

# Village News

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**LETHBRIDGE FAMILY  
CIRCLE ASSOCIATION**

## Special points of interest:

- \* Information Session—June 7th
- \* Morning of Reality—May 27th
- \* Upcoming Agency Events

## You are invited—Information Session—June 7th

**LETHBRIDGE FAMILY CIRCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**INFORMATION SESSION**  
 JUNE 7, 2011  
 Lethbridge Public Library Theatre  
 6:00—6:30 pm ~snacks and drinks provided  
 6:30 pm ~ Formal presentation

Lethbridge Family Circle Association is excited to host an open information session to bring organizations up to date on progress towards the build of Family Village. Family Village will be a shared one stop shop facility where organizations will share resources and benefits to enhance programs for individuals, children, youth and families in our community.

LFCA and its fourteen organizational stakeholder members are starting on the physical design of Family Village. This is your organization's last opportunity to create a space specifically for your agency in Family Village. Don't get left out!

The information session will:

- ⇒ Outline where LFCA is in the process of creating Family Village
- ⇒ Outline the Joint Venture Agreement with Commonwealth Corporate Support Services, plus their role in Family Village
- ⇒ Outline current partners, funders, financiers, and developers, including the types of businesses that will be part of Family Village
- ⇒ Timeline of Family Village in the short and long term
- ⇒ Explain the Organizational Stakeholders Fee plus other costs of becoming an Organizational Stakeholder Member

**Picture your organization here!**

**Will your organization be here?**

We encourage not only interested organizations to attend but also board members of these organizations. There will be an open question and answer period; existing Organizational Stakeholder Members will be in attendance to answer questions as well.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Tara Yagos (info@thefamilyvillage.ca) 403-381-4676. Please **RSVP by June 1st.**

Check us out at [www.thefamilyvillage.ca](http://www.thefamilyvillage.ca)

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LFCA board members, organizational stakeholder members and Commonwealth all participated in a two-day retreat in February. At the retreat, the strategic plan for Lethbridge Family Village Cooperative was completed. Details from the retreat are now being used to complete the business plan. If you are interested in a summary of the results of the retreat, contact Tara for a copy.

## Retreat a Success

## Morning of Reality—May 27



Various LFCA members will take politicians around downtown Lethbridge on an exercise intended to increase the understanding of potential funders in regards to barriers to access social services in Lethbridge. 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.

When: Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



## Commonwealth Update

Take a look at what Commonwealth has been working on:

- Developers are signing Memorandums of Understanding with Family Village
- Continuing to meet various government groups
- P3 proposal is being completed and will be submitted this quarter
- Business Plan almost completed—will be ready in May for distribution



## Shopandshare.ca

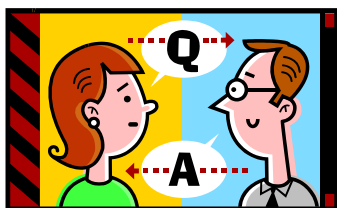
LFCA is happy to announce that we are now registered on Shopandshare.ca as a group to select. Shopandshare.ca encourages individuals to support charities and NFP's by going to their website, selecting a charity of choice (LFCA please!) then getting redirected to various online retailers to shop online. All purchases made generate income for your charity of choice. Check it out for more details!



## You asked—We answered

**Q:** What is the difference between Lethbridge Family Circle Association (LFCA) and Lethbridge Family Village Cooperative (LFVC)?

**A:** LFCA is the formally formed society with the sole mandate of operating Family Village. LFVC is the recently formed multi-stakeholder cooperative which allows various stakeholder groups to work together in Family Village. The cooperative structure is necessary for the developers and other partners to have an active role in Family Village while still ensuring LFCA has the majority say in the operation of Family Village.



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

## Partner Highlights

The **primary service** provided by the Lethbridge Community Network is to ensure that all members of the community have barrier-free access to online information and a way by which this information can be accessed. In most cases, this means that computer hardware/software, printer, Internet access, and technical support are provided at no cost to member organizations. These organizations act as host locations for a series of “community access sites”. Each organization has made substantial contributions to the network through supply of facilities, staff and volunteer support. Sites are located at social service, educational, recreational and retail locations. The public is thus able to freely obtain essential government, health, education, employment and community information via the Internet from virtually every part of the city.

A full range of **support services** have been developed in support of the LCN’s primary service. These services include:

- **Training** and education courses relating to Information Technology (IT) for community residents who are now without these essential skills and resources.
- **Computer Skill Development Program** offered at no cost to barriered learners who are on social assistance. This program is targeted to many individuals in our community who are challenged in learning, literacy, economy and technology skills.
- **Technical support services** for computer networks of member organizations in addition to the basic LCN computer hardware and software support. This support is provided by college and university practicum students.
- In the summer of 2006 the LCN became the southern Alberta distributor for the **Alberta Computers for Schools Program**. Through this program we refurbish over 1200 donated computers per year, making them available to schools, not-for-profit organizations and individuals supported by social service organizations.
- **Custom Database Program**. The LCN applies its skills and knowledge in developing custom databases for organizations in the not-for-profit sector. We design and build databases to serve their special needs for information management.
- **Web Site Design and development**. The LCN builds websites that are 90% content manageable using minimal word processing skills.



### Information

- is any kind of event that affects the state of a dynamic system
- comes from the Latin verb informare, to give form, to form an idea of
- meaning concept or idea
- is any type of pattern that influences the formation or transformation of other patterns
- is as evidence of the activities of the organization

*From Wikipedia*

## Upcoming Agency Events:

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

Date	Agency to contact	Event and location
May 10 7:00pm	Breathtaking Births <a href="http://www.lethbridgedoulas.com">www.lethbridgedoulas.com</a>	1st Annual International Doula Month Event Lethbridge Main Public Library Theatre Room
May 17 start 6:00pm	Womanspace <a href="http://www.womanspace.ca">www.womanspace.ca</a> 403-329-8338	Financial Literacy for Women Native Womens Transition Home
May 27 10:30am	LFCA <a href="mailto:info@thefamilyvillage.ca">info@thefamilyvillage.ca</a>	Morning of Reality City Hall atrium
May 28	The Kidney Foundation <a href="mailto:Shonna.koch@kidneyfoundation.ab.ca">Shonna.koch@kidneyfoundation.ab.ca</a> 403-327-3635	Give the Gift of Life Fun Run & Walk Henderson Lake
June 7 6:00pm	LFCA <a href="mailto:info@thefamilyvillage.ca">info@thefamilyvillage.ca</a>	Information Session Lethbridge Public Library—Theatre
June 22 12:00pm	Boys & Girls Club <a href="http://www.careforkidsléthbridge.com">www.careforkidsléthbridge.com</a> 403-327-6423	Canadian Tire Care for Kids Golf Tournament Paradise Canyon Golf Club

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



## LETHBRIDGE FAMILY CIRCLE ASSOCIATION

What a crazy spring! Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow for this year!

We at LFCA continue to thank our partners for their unending support.

We also hope that those of you who have been waiting to see what would happen with Family Village are now ready to get involved and become engaged in the process of bringing Family Village to life.

As usual, if your organization is interested in more information, please contact Tara. She is more than willing to meet with you and/or your board to get you the information you need to make an informed decision.

Happy Spring!



We are now on **facebook**



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## 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 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

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](mailto:info@thefamilyvillage.ca) for membership information.