



## Ponoka's Annual Christmas Lights Tour Map Now Available!

The tour showcases festively decorated homes and yards throughout the community.

The tour map is available by scanning the QR code or visiting the Town of Ponoka's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka).



Paper copies of the map are also available at the Ponoka Aquaplex, Ponoka Arena Complex and the Town Office on the second floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



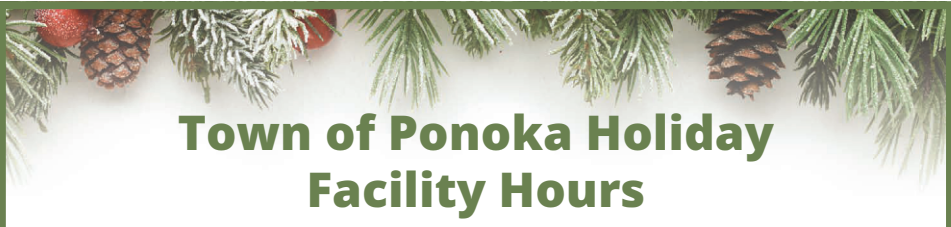
Come and stroll through Lions Centennial Park and marvel at the beauty of the tens of thousands of festive lights now on display. The holiday light display will continue until the end of February.

### ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **New Year's Eve Family Pool Party** – Home Church Ponoka is hosting a free pool party event on Sunday, December 31 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ponoka Aquaplex. There will be contests, prizes, refreshments and more! Swimmers must wear proper swim attire and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact 403-783-5659.
- **Time is Running Out for Early Bird Animal Licensing Rates** – Did you know that if you buy a 2024 animal licence for your dog or cat by Friday, December 29, you will get the early bird rate of \$15 for spayed or neutered animals or \$30 for unaltered animals? That's a discount of up to 67 per cent off of regular animal licensing rates! All cats and dogs six months of age and older must be licensed annually under the Town's Animal Control Bylaw #424-19. For full details, please visit <https://www.ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences>
- **Renew Your Business Licence** – Businesses in the Town of Ponoka have until December 29 to renew their business licence for the 2024 year. To learn more about how to renew your business licence, 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 December 27, 28 and 29 – depending on your Zone.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 3, 4 and 5 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Please Help Keep Sidewalks Clear of Ice and Snow** – The Town would like to remind residents to please keep sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice. By keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice, you are helping to protect the safety and well-being of your neighbours and fellow citizens in Ponoka. Keeping sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice is also a requirement under the Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #387-17 and can result in fines when necessary. Thank you again for helping keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians.

### ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 9 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).



## Town of Ponoka Holiday Facility Hours

### Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre

The Town Office will be closed all day on January 1. The Town Office will be open regular hours on all other business days throughout the holiday season.

### Ponoka Arena Complex

The Ponoka Arena Complex will be closed all day on January 1. The Arena Complex will be open for public skating and shinny hockey at various times throughout the week.

To view the holiday schedule, please visit the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/ponoka-arena-complex](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/ponoka-arena-complex). The Outdoor Rink (ODR) is open for public use throughout the holiday season (weather depending).

### Ponoka Aquaplex

The Ponoka Aquaplex will be closed starting at 6 p.m. on December 31 and all day on January 1. The Ponoka Aquaplex will be open for regular hours throughout the rest of the week. To view the Ponoka Aquaplex holiday schedule, please visit the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex).

### Waste Transfer Station

The Waste Transfer Station will be closed all day on January 1. The facility will be open for regular winter hours on all other days.

**Curbside Waste Collection** will continue uninterrupted throughout the holiday season.



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