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THE ONLY LINDEN WOODS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

GOING ONs that have been GOING ON...

Does a financial report make your head spin or your heart sing?

In order to facilitate a smooth transition, we are hoping to find a new volunteer Treasurer before the term of the incumbent ends in March 2023. This position is supported by administrative staff who do most of the daily and weekly tasks. Duties are to prepare monthly financial statements for submission to the Board and the City of Winnipeg, manage cash flow, oversee the preparation of the annual budget, conduct signatory duties, and in general oversee all financial matters of the centre.

For more information, contact **Julie Bubnick** at 204-488-1550 or lwcc.treasurer@shaw.ca

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By the time this hits your doorstep, if you've been perusing social media or our website, you'll know we've had lots of activity on the go, in and around the Community Centre.

-We've got a maxed out registration for our Summer Camps, led by folks who we've been able to hire due to our successful grant applications. Our summer camps are full of 6-12 yr olds who will have a mixture of sports, arts, play and snacks! We've got a waiting list—call us!

-Our spring soccer got off to a wet start, continued with a few damp games, but ultimately, the fields are in pretty good shape with all that rain. The city crews have been out cutting grass as soon as it dries out enough, so it will do more cutting than clogging! City crews also 'spruced' up the playground area with new wood chips. That is such a green solution and a welcome addition to the base of that area.

-Our exterior LED lights and cameras have been 90% installed / replaced. The type of lights should help us keep our hydro costs down. The restoration of the cameras/lights around the property should help keep the building and parking lot more secure and better lit, to deter undesirable after-hours activity.

-The Pickleball Courts within the pleasure skating rink have been getting some re-painting done—between the rainy or windy or extreme heat days. The indoor program ends with the school year, so the outdoor play will run week-days until fall. (See Pickleball under sports tab on website for details... The tennis courts continue to be a great enclosed space to get some exercise. Wind screens will be up soon—if not already. On our to-do list, is reversing the impacts of winter ground heave issues — on the tennis court posts.

-The canteen had a soft-launch, and then it had a softer, tastier launch, when the ice-cream machine went into action. Yay!! Read more inside this issue... Whilst the canteen is open, you can purchase both a cup of coffee and a **15 ounce coffee mug**—to put it in! These cups are available for \$12 (GST included) each. The mug is bright white with a large handle and is emblazoned with our colourful Linden Woods Community Centre logo. Many have commented the handle is much roomier than a teacup or than most coffee cup handles. If you enjoy large cups of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, or even soup, this is the perfect mug. Come check it out!



-The garage sale came and went, and LWCC was the benefactor of the un-sold items. Thank you to those who thought of our little corner and restocked the shelves of our Puzzle'n Book Corner. We invite our community to grab a mug and a coffee (as above noted) ;), find a book, sit down and read a chapter before you commit. You are welcome to loiter!

-Almost going on—was an adult men soccer league! There were a dozen or so men, aged 35+, who were eager to play soccer this year, but not enough to get the ball rolling! ;} With the bonus of no practices, just games—this program shows promise. It is intended to provide exercise more fun than gym visits! We know there are some 34 year olds who are chomping at the bit to join - SO - if two people, tell two people, tell two more people— you never know how many will be out next year. Stay tuned.

-The Duplicate Fun Bridge group have wrapped it up—until Sept 8th @ 9:15am. Mark your calendars if you want to start fall with coffee & camaraderie, bring \$3 and come on down.

-Our first foray into a summer Farmers Market is keeping us on our toes and we expect more updates in the next week—so, not really timely for the newsletter to keep in step. Check website and social media for updated info.

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THE NEW KID IN TOWN ---
DOESN'T HE LOOK LIKE FUN?

Ice Re-surfacer is looking for a “smooth (ice) operator” ...

In the last issue of Linden Words, we shared the good news that we had received funding from the **Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities Program** for a replacement ice re-surfacer (a.k.a. “Zamboni”). Now, we are elated to share that a couple of our board members tracked down the perfect purchase! It is a used Olympia Millennium machine, in excellent condition and small enough to fit in our garage. Even better, it is self-propelled and does not have to be towed around by a tractor. Many thanks to **Gord** at **Gord’s Auto & Propane Service**, who knew we were on the hunt and gave us a call as soon as this one arrived at his garage.

The next challenge will be finding someone who knows how to operate this type of machinery, and who can either help us with a bit of training or be the

LWCC ice maker/re-surfacer, in a few months from now. If you or someone you know, can meet this challenge, please contact Julie Bubnick at jbubnick@shaw.ca or 204-488-1550.

MINI-SOCCER Jamboree returns!

