

NORD-BRIDGE NORD - BRIDGE SENIORS

NEWSLETTER

August 2025



The Nord-Bridge Sea 'N Oars Dragon Boat Team had a fantastic time competing at the Lethbridge Rotary Dragon Boat Festival this July! This spirited team of older adults, ranging in age from 55 to 85, brought energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm to the water, showing that age is no barrier to adventure and camaraderie. A heartfelt thank you goes out to team manager Cheris Samuels, whose dedication and leadership helped make the experience memorable. Special thanks to our generous sponsors, Lethbridge Hearing Centre, Salon Nineteen04, The View at Lethbridge, and Medicine Shoppe #338, for their support. We also sincerely appreciate the volunteers and spectators who cheered us on and helped make the event a success!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July has come and gone – where did it go? I'm still working on the beginning of summer. Our garden has flourished – and so have the weeds. They both have loved the heat and rain. The Father's Day Car Show took place at Winston Churchill High School – even though it was a few weeks after Father's Day due to the weather. Thanks to all those who chose to show off their treas-

ured vehicles and to those who took the time to check them out. Once again, our volunteers did an exceptional job. The trip to Calgary for the Lion King was certainly worth it. What a wonderful show. Be sure to check out future trips being planned. You won't be sorry.

Summer registration took place on July 3rd for a fewer number of programming sessions. Even instructors need a break. Keep an eye out for our fall programming guide coming out on Monday, August 25th.

Preparations are underway for the annual Whoop Up Days events - the parade, pancake breakfast, and bingo. Be sure to check out our float in the parade which is on Tuesday, August 19. Come out and cheer on Nord-Bridge's entry. On Wednesday, August 20 we have our Toonie Pancake Breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Bring all your friends and family for good eats.

Check out the information rack by our lounge area. You will find our upcoming events and special announcements on display.

In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND.

Dianne Smith.

Interim Board President



Public Guardian Representative: Brayden Sharp-Chrunik, BSc. brayden.sharp-chrunik@gov.ab.ca



Seniors, Community and Social Services
Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee

Some programs and services are partially funded by the joint Provincial and City FCSS Program. Nord-Bridge is a proud member of the Alberta Association of Seniors Centres.





Nord-Bridge Membership Fees:

Membership is open to all seniors age 55 plus. Associate Membership for younger individuals whose spouse is over 55 and a member.

Membership Renewal: \$60 New Memberships: \$63



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Whoop-Up Days Toonie Pancake Breakfast

Date: Wednesday, August 20
Time: 8:00am-11:00am
Location: 1904-13 Ave N
Nord-Bridge Multi-Purpose Hall
Cost: \$2 per person



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I trust everyone is having as great of a summer as I am. I was fortunate to get away on two small trips to Fernie and Whitefish with my family. Amazing how things change as my kids get older. Gone are the days where I have to pack bikes, scooters, toys, baseball gloves, soccer



balls etc...these days packing the car for holidays is a breeze! A soccer ball, their phones and a lot of snacks for two growing teenage boys.

Speaking of teenagers, last month you would have seen a few of them around Nord-Bridge. Prior to having a Coordinator of Volunteer staff we were unable to take on the high school students that needed to fulfill volunteer hours for credits. We just didn't have the staff resources to oversee the students during the 40 hours of volunteering they required. Donna was able to take on two high school students (Ethan and Dion) who helped with several tasks in and around our building. One of those tasks was helping Marco replace some of the old parking blocks in our parking lot. They also volunteered at our car show and Bulls baseball games. We wish both boys all the best in their grade 12 year this fall. We hired Shayla as a casual part-time cashier in the dining room to cover for Gail while she was away on holidays. Shayla, a high school student, was looking for some summer employment and we were able to give her a couple weeks worth of work. Shayla quickly learned the computer cash register and brought a friendly smile to the dining room. Thank you Shayla for helping cover our busy dining room!

Last month Ashley and I had the opportunity to tour Dr. Sayeh Zielke (Executive Chair of Assisted Living Alberta, Medical Director and Cardiologist in Lethbridge) around Nord-Bridge. Dr. Zielke wanted to see what we had to offer to seniors and was very impressed with all the programs



and services we offer to older adults in the Lethbridge community. Dr. Zielke is an amazing advocate for seniors health in Lethbridge and we are looking forward to connecting with her on key senior issues in the future.

David Ng.

Executive Director

Executive Committee

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Nord-Bridge Meeting Reminders

Monthly

Outreach Committee:

First Mon. (Sept. - May) 1:30pm

Directors Meetings:

Second Wed. 9:30am

Finance Committee Meeting:

Last Wed. in Feb, May, Sept, Nov

Annually

Annual General Meeting:

First Wed. of April 9:30am

General Member Meeting:

First Wed. of November 9:30am

Administration Staff

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Cook

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Beginners Drop-In Chess Club

Date/Time: Fridays, 8:30am - 12:00pm

NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE Location: Craft Room Convener: Cliff Helm

Cost: Free!

Have you always wanted to learn how to play Chess? Join Cliff Helm for this new program on Friday mornings to learn the rules and play a few friendly games!

*For Nord-Bridge members only





FOR SHAW SUBSCRIBERS: We are pleased to announce that our building is equipped with Shaw) Go WiFi. To connect at Nord-Bridge:

- Access the network / WiFi settings on your device.
- Select ShawOpen from the list of networks.
- 3. Open your browser.
- Sign-in using your @shaw.ca email address and password.

