stretch of double track line will be completed from Lysaker to Asker, with a new station at Lysaker.

- Pharmacy (28)(32)
- Aetat employment service (11)
- Asker and Bærum housing cooperative (27)
- Asker and Bærum district court (19)
- Bathing beaches (1)(2)
- Library (10)
- Housing office (14)
- Brambanigården (14)
- Bus terminal (26)
- Bærum national register (30)
- Bærum cultural centre (12)
- Bærum arts association (29)
- Bærum tax office (30)
- Bærum chamber of commerce (21)
- Bærum social security office (23)
- Bærumshallen (3)
- Courthouses (19)
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- Peoples’ university (42)
- Conciliation board (23)
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- Volunteer centre (37)
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- Lost property office (23)
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- Inforama building (34)
- Information, municipality of Bærum (9)
- Railway station (26)
- Kadettangen (2)
- Kalvøya (1)
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- Church family counselling office (31)
- Municipal building (9)
- Municipal treasurer’s department (8)
- Council chamber (7)
- Cultural centre (12)
- Police chief / bailiff (23)
- Tax office (30)
- Løkke bridge (39)
- Løkke park (38)
- Løkketangen centre (30)
- Løkkeåsvæien 2 (36)
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- Court of seizure (19)
- Mayor (7)
- Public guardian’s office (31)
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- Rigmor-/Rigfarbryggen, ferry quay (4)
- Town hall (7)
- Municipal chief officer (9)
- Sandvika library (10)
- Sandvika health centre (18)
- Sandvika quay (5)
- Sandvika station (26)
- Sandvika Storsenter (33)
- Sandvika theatre (16)
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- Sandvika upper secondary school (40)
- The house of income tax (25)
- Social services office (9)





WORTH A VISIT >>>



- ▲ *Henie Onstad Art Centre at Høvikodden is our major tourist attraction. The area around it offers many bathing spots and good walking opportunities along the coastal path.*
- ▲▲ *Øvrevoll is the only (non-trotting) race course in the country.*
- ▲▲▲ *The Lommedal Railway gives you the chance to ride in old carriages.*

**HENIE ONSTAD ART CENTRE:**

Norway's largest museum of modern, international art is a lively, cultural activity centre. Henie Onstad Art Centre was a gift from the Norwegian ice dance pioneer Sonja Henie and her husband, the ship owner Niels Onstad. Since 1968 the art collection has grown from 300 to more than 7.000 works in the permanent collection, which includes the work of artists from Picasso and Matisse to Beuys and Christo. The centre has the largest COBRA collection in the world. Sonja Henie's large collection of trophies and medals is displayed in its own room. The art centre at Høvikodden is surrounded by a large sculpture park. The Bølgen & Moi restaurant is very popular and offers everything from a snack to a gourmet dinner.

**BÆRUMS VERK:** Bærum Iron Works was founded in 1610 and Norway's first blast furnace for iron smelting was built here. A hundred years later the iron works had become the country's largest industrial company and the largest built up area in Bærum. Today the old buildings have been restored and four of them are protected. What was once housing for the workers has been transformed into charming little shops and craft workshops today. Also at Bærums Verk is Norway's oldest existing inn, from 1640. There is also a museum containing artefacts from daily life at the factory, such as pots, implements and decorative items, as well as a review of the factory's history in text and pictures.

**MEDIEVAL CHURCHES:** Bærum has two medieval churches dating from

the late 1100s, Haslum and Tanum churches. During the restoration of Tanum church many original wall paintings were discovered and these are now protected. Both churches are still in use and are open to the public.

**GRINI MUSEUM:** What is now Ila prison and institution for custodial supervision was known during the second world war as Grini prison camp. The museum is open for guided tours by arrangement.

**THE LIME KILNS:** The municipal coat of arms of Bærum carries the symbol of a lime kiln. This reflects the fact that lime burning has been a major industry in the area since the 1300s. Today Bærum's largest preserved lime kilns are found at Ringi and Slependsen. At the Slependsen kiln

there is an exhibition showing the process of lime burning from the middle ages to the present day.

