



**WHERE COMMUNITIES
COME TOGETHER**

THE FAMILY ZONE

AT EVERY TRAIL MARKET

WHAT'S AT THE FAMILY ZONE?

- Shady place to relax while at the market
- Friendly host
- Fun family activities
- Quiet sitting area to feed an infant
- Resources & information on family programs

Please contact (250) 368-3256 or programs@thep.ca for more information.

FAMILY ZONE SPONSORS:



NEW HEALTHY RENOVATION PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Are you renovating your home this year? We have a new, free Healthy Renovation program for Trail and Rivervale families with children under 3 years or expecting a child, and who are planning or doing home renovations. The Program aims to prevent exposure to dust stirred up by renovations as it can contain lead and other metals.

For qualifying families, the THEP's Lead Safe Renovation specialist will arrange a visit to your home and bring you a customized package of free safety, cleaning and project containment supplies to help you keep dust down. We can also bring you a HEPA shop vacuum or HEPA tools for loan. The renovation specialist can problem-solve dust issues, show you our Lead Safe Reno How-To videos, and help set up a containment for your renovation work space.

For other renovators in Trail and Rivervale and renovators of pre-1976 homes within the Lower Columbia, we continue to offer free lead safety supplies and equipment loans as well as Lead Safe Reno videos and quick tips at <http://www.thep.ca/renovating>. Contact our Community Program Office at 250-368-3256 for more information or to sign up. If you're hiring a contractor, please read below.

TRAIL AREA LEAD SAFE CONTRACTORS

If you are hiring a contractor for repair or renovation work on your home, consider hiring a contractor who uses lead safe practices. Renovation projects can generate a lot of dust and may expose workers and residents to lead in dust or paint flecks. This applies to all homes in Trail and Rivervale and, for lead paint, homes built before 1976 in any community.

A Lead Safe Contractor will protect you and your family from unnecessary exposure to lead dust generated during projects such as indoor or exterior paint removal, opening up walls, roofing jobs, flooring removal, and excavation. Lead safe practices are needed at all stages of a dusty project: planning the job, containing the work space, doing the renovation, cleaning-up, and storing, transporting and disposing of debris. A checklist on what to expect from your contractor is available at: <http://www.thep.ca/upload/lsr/WhatToExpectFromYourContractor.pdf>

Rob Worosz (Alpine Contracting 250-368-1433), Ron Spero (Ron's Roofing 250-921-9328) & Lance Siebert (250-231-9173) are Trail Area Lead Safe Contractors who are committed to lead safe practices. For more information on how to become a Lead Safe Contractor, go to: <http://www.thep.ca/renovating/contractors>



AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE AT TECK TRAIL OPERATIONS

Teck Trail Operations continues to focus on improving air quality and reducing metal levels in the community's air. The biggest gains can be made through reducing fugitive dust, such as dust that escapes from open mixing and storage of process materials. In March 2017, Teck completed construction of the Smelter Recycle Building which will enclose concentrate and in-process materials previously stored outside. The building was already in use prior to completing construction, with materials starting to be moved into the building in the fall of 2016. We've seen improvements in recent air quality, with the last quarter of 2016 and first quarter of 2017 both below the 2018 THEC goals for an annual average for metals in air.



Teck Trail Operations Smelter Recycle Building, completed in March 2017

MEET RON JOSEPH, COMMUNITY MEMBER ON OUR COMMITTEE

We'd like to introduce you to Ron Joseph, a long-time community volunteer member on the Trail Area Health & Environment Committee.

Ron says: *"I joined the Lead Task Force in 1994 and have continued my interest on the THEC as a community member and as Chair of the Air Quality Technical Working Group. I have seen the Trail area environment improve greatly from the old days to the green and vibrant environment we have today. I believe it is crucial to the community that we continue to enhance the environment in our Valley. The THEC is an open and community-led organization: it is critical to the success of our work that community members continue to participate on the Committee."*

"I believe that with our co-operative approach, we have enhanced the livability and vitality of our entire area and developed a program that is the envy of other industrial communities."



FAMILY ACTION NETWORK UPDATE

Ages & Stages – Checking your Child’s Development

The early years of life from birth to age six are an important time in your child’s life. There are incredible changes in a child’s brain and rapid growth in all areas of development. You can check on age-based milestones for your child throughout the pre-school period. How your child plays, learns, speaks and acts provides important clues about their development. When you know the typical milestones for a child at each age, you can observe and celebrate your child’s development, and also see whether there are any issues that you might want to follow up.

In the Lower Columbia region, you can visit one of the Check Early Check Often Centres and participate in a questionnaire to check your child’s development. Centres are located at Trail FAIR, Strong Start Program Rossland & Fruitvale, CBAL Trail Office, Sunshine Children’s Centre (Trail), Beaver Valley Nursery School, COINS (Circle of Indigenous Nations Society), and Four Winds Childcare Centre (Rossland).

You can view the [NEW VIDEOS](#) on early screening at the FAN website, <http://familyactionnetwork.ca>. For more information, please call the Family Action Network at 1-855-368-3707.



SUMMER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME TO KEEP DUST DOWN

Now that doors and windows are open and you’re coming and going from outdoors, make sure to keep dust down in your home and yard to prevent exposure to lead.

