

President's Corner

~ Sharon Hudemka

First and foremost, I'd like to invite you to attend the London Road **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 13** at the **Lethbridge Public Library**. In addition to **guest speakers**, this year we are offering **free membership** to all who attend. Come out and meet with the Board and your neighbours.



Our Board has been busy this year. London Road Neighbourhood was nominated for the **Great Places in Canada** contest. Our nomination was supported by the City, radio and TV stations, local newspapers, and residents! We also received support from out of the province and even out of the country. We were placed in the top eight. The contest closes at the end of April.

In November we helped the BRZ by working the concession during the **Bright Lights Festival**. Thank you **London Road Market** for generously providing us with the food! Extra food was donated to the **Lethbridge Shelter**.

In December, the Blands donated their time and their home, **Annan-dale**, for a great **Christmas tour**. Our Association is always happy to be part of this event and any monies raised, on the days we are there assisting with the tour, are donated to the LRNA. Thank you, **Diane and Garfield!**

The **Red Cross** building and property was put up for sale by the City. **Alvin Fritz**, a local and prominent architect, received approval for the purchase and development of this property. We are excited to see the finish of his design and creativity that he will put into this historic property.

We are notified from time to time of **unsightly properties**. Unfortunately, City bylaws could only enforce yard clean up. Recently, however, City Council has passed **Resolution 7.1 Partial Completed Developments**, which will address many concerns related to unfinished dwellings in disrepair.

For the first time in Lethbridge we will be involved in "**Jane's Walk**", an event promoted by the City and occurring across Canada. The event is an organized walk to explore neighbourhoods and meet neighbours. This year the City will be making their way through the London Road community on **Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon**, starting and finishing at the **Civic Centre field**.

In other news, the **Van Haarlem** has been sold. The issues have been solved, thanks to the task force. And another piece of good news is that the Mayor has reassured us that the **Civic Field will remain green**.

The LRNA continues to be a strong and a noticeable presence in Lethbridge. It is your support and our active members that make it so. Don't be afraid to join us and become an active member!

See you at the AGM!

Sharon Hudemka

President, LRNA

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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Your comments and queries are welcome!  
We will respond as soon as we can!

### What Can You Find On the London Road Website?

- Neighbourhood updates and events
- Development information
- FAQs about the neighbourhood
- Past newsletters in PDF
- Historical home designation information
- Crime prevention strategies
- Link to Alberta Residential Tenancy Act

...and more!

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# London Road Neighbourhood Association

Spring 2012 NEWSLETTER

## Join Us for Jane's Walk

~ Andrew Malcolm

The City of Lethbridge Planning and Development Department and the London Road Neighbourhood Association invite you to **In Jane's Footsteps: A Guided Tour of London Road**, the first ever Jane's Walk in Lethbridge. Jane's Walk is open to everyone and is a free walk exploring the history and stories that shape our everyday urban experience. Through the simple act of walking together and discussing what makes a neighbourhood, Jane's Walk helps knit people together into strong and resourceful communities.

**When:** Saturday, May 5th, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

**Where:** Start and finish at the northeast corner of the **Civic Centre Field** (500 - 11 St. S.)

**Route Information:** <http://g.co/maps/hbv62> (map)

**Jane's Walk Website:** <http://www.janeswalk.net/cities/landing/category/lethbridge>

**City of Lethbridge Website:** <http://www.lethbridge.ca/Doing-Business/Planning-Development/Planning/Pages/Janes%20Walk.aspx>

*"No one can find what will work for our cities...by looking at suburban garden cities, manipulating scale models, or inventing dream cities. You've got to get out and walk." Jane Jacobs*



## Shakespeare in the Park

Eight Live Performances  
in Galt Gardens  
7 PM Every Friday in  
July and August  
(except Friday July 13)



### Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the London Road Neighbourhood Association's AGM!

**When:** Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Public Library, Theatre

- Board elections and our year in review
- Belinda Crowson on **historical buildings**
- Tyson Boylan (City of Lethbridge) on the 'Great Places' experience
- Andrew Malcolm (City of Lethbridge) on **Jane's Walk**
- Meet your neighbours and the **Board**
- Discuss neighbourhood issues

**FREE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**  
at this year's AGM

### How to Contact the LRNA

**Website:**

[www.londonroad.org](http://www.londonroad.org)

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 We do not have a phone line.



- Get important neighbourhood updates
- Locate your lost pet
- Hear about neighbourhood events
- Find out what the LRNA is up to!



Look us up and 'Like' us!  
London Road Neighbourhood Association

## A Labor of Love: "The Lofts" in London Road

~ Al Fritz

Portico Properties has taken possession of the former Red Cross building and is working towards its restoration and renovation. The outside will be fully restored to its original glory. It was designed as an exceptional example of Greek revival architecture. The most notable changes from the exterior will be the windows which will reflect the historic configuration. An important aspect to the exterior is the open space immediately to the west of the building, which will be developed with an earth sheltered residence, minimizing its impact on the form and character of the existing building.



