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THE ONLY LINDEN WOODS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER



Events Recap...

~ Halloween Party~

... was a solid success. The event left the organizers already excited for changes and expansion of the party. We had games, arts'n craft and photo booth, to entertain our little guests. The number of super heroes, fairies, pumpkins, warriors, witches, etc, was daunting, and the parents were so great at facilitating their children's fun. Next year we will need some more volunteers to help us do it up right! . Thanks to all who attended.

~ Craft Sale ~

... was well attended again this year! We really appreciate shoppers who came to jumpstart their holiday shopping and show support for our vendors. We had such a great variety of products and skills! Vendors were organized and volunteers were kept busy in the parking lot, at the door, and selling the silent auction tickets. Without the restrictions, we were able to have the staff open the canteen. They were kept busy!

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LINDEN LIGHTS 2022

Newly engraved and refurbished plaques featuring past winners, are back in place, just in time to taunt any new challengers during the upcoming 2022 Linden Lights competition. :)

Last year's judges were so impressed by the participation within the neighbourhood but ultimately chose Candy Cane Lane to take the **Best Street** award. Polar Bear Lane was a great contender, as well as Nutcracker Bay, North Pole and Penguin Lane. **Best House** at 93 Shorecrest nudged out homes on Wallingford, Royal York, Ossington Court and Fox-meadow. Our hearty neighbourhood participation and creativity sets the stage for judges to have to make some tough decisions. We are still working on judging dates! Watch social media for announcements.

Judges for the above awards are always from outside LWs, however, you too, can be the judge for our relatively new award called the **Peoples Choice!** This award depends on YOU placing your vote on-line at <https://www.lindenwoodsc.com>. We expect you'll have a tough time determining the best, singular home, when there is so many to choose from. Remember, though, while viewing all your choices, be sure to follow the city's seasonal traffic signs. These signs intend to ensure smooth traffic while appreciating the work & creativity of the neighbours.

WE NEED TO SCORE...

...An experienced **ICE-MAKER** to bring our outdoor rinks to life! Flooding the surface numerous times, will eventually get our base ice in shape. We then need this person to clear the snow, to clear the ice surface, and to do maintenance flooding throughout the season! Keeping in mind that we are at the mercy of Mother Nature, we're looking forward to a issue-free season. **WE NEED TO HIRE** someone to make that happen. Call the office at **204-487-2435**



FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY

Many events are returning to the community center now that restrictions are no longer needed! Back this year, is the Family Holiday Party which will play host to Santa Claus.

The canteen will be stocked with coffee, popcorn, drinks and candy. We hope to incorporate skating (if you have skates and we have ice), as well as games, crafts and pictures with Santa! We're looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon of family fun and holiday spirit on **Sunday, December 18th**, from **1-4pm**. Mark your calendars and come on down!

We'd could use some volunteers to join our holiday elf team and share some cheer while helping to support the activities. Please email us at ~lwcc.events@shaw.ca.

WANTED: **HANDFUL** of SENIORS

Seniors who know what activities will be of interest to seniors. Seniors who have ideas on how to make it happen. Seniors who want to meet other seniors in the community. Seniors who will join a committee to share the planning and the fun. If any or all of the above describe you...we want to meet you!!

APPLY at dlau@shaw.ca

~ *Volunteering is good for the soul* ~

KARATE FOR BEGINNERS

If you and/or your child/children are interested in learning Karate, the JKA Winnipeg Dojo at LWCC has a Beginner class on Saturday mornings, 11:00 a.m. to noon. Our 2023 winter session is from the first week of January until the end of March. We welcome students age 8 to adult, and encourage families to train together. Our classes provide fitness with mental discipline in a friendly atmosphere. We provide training in classic *Shotokan Karate*, with fees at competitive rates.

Karate emphasizes unity of body, mind and spirit, operating in harmony.

Our instructor, **Sensei John Selinger**, is a sixth-degree black belt with the **Japan Karate Association (JKA)** and a member of the **Shi-hankai (Master's Committee)** of the **Canada JKA Karate Federation (CJKF)**. He has been practising *karate* with the JKA for more than 48 years, and teaching for over 43. As an internationally certified JKA Instructor, Examiner and Judge, he is one of an elite group in Canada.

Details on fees and schedules at www.lindenwoodsc.com or contact Jane at jdick02@uniserve.com for more information.

CHARITABLE WAYS TO SUPPORT LINDEN WOODS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Did you know that Linden Woods has its own registered charity, the Linden Woods Community Foundation?

