

New Year Message – Mayor Dick Richards

On behalf of Town of Stettler Council, Administration and Staff we would like to wish everyone a Safe, Happy & Prosperous New Year. All the Best in 2017!

Staff Recognition

The Town of Stettler would like to congratulate the following employees for their service to the Town of Stettler: Stacey Benjamin (5yrs), Grant McQuay (5yrs), Neil McCallum (5yrs), Curtis Benoit (5yrs), Veronica Salmon (5yrs), Murray Rider (10yrs), Gloria Chisholm (10yrs) & Wanda Whitten (30yrs). Continual service awards were also presented to Cherie Pochylko, Kelly Kjersteen, Dale Ventnor, Charleen Smith, Ivan Wilford, Kelly Howe, Lee Penner & Laurie Tait. We would like to thank these employees for their dedication and commitment over the years. This year the Town of Stettler Staff collected \$670.00 for the Crisis Aid Program and \$1125.00 with non-perishables which was donated to the Food Bank.

Valentine's Dance

Take your sweetheart for a fun night out and support a young local woman at the same time. Valentine's Dance – Sat, Feb 11 – 7:30pm at the Stettler Community Hall. Dance to Wheel House (live band) & Dirt Road Music (DJ). Tickets (\$25) can be purchased at Wells Furniture, Heartland Youth Center and Fashion Warehouse. Must be 18 years or older. The evening includes a dance, silent and raffle auction and midnight lunch. ALL proceeds support Jordan's Journey - a young Stettler woman battling lyme disease. You can check out this event on Facebook – Jordan's Journey – Valentine's Dance Fundraiser. Contact Winnie at 742-5437 for more info.

HYC Bowl for Kids – Feb 24

Assemble a crew of your co-workers, friends, teammates, siblings.... And enter the 29th Annual Bowl for Kids Fundraiser "TV Shows Theme", in support of the Stettler Big Brothers Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club programs offered at the Heartland Youth Center. Bowl for Kids day is Friday, Feb. 24 and lane times are available from 5pm – 8pm. Please contact Winnie at 742-5437 or email hycstett@telus.net to register your "cast".

2017 Interim Operating Budget

Water, Sewer & Recycling Rates

Starting January 1, 2017 rates for in-Town water consumption will rise by \$.05 cents per m³ to \$2.78, sewer rates will increase by \$.50 to \$22.00 per month, garbage rates will be increasing by \$.50 to \$23.00 per month and recycling fees will be increasing by \$.25 to \$6.25 per month.

The financial impact on a household consuming an average of 17m³ per month of water will be an additional \$25.20 per year in 2017. These utility rate increases are necessary to offset related costs associated with "User Pay" municipal utilities included in the Town's 2017 Interim Operating Budget projections. The Town of Stettler does not use property tax dollars to support municipal utility operations.

In 2017 the Stettler Water Treatment Plant will regionally supply potable water to Botha, the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission operating an easterly line to Castor, Coronation, Consort, Big Valley, Erskine & Donalda and to the Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission operating a line to Alix, Mirror and future connections 2017 connections to Bashaw, Ferintosh, New Norway, Edberg and Duhamel.

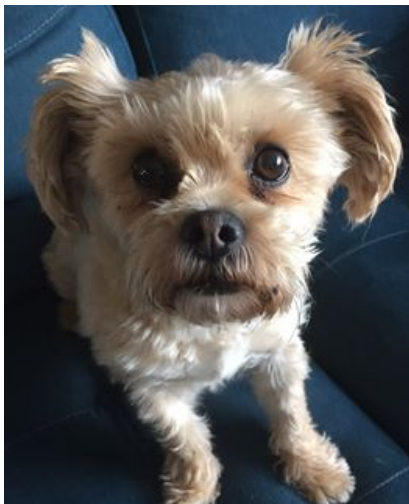
The 2017 Interim Operating Budget reflects Council's intent to be fiscally responsible and accountable to its' residents while sustaining the current high level of municipal utilities, and continuing to renew aging capital infrastructure. Town Council also considers it appropriate to put aside funds to support larger capital expenditures anticipated in the near future; and to contribute significant funds towards community programs and partnerships to maintain existing levels of services expected by our citizens.

E-Billing – Town of Stettler Utility Bill

If you choose this environmentally friendly option, your monthly utility bill will be sent to your email address instead of the paper copy through the mail. Sign up now by sending us an email listing: your name, civic address, utility account number and email address to townoffice@stettler.net

2017 DOG AND CAT LICENSES

The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2017 dog and cat licenses. The \$10.00 discount will be in effect until January 31, 2017. The discounted cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2017 is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$40.00 for unaltered animals. Please make sure to purchase your cat or dog license and always have your license on your pet when off your property.



Kinette Club of Stettler
60th Anniversary
March 11, 2017
At the HUB (6202-44 Avenue)
Supper, Toasts & Entertainment
Contact 403-741-6102

2017 Town of Stettler Business Licenses

The Town of Stettler 2017 Business License invoices will be mailed out in January. The Business License Fees for local businesses (within the Town and County of Stettler) is \$150 and \$350 for non-local businesses. If your business is no longer operating please return the cancellation form enclosed with your invoice to the Town of Stettler Office. If there is a change in your business information such as address, ownership, phone number or business name, please contact Penni at the Town of Stettler at (403)742-8305 so your information may be updated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Mice Crew

Calling all Artists! On January 11, 2017 the Church Mice Crew will be gathering to paint every Wednesday from 10am – 3pm at the United Church C.E. Wing. We are a group who love to create art. Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary. Bring your own supplies and lunch – coffee/tea supplied. Cost is \$2.00. For more information call Donna at 403-742-5690.

Stettler Community Hamper Society

The Stettler Community Hamper Society would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations to this year's Christmas Hamper Campaign. It is because of such great support that our society is able to provide a more joyful holiday season to those less fortunate in our community.