Any questions? <u>Please</u> call **1-888-472-2222** or visit <u>http://www.shaw.ca/internet/wifi/</u>.

This is a free service to Nord-Bridge provided by Shaw.

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- time spent on the road provides an opportunity to share experiences with new friends and form happy memories.

Fairmont Hot Springs - September 22nd or October 27th

Minot Norsk Høstfest - September 22nd

Nashville, Branson & Memphis – September 29th

Nashville, Branson & Dollywood – October 8th

Victoria Stay Awhile - October 12h

Reno/Northern Nevada Sightseeing - November 2nd

Christmas in Victoria - December 21st

Palm Springs Desert Oasis - January 18th

Arizona Desert and Canyons - February 9th

Visit us online at www.nageltours.com Contact your Travel Agent or toll free: 1-800-562-9999 resoffice@nageltours.com





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User ID: NBSC_Guest Password: Friendly@55





(Shaw Cable subscribers see left)

MONTHLY 50/50 TOONIE DRAW

Nord-Bridge holds a monthly 50/50 toonie draw on the third or fourth Friday of each month. Members do not need to be present to win. The Nord-Bridge share of the proceeds is dedicated to programming.

TO PLAY:

- 1. Fill out an envelope at the draw desk in the Dunford Diner.
- 2. Drop \$2.00 into the envelope and deposit it into the Draw Box.
- 3. Come out to lunch on "draw day" to see if you are the winner. The more times you enter, the more chances you have of winning!

RECENT WINNER

June 27 - Lawrence Velker \$168.00 July 25 - Ruth Bates \$201.00

MONDAY JAM 50/50 DRAW

Proceeds of Monday Jam draws assist with sound system and AV costs in the building.

*No Monday Jams in July & August. Check the October newsletter for September winners!

Thanks Jammers, Volunteers, and Patrons.
Thanks also to Cheryl Orr for
selling tickets at Monday Jams.

Outreach Volunteer Recruitment Meeting



Date: Monday, August 11 Time: 1:30pm

The Nord-Bridge Outreach Program is in need of volunteers for serving, door hosting, taking payment, food preparation, decorating, and assisting the convener. Volunteers are not expected to help out every month - it is a shared commitment. Please join us if you are interested in volunteering!



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Check back next month!

NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO

Year to date: \$10,154.75

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Year to date: \$1,539.00



We have a QR code for our website! You'll find this QR code at our Newsletter stands in various locations such as London Drugs and Save-On Foods North. To scan this code, open the built-in camera app on a smart phone and point the

camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears on the screen and you will be transferred to the Nord-Bridge website, where you can access our monthly newsletters under the About > Newsletters tab. See the Nord-Bridge Front Desk for more information!

Intergenerational Craft and Music Afternoon

In partnership with the Lethbridge Family Centre, this intergenerational program is with children between the ages of 1 – 10 years old. Nord-Bridge Seniors and the children are partnered up together to participate in crafts and listen to story-telling, ending off with music and nursery rhymes. We are always looking for more seniors and children for this event!

If interested please contact Ashley (seniors) or Lethbridge Family Centre (kids).

Dates: Wednesday, August 27 Time: 3:15pm - 4:15pm Location: Multi-Purpose Hall







Nord-Bridge has a float in the Whoop-Up Days Parade!







Date: Tuesday, August 19
Time: 9:00 am
Parade Route:

Beginning at Park Place Mall, the traditional parade route travels south along 3rd St S, east on 3rd Ave S, north on 13th St N, then east on 9th Ave N, dispersing at the Galbraith Elementary School.



We are in need of volunteers!
If you are interested in helping
us decorate our parade float,
contact Ashley at 403-329-3222

TECH DESK HELP WITH PETER

If you have questions about your laptop, tablet, or smart phone, our volunteer, Peter, would be happy to assist you!



Dates: Thursdays, Aug. 21 & Sept. 25
Time: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Nord-Bridge Main Corridor

Cost: FREE

Appointments are required.

Visit the front reception desk to book!

*for Nord-Bridge members only



Member Photos



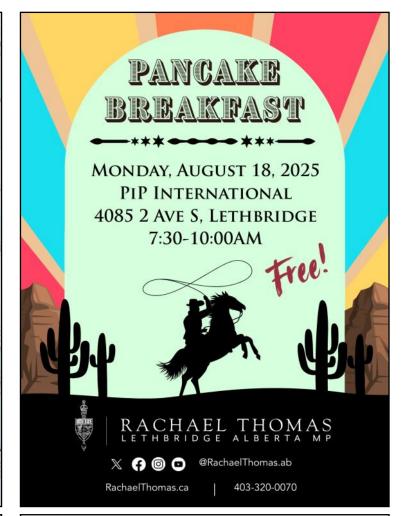
3rd Monday of every month

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Nord-Bridge Library

Upcoming Dates: September 15, October 20 November 17, December 15

All new members receive a FREE portrait.

Drop-in only (first come, first served)





Single Session Drop-In Counselling

Lethbridge Seniors Citizens Organization (LSCO) and Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre are very happy to host onsite drop-in counselling services at no cost to older adults 60+ years of age seeking help when they need it most.

