



Linden Words

Linden Lights – The History

LINDEN LIGHTS

It's outdoors
 It's creative
 It's fun
 It's festive
 A-N-D
 it's ON !!

Dec 14th-20th

 Check out the
 'People's Choice'
 category
 More inside!

Have you been wondering how and when Linden Lights got started? Who the first winners were? Welcome to a bit of local history:

The first Linden Lights competition was held in 1992, as a community building event. It was organized by **Muriel Upham**, the first Special Events co-ordinator on the Linden Woods Community Association Board (LWCC did not exist yet). Linden Woods was half the size it is now, with many half-filled streets and many more streets still in the planning stages. The concept behind Linden Lights was to encourage neighbours to get to know each other; judging was based on Neighbourhood Watch blocks, with major consideration being given to evidence that neighbours collaborated to choose a theme for their block. Although there was the honour of winning, the benefit of getting to know thy neighbours, was surely a perk!

Eventually, the blocks became streets, best house was added, and the winners had their names engraved on plaques hung on a wall at the "new" community centre. The first winners to be engraved on the plaques were the 1999 winners: 190-270 Foxmeadow Drive for Best Street; Lorenzo and Vilma Davila at 103 Foxmeadow Drive for Best Individual Home Award.

The plaques were taken down for repairs and updates, and will once again be prominently displayed early in the new year - after the 2020 winners are added, of course!

Thank you to the Parks Dept....

City of Winnipeg Parks Department was busy in our community this summer....

- Our fountains were not affected by budget cuts and thus, were turned on and maintained throughout the summer
- There was a new, safe play structure installed beside Linden Meadows School.
- The "Linden Woods" sign at Waverley and McGillivray was replaced.
- Work was done to fix and reroute the pathway in Van Wallegham Park to make it safer, more accessible and sustainable.
- Off-leash park is partially open now, and hopefully, will be fully accessible by fall 2021 – Refer to orlikow.ca/2020/11/brenda-leipsic-park-fall-2020-update
- Kleyson Park, beside LWCC, had a new path and new benches installed. The drainage around the spray pad was also reworked. (pics on Facebook)

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Community Survey—still some work to do...

It has taken longer than anticipated to pull together all aspects of the survey, so it isn't quite ready yet. What we can tell you now, though, is that it will be an online survey with a link to it on our web site. For those who do not have ready access to the internet, or prefer not to do online surveys, we will make paper copies available. If you prefer to do it by telephone, we will make arrangements for that too.

In the meantime, perhaps you could give some thought to some of the things we want to ask you about. Would you like to see changes to the use of the building? What kind of leisure and recreational programming would you like to see at the centre? How can we improve the way we communicate with you?

The Search for a Linden Woods Jersey Logo

Are you creative? Do you like to draw? Do you want to help us come up with a logo for the LWCC?

Our community centre is dedicated to providing opportunities for youth and adults to be active, learn new skills and have fun. And on that note, we think it's time to have some fun and come up with a logo for our Athletics Jerseys. We are confident that there are many creative members of our community who would be able to help us with this!

Our jerseys currently only have our community centre name on them and we'd like to add in a logo that could both represent our community and our amazing teams.

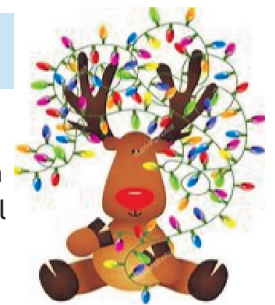
What should we be? The Linden Woods Lions? The Linden Woods Trees? The Linden Woods Lights? The Linden Woods Leopards? Something else that's amazing and different? People of all ages in the community are encouraged to start thinking about what animal or image could best represent. Any and all ideas are welcome! Can't wait to see what you come up with!

More information about how to submit your ideas will be forthcoming in the next issue of Linden Words and on social media.

Linden Lights - - - - IT'S ON



Linden Lights is back to brightly close out 2020 and help light up Linden Woods through the holiday season. We will again have officials judge between Dec 14th—Dec 20th, for **Best House** and **Best Street**; assigning points for visual impact, originality, craftsmanship, & completeness.



We recognize that our neighbours plan, organize, decorate and dazzle folks from all over the community and city with themes and lights — AND we are looking forward to the same results this year! We also recognize that opportunities to compete, have been hard to come by, during this pandemic. So, in the spirit of fun competitions, we are asking folks to boldly and safely, load up their family bubble in sleighs or vehicles and help us launch a NEW '**People's Choice**' award! This will be fun for all ages! Everyone can fiercely defend the aspects of their favourite address, then you can easily agree, create a rubric, draw from a hat, arm wrestle or throw darts, to make your final decision. Just have fun and you will find details on how to vote, posted on our LWCC sign, our website & social media.

