



Town Times

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Did you know...?

It is not an acceptable practice to dump household garbage at the Recycle Depot. In recent weeks, the Public Works Department has spent **over 68 man hours removing 325 kilograms (715 lbs)** of household garbage items from the bins at the Recycle Depot such as frying pans, car parts, used cat litter, paint & aerosol cans. Any person dumping their household garbage at the recycle depot will be subject to fine. The penalty ranges from \$50 - \$250. Please contact the Town Office @ 403.783.4431 if you witness illegal dumping at the recycle depot.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER



The Town Office will be closed on **Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5**. Payments or correspondence may be left in the drop box at the front door.

Construction Season

Now that the weather is warming up, are you planning on building a deck to enjoy the warm weather? Or a garden shed for the new lawn mower? Please remember... most building projects require a building permit. It may take up to forty days to process completed applications, so be sure to give yourself plenty of time to obtain the required permits for your projects! Stop by the Town office, or call us at 403-783-4431 for more information.



Secondary / Granny Suites



As per the Town of Ponoka's Land Use Bylaw No. 013-97, only one dwelling shall be constructed on a lot, but this shall not prevent the construction of self-contained "granny" or "nanny" suites within a main building. Any such suite will require the approval of the Town and will be in effect for a period of three (3) years only. All granny suites must meet Provincial Building and Fire codes. Secondary rental suites are prohibited unless properly permitted and approved.

Write On!!

Free writing workshops at the library with award-winning author/editor Fran Kimmel! April 17, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.



at the Ponoka Jubilee Library. Workshops are free of charge and open to participants from any community. To register call 403.783.3843.

Summer Waste Transfer Facility Hours Beginning April 1

**Tuesday through Saturday – 10 am to 6 pm.
Excluding Statutory Holidays.**

Call 403-783-8328 for more information.

Compost Now Available

Screened compost is available at a cost of \$15/tonne at the Waste Transfer Facility. Add some to your flower bed or garden, your plants will “Thank You!”



Recycling How To – Mixed Paper

Acceptable items: Newsprint, office paper, magazines, phone books, gift wrap, tissue paper, envelopes, paper bags and flattened cardboard (i.e. toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, egg cartons, food item boxes, shoes boxes) all go into the MIXED PAPER bin at the recycle depot.

Preparation tips: Remove food or residue from any paper items (i.e. pizza boxes)

Items that can't be recycled: Padded envelopes, carbon paper, elastic bands, paper clips, metal fasteners, plastic liners and plasticized or waxy cardboard (i.e. frozen vegetable boxes) go in the garbage.

MYTHBUSTER: Drycleaners – is there a better choice?



Myth: If my garment says “Dry Clean Only” it must be taken to the cleaners.

Buster: Most garments that say “Dry Clean Only” can be hand-washed in cool water with gentle, natural soap-especially synthetics, blends and wool. This will not only save money, but also reduce the consumption of products that are harmful to the environment. Eighty percent of dry cleaners use a highly toxic chemical that is harmful to human health and is a major groundwater contaminant in some areas.

Catch the Water Off Your Roof!

The Ponoka Lion's Club is selling recycled plastic food grade barrels retrofitted for rain barrel use. Drop by the Town Office or Bruce's True Value to see one on display. You can pre-order at those locations for April pick-up. Your cost is \$80 and all proceeds will go to Ponoka Splash Park Fundraiser. For more information, call Barry Neath at 403.783.7410.



Aquaplex Update:

- The Whirl Pool will be closed Tuesday, April 6 – Friday, April 9 due to renovations. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Shallow water fitness on Monday nights is here to stay starting April 19th from 7 – 8 pm and all summer from 6 – 7 pm so you have all evening ahead of you!!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

I think of the garden after the rain; And hope to my heart comes singing,
At morn the cherry-blooms will be white, And the Easter bells be ringing!
~Edna Dean Proctor, "Easter Bells"