This single-session counselling program is here when you are ready. The counselling team will support you, drawing upon your own strengths and abilities, and provide you with information that can help you create a plan for the change you most want in your life. They will also direct you to other services that are available in our community for longer term support if needed.

Offered monthly onsite at both LSCO & Nord-Bridge.

- · 1 session offered free of charge.
- 1 ½ hour sessions offered the 1st Tuesday of the month from 9:00am 12:00pm and the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30pm 3:30pm.
- Drop-in style meaning you may have to wait your turn in the event the counsellor is busy with someone else.
- · Discussions are confidential.

Upcoming Dates at Nord-Bridge: Aug. 19 (pm), Sept. 2 (am), Oct. 21 (pm), Nov. 4 (am), Dec. 16 (pm)

Upcoming Dates at LSCO: Aug. 5 (am), Sept. 16 (pm), Oct. 7 (am), Nov. 18 (pm), Dec. 2 (am)

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Foot Care at Nord-Bridge with Chinook Foot and Ankle Clinic

*Appointments MUST be booked ahead by calling 403-329-3222 while spaces last!

Upcoming Dates: Wednesdays, Sept. 3 & Nov. 5 Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm Location: Craft Room Fee: \$35 per patient per visit





If you have any questions, please contact NORD-BRIDGE Chinook Foot and Ankle Clinic at 403-331-3338

DUNFORD DINER MENU



BREAKFAST-

Full Breakfast \$10

2 Eggs, Bacon/Sausage/Ham, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Eggs Benedict \$10

Toasted English Muffin, Poached Eggs, Ham, Hollandaise, Hashbrowns & Coffee Half order \$8

Huevos Rancheros \$10

2 Eggs on tortilla with tomato sauce, Hashbrowns, Bacon/Sausage/Ham & Coffee

Bacon Lovers Omelette \$9.5

Bacon & Cheese, Tomato slices, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Spinach Omelette \$9.5

Spinach, Mushrooms, Green Onions, Peppers, Cheese, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Spanish Omelette \$9.5

Peppers, Green Onions, Ham, Mushrooms, Cheese, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Ham & Cheese Omelette \$9

Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Small Breakfast \$8

1 Egg, Bacon/Sausage/Ham, Hashbrowns, 1 Toast & Coffee

Small Pancake/French Toast Breakfast \$8

1 Pancake or 1 French Toast, 1 Egg, Bacon/Sausage/Ham & Coffee

Pancakes \$7.5

French Toast \$6.5

Breakfast Burrito \$8(Sm) \$10(Lg) Sausage, Peppers, Mushrooms, Green Onions, Cheese & Coffee (Sm 1 egg, Lg 2 egg)

Egg Muffin Sandwich \$5.5

Toasted English Muffin, Egg with Bacon/Sausage/Ham

LUNCH

Philly Cheesesteak \$10.5

Sliced Steak with Peppers, Onions on bun with Fries

Beef Dip \$10

Roast Beef, A'ujus on a bun with Fries

Rueben Sandwich \$8.5

Corned Beef, Swiss Cheese, Sauerkraut on Rye Bread

Deluxe Hot Hamburger & Poutine \$11

Beef Patty on a slice of bread with gravy onions & Poutine

Hot Hamburger & Fries \$9.5

Beef Patty on a slice of bread with gravy onions & Fries

Burger - Beef or Chicken \$7.5

Add Cheese (Swiss or Cheddar) \$1 Add Bacon \$1.5 Add Mushrooms \$1 Add side of Fries \$3.5

Fish & Chips \$12(2pc) \$10(1pc)

Fish Tacos & Fries \$10 2 Corn Tortilla Fish Tacos with Fries

Grilled Sandwiches

Grilled Bacon, Tomato & Cheese \$7 Grilled Ham & Cheese \$6.5 Grilled Cheese \$5.5

BIT \$7

Nord-Bridge Club Sandwich \$9

Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce, Cheese, 2 slices of bread

Denver Sandwich \$7

Chicken Caesar Wrap \$8

Chicken Fingers & Fries \$8.5

Chicken or Ground Beef Quesadillas \$10

SALAD

Taco Salad with Beef \$9

Add Refried Beans \$1.5

*Chef Salad \$10.5

*Caesar Salad \$7.5

*Garden Salad \$7.5

*Add Grilled or Breaded Chicken \$3.5

FRIES & SIDES

Poutine \$7.5

Fries \$4.5(Sm) \$6(Lg)

Onion Rings \$6

Sweet Potato Fries \$6.5

with Dill Dip

Add Ons: extra \$1

Salsa, Sour Cream, Dressing, Gravy

SOUP & SANDWICHES-

Soup & Sandwich \$7.5

Soup \$4.25

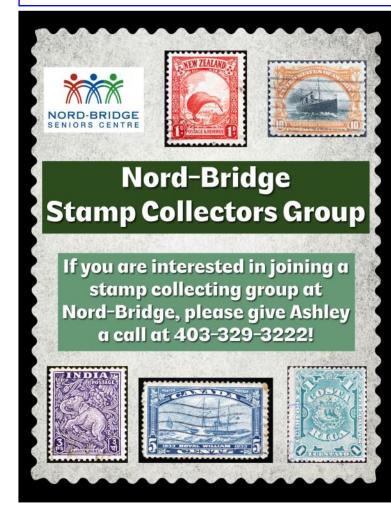
Sandwich \$4.25

BEVERAGES -

Coffee \$1

Pop & Juice \$1.5

Bottled Water \$1



New Pickleball Opportunity for Nord-Bridge Members! What is it?

