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LINDEN LIGHTS—WHAT A DISPLAY!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOCCER TO CONTINUE

Youth soccer is in **urgent** need of a new convenor for the spring season, as well as volunteer coaches and assistant coaches.

This program is run under the auspices of Winnipeg South End United Soccer Association, but relies on community volunteers for their recreational program.

If you can help, please contact **Tracey Wright** at lwcc.youthsoccer@shaw.ca or **Julie Bubnick** at lwcc.treasurer@shaw.ca or 204-488-1550.

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Wow! What fun, and what a pleasure, to drive, walk, run, or ski through the parks, along the sidewalks, and down the streets as it was all lit up for Linden Lights. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such an uplifting experience, giving everyone a much-needed break from the “downs” of pandemic restrictions and short winter days.

Best Street, once again goes to **Candy Cane Lane** (a.k.a. Foxmeadow Drive). Our community neighbours on this street are to be commended for their continuing participation, year after year making it bigger, brighter, better. Not far behind them was **Polar Bear Lane** (a.k.a. Hennessy Drive) with the bears all masked up for the times. Honourable mentions go out to **Nutcracker Street** (a.k.a. Park Royal Bay) especially the north arm of the bay where the large decorated trees resembled a light canopy, **North Pole** (end of Shorecrest) where even the centre island was decorated, and **Mulligan Bay** which did not have a particular theme (maybe “Merry and Bright” ?) but had very high participation with almost every house and tree all lit up. And then there were the penguins on **Penguin Lane** (Lindenshore Drive), making everyone look for more.

Best House goes to 93 Shorecrest, which had a massive display covering the entire house and yard, visible from the street and from across the lake, all co-ordinated to music. Runner up was 31 Wallingford, a corner lot decorated on three sides covering the side, front and back yards. Honourable mentions go to 43 Royal York; 3 Ossington Court with a very classic, well-balanced design that included lit deer among the trees; 104 Wallingford; and 206 Foxmeadow Drive. The **People’s Choice** award, as voted via a form filled out on the website, goes to 206 Foxmeadow Drive.

The Best Street and Best House plaques are out for engraving, and should be in display in the display case soon.

Thank you to the three judges, who took time out of their busy schedules to drive throughout Linden Woods once, twice, or more to make their choices: Councillor **John Orlikow, Dr. Nicole Wotton** from Linden Market Dental, and **Lynda Day** from the Linden Woods Bridge Club.

Thank you also to **Councillor Orlikow** for a Per Capita grant of \$500 to offset most of the costs.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four new Board members have been welcomed to the Linden Woods Community Centre Board. Joining us are:

- Heather Grower, Director for Special Events
- Navroop Warraich, Director for Mini Soccer
- Dan Becker, Member at Large
- Brittney Ford, Member at Large

Their willingness and eagerness to serve our community by generously donating their time is much appreciated.

Think about the Rink...

There are two rinks directly behind the building, which are available for public use during the winter season for as long as the ice lasts. Once the outdoor temperatures rise, the days become longer, and the ice starts to melt, the skating season ends very quickly. This usually happens around the end of February; still having ice in March is considered bonus time!

The south rink (behind the gym) is allocated for skating only - no sticks, pucks, or nets. The north rink (behind the viewing/skate change area) is for recreational or pick-up hockey. In other words, this is where the sticks, pucks, and nets go. At this time, neither rink is made available for private functions, team practices, or league play.

In the interests of public safety, and to allow the ice maker to work more efficiently, no one is allowed on either rink when equipment (ice surfer, snowblowers, edgers) is in use on any part of the rink. If the equipment is being used at one end of the rink, the other end is not available for use.

Chairs located inside the centre are not to be taken outside to be used as skating aids. It is not safe, and the chairs can damage the ice unnecessarily.

The centre follows the City of Winnipeg's recommendations for rink closures during extreme cold temperatures. The rinks are closed whenever it is -30C or colder or -35C with wind chill. We have been referencing https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/mb-38_metric_e.html to determine the temperatures. As requested by the survey responses, we are trying to keep information about the status of the rinks regularly updated on our web site at www.lindenwoodsgc.com.

Please feel free to add your comments on the format being used to inform the community or any other comments you may have regarding the information that would be more helpful. We are always open to constructive feedback.

Is Ice-Making an ART or a SCIENCE?

Have you ever wondered how the rink ice is made? Well, if you have, here is the "low-down" from Mitchell The Ice-Maker.

Patience is a virtue in this profession, as absolutely everything is dependent on weather. Nothing gets started until the daytime high is -3C or colder, consistently, for at least a week. Of course, as the temperature dips, we skaters start thinking... 'cold to-day-skate tomorrow'. Unfortunately, when temperatures are warmer than required (between -2C and 0) the heat of the sun will melt or soften the ice, compromising the ice base and resulting in having to start all over.

