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REMINDER TAXES DUE OCTOBER 31, 2014

Payments

There are many different ways that you can pay your property taxes at the County of Stettler. We accept payments by cash, cheque, Visa, Mastercard, debit card, online banking or at most major financial institutions. If you are paying your taxes online please ensure you are paying them to the County of Stettler No. 6. For taxes use either your roll number or owner number. This will assist us in applying the payment to the appropriate balance.

If you are paying bills online the following financial institutes accept County of Stettler payments:

- Royal Bank of Canada
- TD Canada Trust
- Scotiabank
- Credit Union's
- CIBC
- Bank of Montreal
- ATB Financial

If your financial institute does not have the County listed for accepting payment, please contact our office and we will work to get them added.



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COUNTY CONNECTION

INTRO

Harvest. Fall. Autumn. My favorite season.

This year I had a small panic when September brought snow instead of turning leaves. I felt, for a few days, that someone had just pulled a rug out from under me. Nothing went right. I started worrying that it wouldn't be melting, and that this year, fall had been skipped altogether. For me, that would be like telling a child when they woke up on December 25, that it was actually the 26th and they had missed Christmas. Devastating.

Why is fall my favorite? I like things orderly. And fall is when everything gets the neatest and tidiest! The kids go back to school, we once again have some sort of order established, simply because we have a schedule. Farmers are out harvesting, fields are cleaned up and readied for spring. Hoses which have been hazards around my yard all spring and summer are rolled up and hidden away. Water barrels are emptied and turned over. Buckets stacked. Hay is lined up in nice neat rows ready for winter. Then comes Thanksgiving. It's like Christmas without the stress. We get all the same visiting, great meals and gathering times, without all of the ceremony, shopping and stress.

At the County, things are getting tidied and readied for winter. Our short construction season has ended and we're gearing up for snow plowing. Equipment is being prepared for the harshness we know is coming, and the only thing worse than winter is running into it before we're prepared. So go on, get that wood chopped, winterize your vehicles, clean out your gardens, come in to the County and sign your Laneway Snowplow Agreements and buckle in. For neat and tidy fall is here, but we all know messy winter is right around the corner.

Sincerely,

Niki Thorsteinsson



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REEVE'S RAMBLINGS

Once more the season has rolled around too quickly and harvest is in full swing. We have had a mixed bag of weather in the County ranging from too dry to too wet with some torrential hailstorms and rain storms mixed in. Yields seem to be down from last year's bumper crop but likely will still be average. As I am writing this (September 8), I am looking out the window at snow flurries but I am trusting in the old-timers adage that there was more harvesting done in the month of October than in the month of September.

One of the topics that was circulating last October during municipal elections was, not surprisingly, wages and salaries for County employees. Recently I was asked by a ratepayer how we determined salary levels and wages. There is a lot of thought and research done by administration in arriving at these decisions. This is my understanding of the process: Firstly, Council votes on their own remuneration usually once a year at the organizational meeting. In the County of Stettler we are paid for days we attend Council meetings or committee meetings (\$200 for full day or \$150 for half day) plus mileage and \$750 per month for preparation days and time and mileage we may spend in our own wards. We compare remuneration with surrounding Counties and Municipalities and try to stay somewhat in the middle. Council also determines the wage for the Chief Administrative Officer who is our (Council's) only employee. In arriving at this salary, Council considers salaries in other municipalities (including

urban municipalities) years of experience, education and training, workload, as well as ability to work with staff and council. Consumer price index also enters into all wage and salary decisions. Administration has a much more difficult task when it comes to wages and salary. They are working with public money but they have to compete with the private sector as well. In arriving at salaries and wages for staff and employees, job description, years of experience, training and education, ability to work with others, are also considered but with the added twist of what the private sector is willing to pay.

From my perspective as Reeve of the County of Stettler, I can see the amount of work that has to be done each day to keep everything running smoothly and the importance of employing qualified people to carry this out. The County of Stettler has been a leader in many areas of municipal operations thanks to our forward-thinking and knowledgeable administration and staff and it certainly pleases me to see the respect other jurisdictions have for our County. Considering size (1,000,000 acres), equipment, employees, infrastructure, budget, etc. the County of Stettler is a very large organization and has to be run accordingly and the wages and salaries have to match.

Thank you to the dedicated people who look after our County.



2014 Photo Contest

Submit your photos for a chance to be published in our County Calendar - Grand Prize wins an **iPad!**

Contest Rules

Amateur Photographers only.
If you run a photography business, you are not eligible.

Anyone can Enter!
There are no age or residency requirements but the photograph must be taken by the entrant.

Maximum entries: 5 per person.

Photos should be High Quality.
Set your camera to the HIGHEST RESOLUTION.
Landscape vs. portrait? Landscapes lend themselves best to our calendar format.

Photos MUST be taken in the County of Stettler.
Photographs taken in the Town of Stettler and Villages of Big Valley, Donalds, Botha and Gadsby will be accepted but will not be considered for the grand prize. You must confirm where in the County the photo was taken in order to be eligible.



Deadline:
Oct. 31
2014

Enter our **ONLINE** Contest by visiting:

www.stettlercounty.ca

Upload your photo and fill out your form to be eligible!



PERFORMING ARTS | REC BOARD FUNDING

The Performing Arts for Schools program was established by the Regional Recreation Board to expose our school children to different cultures and ideas through the performing arts. The Director of Recreation screens the acts, often attending the Arts Touring Alliance in Red Deer to personally meet and see the acts live before booking. Two acts are facilitated each year, one in the spring and one in the fall, often coordinated with the Stettler Elementary School.

Previous performances have included African Folktales with Erik de Waal, Big Drum where the children experienced various musical instruments, Mr. Fish-Science of Magic, and last year we were fortunate to have Alberta Opera perform Aladdin. We are pleased to be able to provide an opportunity for children in our area to experience the performing arts.

Recreational Special Project Funding (RSPF) was established in 2006 in order to set aside funds to help with the construction/enhancement of recreational facilities and assist with programs in order to serve the needs of the County's rural population, with the exception of properties owned by the Stettler Agricultural Society, and to ensure that this fund is renewed annually through taxation to be established by Council.

