

Village News

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LETHBRIDGE FAMILY
CIRCLE ASSOCIATION

Special points of interest:

- * AGM—Sept 27th
- * Morning of Reality—rescheduled—Sept 15
- * Upcoming Agency Events

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You are invited LFCA AGM September 27

LETHBRIDGE FAMILY CIRCLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2011

Lethbridge Public Library Theatre (downtown)

5:30pm—Mix & Mingle

6:00pm—Meeting (followed by presentation by Alvin Fritz)



The public is welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting for LFCA.

Get updates on:

- ⇒ LFCA's progress toward the opening of Family Village
- ⇒ LFCA's partners
- ⇒ Introduction to Lethbridge Family Village Cooperative
- ⇒ Direction and plans for the next year

Find out if there is a way for you to get involved.



For an AGM package or to RSVP,
please contact Tara Yagos.
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Please RSVP no later than
September 20th, 2011.

Information Session Report

Around 50 people attended LFCA's Information Session on June 7th. Everyone enjoyed a presentation made by LFCA, Commonwealth and Alvin Fritz. The evening was an opportunity to:

- share LFCA's accomplishments and upcoming deadlines;
- gain a better understanding of P3's plus;
- get motivated and inspired by the vision of Family Village.

The night was also the first official unveiling of the renderings of Family Village.



Morning of Reality– Rescheduled!



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Morning of Reality had to be cancelled in May.

The event has been rescheduled to September 15th.

The exercise, designed to increase the understanding of potential funders, will see LFCA members taking politicians and media around downtown Lethbridge to show the barriers involved in accessing social services.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.



Please join Lethbridge Family Circle Association for a Morning of Reality!

LFCA would like to take you on a journey to experience what citizens in Lethbridge experience in their quest for social services!

See how Family Village will enhance and improve this process.

RESCHEDULED!

When: Thursday, September 15th, 2011

Time: 10:30

Location: Starting and ending in the City Hall Foyer

Please let Tara know if you are able to attend (403-381-4676 or info@thefamilyvillage.ca) by September 8th, 2011.



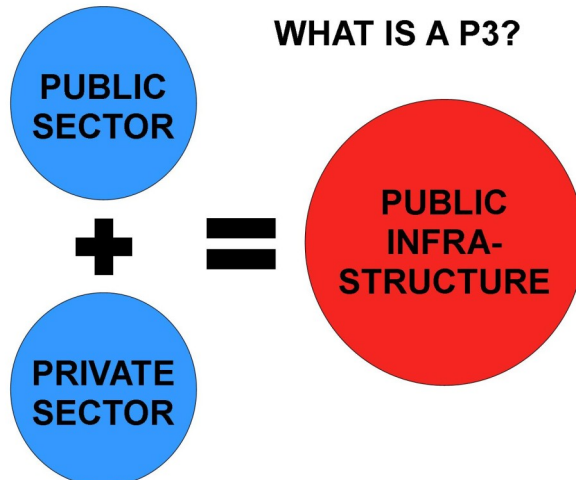
Commonwealth Update

The Information Session was a great opportunity to increase the public's understanding of P3's. Even after Commonwealth did a good job of going through P3's, their pros and cons, plus what services can be offered, there were still some questions.

Simply put, a P3 is the public sector working together with the private sector in order to build/maintain/operate a public infrastructure building in a cost effective and efficient manner.



WHAT IS A P3?



Partner Highlights

It's A Blast provides safe and affordable licensed child care for children age 6 to 12. The qualified staff provide appropriate programming to meet the physical, social, intellectual, creative and emotional needs of the children in the program.



Children are offered several choices to pursue activities depending on their specific interests. It's A Blast ensures a nurturing, welcoming environment that respects individual and cultural diversity, recognizes family values and supports parents who are not available to care for their children during work hours or study times.

You asked—We answered

Q: I thought LFCA was interested in the 1st Ave property. I see it is for sale. What is happening with this property?

A: In June, the city put the land up for sale under a RFP (request for proposals). LFCA submitted a proposal at the end of June for the city to consider. LFCA should hear the results of the RFP by the middle of August either way. Watch for more details soon (we hope!)

Q: P3 Canada was asking for proposals in June. Did LFCA submit anything?