Play pickleball for various levels at the new Pickle Point Centre on the North side of Lethbridge

Who can register?

Any Nord-Bridge member, 55 years or older

How to register:

 Either call Ashley at 403-329-3222 or add your name to the interest sheet on the TeamReach application using the Team Code: picklepoint2025

 Contact Diego at Pickle Point Centre to set up your account, book your times, and pay at 403-635-7953

Cost:

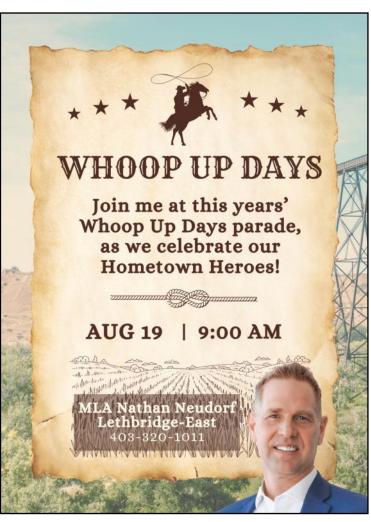
\$60 for a senior 10 punch pass (Nord-Bridge members 55+)













Volunteer Services Report

Well, it seems that I am getting into a bit of a rut with my newsletter article; it tends to start off with a weather report, but I don't think this July has been typical Alberta weather either. Nevertheless, everything is so lush and green and when the sun does come out, it is so appreciated. Pretty sure the "heat' is coming in August though.



I'm getting ready for my very first Whoop Up Days and as usual, Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre is getting involved with so many fun activities. I have already started to contact member volunteers about the Toonie Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday, August 20th in the Multi Purpose Hall (MPH). As this tasty event is open to the community, it will be especially busy. We are looking for help from about 25 member volunteers and there are some spots still available, about 5 or 6, so let me know if you have some time to give.

Nord-Bridge has had three Grade 12 students visiting in July. Two came to Nord-Bridge to complete a school program initiative and I think they have gone away with a deeper understanding of how important caring connections are for seniors in the community. Good luck Ethan and Dion with your last year of high school and thank you for your volunteer time with Nord-Bridge. I think our 3rd student Aaryan will be here until the end of summer. Aaryan is really learning his way around the Dunford Diner and making many new friends. Thank you Doreen, for taking him under your kind wing.

Many of our Nord-Bridge member volunteers will be supporting a special Alzheimer's event at the end of July and I will give a report in August once we have some results. I will try to keep the weather out of it.

Donna Lofstrom-Bell, CVA - Coordinator of Volunteer Services





Dates: August 15, September 19 Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location:

you.

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre 1904 - 13 Ave N, Lethbridge, AB, T1H 4W9

ID requirements are based on the service offering requested. Please bring a piece of Government issued photo ID.

If you need a SIN, please bring: your birth certificate, certificate of Indian Status and any other forms of federal or provincial identification you may have.

are unable to meet with us during this visit, you can est information and assistance through the Outreach ort Centre from 8:30-4:00, Mon-Fri: 1-877-631-2657

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- determine what tax years need to be
- help understand CRA letters

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Contact: couleeplayers@gmail.com Look forward to hearing from you!

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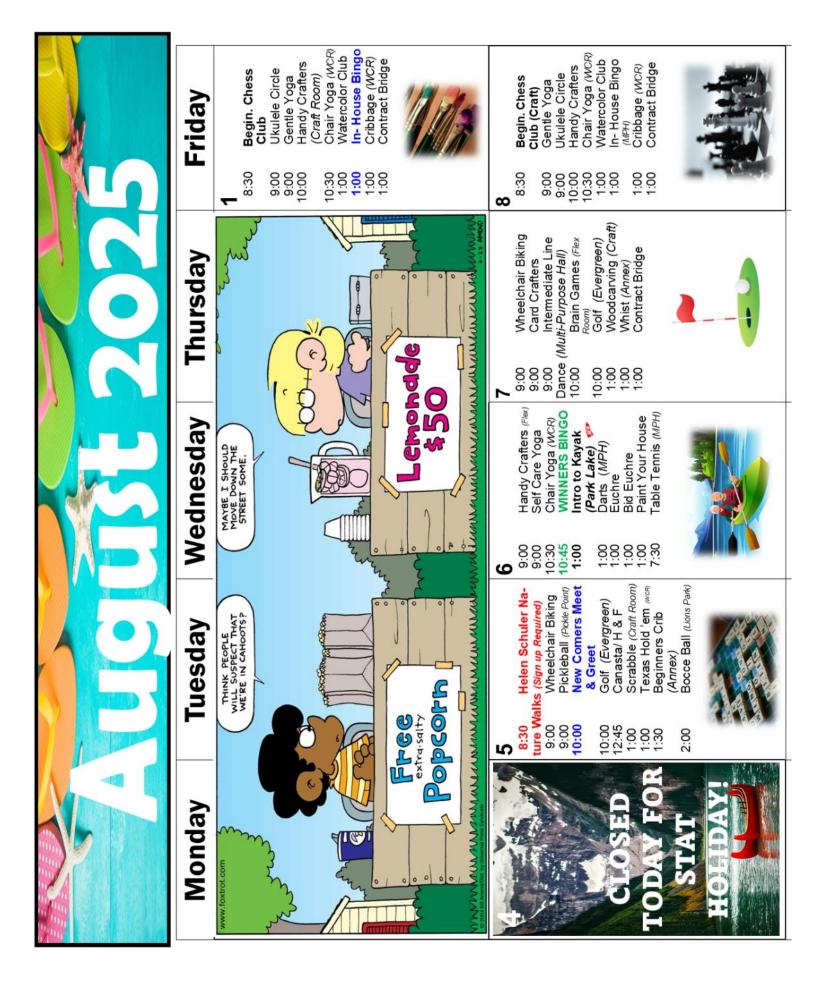
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FALL PROGRAM GUIDE OUT AUGUST 25TH REGISTER FOR ALL PRO-GRAMS STARTING AT 8:30 AM ON SEPT. 4TH. day prior, or sooner, to book a ride. Cost is \$3.00 each way, Please Go Friendly Shuttle door-to-door service: Call 403-329-3222 the note: for fare details please contact front reception desk.