Any community groups, associations or non-profit societies located outside the Town of Stettler but inside the County of Stettler, and properties owned by the Stettler Agriculture Society are eligible to apply for funding provided that they have been in existence for at least two years by the October 31st deadline. The maximum funding available per fiscal year is \$50,000 and applications can be made until October 31, 2014 at the County office.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Kids love to play outside. It is an excellent form of recreation, exercise and fun. Playgrounds are a great place for creative, social and physical outdoor play. Unfortunately, playgrounds are also associated with many injuries to children.

EACH YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION INSPECTS OVER 20 PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF STETTLER TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR ALL.

We look for broken equipment, loose nuts or bolts, gaps or openings that may not be large enough for children to get their head or body through safely, gaps that may catch toggles or strings from coats, hoodies. We look at any dangers relating to falling (missing railings, nearby obstacles, etc.),

Play is the work of a child.

Maria Montessori

along with general site conditions. A report with recommendations is sent to the responsible party detailing any improvements or repairs that need to be made. These recommendations are followed up by the Director of Recreation to ensure that they are

completed within a time frame as outlined. Our Director of Recreation is certified by the Canadian Playground Safety Institute (CPSI) which entails taking a four day course (two days theory and two days practical). Every two years we inspect and perform complete thorough audits on

each playground. It is our hope you will take the time to enjoy the many playgrounds in our area. If you spot a safety concern don't hesitate to let the County know.



COUNTY LAND PURCHASE

Q & A

Why did the County purchase land?

A year ago, the County of Stettler conducted an external audit of the Public Works Shop, which was built in 1969. With the results of the audit, Council determined it was time to replace the Public Works Shop.

In the interim, Council approved the purchase of self-contained modular office units, to house our Public Works staff administratively, as a temporary solution. Council directed administration to start looking for land that would be appropriate for County operations.

Since the construction of the existing municipal buildings the County has expanded its services to include administration of the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission – the largest waterline in Alberta; Stettler District Ambulance Association; Stettler Waste Management Authority; and the Regional Fire Service in Big Valley, Donalda and Byemore. Additionally, programs downloaded onto municipalities from the provincial government include: Water; Planning; Agricultural Fieldmen; weed control, and inspections and spraying to name a few. The local health board was eliminated and is now done by lobbying through the municipalities, including doctor retention. There have been 672 subdivisions created and now maintained and serviced since 1979 when the shop was built, plus lake lots serviced now with water and sewer have increased from 44 to 432.

What is wrong with the current building?

The current Public Works building, on the west end of Stettler was built in 1969 and designed to last about 25-30 years. Since then, codes have changed, along with staffing and equipment. Additionally, the County Administration Building

was built in 1989, also designed to last 25-30 years. In addition to now being undersized, there are other issues with our current municipal work spaces:

- It's difficult to retrofit a 45 year old building, impacting the cost of repairs and routine maintenance.
- There are ventilation concerns and health and safety concerns.
- The shop workspace was developed in an age of manual typewriters and adding machines. Electrical systems cannot manage the loads from computers, photocopiers and modern equipment.
- In winter, some workspaces won't heat. Space heaters aren't efficient because of electrical issues.
- The building is in need of costly upgrades to plumbing, telecommunications, HVAC, handicapped access and other aging and outdated infrastructure.
- There is little space for ratepayers to meet with County staff or Councillors.
- Our current space is now surrounded by developments of residential housing.

Is 'doing nothing' an option?

County Council will make the final decision, and all options are open to them. But we are growing, the needs are growing, and the costs are growing – the problems are not going away.

Issues with the current space are being dealt with now by housing departments in ATCO trailers, converting meeting rooms into offices and conducting piecemeal fixes. All of these things cost money, but bring no lasting value to taxpayers.

The longer a decision is delayed, the more money will go to temporary measures, and the more expensive a long-term solution will become. Between 1998 and 2012 (a 15 year period), we



saw an 87.9% average increase^[1] (about 5.8% per year) in the cost of industrial and institutional construction rates in Alberta. Basing figures on the same growth in the next 15 years (which is a conservative estimate due to the exponential growth patterns of these statistics), we can predict that today's \$10,500,000 would be around \$19,729,500 for example.

Couldn't we just renovate?

The shop assessment identifies recommended actions and corresponding opinions including probable costs, which observe physical deficiencies, to replace major building systems and components that will exceed their expected useful life and to satisfy or upgrade to current code requirements. The immediate costs are over \$600,000, with an estimated total to exceed \$1,400,000. This estimate does not consider any issues that may be discovered during renovation, nor does it allow for our expanding operations. Renovating would not address the growing needs of the municipality. Residential housing has grown up around the County land. There is not enough space at our current location for construction. Land value played a major role in the decision to purchase land for us to grow. The County of Stettler now owns two sites – the current site in town, and now the one on Highway 56 south of Stettler. The site in town is valued at approximately \$3,500,000. If everyone was located to the new site, our current site would be a saleable asset.

Could we lease more space?

Leasing or renting space makes sense for a business that can write off the cost on taxes. It is not an advantage for government. Leasing is expensive and taxpayers don't end up with an asset of any value at the end.

What are the costs, and how will the County pay?

At this time, Council has not made any decisions on what to build. Options could include a new Public Works shop and offices, or a combined facility that would house Administration and Public Works. After these decisions have been made, the County will look to funding from the Province, capital reserves for building, and investigate borrowing.

What would a new site look like?

This would be for County Council to determine. Rest assured Stettler County will not build a castle or an architectural masterpiece. This would be a functional building, similar to what you would see in any suburban business park. It could potentially house office space, Council Chambers, customer service space, Public Works and Agricultural Services.