Our 120+ mini-soccer Timbits, were excited about capping off the fun spring soccer season with a Jamboree, for them and their family. Although some of their earlier fun was out on the soccer pitch picking dandelions and blowing the parachute seeds about, teasing others by pretending to nap on the field...or those who took the opportunity to scurry on over to the play structure! All in a days work, or play in this case! :) But by the time you read this, you’ve probably heard about a bouncy castle looming large at the Linden Woods CC on June 30th, with face painting and other family fun activities taking place, followed by a BBQ. If you didn’t catch some of the soccer action posts on social media - here’s a few!



Look how involved these coaches are! Although they coach them on the sport, they also teach them about teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play! We appreciate the time and effort that volunteers put into coaching, organizing or supporting our young athletes! **Without these and other volunteers, none of the programs would run.** Thank You for your tireless work! (Scan QR code for Linden Words in COLOUR)

Canteen Open for You...

The Canteen has been up and running since May 16 and has had a very good response from the community. As always, the slush puppies, popcorn, mini donuts and candies have been a big hit. New to the canteen are hotdogs and soft ice cream cones. Some price adjustments have been necessary due to the rising cost of supplies and more slight adjustments may occur throughout the summer, but you will find that the canteen prices are still quite reasonable.

Come on down to enjoy some of our fun foods while you are at the community centre for sports, camps, a day at the splash pad or just going for a walk. Our summer canteen employees are **Sophie Smitheringale** and **Lauren Hartley**. **Sophie** is beginning her second year at the University of Manitoba studying psychology and sciences. Having been a resident of Linden Woods since she was 2 years old, she is thrilled to be a part of the LWCC team. **Lauren** will be going into Grade 11 this coming fall at Linden Christian School. Her interests after graduation will be going into Fine Arts at university. She has been a resident in Linden Woods her whole life. Both employees are grateful for the opportunity to serve and meet neighbors in the community this summer.

New canteen hours, starting July 4 will be as follows: Monday -Thursday: 10:00 am-8:30 pm, Friday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 am- 5:30 pm (These may change based on operating hours of LWCC).

Winnipeg's CC model is unique

Did you know that the community centre model in Winnipeg is unique from other Canadian cities? While they are owned by the City, they are not run or staffed by the City. Instead, each is governed and operated by a group of volunteers with a community-elected Board of Directors. The City provides an annual operating grant to cover basic maintenance and utilities expenses, while the Community Centres are responsible for covering all other costs including staffing, programming, capital improvements and equipment.

General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) was established in 1971, with a primary purpose of being a central resource for all Community Centres and to ...

The rest of the story here - at <https://www.gcwcc.mb.ca>.

Yes, there is a difference!

Do you ever wonder what the difference is between a program or activity or event at LWCC is? Maybe this will help explain.

The Accountability Manual (link above) defines a **program** as "supervised, regularly scheduled activities, whether structured or non-structured, that are open to the community...delivered by the Community Centre, by partners, or by third party groups". This differs from **activities** that are informal in nature, with no supervision and no regular schedule, such as outdoor basketball and pleasure skating. Similarly, **events** are activities that take place sporadically on specific dates for specific times, but are otherwise unstructured and not supervised. Examples of events are the November craft sale and the children's Holiday party.

For programs delivered by LWCC, registration/drop-in fees are collected by the Centre; the Centre pays all the expenses, and provides the volunteers or staff. Examples are mini soccer, pickleball, sports and summer camps. Programs delivered with partners involve collection of fees by the Centre, and (cont'd)

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... shared expenses and/or volunteers. Examples are youth soccer and basketball that are partnered with the sports associations. Programs provided by third parties who rent the facility, collect fees, and pay all related expenses, include Seniors' Bridge, Zumba, and Yoga.

There are also private rentals at the centre who provide programming for their own members or customers, and are not open to the general public. All this to say, we advertise the programs and events that we offer.

From Winnipeg Police Services E-Watch - A safety and crime prevention education and awareness initiative (https://winnipeg.ca/cms/BLES/LS/bicycle_license.stm)

Bike Registration ---- Did you know that as many as 3000 bicycles are reported stolen each year? Even when the city recovers up to 1000 bicycles/yr, less than 10 % are returned to their rightful owners because they are untraceable. Reduce your risk. Record your serial number and register your bike. Registration is a one-time fee under \$10, you input the serial number of your bike and upload (up to) 3 images. That's it!

Reporting a stolen bike ---- If your bicycle has been stolen, make a report by either:

- Using the Winnipeg Police online reporting system;
- Calling the Winnipeg Police at **204-986-6222**; or
- Visiting a Winnipeg Police Service Centre

Have the bicycle serial number and any unique marks/engravings (distinguishable meaning unique to that individual bicycle, not a group of bicycles) that will aid in matching your report to the bicycles found.

Take Action ---- Every member of the community should be on the lookout for a potential bad situation. We all have a role to play in Safety and Crime prevention. Take Action. If you see something-say something!

Emergency or crime in progress, call: **9-1-1**
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