



TOWN OF STETTLER

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2008 Municipal Census

COUNT YOURSELF IN! - MAY 26, 2008. The Town of Stettler will be conducting a municipal census. Enumerators will be canvassing the Town door-to-door from May 26 through to June 9, 2008. Why a census? To ensure our Town and residents receive the maximum amount of funding from the Province, and to assist in making better decisions on future developments such as roads, parks, utilities, fire protection, schools and economic development.

It is very important that everyone gets included in the official count. The type of information being gathered is minimal and **will not include any names**, rather will include statistical information like the gender and age of everyone residing on a piece of property. It must also include anyone who is temporarily away at school, working, or for medical reason provided they consider Stettler their permanent residence as of the enumeration date. If you would like to be an enumerator, please fill out an application at the Town Office.

Water Smart Program



As water becomes more and more of a precious commodity being **water smart** means the practice of water conservation. Together, the water utility users of Stettler can all work together to help reduce water use and peak demand on water utility services. There is enough water to meet the needs of Stettlerites now and in the future. We just need to be **water smart** and remember that water use increases during the summer months as a result of one single factor -- outdoor watering! There is plenty of water and no water rationing during the winter months.

Being **water smart** also means ensuring that we conserve water. Getting to know how and where the average household uses water gives a better understanding of how to be **water smart**.

Town staff have compiled a number of statistics and water efficiency tips. By sharing these with the water users over the next few months everyone will benefit.

Go Blue

We pride ourselves in going green, but to live green, we need to respect water too. It's time to **GO BLUE**. It's a call to all Canadians to reduce our wasteful water habits and be more conscientious of the water we use. Please visit www.GoBlue.org to learn how you can get involved and start saving water today!

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 742- 8305.

Spring Plant Swap



The Heartland Beautification Committee is preparing for the 3rd annual Plant Swap. Once again this event will be held on the Saturday before Mother's Day - **May 10, 2008** at West Stettler Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have perennials that need dividing and you have run out of friends and family to give the extras to this is the perfect place to dispose of them. Or, if you are a beginning gardener and are in need of perennials and some know-how this is where to come to get both. The idea is simple. If you have plants to share bring them (early in the morning if possible), and if you are in need of plants come and get them. We would ask that if you know the name of the plant you are bringing please label it. We have found that this is also an opportunity for sharing not only plants but also gardening tips and ideas. So, for anyone with an interest in gardening this is something you definitely need to check out. If you have any questions call Susan at 742-3840.



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Staff Profile

Adrian Cordel has been hired by the Town of Stettler to work in the Transportation Department. Adrian moved here from the Red Deer area, but grew up in Halkirk. He will be responsible for looking after and running equipment in the maintenance of roads, sidewalks, storm sewers and all the other duties that pertain to the Transportation Department.

Nikki Paulsen has been hired to work with the Stettler RCMP. She will be doing a variety of duties to assist the RCMP members in providing a safe community. Nikki grew up in Byemoor and is excited to be part of the RCMP and an employee of the Town of Stettler.

Stettler Regional Board of Trade & Community Development Major Community Event

Are you concerned that the Stettler Community does not have a Major Event involving a parade scheduled for this year? What are your ideas? What type of event would you and your family like to participate in? Should we use an annual theme or event? Please contact the following with your ideas: Keith Ryder, Executive Director at 742-3181, Fax 742-3123 or e-mail: kryder@stettlerboardoftrade.com or Shauna Wallace, Director of Economic Development & Communications at 742-4441, Fax 742-1277 or e-mail: swallace@stettlercounty.ca

Household Toxic Spring Roundup & Paint Exchange

The Stettler Waste Management Authority is pleased to announce that its Household Toxic Spring Roundup & Paint Exchange will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the County of Stettler No. 6 Yard, (6602 - 44 Avenue).

The following items will NOT be accepted at the Household Toxic Roundup. They may be disposed of as indicated:

Used Oil - Stettler Bottle Depot, 5005 - 48 Street (or check with your local bulk agent).

Car Batteries - Regional Landfill, Botha, Big Valley, Byemoor, Donalda, Erskine, Gadsby & Stettler Transfer Stations.

Radioactive Materials - Contact Atomic Energy Control Board (403-292-5181)

Biomedical Materials - Contact the Hospital, Health Unit or Bovar Inc. (403-947-3354)

Commercial Toxic Waste - Contact EnviroSort Inc. (403-342-7823) & Explosives - Contact the RCMP Detachment

Stettler P & H Grain Elevator Preservation Society Fundraiser

The 3rd Annual Garage Sale & Flea Market will be held May 17 (8 am - 4 pm) & May 18 (10 am - 3 pm) at the Stettler P&H Grain Elevator. For information, to drop off donated items or to book a table call Stan @740-4799 or Donna @742-4243.

Stettler Annual Art Walk

*The Parks & Leisure Services is sponsoring the Stettler Art Walk on **May 31st** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Main Street. BBQ, entertainment and draw. If you are an artist looking to show/sell your work or a business wishing to pair up with an artist, please call the Parks & Leisure Office at 742-4411. Art may include sculptures, paintings, photography, sketches, pottery and music. 15% commission will be collected on all sales with proceeds going to a local Art Endowment Fund for funding future art walks and future scholarships. No fee will be collected from students.*

Stettler & District Handibus Society

The Stettler & District Handibus Society is considering offering, in conjunction with the regular service, a wheelchair accessible van transportation for Town & County residents to Stettler or any city medical appointments. We would like to conduct a feasibility study to learn how much you would be willing to pay for the service and how many people would be interested in this type of transportation. Please call 742-5858 if you are interested or have any questions.

Clogged Sewer Systems

The Town would like to encourage residents not to pour fat, oil or grease down the drain because it will clog the sewer system. We recommend that you dump your grease into a container and store it in the fridge to harden, until you have enough to put out with the garbage. It makes no difference if you mix hot water with the grease as the grease will harden because the sewers are cold. When blockages occur, sewage can back up into basements. A typical flooded basement will cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 to repair. Thank you for your cooperation.