

Happy Halloween!

Many homes in London Road are already decorated with pumpkins, witches and ghosts; but a few stand out with their amazing, spooky and/or gory front yard displays!

One of the most spectacular of these Halloween extravaganzas can be seen in the front yard of a small house on 6th Avenue, between 9th and 10th Street. Here, Kevin Gray sets up the most amazing scary and grisly tableaux each October, using life-size dummies and props. Kevin has been creating these elaborate scenes for over 10 years, adding a new blood-curdling feature each year to this labour of love.

Last year he had over a thousand visitors—both adults and children, who stopped by to enjoy the gloriously gruesome atmosphere! All children receive a



Halloween treat (some of Kevin's neighbours donate candy to help offset the expense). Stop by and say hello to Kevin and his 'friends' this Halloween—and while your spine is tingling, take time to appreciate the artistry and dedication that goes into this display.



Safe Haunting on Halloween

Drivers: Please be alert and drive slowly through residential areas. Watch out for excited trick-or-treaters—some may be wearing masks, making it difficult for them to check for traffic. The thrill of the evening may mean that many forget basic safety rules for pedestrians. Enter and exit driveways carefully as children may be running along the sidewalks, or darting out from behind parked cars.

Parents: If you are not accompanying your children, please make sure they are part of a group—with which they should stay at all times. Go over traffic safety rules with them, especially the safe way to cross roads. Consider face paint instead of masks, and add reflective tape to costumes, especially the dark ones.

Have fun and stay safe!



About LRNA

Established in 1974, the London Road Neighbourhood Association is a non-profit association dedicated to maintaining the qualities of the historical London Road neighbourhood that make it one of the finest communities in the City. We work closely with the City and provide considered opinion to changes that may affect and enhance the quality of residency within the London Road Area.

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London Road Neighbourhood Association

Fall 2012 NEWSLETTER

A Message from the LRNA President

What a great last six months in London Road! We've seen many developments happening in our area. The Red Cross building is steadily becoming a 6-plex while maintaining its historical look. There is a lot of internal construction happening and a few cement trucks! We can't wait to see the finished development. There are also many restorations and upgrades in residential homes. Give yourself a "walk-about" and notice the daily differences in our neighbourhood. Some exciting community events we have enjoyed this year include:

- **Song Time in the Park** on June 10, organized by Di Trudgian. Over 50 people—from babes to seniors—came to Kinsman Park to sing along with Di, her guitar and her family. There were competitions and treats for all the kids!
- **Target Hunger** on June 9. Our LRNA Director, Janie, volunteered and helped out in this worthwhile food drive for the food bank. Thank you Janie.
- **The LRNA AGM** was held in June at the Public Library. We were pleased to see so many members attend. We heard from the City Planning and Development Service and enjoyed Belinda Crowson's historical enlightenment.
- **Shelter Me: Party in the Park**, in July, was sponsored and organized by the Lethbridge Shelter and Resource Centre. The LRNA served food at this event held in Galt Gardens.

Sharon Hudemka

Have a great season, keep in touch, and we'll see you at our events!

Bright Lights Festival

When: Friday, November 23rd, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Galt Gardens, Downtown Lethbridge

Come out and enjoy some holiday cheer! At the annual Bright Lights Festival in Galt Gardens, come and enjoy: the lighting of the trees; music; a visit from Santa; hay rides; popcorn; big screen movies; food; beverages; and more! The London Road Neighbourhood Association will be there helping and serving, so come and find us. We love to connect with our neighbours! Come out and join in the fun!



Annandale Home Tour



Mark your calendars for **December 1st and 2nd!** Annandale will be hosting tours of the "Christmas House."

What: Christmas House Tours at Annandale

Where: 1280 - 4 Avenue South

When: December 1 and 2, from 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Cost: Admission is by donation (all proceeds go to LRNA)

All three floors of this home are decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Come see the 14 foot tree and the 7 others. View the large ceramic Victorian village and many other holiday delights. Have a hot chocolate or hot apple cider as you leave. See you there!



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- Find out what the LRNA is up to!

