



New Year Message from Mayor Dick Richards

On behalf of Town of Stettler Council, Administration and Staff I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. **All the Best in 2012!**

Staff Recognition

The Town of Stettler would like to congratulate the following employees for their service to the Town of Stettler: Alicia Candlish (5 years), Murray Rider (5 years), Gloria Chisholm (5 years), Sarah McCrindle (10 years) & Wanda Whitten (25 years). We would like to thank these employees for their dedication and commitment over the years. Town of Stettler Staff are pleased to have raised \$600.00 at their service awards luncheon which was donated to the Stettler & District Handibus Society.

2012 Interim Operating Budget and Water, Sewer & Recycling Rates

Starting January 1, 2012 rates for in-Town water consumption will rise by \$.28 cents per m³ to \$2.29, sewer rates will increase by \$2.00 to \$17.00 per month while recycling fees will increase by \$1.00 to \$5.00 per month.



The financial impact on a household consuming an average of 17m³ per month of water will be an additional \$93 per year in 2012. These utility rate increases are necessary to offset related costs associated with "User Pay" municipal utilities included in the Town's 2012 Interim Operating Budget projections. The Town of Stettler does not use property tax dollars to support municipal utility operations.

In 2012 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 and Mirror.

The 2012 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.

2012 DOG AND CAT LICENSES



The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2012 dog and cat licenses. The Town of Stettler gives a \$10.00 discount to all licenses if purchased between December 1, 2011 & January 31, 2012. The cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2012 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.

Town of Stettler Business License Changes

The Town of Stettler would like to remind all business owners that if your business is no longer operating to please fill out the "Business License Cancellation Form" that will be mailed with your 2012 Business License Invoice or by finding the form online at www.stettler.net under "Town Services" and "Apply for a Business License". If there is a change in your business information, please contact the Town Office in writing or call (403) 742-8305 so your information may be updated on our database. These changes include the following:

- address (mailing and municipal)
- phone number
- business name
- owner of the business
- relocation
- any other changes you feel are important

Pre-Authorized Utility & Tax Bills

Pre-authorized payment is a simple, convenient, no-fee method of paying your monthly utility bill; your bill is always paid on time and the required amount is automatically debited from the bank account of your choice. No more cheques to write, stamps to lick or envelopes to mail. No more going to the bank and waiting in line to settle your account and no more late payments if you happen to forget. The automatic payment is made 25 days after the billing date shown on your bill and you will continue to receive a monthly bill detailing your charges. Contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305 to sign up for the Utility or Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plans.

Parks & Leisure Services

Family Day Activities – **Sunday, February 19, 2012** at West Stettler Park from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hotdogs, hot chocolate, tobogganing, sleigh rides, etc.

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



Heartland Youth Center's 21st Annual Lloyd's Bowl for Kids

The Heartland Youth Center's 21st Annual Lloyd's Bowl for Kids fundraiser is just down the lane! This year's "Crazy Cartoon Character" themed event takes place **Friday, February 10, 2012** from 4-8 p.m. If you and your co-workers, teammates, coffee buddies, or family would like to obtain pledges and join in the bowling fun, please call the HYC at (403) 742-5437 to register. Prizes for best Cartoon Characters and teams will be awarded! Also note - your support of donations to this event are matched by the Alberta Community Spirit program!

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. As per Part 3, Section 312 of the Stettler Traffic Bylaw #1941-06 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 (403)347-2388, Stettler RCMP (403)742-3382 or the Stettler Town Office (403)742-8305.

This is the time of year to be extra cautious and vigilant while on the roads and highways. Remember to pack your vehicle with winter emergency equipment, depart with plenty of extra time to arrive at your destination, and leave plenty of space between you and other motorists.



Stettler Curling Club Bonspiel Dates

Farmer & Farmerettes – January 11-15 - \$140/\$120

Seniors – February 16 & 17 - \$120

Ladies Open – March 9-11 - \$140

Men's Open – February 3-5 - \$140

Closing Mixed – March 23-25 - \$140

Junior/Bantam Bonspiel – February 10 & 11 (Call 403-742-6847 for information)

For further information call the Stettler Curling Club @742-3111 or Manager, Fred vonKrogh at 740-2855.

Stettler P&H Elevator Preservation Society

The Stettler P&H Elevator Preservation Society Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 in the basement of the Stettler Golf & Country Club. Doors open at 6:00 pm with supper at 7:00 pm. Cost \$25/person. Come and enjoy a beef and turkey buffet, catch up with what has been happening at the elevator, listen to a guest speaker and enter for a chance to win a door prize.

Stettler Agriplex

The Heartland Cowboy Church is hosting Ken Grambo – The Singing Pastor on **January 26, 2012 – 7:00 pm** at the Stettler Agriplex. Come and enjoy an evening of song and laughter. Tickets cost \$10.00/door. For further information call 403-742-4273.

Disposal of Christmas Trees

Please drop your Christmas trees off at the Transfer Station for chipping during their regular hours of operation.

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.



Stettler Public Library

Thursday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day. To celebrate adults and children reading and learning together, and to encourage Canadians to spend at least 15 minutes enjoying a learning activity as a family every day, join us in the Library for **Family Game Night** from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. We have Scrabble, Mastermind, Monopoly, Risk, Apples to Apples and much more - or bring your own game. Challenge your family, or challenge another family.

Did you know that for a minimal fee the Stettler Public Library offers a wide variety of magazines and newspapers? Save money and the environment by cutting back on magazine and newspaper subscriptions. For information contact the Stettler Public Library at (403) 742-2292.

Go Bags - Are you too busy to come in and pick your own materials? Call us at (403) 742-2292 and we will fill a bag of books according to the criteria of your choice.

Handibus - The Handibus is available for free rides to and from the library for elderly and disabled. This service is sponsored by Royal LePage Central.

Reference - Have a question that has you stumped? Looking for a book that you can't find? Need help finding material for your homework? The staff at the Stettler Public Library would be happy to help. If you can't make it in person give us a call or take advantage of our "**Ask a Question**" link.

Stettler & District Seniors Drop-In Centre

The Stettler & District Seniors Drop-In Centre will hold their annual meeting and potluck lunch on **January __, 2011 at 12:00 Noon**. For information call (403) 742-5955.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety

The Town of Stettler would like to remind everyone to be cautious and slow down for pedestrians at crosswalks. **HELP US KEEP THESE CROSSWALKS SAFE AND ACCIDENT FREE!**



Public Works Notice to Residents

Residents, please remove your 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. Also 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 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.