**LOMMEDAL RAILWAY:** The Lommedal railway is an outdoor railway museum where trains can be driven on the museum's own tracks. Access by bus 143 or 153 via Bærums Verk to By.

**SCHOOL MUSEUM:** Evje school museum recreates a classroom of the late 19th century and has become a meeting place for the students of today.

**ØVREVOLL RACECOURSE:** Norway's only racecourse (other than trotting courses) is in Bærum. It was constructed in 1932. Races are held between 30 and 40 days each year, many of them attracting competitors from large parts of Europe.



#### BÆRUM IN FIGURES

- > 42.000 members of sports clubs
- > About 8.000 members of cultural organisations
- > 236 clubs and associations received local authority support in 2004
- > Average of 7 library book loans per resident per year



# LEISURE IN BÆRUM

<v *Bærum is perfect for leisure time in the countryside or by the sea - or at one of the many sports or cultural facilities.*

v v *The municipality has two large swimming complexes: Nadderudhallen at Bekkestua and Berger pool at Rykkinn.*

v v v *Kalvøya is Sandvika's gem and also the location of Båtporten for rowing and canoeing enthusiasts.*

**SPORTS:** Nature has provided Bærum with perfect conditions for active leisure. The municipality has 350 sports facilities catering for team sports and individuals. Well over a third of Bærum's residents - about 40.000 - are members of one or more sports clubs. Fully 60 different sporting disciplines are organised through Bærum's 140 sports clubs. The best known public sports facilities include Nadderudhallen, Nadderud Stadium, Gjøannes Sports Hall, Berger pool and Rykkinnhallen, Hauger sports park, Kadettangen and Kalvøya.

**NATURE:** For those seeking recreation and activity, both countryside and sea are invitingly at hand. Here too everything has been made ready for our residents, with car parking, a network of paths and trails and bathing spots. Several nature paths have been set up and one can also follow the coastal path along most of the coastline. Those who love angling may like to know that the Sandvik river is one of the country's best salmon rivers.

**KALVØYA:** Kalvøya is Sandvika's own open-air area - a gem in the innermost reaches of the Oslofjord



with a wide spectrum of recreational possibilities - walking, swimming, activity areas and a naturist beach. The island used to be known for its annual music festival; in more recent years it has become better known for the children's cultural festival and the Kalvøya Cup for football. A summer club for children from 9 to 13 is organised on the island every year, in recent years by the YMCA/YWCA. The island is also used for open-air concerts and other events by and for young people. The annual floating boat exhibition in the sea at Kadettangen has become a great tradition every September, attracting over 10,000 visitors.

#### **LEISURE CLUB AND RAMPLAND:**

Youth services operates the municipality's leisure centres. These offer a variety of intoxicant-free activities for children and young people from 10 to 18 at eight different places in Bærum. Tanken activity centre in Sandvika offers music rehearsal rooms, sound studio, stage and media workshop. At Rud the motor centre for young people provides various motor sport activities for young people up to the age of 25. Rud Rampland for practising skateboarding skills is also located here.

Beside Nadderud Stadium is Arena Bekkestua with an indoor skating rink. Youth services also offers financial support and guidance to private clubs, youth activities organised by parents, parent-school associations, the church and voluntary children's and young people's organisations.

**PEOPLE LOVE TO READ:** Bærum library consists of five library outlets - the main library at Bekkestua and branches at Sandvika, Eiksmarka, Høvik and Rykkinn. In 2004 the libraries had 673.310 visitors with a total of 740.204 book loans, 264.691 of which were to children. During the year the libraries organised 119 events, 98 of which were for children. These included concerts, opportunities to meet authors and children's theatre. It is the goal of the library service to promote reading competence and reading pleasure, with a special responsibility for children and young people. Each summer the library organises a reading competition for children in which they must read at least five books. In summer 2005 over 600 children took part. Bærum library also has its own website: [www.baerum.folkebibl.no](http://www.baerum.folkebibl.no).