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Urban Grocer

- Cheryl Meheden

Wanting to keep the neighbourhood grocery alive while honoring the rich history of the historic Tin Tin building, London Road resident Cheryl Meheden took possession in June and began a significant restoration. Inspired by the urban movement of local goodness where people love, live, and work in their community, Urban Grocer was born. Taking cues from the customers, Urban Grocer contains not only convenience goods like milk and bread, but adds an eclectic mix of local products, gluten-free and organic choices, and artisan snack foods and drinks. A local gathering place, the welcoming table situated inside the front door is frequented by neighbours who enjoy a good cup of coffee, a fresh baked pastry, and the friendliness of the Urban Grocer team. If you haven't yet experienced Urban Grocer, we hope to see you at the Grand Opening on October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.!



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Historic Buildings Update

The **E. B. Hill residence** is another architectural and historic jewel in our neighbourhood. This elegant house became a 'Historic Resource' in 1991, but unfortunately has suffered some deterioration in recent years, due to irresponsible tenants. The LRNA hopes that the new owners will treasure and restore this lovely and historic Queen Anne style house in the heart of our neighbourhood.

Renovation work continues on the unique and impressive **Red Cross building**, which is Lethbridge's only Greek Revival structure. Fortunate residents could be moving into their beautiful apartments by the New Year.

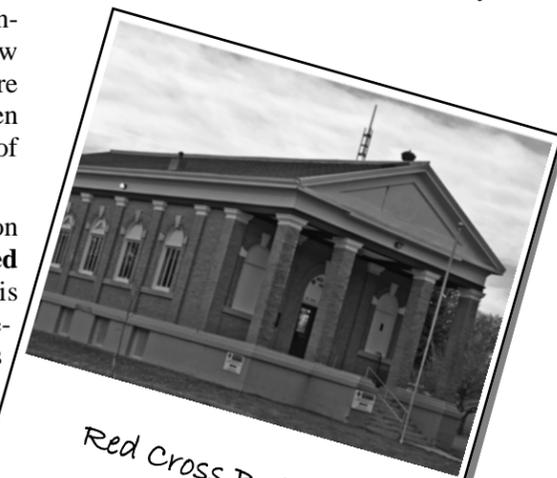
Hearty and happy 100th birthday wishes to the **Bowman Arts Centre!** Although it lies just outside the London Road boundary, this elegant and historic landmark building is close to the hearts of many local residents. In 1982, the Bowman was one of the first Lethbridge buildings to be designated a 'Provincial Historic Resource' in recognition of both its stately architecture and its importance as a major educational centre and artistic hub over the decades since 1912. With the opening of the downtown Community Arts building next year, this Grand Old Lady will be repurposed. In its new incarnation, we hope that the Bowman will be faithfully serving the community for another 100 years!



*E. B. Hill Home
(702 11 Street S.)*



Bowman Arts Centre



Red Cross Building

Historical Buildings : The Regal Grocery

- Kate Connolly

This unusual little house on 6th Avenue, known also as the Coneybeare home, is one of the oldest buildings in Lethbridge. Built in 1888, it is a very rare Alberta example of the 'Second Empire style', displayed in the diamond-shaped metal shingles on a Mansard roof and in its decorative brick arches. The Coneybeare home is of both architectural and historic significance, having strong associations with several of Lethbridge's earliest public figures.



c. 1892 (Photo: City of Lethbridge Archives)

The house was built by Charles Frederick Pringle Coneybeare, one of Lethbridge's first lawyers, who later became a Crown Prosecutor, a School Trustee and the founder of the Lethbridge Board of Trade. Coneybeare lived in the house until 1894, when he traded homes with Lethbridge's first Mayor, the recently widowed Charles Magrath, who lived here until 1903.

The next era in the varied life of this interesting little house saw it become a Synagogue, the 'Beth Israel', in 1914. At this time, there were several

Jewish families living in the adjacent blocks, and this house was an important centre for them—and a residence for the Rabbi—until 1940, when a larger Synagogue was established. In 1942 the Coneybeare house became the Regal Confectionery, which remained in business until it closed down in 1987.



In 2004, awaiting restoration. (Photo: Alberta Culture, Historic Resources Management Branch)

The Coneybeare house has suffered many years of neglect since the Regal closed, but its future looks brighter now. In 2002 it was designated a Provincial Historic Resource, and some restoration work was carried out. Now under new ownership, it is



The Regal Grocery in 2012.

slated to undergo further renovation and beautification. Plans are in hand for it to be occupied by a professional tenant. The historic significance of this unique building will be recognized with a plaque and it will be surrounded once again by a picket fence, just as it was in its original glory days.

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