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COMMUNITY CENTRE

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# Linden Words

THE ONLY LINDEN WOODS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

## Successor Treasurer Still Needed

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.

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## The Return of the Bird Houses

The birdhouse scavenger hunt is back! Community members will start seeing birdhouses popping up in the community again, on both private property and in the park between the two schools, over the course of the next few months. Local youth and adults will be painting the birdhouses for display, representing our community in multiple ways. This year the prizes are a bit different. Each birdhouse will have a QR code on it. Once you scan that code, you will get all the information about possible prizes.



Let's practice with this QR code. Just use your smart phone and use the camera or a QR scan app >>>

An example of a prize could be - Free Slushies the week of June 17. Simply bring in a photo of yourself with the birdhouse of the week and redeem your prize at the canteen. It's as easy as that. Another way to win is to spell the word of the week. In addition to the QR code, each birdhouse will have a letter painted on it. If you take photos of yourself with the letters that spell the word of the week (ex. TREE) and show them to the canteen attendant, you're welcome to redeem your photos for the prize of the week. So many ways to win! And so many ways to have fun!

So let's get out, get active, and celebrate the artistic talents of our community together!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

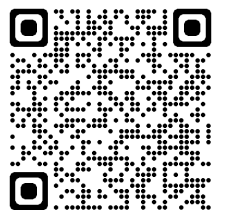
**GARAGE SALE** — YEEESSS! We are shamelessly promoting de-cluttering of things you will never need again—or maybe never did need! Do it now and open up your garage door on **Saturday, June 4th**, and find someone who will love that gadget.



**DO YOU HAVE A HELPFUL HINT?** If you know of organizations that take items, furniture, toys, please head over to our Facebook Page and comment on the event we have created. You could help others donate to organizations who will take items that didn't sell. Generally, to up-cycle, re-use, re-purpose or donate, are considered better than recycling (breakdown and use the parts), but all are better than sending to the landfill.

**FARMERS MARKET** —Did you hear a rumour about LWCC being your prime destination this summer? At our Farmers Market? We sure hope you did! There will be more information on that! Stay tuned.

**CRAFT SALE 2022** — You said what? You missed the return of the incredibly popular Linden Woods Craft Sale last fall? You want to bring your wares? You want to be on to the waiting list? Be sure to send your info to [lwcc.craftsale@shaw.ca](mailto:lwcc.craftsale@shaw.ca) *QR code of 2022 Craft Sale >>*



## LWCC Annual General Meeting — Held Sunday March 20 at 1:00pm

Even more refreshing than the refreshments served, was the first opportunity for the board to see each other in person, after a huge hiatus from in-person meetings. It was a treat!

### President's Report Highlights - Submitted by Tracey Wright - Vice President

After a complicated year of uncertainty and limited social gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am happy to have us meet in person for the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Before I highlight some of the activities of the past year, I want to thank the staff, including manager **Jordan McGonigal** and office administrator **Jennifer Zyla**, for their work this year. The work was often chaotic and sometimes rather lonely as the cycle of openings and closings continued in 2021.

In May of 2021, the province issued its third lockdown order of the pandemic, and we were once again closed as we stayed home to slow the spread of COVID-19. In July, limited outdoor gatherings and activities could resume, and a limited number of staff could be in the building. Outdoor soccer resumed in July while we had cancelled Mini Soccer for the second year in a row.

We were able to run summer camps. We had record high attendance filling all the available spaces for the 8 weeks of camp (162 spaces). We operated the Canteen via iPad ordering from the back door for the beginning of the summer until people were again allowed in the building. We engaged the entire community in a fabulous birdhouse scavenger hunt. Birdhouses painted by local children were placed in the parks and front yards with new locations each week. The community were invited to take photos of themselves with the houses they found and submit them to be entered into weekly prize draws.

In September, activities resumed in the centre, with proof of vaccination required, depending on the type of activity. A girls basketball clinic was very well received and demand in this area seems to be increasing. In November, we held a very successful Linden Woods Craft Sale with over 50 exhibitors. For the second year in a row, we did not host a Holiday Party, but the annual Linden Lights continued to be an attraction that brings visitors from all over the city.

Throughout the year, there were several repairs and improvements to the facility. We received a City of Winnipeg Community Centre Renovation Grant to replace and upgrade our exterior lighting. We also upgraded and replaced interior lighting, added blinds to the windows in the Gym and installed windows in the multipurpose room. We also made repairs to the outdoor rink.

Linden Woods Lightning logos appeared on new basketball jerseys and we offered various promotional items for sale featuring the Lightning and the Linden Woods Community Centre logos.