On the inside "The Lofts" will be renovated to accommodate six suites. The three suites on the bottom floor are designed to be accessible incorporating a variety of aspects of universal design. The lower portion of the building will be fitted with attractive new entrance doors. The main floor accommodates the living spaces of the three upper-level suites while the loft provides for the accompanying bedrooms. Over the next few weeks the interior will be demolished and then the refitting can begin in earnest. By Christmas, residents will be able to move into their new homes.

## "Target Hunger" Food Drive

Be a part of Target Hunger. Bags will be available at local grocers or in your mailbox. Simply fill the bag with your donation items and place that bag on your doorstep. The bag will be picked up on **June 9** and food donations will be split between the Lethbridge and Interfaith Food Banks. The goal is 100,000 pounds of food!



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## London Road Gateway Project

~ Karen Westwood



Westwood Neighbourhood Developments is continuing their efforts to realize their proposed development of a mixed-use affordable housing project. Currently, we are working towards obtaining grant funding from the Alberta Government. This round of funding is due to be disbursed in the Fall. These smaller, aesthetic infill houses will re-vitalize older houses that are in need of repair in affordable ways, while honoring the context and history of the neighbourhood in a sustainable way.

This project has already moved through the re-zoning phase and was unanimously supported by City Council. As well, at last year's London Road Neighbourhood Association's Annual General Meeting, overwhelming support for the project was demonstrated. For more information or details please contact Dan or David Westwood.

### Your Membership Support is the Strength of Your Neighbourhood Association! Be a Member. Be Heard!

If you haven't already purchased your Lifetime Membership for \$5, simply fill out this form and mail it to: LRNA c/o Sharon Hudemka, 1219-7th Ave. S., Lethbridge, T1J 1K6.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## LSCO Open House

Ever wondered what goes on at the **Lethbridge Senior Citizen's Organization (LSCO)**? Come find out on **May 1, Tuesday, at 1 p.m.** and prepare to be amazed! The LSCO is located at **500-11th Street S.** near Spudnuts/Crazy Cakes!

## London Road is One of the Great Places in Canada!

~ Tyson Boylan

London Road neighbourhood is a finalist in the national competition *Great Places In Canada*. This annual event, sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Planners, recognizes the special places that Canadians love the most and asks the public to vote for their favourite place. London Road was nominated by the City of Lethbridge and the London Road Neighbourhood Association due to its status as a 'people place.'

London Road was in third place in the total number of votes despite competition from neighbourhoods in larger cities. London Road enjoyed terrific engagement from the community with this event and thanks to this support was selected as one of eight finalists in the 'Neighbourhood' category!



London Road also captured the attention of local, provincial and national media as they featured stories on the nomination. A team of judges will now decide the overall winner from the finalists and London Road stands a good chance of being selected as one the greatest neighbourhoods in Canada! Winners will be announced at the end of April.



London Road: Beautiful, friendly, walkable, and close to amenities.

## LSCO Rocks the Block

~ Marcie Stork

A music festival fundraiser for Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization will be held on **Saturday, June 9th, 2012 from noon to 9 p.m.** Come out to the **Civic Field**, our neighbourhood's gem of a green space at 6th Ave. and 11th Street. Listen to seven great bands, including Hippodrome, Who's Yer Daddy, the Chevelles, Rex, Double Jack, Texas Flood, and Fast Times! Food and beverages available. Admission is free! See you at the park! Let's Rock the Block!

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## Good Lighting Fosters Good Communities

~ Rena Woss

Help make our neighborhood safer, more enjoyable and healthier by adopting good outdoor lighting practice. All that's required is using energy efficient light bulbs, and fixtures that direct the light to shine down where it's needed, rather than up into the night sky or across onto a neighbor's property.

Too much light can create glare and shadows which can hide criminal activity. Good lighting practice allows us to see and enjoy the nighttime splendors of the stars, planets, and more. Good lighting practice also protects the nocturnal environment of our yard and the birds and little critters, with whom we share our yards, that depend on natural darkness for safety and food supply. You might want to reconsider solar lighting as it's particularly disruptive to creatures.

As for street lighting, Lethbridge is retrofitting its street lights from the glaring sag head style to the full cutoff which will create greater safety on city roadways.

For more information on light pollution and efficient light bulbs and fixtures, please check out the following websites:

★ Lethbridge Astronomy Society: <http://www.lethbridgeastronomysociety.ca/index.php/light-pollution>

☾ Dark Sky Association: <http://www.darksky.org/>

