

It's Emergency Preparedness Week - Are You Prepared?

Emergencies can happen at any time and without warning. To protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency it is important to be prepared.

Make an Emergency Plan



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

You can make a family emergency plan by visiting the Alberta Government website at www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/mk-pln-en.aspx

Preparing a Family Emergency Kit

In an emergency, you will need some basic supplies, such as food, water, medications, critical records and personal hygiene products. It's recommended that you are prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. For information on how to create your own grab-and-go emergency kit and a 72-hour preparedness plan, please visit the Alberta Government's website at www.alberta.ca/build-an-emergency-kit.aspx

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- Annual Back Alley Pick Up of Compostable Yard Waste** –The Town's annual back alley collection of compostable yard waste begins on Tuesday, May 23. Town crews will make one pass down each back alley in Ponoka to collect yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds, branches between three to five feet) in excess of what will fit into your green cart. Citizens are asked to place all materials for pick up in a pile at their back alley no later than Monday, May 22. **No bags please.** Compostable yard waste only. **Bagged yard waste will not be picked up.** For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at www.ponoka.ca/p/annual-clean-up
- How to Report a Pothole** –To report a pothole that needs to be filled on Town of Ponoka roadways, please submit an Online Service Request on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca. Just click the 'Service Request' button under 'File an Online Service Request' and fill out the form. You can also phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 where Town staff can help fill out the online form for you. Please note that Highway 2A and Highway 53 are provincial roadways that are maintained by Alberta Transportation's highway contractor, Mainroad Alberta Ltd.
- All Candidates Forum for the Provincial Election:** An 'All Candidates Forum' for the upcoming provincial election will be held at the Ponoka Legion on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by the Ponoka and District Chamber of Commerce.
- Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on May 10, 11 and 12 - depending on what Zone you live in.
- Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on May 17, 18 and 19 - depending on your Zone.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, May 23 at 6 p.m.
- Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m.
- The public is welcome to attend all Regular Council and Council Committee meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).

51 Avenue Redevelopment Project

Final Phase of the Project Has Begun



The following improvements are planned over the coming months for 51 Avenue (between 50 Street and 51 Street):

- Replacement of temporary asphalt sidewalks with new permanent sidewalks;
- Redevelopment and design improvements to the municipal parking lot on the south side of 51 Avenue;
- Final layer of asphalt paving on the roadway and line marking;
- Installation of pedestrian crossings;
- Landscaping including new shrubs and trees; and
- Installation of benches and garbage receptacles.

Temporary One-Way Traffic on 51 Avenue

The removal and replacement of the temporary asphalt sidewalk has begun on the north side of 51 Avenue. There is expected to be a temporary lane closure that will limit traffic to one-way, eastbound traffic only and parking will be available on the south side of the street. Once the new permanent sidewalk has been installed on the north side of 51 Avenue, work will move to the south side of the street. At that point, there is expected to be parking on the north side of the street and traffic flow is expected to be limited to one-way, westbound traffic only.

Access to Businesses Remains Open Along 51 Avenue

Pedestrian access to businesses on 51 Avenue will be maintained throughout the project. Ramps will be installed to business storefronts during the replacement of the sidewalks.

There will be a temporary interruption to storefront access for a few hours while concrete is poured for the new sidewalks at each storefront. However, alternate access options to these businesses will be facilitated at that time, allowing for continued customer access to 51 Avenue businesses throughout the construction period.

51 Avenue Parking Lot Redevelopment

Once installation of the permanent sidewalks is completed, two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street will resume. Work will then begin on redevelopment and design improvements to the municipal parking lot on the south side of 51 Avenue, followed by the final layer of asphalt paving on the roadway, line marking, landscaping and the installation of street furniture.

During redevelopment of the 51 Avenue parking lot, street parking will be available on 51 Avenue. Overflow parking will also be available in the municipal parking lot at 52 Avenue and 51 Street across from the Ponoka United Church.

Project Updates

For full details and updates on the project, please visit www.ponoka.ca/p/redevelopment-of-51-avenue.

Please note that construction on 51 Avenue will pause during Ponoka Stampede week.



Hometown Weekly
Town of Ponoka News and Events

Town of Ponoka
#200, 5604-50 Street, Ponoka, AB T4J 1G5
Phone: 403-783-4431
www.ponoka.ca



@TownofPonoka