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SPECIAL EVENTS ‘on-tap’ AT LWCC

Are Numbers & Ledgers Your Thing??

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.

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

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BIRDHOUSES ARE BACK — and so are the birds! This challenge has the potential to lead you to all our LWs parks! On social media, we've posted about our new line-up of accommodations for our feathered friends! We've hung birdhouses in trees on private property, visible from the street-AND-between two of our three neighbourhood parks (Van Wallegghem Park and Muys Park). Birdhouses have been decorated by local youth and are more akin to starter homes than some decidedly bachelor houses from last year's collection, and the artists were more than willing to take on the snazzy structures. QR codes will link to LWCC website telling you if you found the feature birdhouse and how to win. When you send a selfie with the right birdhouse, to our Instagram account or email, you will be entered into the draw for weekly prizes. The weekly winners, will head to LWCC, right next door to Kleysen Park, the third park in our neighborhood. At LWCC your prize redemption will be products from our newly renovated and recently opened canteen.

FARMERS MARKET — We can now share that 'Rain or Shine', notwithstanding evidence of Mother Nature's rage, the inaugural Farmer's Market will be a **bi-weekly** event at the community centre, starting the second Monday in July and ending on the first Monday in September. More information on dates, times and registration forms for vendors will be on website or social media.

Are you available to volunteer? Make inquiries or send your info to lwcc.events@shaw.ca

CRAFT SALE 2022 — Did you check out the handmade treasures last year at our Linden Woods Craft Sale? Many were Covid-careful and made their way to LWCC. So much for you to discover at this event and we can't wait to see you there, on **November 6th, 2022**lwcc.craftsale@shaw.ca

2021 Craft Sale >>



GARAGE SALE — YEEESSS! Were you able to clean out your house and shed, move it all into your garage, and then ponder over some important decisions? Of course, there was the decision to donate instead of sell, but if you were going into full garage sale mode, then there might have been the 'teen help—teen benefit' sales training model to adopt, the 'How will the sales team keep fed and watered?' plan and how do you get your head into the 'One person's trash is another person's treasure!' mindset and get everything priced for the event?

We hope that all just enjoyed the day, shopping or selling. Sure, it can be fun to carefully orate your garage sale stash for the best presentation, but more so, it is so enjoyable to be meeting / seeing the neighbourhood in a way that has been missing in the last couple of years.

Mini Soccer is a Spring Sprint

After some weather delays, and a two year pandemic, we are pleased to announce mini soccer has begun! This year we have approximately 115 kids registered. Our squad of small, but extremely cute, Timbits will be playing in one easily accessible location behind the Ecole Van Wallegghem School. One location keeps it nice and simple for the short season. We thank all the volunteer coaches who are helping to make this happen! Spring soccer will end with the highlight of the season—a Jamboree on **Thursday June 30th**.

LWCC has a PUZZLE for you!



Oh wait! That might be an understatement! In our Puzzle'n Book Exchange corner, we've got more than a puzzle for you. Currently, there are puzzles from 50 to 1000 pieces. Use the **QR code** to check out our variety currently. Who knows how the variety might change before you get here. ;) We've got books too! We ask that when you bring a book—you take a book or alternately, bring a puzzle—take a puzzle. We request that borrowing is limited to one or two items, ensuring a variety remains for the next patrons.



When leaving your books/puzzles, we'd appreciate three things: 1) that the subject matter is appropriate for all LWCC visitors; 2) you indicate if a puzzle is missing a piece and 3) that you help us ensure all puzzles are kept intact! That is best accomplished by either taping up the sides of the box or inserting all pieces into a zip-lock bag inside the box.

Pack up your puzzles and books and come by when you need a new challenge! Either way, we are really interested in having folks get back into the center getting active or having a meet-up for coffee or catching up! This corner can become a source of free entertainment for your family and when our canteen is open, it can become a great source of snacks for your family evening indoors.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

There is lots of good news to share this month on the funding front, the best of which is approved funding from **Manitoba Sustainable Communities** for a replacement "Zamboni" and a power extension to the white shed. LWCC is responsible for 50% of the total cost of \$59,057.51. This newer equipment should ease some of the ice maintenance issues. Now we just need to talk to someone about the winter weather conditions. ;)

Funding to replace the windows in the viewing area, and to upgrade the heating controls for the HVAC system in the new part of the building was also approved. This is from the City of Winnipeg's **Community Incentives Grant Programme (C.I.G.P.)**, which is also 50%. LWCC share is \$12,290.

Canada Summer Jobs approved funding for two full-time canteen attendants, one for 16 weeks starting May 16 and one for 8 weeks starting July 4; a recreation programme co-ordinator for 10 weeks beginning June 20; 1 camp counsellor for 10 weeks beginning June 27; and 1 recreation programme leader for 10 weeks beginning June 27.

