



# TOWN OF STETTLER

News About Our Town...

The Heart of Alberta!

## ♥ 2010 Water & Garbage Rate Increase ♥

To address cost increases identified in the Town's 2010 utility budget process, Town Council has considered it necessary to modestly increase some of the user rates associated with the supply of municipal utility services to Stettler residents. Municipal rates and charges effective with the first billing period in 2010 will be as follows:

- Water variable charges \$1.77 m<sup>3</sup> (increased from \$1.70 m<sup>3</sup>); 1 m<sup>3</sup> = 220 gallons
- Water fixed distribution charge \$10.00 per month (no change)
- Residential Sewer flat charges \$14.00 per month (no change)
- Commercial sewer charges are calculated as 40% of the water charges.
- Residential garbage collection and landfill \$15.50 per month (increased from \$14.50 per month)
- Residential recycling collection \$4.00 per month (no change)

Town Council continues to follow the philosophy that all municipal utility operations must be paid for by the users of each service and not subsidized with general property taxes. In 2010 Stettler residents will continue to enjoy a high level of municipal utility services for an affordable combined monthly fee of \$43.50 plus \$1.77 per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed.

Town Council encourages all residents to use water wisely. For information on Water Saving Tips that my help reduce your water consumption/monthly bill and for eligibility requirements regarding \$50 & \$100 rebates available under the Town of Stettler (low flow) Toilet Replacement Program visit the Town's website at [www.stettler.net](http://www.stettler.net) (under Town Services/Departments/Water Department) or contact the Town Office (403) 742-8305.

Attached is a 2010 revised weekly residential garbage collection/recycling schedule.



## ♥ Snofest Celebration ♥



The Family Day Snofest will be held on **Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at West Stettler Park.

Lots of outdoor activities planned. Hot dogs, hot chocolate, sleigh rides, tobogganing, etc.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!!**

## ♥2010 Business Licenses Due ♥

2010 Business Licenses are now due. All businesses in the Town of Stettler are required to obtain a business license for \$125.00 per calendar year. If the business is from outside the Town/County of Stettler corporation boundaries, the fee is \$325.00 per calendar year.

## ♥2010 New Possibilities ♥

The Board of Trade is hosting a one-day conference "2010 New Possibilities" **Saturday, February 27, 2010** at the Stettler Community Hall from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. This conference features four amazing speakers: Kim Berube, Cindy Shelfoon'Iniestra, Elizabeth Manuel & Greg Kolodziejzyk who will motivate and inspire you. Their topics are timely and promise to get you thinking. Come and spend an enjoyable day with the experts. Tickets cost \$50/person which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information and tickets, please contact the Stettler Regional Board of Trade at (403) 742-3181.

## ♥ Beautification Committee ♥

The Heartland Beautification Committee is looking for members to sit on their Board. If you are concerned in saving the environment, recycling, beautifying our community, etc. this may be the committee for you. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 11:45 a.m. (Lunch will be provided). If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please call Alicia at (403) 742-8305.

## ♥ Green Committee ♥

Tip: Think you need to save those plastic grocery bags for your wastebaskets at home? Think again - do what eco-wise hotels do and place a sheet of paper in the bottom - easy to empty and nothing will smell.



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For More Info Call 742-8305 or stop by the Town Office at 4840 – 50 Street

## ♥ First Friday ♥

Downtown Stettler Businesses are open until 9:00 p.m. the first Friday of each month with unique specials and mini-events. Check us out on these first Fridays, **March 5, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5 & December 3, 2010.** Note: Downtown businesses will not be open late on Friday, April 2 due to Good Friday. For more information on First Fridays call (403) 742-5170.

## ♥ Kidsport ♥

Kidsport will hold its 7th Annual St. Patrick's Gala on **Saturday, March 13, 2010** at the Stettler Community Hall beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner, a Charity Auction and the evening will conclude with dancing to the live music of Loose Change. Reserve your tickets or table by contacting Barb at (403) 742-3206 or Christie at (403) 742-8859.

## ♥ Stettler Public Library ♥

In February, the Library will be celebrating the Olympics with an **Olympic Reading Challenge**. Read a book for each colour of the rings to enter. (red, blue, green, black and yellow). We encourage creative entering: read a book that is red, blue and green called *The Sun is Yellow* by Joe Black and that's all the entry requirements fulfilled! Great Olympic prizes to be won such as ball caps, toques, stuffed animals and water bottles. Open to everyone. Entries available for Easy Readers, Junior and Young Adults and Adults.

From **February 21 to 28** we will be celebrating **Freedom To Read Week**. Freedom to read can never be taken for granted. Even in Canada, a free country by world standards, books and magazines are banned at the border. Books are removed from the shelves in Canadian libraries, schools and bookstores every day. Free speech on the Internet is under attack. Few of these stories make headlines, but they affect the right of Canadians to decide for themselves what they choose to read. Join us at the library to "free a word" and wear an "I'm with the banned" pin with pride! For further information contact the Library at (403) 742-2292.

## ♥ Stettler Curling Club Bonspiel Dates ♥

The Stettler Curling Club will be hosting the following bonspiels:

Seniors Bonspiel – February 19 & 20, 2010 - \$120/team.

Ladies Open – March 12-14, 2010 - \$140/team.

Closing Mixed Bonspiel – March 26-28, 2010 - \$140/team.

For more information call the Stettler Curling Rink (403)742-3111 or Fred (403)740-2855.



## ♥ Sidewalk/Snow Removal Policy/Vehicles Removed From Streets ♥



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 the accumulation. Please make sure you sand or salt your sidewalks as well to ensure the safety of our citizens. **DURING SNOW REMOVAL, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR VEHICLE IS REMOVED FROM THE STREET WHEN RESIDENTIAL STREET CLEANING SIGNS ARE POSTED.** Not having to work around vehicles will ensure a quicker response time and a cleaner street. Also residents **MUST** remove their 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. Thank you for your co-operation.

## ♥ Community Events ♥

If you have any community events that you would like listed on the Town of Stettler's monthly newsletter, please call Charleen at (403) 742-8305.