



# FALL/WINTER 2011 CITY OF STEINBACH

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## CLOCKS & SMOKE ALARMS

Sunday, November 6th is the end of Daylight Savings Time, so remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

The Steinbach Fire Department also encourages people to replace batteries in smoke alarms at the same time. Practice fire safety every day! Smoke alarms save lives - have you checked yours lately?



## CYCLISTS & MOTORISTS SHARE THE ROAD

The City's cyclist and motorist safety program, Share the Road, has been in place for about two years. While many citizens understand and practice the procedures outlined in the City's Safe Cycling brochure, there are both cyclists and motorists who are still not practicing proper roadway safety and etiquette.

As per the Manitoba Highway Act, cyclists:

- have the same rights and duties as a person driving a motor vehicle on a highway and must obey all signs and traffic control devices. 145(1)
- should ride as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway. 145(5)
- should ride in single file on a highway. 145(6)
- should give hand signals using the left hand and use hand signals to indicate turns, and a decrease in speed or a stop. 126(1)

Motorists should be patient and give cyclists a clearance of at least one metre when passing them. Watch out for cyclists, especially at intersections or when backing off driveways, and check behind you before opening your car door when parked on the side of a street.

The sharrows painted on some of the roadways in Steinbach (a stencil of a bicycle with two chevron or arrow markings above it) indicate both the side of the roadway as well as the direction in which bicycle traffic should ride.

Pick up a copy of the Safe Cycling brochure & Bike Map at City Hall, Body Driven Sports, Canadian Tire, Source for Sports, the Steinbach Aquatic Centre or online at [www.steinbach.ca](http://www.steinbach.ca).

## SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE

You may see the City's Waterworks Department working on sewer lines in your neighbourhood from time to time. While some of the work is routine maintenance, they also deal with clogs and other problems that are preventable. Here's how you can help:

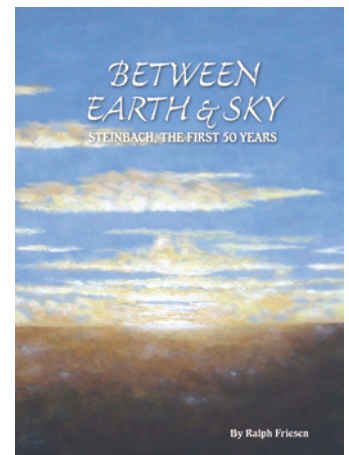
***Do not flush or pour the following items down the drain:***

- Kitchen waste and food scraps. These should be composted if possible or thrown in the garbage.
- Household chemicals, including paint, varnish, solvents, antifreeze, drain cleaners, and pesticides.
- All types of fat, grease and oil. Allow grease or fat to harden, then scrape into the garbage.
- Paper goods, other than toilet paper. Facial tissues, baby wipes, bandages, paper towels and other paper are not designed to break down the same way as toilet paper.
- Personal care items (sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, dental floss)
- Miscellaneous items (hair, lint, cat litter, cigarette butts)

***Thank you for your cooperation!***

## DISCOUNT ON STEINBACH HERITAGE BOOK!

Ralph Friesen's *Between Earth & Sky - Steinbach, The First 50 Years* will be on sale for 50% off the regular price from now until the end of December! Copies are available at City Hall, Hull's Family Bookstore, the Mennonite Heritage Village bookstore, and Die Mennonitische Post. An excellent Christmas or birthday gift idea!



## PET COURTESIES

Please make every effort to clean up after your dog at all times and help keep our sidewalks, parks, and other public areas clean for everyone to enjoy. Please refrain from allowing your dog to urinate or defecate on another homeowner's property. Rather guide your pet to the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street. Failure to clean up after your dog can result in a fine of \$100 or more. The City encourages residents to speak with pet owners first to resolve any issues. If the pet owner refuses to comply or clean up after their dog, residents are encouraged to obtain as much info as possible before reporting any owners who fail to clean up after their dogs.

## AQUATIC CENTRE INFO

- On Remembrance Day, Friday, November 11th, the facility will be open for extended public swim from 1:00 - 4:30 pm and for evening lessons and public swim. Morning lessons have been extended by five minutes to compensate.
- The Annual Maintenance Shutdown will take place from November 29th to December 18th, 2011. The entire facility will be closed during this time and will re-open on Monday, December 19th.
- Winter lesson registration begins on Tuesday, December 20th at 8:00 am. Lesson schedules are available online at [www.steinbach.ca](http://www.steinbach.ca) or paper copies may be picked up at the Aquatic Centre. Lessons begin the week of January 2nd.
- The Aquatic Centre will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 25, 26, 31, and on January 1st.

If you have any questions, please call 346-6207 or e-mail [aquaticcentre@steinbach.ca](mailto:aquaticcentre@steinbach.ca).

## SEASONAL COMPOST DEPOT PROGRAM

The City's Compost Depots have stopped operating for the year. The pilot project started in May 2011 with depots placed at both Woodlawn School and the Steinbach Junior High School every Saturday. From May 14th to October 8th, just over 35 tonnes of compost material was collected at the depots.

The public is still encouraged to bring leaves, grass clippings, and other garden cuttings to the Steinbach Landfill at 104 Hanover Rd. E. and help us create the best quality compost for our community!



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## ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping affects everyone in our community. From throwing out a hamburger wrapper on the highway to dumping personal garbage in a commercial waste bin to dumping grass clippings in a drainage ditch - these are all examples of improper waste disposal.

Illegal dumping can cause:

- serious health problems by attracting disease-bearing flies and rodents;
- injury to individuals around overflowing commercial garbage bins;
- environmental problems with the improper disposal of hazardous waste;
- unsightly messes that detract from the enjoyment of our community;
- unnecessary costs to the City and its residents for the clean up of abandoned garbage and overflowing commercial bins.

Help the City catch violators by reporting them to the Community Services Officer (CSO). Record the date, time, and location where the incident occurred, as well as other details such as description of the violator(s), vehicle used, license plate number, items disposed of, etc. Report this information to the CSO by e-mail to [tschellenberg@steinbach.ca](mailto:tschellenberg@steinbach.ca); by phone at 346-6561; or in-person at 225 Reimer Avenue.

For more information about illegal dumping, please visit [www.steinbach.ca](http://www.steinbach.ca).

## 2ND OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

It is estimated that close to 1,000 people attended the City's Outdoor Movie Night in A.D. Penner Park this past September! That's twice as many people as last year! The response and feedback has been very positive. If you have some suggestions for next year's Outdoor Movie Night, we want to hear them. Call Jason at 346-6217 or e-mail [jpeters@steinbach.ca](mailto:jpeters@steinbach.ca).

### STEINBACH LANDFILL & ECO-CENTRE WINTER HOURS

**Monday to Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

These hours are effective Monday, October 31st.  
The Landfill is closed on Sundays and all holidays.