Manitoba Green Team provided partial funding for 4 more positions: one groundskeeper for 16 weeks, a second groundskeeper for 8 weeks (July & August), and two camp counsellors for 8 weeks each (July and August).

We are extremely grateful for the existence of these grants, but also to the folks who work hard at the application process! As a result, it is shaping up to be a busy summer in a good kind of way!

CANTEEN IS OPEN



The canteen was officially re-opened the week of May 16, after a seemingly unending period of closures since 2019 as a result of both renovations and then the pandemic.



The Slush Puppie machine has been filled and turned on, the popcorn and 'mini donuts' are ready to go, and we have a new candy bin for bulk candies. See QR code—items available for sale.

We even found some 'penny' candy for the little people with limited budgets, but due to the demise of the penny a few years ago the minimum purchase is five cents.

Canteen hours will change up, as we move into summer busy season. However, up to the **end of June**, we will be open for popular times, from **3:00 - 8:30 pm Monday to Thursday; closed Friday; 11:00am to 5:30pm Saturday and Sunday.**

Beginning July 4, the hours will be extended to seven days a week, and mornings as well. This will ensure we are getting the best bang for our grant money relating to staff salary subsidies. We can maximize the service we can provide to our campers, athletes and summer visitors (i.e.) farmer's market attendees, who drop in. Specific hours will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter and on the web site.

KLEYSER PARK SPRAY PAD... Last year, the city's maintenance crew worked feverishly to get the spray pads and pools open, when we were getting some hot days, early on. This year, the opposite is true. Spray pad is checked out and open, but hot weather has not. (Check the city's website for spray pad operating hours) With Kleysen Park being right next to LWCC, we anticipate the return of a normal summer, and hope to once again be able to offer convenient access to both canteen purchases and washroom facilities throughout the summer. We welcome you and your family!

Help Wanted: We have the following positions open on the LWCC Board of Directors

President

Are you a leader who would like to work with a great group of volunteers to shape the future of the LWCC? The President oversees policy, chairs meetings, provides vision and builds consensus. The President may also be the representative at the district Community Centre level.

House and Grounds Director

If you are the type of person who keeps their home and yard looking sharp, you could be exactly what we need for a house and grounds director. This director works with our general manager to oversee the maintenance and enhancement of our building and outdoor spaces. You don't have to drive the Zam-boni (unless you want to) but you can provide the leadership and guidance to keep our spaces welcoming and enjoyable for the community. We are considering a large landscaping project and this director would be involved in that project.

Seniors Director

Have a voice on the Board and represent the senior members of the community. Check out the Seniors Programs tab on our website and then bring all your new ideas and offerings to our LWCC location.

FAQ on Board positions....

Q: How many hours per week do I have to commit to be on the Board?

A: We recognize all board members are volunteers. If you are retired or semi-retired, you may wish to contribute more time. Most of our board are still in the workforce full time and volunteer their time evenings or weekends. We have one board meeting per month (except summer). It may ebb and flow but 3 hours per week is a ballpark.

Q: Do I have to do the entire role myself?

A: Not necessarily. The Board makes all major decisions as a collective and will help each other out. There are small groups (committees) that can work on new initiatives together. You can have volunteers who are not board members help on these committees or with special initiatives. You could also share a



(cont'd...) be co-directors. As a pair of directors, you would share the load and put to work, the adage of ‘Two minds are better than one’.

Q: What is the term?

A: Board positions are a term of two years, with elections typically in March. The next board election date is March 2023. The vacant positions can be filled at any time.

Q: I think I'm interested but want to know more. How do I find out more information?

A: Contact LWCC.President@shaw.ca and introduce yourself. We will be happy to answer any questions and invite you to a board meeting to see for yourself what we are all about.

<p>SHOPPING FOR OUR LWCC ACTIVITIES? Do you have a program to offer? Do you want information? Call us at 204-487-2435</p>
PRE-SCHOOL
Mini-Soccer, Fit-Together Programs (Yoga, Mom & Baby, Boot camp)
CHILDREN & YOUTH
Youth & Mini-Soccer, Karate, Basketball (WMBA & Camps), Kendo, Tennis, Badminton, Summer & Mad Science Camps
ADULT
Zumba (Strong / Family/ Boot camp), Yoga, Kendo, Karate, Badminton, Fit Together Programs (Yoga, Mom & Baby, Boot camp)
SENIORS
Seniors Bridge Club, Pickleball
ADDITIONAL SERVICES and COMMUNITY EVENTS
Puzzle'n Book Exchange, Canteen, Linden Lights, Garage Sale, Craft Sale, Christmas Party, Volleyball & Basketball Camps & Tournaments, Tennis & Pickleball Courts, Hockey ice and Pleasure Skating, Farmer's Market, Birdhouse Event



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