



TOWN OF STETTLER

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NEWSLETTER



BACK-TO-SCHOOL: CHILDREN SAFETY



As a reminder kids will be heading back to school on September 2ND. PLEASE be aware that the School Speed Zone Limits are in effect each school day. **PROCEED WITH CAUTION IN THESE ZONES AND PLEASE BE AWARE OF CHILDREN AT CROSSWALKS!**

When approaching a **STOPPED SCHOOL BUS** from either direction and its **OVERHEAD RED LIGHTS** are **FLASHING** you must **STOP AND WAIT** until the bus moves off before proceeding.



STETTLER RECYCLING COMMITTEE NEWS

After reviewing the comments collected at the Trade Fair and the Report on Opportunities to expand recycling in Stettler, the Committee is recommending a curbside Blue Box or Bag Program. Town Council is working to bring this program to Stettler in January 2009 and final fee's for this service will depend on the type of contract that can be arranged. Significant reduction to our landfill and protection of our environment will only happen when our residents make sure to reduce, re-use, recycle and recover. The local transfer site will continue to operate its recyclable collection and improvements to this site are ongoing.

HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/GREEN COMMITTEE

Don't think of laundry as a mundane household chore, think of it as an opportunity to go green! By washing only full loads in cold water, hanging your laundry on the clothes line to dry and switching to eco-friendly detergents, you can make a huge dent in your environmental impact and save some money too! Many companies are now using less packaging and concentrated detergent. This means less to recycle and less frequent trips to the recycle depot. Simply another way to "go green" and get clean clothes at the same time!

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT POLICY

The Town of Stettler has approved a Community Improvement Policy – an incentive based policy that will offer tax rebates for re-development projects that meet the policies criteria. This policy will aim to identify areas of concern with respect to derelict buildings by encouraging their demolition and redevelopment. In doing so the Town's goal is to promote rehabilitation, the replacement of inappropriate uses, reduction of land use conflicts, and the upgrading of municipal infrastructure at these sites. This policy will also encourage structural and facade improvements to buildings within the downtown business district that are sensitive to improving the character of the neighborhood they reside in and restoration of contaminated sites to a state that is safe for the public and the environment prior to business redevelopment. For information contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305.

PACK THE PARK

The next events to be held at West Stettler Park are: Belinda Abbott – August 17TH at 7:00 p.m., Damnedifknaw – August 24TH from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Please bring a Food Bank donation) & Movie Night – August 28TH. Brought to you by the Co-Operators – time to be announced. For more information contact the Parks & Leisure Office at (403)742-4411.

STETTLER SPORTS PARK

The Stettler Sports Park Fundraising Committee has teamed up with the Town of Stettler and the Government of Alberta and have indeed started the ball rolling. Ground preparation has already occurred and the diagrams are in place for Stettler's newest sporting showcase. Four new ball diamonds, two new soccer pitches along with a concession, RV parking and playgrounds are all featured at the Stettler Sports Park. If you would like to support the "Stettler Sports Park", send your donations to the "Fundraising Committee", Box 280,

Stettler, AB T0C 2L0 (Please make cheque payable to Town of Stettler). If you require more information contact Dick Richards at (403)742-8321, Wes Holowachuk at (403)742-8305 or Lee Penner at (403)742-4411.

STETTLER'S ANNUAL FLY-IN BREAKFAST

Stettler's Annual Fly-In Breakfast will be held on Monday, September 1, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Stettler Airport. **EVERYONE WELCOME! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



STETTLER REGIONAL BOARD OF TRADE - BUSINESS & CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Stettler Regional Board of Trade is offering the opportunity for the residents of Stettler to make nominations for our Business & Citizenship Awards. This year's awards will be held on October 15th with nominations closing the first part of September. The categories are: Business Service, Customer Service, Community Service, Marketing, Small Business and Learning in the Workplace, as well as Male and Female Citizen of the Year. Please contact the Board of Trade Office at (403)742-3181 for nomination forms or e-mail g.gravelly@stettlerboardoftrade.com

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

Shooting Star Hockey School - Boys & Girls Hockey School from August 17-22 (1 Week Only!) For information call (780)417-0664 or e-mail www.shootingstarhockey.com



Youth Activity Program - The Stettler Recreation Centre is having an exciting outdoor youth activity program this summer to get kids moving around and having some fun. Activities will include: relay races, treasure hunts, plenty of games, a snack and more! Dates: August 11th, 13th & 15th Times: Ages 6-8 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. and Ages 9-11 from 3:30 -6:00 p.m. Cost \$30.00/child.

GIRL GUIDE LEADERS NEEDED

Adult women are desperately needed to volunteer as unit guiders for Sparks, Brownies and Guides in Stettler this fall. If you like to share your skills and experiences with youth and have fun, then this may be the volunteer position for you. No previous guiding experience is necessary. All training is provided. Please contact us for more information at stettlergirlguides@gmail.com or call 1-800-565-8111 (all calls are answered locally).

Please Note: There will be a Girl Guide table set up at the community registration and information event on August 27th & 28th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

KID SPORT

Kid Sport announced that it is continuing to sponsor a **FREE** swim every third Sunday at the Stettler Leisure Centre until the end of December. Kid Sport has helped over 80 kids to date this year. More applications are expected in the fall, when many other activities begin. Kid Sport wants to provide the opportunity for all kids from both the Town and County to participate in the activity of their choice. Applications are available at the Recreation Centre, coaches and school guidance counselors.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Please be advised that the August Committee of the Whole Meeting of Town Council has been cancelled. If an emergency arises the Committee Meetings will be held at the Call of the Chair. Committee Meetings will resume on September 9, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

TOILET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Town of Stettler is committed to water conservation. The Toilet Replacement Program is another way the Town is working to fulfill this commitment. Preserving this valuable resource benefits our local economy and the environment. **Your big old toilet is costing you a fortune!** A toilet can waste thousands of litres of water every year while flushing your money down the drain. If you change a 20L toilet to a 6L toilet, you will see a decrease of 14L per flush, that's seven pop bottles! Multiply this by four flushes per day with four people in the house, giving a total of 200L or about 50 gallons of water saved per day. The total amount of water saved works out to 81, 000L per year! Switching out your old toilet will save you money and conserve water. The Town of Stettler will be offering a toilet rebate of \$50 (6L) and \$100 (3L/6L).