



# TOWN OF STETTLER NEWSLETTER JULY 2008



## TOWN OF STETTLER 2008 OFFICIAL CENSUS

The official count is in! The Town of Stettler's population now stands at **5,843**. This is up 8% from the 2006 count of 5,418. The additional population will benefit Stettler by increasing the amount of grants we receive for FCSS, policing, roads, etc. The information will also assist the Town in planning services and facilities. The Town is committed to improving our regional services in health care, education and further expanding our business sector which will ensure that we continue to grow at a responsible rate. Thanks to all the enumerators who worked so hard in making this count a reality and to the Stettler residents for their cooperation.

## 2008 CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES

As a reminder, Current Property Taxes must be paid by 4:30 p.m. on July 31, 2008 or received postmarked by July 31, 2008 to avoid a 9% penalty.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

Please be advised that the July & August Committee of the Whole Meetings of Town Council will not be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. If an emergency arises the Committee Meetings will be held at the Call of the Chair. Committee Meetings will resume **September 9, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.**

## WATER SMART PROGRAM - LAWNS AND GARDENS



During the summer, watering lawns and gardens can increase your water consumption by 50%. By using water wisely in the summer, there is less waste; while still maintaining a healthy green lawn and garden. Also reduced will be the summer peak demands on the entire water utility service. In the end, this saves everyone money by reducing the cost to produce and treat water to meet demands and by avoiding upgrading and expansion costs at the Water Treatment Plant.

### If your Grass is Green - it doesn't need Watering:



Lawns only **NEED** a total of 2 or 3 centimeters (1 inch) of water a week. More is not better. In most cases, 2 or 3 cm (1 inch) of water is equivalent to about one hour of watering. An empty tuna can is about 2 to 3 cm (1 inch) deep. Place it under your sprinkler and you can measure the amount of water your sprinkler provides for your lawn and garden in an hour. This is an easy way to determine the amount of time you need to be watering and when to move your sprinklers to other lawn and garden areas. If your lawn makes a "squishy sound" when you walk on it or if puddles start to form, your lawn has too much water. It's time to give it a break. As much as you try, asphalt and concrete won't grow from watering. Try not to waste water by sprinkling driveways, streets and sidewalks. More than 50% of the water applied to lawns and gardens may be lost due to evaporation or run off because of over-watering. Don't leave sprinklers on all day or all night. If you have to leave early, ask a neighbor to turn off your water. Better yet, use an automatic timer on your sprinkler. You'll save time and money.

## COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

This year the Communities in Bloom Judges will be touring Stettler on **July 18**. We encourage all residents and business owners to join the Beautification Committee in ensuring that Stettler looks its best on July 18<sup>th</sup>. This can be done with minimal cost by displaying a hanging basket, or a flower planter, ensuring property grass is mowed and weeds are destroyed. Property owners are responsible for mowing the grass on boulevards and/or ditches that are abutting their property. Please maintain the boulevards and ditches the same as your own property.



## HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE GARDEN TOUR

The Heartland Beautification Committee would like to know if there is interest in the community to hold a garden tour this summer. Garden tours have been very successful in other communities and with all the beautiful yards and gardens in Stettler we feel it is something Stettler residents might also enjoy. Do you have a beautiful yard you would like to show off? Would you be interested in touring with a group and visiting with other gardeners, asking questions about their landscaping features and plants? If that interests you please indicate your interest by calling the Town Office at (403) 742- 8305.

## PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

Shooting Star Hockey School - Boys & Girls Hockey School from August 17-22 (1 Week Only!) For information call 780-417-0664 or E-Mail [www.shootingstarhockey.com](http://www.shootingstarhockey.com)

Water Spray Park - located in West Stettler and is open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. for the summer.

Entertainment in the Park - Summer Line Up

- July 12 - Power Sludge @7:30 p.m.
- July 20 - The Barnyard Bluegrass Band @7:30 p.m.
- August 7 - Steven Palmer @7:00 p.m.
- August 24 - Damnedifiknow from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. "**Pack the Park**". Please bring a Food Bank donation.
- August 28 - Movie Night brought to you by the Cooperators @ Dusk.



## STETTLER UNITED CHURCH - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 21 - 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon daily. For children entering kindergarten to grade six. During this Vacation Bible School, kids celebrate being caretakers of God's creation through games, songs, stories, crafts, and more in a vivid rainforest environment. All are welcome to join in this Rain Forest Adventure. Call the Stettler United Church at (403) 742-3387 to register.

## STETTLER "SIDE BY SIDE" SHOOT-OUT

The Stettler Side by Side Shoot-Out has been **CANCELLED** for this year. For questions call Norm (403)740-5574, Rob (403) 740-5400 or Dean (403)742-8822.

## KEEPING THE MOSQUITO POPULATION DOWN

In order to keep the mosquito population down it is suggested that all standing water be covered such as: screens over rain barrels, covering children's swimming pools and making sure that all pots & planters are free of excess water, etc.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Department suggests the following ideas to prepare your home for the upcoming BBQ season:

- If your BBQ has not been used for the past couple of months, be sure to give it a thorough cleaning.
- Make sure that the hose connections are secure by testing with a soap and water solution. If bubbles appear or become larger, disconnect and tighten again.
- Before starting make sure the venturi (the pipes leading up to the burners) are clean.
- Use a pipe cleaner to clean any cobwebs or spiders that might be inside.
- Check your tank. If over 10 years old or damaged take to a refilling station for disposal and purchase a **NEW TANK**.
- If your tank is corroded, clean with a wire brush and repaint with a light colored paint. Dark colors absorb heat and thus cause excess pressure to build-up in the tank.



## TRANSFER STATION/REGIONAL LANDFILL HOURS OF OPERATION

The Stettler Transfer Station - **OPEN** from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday. The Transfer Station is **CLOSED** Tuesdays and Wednesdays and all Statutory Holidays.

The Regional Landfill - **OPEN** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and **CLOSED** Sundays and all Statutory Holidays.



## COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Waste Management no longer picks up compost material. The landfill has been burying hundreds of tonnes of compostable waste in the landfill each year. This space would be better utilized for landfilling household/commercial waste. Help us minimize the landfill costs and be environmentally friendly by composting yard waste.