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<p><b>Cliff King</b> Realtor—RE/MAX 3505 Roblin Blvd <b>204-987-9800</b></p>	<p><b>JOIN US!</b> Elections of Board Members at the AGM! How can you help? Details inside. We'd love to see the 'VIRTUAL YOU' at 1PM on March 21st.</p>

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**Correction**  
A reader wrote to clarify there is no 'Parks Dept' and in fact, several City of Winnipeg departments were involved, with outdoor projects, as well as the Linden Meadows Parent Council.  
We apologize for the generalization and appreciate the opportunity to correct it.  
Please know this team of volunteers works hard to get it right.  
Thanks for reading our newsletter!

## President's Report

As of this writing the center is still closed to ongoing programming but we are hopeful things will improve soon. Operating during a pandemic has been challenging for all and we are no exception. It has been an opportunity to look at our space and make internal improvements. The canteen has been fully renovated and looks quite beautiful. We are looking forward to opening for business and providing that service for everyone. It is with some sadness it cannot be open during skating season as I'm sure people would appreciate hot chocolate, coffee and a bathroom break!

Our manager **Jordan McGonical** is working every day so is available for calls and information. The skating rinks have been well used and we have staff to maintain the ice and outdoor area. It is so nice to see so many people out skating with their families and for the pleasure of being outside and moving around. On that note we have some good news. The city has approved a grant application for a cross country ski trail and ice sculpture in Kleyson Park. John Orlikow will be attending our next board meeting to talk to us about this.

We are looking forward to hearing your feedback and thoughts about the center from the survey announced on the front page. We really appreciate hearing from all of you so we can make the programming and services offered at the center be the most inclusive and responsive to the neighbourhoods needs & wants.

**Judy Tozeland, President**



# Linden Words

## SURVEY— Please share your ideas

### Honour 150 Recipient



Julie Bubnick

Honour 150 award presented by Canada Life, recognizes 150 people from across the province who stand out for their role in making Manitoba such an amazing province.

**Congratulations and Thank You to Julie**, a long time LWCC volunteer.

Read Julie's Story on [www.lindenwoodsc.com](http://www.lindenwoodsc.com)

All residents of Linden Woods are invited to participate in the 2021 community survey by visiting our web site at [www.lindenwoodsc.com](http://www.lindenwoodsc.com) and clicking on the survey link. Go NOW! :)

If you do not have ready access to the internet, or prefer not to do online surveys, just contact the office at (204)487-2435 and someone will make arrangements to get a paper copy to you, or to conduct the survey over the telephone.

We value your feedback, and hope that you can spare approximately 8 minutes of your time to share your thoughts with us. The survey consists of 21 questions about sports and leisure activities, communications, and centre resources. No personal information is being solicited.

A summary of the survey results will be published in future editions of "Linden Words" and on our web site

## Covid-19 Story...Part 2

After the first part of our Covid-19 story was shared with you last summer, we were very happy to be open long enough in July and August to be able to host children's camps, outdoor pickleball, and limited programming in the gym. The doors were closed again at the beginning of November, and once again we are grateful for the support from all levels of government that has enabled us to retain some staff.

Behind those closed doors, it has been very busy with the renovations, but also with massive re-organization and cleaning projects. Every conceivable surface or item that could be cleaned was thoroughly scrubbed, from windows to tables and chairs, refrigerators (inside and out), gym equipment, popcorn machine, floors, walls, and so on. There was even a bit of painting done.

All storage areas were cleaned out and rearranged, resulting in several trips to waste and recycling depots. The general office has been reorganized, the filing system was re-vamped, and new accounting procedures were developed. Building and equipment maintenance items were taken care of (such as the annual fire and safety inspection, furnace inspections, mower repairs, tractor servicing).

Blinds for the gym windows were ordered and are awaiting installation. A big thank you to the Linden Woods Bridge club for providing much of the funding for this project.

More recently, preparations for 2021 spring and summer programming have begun. When we are permitted to re-open again, we will be ready!

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## Linden Lights During A Pandemic!!

Wow! Our community was completely overwhelmed with the enthusiasm for our neighbourhood's annual Linden Lights competition! The media certainly 'fanned the flames' in their attempts to provide alternatives to city folk who were looking to stay safe in their bubble, yet escape their homes to get into the festive season mood. Our special event directors did informative interviews that were featured on both TV and newspaper. We saw thousands and thousands of people drive, walk and run through our neighborhood enjoying the lights.

A huge thank you to our amazing judges!! This year's judging was done a little differently this year, where **Jason MacDonald**, **Steve Bemrose** and our very own LWCC General Manager, **Jordan McGonigal** had to drive around separately, in their own vehicles, rather than being able to chat back and forth in a shared vehicle. That sure made the judging a little more challenging, but not impossible! We launched a new, third award, which was the 'People's Choice' award. We plan on continuing this award, in years to come, so that you, the light enthusiasts can vote for the decorations that impress you the most.