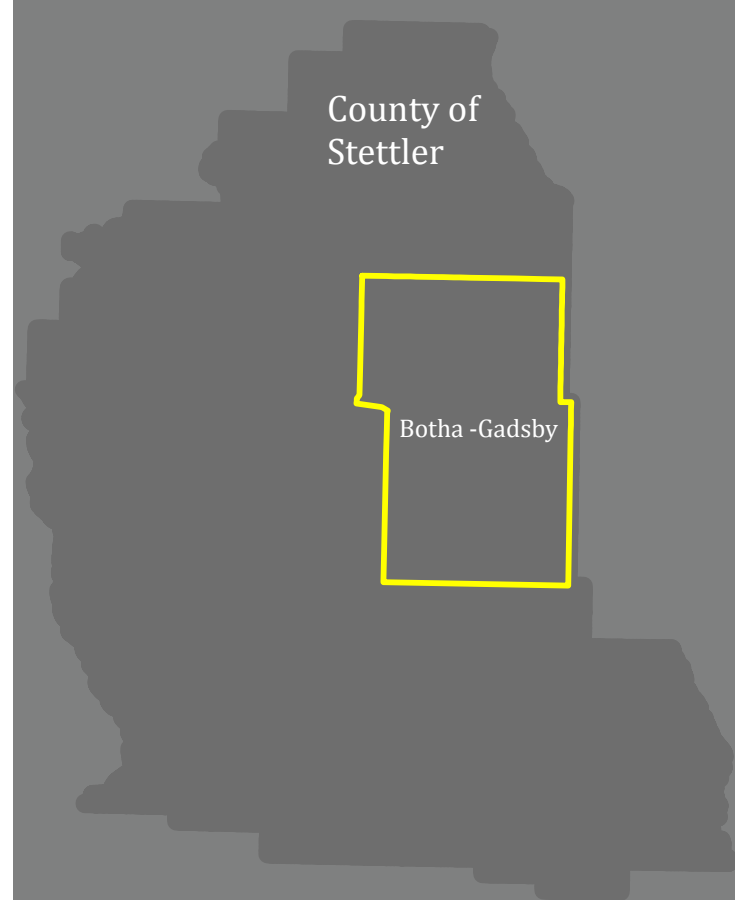
Where will it be?

The new site is at the corner of Highway 56 and Township Road 38-4. Two kilometers south of the town limits on the east side of Highway 56.

What are the next steps?

Administration will research cost estimates for design and construction of all of the options. County Council will decide based on estimates, interest rates and budget, whether to proceed with just a Public Works shop and offices, or to combine the construction of the facilities and build a new municipal office and shop complex. Once Council decides and approves the project, groundbreaking could occur in 2015.

¹Source: Statistics Canada. Table 327-00430- Price indexes of non-residential building construction, by class of structure, annually (index, 2002=11).



WARD FOCUS

I am honored to serve a second term as Councillor in the County of Stettler. Elected by the residents in Ward 3 Botha / Gadsby, I truly believe that it is not only my fellow constituents in Ward 3 that I am accountable to, but all residents of the County. We as Council take great pride in the wonderful area we live in. East Central Alberta is rich with employment opportunities, recreation and culture. Council along with the dedicated staff will continue to balance growth and prosperity with sound financial management.

The County of Stettler continues to be proactive and a leader in municipal partnerships with the villages and the Town of Stettler that are within our boundaries and the bordering rural municipalities, The Federal and Provincial Governments taylor grant programs to reward co-operative and regional projects. The County of Stettler has partnered in many projects successful in acquiring funding from other levels of government such as the Stettler Library renovation, Airport upgrades, and one of the greatest partnerships being the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission. This partnership has made it possible for both rural and urban areas to enjoy a

reliable source of potable water. Rural sustainability hinges on the ability to access water.

I was fortunate to represent the County of Stettler at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario. This convention allows for all urban and rural municipalities to discuss opportunities and concerns to the Federal Government. The FCM garners great respect from the Federal Government as success and growth in municipalities equals success for Canada.

At the convention I attended workshops that focused on preparation for disasters within your municipality and the Niagara region operation and management of the 911 and ambulance service.

I found it interesting that weather events have been recorded as more intense and frequent in occurrence in the past 10 years. Previously engineered infrastructure design is being pressed to the limit regularly and post disaster recovery costs are skyrocketing. In the spring of 2014 the County of Stettler promoted and distributed an information program to help educate and prepare the residents of the County if a



Councillor Greg Jackson with his children (L to R) Grady, Hannah and Will

disaster was to occur locally. Regionally I sit on the Disaster Services Committee in care of planning for the operation of services during and after a major disaster event.

I also had the opportunity to discuss the management strategies of the regional 911 and ambulance service and the Canadian accreditation process with Roger Mayo. Roger is the Deputy Chief of Niagara Region EMS and guided me in operating some of the equipment soon to be in use locally in our own ambulance service. One piece of equipment to note is a Stryker Electric / Hydraulic stretcher lift. This will ease the strain and fatigue of our staff and improve the comfort of the patient in our ambulances.

County of Stettler serves as Administrator to, and I am a board member of the Stettler District Ambulance Association (SDAA). The SDAA is currently in the second phase of becoming certified by Accreditation Canada with the Qmentum Program. This is a national certification for highest level of management and operation of ambulance services. The SDAA and Central Alberta is very fortunate to have Manager Linda Borg and her amazing staff operating the vital service to our region.

Change is imminent. Our ability to accept change and adapt will determine levels of success in all aspects of our lives. We live in a world connected more now than ever. I believe that responsible decisions are made with respect for the ground work laid by previous councils but also with a guarded optimism for future goals. The current Council recognizes previous planning and engages progress towards future goals that will allow Stettler County to continue to grow in the future.

Please feel free to contact me any time to talk about any concerns or positive perceptions you may have in regards to the County of Stettler. Your coffee will be my pleasure to buy!

Thank you.

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ALL GARBAGE IS NOT CREATED EQUALLY.

STETTLER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Thank you for visiting. We would love to help!

If you have ever visited one of our landfills or transfer sites, you will notice the Stettler Waste Management Authority staff always at the ready to push, pull, sort, weigh, direct and advise. But you have to admit, they have a dirty job. If you have visited Stettler Transfer site lately, you will have noticed increased signage to direct customers to take their disposables to the proper areas. If you go regularly, you will know the 'unwritten rules', like the dumpster with the ladder leaning up against it is the one you are supposed to use. If you don't go regularly, this could be news to you, in which case we hope, and it is likely, our staff has tried to direct you. Because lets face it, all garbage isn't created equally.

Metal goes to the metal pile - it can be recycled. Paper, plastic, batteries, the list goes on and on, can now also be recycled at the Stettler Eco Centre and at many of our transfer sites. That leaves cardboard and wood, other stuff we can burn, to the burn pile; organics to the compost pile, and finally household garbage to the dumpster...the one with the ladder leaning against it!

The need is great to have a tidy, organized landfill and transfer site. Many may not realize the enormous environmental impacts of our recycling programs, or how your local transfer site and landfill workers are positively impacting the world's environment. They are keeping us, and our environment safe.

Please join with us in thanking and helping our local landfill and transfer station workers. They are doing a great job of keeping Stettler County much cleaner than it could be. Next time you stop by, if you don't know where something goes, please ask. You'll be helping the SWMA staff, and the environment.

