



Linden Words

Time To Get Those 'Linden Lights' Up!

DID YOU KNOW ??

VOLUNTEERS
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to **CONTINUE**
our
sports
programs:

- Soccer Convener
- Mini Soccer Convener

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After a wildly successful 2020 **LINDEN LIGHTS** event that proved to be popular with folks from throughout the city, we are once again encouraging everyone to light up Linden Woods for the holiday season, and have some family fun at the same time - maybe even a bit of neighbourly competition, too.

Will there be a new themed street this year? Or a new favourite house? Three judges from outside the community will be selecting the **Best Street** and **Best House** between December 13 and 17, based on visual impact, originality, and completeness. For Best Street, the judging criteria will also include evidence of co-operation among neighbours.

The **People's Choice** award, where everyone has the opportunity to nominate their favourite house, is also back due to popular demand. To register your choice, simply go to our web site at www.lindenwoodsc.com and follow the link, which will be available December 5.

We are working to ensure that a directional map is available. This can ensure touring folks can keep to one side on the more popular streets, ensuring that local traffic can continue un-impeded. Check our website before you start out.

All winners will be announced on our website and social media, and in the January edition of "Linden Words". The winning street and house will be engraved on the plaques, which are on display in the display cabinet at the community centre.

Looking ahead to next year, we think that it is time for the centre to "get in the game" and do some serious decorating, too. Unfortunately, most of our decorations and lights have seen better days, leaving us with the feeling that maybe we should just start over. So, if you have an artistic flair, like working with lights, and are up to the challenge of coming up with a plan that can be the foundation of a new seasonal look for the centre, you are the volunteer we would love to hear from! To volunteer, you can contact **Grant** at lwcc.president@shaw.ca or **Jordan** at manager@lindenwoodsc.com or 204-487-2435

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

However, we do need a few more to breakeven for the 2022 publication year. If you are interested in supporting "Linden Words" as an advertiser, or know of someone who might like to hear about the opportunities we are offering, please check out "The Advertiser Deal" on our website, contact **Katrina Hotel** at lwcc.communications@shaw.ca or **Julie Bubnick** at lwcc.treasurer@shaw.ca for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities!

The backbone of every community centre are the volunteers who assume Board positions, serve on committees, coach sports teams, organize special events, or help out in a multitude of other ways. Linden Woods has been very fortunate to have had so very many dedicated volunteers over the years, but just like people in other walks of life, volunteers move on. They retire, complete the tasks they committed to doing, relocate, or pursue other interests. So, there is always a need for new volunteers, whether it is to build on the work of previous volunteers, to start something new, or to simply give a hand where it is needed.

The most immediate need is a group of volunteers to get **mini soccer** up and running again in the spring, after a two-year hiatus. Mini soccer continues to be the largest community centre program, run solely by community centre volunteers (with support from the General Manager), so it also requires the largest number of volunteers. Ideally, one of those volunteers would also sit on the Board as a full voting member, but that is not necessary for the program to proceed. What is necessary are volunteer convenors and coaches.

Youth soccer is also in 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 the Winnipeg South End United Soccer Association, but still relies on community volunteers for their recreational program.

A Board position that recently became vacant and which we would like to fill as soon as possible, is **Special Events**. It is the Special Events volunteers who have brought Linden Lights, the Annual Craft Sale, the children's Christmas Party, the spring garage sale, the rink opening night, and many more activities/events to the community.

For more information about the community centre board (or to sign up), please contact **Grant Boak** at lwcc.president@shaw.ca. For more information about volunteering, please contact **Jordan McGonigal** at manager@lindenwoodsc.com or 204-487-2435.



The First House

Which house was really the first house built in Linden Woods? We, along with many other people, thought it was #3 Lindenwood Place.



However, a bit of archival digging by a central files clerk in the City of Winnipeg's Planning, Property and Development department revealed that the first building permit issued in Linden Woods, and the only one issued in 1981, was actually for #14 Lindenwood Place - but it was not completed until 1983.

The records also indicate that #3 Lindenwood Place was completed in 1982. It is safe to conclude that #14 Lindenwood Place was the first house started, and that #3 was the first house completed - so there are two first houses!

We Asked and We Received...

We got lucky! When doing a bit of de-cluttering, **Karen Atherton** kept a few things that looked like they might be important, which included the November 1996 issue of "Linden Words". It was, indeed, one of the important ones, containing information about the costs and funding for the first construction phase of the community centre. Thank you, Karen!