WINNERS

- PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS AND GIVE TO THE NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, DONNA. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!
- LOTS OF NEW UPCOMING FALL PROGRAMS WATCH OUT IN THE FALL PROGRAM GUIDE!
- MOBILE FOOD SUPPORT IN NORD-BRIDGE FRONT PARKING LOT CHECK OUT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION!

FOOT DOCTOR: DR. SCHOW NOW AT 10:00 AM (NOW \$35)
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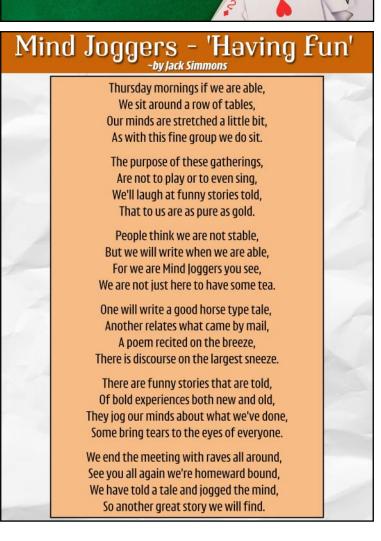
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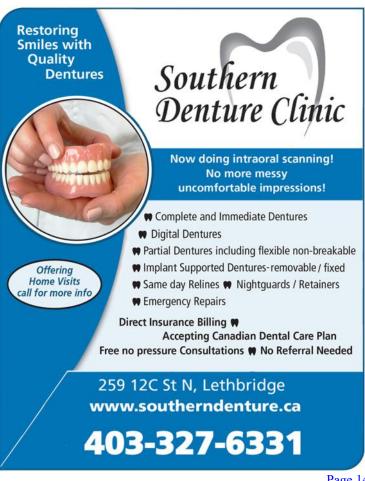












Seniors System Navigator

Depression

Depression at times can be related to worry and anxiety. If you are struggling with depression and feel very sad, not interested in your usual activities, and have feelings of hopelessness, the following are tips to help reduce symptoms:



Try having a shower.

Get in a shower and use water as hot or as cold as you like. You don't need to scrub your whole body. Just get in the shower and let the water run over you for awhile. If need be, find a shower chair and sit on it for awhile.

Moisturize your whole body.

Use whatever lotion you have available. Go to the dollar store and purchase unscented or scented lotion. Get lotion that you will enjoy all over your body.

Dress in clean comfortable clothing.

Use clothes that are loose fitting like yoga pants. Undergarments can be luxurious or can be ridiculous. You might have received boxers with snowmen on them last Christmas. Just put them on and feel relaxed.

Drink ice cold water.

Get an ice cold glass of water and add mint or lemon slices. This will give the water a nice flavour. It will encourage you to drink more water.

Listen to music.

Try and listen to something that is upbeat and music you can dance too. Find songs you can sing and dance to at the same time. Sing to it, dance to it, just get up and move.

Make food

Don't grab something quick to eat; try and take the time to make a snack. Even try to make ramen soup and add veggies or make a boiled egg for a quick snack. If you take the time to prepare your own food, it will taste great because you accomplished something.

Go outside and enjoy nature.

Take a walk to your favourite park. Sit on the grass and look at the clouds. Smell the flowers and fresh cut grass. Place your hands in the sand and feel the coolness against your skin.

Make something.

Get a scribbler and create a short story or poem, draw or colour a picture, crochet or knit, whittle a piece of wood, play with clay. Just create something.

Call someone.

Try and call a friend, close family member, or someone in your community. Have a conversation and listen to someone's voice. If you are not able to call, text, or email, find a way to join a group and interact with another person. If you don't have much to say or offer in the conversation just listen.

Cuddle a pet.

If you have a pet or know of one give them a cuddle. Take pictures of them and talk to them. Tell your pet how you feel, or the next movie you want to see.

Most of all, find something to be grateful for each day.

If these strategies are not helping, it's a good idea to get professional help.