SWMA is a collaborative group which includes the County of Stettler, Town of Stettler, Villages of Donaldia, Big Valley, Botha, Gadsby, and the Summer Villages of White Sands and Rochon Sands, plus two appointed members, a member at large living close to the landfill, and a member from our recycling community. This group is dedicated to looking at the past, present and future of the needs of our area, when it comes to garbage.



RECYCLE, LANDFILL & TRANSFER STATION WINTER HOURS

Winter hours are in effect from Thanksgiving until Easter

Botha: (year round)

Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Big Valley:

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Byemoor:

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Donalda:

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Erskine: (year round)

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Gadsby:

Saturdays 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Regional Landfill: (year round)

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rochon Sands and White Sands: (year round)

Walk-in

Stettler: (year round)

Thursday-Monday 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Recycling is available at all locations, except Rochon Sands.



Donalda Water Facility



Big Valley Water Facility

TAPS TURNED ON FOR BIG VALLEY & DONALDA

Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission completes Phase 2 (Stettler to Big Valley) and Phase 3 (Stettler to Donalda)

The Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission is another step closer to realizing its vision of completing its Master Plan set out over five years ago. Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., a ceremony was held at the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Transfer Station in Stettler to recognize the hard work of the Commission, and the help of funding through the government of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy. The Commission has now completed Phase 2 (Stettler to the Village of Big Valley) and Phase 3 (Stettler to Village of Donalda) of the water line.

Honorable Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure spoke at the opening ceremony along with Guest of Honour, Shirley McClellan, the waterline's namesake. The waterline was previously dedicated in Ms.

McClellan's honor, due to her tireless efforts to bring clean drinking water to the eastern portion of our province.

When the first phase was completed in 2009, the 142 km long pipeline brought potable water to the communities of Halkirk, Castor, Veteran, Coronation and Consort, as well as the Counties of Paintearth, Stettler and Special Areas 2, 3 and 4. The water is drawn from the Red Deer River and is treated at the Town of Stettler Water Treatment Facility. The total estimated cost of Phase 1 was close to \$50 million and the total cost for bringing the new regional lines to Big Valley and Donalda was close to \$14 million.

The Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (SMRWSC) consists of



L-R - SMRWSC Chairman Pat Gorcak, Mayor of Donalda Bruce Gartside, Shirley McClellan, Deputy Mayor of Big Valley Lois Miller, and Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Hon. Wayne Drysdale.



Touring the SMRWSC Water Transfer Site in Stettler.

16 municipalities (County of Stettler No. 6, Camrose County, Lacombe County, County of Paintearth, Special Areas Board, Town of Castor, Town of Coronation, Village of Bawlf, Village of Big Valley, Village of Consort, Village of Donalda, Village of Halkirk, Village of Rosalind, Village of Veteran, Summer Village of Rochon Sands, Summer Village of White Sands) whose objective is to supply potable water to its member communities. The Regional line heading east to the Village of Consort was Phase 1, Stettler to Big Valley was Phase 2, and Stettler to Donalda was Phase 3. Further plans for extending the line to South Buffalo Lake (Rochon Sands and White Sands) and further north to the County of Camrose, Village of Rosalind and Bawlf and the County of Camrose and County of Lacombe will occur when funding becomes available.

The SMRWSC is managed by Tim Fox, CAO for the County of Stettler and Assistant Manager Yvette Cassidy, who is Assistant CAO for the County. Operations are managed by the County's Director of Environmental Services, Garth Ennis and supported by County staff. The Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission is the largest waterline in Alberta running 191 kilometers. We also manage another 181 kilometers of rural waterlines within our County.



SNOWPLOWING LEVEL OF SERVICE

In central Alberta we can't escape the snow, or the fact that roads are going to be bad during and after a winter storm – but we always try to minimize the length of time our roads are in poor shape.

The management of snow plowing and road conditions falls on the shoulders of our County CAO, Assistant CAO and Directors, and is guided by policy set by County Council. County Council often discusses, debates and revisits the 'level of service' deemed appropriate, while maintaining financial responsibility to our ratepayers.

In the County of Stettler, we have 2811 km of roads (1750 miles). We look after rural roads, not highways. Highways (#11, #12, #56 and secondary highways #835 and #601 for example) are serviced by Alberta Transportation.

Order of priority for snow plowing is: Airport first, this is cleared by one of our three plow trucks. Other hard surface roads including hamlets, subdivisions and main access roadways to subdivisions are also supported by our plow trucks. Graders plow our gravel roads and start in alternating locations plowing in a grid pattern of east and south, or west and north. Winging snow back from the shoulders has second priority. Snowplowing is undertaken in a manner that minimizes backtracking and excessive road travel.

Laneways are often plowed in conjunction with gravel roads. However when we are unable to keep up with County road plowing, then laneways are cleared at a later date. Laneways are only plowed after an application is made at the County of Stettler administration office by signing a 'Hold Harmless' agreement. Where there are renters, the agreements must be signed by both the Landowner and the Renter. The laneway has to be inspected for safety by the County and deemed 'accessible for snowplowing'. A 'Flag' is issued and

displayed at the bottom of approved laneways once all of these steps have been completed. For insurance purposes, this entire process must be repeated each year, with a new flag being issued to indicate you have done so.

One final note of concern with laneway plowing is the safety of children/pedestrians. Operators are often plowing laneways in less than ideal conditions and in the dark. We need our residents to educate their children, as often it is very hard to see children, or they come out of a pile of snow that the grader may be heading for. Please keep close watch on your children when laneway plowing is underway and educate them to stay far back from our equipment.

The job of snowplowing is extremely stressful, since our Operators are working in the worst conditions and always feel the pressure of trying to get the job done as quickly as possible. We do have a substantial fleet. We operate three plow trucks, and have eleven grader beats of approximately 150 miles each. County roads require at least two passes. In addition, last season we were clearing 562 laneways. We have three additional graders to help out in severe storms. An average 'snow episode' costs the County approximately \$110,000.00. We aim to have all our roads cleared in the 5-7 day range. Complicating factors exist with this formula, and include blowing snow, drifts, and continuing snowfall. Laneways can take longer. We alternate our plowing 'starting point' so no one is always 'first' or 'last' to be plowed out.

This means, we have either half the people happy, or half of the people unhappy, depending on how you look at it.

