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Edmonton

Red Carpet Affair 2008 moving into the planning stages:

The red carpet is beginning to roll out for a whole new event – currently scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2008. Visit our webpage at: www.cpa-ab.org/redcarpet

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Marc Quinn at CPA in Edmonton 424-6312 ext. 2226 or marc.quinn@cpa-ab.org

Financial Planning Session

Presented By PLAN Edmonton and Gateway Association for Community Living. The session will provide information on products and planning practices that could be utilized for loved ones with a disability.

Date: January 23, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Suite 201, 11803-125 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Gateway Association Boardroom

Please invite a friend!

RSVP by January 14, 2008 at (780) 488-2422

www.planedmonton.ca or www.gatewayacl.org

New Buses take wheelchairs

The city's first community shuttle buses to be outfitted with wheelchair ramps have arrived, to the praise of the disabled. But the new Calgary Transit buses will likely spark a fight with the transit union, which demands the shuttles' operators... [read more...](#)

Family Support Evening (starting February)

If you are a SPOUSE, PARTNER, PARENT or CHILD (18+) of someone who has a spinal cord injury and would like to speak to other family members of individuals with SCI in a confidential group or one-on-one environment to learn about:

- Coping / Adjustment issues
- Personal Care Management
- Relationships
- And more!

Then be our guest every Third Wednesday of the Month (starting February 2008)

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta)
305 Hys Centre, 11010 101 Street
Edmonton, AB

To register and/or for more information contact:

Ross Norton, Solutions Coordinator

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Calgary

Calgary Curling Club - SCHEDULE OF GAMES

These are the Dates for this year. Extra sessions may be scheduled for players who are headed in the competition route. All games are at Ogden Legion. I will try to obtain ice for the dates they have maintenance or Bonspiels.

JANUARY

Jan. 5 Sat	Ogden	10:30-12:30
Jan19 “	“	“ “
Jan.26 “	“	“ “



Lethbridge

Barrier Free Rooms with tracks

The Pepper Tree Inn located on Mayor Magrath Dr. S. in Lethbridge has a barrier free room with ceiling track installed. This accessible room has been available for over a year now. Take advantage of it and book your stay by calling: 328-4436



International Day of Disabled Persons

Lethbridge held their second successful International Day of Disabled Persons event on Dec 3rd. The morning even held at the University featuring an obstacle course and trade show was well received with over 120 participants.

The event was also a success. The trade show continued with a panel discussion. Many inspirational stories were told about living a life with a disability. Mayor Bob Tarleck was present and in support of the day.



Red Deer

2nd Annual Diamonds & Denim Gala

Our Diamonds & Denim Sweetheart Gala will be held February 16, 2008 at the Red Deer Lodge.

We are very excited this year to have **The Dominion of Canada** as our Major Sponsor.

The entertainment at the event will be Duane Steele, a local award winning country music artist.

We will again feature a diamond raffle, live and silent auctions, and great dining and dancing.

For additional information on other sponsorship opportunities or table & ticket sales, please call Paulette or Cheryl at 403-341-5060. Act fast because tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis!

Community Housing Committee

The Red Deer CPA office was asked by 2 separate agencies to come and speak in support of their proposals at the Community Housing Committee meeting at City Hall in November. This committee has been charged with determining who receives the provincial housing dollars in Red Deer.

Accessible Rental Units

Heritage Family Services was proposing a scattered site housing project that entails purchasing condos and converting them to accessible rental units, they were successfully receiving funds for two units in the Wedgwood Garden Condos.

Red Deer Housing Authority was asking for \$37,750 for the purchase of a 9 suite accessible apartment building. The building is currently owned by Innovative Housing, who recently sold another apartment in Red Deer that was turned into condos. The balance of the \$55,000 downpayment to assume the mortgage has already been secured from the Red Deer & District Community Foundation. Donna Nye from the Red Deer housing authority spoke of CPA's involvement leading to this point, and how CPA would be involved in resident selections when vacancies arise. Red Deer Housing Authority's proposal was accepted.

