



# Town Times

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## **Next Town Council Meetings**

**January 12 - & - January 26, 2010 @ 7 pm**

Check out our website @ [www.ponoka.org](http://www.ponoka.org) for copy of the agenda.

## **Did you Know....**

A permit is required to hold a block party! Please submit your request in writing to the Town's CAO, include the date and time of your event, and please be sure to notify all the residents on your street. Once approved, barricades will be provided to close off the street, and the information will be passed on to Emergency Services so they are aware of the street closure. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## **Business Licenses Due!!**

The 2010 Business Licenses have been sent out and are due no later than the close of business on January 31, 2010. Inquiries can be directed to 403.783.0119 or 403.783.0117.

## **Christmas Tree Pickup**



The Town's Public Works crew will be picking up Christmas Trees beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> **Weather Permitting**. Crews will only pick-up trees placed next to residential garbage pick-up location ie. Next to garbage stand. Trees should NOT be wrapped in plastic. Christmas trees may also be dropped at the **Waste Transfer Station at no charge from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm.**

## **2010 Dog Licenses Now Due**

**Pay Before February 1<sup>st</sup> And Avoid Penalty!**

**\$25.00 Per Dog Now!** Price will go up to **\$40.00** after February 1st.

All dogs over the age of three months must be licensed. As per Bylaw # 114-01, owners will be fined \$50 for dogs caught not wearing a current dog tag. Thank you for being a responsible dog owner.



## **Olympic Torch Relay**



The Olympic Torch Relay goes through Ponoka on January 15, 2010. Please note that all times and routes may be changed closer to the date of the relay. Start time 3:54 pm on Highway 2A and 61 Ave.; South on Highway 2A to 53 Ave.; East on 53 Ave. to 51 St.; South on 51 St. to 48 Ave.; West on 48 Ave. – Break/stop at Diamond Willow Middle School (4:12 pm); Continue West on 48 Ave. to Highway 2A; South on Highway 2A to the lights on Highway 53 (4:38 pm); end of Olympic Torch Relay. Show your community spirit and support Canadian athletes by lining the torch route and wave a pair of Red Mittens! For more information on the Olympic Torch Relay, please visit: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/more-2010-information/olympic-torch-relay/olympic-torch-relay-interactive-map/>

## On-line & Telephone Banking Payments



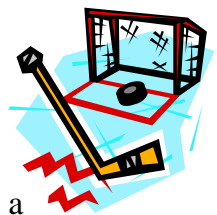
Effective February 1, 2010, The Town of Ponoka will no longer be able to accept on-Line and telephone, payments made through **Scotiabank**. Payments may be made at all other banks via Telephone Banking, On-Line, through the branches, mail, or in person at The Town Hall. Payment options in person include Visa, MasterCard (except for Property Taxes), cheque or cash. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Val @ 403.783.0127 for more information.

## Expertise Needed for Revamped Assessment Review Board

A new regional approach to assessment appeals gets underway starting January 1, and the Central Alberta Regional Assessment Partnership is seeking people with expertise who want to be part of the revamped assessment review board. The deadline to apply to become a member of the board is **January 18, 2010**. Visit [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca) for more information about assessment appeals or to find out how you can get involved.

## Charity Fun Hockey Games

The dates for the Fun Charity Hockey Games between the Lacombe Fire Department and Ponoka Fire Department have been finalized –Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:45 p.m. in Lacombe with Ponoka's turn to host on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The Departments are looking to assist the Food Banks in each community with donations. Come out and cheer on your local team and support a good cause!



## AQUAPLEX UPDATES:

Lessons starting Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Register now! Call 783-0110 for new 2010 swim schedule. We are now offering Monday evening Swim Lessons give us a call for times and dates! 403-783-0131

## Recreation Facilities Schedule is On-line

Check it out at [www.ponoka.org](http://www.ponoka.org) and click on 'Recreation in Ponoka'.

## **Public Skating:** *Proudly sponsored by Ponoka Lions*



**Monday - Thursday: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

**“Don’t be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so. -Belva Davis**