



DECEMBER 2010



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - MAYOR DICK RICHARDS

On behalf of Council and Staff of the Town of Stettler I would like to extend warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! At this happy and joyous time of year please remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Enjoy your time with your families and loved ones and if you are traveling please be safe.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our families to yours. May the Peace and Joy of the Season be with you.



MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS TREE DONATION

The Town of Stettler would like to thank **Bruce & Louise Holden** for donating this year's Christmas Tree on Main Street and to **Heartland Industries** for donating the use of their picker truck to move the tree. Also a special thank you to the Town of Stettler Public Works crew for their great job of decorating the tree.

NO LEFT TURNS AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON MAIN STREET

In order to make this intersection safe, left hand turns will **NOT** be allowed at the Christmas Tree. This "NO LEFT TURNS" Policy will be in effect until **January 10, 2011**. Let's enjoy our tree and make this intersection accident free. Your **COOPERATION** in this regard is greatly appreciated.



NIGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



The Night Before the Night Before will be held on **Thursday, December 23, 2010**. Watch for details of special events and activities in the Stettler Independent or on the Stettler Board of Trade's Website at www.stettlerboardoftrade.com

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

Holiday Skating/Shinny Times:

Public Skate - December 20-24 and December 27-31 from 1-3 p.m.

Shinny - December 11 & 18 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Holiday Swim Times:

For scheduled pool times during the holidays please check our website at www.stettler.net

The Stettler Recreation Centre will be **CLOSED** on **December 25 & 26, 2010 and January 1, 2011**.

STETTLER CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS

2010 Stettler Board of Trade Christmas Promotion - Stettler Merchants are again holding a **SHOP STETTLER Christmas Promotion**. Early Bird draws for Heart of Alberta Dollars will be held December 10th (\$500) and the \$1,000 draw will be held on January 3, 2011. Pick up your cash card(s) at participating businesses. For more information, call the **Stettler Regional Board of Trade at (403) 742-3181**.

STETTLER'S 14TH ANNUAL CHARITY CHECK STOP

The Annual Charity Check Stop will take place on **December 11th, 2010** from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the south end of Main Street, Stettler. Proceeds to the Stettler Christmas Hamper Society, Heartland Victim Services, Students Against Drunk Driving and the Camrose Women's Shelter. Monetary, toy and food donations are gratefully appreciated. As always, we have enjoyed the support of Stettler area residents in the past, and we hope for the continued support this year. Your support helps make someone's holiday season a little brighter!

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

The Clearview Public Schools will be closed from **December 18, 2010 - January 2, 2011** for the Christmas break. Regular classes will resume on **January 3, 2011**.

STETTLER ALLIANCE CHURCH

The 4th Annual Nativity Exhibit will be held **December 16-18, 2010** at the Stettler Alliance Church located at 6710-50th Avenue, next to Tim Horton's). Over 100 crèches will be on display depicting a variety of interpretations of the nativity, both traditional and unique. You are invited to come and browse at your leisure while reflecting on the reason for the season. Thursday & Friday evenings from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. No admission charge. Families are welcome. For further information call Betty at (403) 742-1135 (weekday mornings) or (403) 742-2749.

COATS FOR KIDS

Coats for Kids is a program for any child or youth that would like to choose a warm winter coat or jacket. They may do so Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Stettler Outreach School located at 5007-51 Street (former Treasury Branch). If you would like to **DONATE** winter coats or jackets that no longer fit your children or youth, they can be dropped off at the Stettler Outreach School. Coats **MUST** be washed and in good repair. Call (403) 742-3609 for further information.

2011 DOG AND CAT LICENSES



The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2011 dog and cat licenses. The Town of Stettler gives a \$10.00 discount to all licenses if purchased between December 1, 2010 & January 31, 2011. The cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2011 is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$40.00 for unspayed or unneutered animals. Please make sure to purchase your cat or dog license and always have your license on your pet when off your property. If you have any questions, please call Alberta Animal Services Toll Free at 1-866-340-2388 or the Town Office at (403) 742-8305.

STETTLER CURLING CLUB BONSPIEL DATES

Yuletide Bonspiel – December 27 - \$80.00

Farmer & Farmerettes – January 12-16 - \$140/\$120

Men's Open – February 4-6 - \$140

Seniors – February 17 & 18 - \$120

Ladies Open – March 11-13 - \$140

Closing Mixed – March 25-27 - \$140

For further information call the Stettler **Curling Club** @742-3111 or **Manager, Fred vonKrogh** at 740-2855.



TRANSFER STATION/REGIONAL LANDFILL HOURS OF OPERATION/COMPOST BINS

Due to the Christmas Holidays the Stettler Transfer Station & the Regional Landfill will be **CLOSED** on **December 25th, 26th & January 1st**. Compost Bins have been emptied and turned over for the season. Please take your compostable materials to the Transfer Station.



PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Residents, please remove your driveway curb ramps for the winter months. The Town will not be responsible for any damages Town equipment may cause during snow removal and street maintenance. Also to help ensure **SAFE** and **CLEAN** sidewalks during the winter months, please clean your residential and commercial sidewalks as soon as possible after every snowfall. The Town bylaw states that all snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours of accumulation. Please make sure to sand or salt your sidewalks as well to ensure the safety of all our citizens. If you have any questions, contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305.

During snow removal, we ask that you please have your vehicle removed from the street. Not having to work around vehicles will ensure a quicker response time and a cleaner street. Thank you for your co-operation.

HOLIDAY SAFETY FOR LIGHTING - MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Maintain Your Holiday Lights - Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets - Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.



Use Only Nonflammable Decorations - All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.