In the new year, a Linden Lights plaque will be posted, displaying all winners for best house and best street for all years we have held the competition from 2013 to present.

President's Message



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Once again, the center is closed due to the pandemic. We are all hopeful it will be short-lived and successful in bringing the numbers of infections down. In the meantime though, we regret that we are unable to have our annual indoor winter celebration. The Annual Family Holiday Party has always been a highlight for the center. We hope to have an alternate celebration of some kind once things get back to a new "normal".

I do encourage all of us to participate in Linden Lights this year. It is one concrete way of participating in our community and having an overt way to share some joy during this time. We will still be having our usual judging and we are working on setting up our plaque of the past winners at the center.

I would like to welcome Allan French to the board. He has taken on the role of the new senior representative. Thank you so much to Allan for joining us!

The renovations of the canteen are continuing and we are hopeful it will be completed soon. We are still working on getting the survey out to you, so that we can get a better understanding of your wants and needs, as a community. Once it is completed and circulated, I encourage you to give us your feedback. More on that to come.

On a personal note, my husband and I are watching old M*A*S*H* reruns for a few minutes in the evening. It is a guaranteed way to give us a chuckle at the end of the day, even though it is certainly dated.

This is a time for redefining some of our traditions and ways of communicating and supporting each other. If you discover something that you would like to share with us please feel free to send an email to **Jordan**, our manager, at lwcc.manager@shaw.ca or **Katrina**, our Linden Words editor, lwcc.communications@shaw.ca, so we can publish it in the newsletter. It is a way of staying connected to each other even if we are unable to see each in person at this time. Given we can't run our usual programming right now it would be interesting to hear how families are coping and what creative ideas you have to manage this crisis.

On behalf of the board we wish you all good health and much happiness for the holiday season.

Judy Tozeland

President

Donor Wall—1995 Capital Campaign

As announced previously in "Linden Words", the Linden Woods Community Foundation and Community Centre have been working together to re-do the plaques acknowledging the donors to the 1995 capital campaign that raised funds for the construction of the original part of the community centre. Thank you to the individuals who shared their ideas with us, on how this can be done.

We are in the process of finalizing the new design, which will require transcribing the names from the old plaques to the new display. The list of names has been alphabetized by last name, and posted on our web site at www.lindenwoodsc.com, giving you one more opportunity to check your name to make sure it is spelled correctly.

Any errors should be brought to the attention of **Jennifer Zyla** in the centre office by email at lwcc.admin@shaw.ca or by phone at **(204)487-2435**.

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Solutions

We hope this limited list helps with your efforts to



.... Clean, De-clutter, Organize or Minimize – as well as help to reduce garbage and give items their best ‘second life’ possible. To avoid frustration – check with organizations for their updates before you go...!

WHAT?	WHO or WHERE?
Recycle, Refurbish, Repurpose	Websites or Contact info
City of Winnipeg—4R Depot—Brady Road list of accepted items	www.winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/recycle/4rdepots/acceptedMaterial.stm
Mattresses / Electronics (PCs, monitors, TVs, printers, receivers, etc)	www.motherearthrecycling.ca
Newspapers, office supplies, markers, craft felt, dog & cat toys, etc	www.winnipeghumanesociety.ca/wish-list/
Clothing, Housewares, Books, Antiques, Furniture	(valuevillage.com/donate) / (thrift.mcc.org/donate) / (thriftstore.ca/locations) / (rayinc.ca/gift-and-thrift/)
Aluminum beverage cans, pop-can tabs, old license plates	www.khartumshriners.org/kans-for-kids
Craft items – Material, stuffing, ribbon & bows, wrapping paper, TP rolls, buttons, lace, crayons, puzzles, shells, paint, etc, etc, etc	Schools or Daycares / www.artsjunktion.mb.ca/material-donations-1 (huge list of accepted items)
Clothing and Footwear ONLY	Bins for Big Brothers/ Big Sisters in LWCC parking lot
Housewares for immigrants / refugees setting up their new lives	Cdn Muslim Women’s Institute 943-8539—Juno St
Building materials, flooring, lighting, cabinets, doors, windows, etc	www.habitat.ca/en/stories/should-i-donate-this-to-a-habitat-restore
Metal, copper, battery, ewaste, and dead cars (for tax receipt)	www.urbanmine.ca/homeowners/top-tips/