There are now only two issues missing from the archives: volume VI, issue II September 1995; and volume VII, issue VII May 1997. If you find one of them, a copy would be appreciated. If we get lucky again, please send it to **Joelle Lee** at lwcc.craftsale@shaw.ca

Girls Basketball: Ages 8-11

Do you have a girl in your household who would like to try out basketball or who is at beginner/intermediate level and would like a little extra court time? Well then the LWCC Girls basketball program would be a great fit! This program teaches girls about the fundamentals of basketball, teaches them basic offensive and defensive skills and has them playing together in a house league format at the end of the session. Its focus is on fun and development! Registration information can be found on the LWCC website.

Ice Preparations

Preparations for the winter skating season are well under way - rink boards have been repaired and painted, gates have been repaired, repairs to the chain link fencing around the north rink are underway, the ice maker has been hired, and the Zamboni has been serviced.

As we send this newsletter to print—we got the snow - so we hope the conditions for both getting the ice in and keeping it, follow in short order. It's not enough to just be cold, but having the forecast of staying cold is key. As you can imagine, it is costly to re-establish the rinks if the weather isn't here to stay for a bit!

Watch outdoor sign, website & social media for updates on when the ice is in and ready for skates.

LWCC Craft Sale Success

A hugely anticipated and resounding successful craft sale returned to the community centre on Nov 7th—after a 15 year hiatus! More than 50 vendors set up shop in the centre, and nearly 1K folks came shopping, in our covid-safe setting.

Our Facebook page identified how the stars aligned, but to reiterate:

-board members, **Joelle Lee** and **Julie Bubnick**, had the passion to respond to the SURVEY results ... “Bring back the craft sale!”

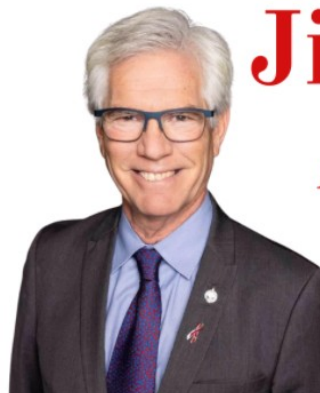
-Crafters were eager to get their products into the hands of holiday shoppers

-Shoppers were eager to buy quality goods & shop local

-A team of volunteers was mobilized to set-up, assist crafters, manage shoppers and traffic, and take down.

-Weather was fantastic, allowing a parking lot extension out back of the community centre!

Thanks to all who helped this craft sale be a success! We look forward to a reunion of crafters, shoppers and volunteers next year! See you then!



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Survey Action

Thank you so much to those who filled out the LWCC survey this year. It allowed us to understand what you wanted to see happen at your local CC. Some concrete steps are being taken to provide:

-better outdoor rinks! We are repairing our rinks and researching possible future renovations to that area.

-more programming opportunities for all groups, especially girls. We are offering a LWCC girls basketball program, looking into offering cooking classes for kids, and will be advertising programs offered at the LWCC through our social media accounts.

-improved curb appeal. We are currently getting quotes on different plans to improve how our outdoor spaces look and feel.

All this and so much more! Thank you so much for sharing what's important to you.

NOW, we are reaching out again..... to see if you are interested in offering a program at the LWCC. Please connect with our general manager, if you are. Whether it be in the gym, the industrial kitchen or the multipurpose room, if you want to offer a program to serve our community, we are open to listening and trying to make it work! Contact Gen. Mgr, Jordan at manager@lindenwoodsc.com

WMBA Basketball Is Back!

The LWCC is hosting over 90 athletes this year for the WMBA. Players are back to the gym, practicing weekly and improving their skills. They are learning to play as a team, developing their understanding of the game and are playing against teams from other community centres. We are so happy to be hosting teams again and look forward to hearing all about their success stories as the year goes on.



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Canteen Open or Closed?

The canteen remains closed for the time being, with the hope that it will be possible to open for the winter season. This status depends on provincial health pandemic restrictions in place. As a multi-use facility, there is one set of rules for the gym and different rules for the other end of the building. It is difficult to enforce the rules without hiring additional staff to do so. Now that the wage subsidy has ended, and with operating revenues still below normal, it seemed prudent not to take on the extra payroll expense.

Nevertheless, **Lisa Hartley**, has stepped forward as a volunteer, to put in the work to ensure we are ready to open, when we can! We thank her for offering her time!

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