

2nd Annual Family Scavenger Hunt and Geo-Caching Event on June 3

Bring the whole family to the Ponoka Scout Hall on June 3 for a fun-filled afternoon of scavenger hunting and geo-caching in Ponoka's river valley. The scavenger hunt and geo-caching activities will be followed by a free BBQ where prizes will be handed out from 2:30 – 3 p.m.

The event will send participants exploring the scenic Diamond Willow Trail System that winds through the Battle River Valley. The event marks National Trail Awareness Day and is hosted by the Town of Ponoka and the Parks, Recreation

and Culture Advisory Committee.

Registration for the event begins at 12:30 p.m. on June 3 at the Scout Hall. The scavenger hunt and geo-caching runs from 1 – 2:30 p.m. You are invited to download the free 'Geocaching' app on the App Store or Google Play before June 3, or you can download it at the event with assistance if needed. If you have questions, please phone Andrew at 403-783-0136 or Wes at 403-783-0118.

Ponoka's beautiful river valley is an ideal place to spend a Sunday afternoon with your family exploring the trail system!



Recycling Program Update

Ponoka residents are asked to no longer place plastics with the recycling symbol #3 - #7 at the curb for recycling.

The Town's waste management contractor, Green for Life (GFL) reports it can no longer find viable markets for these low-grade plastics

due to stringent market restrictions recently put in place by China. Please turn all plastic containers over; if you find the number 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 inside a triangular recycling symbol, it cannot be recycled.

Residents are also asked not to place the following items at the

curb for recycling: paper cups, paper plates, paper napkins, and pizza boxes soiled with food residue.

All plastics with the recycling symbol #1 and #2 can still be recycled. In fact, the majority of recyclable materials that Ponoka households

currently place at the curb – up to 95% - can STILL be recycled. A complete list of items accepted for recycling is posted on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca/community/recycling-and-disposal. Copies are also available at the Town Office.



~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Property Tax Notices Mailed Out** – Town of Ponoka property tax notices are being mailed out to residents this week. If you don't receive yours by the end of next week, please contact the Town Office at 403-783-4431. The deadline to pay property taxes without penalty is July 31, 2018.
- **Take the Walk 'N' Roll Challenge!** – Park your car, lace up your sneakers, and walk or bike to your destinations this spring and summer! The Walk 'N' Roll Challenge is a friendly competition between Stettler, Ponoka and Wainwright that runs until the end of August. The community whose residents walk or 'roll' to the most destinations wins bragging rights and the coveted Walk 'N' Roll Challenge trophy.
Here's how it works! Simply register all of your 'trips' on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca. A 'trip' means a destination reached by walking, biking or any other non-motorized means of transportation. The 'to' and 'from' portion of each trip is counted as two 'trips'. The distance of a 'trip' is not important. A 'trip' does not mean going for a walk or bike ride purely for exercise.
You are automatically entered in a **monthly prize draw** with each trip you register at www.ponoka.ca. For more details, go to www.ponoka.ca or call Andrew at 403-783-0136.
- **Kick it to the Curb May 21-26** – Turn your unwanted items into somebody else's treasure! Place items you wish to give away in your front yard with a 'FREE' sign on them. People can then come by and pick up any items they would like. Homeowners are responsible to remove all items from their front yard after the campaign ends May 26. Happy treasure hunting!
- **Pride in Your Property Contest** – Nominations are open until June 30. Residential categories include: Best Kept Yard, Best Kept Garden, Best Kept Yard/Garden by residents aged 65 plus. A prize is also awarded for Best Kept Commercial Property. Entry forms are available at the Town Office (C, 4900-54 St.). You can enter your own property or nominate a neighbour.
- **Lifesaving Swim Instructor and Lifesaving Instructor Course** – At the Ponoka Aquaplex on May 25 – 27 and June 9 and 10. Call 403-783-0131 for details.
- **Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross Course** – July 16 – 20 at the Ponoka Aquaplex from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **FCSS-Sponsored Free Friday Swim** – June 1 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. At the Aquaplex. Everyone's welcome!

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 7 p.m.
 - **Next COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:** Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings.** All Council meetings are held at the Kinsmen Community Centre (5009-46 Ave.)



TOWN OF PONOKA BYLAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The Town of Ponoka provides Bylaw Enforcement Services to respond to bylaw concerns that may arise in the community.

How do I report a Bylaw question or concern?

- It's easy. Go to www.ponoka.ca and fill out the 'Bylaw Enforcement Request for Service' email form.
- Follow the steps indicated and provide your name, phone number, email address (if applicable), and a brief description of your bylaw request for service.
- Then hit 'submit' and the **Bylaw Enforcement Officer** or a Town staff member will contact you as soon as they are able. Same-day call backs are not always possible.

What if I don't have a computer or I need assistance?

- Simply phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 and staff will be pleased to help you.

Please Note: Animal Control Bylaw matters are responded to by Old MacDonald Kennels, which works under contract with the Town to provide animal control services. The Ponoka RCMP also enforce Town of Ponoka Bylaws as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact:

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