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Legacy Garden a product of dedicated donors, volunteers

The [Legacy](#) Ornamental Garden is nearing the end of its fourth planting season and has been showing what the commitment of donors and hard work of volunteers can accomplish for everyone to enjoy.

The garden, a project conceived in 2015 and planned in partnership with the City of Lethbridge, has benefitted from major donors such as the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, Southern Alberta Rock Gardens and Landscaping, George and Mary Varzari and 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union, among others.

The garden is located at the northwest corner of the Legacy Regional Park, 13th Street and Blackwolf Blvd. N.

The major project completed this summer, fulfilling one of the original garden principles to use water efficiently and sustainably, was a drip irrigation system centred in the rose garden to water more than 60 rose bushes as well as plants in other garden beds. With an \$8,000 grant provided by the ***Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta***, Blue Sky Irrigation installed the system and donated pipe to extend irrigation to other existing and future flower beds.



Legacy Garden Rose Garden

The Community Foundation also provided a \$12,000 grant for the water feature – the garden's first major project installed by Caliber Landscaping Ltd – and an \$8,000 grant for a fence around the rose garden to keep deer from munching the plants, installed by Rite-Way Fencing.

Among volunteers who have contributed countless hours to plant and maintain the garden are: John Byrne, Padam and his wife Jainta Dhakal, Linda Learn and Albert Graham, Dylan Estanislao, Larry Burr, [Adam Morstad](#), [Effie Brandt](#), [Tim Ray](#) and [Christine Mehdizadeh](#). Society members who have contributed regularly to the effort include: Diane Muma, Paul

Stevenson, Jeff Gardiner, Joyce and Rick Ross, Russ Wilton, Judy Matlock, Richard Burke and Linda Richards.

Linda Richards designed a donor recognition tree installed near the garden's northwest entrance this summer.

The Lethbridge and District Horticultural Society committed \$27,000 toward garden development.



The City of Lethbridge will be shutting off water to the garden starting at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7. At the same time, the new drip system will be cleared of water by Blue Sky Irrigation.

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