CPA Community Development in Red Deer has also been busy reviewing plans for renovations to the Golden Circle Senior Center, Bower Place mall, and other projects with an eye to accessibility.

Grande Prairie

International Day of the Disabled Persons

Another year of celebrating the International Day of the Disabled Persons in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Last year, the Community Committee on Disability Issues (CCDI) hosted a Trade Fair, Supper and Dance.

This year, the Community Committee on Disability Issues hosted a Trade Fair and Work Shop on Sunday, December 2, 2007, at the Elks Hall.

I was an enjoyable and informative day...CCDI is grateful for the following reasons...

- The MC offered to be the MC for 2008
- The number of exhibitors who participated
- The information shared at the event
- The fabulous prizes donated by various organizations/agencies
- The services provided by the Elks Hall
- The food and beverages prepared by the Elks Hall
- The free Disabled Transportation Services
- The Volunteers, Ms Santa and Lucy the Clown
- The awesome speeches by Alderman Lorne Radbourne, Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, R Work Group, Disaster Social Services and CCDI Past and Present Chair Person

Feedback from an individual from High Level who was at the event from start to finish stated "it was worth going to and meeting some good people".

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from the members of CCDI...

Photo: GP Residential Society receiving the Premier's Council Award of Excellence.



Creative Solutions

Sometime the best way to finding solutions is learning from others. A great way to start is by visiting Disaboom

<http://www.disaboom.com/>

We want to hear your creative Ideas. Please send them to

CPAAlbertaNewsletter@cpa-ab.org

For Your Information

Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Fund

Are YOU having trouble obtaining rental accommodation?

YOU DON'T have enough money for a damage deposit or first month's rent?

Have you received an eviction notice because you are behind in your rent?

The Homeless and Eviction Prevention Fund is part of the Government's response to the recommendations of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force, and is designed to provide short-term assistance to prevent Albertans from becoming homeless and to help individuals and families stabilize their shelter arrangements. View the [news release](#), outlining the government's response to alleviate housing pressures for Albertans.

Where do you go?

In person

Come to one of EII's 59 [Employment, Immigration and Industry offices](#) located across the province.

On the phone

Call 1-866-644-5135 (644-5135 in Edmonton).

For ongoing housing needs, eligible Albertans can receive help from the Alberta Works [Income Support](#) program or be referred to Municipal Affairs and Housing's Rent Supplement Program.

FOR MORE INFO CLICK HERE

<http://employment.alberta.ca/cps/rde/xchg/hre/hs.xsl/5204.html>

Items for Sale

99 Dodge Dakota for sale

4X4, blue, has lift and hand controls, remote start, nurf steps, good rubber, 6 cd changer. 99600 kms.

Asking \$16,000 equipped, and \$12,000 without.

Please contact Stephen directly at 780-461-6189

Swap and Shop

This service is provided through the CPA website. Province wide people buy and sell used and new equipment. Check it out at:

<http://www.canparaplegic.org/en/204>

Accessible Apartments for Rent

Accessible apartments for rent

City Market Apartment located in down town Edmonton will have wheel chair adapted suites for rent for Feb 1, 2008. These are brand new studio styled and 1 bedroom suites and price ranges from \$495 to \$655 a month. For more information, please contact Don Gluck at FIVE OAKS INC 425-2506 or Kuen Tang at the CPA Edmonton office 424-6312 ext 2241.

Members Speak up

To Whom It May Concern:

It saddens me to think that in this day and age some body who has a fiscal

disability can not get a job, when I send in my resume they are very interested until they see that I am in a wheelchair.

I assumed has long as the job gets done it does not matter if you have physical disability or not, however employers that I have met so far seem to have a problem with people with disabilities.

If any body else has had this same problem to, I would really like to hear from you.

I would like too take this time to wish everyone, A Merry Christmas & And A Happy New Year!!!!!!!

Sincerely.
Wanda Liddle.
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