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Spring Newsletter 2008 & area



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Upcoming Events

- ♦Come visit us at Booth 207 at the Peace Country Classic Agri-Show, March 6, 7 & 8th, at the Evergreen Park TEC Centre
- ♦Is your child's car seat installed properly? 90% are used incorrectly. Have it checked out at a Car Seat Clinic to be held April 26th at the Worthy Ideas 4 Kidz Show at the Crystal Centre.
- ♦April 28th, A Day of Mourning; remember those injured or killed on the job.
- ♦NAOSH Health & Safety event, April 30th at the TEC Centre.
- ♦Grande Prairie's BIKE RODEO is coming June 1st. Check out our website or give us a call for more details.

WATCH FOR SAFETY CITY ON 92 STREET!



It is with great excitement that we share the latest news of the Safety City project here in Grande Prairie. After

hiring an architect and tendering this project twice in the last year, the cost of construction soared from \$1.9 million to \$6.1 million over the course of six months. Just when the Construction Committee was considering the next step, a proposal from the City of Grande Prairie and PACE breathed new life into Safety City.

Presently, the Safe Communities Board has agreed to purchase an existing 3,500 square foot building from PACE with the City of GP donating land adjacent the building to house the streetscape. Along with the City's contribution of land comes \$200,000 cash that was to be spent upgrading the storm sewer

system beside the fire hall to accommodate Safety City. With the cash from the City and the money raised to date, the Safety City Construction Committee is pleased to announce that the building of the streetscape will commence as soon as weather permits. Although the project will still require additional funds and/or gift-in-kind to see it complete, the Board and the Construction Committee are confident that the first children will receive safety and injury prevention training in September of 2008. Our heartfelt gratitude to all donators who have remained committed to this project and a huge thank you for your patience as we overcame the challenges presented over these past few years. For more information about the Safety City project please visit our website at www.gpsafecommunities.com or contact us at 780-402-2818.

YOUNG WORKER SAFETY

NAOSH (North American Occupational Health & Safety) Week is May 4-10, 2008. This year's theme is "Safety & Health - A Commitment for Life...Live It Every Day". To bring awareness to our students on the importance of health & safety, we will be having a one day safety display/contest in the area High Schools in April. The schools we will be visiting are Peace Wapiti Academy, the Composite, St. Joe's, Sexsmith, Hythe and Beaverlodge. We will display safety posters and have 3 questions on safety the students will need to answer. They can drop the answers in the ballot box to enter their name in a draw for great prizes. A Grand Prize will be awarded to the school with the greatest student participation.

Every year 400 young workers, ages 15-24 are injured on the job.
Injuries are Preventable!

Children on the Farm



Farm related injuries claim over 100 lives every year in Canada, far exceeding any other home-based business. From 1990 to

2000, there were 109 children from 1 to 6 years of age who died as a result of agricultural injuries.

Too often, both children and parents consider the entire farm a play space. Farm children live in a workplace - one that exposes them to machinery, chemicals, livestock and other hazards. The best way to keep youngsters away from the risks is to have a specifically designated play area in the farm yard. Please be extra aware around...

Machinery: Youngsters can fall from tractors operated by an adult, often when an operator starts a machine without knowing the child is in the area. Never let children ride on farm tractors.

Flowing Grain: It takes only two or three seconds to become helplessly trapped in flowing grain. Crushed or bridged grain can suddenly collapse. Flowing grain in bins and wagons can drag an unsuspecting victim down like

quicksand. Make grain bins and work areas off-limits to children.

Livestock: Even good-tempered animals can become dangerous. Cattle can knock down and trample a toddler without noticing the child is even there. A calm animal can become dangerous if it or its offspring feel threatened. Keep children away from animals, especially in livestock-handling areas.

Pesticides and Other Chemicals: Keep children away from farm chemicals. Store the chemicals in a cabinet, room or building that can be locked, in their original containers, properly labelled. Never throw chemical containers or small leftover amounts in the garbage or other areas where children may go.

Teach small children the rudiments of safety, such as which areas are off-limits. As they grow older, explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength and experience in mind. The safe way to do things is not always obvious to a child, so always explain and enforce the safety aspects of the job.

Children imitate what they see. Above all, farmers and their workers must set a good example, both for their own safety and as a role model for children.

Safety Canada, April 2002
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New Safety City Site Plan



What is Safety City?

♦ Safety City is a community resource with a mandate of safety education for all ages. The focus is the miniature city with scaled down roads, sidewalks, buildings, railway crossings, etc., Where children (Kindergarten to Grade 4) are educated on safety issues. Traffic and pedestrian safety (with the use of small electric cars), water safety, ATV safety, bicycle safety, fire safety, railway crossing safety, construction area and oil site safety are just some of the educational programs that will be offered through this facility. Watch for construction to begin on the miniature streetscape Spring 2008, on 92 Street.

Naming opportunities and Kiosk leases available. For more information please visit our website at www.gpsafecommunities.com, or email us at admin@gpsafecommunities.com.