Once it is cold enough, the first step is to pack snow (if there is any) around the base of the boards to prevent water seepage during the first floods. So prior to this stage, we are hoping for a good bit of snow to assist in step one!

The next step is to flood 5-10 times with a fire hose, until the ice is as thick as the highest level of the rink base - a few inches. Flooding is done when the temperatures are the coldest, early morning and in the evening. Unless it is very cold out, flooding during the day is not done because it takes too long for the water to freeze under the heat of the sun. On a really cold day, it is sometimes possible to complete 3-4 floods in a day.

After the ice is a few inches thick, the hoses are set aside and the ice-surfer is used to clear off small amounts of snow, scrape and level the ice, and spread fresh water over the surface of the ice. From first snow-pack to first skate gliding on the pristine surface - the process takes approximately two weeks. Sometimes eager skaters will check out the ice and assume it is ready to go. However, if skating does occur before the 'Rinks are Open' sign goes up, the process of filling in holes and scraping the ice level again, can set back the process by a week. It delays the unveiling of the masterpiece!

Once the ice is in, daily maintenance involves snow removal (which has been a big challenge this year, running out of places to put it), scraping, and coating with fresh water twice a day under normal circumstances. Sometimes it is only once a day, and sometimes it is more - depending on weather. If it is snowing out, work stops until the weather system has passed. There is no point in working against Mother Nature at that point, she always wins.

So how much does all of this cost for power, water, staff, fuel, equipment maintenance, etc.? Around \$15,000 - depending again, on how the weather cooperates, of course! But the pride of the ice-maker and providing the outdoor hockey and pleasure skating opportunity for the community? Priceless!

ADVERTISERS STILL NEEDED...

A very big thank you to all of the **LINDEN WORDS** advertisers who have subscribed to one of our advertising packages. Our advertisers are listed on the back page, on the website, and on the monitor in the LWCC lobby—so please check them out. It is their support that makes it possible for us to deliver the newsletter to you.

However, there still some \$800 packages available, and we do need a few more to breakeven for the 2022 publication year. If you, or someone you know are interested in knowing more about being a “Linden Words” supporter, see details about the advertiser package at <https://www.lindenwoodsc.com/newsletters.html> - then contact **Julie Bubnick** at lwcc.treasurer@shaw.ca for more information.

WHAT IS GOING ON AT LWCC?

In non-pandemic times, LWCC offers a variety of programs, but our survey respondents asked specifically ‘what is going on at LWCC?’ Well...we want you to know! Here’s a couple of tips on how you can make sense of it all! Did you know that:

> We primarily post LWCC activities, but only a few events for Kleysen Park (green space next to us), so if you can’t find any details, you may have to look for city information or call 311.

> Under the **Facility Rentals** tab, on our LWCC website, we post a calendar of events booking either the gym or multi-purpose room? Our calendar does inform you, on what type of event is on at LWCC. If the event is:

- open to the community. –then the calendar will identify what it is, and you can go to the **Programs** or **Sports** tabs located on our website to get more details.
- a private rental. In this case, the details are not public.

> Survey also says ‘more programming offered specifically for girls.’ We started a very successful girls basketball program for girls from ages 9-11. This program teaches girls about the fundamentals of basketball and is full of opportunities for development.

> A return of the adult drop in volleyball was a survey request and this program is back! Anyone fully vaccinated is welcome to participate on Monday nights from 8-10pm. Admission fee is \$3.00.



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BOOK EXCHANGE

Have you run out of reading material, or are you just looking for something to read? Check out the Book Exchange in the skate change area (north end, by the window). It is FREE!

Simply pick up a book or two, and donate a book or two (or not) at the same time or some other time. There are books for all ages. The plan is to add a puzzle exchange. If someone would like to help with that, please contact **Jordan** at manager@lindenwoodsc.com or 204-487-2435.

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The new window in the multipurpose room has been joined by new, and more, lights. Most of the bridge club folks love them, but one player did comment that the new window has affected her game because she spends too much time gazing out the window! ? (reno pictures posted on FB)

All the lights in the gym have been replaced - exterior lights (rink, parking lot, building) are next. While we are at it, we decided to move a couple of light switches and add motion-activated sensors to the lights in the washrooms off the viewing area. We’ve been fortunate to have most of these upgrades funded by grants.

PLANNING FOR SUMMER

What better way to lift spirits, in the deep, crisp winter, than to start planning for what the summer might look like. No one knows what the summer months will bring, however, if there are motivated, eager-to-learn teens who will be in the market for a job this summer, please let them know to start working on their resume. Depending on protocols and funding, LWCC hopes to be offering summer employment, for up to 10 staff. Those positions include program coordinator, program staff, canteen worker, camp staff and groundskeeper.

More details will be posted in social media & Linden Words



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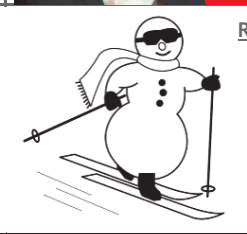
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