<<< *Blowing it in Bærum! The school bands make a big contribution to life in Bærum.*

<< *In the cultural centre you can see international guest artists, such as Cirkus Cirkör from Sweden.*

<< *In 2005 Sandvika organised a Christmas market for the first time.*

> *Happy Feet are fine representatives of the active local cultural scene.*

**VARIED:** Bærum has a lively and varied cultural scene with about 140 cultural organisations, which offer a wide variety of theatre, dance, choirs, bands and other cultural themes for children, young people and adults. Many of these organise performances to delight young and old alike. The diversity of this local activity has fostered many big names which have gone on to national and international stages, with music, dance and theatre.

**DISSIMILIS:** The national Dissimilis association works towards enabling people with various learning difficulties to take part in musical and cultural activities based on their own situations.

**BÆRUM CULTURE ARENA:** The municipality of Bærum operates the four venues Bærum Cultural Centre, Sandvika Theatre, Musikkflekken and Lille Scene under the joint identity of Bærum Culture Arena. The Cultural Centre is one of the major venues in the Oslo area for dance and acoustic music, but has a widely

ranging programme of local, national and international performers. The more intimate foyer stage in the Cultural Centre makes an attractive and exciting setting for performances and presentations in a slightly smaller format - lectures, exhibitions, theatre, dance and concerts. Musikkflekken has more of a “rock” profile and is the musical meeting place for the young and the young at heart. Here you will find the best of pop, rock, big band and jazz. Skiltverkstedet has music rehearsal rooms and sound studio. Sandvika Theatre is the cultural centre for children and young people, while Lille Scene is a “black box” stage - a smaller format for great experiences.

**PICTORIAL ART:** Bærum is rich in possibilities for enjoyment and activity in art, with the Henie Onstad Art Centre as the big attraction. Galleries in Sandvika include Bærum Art Association and Bærum Cultural Centre. Throughout the area there are also many outlets for visual art in the form of private galleries, studios

and sales outlets. Ornamentation of schools, public buildings and the sculpture parks at Høvikkoden, Strand and Bærums Verk bring art into daily life. Local organisations and associations like Bærum Arts and Crafts, Pictorial Artists in Bærum, Bærum Home Craft Association and Bærum Painting Club reflect the high level of quality and activity in pictorial art, arts and crafts and home crafts.

**FESTIVALS:** The big band festival has been a big attraction for Norway’s big band scene for many years. Here enthusiasts from all over East Norway enjoy local, national and international names. This annual festival is held in Sandvika. Brock brings together new names in rock every autumn. A big festival for school bands brings together about a thousand young musicians every year in Sandvika’s town park.

**OTHER ANNUAL EVENTS:** The Bærums Verk performance is a historical presentation which is held in an outdoor setting every year.

The story is based on events from the everyday life of those who have lived and worked at the factory. In 2005 Sandvika held a Christmas market for the first time. This is intended to become an annual tradition. A stroll around town becomes an adventure combining culture with Christmas shopping. Each year on 17 May the traditional Constitution Day parade is organised in Sandvika, followed by celebrations in Bærum Cultural Centre. A traditional flower parade is organised in Bekkestua on the afternoon of the same day.

Beside the sea at the Henie Onstad Art Centre, midsummer’s eve is celebrated with a large bonfire and a programme of dance and play for all, whether they wish to watch proceedings or join in the dancing themselves.

Children’s Island is a festival which caters for activities and experiences for children and families on Kalvøya. Children’s Pattern of Culture is part of this festival.






# A LIVELY CULTURAL SCENE





 **BÆRUM IN FIGURES**

- > 200 kilos of rubbish per resident per year
- > 20.255 tons of household waste in all
- > 1.400 building applications
- > 150 complaints

# MUNICIPAL SERVICES





<<< Most of the municipality's administration is located in the Municipal Building in Sandvika. The information desk will help you find the right person or service.

<< There is a well developed road network in Bærum including pedestrian and cycle paths. Standards of road maintenance, including snowploughing and gritting, are high.

< All waste is sorted at Isi refuse reception facility. The facility has about 100.000 visits per year.