Since registration as a charity in 1992, it has raised over \$400,000 through various fundraising activities, capital campaigns, and matching grant applications. There have been three major fundraising campaigns: in 1995 to build the community centre (\$125,000); in 2007 for the spray pad (\$80,000); and in 2010 for the gym (\$113,000). Smaller fundraising campaigns over the years have included a joint project with Van Wallegem School Parent Council selling community coupon books; selling Safeway coupon books; coin collection banks; the Husky Rebate program; and collecting printer cartridges for recycling. These contributed to the purchase of smaller items, such as the tractor, tables and chairs, office equipment, ice edger, park benches, and a soft ice cream machine.

The Foundation's most recent project was the establishment of scholarships at the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg. Thanks to generous private donations from residents of Linden Woods and to contributions from the Winnipeg Foundation, the scholarships have grown in tandem with the endowment fund, providing \$1,145 to each recipient for the 2022-23 academic year. (March/22 issue)

Donations directed to the community centre, the scholarship fund, or to any other specific purpose, are gladly accepted. Cheques payable to "Linden Woods Community Foundation" can be dropped off at the community centre or mailed to 414 Lindenwood Dr. W, Winnipeg MB R3P 2K5. Charitable donation receipts are issued for all donations received. There are donate options of 'NOW', 'MONTHLY' or 'STOCKS' at www.CanadaHelps.org.

For more information about the Foundation, please contact Julie Bubnick at jbubnick@shaw.ca or 204-488-1550.

CELEBRATING DHEVIN – CTV SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK ...and LWCC employee



(Transcribed from CTV News at <https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/mobile/video?clipId=2563979>)

Enduring an abundance of adversity throughout his high school football career, from the pandemic, shutdowns, injuries, and loss of a friend, Dhevin Gajaweera has made the most of his final season. The St Paul's running back helped lead his team to a 7-1 record, capping it off with a memorable performance in his final game.

"Capturing the Winnipeg High School Football's Division 1 championship is a moment he will never forget" shares Joey Slattery, CTV Sports Director. "Happiness, you know, we grinded all this way, we worked every day and we came through with it. It was a great feeling!" says Dhevin, on how he is feeling after the win!

Dhevin has been with the St. Paul Crusaders since 9th grade, but his senior year was the first full season in high school. He was injured in his grade 9 year and missed the whole season. Freak accident in a subsequent year resulted in a freak accident where he tore his tricep right off, resulting in missing all last season. This year, he led his team with 534 rushing yards and 5 touchdowns, through eight regular season games, and saved his best for last, scoring what would be the game winning touchdown in the final, giving the Crusaders the 15-11 victory over the Dakota Collegiate Lancers, earning him Player of Game honours! Dhevin shares his self-talk "I need to get this, I'm dangerous, I need to get this! I'm motivating myself and just came through, our great blocking, I just cut it in—I saw it!"

While the touchdown was a combination of all the work that went into getting back on the field, it was also a chance to honour a lost friend. "It's a great feeling, you know that salute is to my best friend, he passed away two years ago. That salute is to him, number 13! That's what I do! It's a great feeling! Like during Covid, we went for bike rides, everything, we hung out every day!"

With the hoisting of a trophy officially marking the end of his high school career, the running back has no intention of slowing down, as he eyes his next opportunity. "I plan to play U sports somewhere in university, in Canada! It's competition! I love competition! You know, play against good guys, learning with other running backs in the future."

QUILTING classes for you! *NEW*

*Call Hayley @ (204) 951-5574, after 6pm, to register and to discuss the supply list

COMPLETE BEGINNER SERIES

Six week - 3 hr/ week.
 Instructor - **Myrna Carruthers**
 Thursdays 1 pm - 4 pm
 Starting Nov 24, continuing Dec 1, 8, 15, Jan 5 & 12.
 Location - LWCC
 Cost \$180.00

For absolute beginners to learn basics and build skills to complete your first quilt. It is the foundation you need to get into the wonderful pastime of creating all types and sizes of quilts. Sewing machine not required as it can be done by hand or machine! Call to see if you can still join... :)

**AND if these classes have you intrigued, there are additional classes in the new year: Sunset Dip, Rag Quilts, Binding & Finishing! Check out <https://www.lindenwoodsc.com/quilting.html>

QUILTING: PAPER PIECING

Four week - 3 hr/ week
 Instructor - **Myrna Carruthers**
 Tuesdays 12:30 - 3:30 pm
 Starting Nov 29, continuing Dec 6, 13, 20.
 Location - LWCC
 Cost \$120.00

For experienced beginners to learn &/or gain expertise with Paper Piecing. We will progress from the very simple 'how to' steps to the complex. There will be plenty of opportunity to learn a variety of blocks. All of which can ultimately be made into a quilt of any size. Sewing machine required!

