



DECEMBER 2013



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - MAYOR DICK RICHARDS

On behalf of Town of Stettler Council and Staff 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 **Elmer & Mildred Gross** 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 9, 2014**. Let's enjoy our tree and make this intersection accident free. Your **COOPERATION** in this regard is greatly appreciated.



THE NIGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT BEFORE

The Night Before the Night Before will be held on **Monday, December 23rd**.

FREE Train Rides - 10am, 12pm, 2pm, & 4pm - Donations of food or \$5 to the Food Bank appreciated

FREE Movie - How The Grinch Stole Christmas (2000) showing at 11am, & 5pm

FREE Hay Rides - 5-8pm.

FREE Refreshments and Events at participating Downtown Businesses. For information call (403)742-8484.

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

Skate with Santa - December 15 from 11am-2pm.

For Holiday Swim and skating Times please check our website at www.stettler.net

The SRC will be closed on December 25 & 26, 2013 as well as January 1, 2014

Call the SRC at (403)742-4411 for information or check our website for extended holiday skating & pool times.

2013 SHOP STETTLE CASH CARDS



Many Stettler Merchants are involved in the Shop Stettler Cash Cards giving customers the opportunity to win Heart of Alberta Dollars just by shopping Stettler! The final draw will be held on December 20 (\$1000). These Dollars will be redeemable at participating "Shop Stettler" businesses. Pick up your cash card(s) at participating businesses. For more information, call the Stettler Board of Trade at (403)742-3181.

STETTLE ALLIANCE CHURCH

The 7th Annual Nativity Exhibit will be held **December 19-21, 2013** at the Stettler Alliance Church located at their new location in Grandview (6109-41 Avenue next to the Tot Lot). You are invited to come and view the display of crèches depicting a variety of interpretations of the nativity from around the world. The exhibit will be open Thursday and Friday from 9am to 8pm and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. No admission charge. Families are welcome. For information call Betty at (403)742-1135 (weekday mornings) or (403)742-2749.

2014 DOG AND CAT LICENSES



The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2014 dog and cat licenses. The Town of Stettler gives a \$10.00 discount to all licenses if purchased between December 1, 2013 & January 31, 2014. The cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2014 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 contact Alberta Animal Services Toll Free at 1-866-340-2388 or the Town Office at (403)742-8305.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

The Clearview Public Schools and the Christ King Catholic School will be closed from **December 21, 2013 - January 5, 2014** for the Christmas break. Regular classes will resume on **January 6, 2014**.

COATS FOR FAMILIES

Coats for Families is a program for any family that would like to choose a warm winter coat or jacket. If you would like to **DONATE** winter coats or jackets that no longer fit your family, they can be dropped off at the McMan Office located at 5104-50 Avenue Monday – Friday from 8:30 am-12:00 Noon & 1-4:30 pm. Coats **MUST** be washed and in good repair. For further information call (403)742-3600.

STETTLER CURLING CLUB BONSPIEL DATES 2013-2014

Yuletide Bonspiel – December 27

Seniors – February 13 & 14

Farmer & Farmerettes – January 16-19

Ladies Open – March 7-9

Men's Open – January 31 & February 1-2

Closing Mixed – March 28-30

Junior Bonspiel – February 8

For further info call the Stettler Curling Club at (403)742-3111 or Manager, Jamie Devnich at (403)742-9892.

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.

ALBERTA ANIMAL AND MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Officer Kevin Duval with Alberta Animal and Municipal Enforcement Services and all Town Employees would like to remind everyone to observe and obey all no parking signs which will be placed in your area for the removal of snow. The Stettler Traffic Bylaw #1941-06 states that all signs will be posted at least 12 hours in advance of snow removal equipment attending your area. To make the process as efficient as possible please do not park in areas where these signs are erected. Vehicles which remain in areas after the 12 hour period in which the signs are erected and the arrival of snow removal equipment will be subject to a \$50.00 parking violation ticket and may also be towed at the owner's expense. In the event you feel your vehicle is suspected to have been towed please contact Alberta Animal and Municipal Enforcement Services 1-866-340-2388, Stettler RCMP (403)742-3382 or the Town Office (403)742-8305.



STETTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 17 - 5:00 pm: Spine Crackers Teen Book Club discusses *The Book Thief*.

December 19 - 7:00 pm: Chicks with Sticks – Last minute knitting or craft projects to finish up for Christmas? Come on into the library to work on them so they're ready in time!

Tue from 5-6pm: Tutoring in math and science. Elaine will help develop learning strategies for these subjects with students of any age.

Wed and Fri @ 11:00 am-11:45 am: Read & Rhyme Play Time for ages 0-5 upstairs at the SRC. Join other parents and toddlers for songs and stories. There will be no Read & Rhyme on December 25, December 27, or January 1.

Wed @1:00 pm: Read & Rhyme in Botha for ages 0-5. Join Mandeja at the Botha School for songs and stories.

Holiday Hours:

The Stettler Public Library will close at 2pm on Christmas Eve (**December 24**) and on New Year's Eve (**December 31**). The library will be **CLOSED** on December 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 & January 1. Regular hours will resume on January 2, 2014.

Visit the library's website (spl.prl.ab.ca) and on our Facebook page (facebook.com/StettlerPublicLibrary) for events and updates or call (403)742-2292.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

While you are doing your Christmas shopping, consider a gift for the planet and take a re-usable bag. Plastic bags take 400 years to breakdown for perhaps 3 minutes of usage. In Stettler, we consume about one million plastic bags per year but we are pleased to see that more and more Stettler shoppers are turning to re-usable bags. Please bring your own bag to every store, every time!



RCMP HEARTLAND VICTIM SERVICES

Come on out and support the RCMP Regimental Ball on **Saturday, February 15, 2014**. The theme for the Ball will be Valentine's Day, so this is the perfect opportunity to get dressed up and take your Valentine out dining and dancing. Ball includes dinner, dancing to the very popular Chevelles and a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of 8 for \$350. This event is a fundraiser for Heartland Victim Services. Tickets are available at Wells Furniture, Lawlor Jewelry and the RCMP Detachment. Call (403)741-7841 for information. Heartland Victim Services is also recruiting for volunteers. We need front line Advocates and Board members. Application packages may be picked up at the RCMP Detachment. Call (403)741-7841 for further information.