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**FUTURE of LINDEN WORDS** – In 2024, we will be creating and e-mailing eight issues of our newsletter, to our email subscriber list. Four of those issues will be mailed out as we have done for years. Linden Words is one of those items that many community members make time to sit down and read. We are reminded that the LWCC survey told us Linden Words is the most popular communication tool and we are grateful that even with reducing our number of paper issues, we are still able to maintain the area of coverage. That means that approximately 4400 homes and therefore close to 10,000 residents will have access to our paper newsletter. We continue to grow our digital subscriber list and we'd love to get you added, to continue this relationship!

\*\*\* LINDEN WORDS 2024 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE \*\*\*

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# Linden Words

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Linden Woods next edition will be digital only. No paper copy will come to your door. If you want access to read all 8 issues, you have 3 options:

1. Subscribe to our newsletter to have it emailed to you (pg 4)
2. Go to our website and locate, download and print the digital copy that will be posted.
3. Advertise with us or donate to minimize our paper, printing, mailing expenses.

**FUTURE ISSUES**

The Linden Woods Community Foundation will be presenting two students from our community, with scholarships. Details in an upcoming issue.

Winter Carnival Wrap-up will show just how much fun was had. If you are considering not going, will that FOMO take over? Hope to see you there! (*Fear Of Missing Out*)

Summer Camp Registration will start around end of March, more details next issue.

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## WINTER CARNIVAL 2024

Winter is not the same, without snow, colder temperatures and a community carnival! Thankfully, the forecast is looking like we are going to have all three! Forecast holding steady or not, we're hosting the community at LWCC (and Kleysen Park) on Saturday, Feb 17th. Come on down and join us!

Please grab your family and neighbours, grab a tin for Harvest Manitoba and join us from noon—4pm where we are planning to have groomed X-country trails, fire pits, skating ice all outdoors, with indoor gym activities, arts & crafts, food & drinks indoors. We'd love to get volunteers to help out for the afternoon. Check out the options here: <https://signup.com/go/mOPutRb>

If the weather gets 'iffy', reference our social media or website to get updates, but we expect to have activities that will burn off some energy.



## LINDEN LIGHTS 2023

What a wacky weather year to get prepped for Linden Lights!

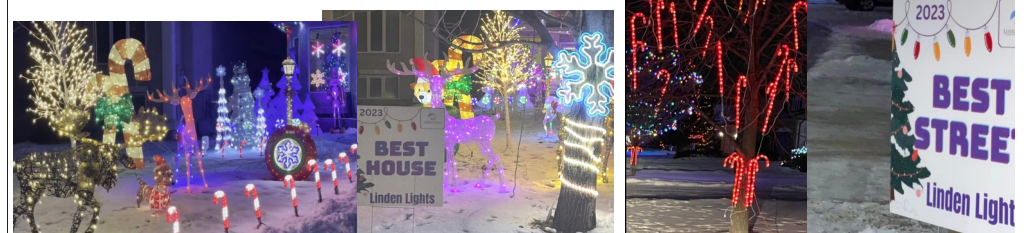
We had our under-adult judges from outside the community doing the official judging this year. They travelled the community, and ultimately determined:

**BEST HOUSE** located at 14 Princewood with runner-up homes at 31 Wallingford and 250 Tweedsmuir Rd.

**BEST STREET** winner was once again – **Candy Cane Lane**. A quick survey of the many Linden Lights plaques at LWCC waiting for a better display location, tells us that since 1999, the winner status has been bestowed upon Candy Cane Lane a whopping twelve times previously. The Polar Bears wrestled this honour away in six other seasons. The penquins have frozen out the competition twice, and the nutcrackers marched away with the prize once during this time.

Congratulations to our winners! A remarkable number of years where neighbours have gathered together to try and get that better look, that brighter result, that more technical display.... It's always such fun to cruise around and see the fruits of the labour—and labour it must be!

A big thanks to all who make 'Linden Lights' a destination in our city. And thanks to the city of Winnipeg's temporary signage, that ensures drivers know which direction to take for the best way to ensure traffic flows.



## SPORT DROP-IN

A variety of programs and drop-ins for youth and families began in January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We still have some space for a couple of youngsters, in some of the classes. These programs include:

\***Intro to Sports** is a youth program that offers multiple learning opportunities for several sports.

The goal is to provide youth with the opportunity to try a variety of sports and learn the fundamentals of these sports without having to commit to a long-term team. [www.lindenwoodsc.com/intro-sports.html](http://www.lindenwoodsc.com/intro-sports.html)

Intro to Soccer (Ages 5-8) Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

Intro to Badminton (Ages 8-12) Mondays 6:45-7:45pm

Intro to Basketball (Ages 5-8) Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Intermediate Basketball (Ages 8-12) Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm

Karate Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm, Saturdays 11-12pm

Family Basketball 3\$ each Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 3:30-5:00pm

Family Badminton 3\$ each Sundays 5:30-7:30pm

## OTHER POPULAR DROP-IN

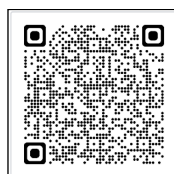
**Line Dancing** - This class is designed for new dancers with little or no dance experience or for those who just want to keep it fun & simple. And that's what's happening. These classes, available via a 12 wk session or drop-in, has proven to be quite popular. We can't attest to the 'learn-to-dance' success, but if you enjoy having fun, keeping active, listening to music and meeting people, then that's the success you'd easily be able to measure. Sessions are **Thursdays 9:30-11:00am**. Sign in with **\$15**, at the office.