This is a list of places that you can call:

Distress Line of Southwest Alberta 24/7: 403-327-2880 toll free 1-888-787-2880

Alberta Mental Health Help Line: 1-877-303-2642

Crisis Line: 1-800-784-2433 **Mental Health Support:** 310-6789

Source: Uplifting Each Other MistiDawn Kingdom Koachin

Charlene Kocken, BA, BSW, RSW Seniors System Navigator









Lucy Graham, one of our members, is now a published author! She wrote a book called Travelling Tuesdays. In it, Lucy shares stories about many of the countries she has been able to visit all over the world. See which adventure brought her too close to a hippo and where she enjoyed a ride in a hot air balloon.

Find out what is the only country that starts with the letter Q, O or W. Yes - Lucy has been to each of these countries too!
Lucy is selling her book for \$50 USD or \$60 CAD. She will make a donation of \$5 for each book sold here at Nord-Bridge.

Condolences to...

...the McDermid family, on the passing of Sharon
...the Christensen family, on the passing of Ken
...the Hinton family, on the passing of Vern
...the Hamabata family, on the passing of Nadine

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Volunteers!

Please ensure you are recording your volunteer hours each month and dropping them off to Donna.

This includes: Conveners of programs, tax help, Winners Bingo, newsletter delivery, program set up, etc.



Thank you for hundreds of volunteer hours given each year at Nord-Bridge!





Programmer's Report



The end of summer already! As I write this, I am looking forward to my annual family trip to the mountains of the Kootenays in BC! I will be gone the August long weekend from August 1st - 6th and will share photos upon my return!

The beginning of last month was busy with our Show and Shine Car Show - we had a great turnout from the community and the weather (somewhat) cooperated with us. Thanks to all our sponsors and to the principal at WCHS for letting us use their parking lot! If you would like a custom made t-shirt, please stop by the boutique for \$30.00 each!

Since this summer has been slower at Nord-Bridge it has been nice to catch up on paperwork and plan for Whoop Up Days and the Fall Program

<u>Guide, out Monday, August 25th!</u> We have many classes for our members this time around with more Chair Yoga classes being offered than ever before, along with some new classes sprinkled in. This includes but is not limited to Fit Ball, Combo Zumba Gold Toning and more! I am so grateful for the amazing talent we have in Lethbridge to teach all these classes from art, fitness, mental health, and wellness, to cooking and language classes! We want to make sure our older adults are aging in their homes for as long as possible by staying active in all the wellness domains (physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual).



Whoop Up Days is soon approaching and if you haven't already heard we are in the parade once again on Tuesday, August 19th! Please go to page 7 of this newsletter for more information, and talk with myself or Donna if you are curious about volunteering during this time. The following day we are hosting our annual Toonie Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday, August 20th from 8:00 am -11:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Hall of Nord-Bridge. This is open to the public so bring your family and come down to enjoy the delicious food, company, and music! Thank you to our sponsors who always make these events feasible!

Next month, I am excited to have the University of Lethbridge Nursing students back at Nord-Bridge from September to December on Thursdays and Fridays in the Flex Room, as part of their community health experience. They will also be partnering with the Medicine Shoppe for flu clinics in October. Please watch out for more information on this once we get closer. Please make sure to give the students a warm, friendly welcome when they arrive September 18th as they can't wait to get to know all our members!

Fall program registration will begin at 8:30 am on Thursday, September 4th, both online at www.nordbridgeseniors.com and in person at Nord-Bridge. For a full list of steps to register online please go to page 10 of this newsletter. As always please make sure to have your membership paid and make sure to give us your most current email for our files. Because your email is attached to your member ID, this will ensure you receive the membership discount on classes especially if you are registering online. Please contact me if you have any questions on this process.

Lastly, cancelled programs for this month include: No Newcomers Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 19, due to the Whoop Up Days Parade, and no darts on Wednesday, August 20th due to the Toonie Pancake Breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Hall.

Until next month, stay happy and healthy!

~Ashley Kern - Program Coordinator

Whist

Day & Time: Thursdays, 1pm - 3pm
Location: Diner Annex
All levels welcome!
Must be a current Nord-Bridge member



Whist is a classic trick-taking card game known for its simple rules and strategic gameplay, where the goal is to win the most tricks. There are several variants of the game - all are easy and fun to play!







To sign up, visit the Nord-Bridge front desk

Thank you to Leisters Home Care for providing this FREE service to Nord-Bridge members!



August \$12 Lunch Specials for Dine-in or Take-out

Friday, August 1:

Veal Cutlet with Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, and Gravy

Friday, August 8:

Beef & Cottage Cheese Lasagna with Caesar Salad and Garlic Toast

Friday, August 15:

BBQ Beef on a Bun with Taber Corn and Roasted Potatoes

Friday, August 22:

Chimichanga with Rice, Pico de Gallo, and Salad

Friday, August 29:

Liver & Onions with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, and Gravy











IG Wealth Management. Carol will be at Nord-Bridge once a month from Sept. to Nov. to answer questions and offer advice on financial matters such as retirement income optimization, wealth transfer, and estate planning.

This is a free service for Nord-Bridge members!

"I TAKE the TIME to HELP YOU get TOP DOLLAR for your home!"







South Country Real Estate 403-327-2111

Go to keithpushor.ca for a "Hands-On Approach" to Real Estate

Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club

Join us for some FUN Wednesday evenings, beginning September 3, from 7pm to 9pm!

