

## Outdoor Skating in Ponoka

Lace up your skates and enjoy the following outdoor ice surfaces in the Town of Ponoka:

### Outdoor Rink (ODR)

Enjoy skating and shinny hockey at the ODR next to the Ponoka Arena Complex.

Throughout the season, citizens can enjoy the ODR in the daytime and in the evening as the outdoor lights will operate from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Indoor changerooms can be accessed at the north end of the Ponoka Arena Complex and are available from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.



### Lions Centennial Park Skating Trail

Enjoy skating among the thousands of festive lights at Lions Centennial Park. The skating trail can be accessed from the north-end gazebo at Centennial Park. Park benches and rubber mats have been installed to provide citizens with a place to lace up and take off their skates.

Please note that the ice trail is for public skating only. Hockey is not permitted.



## Keep Your Pet Safe This Winter

Your pet's health and safety are important.

When temperatures plummet, please consider taking extra precautions, such as keeping your pet indoors and adjusting the length of time you spend exercising your pet outdoors.

Even long-haired animals that are accustomed to being outside can be at risk during extreme cold weather.

Old MacDonald Kennels, the Town's Animal Control Contractor has provided some tips to help keep your pets safe and comfortable during cold winter days.

Learn more by visiting the Town of Ponoka's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/pet-safety](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/pet-safety)

## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Babysitting Course** – There are still spots available in the Babysitting Course at the Ponoka Aquaplex for this upcoming Friday, January 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Babysitting Courses offer basic first aid and caregiving skills for youth 11 – 16 years old. Register by tomorrow, January 5 on the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex) or in-person at the Ponoka Aquaplex (5315 46 Avenue).
- **Snow and Ice Control Updates** – For regular updates on snow and ice control operations in the Town of Ponoka, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates).
- **Recently Issued Development Permits** – To view a list of the most recent development permits, please visit the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/development-permits-and-decisions-issued](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/development-permits-and-decisions-issued).
- **2023 Curbside Waste Collection** – The 2023 Waste Collection Calendar can be found at [www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management). Paper copies are also available at the Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 4, 5 and 6 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 11, 12 and 13 – depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** – If your curbside recycling, compost (green cart) or waste (grey cart) was not picked up on your designated collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at [rddispatch@e360s.ca](mailto:rddispatch@e360s.ca). For more information on the curbside waste collection program, please visit the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management) or call the Town office at 403-783-4431.

## ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 10 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES MEETING: Tuesday, January 17 at 6 p.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).

## Town of Ponoka Christmas Tree Pick Up

The annual pick up of compostable Christmas trees will start on Monday, January 23.

The Town will make one pass down each back alley to collect compostable Christmas trees.

If there is no back alley, compostable Christmas trees should be placed in front of the property near the curb.

Please note that weather conditions can delay Christmas tree pick up, as Town crews may have to divert their attention to snow and ice removal.



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