**MUNICIPAL INFORMATION:**

Municipal information appears in the newspaper Bæringen which is distributed free to all households in Bærum every fourth Friday. The paper brings you up to date information about council decisions, local authority services and offers. You can find more information at [www.baerum.kommune.no](http://www.baerum.kommune.no).

**ADMINISTRATION:** Local administration is mostly located in Sandvika: in the Municipal Building, Brambanigården and the Town Hall, where the elected representatives of the municipality conduct their meetings. The Municipal Building has its own information desk; the nursing and care services and the planning section which handles building and regulation cases also have their own reception for the public.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental protection in Bærum covers a broad spectrum, from the traditional concerns such as water quality and renovation to combating noise and pollution from motor traffic. This work is given a high priority.

At Isi refuse reception facility, sorted refuse from private households and small businesses may be disposed of. Designated areas have been set up for different types of waste, such as glass, cardboard, paper, white goods and metals. Special category waste may also be disposed of. Garden waste goes for composting. Bærum has a regular monthly collection of plastic and paper. As well as the main facility at Isi, 36 recycling points for glass/metal, cardboard/paper, dangerous waste and plastic have been located around

the municipality. The Salvation Army and UFF Second Hand also collect clothes at 18 of these points.

**WATER AND SEWAGE:** The people of Bærum draw water from three separate sources: Holsfjorden, Aurevann and Sollihøgda. Drinking water in Bærum is of high quality and satisfies all the requirements of both Norwegian regulations and EU standards for good drinking water. Regular tests are taken at 14 different places around the municipality. Bærum water has a low level of hardness. Costs are covered by water and sewage charges.

**ADVANCED DISTRICT HEATING:** Bærum District Heating has the concession for district heating in the Sandvika, Lysaker and Fornebu areas. New buildings in these areas are generally obliged to be connected

to the district heating system. The plant is one of the most advanced in Europe.

**BK BEDRIFTER:** BK Bedrifter looks after Bærum municipality's operational and service functions and carries out its activities as commissioned by buyers. BK Bedrifter consists of self-financing business areas. Income is dependent on the agreements contracted with buyers. Services in some areas are put out to tender, whilst in others BK Bedrifter is the sole supplier of services to the local authority. BK Bedrifter can also take on commissions from other buyers. The business areas within BK Bedrifter are Administration, Building, Data, Parks and Sports, Projects and Development, Cleansing, Hire and Transport, VA-nett and BK Vikar.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.baerum.kommune.no](http://www.baerum.kommune.no)

# THE GOVERNING SYSTEM



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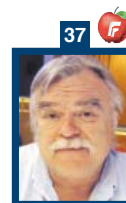
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Mayor



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Elisabeth  
Enger  
Chief Officer

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-  The Socialist Left Party
-  The Liberals
-  The Labour Party
-  The Pensioners' Party
-  The Christians Democratic Party
-  The Centre Party
-  The Conservative Party



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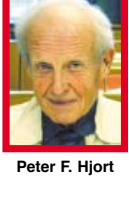
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## THE GOVERNING SYSTEM (CONTD.)



**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:** The overall management of activities in the municipality occurs through the elected bodies. The municipal council is the highest governing body in Bærum and is elected by the voters resident in the municipality according to the rules laid down by national legislation. Bærum municipal council consists of 51 representatives. The council is elected for a four year period.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The executive committee is elected by the council. Members and deputy members are elected for a four year period by and from among the members of

the council. The executive committee's areas of activity are determined by the council. The executive committee consists of 13 members. Bærum's executive committee has two working committees, each consisting of 5 members: the Planning and Environment Committee and the Procedures Committee.

**MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR:** These are elected by the council from among the members of the executive committee. The mayor chairs the meetings of both the council and the executive committee. He is the legal representative of the municipality.