For safety reasons, we follow these conditions as set out in Public Works procedure 500.14:



1. Grader Operators may operate when temperatures are -30 or colder, only if approved by the Director of Public Works.

2. The County of Stettler No. 6 shall have the right to refuse to snow plow, when in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, Chief Administration Officer and/or Grader Operator it would be hazardous or difficult to do so.

3. Grader Operators may work extra hours in extreme conditions, however, when it is deemed unsafe due to being tired, their hours will be reduced.

One complaint we receive during snow removal season, is 'the Operator filled the approach or driveway in with snow'. Operators move half of the snow into one ditch and the other half into the opposite ditch. Sometimes however, there is so much snow that the Operator leaves some in the approach. Other times, visibility restricts them from seeing the laneway, or the extreme cold slows down their hydraulics enough that more snow than ought to be is left behind. Operators do their best, and it is not always feasible during big storms to slow down for every approach. One issue we have that creates problems for Operators and puts all drivers at risk is the practice of pushing snow from driveways across the County road. This practice can result in large ridges of snow being left on the roadway. Once these ridges start to melt and then refreeze, it can throw a vehicle out of control, which in the past has been known to cause damage to vehicles as well as interfering with our normal grading practices. We do have a bylaw preventing this and a \$100 fine can be levied; however we would rather ask for cooperation than issue fines. Please help us protect yourself, neighbors, road users, County equipment and Operators, and refrain from pushing your snow across the County roads.

Snow removal is challenging. We take pride in our work, and our County. We will be out after each and every storm, and we will work as quickly as possible to keep Stettler County moving.

To sign up for laneway plowing, come into the County office Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and fill out your 'Hold Harmless' agreement. If you are a renter, both you and the landowner need to fill out this form. Don't wait until the first storm to get this done; inspections and the process takes time. For safety and insurance reasons, our grader operators will not plow a driveway until a 2014/2015 flag is flying.

The County provides laneway snow removal free of charge on private property that provides access to permanent residence, only if the laneway is suitable for snowplowing. The County does not provide snowplowing services for driveways on private property situated in Hamlets or multi lot subdivisions.

As you know, winter has its way of sneaking up on us so don't delay coming in to sign your agreements! The agreement and safety inspection process takes time. Each fall we have between 500 and 600 laneway agreements to process and inspect, in addition to our other duties. We encourage County ratepayers to stop in now and help us help you be prepared for winter.

Hold Harmless agreements can be filled out at our office, or downloaded from our website at: www.StettlerCounty.ca



LEGAL LAND LOCATION? WHY DO YOU ASK?

How many times do you walk in to do business somewhere, and someone says those three dreaded words: Legal Land Location? How many of us know it, remember it, or at least have it written down somewhere handy? It can save you a lot of time, and usually a bit of a headache and a return visit if you are prepared for this question in your daily life.

Why do we ask?

When you come into the County looking for a:

- Fire Permit
- Snowplow Agreement

- Skunk trap or other Agricultural Service Board equipment rentals, you will be asked what your Legal Land Location is. For fire permits, we need to know where you are burning, in case we get a 911 call of a fire in that location, we will know it is a planned burn and will not dispatch fire trucks.

For snowplow agreements we need to direct Public Works staff to your laneway. For Agricultural Service Board rentals and inquiries, they need to know where their equipment is going.

You can find this number at the top of your tax assessment or we can look it up for you. However if you are at the RCMP detachment reporting a problem, or applying for a Criminal Records check, they can not look it up. So wouldn't it be handy if you had it in your wallet, your phone, or tattooed on your arm? Just kidding. But we're not kidding about the message. Find it, write it down, keep it handy. Recently, after losing my little 'slip' of paper multiple times, I added my legal land location to my phone, under contacts, under my own name. Now as long as I don't forget where I saved it, I won't be stumped again.

Blue sign - just as important

Your blue sign, at the bottom of the driveway is just as important to remember. This is what police, fire and ambulance will use to find you in an emergency. Each mile or road is divided into 40 equal address intervals, creating 80 addresses (40 on each side) per mile. Even address numbers are on the North and West sides of the road. Odd numbers are on the South and East sides of the road.



ZERO TOLERANCE

The Municipal Planning Commission at their August 2012 meeting resolved that the Development Officers of the County will strictly enforce the Land Use Bylaw. This means that anyone who intends to undertake a non-agricultural development in the County is required to first obtain a development permit from the County. The County's Fee Bylaw states a penalty of \$1,000 for residential developments and \$2,000 for commercial developments that are started without the benefit of a development permit.

Ratepayers, the general public, contractors and developers are hereby made aware that as of November 1, 2012 the Development Authority for the County of Stettler No. 6 has adopted a zero tolerance approach to persons who start construction without the benefit of a development permit. All relevant penalties required pursuant to the County's Fee Schedule and other actions under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for such a contravention will be strictly imposed on anyone who fails to obtain a development permit prior to construction start. This information has been made widely available and no exceptions will be made.

Please contact the Planning and Development department when you start planning your development in order to ensure you obtain the required development permit and other approvals in good time. This could also avoid any unforeseen expenses that you may incur if your idea for your development does not comply with the County's policies and bylaws (e.g. yard setbacks, road upgrades, etc.), so that you can make the necessary adjustments before you start digging or laying down concrete.

The County does not want to penalize anyone. Rather, we want to work with ratepayers to ensure the proper development approvals are issued in order to comply with municipal, provincial and federal regulations. For further information, please contact the County's Planning & Development Department at 403-742-4441.

SETBACKS

Reminder

Please remember that you do not need a development permit from the County for any agricultural operation as long as any structures such as hay sheds, granaries, livestock shelters and barns meet the 125 feet setback from the centerline of the County road.

Shelterbelts must be set back 75 feet from the centerline of the road. If you wish to vary from these setbacks for any agricultural operation, you would require a development permit. You may need a license/permit from the Natural Resources Conservation Board if your agricultural operation includes a confined feeding operation (please call the NRCB at 1-340-5241). If development is proposed along a provincial highway a Roadside Development Permit issued by Alberta Transportation is required. Please contact Alberta Transportation at 403-854-5550 or visit their website at <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca>.

For more information regarding development please contact the County's Planning & Development Department at 403-742-4441.



