



## Celebrate the Holiday Season in Ponoka

### Family Fun Day at Ponoka Festival of Trees

The Town of Ponoka is proud to sponsor the Family Fun Day Country Christmas at this year's Ponoka Festival of Trees on December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ponoka Stagecoach Saloon on the Ponoka Stampede Grounds. There will be live entertainment, a petting zoo, a magic show, a food concession, prizes and more! Tickets are \$5 per child and adult or \$20 for a family of five at the door.



### Holiday Train Rolls Into Ponoka

The 2023 Holiday Train rolls into Ponoka on Thursday, December 7. The train will arrive at about 5 p.m. and will feature a live concert by the Anyway Gang from about 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. The Holiday Train is free to attend. You are encouraged to bring a cash or non-perishable food donation for the Ponoka Food Bank if you are able.




## Enter Your Home in Ponoka's Christmas Lights Tour by Friday, December 1

To enter your home, *scan* the QR code and complete the online form, or *call* 403-783-0131 or *email* [events@ponoka.ca](mailto:events@ponoka.ca) and provide your name and address.



Your home address will be included on the self-guided tour map that will be posted on the Town of Ponoka website at [www.ponoka.ca](http://www.ponoka.ca) by Monday, December 4. Paper copies will also be available on December 4 at the Town Office, Ponoka Aquaplex and Ponoka Arena Complex.

### ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Temporary Road Closures on December 7 for Holiday Train** – The annual Holiday Train will arrive in Ponoka on Thursday, December 7 starting at 5 p.m. The Town of Ponoka will facilitate the event by setting up temporary road closures from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on 50 Street between 47 Avenue and 50 Avenue. Motorists are asked to please drive with caution and observe 'No Parking' signs and barricades.
- **Renew Your Business Licence** – Businesses in the Town of Ponoka have until December 31 to renew their business licence for the 2024 year. To renew your business licence and to learn more, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/business-licensing](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/business-licensing).
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on November 29, 30 and December 1 – depending on your Zone.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on December 6, 7 and 8 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **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, December 12 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6 p.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings and budget deliberations will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



### Winter 2024 Aquaplex Program Registration Opens on Monday, December 4

For more information and to register, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex) or call 403-783-0131.



#### Programs Include:

- Babysitting Course;
- Stay Safe Course;
- Advanced Lifesaving Courses (Become a Lifeguard);
- First Aid; and
- Lifesaving Swim Lessons (Ages newborn and up).



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