



# DECEMBER 2008



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - MAYOR JIM HUNTER

On behalf of Council and Staff of the Town of Stettler 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 **Darryl Anderson** 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 safer, left hand turns will **NOT** be allowed at the Christmas Tree. This "NO LEFT TURNS" Policy will be in effect until **January 7, 2009**. Let's enjoy our tree and make this intersection accident free. Your **COOPERATION** in this regard is greatly appreciated.



## NIGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Join us on **Tuesday, December 23, 2008** for some Christmas festivities sponsored by the downtown businesses. Main Street will be closed from the Scotiabank corner to the Home Hardware alley starting at 4:00 p.m., Alberta Prairie will provide train rides at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., the Jewel Theatre will present a FREE Christmas Movie at 1:00 p.m., enjoy a street hockey game on Main Street, firepits will be lit at 5:00 p.m., refreshments and food will be provided by the downtown businesses, music and entertainment and then a fireworks display will be held at 9:30 p.m. at the Stettler Fairgrounds.



## PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

### Holiday Skating/Shinny Times:

December 22 & 23 – Public Skate 1–3 p.m. and Toonie Shinny 3:15–4:15 p.m.

December 28 – Public Skate – 3:45–4:45 p.m.

December 31 – Public Skate – 1–3 p.m. Toonie Shinny 3:15–4:15 p.m.

### Holiday Swim Times:

December 22–24, 29–31 & January 2 from 1–3 p.m. Weekend times will be Fitness Swim 12–1 p.m., Family Swim 1–3 p.m. & Open Swim 3–5 p.m.

No Public Skating in the evening of December 24 or 31. The Stettler Recreation Centre will be **CLOSED** on **December 25, 26 & January 1**.

2009 Fitness Challenge begins February 9<sup>th</sup>. Register Today! Appraisals will begin in January. Space is limited. Test your limits, prizes for the most improved. For more information call the Parks & Leisure Office at **742-4411**.

## ANNUAL EMERGENCY SERVICES CHARITY CHECKSTOP

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Services Charity Checkstop will take place on **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** on Main Street, Stettler. Proceeds in support of Heartland Victim Services Unit, Students Against Drunk Driving, Women's Shelter, Stettler Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Checkstop between 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. As always, we have enjoyed the support of Stettler area residents in the past, and we hope for the continued support this year. Your support helps make someone's holiday season a little brighter!

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

The Stettler Schools will be closed from **December 20, 2008 - January 4, 2009** for the Christmas break. Regular classes will resume on **January 5, 2009**.

### GREEN COMMITTEE

Real or Fake trees for Christmas? Real trees are a renewable, recyclable resource while artificial trees contain non-biodegradable plastics and metals. The Town of Stettler's Transfer Station accepts discarded Christmas trees, mulches them and adds them to the compost pile free of charge. So enjoy your real Christmas tree guilt free.

### HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Heartland Beautification Committee is looking to recruit two youths to sit on their Heartland Beautification Committee. If you are concerned in saving the environment, recycling, beautifying our community, etc. this may be the committee for you. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 11:45 a.m. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please call Alicia at (403) 742-8305.

### STETTLER ALLIANCE CHURCH

The Stettler Alliance Church is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nativity Exhibit on **December 16-18** from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be approximately 100 nativity scenes on display. Everyone is invited to come and take a break from the hectic pace of Christmas activities to relax and reflect on the "**Reason for the Season**". No admission charge. Bring the family. The Alliance Church is located at 6710 – 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Hwy 12 West next to Tim Horton's. Call 742-1135 for more information.

### STETTLER VARIETY SHOWCASE

The December Concert performance "**Stratus**" – begins on **Sunday, December 14, 2008 at the Performing Arts Centre**. Two Performances: 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. The next performance "**McDades**" will be held on **Sunday, January 18, 2009**. Tickets available at Pfeiffer House of Music. For further information call Rodger at 742-2058 or Beth at 742-5704.



### 2009 DOG AND CAT LICENSES

The 2009 Dog and Cat Licenses are now available at the Town Office at 4840 – 50 Street. The Town of Stettler requires all dogs and cats over six weeks old to have an annual license. The cost for spayed or neutered dogs and cats is \$25.00 and \$50.00 for unspayed or unneutered animals prior to any eligible discount. An "**early bird**" discount of **\$10.00** for each dog or cat license will apply if purchased between **December 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009**.



### PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Residents **MUST** remove their 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. 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.



### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Garbage pickup for Thursday, December 25 will be picked up on December 29 and garbage pickup for January 1 will be picked up on January 5, 2009. Compost Bins have been emptied and turned over for the season. Please take your compostable materials to the Transfer Station.

### NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR YELLOW PAGES DIRECTORIES

With the arrival of the new Yellow Pages directories, Yellow Pages Group (YPG) is offering a new recycling program that makes it easier for Stettler residents to recycle their outdated directories. Simply bring your old directories – the ones with the Walking Fingers Logo – to Stettler Rentals located at 4220 – 44 Avenue where YPG has placed bins for this purpose.

### STETTLER CURLING CLUB BONSPIEL DATES

Yuletide Bonspiel - December 27, 2008 - \$80/team.  
Farmer & Farmerettes – January 14-18, 2009 - \$140/\$100/team.  
Seniors Bonspiel – January 26-30, 2009 - \$120/team.  
Men's Bonspiel – February 6-8, 2009 - \$140/team.  
Junior Bonspiel – (Bantam Curlers Only Please) – February 28 & March 1, 2009 - \$80/team.  
Ladies Bonspiel – March 13-15, 2009 - \$140/team.  
Closing Mixed Bonspiel – March 27-29, 2009 - \$140/team.  
For more information call the Curling Rink (403)742-3111 or Fred (403)740-2855.