AMBULANCE NEW ACCREDITATION

The Stettler District Ambulance Association is participating in Accreditation Canada's Qmentum accreditation program. Accreditation Canada is an independent, not-for-profit organization that sets standards for quality and safety in health care and accredits health organizations in Canada and around the world.

As part of the Qmentum accreditation program, the Stettler District Ambulance Association has gone through a rigorous evaluation process. Following a comprehensive self-assessment, external peer surveyors conducted an on-site survey during which they assessed leadership, governance, clinical programs and services against Accreditation Canada requirements for quality and safety. These requirements include national standards of excellence; required safety practices to reduce potential harm and questionnaires to assess the work environment, patient safety culture, governance functioning and client experience.

The Accreditation Decision Committee has reviewed the results of our on-site survey and was pleased to inform us that the Stettler District Ambulance Association has been issued an Accreditation Primer Award. The Stettler District Ambulance Association was commended on its commitment to using accreditation to improve the quality and safety of the service it offers to its clients and its community.



PLANNING YOUR WINTER SHELTERBELT

Shelterbelt Trees...Did you know?

- The County has a program for all ratepayers to purchase shelterbelt and ornamental tree seedlings at a very reasonable cost
- We can help with the planning of your shelterbelts so that you will know how many trees to order
- We have a tree planter to assist you with putting in larger orders of tree seedlings, and a mulch applicator that ratepayers can use to install plastic mulch
- The sooner you order your trees starting in November, the more likely you are to get the tree seedlings you would like

Stop by the office early and get your shelterbelt planned and ordered to ensure you get the tree seedlings you want for your shelterbelt and ornamental plantings. Watch our website, www.StettlerCounty.ca in November for our shelterbelt order forms. Contact Agricultural Services at 403.742.4441 for more information.



BUFFALO LAKE BYLAW CHANGES

Buffalo Lake: Using a recreational vehicle as a dwelling unit.

Earlier this year the County of Stettler and the Summer Villages of Rochon Sands and White Sands worked together to align their regulations for Recreational Vehicles as much as possible. As a result there have been several minor changes to the County's Land Use Bylaw in regards to the use of Recreational Vehicles.

The County of Stettler No. 6 Land Use Bylaw provides that any landowner in any land use district may use a maximum of two Recreational Vehicles for living accommodation for a period of 21 days without having to obtain a development permit. At the end of the 21 days the Recreational Vehicle(s) must be removed from the property for a minimum of five consecutive days. Additional Recreational Vehicles may be used for a maximum of five consecutive days with the prior permission of the Development Authority.

If a Recreational Vehicle will be used as a dwelling unit for longer than 21 consecutive days, a development permit must be obtained and can only be issued if

“Recreational Vehicle for use as a dwelling unit” is listed as a use in the land use district in which the parcel is located, the parcel is not yet developed with a detached dwelling or another type of dwelling unit and the Recreational Vehicle is connected to a certified sewage disposal system.

In **Buffalo Sands** some lots are reserved for detached dwelling development only, while the rest of the lots in the community could be developed either with a detached dwelling or an RV. The landowner must obtain a development permit for either, and both a detached dwelling and an RV must be connected to a certified sewage disposal system. Only one Recreational Vehicle may be used as a dwelling unit in this subdivision.

In **Rochon Sands** Estates all lots may be developed either with a detached dwelling or an RV, and the landowner must obtain a development permit for either, and both a detached dwelling and an RV must be connected to a certified sewage disposal system. Only one Recreational Vehicle may be used as a dwelling unit in this subdivision.



In **Buffalo Lake Meadows** all landowners with undeveloped lots may apply for a discretionary use development permit to use a Recreational Vehicle as a dwelling unit. The development permit may be issued for a period of five years. A landowner may re-apply for a permit each time the permit expires. A maximum of two Recreational Vehicles per lot may be allowed at the discretion of the Development Authority.

In **Buffalo View Estates** all landowners with undeveloped lots may apply for a discretionary use development permit to use a Recreational Vehicle as a dwelling unit. The development permit will be valid for two years. A landowner may re-apply for a permit each time the permit expires. Only one Recreational Vehicle may be used as a dwelling unit in this subdivision.

In the community of **Scenic Sands** only those landowners of lots that already have a development permit to use a Recreational Vehicle as a dwelling unit may continue to do so until December 31, 2016. These permits may not be renewed or re-applied for at their

expiration. Once the five year period expires, these landowners will have to remove the RV's from their properties or must apply for a development permit to construct a detached dwelling on the parcel, and may then be issued a development permit to continue to stay in the RV while the house is being constructed. Typically the construction of the house must be completed within 24 months. No other lots in Scenic Sands may use an RV for a dwelling unit unless it is for the period that they are legally constructing a house (typically 24 months).

The communities of **Abbey Road** and the **Old Bolin subdivision** are fully built-out. As a result, in these communities, an RV may be used for living accommodation for a period that does not exceed 21 consecutive days (for example family visiting for a week or long weekend). It is not necessary to obtain a development permit for this use.

For further information, please contact the County's Planning & Development Department at 403.742.4441.



THE CODE OF THE WEST

(borrowed from the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26, Alberta, and adapted for local use)

The Code of the West was first chronicled by the famous western writer, Zane Grey. The men and women were bound by an unwritten code of conduct. The values of integrity and self-reliance guided their decisions, actions and interactions. In keeping with that spirit, we have put together some information to help the citizens of the County of Stettler No. 6 who wish to follow in the footsteps of those rugged individualists by living outside town limits.

The County of Stettler is both a beautiful and peaceful place to reside. Changing landscapes from north of Donalda-Red Willow to south of Byemoor-Endiang and Big Valley provide a diverse landscape with scenery to suit almost everyone's pleasure. While the views can be spectacular, the rural setting can also deliver unexpected realities, not found in urban settings.

If you are planning a move to the country, there are some considerations to make in regards to rural life. Visit our website at www.StettlerCounty.ca to read our CODE OF THE WEST, a simple list of things we think you should be aware of if you are considering your first move to the country. Our hope is that it will help you make an educated and informed decision when purchasing or developing land.



CALLING GRADE 4

The Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) began in 1985, and since that time more than 550,000 students have participated in the program. CAP is about the food you eat and where it comes from. It explains the value and importance of agriculture in Alberta.