In the spring, we issued a survey to get feedback on what the community would like to see in our facility, the programs we offer, and how we communicate with them. We had 195 responses to the survey. The Board established three working committees, Programming, Communications, and Facilities Planning and incorporated the survey results into their planning. For example, Linden Words has since increased its publication frequency. More follow up is planned for 2022.

Thank you to our Board Members who accomplished a great deal despite being limited to virtual meetings. I truly value the experience from our long serving board members and the fresh ideas brought in from new board members. Thank you to all!

I welcome feedback and engagement from the community as we continue to make the Linden Woods Community Centre a gathering place for all to enjoy and an asset to our neighbourhood.

### Drop-In Programs

We've got **VOLLEYBALL**— Our LWCC drop in volleyball program is growing weekly! Adult players of all different skill levels come together to brush some rust off of their skill set and have fun. It's \$3, and no commitment is required - come when you can!

AND there's **BADMINTON**— Bring a toonie, your racquet and clean indoor gym shoes, and you will enjoy a fun-filled event on Adult nights (8:30pm—10:00pm Thu) or on Family Day (3:00pm-5:00pm Sun)) Nets and birdies are provided.

We also have both **PICKLEBALL** and **SENIORS BRIDGE**—These programs have been seeing maximum attendance lately. When summer arrives, you'll see pickleball spill out into the outdoor rinks. There will be more outdoor space for interested players.

View either the **PROGRAMS** tab or **SPORTS** tab, to get more details on activities that might interest you!



## LW Lightning Storm at LWCC

Our Fall/Winter basketball season at LWCC was highly successful! We had over 150 athletes participate and everyone's skills improved over the course of the season. Players learned how to better react to the defense, run plays together as a team and compete - it was a pleasure to see and hear about! We even had multiple LW Lightning teams win the WMBA championship this year! Congrats to everyone!

An especially big thank you goes out to our coaches, without whom this season couldn't have happened. Thank you for your generosity with both your time and knowledge. A great season!

## Soccer Season Delays

It would appear that the snow troubles from the winter are still with us, delaying the field preparations for soccer by several weeks. The fields are usually prepped, with the lines painted and nets up, before the beginning of May, but this year it has not been possible to even get on the fields to start the clean up. The City of Winnipeg has advised us that they will be doing the field inspections and starting the cleanup as soon as the remaining snow is gone.

## Spring Basketball - WMBA

A record numbers of youths registered for basketball through WMBA this year! We now have 15 teams playing for LWCC this term with over 170 players and 18 coaches. We wish you a season full of development and fun!

The WMBA is a great program for players to either start their journey with basketball or to continue to develop. Our coaches do a great job of supporting their players and helping advance their skills. Another popular reason an athlete will join the WMBA is to be able to play basketball with friends. They often have the opportunity to play for their school but rarely have the opportunity to play with their friends at different schools. The WMBA offers a solution for this! Players get to play with many from their area and they even get to note if they'd like to play with a particular individual or group of individuals.

If your child wants to learn more about the game, watch for the Fall/Winter registration in early September.



## Calling All Camp Enthusiasts!!

We would love to hire staff from within Linden Woods, but of course, we are looking for those who will make the summer fun and memorable for the youngsters. Does your teen fit the bill?

*The job posting is here >>*

To make this summer a successful one, we need:

- Camp Counselors
- A Camp Coordinator
- Camp Kids - Ages 6-12



Camp Job Postings

We have eight weeks of camp, starting July 4th. Our program overview is posted on social media, but for a sneak peek, our theme-days are:

**MAKE IT** Monday,  
**THINKING** Tuesday,  
**WATER** Wednesday,  
**TASTY** Thursday,  
And **FUN** Friday!



Camp Registration QR code

Camp registration begins on **Wednesday May 4th**.

*Registration info is here >>*

## Canteen Opening in May

Plans are in the works to open the canteen the week of May 16, on a part-time basis and gradually work up to full-time by the beginning of July. It will be open for at least a few hours every day, most likely after school and early evening during the week and afternoons on the weekend. Specific hours will be posted on the web site as soon as a staff schedule is set up.

The Canada Summer Jobs programme is providing funding for two employees for the canteen, one for 16 weeks and one for 8 weeks. We are happy to have two of the 2021 canteen workers back this year. **Sophie Smitheringale** will be starting on May 16, and **Lauren Hartley** will be joining her on July 4.

The Slush Puppie machine is ready for the summer, the popcorn and mini doughnuts are on order, and we hope to bring back the soft ice cream, too. Hot dogs and some new items are being considered.....but coffee, in the meantime, tastes great in our new snazzy LWCC cups! Come check it out!



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