**Quilt Making** - Rosemarie, our quilter extraordinaire, expects to be returning in early spring to instruct folks on more quilting intricacies. She's already trained many skills and shared tips, but she's coming back to ensure that more interested folks have the opportunity to learn from her. Stay tuned.

Check out other clubs, drop-in classes and activities. More details found on [www.lindenwoodsc.com](http://www.lindenwoodsc.com)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – April 21, 2024 - 1pm

We welcome one and all to come to our AGM in April. We'll review activities and financials of LWCC. We'd also like to see new faces and new volunteers as we still have some board positions available, as below. Details of the positions and their responsibilities are available on our website at [www.lindenwoodsc.com](http://www.lindenwoodsc.com), or scan QR code >>>



For a light-hearted, yet relatively accurate description:

**-Communications:** Tell the Community Centre story wherever, whenever, as needed. This position needs social media and creative writing skills to manage FB, IG, X and the compile the LWCC newsletter.

**-Special Events:** Create the events, the fun, the activities & invite the community. We've really been missing this director, as we are missing a coordinator for the family parties and community events.

**-Seniors:** Solicit senior ideas & interests, create social activities/events for participation. We're missing this director as we'd love to have more seniors at the centre—finding LWCC as a place to drop in and participate in specialized events. If you have interests that other seniors would enjoy, you could make a breeze of this position.

**-Youth Soccer Convenor:** Needed asap to get the youth soccer program up and running. We want our youth to have a successful season playing community soccer. The youth soccer convenor one is crucial for the program to run smoothly, as we just don't have enough hands/bodies to attend evening meetings, and keep the train on the track. Any assistance, from an hour a week, a task every other day or attend meetings and share the details—ANY BIT OF HELP would be appreciated and helps to ensure players are unaffected...

Considering being on the board? You may be interested in some of the tools and information developed for the sixty-three Winnipeg Community Centres in Winnipeg. —<https://www.gcwcc.mb.ca/community-centre-tools/>

## CRAFT SALE 2023 RECAP



We promised more details in last edition, so ..... Exactly 500 were tracked as attending our 2023 craft sale on Nov 5th. But the total 'people' count for the day was increased by nearly 60 vendors, all their support staff, and the volunteers.

If you recall, the day was a cloudy, rainy, snowy miserable day—but people still came out to support the crafters and make their purchases for their special someone!

Each vendor contributed a sample/gift to the silent auction event which was very well received. We had volunteers who assisted in the parking lot, front door, canteen, setup, take-down, etc. The help was very much appreciated.

If you missed this year's event and would like to inquire about a spot for 2024, email contact info to [lwcc.craftsale@shaw.ca](mailto:lwcc.craftsale@shaw.ca)

**Joelle Lee**, was the brave soul who put all the work into resurrecting the sale, thankfully, was able to provide direction and advise to the alternate, but very capable directors **Corrine Barker** and **Edith Weber**, who assumed the reigns this year.

However, this is one more event that is jeopardized by a lack of a special event director. If you are interested, please get in touch with [president@lindenwoodsc.com](mailto:president@lindenwoodsc.com).

## YOUTH SOCCER needs you...

Registration begins **March 1st**

Check <https://www.lindenwoodsc.com/soccer.html>

The most valuable thing to the youth who want to play soccer, is just being able to play. It's the volunteers behind the scenes, that ensure they can do that! We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping out in any capacity. If it is doing the entire convenor job, or just parts of it. If there are no volunteers, the players are impacted, as things fall through the cracks. We'll accept as much or as little as you can offer.

If you are the one who can help us out, contact **Jordan** at **204-487-2435**.



## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

There will be 8 weeks of summer camp this year, with registration available near the end of March.

The camps will be day camps, where drop-off is between 8-9am. Pick-up is between 4-5pm.

At the same time, we are usually hiring students for summer camp counsellor jobs. Get your resume ready!



## BASKETBALL

It may seem as if Spring Basketball registration is a long way off but it actually starts on **Mar 1st!**

- If your child is new to the sport, there's a place for them.
- If they're an intermediate and looking to improve, we have a spot for them too.
- If they're really good and want to play with their friends, we help!

Please go to [www.wmba.ca](http://www.wmba.ca) to register and select the "LindenWoods CC" as your local community centre.

If you have questions, reach out to our convenor at [lwcc@wmba.ca](mailto:lwcc@wmba.ca) The spring season is a great time learn the sport with a shortened season, as well as being a great time! See you SOON!

## MINI SOCCER

Mini-Soccer registration opens **March 1 to April 2, 2023**.

Age 4-5 \$65, Age 6 \$75, Age 7-8 \$85

When you register, please indicate your willingness to serve as a Coach or Assistant Coach with your child's team. If you've coached before and plan to do so again, thank you! If you haven't coached before, we have workshops and resources available to help you get started and become a confident and capable coach. If you have a special request, such as being placed on a team with a friend, please be sure to indicate this on your registration form. We cannot guarantee but will try to accommodate your requests

## HARVEST MANITOBA

Harvest Manitoba donations can be made at the centre. LWCC is keenly aware that no one is immune to situations where they need assistance providing groceries to their family. We are one more location where our visitors can pay-it-forward, by depositing one or two non-perishable items, when popping by to skate, walking pets, watching child's sports, etc

We hope you will consider contributing. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you are invited to go here — <https://www.harvestmanitoba.ca/donate-money/>