



# Talk of the Town

## STREETSCAPES CELEBRATION



The Streetscapes Celebration was a huge success thanks to all the participants and volunteers. We raised just over \$2000 for Habitat for Humanity/Vermilion and Communities in Bloom.

**Walking is part of a healthy lifestyle and a primary form of transportation for many Vermilion residents. With the completion of the beautiful "Streetscapes" development and the insertion of new crosswalks in our downtown area, the Town of Vermilion encourages all pedestrians and motorists to follow these road/crosswalk safety tips:**

**Pedestrians & Mobility Aids (Electric Scooters/Wheelchairs):** *Pedestrian means a person on foot or a person in or on a mobility aid*

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there are no sidewalks walk on the road side facing traffic.
- Wear bright, light-colored or reflective clothing when walking in the dark or low light conditions.
- Cross safely at corners and crosswalks, preferably at intersections with traffic lights.
- Stop at the curb to show drivers you intend to cross the road; hold your arm straight out at right angles to your body pointing across the road as a legal sign to motorists that you wish to cross the road.
- Look left, right, and left again before proceeding to cross the road; cross when traffic has come to a complete stop and make eye contact with drivers in each lane that you cross to ensure you are seen.
- Continue crossing the street if the light changes to "pulsing hand" while you are on the crosswalk.
- Watch for traffic turning at intersections or entering and leaving driveways or back alleys.

**Motorists:**

- Scan farther down the road and obey posted speed limits. Always be prepared to slow down or stop.
- Avoid loud music, phones, and other distractions when driving.
- Use caution when approaching intersections or mid-block crosswalks. Allow pedestrians to cross the road before proceeding.
- Be cautious in parking lots or when backing out of a parking stall or driveway.
- Slow down around parked or stopped vehicles as they may hide a pedestrian who is crossing the road, particularly children who may dash out into the street.
- Stay alert and slow down on residential streets and through school zones; the speed limit for school and playground zones is 30 km/h unless otherwise posted.
- Watch for the school safety patrol wearing orange vests, and stop as directed. School safety patrollers play a vital role in directing children across the street.
- Be aware of bicyclists on our streets and use all due care and attention when approaching or passing them.



### Register for the Summer Fun Program

*IT'S NOT TOO LATE!*

The Summer Fun Program, is running again with the theme "Destination Jungle" for children ages 5-11 and runs July 5th to August 20th. There is much fun to be had with exciting activities and events such as: Mad Hatter Tea Party - July 9, Fire Etc Tour - July 16, Crime Scene Investigation - July 26, Swim & Gym with Judy Misick - August 5, Mini Olympics - August 6 & Glow Bowling - August 12. Please be aware that some days are filling up. The program runs from Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fees per child are \$20/day, or \$60/week, with special rates for families with three or more children. For more information, you can pick up a registration package at the Town Office, the Vermilion Public Library, online at [www.vermilion.ca](http://www.vermilion.ca) or contact Barb Goodwin at 581-2402 or Dion Pollard at 581-2403.

Please call the Town Office for available registration dates.

### No More Room in Residence

While residents of Vermilion have always welcomed Lakeland College students to the community, the college is hoping many people will take it a step further this year by welcoming a student into their home.

Almost all of the rooms available in the Vermilion campus residence are spoken for and the college continues to receive applications for programs.

If you are interested in hosting a student please phone the Lakeland College Residence Office at 780-853-8543 to have your name added to the off-campus housing list.



### COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

By Dion Pollard, Director of Community Services

The **Communities in Bloom** judges will be in Vermilion from July 29-30. The Communities in Bloom committee ask that everyone take part in cleaning up their yards, businesses, and assisting in the community wherever needed. The committee is looking forward to another strong showing in the program. The community cleanup is taking place on July 26th where a cross town garbage cleanup will be done to get ready for this event as well as the Vermilion Fair. If you would like to participate, please meet at the Town Hall Parking Lot at 7:00 pm.

The Stadium renovation is progressing on schedule. The lobby and rear parking areas are in the final stages and will be complete by the fair weekend with the ice surface renovations and front side pavement being completed in August. We would like to thank all patrons especially the Vermilion Roar Lacrosse for their patience through this process.



### FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

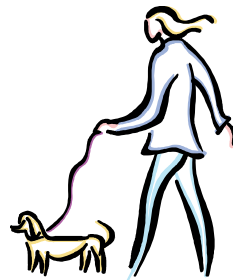
Summer is here and Municipal Enforcement would like to express the following concerns in regards to property, pets, and garage sales:

- Owners of land within the Town of Vermilion are encouraged to perform frequent maintenance on their property. Lawns shall be kept in a visually appealing manner. This includes adjacent boulevards and the alley behind your property. Yards should be kept tidy as this helps to promote a positive atmosphere in Ver-

milion. Shrubs and trees should not obstruct the vision of traffic signs or pedestrians on the sidewalks.

- Garage sale signs are allowed in Vermilion providing they are not placed on Town property (fences, boulevards, sidewalks, parks, right of ways, etc). They can however, be placed on private property IF the land owner has given permission to do so.

- Dogs need to be kept on a leash when off the owners property. This prevents injury to your dog as well as to people and other pets.
- Please be a responsible pet owner & clean up after your pets!



#### What are the Regulations for Parking my Recreational Vehicle?

- All recreational vehicles must be attached to a vehicle, if not, there is a period of forty eight (48) hours twice within one week to park in Town limits.

*Have a safe summer!!*

Shane Ashdown, Municipal Enforcement Officer



**Shirley McRobert**  
Senior Support Coordinator

### Grandparent's Day – September 12, 2010

Just as we set aside special days to honor our mothers and fathers, we honor our grandparent's also. We use the term "grandparents" when speaking of our parents' parents, giving them a rank of special distinction and to show respect.

#### What Are Grandparents?

Grandparents are for stories about things of long ago.

Grandparents are for caring about all the things you know.

Grandparents are for rocking you and singing you to sleep.

Grandparents are for giving you nice memories to keep...

Grandparents are for knowing all the things you're dreaming of...

But, most importantly of all, Grandparents are for love.

-Author Unknown

## SHIPPING CONTAINERS

On April 6, 2010 Council for the Town of Vermilion gave third reading to By-law #6-2010 which provides a definition for "Shipping Containers" as well as establishes development guidelines within the Land Use Bylaw for the use and placement of these containers within the Town.

**If you already have one or more of these containers on your property, or are planning on putting one on your property you MUST obtain a Development Permit and adhere to the requirements now contained within our Land Use Bylaw. These containers are classified as a "building" and are required to meet requirements with regards to lot coverage, setbacks, separation distances, placement and appearance just like any other accessory building.**

For more information refer to our website [www.vermilion.ca/public\\_notices/](http://www.vermilion.ca/public_notices/), pick up a brochure at the Town Office, or speak with our Development Officer at 780-581-2404.



VERMILION AGRICULTURE  
FAIR AND TRADE SHOW  
JULY 29 - 31, 2010  
"CELEBRATING COMMUNITY  
SPIRIT"



If you are unable to attend the Town Office during regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, including lunch hour, we have a "drop off" box located on the north east side of the building. This may help in ensuring payments are received on time, Town property is returned, or general information is received within a deadline.

### DESTINATION JUNGLE GERALDINE COLLINS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, VERMILION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Each summer, the Summer Fun Program and the Vermilion Public Library use the children's theme from the nationwide TD Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Destination Jungle", and we will feature 'Jungle Bingo' as part of our own **Sunbeam Summer Reading Program**. Kids will be invited to take home or download a Jungle Bingo card and win "Bingos" by reading books. Prizes will be awarded for straight lines, and those who get a blackout can put their name in a draw box for some Grand Prizes! TD always offers us some great promotional items, and this year is no exception, so kids ages 5 to 14 get ready to *monkey* your way through some books this summer!

This year's **Summer Reading Program Performance** will feature noted children's entertainers Lee and Sandy Paley. They have written and recorded over 200 action packed and visually rich songs over the past 25 years. They also produced the show Ballooner Landing, which aired on YTV, CBC and more. According to their website: "Motivated by their love for children and a belief that childhood is far too short, Lee and Sandy encourage families to play, laugh and sing together. Their imaginative music has a positive focus and a message of caring, friendship and love." (schoolhousesongs.com) Bring your children to the library on Thursday, July 22nd from 10:00-11:00 am for this **free performance**.

It's not too early to sign up for our fall classes of **Computers for Novices** and the **Guided Autobiography Group** led by Dorothy Tovell. Please phone us at 780.853.4288 or come by in person to register.