Location: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall 1818 5th Avenue South Fee: \$30 for September to May Contact: Pam Vogt at 403-332-1208

Dance some traditional Jigs, Reels and Strathspeys to live music. Learn specialized steps and formations that keep you active while having fun in our social group. No partner needed to join. No special clothing required.

*NOT Highland Dancing





Fundraising Report

Whew! What a whirlwind of planning on the fundraising side of Nord-Bridge.

I first want to say thank you to everyone that smiles, hugs and shares a story! You make coming to work every day very enjoyable. I truly appreciate working with you!

We are super busy with some awesome fundraising efforts – as we need to expand our dining room! Our membership continues to grow – and we also accept those who just want to come in for a coffee or a bite to eat! This means we are getting close to capacity! Time to expand the space, get new flooring, tables and chairs, as well as make a few adjustments within our centre and the awesome services we provide. We understand that transitioning can be challenging – and sure do appreciate your patience during this process!

We need to raise funds to make this happen! We will be looking for sponsors ~ donations ~ holding raffles/giveaways ~ bowling nights ~ Happy Appy Hours ~ a Country/Celtic Barn Dance ~ Chamber Mix & Mingle Events ~ and so much more! We are working to expand our reach ~ ensuring everyone knows who we are, and why we are here!

Our motto is "Senior is not a Swearword." I am spreading this message far and wide! Only the lucky ones get to be seniors! Congratulations!

Thank you for your support! HUGS

Julie Sarich - Director of Fund Development



MONDAY



provided by CMHA's

Wellness Program

Hello Monday is all about you and the importance of staying well.

Being happy is not about trying to experience pleasure all the time...or avoiding unpleasant emotions like sadness and anger. It is about being realistic about what life brings, and making the most out of its good overy College Lethbridge times and finding ways to bounce back.

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

Topics that may be covered this month: ~In groups and out groups - how do we fit in our society? ~Can digital devices improve my cognitive function? ~Memory - what is it really, and what can we do to keep it working for us? ~Ageing - making the most of what you have and giving honor to what has passed. ~How do you stay hopeful or optimistic about the future? ~What helps you through challenging times?

When: Monday, August 4, 2025 - No class due to Heritage Day

Monday, August 11, 2025 Monday, August 18, 2025 Monday, August 25, 2025

Time: 9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre - "Flex Room" (Located next to the pool table room)

> This FREE class is a Drop In Class and new participants will be registered upon arrival







Monday Morning Check In is all about you and the importance of staying well.

Looking to stay connected after having attended Hello Monday? Want to explore what you have already learned? This class is designed for you! These sessions will take topics identified by attendees or covered in Hello Monday, and explore them more in-depth. Participants will continue to build on skills related to the importance of staying well, and are encouraged to bring handouts and discussion items to this group

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE ATTENDED HELLO MONDAY PRIOR TO MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

When: Monday, August 4, 2025 - No class due to Heritage Day Monday, August 11, 2025 - Topic TBD by class Monday, August 18, 2025 - Topic TBD by class Monday, August 25, 2025 - Topic TBD by class

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am - New Time

Where: Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre - "Flex Room" (Located next to the pool table room)

This FREE class is a Drop In Class and new participants will be registered upon arrival

This learning series is provided by CMHA's Wellness Program overy College Lethbridge







Roaming Retirees

July came in hot - like "don't touch the car seat" hot - and I wasted no time diving into the best parts of summer: music, adventure, and raspberry-stained fingers.

I kicked off the month kicking up my heels to the sweet harmonies of The Washboard Union, where the good vibes were louder than the amps. If toe-tapping were a sport, I'd have gold medals by now.

Next stop: a paddle-powered escape in the hidden gem that is Jaffray. There's nothing quite like gliding across calm waters in a paddle boat, sun on your shoulders, and zero cell reception. It was peaceful, picturesque, and proof that leg day doesn't always happen at the gym.

But the real cherry on top (or should I say raspberry?) was making homemade jam with my dad. There's something pretty magical about turning summer fruit into sticky jars of happiness - especially when I get to hang out with my favorite person, Lyle.

And let's not forget the mane event - The Lion King Live. What a roaring success! It was a circle-of-life-sized hit with our Nord-Bridge crew, complete with goosebumps, standing ovations, and a few tears (looking at you, Valerie).

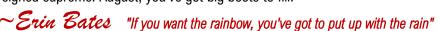
Now, as we ride this summer high into August, it's time to start dreaming about our next grand outing:



Spruce Meadows Masters – it's back and better than ever! Date: Thursday, September 4
Fee: \$70 for members | \$90 for non-members (plus entry fee if under 65)
Payment due August 16
We need 38 people to saddle up!

Trust me - you do not want to miss this. Horses, high jumps, and high society picnic vibes? Yes, please. Let's gallop into fall with flair.

So, here's to July - where raspberries, rhythm, and recreation reigned supreme. August, you've got big boots to fill.





Nord-Bridge Trip to the Spruce Meadows Masters







Experience the Thrill of World-Class Show Jumping!

Join us for an unforgettable day at the Spruce Meadows Masters - one of the most prestigious equestrian events in the world! Whether you're a long-time fan or new to the sport, this trip promises excitement, camaraderie, and a chance to witness elite competition in a stunning setting.