A: LFCA did submit an application as an exploratory exercise. The P3 proposal is more of an application of intent—groups outline their projects with the hopes that P3 Canada will want to continue further with the application process. LFCA should hear back within 6-8 weeks.

Do you have a question you want answered?
Submit it to Tara and she will be sure to get it answered for you!

Upcoming Agency Events:

See below for various events coming up.
Contact the individual agency for further details.

Date	Agency to contact	Event and location
Effective August 1	Schizophrenia Society	Moving to new location: 234C 12 St B N
August/ September	Interfaith Food Bank 403-320-8779	12th Annual 1st Day at School Program In conjunction with The Salvation Army and United Way
August 14	Schizophrenia Society Schizophrenia.ab.ca	Open Minds Walk & Run Pavan Park
August 23	Interfaith Food Bank 403-320-8779	5th Annual Whoop Up Days Pancake Breakfast Interfaith Chinook Country Kitchen
September 9 5:30pm	Lethbridge Food Bank tonya@lethbridgefoodbank.ca	2nd Annual Macaroni & More Super Supper Country Kitchen—Mayor Magrath Drive
September 23	Interfaith Food Bank 403-320-8779	Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction Italian-Canadian Cultural Centre
September 27 5:30pm	Lethbridge Family Circle Association info@thefamilyvillage.ca	Annual General Meeting Lethbridge Public Library Theatre (downtown)
October 28	Boys & Girls Club trever@bgclethbridge.com	Bids for Kids Dinner and Auction Coast Hotel and Conference Centre

RFP

- is a request for proposal

- an invitation presented for suppliers, often through a bidding process, to submit a proposal on a specific commodity or service.

- allows the risks and benefits to be identified clearly upfront.

- expected to follow a structured evaluation and selection procedure, so that an organization can demonstrate impartiality.

From Wikipedia

If you have an upcoming event, let Tara know and she will put it in the next quarterly



LETHBRIDGE FAMILY CIRCLE ASSOCIATION

Happy Summer Everyone!

We hope you have been able to take a bit of time to enjoy the beautiful weather with your family and friends. Go for a walk, throw a ball, go to the park, enjoy a swim outdoors, or just grab your favourite book and get outside for some sunshine and fresh air!



Since you don't want to be outside when the sun is finally shining, why not check out online shopping for some of your daily needs? If you do decide to explore the world of online shopping, we would like to remind you again about a very easy way to contribute to the creation of Family Village—shopandshare.ca.

Simply begin your online shopping by going to www.shopandshare.ca, login (remember to select LFCA as your charity of choice), then select retailers and find the online shop you want to go to. It's that simple! Your purchases will generate income for LFCA. Check it out for more details!

Thanks for your support of LFCA and the creation of Family Village.

We are now on 

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Become a friend today!

Meet our members

LFCA would like to introduce our members:

Agency members:

Alberta Health Services-Healthy Weights
Alvin Reinhard Fritz Architect Inc.
Behavioral Solutions Inc.
Body Talk
Boys & Girls Club of Lethbridge & District
Brain Trauma Support Society
Breathtaking Births Professional Doula
Canadian Mental Health Association
Canadian Paraplegic Association
Community Conflict Resolution Services
Family Ties Association
Greystoke Homes & Support Services Inc
Interfaith Food Bank
It's a BLAST
Kidney Foundation of Canada
Lethbridge Association for Community Living
Lethbridge Community Network

Lethbridge Family Services
Lethbridge Food Bank
Lethbridge Schizophrenia Society
Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization
Lethbridge Sport Council
McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association
Office of the Public Guardian
Opokaa'sin Early Intervention Society
PEAK
Rhapsody Music
Safety City Society of Lethbridge and Area
SALAS Ltd.
Southern Alberta Community Living Association
Southern Alberta Individualized Planning Association
Special Olympics
Volunteer Lethbridge
Woods Homes

Individual members:

Diane Bland
Tennille Entz
Stephanie Fisher-Dortman

Jordan Head
Susan Jensen
Corinne Steele
Mike Vercillo

We look forward to working toward the opening of our Family Village!
Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member?
Have them contact Tara at info@thefamilyvillage.ca for membership information.