CAP highlights the vast opportunities in agriculture and the people, producers and industries that drive this trade. CAP is presented by volunteers, to grade four students across Alberta at no charge. The program is delivered through story-telling, engaging props and fun activities. It is supported by the Minister of Education and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

CAP registration for the 2014/2015 has begun. Sign up this fall for your grade four class to participate. Apply for this opportunity at www.classroomagriculture.com. Deadline for teachers to apply for this one hour program is December 12, 2014. Presentations are made between March and June each year.



POWER OUTAGE SAFETY

Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer – up to days or even weeks. Power outages are often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms, snow storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. Cold snaps or heat waves can also overload the electric power system.

During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. If you only have a cordless phone, you will also be left without phone service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges.

You can greatly lessen the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. You and your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours.

What to do:

Before a power outage

- You can install a non-electric standby stove or heater. Choose heating units that are not dependent on an electric motor, electric fan, or some other electric device to function. It is important to adequately vent the stove or heater with the type of chimney flue specified for it. Never connect two heating units to the same chimney flue at the same time.
- If you have a wood-burning fireplace, have the

chimney cleaned every fall in preparation for use and to eliminate creosote build-up which could ignite and cause a chimney fire.

- If the standby heating unit will use the normal house oil or gas supply, have it connected with shut-off valves by a certified trades person.
- Before considering the use of an emergency generator during a power outage, check with furnace, appliance and lighting fixture dealers or manufacturers regarding power requirements and proper operating procedures. People with disabilities or others requiring assistance should consider how they may be affected in a power outage, including:
 - Your evacuation route – without elevator service (if applicable).
 - Planning for a backup power supply for essential medical equipment.
 - Keeping a flashlight and a cell phone handy to signal for help.
 - Establishing a self-help network to assist and check on you during an emergency.
 - Enrolling in a medical alert program that will signal for help if you are immobilized.
 - Keeping a list of facilities that provide life-sustaining equipment or treatment.
 - Keeping a list of medical conditions and treatment.
- If you live in an apartment, advise the property management that you may need assistance staying in your apartment or that you must be evacuated if there



is a power outage. This will allow the property manager to plan and make the necessary arrangements on your behalf.

During a power outage

- First, check whether the power outage is limited to your home. If your neighbor's power is still on, check your own circuit breaker panel or fuse box. If the problem is not a breaker or a fuse, check the service wires leading to the house. If they are obviously damaged or on the ground, stay at least 10 meters back and notify your electric supply authority. Keep the number along with other emergency numbers near your telephone.
- If your neighbor's power is also out, notify your electric supply authority.
- Turn off all tools, appliances and electronic equipment, and turn the thermostat(s) for the home heating system down to minimum to prevent damage from a power surge when power is restored. Also, power can be restored more easily when there is not a heavy load on the electrical system.
- Turn off all lights, except one inside and one outside, so that both you and hydro crews outside know that power has been restored.
- Don't open your freezer or fridge unless it is absolutely necessary. A full freezer will keep food frozen for 24 to 36 hours if the door remains closed.
- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping

heating equipment, or home generators indoors. They give off carbon monoxide. Because you can't smell or see it, carbon monoxide can cause health problems and is life-threatening.

- Use proper candle holders. Never leave lit candles unattended and keep out of reach of children. Always extinguish candles before going to bed.
- Listen to your battery-powered or wind-up radio for information on the outage and advice from authorities.

Tips:

- Make sure your home has a working carbon monoxide detector. If it is hard-wired to the house's electrical supply, ensure it has a battery-powered back-up.
- Protect sensitive electrical appliances such as TVs, computer, and DVD players with a surge-protecting powerbar.

If you have to evacuate

Evacuation is more likely during winter months, when plummeting temperatures can make a house inhabitable. Although a house can be damaged by low temperatures, the major threat is to the plumbing system. If a standby heating system is used, check to see that no part of the plumbing system can freeze.

If the house must be evacuated, protect it by taking the following precautions:

- Turn off the main breaker or switch of the circuit-breaker panel or power-supply box.
- Turn off the water main where it enters the house.

POWER OUTAGE SAFETY CONTINUED...

Protect the valve, inlet pipe, and meter or pump with blankets or insulation material.

- Drain the water from your plumbing system. Starting at the top of the house, open all taps, and flush toilets several times. Go to the basement and open the drain valve. Drain your hot water tank by attaching a hose to the tank drain valve and running it to the basement floor drain.
- Note: If you drain a gas-fired water tank, the pilot light should be turned out – call the local gas supplier to re-light it.
- Unhook washing machine hoses and drain.
- Do not worry about small amounts of water trapped in horizontal pipes. Add a small amount of glycol or antifreeze to water left in the toilet bowl, and the sink and bathtub traps.
- If your house is protected from groundwater by a sump pump, clear valuables from the basement floor in case of flooding.

After a power outage

- Do not enter a flooded basement unless you are sure the power is disconnected.
- Do not use flooded appliances, electrical outlets, switch boxes or fuse-breaker panels until they have been checked and cleaned by a qualified electrician.
- Replace the furnace flue (if removed) and turn off the fuel to the standby heating unit.
- Switch on the main electric switch (before, check to ensure appliances, electric heaters, TVs, microwaves computers, etc. were unplugged to prevent damage from a power surge).
- Give the electrical system a chance to stabilize before reconnecting tools and appliances. Turn the heating-system thermostats up first, followed in a couple of minutes by reconnection of the fridge and freezer. Wait 10 to 15 minutes before reconnecting all other tools and appliances.
- Close the drain valve in the basement.
- Turn on the water supply. Close lowest valves/taps first and allow air to escape from upper taps.
- Make sure that the hot water heater is filled before turning on the power to it.
- Check food supplies in refrigerators, freezers and cupboards for signs of spoilage. If a freezer door has been kept closed, food should stay frozen 24 to 36 hours, depending on the temperature. When food begins to defrost (usually after two days), it should be cooked; otherwise it should be thrown out.
- As a general precaution, keep a bag of ice cubes in the freezer. If you return home after a period of absence and the ice has melted and refrozen, there is a good chance that the food is spoiled. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Reset your clocks, automatic timers, and alarms.
- Restock your emergency kit so the supplies will be there when needed again.