Date: Thursday, September 4
Departure Time: 8:30am from the
Nord-Bridge parking lot

Fee: \$70 members; \$90 non-members (if under 65, an additional entry fee will be charged at the gate)

*38 paid passengers required for the trip to go ahead

Nord-Bridge Outreach

Monday, September 15th
1:30pm to 3:00pm
Nord-Bridge Multi-Purpose Hall
\$3 per person
RSVP by Monday, Sept. 8!



Let's Celebrate Canada! ~Proud to Appreciate Canada's Beauty~

> Entertainment by the Nord-Bridge Ukulele Group

The Nord-Bridge Seniors Outreach Program provides social programs for isolated seniors 55+. Socials are organized on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise stated. Join us and enjoy some good entertainment and company! Our Annual Show & Shine event was a huge success! Thanks to all of the participants, everyone who came out to see the cars, the local food trucks for providing delicious lunch and snacks, and our sponsors for making this day possible!







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Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network

Continuing to invest in and uphold connections to your community, friends and family is a crucial aspect to maintaining your own wellness, especially with changes that may accompany aging – either expected or unexpected. Life changes like retirement, moving to a different location, mobility limitations, or the loss of a loved one, to name a few, can all lead to and exacerbate isolation. Isolation can also increase a senior's risk of becoming depressed, cognitive decline, and in some cases, an earlier death.

Remaining socially active also has you continuing to engage in different enriching activities that can prevent isolation from becoming an issue. Emotionally, the effort you put into your socialization will help to reduce feelings of loneliness, improve your overall mood, or even provide you with a sense of purpose. Socialization also protects your mental health by continuing to keep your brain active, which also lowers the risk of possible cognitive problems. Believe it or not, but continuing to seek out socialization has also been an effective way for seniors to maintain their own physical health, as it also encourages us to remain active, or continue to go to our regular check-in appointments with specialists.

Fortunately, continuing to stay connected with others does not require significant changes, and you can often see the results you desire with small changes. For example, becoming a member of your local senior centre, or another group, video calling with family, volunteering, or adopting a pet can all have a meaningful impact.

For those who are interested in exploring available socialization opportunities. LEARN will be hosting several different events during the Fall of 2025, which you can find more information on below:

Building Healthy Relationships

Who? YOU!

What? A multiple-week workshop around building and maintaining healthy relationships.

When? September 16th - November 4th, 2025.

Where? LSCO Boardroom.

Why? Because you deserve fulfilling relationships!

Be Fast Friends

Who? YOU!

What? A speed friending-style event where you meet new

When? September 26th, 2025

Where? LSCO Stage Area

Why? Because you can never have enough good friends!

Remember that socialization is a key part to healthy aging. and by continuing to invest in this area, you will see a higher quality of life!



~ Tyler Anderson, LEARN Case Manager

INTRO TO KAYAKING FOR SENIORS 55+

Session 1 Dates: CANCELLED Session 2 Dates: Wednesday, Aug. 6- Aug. 27

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Location: Park Lake Provincial Park *Meet at the Boat Launch at the North end of the lake

Fee: \$150 member/non-members (ages 55+)

Call 403-329-3222 or visit www.nordbridgesentors.com to register. Please pick up a photo consent and watver



form upon registration!



This class is for all skill levels and all equipment will be provided. You will learn about gear, safety, boat design, paddling techniques, and much more, while gaining confidence and self-esteem! Please wear proper attire - you will get wet!

Lawyers of Huckvale Free Initial Legal Consultation

When: Second Tuesday of every month

*New dates!

(unless otherwise stated)

*Taking a break

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am for July & August! Fee: FREE (Nord-Bridge members only) Upcoming Dates: Sept. 9, Oct 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 9

*These are initial consults only. Members' needs will be assessed and advice will be offered on how best to legally proceed.

HUCKVALE...

Members can sign up at the Nord-Bridge Reception Desk for a half-hour consultation.





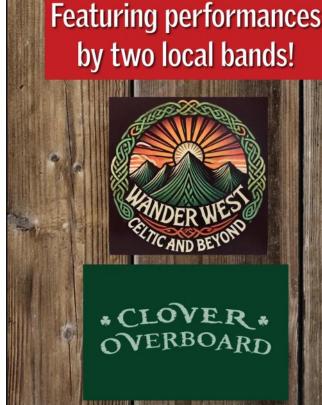
Country/Celtic Barn Dance

Enjoy a family friendly evening of live music, dancing, and community fun in support of Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre programming!



Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
Time: 6:30pm - 10:00pm
Location: The Venue of New Hope
100043 Range Rd 22-3
2km south of Park Lake Provincial Park
Cost: \$15 per person (under 18 years, FREE)

Tickets available August 6 at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre: 1904 13 Ave N (limited tickets for purchase at event)





Did you know Nord-Bridge has



ROOMS Por RENT



On Weekends for Special events?

*Multi-Purpose Hall: \$750.00 for weekend or Hourly
\$125.00 (Min. 3 hours)

*West Community Room: \$200.00 for Weekend or Hourly \$35.00 (Min. of 3 hours)

Damage deposit not included in this price

*For booking inquiries please call Maria at 403-329-3222. Please book a minimum of one month in advance. Please go to www.nordbridgeseniors.com under the About > Facilities > Rentals tab for more information about these rooms.



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"The Friendly Centre"

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