

We are pleased to bring you the June/ July 2009 issue of *West Lothian Business Connections Online*! Our monthly update brings you West Lothian's recent business news, upcoming events, new business support schemes, new developments and up to date economic facts and figures.

To view all the stories in full, use the links below, which will take you to West Lothian's online

NEW DEVELOPMENTS 


www.westlothian.com/news



PLANS FOR a new supermarket at Armadale Station have been lodged with West Lothian Council as part of a £200 million regeneration plan including the 40,000 sq ft supermarket, a new primary school, multiplex cinema, restaurants, retail, small business and industrial units, public parks and up to 1000 new homes - including up to 25% affordable housing.

PCWORLD/CURRYS are to open a new 20,000 sq ft combined concept store in Livingston, the first of its kind in Scotland and twice the size of the current store. Dreams, the bed specialist, will open a new store in the existing 10,000 sq ft Currys unit.

A £750,000 PROJECT to install safety fences at junction 3 of the M8 near Livingston is underway. The work is scheduled to last until the end of July and will be undertaken from 8pm to 6am to minimise disruption to motorists. Slip roads, lane closures and a 40mph speed limit will be in place for the safety of motorists and the workforce during these hours.

BUSINESS SUPPORT 

MAKE SURE your business is prepared for the **swine flu** outbreak. Check out the Scottish government advice for businesses on swine flu at www.scotland.gov.uk and see the current NHS Lothian swine flu advice at www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/swineflu



HOW MUCH DO YOU SPEND on your **utilities and waste disposal** every year? It's amazing how many companies don't know the answer to this question. West Lothian businesses are being encouraged to measure their carbon footprint and devise a strategy to reduce it.

If you missed the Business Environment Partnership's recent FREE workshop call 01506 777 400 to arrange to meet our Business Environmental Adviser or to register your interest for future workshops.

DO YOU WANT to sell to local companies? West Lothian's **business information service** can help you access local and national company databases. Call 01506 777400 or email enterprise@westlothian.gov.uk

FREE **BUSINESS HEALTHCHECKS**! If you are worried about how your business can best respond to the current economic changes, contact Business Gateway West Lothian. Call 01506 777400 or text biz to 67000.

ARE YOU PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS effectively in West Lothian's **FREE online business directory**?

Check your listing at www.westlothian.com/businesssearch and email any updates to enterprise@westlothian.gov.uk

BUSINESS LEARNING 

www.westlothian.com/events



BUSINESS GATEWAY is running the following **FREE workshops** in Livingston for growing businesses:

- **Trading Online** on 9 July.
- **Get Real Results from your Website** on 23 July.
- **Improve your Search Engine Ranking** on 30 July.

For more information call 01506 777400

OTHER **FREE** workshops are available in Edinburgh, Dalkeith or Haddington. Information can be found on the Business Gateway website at www.bgateway.com

BUSINESS GATEWAY **start-up workshops** are also run on a regular basis. For more information call 01506 777 400.



MAXI CONSTRUCTION, the Livingston based building contractor, has been awarded a £1.0m contract from West Lothian Council for an extension to Pinewood School in Blackburn as well as a £0.2m contract from Scottish Borders Council for a 2-storey extension to Kelso High School.

LIVINGSTON BASED Capital Vending has just won a prestigious 5-year contract with First ScotRail. The contract, worth in excess of £500,000, is to service all First Scotrail's vending machines and hot drinks machines and sanitization of their water coolers throughout Scotland.

LIVINGSTON KILTMAKER *Kilts by Lindsay* has created a kilt and casual outfit for American TV star Ty Pennington to wear on his "Extreme Makeover" programme during filming of a recent Scottish episode.

SPRINGFORDS, accountants and business advisors, have opened a new office at Integration House in Livingston.

A YOUNG West Lothian mum has combined her fascination for sign language with bringing up her baby daughter and running her new business teaching babysigning classes. Kerry Laurie runs the Babysigners teaching network in West Lothian and east Edinburgh. Contact Kerry by e-mail on Kerry.laurie@babysigners.co.uk or call 07552 185889.

BAR LEO in Linlithgow has undergone a full refurbishment transforming its interior and breathing new life into the town's much-loved Italian restaurant.

WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL'S roundabout sponsorship scheme gives you the chance to advertise your business 365 days a year at a very reasonable cost.

For more information contact Isobel Love on 01506 775238 or email isobel.love@westlothian.gov.uk



LOTHIAN BUSINESS CLUB is hosting a lunchtime networking event where you can find out about health & safety compliance for small business.

The event takes place at Centrex House, Kirkton Campus, Livingston on 6 July.

Email booking@lothianbusiness.biz to book or go to www.lothianbusiness.biz for more information.

WEST LOTHIAN COFFEE MORNINGS is a new networking event not only for businesses interested in social networking and e-business but for all businesses based in or around West Lothian and runs **every Friday** at 8am at Deer Park Country Club.

<http://ebizwestlothian.wordpress.com/wlcm/>

FREE EMAIL UPDATE

Would you like to receive this **FREE Business Update** by email?

Contact andrew.cotton@westlothian.gov.uk or call 01506-777911 to be added to our mailing list.

TALK TO US

If you would like to send us your feedback or comments, a **FEEDBACK** link is provided at the bottom of every web page on our website at www.westlothian.com or you can email us at enterprise@westlothian.gov.uk