# In the Loop: December 2021

### Waste Collection Reminders

#### **Compost Collection**

Reminder: December 6-10 is the next monthly compost collection date. Make sure to have all of your waste to the curb by 7 am.

### Holiday Waste

Consider wrapping this year's presents with reusable, recyclable or compostable wrap. Standard wrapping paper, cellophane and Styrofoam can't be recycled or composted.

### Waste Collection Schedule Changes

Northeast Collection on December 24: Recycling will still be collected on Dec. 24, but garbage will be collected on Dec. 28

### Water Meter Replacement Project

We are starting to replace water meters in the NORTHEAST quadrant of town, and need your help. Please update your contact information with our office to ensure that we can get in touch to schedule your appointment.

### Stocking Stuffers: Celebrate Altona

Share your Altona pride this holiday season, and support local businesses by shopping the Celebrate Altona merchandise available now! All locally designed & produced.

**Toques:** by AltMarketing & Ron's Engraving Available at Hair Ecstasy & Twelve Salon

**Journals:** by PagePrint Available at Hair Ecstasy & DGInspired

**Ornaments:** by Ron's Engraving Available at Hair Ecstasy & DGInspired

# Celebrate the Season with Altona Recreation

### **Colouring Contest**

Cut out the colouring pages from the South Central Post, pick up from our offices, or download from our website, and then have fun colouring! Send us a picture of your completed masterpiece by December 14!

# **Gnome Take Home Ornament**

Register for a take home kit by Dec 10th for something fun to do at "gnome" this holiday season. Kit is \$10 and makes 3 ornaments.

# Letters to Santa

Santa has a special mailbox in Altona - write a letter to Santa and drop it off to Santa's mailbox at the Rec office by December 15th to make sure it makes it to the North Pole!

### Light Up Altona Decorating Contest

If you've decorated your home or business for the holiday season, call the Recreation Office at 204-324-9005 to register! Register by December 10th, and you'll be entered into the contest and be part of the tour.

Thank you to the Altona & District Chamber of Commerce for partnering with us on this event



Email all submissions to recreation.office@altona.ca

### Dates to Remember for December 2021:

- $\Rightarrow$  December 7-10: Winter Compost Collection
- $\Rightarrow$  December 10: Deadline to register for Light Up Altona
- $\Rightarrow$  December 10: Last Day to order Gnome Ornament Kit
- $\Rightarrow$  December 14: Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting (3:30/5:30 pm)
- $\Rightarrow$  December 14: Colouring Contest Entries Due
- ⇒ December 15: Last Day for North Pole Post Letters to Santa
- $\Rightarrow$  December 24: Offices Closed at 1:00 pm
- $\Rightarrow$  December 27 & 28: Offices Closed
- $\Rightarrow$  December 31: Offices Closed at 1:00 pm
- $\Rightarrow$  January 3: Offices Closed

# From the Mayor's Desk

Wow! What a year! And not necessarily for the right reasons. And yet, this month of December, and the arrival of Christmas has again given us so much to be thankful for during the past 365 days.

Our schools are again filled with the buzz of students and teachers.

We again salute our health care, education and front-line workers who deserve our thanks and gratitude.

We are again able to shop in person, locally, here at home.

We can again celebrate in person the blessings of family this Christmas. Who knew the hug of a child could feel so good.

And again thanks to you for joining us for the recent livestream Town of Altona Night of Lights, sharing the joy of familiar and new Christmas music, the optimism of Santa Clause, and the shared enthusiasm as we lit up our community.

It's not yet where we want to be, but we are getting there. On behalf of Town of Altona Council, and staff, thanks to you for keeping the "Merry" in Christmas.

Mayor Al Friesen

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