Our **community club displays** for July and August will feature the Vermilion Royal Purple #108 and the Ukrainian Cultural Association.

Finally, it's been a quick year, but the library will sadly be saying goodbye to our manager Jacqueline Kiesman at the end of August. Jacqueline has graced the library since May of 2009 with her patience, kindness, humility and hard work, and will be missed by staff and patrons alike. Jacqueline also brought with her a wealth of knowledge in the juvenile and young adult fiction area, and our shelves have reaped the rewards. Best of luck in the future, Jacqueline!



**The Vermilion River Regional  
Healthy Communities Coalition:  
Growing Great Kids**



# Youth Resiliency Project

Congratulations to all of the 2010 winners of the Great Kids Award:

Lauren Moses	Kaylyn Bowman	Kenneth Lord	Brady Clayton
Jacqueline McAuley	Taryn Usenik	Paige Greig	Megan Wolters
Derek Moses	Taylor Sellen	Jess Robinson	Jill Greig
Crimson Haselhurst	Patrick Rains	Arthur Kundesen	Kady Sunderland
Jarik Langenfurth	Joshua Saskiw	Sarah McCrae	Garth Lord
Andrew Wood	Samantha Matters	Kennedy Mielke	Kalaya Moore
Nicole Courchesne	Amie Neigum	Nelson Shubert	Emaly Cooke
Katrina Rolph	Calum Grech	Wyatt Walterhouse	Keenan Stafford
Samuel Ree	Daniel Barr	Jenna Eddleston	Tara Rozka
Spencer McCormack	Meghan Dutchak	Kastyn Konieczny	Shania Bohmann
James McGinley	Nathan Sancaster	Grant Roberts	Olivia Sidener
Kaitlyn Wilkinson	Erica Shin	Rhandi Lepine	

The next time you see one of these "Great Kids" be sure to stop them and congratulate them!!!

## Summer Time Fun

Are you in grade 7-12? Then watch for us in your community this summer. We have some activities planned specifically for teens. Keep your eyes peeled for posters around your town!

Brought to you by the Vermilion River Regional Healthy Communities Coalition. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact your Community Youth Worker—Candice McLean at 780-872-6495 or candice.mclean@btps.ca

### Partnering Government Agencies Contact Information

#### Alberta Health Services—Central Zone (East)

Health Promotion Facilitator  
780-842-4077 (toll free - 310-0000-842-4077)

#### Alberta Health Services - Addictions & Mental Health

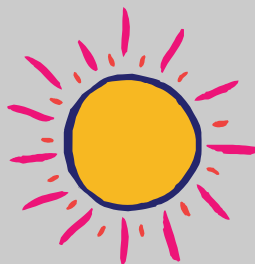
Wainwright Area Office  
780-842-7619

#### Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

Carol Coleman  
780-853-4164  
Or contact your local school office for assistance.

#### RCMP

Vermilion detachment 780-853-4441  
Kitscoty detachment 780-846-2870



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Town of Vermilion Glass Recycling Program Discontinued

As of July 1, 2010, the Vermilion Recycling Centre will no longer accept any glass containers. Please place your glass waste with your household garbage.

The Vermilion Bottle Depot is still accepting glass bottles for recycling. Please continue to recycle your glass drinking bottles with the Vermilion Bottle Depot at 4612-48 A Ave.

Phone 780-853-2222.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Public Works and Utilities Department at 780-581-2415.



**Council Meetings will be held on July 20 and August 17 only during the summer months. Persons wishing to have an item on the Agenda must submit it in writing by 4:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting.**

### Important FCSS Funding Deadlines

By Carol Coleman, Coordinator

Summer is here at last! May you make time for outdoor activities with family and friends along with some relaxation. Time stops for no one and we must think ahead to our fall dead lines. **Please note the early program funding application deadline (for the 2011 calendar year) is Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> due to the fall municipal election. Some funding applications MAY be accepted after this deadline but it depends on the number of September submissions.** Those community groups who have received FCSS funding in the past year or so will be sent a funding application during August. There will also be a joint county, town and village newspaper advertisement regarding the above deadline. You will be able to access this application electronically from our town website under Town Departments, Community Services, FCSS Program. You may use our budget form or your own form. FCSS has already committed over \$74,000.00 to community groups for programs and services for residents during this calendar year. If you want further information on the kinds of programs we sponsor, please call me at 780-581-2413, email, or visit our town web site.