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YOU ARE INVITED--MLA Dave Rodney's 4th Annual "FREE PICNIC LUNCH"

Sat, Sept 13 (11 am – 3 pm) @ Shannon Terrace, Fish Creek Pk (BBQ'd Spolumbo's Sausages)

For more information, please call 403-238-1212, or visit www.daverodney.ca. See you there!

Alberta Arts Day—September 6, 2008:

- This is the 1st ever version of this event, which is a **province-wide showcase of our vibrant artistic community**. Whether it's a craft session with your kids, participating at events others organize, or hosting your own event, this is a wonderful opportunity for all Albertans to discover, experience, & celebrate the expression of our culture! The AB Fdn for the Arts is planning a **free, family-friendly, all-day event at the Jubilee auditorium**, followed by an evening gala. Visit www.culture.alberta.ca/artsday for more; & to learn about *The Spirit of Alberta*, visit www.culturalpolicy.alberta.ca

Young Families/Students:

- The Alberta "Creating Child Care Choices" Plan will support the creation of **14,000 new child care spaces** (family day homes, nursery school, day cares, & out-of-school care programs, by 2011--**\$242 Million**), plus a **new subsidy for low-and middle-income families**—with children in elementary school—effective **September 1: child.alberta.ca/childcare or 1-866-714-5437**
- **AB Gives \$3.7 Million for Innovative Youth Mentoring Project:** Community Partners Unite to Improve delivery & awareness—www.albertamentoringpartnership.ca
- **Youth Justice Give Teens a 2nd Chance:** \$350,000 will assist committees to help youth accept responsibility for minor crimes, assist courts with sentencing, and engage in crime prevention activities: www.solgps.gov.ab.ca



- **Tough New Rules Keep Chronic Drunk Drivers Off AB's Roads Province Invests in Strengthening Communities:** Non-profits providing safe & supportive camp environments for at-risk youth, enhancing communications opportunities for the hard-of-hearing, & offering services for seniors, are among 33 recipients of \$1.4 Million in Provincial Grants.

Health Care:

- **New Patient Navigators Improve Access to Cardiac Care:** recruiting, training, & establishing AB-wide network has begun--with an \$11.8 Million Grant to provide more effective and efficient health services.
- **Research Teams Up with Industry to Improve Health Care Diagnostics:** A \$2.1 Million Investment in digital imaging research is helping physicians make more accurate diagnoses.
- **AB & Partners Use Supercomputer to Fight Cancer:** \$5.6 Million Project to Develop New Drugs that target disease—U of C, Hewlett-Packard, & The AB Cancer Board

Seniors/Community Supports:

- **Information is now on-line (www.seniors.gov.ab.ca) to assist Albertans with choosing a supportive living facility** (locations, contact details, accommodations standards compliance, license status, verified complaints)
- **Seniors' Lodges Receive \$2.2 Million Funding Boost:** An additional grant from the Lodge Assistance Program will address increasing costs & minimize fee increases for 8,000 lower-income residents
- **AB Adjusts Income Exemption & Threshold for Seniors Benefit Program: 1-800-642-3853 or www.seniors.gov.ab.ca**
- **Increase to AISH Employment Income Exemption:** this will increase the upper limit of the employment income exemption to \$1500 for an individual, & to \$2500 for clients living with a partner or child.
- **Gov't Increases Support for Women's Emergency Shelters:** An additional \$1.75 Million will increase capacity by 79 across the province. An additional 5% was also provided for staff salaries & benefits. **In the past 3 years, assistance has been multiplied two & a half times.** *Nine ministries work together to ensure Albertans are safe in their own homes; & in total, almost \$60 Million will be invested in preventing family violence.*

Business/Enterprise:

- **2008 Exports Could Reach \$100 Billion—for the 1st Time Ever**
- **TILMA (Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement) Expands to Schools, Hospitals, & Municipalities**



- **AB Takes Critical Message to World Trade Talks in Geneva:** Improved Market Access & Reduced Subsidies are Keys to Future Success—780-422-1005.
- **Heritage Fund Continues to Grow, Reaching Record \$17 Billion**

Environment/Parks:

- **Alberta Surges Ahead with Climate Change Action Plan:** This is a major stride forward, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking more than a million cars per year off the road—one-third of all the vehicles in the province! (*\$2 Billion for Carbon Capture & Storage—the largest anywhere in the world* , + *\$2 Billion more for Public Transit*) For much more, visit: www.alberta.ca
- **AB’s Input Sought on Draft Management Plans for Kananaskis Parks:** *visit www.tpr.alberta.ca/parks/kcpra/ or call 310-0000 and then dial 403-678-5508—before September 30th!*

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