

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We are currently experimenting with different formats to bring you the Mayor's Message, so if you have any suggestions on how we can better get this and other messages out to our community please let me know at 403-207-7073 or pmatthews@chestermere.ca.

Sincerely, Mayor Matthews



Recycling

The Town of Chestermere first introduced its recycling program as a pilot project in 2007.

The intention was to evaluate how residents used drop-off bins to recycle and assess whether further programs were needed or wanted in the Town.

Unfortunately, what has clearly emerged since the program's inception is a lack of respect for the environment, with a large financial cost. Those who recycle properly are valued but those who do not are adding additional costs to the program. On a daily basis Town employees have to remove a substantial amount of debris and non-recyclables from the site along Marina Dr. in order to keep the area clean and stop the garbage from blowing around the Town.

In order to eliminate the costs associated with the clean up, the drop-off bins will be moved to the Public Works yard this summer.

The new area will be monitored by Recycling staff during working hours. However, if this is treated as a dump instead of a recycling depot then the Town will have no choice but to discontinue this important and worthwhile program.

Items recently discarded beside the bins include: skis, golf carts, clubs, styrofoam and furniture. None of these items can be recycled by the Town.

Please sort your recyclables appropriately, don't put garbage inside or outside of the bins & keep Chestermere recycling!



Sewer/Water/Garbage Rates

The Town of Chestermere has seen a minimal increase in rates from our suppliers of Sewer & Water as well as garbage collection. The Town does not make a profit on the provision of these services; we work on a cost recovery basis only.

Do you have a great picture that shows Chestermere at its best?

We'd love to feature it on our website or in the Mayor's Message and give you credit!

Please send all photos, along with your name to: town@chestermere.ca





The Mikkelsen Award

Former Mayor Dave Mikkelsen served on Chestermere's Council for 12 years, nine of them as Mayor. One of his passions while in office was the youth of our Town. He started the Mayor's Forum on Youth in 2005 to engage those in

Chestermere who might not otherwise have had a voice within our municipal government. To carry on that legacy the Town is proud to offer the Mikkelsen Award to support and perpetuate the ongoing development of individuals aged

12 – 17 years of age in the community.

Applications accepted soon so please see our website for more details: chestermere.ca

Did you know that you can donate to the United Way in Chestermere through your work contributions?

United Way Easter Egg Hunt

The United Way in Chestermere is hosting its first annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Rec. Centre grounds.

Baskets will be sold for \$5.00 each, with proceeds going to

the United Way fund in Chestermere. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available to keep you warm while you and your little egg seekers go hunting!

A Wacky Bonnet contest will also be held with prizes for

the best hat.

So come out and support a great cause while honing your skills at Easter Egg hunting!

Find details at chestermere.ca

Cancer Relay for Life

Last year the Cancer Relay for Life in Chestermere raised over \$110,000 in the fight against cancer. This year the event is planned for June 24th so now is the

time to get your team together!

Breakfast & dinner are provided along with non-stop entertainment while your team completes this 24 hour relay.

Further information on this event will be provided in the next Mayor's Message or contact Colleen at cp.corbiell@shaw.ca for details or to volunteer for the event.