DID YOU KNOW? COUNTY FACTS

In addition to County operations, the County of Stettler manages:

- Stettler District Ambulance Association
- Stettler Waste Management Authority
 - Stettler Regional Landfill
 - Botha Transfer Station
 - Big Valley Transfer Station
 - Byemoor Transfer Station
 - Donalda Transfer Station
 - Erskine Transfer Station
 - Gadsby Transfer Station
 - Stettler Transfer Station
- Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (the longest waterline in Alberta 191 kms)
- Rural Waterlines (another 171 kms)
- Truckfill Stations
 - Gadsby
 - Endiang
 - Byemoor
 - Red Willow and Erskine...Coming Soon
- Wells
 - Scollard
 - Nevis
 - Byemoor
- Stettler Regional Fire Service
 - Station 2 - Big Valley
 - Station 3 - Donalda
 - Station 4 - Byemoor

The County covers 421,603 square hectares, maintains 2811 kms of road, and services between 500 and 600 driveways with snow removal each year. County of Stettler's population based on 2011 Federal Census is 5,103.

Save a Tree

Sign up for e-versions of County Connection magazine by contacting Niki at nthorsteinsson@stettlercounty.ca or by calling 403-742-4441. It's also available on our website at www.StettlerCounty.ca.



EUREKA!

Stettler Public Library was a happening place this summer because Eureka!--a reading program for 2014--was full of discovery, exploration and science. Stettler Public Library would like to thank our students, Chelsey, Lindsey, Morgan and Taigen, for all their hard work during the summer and wish them good luck in their studies. Regular fall programs were relaunched in September and will continue through the winter.

- **Read and Rhyme Playtime** entertains children ages 0-5 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.
- **Tuesday Tutoring** with Elaine is back on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm to provide help with your science and math studies.

Our book clubs are always looking for new members, so join us for some lively discussions!

- **Spine Crackers**, our teen book club, is the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm.
- **Readers' Circle** runs on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Check our website and Facebook for information on our reading choices. Copies of the book club choices are available for everyone interested.

Have a new camera? Need some help with these newfangled apps?

- **Tech Time for Seniors** is available for those who need help with technology the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm.

• **Something Cool after School in Erskine** at the Erskine School Library is every Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Games, stories, crafts and tons of fun can be had there.

- Contact the Library for details about Stettler's Something Cool after School.

Do the little multi-coloured bricks rule your life?

- Join the **LEGO Club** on every Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for hours of LEGO fun.

• On Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm there is a showing of **"When I Walk."** It's a film in which Jason DaSilva--a filmmaker with Multiple Sclerosis--sets out on a journey of healing, self-discovery, and love

- Does your child know how to save money? On Saturday October 18 they can learn about **financial literacy** at the library. Check our website for further details.

• On Saturday, October 25 the Stettler Public Library will be hosting a **Halloween ComicFest for Tweens and Teens** at 1:00. Free comics, Skyping with the lead animator from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle cartoon and prizes for the best costumes!

• On Thursday, October 30 at 5:00 pm, the Stettler Public Library's giant pre-Halloween celebration returns! Stay out of the cold and bring the kids dressed in their Halloween best for a night of games, crafts, and entertainment with a professional storyteller and a magician at our **Monster Bash**. There will be a concession with hot dogs, pop, and other snacks. Adults free, \$10 per child.

• If you like to cook or eat, Thursday, December 4 is the day for you. Join us for **Christmas Around the World**, where we have a potluck with international holiday foods. Come meet and greet some new or old friends at the library.

• Join us on Saturday, December 6 at 1:00 pm for **Craftapalooza, our yearly Christmas extravaganza**. There will be a make and take Christmas arrangement (by pre-registration) workshop for adults and Craftapalooza (open to all) is an afternoon where the kids can make Christmas gifts and decorations to bring holiday cheer into your home!

As always there will be additional special events throughout the fall and winter. To stay up-to-date, "Like" us on Facebook (www.facebook/StettlerPublicLibrary) and look at our website (spl.prl.ab.ca). See you soon at the library.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Canadian Badlands Pheasant Festival **STETTLER**

The Canadian Badlands Pheasant Festival October 15-19, 2014

The Canadian Badlands along with the Stettler Regional Board of Trade and a committee of members are hosting a five day Pheasant Festival from October 15-19, 2014. The festival will include a hunt which consists of morning and afternoon sessions and other events for the hunters to take part in such as a culinary event, game calling, and dog training as well as a banquet on the Friday evening.

Public is invited to attend any of the events being hosted during this festival including the banquet on Friday, October 17.

The end result of the hunt is hoped to be two-fold, with tourism and conservation being priorities. At the end of the festival, they will be releasing 300 hens back into the wild to help promote pheasant growth in our area.

If you have any questions please contact Donna Morris at the Stettler Regional Board of Trade at 403-742-3181 or by email at dmorris@stettlerboardoftrade.com.

Fall Suppers

Stettler United Church

Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Big Valley

Sunday, October 19th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall.

Donalda Community

Chicken and Pork are on the menu for Donalda's annual Fall Supper to be held

Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at the Donalda Hall.



Did you know?

Council Agenda's and Minutes are uploaded on our website, and available for viewing anytime at

www.StettlerCounty.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Council

County Council meets the second Wednesday of every month. Public is always welcome to attend. We are also happy to host educational groups interested in municipal politics. Call the County for more information at 403-742-4441.

Blood Donor Clinics

Oct. 13, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15, 2014
3:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Stettler Community Hall



Stettler Ag Society 403-742-6288

Country Music Legends - October 24 @ 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Stettler Ag Society

Christmas Farmer's Market - November 4 from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. in the Pavillion

OCTOBER 23, 2014 Business and Citizenship Awards Gala

5:00 PM at the Stettler Community Hall

Join these businesses and individuals in celebrating their accomplishments and the successes of our community. Entertainment will be provided by Randi Boulton. Tickets available at the Stettler Board of Trade Office (6606 - 50 Ave) \$50 each or \$350 for a table of 8. For more information, please contact the Stettler Board of Trade at 403-742-3181.

Stettler Steel Wheel Stampede Committee

Enjoy the rodeo this year? We're hoping you did, and that you will join the Stettler Steel Wheel Committee and help plan the 2015 Stettler Steel Wheel Stampede!

There are many different areas to get involved in, from behind the shutes to tickets, vendors and entertainment. Meetings are held monthly at the Stettler Board of Trade.

For more information about this opportunity to help host a fantastic community event, please call Stacey Benjamin at the Stettler Board of Trade at 403-742-3181.

Stettler Town & Country Museum

Saturday, November 15, the Town & Country Museum is hosting a Christmas Bake Sale and Garage Sale fundraising event.

They will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Admission is free!



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