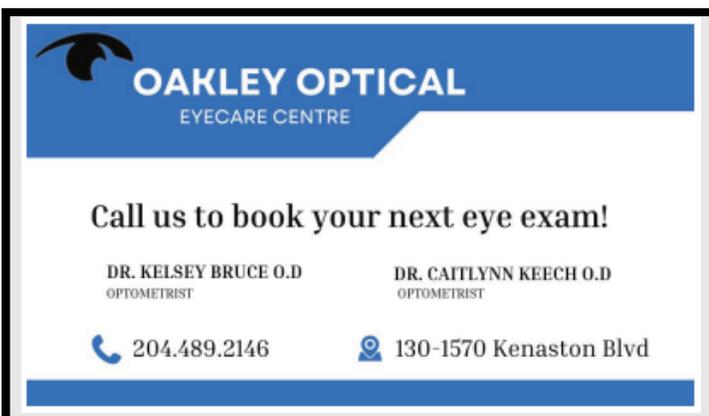
ALWAYS BUSY? Come when you can!

There's no commitment—But you have to give it a try! Check the website for drop-in fees, equipment provided and any additional details! Bring clean shoes—shoes worn in from the lot are prohibited! See you in the gym—Ready for some exercise!

BY THE SPORT...

- Badminton—FAMILY Sundays 5:30—7:30pm
- Badminton—ADULT Thursdays 8:30—10:00pm
- Basketball—FAMILY Thursdays 4:15—5:45pm
- Pickleball—ADULT Monday-Friday 12:45—3:30pm
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THEFT & CRIME PREVENTION

Taking action—because of what you've seen in the neighborhood and what you've read from many of the community members, on social media, group Facebook pages, etc.. There's a concern, as we all are, about the state of break-ins and theft in our community

Please join others in the community, from **6pm-7:30pm on Dec 22**, to talk about next steps and how we can better address the issues.

As posted on the City of Winnipeg website:

Most property crimes, such as thefts from vehicles, are crimes of opportunity. Taking steps to discourage crooks from targeting your car can be as simple as ensuring any valuables in your vehicle are removed from plain sight and displaying one of City of Winnipeg Police "All Valuables Removed" signs in your window.

The complete sign, to print and post — is available here — https://legacy.winnipeg.ca/police/TakeAction/docs/All_Valuables_Removed.pdf)

Below is a reminder, printed on the aforementioned sign!

Theft Prevention Card

Get involved in crime prevention. Use these tips to help prevent vehicle theft and theft from vehicles. For additional safety tips, please visit Winnipeg.ca/takeaction.

- Don't leave personal identification, vehicle registration or insurance certificates or credit cards in your vehicle.
- Remove valuables and shopping bags from view. This includes loose change and electronic devices.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Always close windows and lock all doors.
- Never leave your car or house keys in your vehicle.
- Park in well lit areas with pedestrian traffic.

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LWCC has a full-time manager doing facility bookings, operations and maintenance services on-site, as well as continuing a close relationship with the owner of the building and grounds —The City of Winnipeg. A part time administrator is invoicing and paying bills, as well as providing back-up for the manager. Other staff are busy with duties such as setting up and cleaning up the gym and multi-purpose spaces, helping with the bleachers (they are clunky and yet easily damaged) and/or running the cafeteria. We have NO STAFF who run programs or sports. These are run by folks who offer to bring their time and/or skill to LWCC. Without these gracious people, the LWCC would not be so rich with offerings. We are incredibly grateful for their contribution to our variety of activities/events and we are interested in more. Our Board volunteers oversee the overall functioning of LWCC and consider the program content and if there are emerging interests that we don't have yet. If you have skills or specific ideas, please let us know. ALL programs and events brought to LWCC need volunteers - we need you!

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER THAN WE CAN ALONE. GET INVOLVED. STAY INVOLVED. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

LINDEN WORDS newsletter remains popular based on survey results. Information about city or CC events/programs, is also shared using website posts, the outdoor sign, FB, IG and Twitter. We get our advertiser details to your doorstep and to many LWCC 'spots' when they purchase an annual advertising package. Our new publishing year begins in January and our costs are up. Email - lwcc.communications@shaw.ca if you'd like to join our line-up! Without advertisers, the newsletter does not go on!