**SUB-COMMITTEES:** The council has set up three sub-committees: Children and Young Persons Sub-Committee, Aid and Care Sub-Committee and Living Conditions Sub-Committee. Each committee consists of 11 members.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The political secretariat covers practical secretariat functions for the council, the executive committee, the sub-committees, planning and environment committee, procedures committee, working environment committee, the representative committees and the complaints commission according to

the regulations for these committees. The cases to be discussed by the committees named are sent out from the office of the executive committee. Documentation regarding individual cases is published on the Internet and can also be accessed by applying to the office of the executive committee on the first floor of the town hall, at the information desk in the Municipal Building or in the libraries.



# USEFUL ADDRESSES

## IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

**Aetat (state employment service)** | The Municipal Building in Sandvika, tel. 67 57 42 00

**Trains and buses** | For timetables see [www.trafikanten.no](http://www.trafikanten.no) or telephone 177

**Child welfare on call in Asker and Bærum** | Sandvika police station, tel 67 57 62 89

**Bærum library** | [www.baerum.folkebibl.no](http://www.baerum.folkebibl.no) Bekkestua library - (main library) tel. 67 11 69 00

**Bærum Cultural Centre, Bærum culture arena** | Tickets: tel. 815 11 777, other information: tel. 67 50 49 60

**Bærum tax office** | Løkketangen Centre, Sandvika tel. 815 81 735 or 67 52 38 00

**Bærum police station** | Malmskrivervn. 2/4, Sandvika, tel. 02800 or 67 57 60 00

**Bærum social security office** | Sandvika, tel. 67 80 77 00

**Taxi** | tel. 06710

**Volunteer Centre** | Red Cross Building, Løkke Gård, Sandvika tel. 67 80 84 24

**Isi waste disposal facility** | Skui tel. 67 17 43 30

**Crisis centre for women in Asker and Bærum** | tel. 67 17 46 50

**Doctor on call in Asker and Bærum** | Sykehusvn. 40, Gjøttum, tel. 67 52 20 20

**Asker and Bærum Hospital** | Sogneprest Munthe-Kaas vei 100, 1346 Gjøttum, tel. 67 80 94 00

**Home Care Service** | The Municipal Building in Sandvika, tel. 67 50 46 26

**Safe house for elderly** | Dønski residential and treatment centre, tel. 67 80 78 16/ 07

**Tourist Information** | Sandvika Storsenter tel. 67 52 23 00

**Contact service** | Kadettangen i Sandvika tel. 67 55 10 20

**Water and sewage network** | 24-hour tel. 67 50 60 60 / 95 10 60 60

## HOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES

**Eikeli Guest House** | Nordveien 39, Eiksmarka, tel. 67 16 53 00

**Emma Guest House** | Høyrabben 4, Emma Hjorth-area, tel. 67 13 06 59

**Lommedalen Holiday House** | Burudvn. 53, Lommedalen, tel. 67 56 04 64, mobile: 905 82 354

**Oslo Youth Hostel** | Holtekilen Michelets vei 55, Lysaker, tel. 67 51 80 40

**Radisson SAS Park Hotel Oslo** | Fornebuparken, Lysaker, tel. 67 82 30 00 / 02525

**Thon Hotel Oslofjord** | Sandviksveien 184, Sandvika, tel. 67 55 66 00

**Scandic Hotel Høvik** | Drammensvn. 507, Høvik, tel. 23 15 53 00

## MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

**Internett** | [www.baerum.kommune.no](http://www.baerum.kommune.no)

**Newspaper** | The municipality's own information newspaper Bæringen is delivered to all households every month

**More information** | Information desk, The Municipal Building, Arnold Haukelands plass 10, Sandvika, tel. 67 50 40 69, e-mail: [info@baerum.kommune.no](mailto:info@baerum.kommune.no)

## OTHER BROCHURES

**Turkart med sykkelveier i Bærum** - (Map of pedestrian and cycle paths in Bærum) - 2004

**Opplev Asker og Bærum** - (Experiencing Asker and Bærum) - 2003

**Kultursti i Sandvika** - Culture trail in Sandvika) - 2003

**KulturBærum** - Cultural programme delivered to all households three times a year

The brochures may be obtained from the information desk in the Municipal Building.

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