The 2020 results are as follows:

- \*Best Street - Candy Cane Lane
- \*Best House - 125 Shorecrest Drive
- \*People's Choice - 178 Foxmeadow



All winners received a sign for the yard or street, as well some permanent notoriety in the way of an updated plaque that will be displayed in the Linden Woods Community Centre. Winners from a number of previous years, are being engraved as well. When we finally open our doors again, this plaque should have its place on a wall.

We hope you had fun in your decorating or your viewing of the lights, as it was truly a sight to behold! We had confidence, that when appreciated from the comfort of a bubble-safe vehicle, this event would bring some sort of normalcy for the holiday season! Thank you for remaining safe and helping the tradition continue!

## Renovations Are Done

With the completion of the renovations, the centre now has an all-NEW canteen from top to bottom, including the light bulbs! It has a new layout, new appliances, new cabinetry, new flooring, new light fixtures, and a new service counter, all compliant with the City of Winnipeg's universal design code. Brandi Burton is busy planning the reopening, which will hopefully be sooner rather than later. The plans include hiring students to help staff the canteen during the summer and into the Fall, so keep an eye out on our web site and outdoor sign for employment opportunities.

The new high efficiency furnace and air conditioner not only bring air conditioning to the canteen for the first time, but also facilitated the removal of a second aging furnace, which means a new storage room. Lack of sufficient storage has been an ongoing problem, so more storage space is very welcome.

The renovations were made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the City of Winnipeg's Community Centre Renovation Grant Program. The centre provided an additional \$20,000 out of cumulative operating surpluses for the appliances and engineering consultations.

## Annual General Meeting – Join Us!



www.lindenwoodsc.com

The constitution of the Linden Woods Community Centre stipulates that all elections to the Board are for two-year terms, and that elections must be held every two years. Elections to fill the following positions will be held at the **Annual General Meeting on March 21, 2021**:

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| • President      | • Communications    | • Mini Soccer              |
| • Vice President | • House and Grounds | • Seniors                  |
| • Secretary      | • Basketball        | • Special Events           |
| • Treasurer      | • Youth Soccer      | • Members at Large (max 3) |

If you are a community-minded person, this is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in your local community, and to get to know other like-minded volunteers.

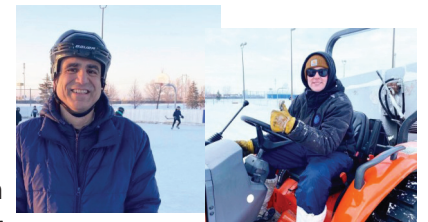
To volunteer, to nominate someone, or to obtain more information about the mandate of the Board or what the positions entail, please contact **Julie Bubnick** at (204)488-1550 or [jbubnick@shaw.ca](mailto:jbubnick@shaw.ca).

To attend the AGM, you can do so from the comfort of your own home. There is no better time to find out about the community centre. To get your invite and the link – call **Jordan** at the office (204)487-2435.

## Message From The General Manager

From wonderful weather conditions to code red - this winter has been anything but ordinary. Luckily, thanks to all of our hardworking staff and volunteers the Linden Woods Community Centre has been fortunate to offer quality rink services to the community.

Special thanks goes to our **House and Grounds Director Reza MirRashed** for his dedicated work ensuring we can provide a quality service to the community. Thanks also to our reliable ice maker **Mitchell Samborski**, who was tasked with getting the ice viable at the end of the year and keep it maintained throughout the season. That was not so tough during the mild January, but he has also been enduring the crisp & cruel February days. I'd also like to thank rink users for their patience this year and ask for their continued support in ensuring that the rinks are available for all skaters, of all skills and activity types, and for following our posted public health orders. (Posted on website and rink boards)



As a recreational hockey player myself, having all our league games cancelled, it has been a difficult season thus far, but having a place to skate and exercise has made it a little more bearable. Hopefully as we continue to maintain our rink surfaces, we can get some good weather and are able to make the most of this season. At our outdoor rinks (#ODR) we strive to provide the best ice we can, which usually means flooding and scraping early in the morning so that rinks are ready for the afternoon skaters. Although the building itself remains closed, the rinks are open to all skaters. There are social-distanced hay bales for putting on and removing skates. Thanks to the newly installed timer, the lights go on at dusk and off at 9:30pm Monday through Thursday and at 10:30pm Friday to Sunday.

And that's not all we have going on! The Winnipeg Trails Association is creating a new one-kilometer cross country ski loop around Kleysen park with the trailhead popping up at the south-east corner of the parking lot. This trail is one of several new loops being tracked across Winnipeg through a partnership between the City of and the Winnipeg Trails Association. As always, you are discouraged from walking these trails as they are specifically groomed for skiers to be able to glide along. Look here for ski rentals <https://plainbicycle.square.site/rentals>.