



TOWN OF STETTLER

News About Our Town...

The Heart of Alberta!

♥ Budget & Utility Rate Updates ♥



The 2011 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 to continue to renew aging capital infrastructure on an affordable basis.

The Town is nearing completion of major upgrades to the municipal water and sanitary sewage systems. \$21 million is being invested into the Water Treatment Plant and \$3 million into the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Both upgrades will significantly increase production/treatment capacity, while addressing licensing improvements relating to quality, safety, security, odour reduction and environmental protection.

In 2011 the Stettler Water Treatment Plant will regionally supply potable water to Botha/Gadsby, the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission operating an easterly line to Castor, Coronation and Consort, and to the Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission operating a line to Alix & Mirror.

Starting January 1, 2011 rates for in-Town water consumption increased by \$.24 cents per m³ to \$2.01, sewer rates will increase by \$1.00 to \$15.00 per month while residential solid waste pick-up will increase by \$1.50 to \$17.00 per month.

The financial impact on a household consuming an average of 17m³ per month of water will be an additional \$79 per year in 2011. These utility rate increases are necessary to offset related costs associated with "User Pay" municipal utilities included in the Town's 2011 Interim Operating Budget projections. The Town of Stettler does not use property tax dollars to support municipal utility operations.

♥ Help Choose New Community Entrance Signs! ♥

The Town of Stettler is currently working on new community entrance signs for all four highway entrances. AND you can help pick the signs by going to www.stettler.net and posting your vote. Published forms are also available at the Town Office or at the Stettler Recreation Centre. For more information please call the Town Office at 742-8305.



♥ What is the Beautification Committee? ♥

Town Council set a goal to beautify the Town of Stettler in 1995. A committee of local residents, town staff and Councillors was put together to make sure the community had input. The new "Heartland Beautification Committee" soon began producing more attractive projects in the Town of Stettler like the mural on the water reservoir, the hanging



baskets, the banners, the recycling program and the memorial tree park. Some were controversial such as the threshing machine in Pioneer Park directing the public to the museum and recently the pergola, a hard landscape feature symbolising local architecture while providing visual value without obstructing traffic. All of these projects have been done on a reasonable budget with volunteer help and donations.

In 1998 the committee joined the increasingly popular "Communities in Bloom" competition as a tool to get the businesses and residents thinking about how they can beautify Stettler. The Beautification Committee has been highly complimented on their improvements to Stettler by the Provincial and National Judges.

A goal of the committee in the future is to engage younger people so that improvements that are accomplished will be valuable to young residents of Stettler who will be here for many years to come.

If you have an interest in making Stettler a more attractive community, please feel free to call the Town Office at 403-742-8305 for more information on how your input might be best utilized by the committee.



♥ Recycling – A Great Success ♥

Since the initial introduction of a formal recycling program in Stettler we have collectively seen many successes. Due to the efforts of our citizens, 16-20 tonnes of material are collected bi-weekly in our recycling program thus preventing that same volume from having to enter our landfill. This is a considerable volume of material now being handled in a much more environmentally conscious manner. All materials collected in Stettler's collection program are bundled and stockpiled just east of Alix and then hauled to Edmonton where it is sorted for specific recycling. It is Council's need to recycle and extend the life of the landfill and reduce costs.

♥ Family Day Carnival ♥

Sponsored by the Stettler Kinettes- Monday, February 21, 2011 from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Christ-King School gymnasium. Entry fee is a non-perishable food donation or a \$10 donation (per family) for the Stettler Food Bank. Come have a fun FAMILY afternoon!! Snacks and a raffle as well! For more information, call Jacquie at 742-3277.

♥ Stettler Curling Club Bonspiel Dates ♥

The Stettler Curling Club will be hosting the following bonspiels:

Seniors Bonspiel – February 17 & 18, 2011 - \$120/team.

Ladies Open – March 11-13, 2011 - \$140/team.

Closing Mixed Bonspiel – March 22-27, 2011 - \$140/team.

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



♥ 8th Annual Kidsports Gala ♥

Kidsport is excited to hold the 8th annual Gala on Mar 19th 2011 at the Stettler Community Center. Cocktails begin at 5:30pm with a silent and live auction and a dance to follow with entertainment including "The Jazz Guys" and "Loose Change". For tickets or if you would like to donate please call Barb @ (403)742- 3206 or Darrel @ (403)742-1199

♥ Spring Sports Registration ♥

The Stettler Minor Soccer and The Stettler Minor Baseball Association will be hosting their Spring Registration on March 2, 2011 & March 7, 2011 upstairs in the Stettler Rec Centre from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. If you have questions regarding soccer please call Kris Satre at 403-742-8581 or any questions regarding baseball please call Nancy Bauman at 403-742-0551.

♥ Keep Access to Fire Hydrants Clear ♥

The Town recommends that homeowners clear the snow away from the fire hydrants near their property. When snow blowers blow snow off of driveways and bury the hydrants it makes them hard to locate in an emergency. If there is a fire in the neighborhood, it can take firefighters precious minutes to locate and clear the hydrant.

Be a good neighbor, be a good citizen and keep the hydrants clear of snow.



♥ 2011 Spring Dinner Theatre Production ♥

The cast and crew from Desperate Ambrose (a western spoof) would like to invite everyone to their evening performances that take place March 31, 2011 to April 2, 2011. A Pre-Ticket sale will transpire at the Community Hall on February 17, 2011 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Regular ticket sales will be available February 18, 2011 located at Memories for Eternity on Main Street (4918 – 50 Street). For more information about regular ticket sales please call Memories for Eternity at 403-742-6022 OR for more information about the Dinner Theatre please call Jean Bischke at 403-742-4173.

♥ 2011 Business Licenses Due ♥

2011 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.

♥ Snofest Celebration ♥

Family Day Activities – **Sunday, February 20, 2011** at West Stettler Park from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hotdogs, hot chocolate, tobogganing, sleigh rides, etc. **COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!!**

West Stettler Pond – THE POND IS **OFF LIMITS** – THE ICE IS **NOT SAFE** AT ANY TIME.



♥ Public Works Notice to Residents ♥

Residents, please 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.

