

Centennial Community Press



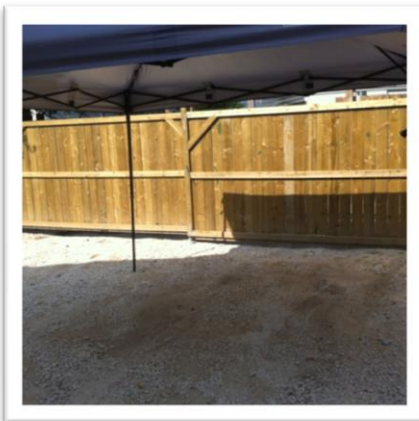
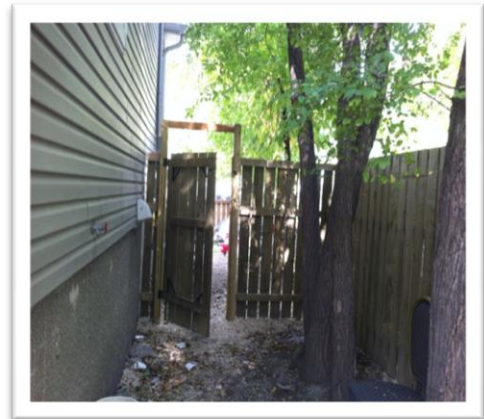
The Centennial Community Improvement Association is pleased to announce the new and improved community newsletter. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and all the information we are bringing.

Congratulations to Our Fix-Up Grant Recipients!!!

This year we had TEN Homeowners and THREE Landlords receive Exterior Fix-Up Grants. The Centennial Community Improvement Association (CCIA) has been offering the Grants to Centennial and North Logan residents and landlords since 2013. The neighbourhood is starting to look better as more properties get exterior facelifts.

We asked one of this year's Homeowner Grant recipients, Kirsten Genaille, about the Grant and the work she got done. Kirsten has been part of the Centennial for a while and found out from a newsletter that the Centennial Community Improvement Association was offering Exterior Fix-Up Grants. Kirsten used the \$2500 grant to her advantage.

"My front gate needed repairs along with having my back porch/steps levelled and re-attached to the house and I also had the remaining area of my backyard fenced off for privacy and safety," she said.



But her project had some challenges. The CCIA needed the Grant applicants, both homeowners and landlords, to provide two quotes from qualified, registered contractors. If homeowners are not doing the work themselves. If they do the work without a contractor, materials and supplies are the costs that can be paid out. Sweat equity doesn't count. Landlords pay 50% of the project to the maximum of \$2500. Homeowners only contribute 10% so a \$2750 project results in a \$2500 Grant.

Kirsten says, "I had a contractor I had used in the past for the same kind of repairs and installation so I found it easier to obtain the services through him and explaining everything that needed to be done."

"We definitely feel safer when using our back steps/porch as they are now leveled," says Kirsten, "And we feel much safer being enclosed within our backyard."

The Exterior Fix-Up Grants a great way to get a project done.

When asked if she would recommend the Fix-Up Grants to her neighbours, Kirsten replied, "I most definitely would, I feel like this is one of the best things available to myself and the community. I would like to see more opportunities like this for the community, I feel it is greatly beneficial to maintain and upkeep houses in the neighborhood as it makes the neighbourhood appear sightlier and appealing."

The CCIA is already planning for next year's Exterior Fix-Up Grant PROGRAM. The information and applications will be out next spring.

All About the Neighbourhood

More About Housing in Centennial and North Logan

Tanya Blatz, CCIA's Housing Outreach Coordinator, is working with homeowners and landlords to make this year's Exterior Fix-Up Grant Program a success. But that is not all she does. She's been instrumental in the development of the community gardens we have in the neighbourhood by working with FRAME Arts Warehouse and IRCOM's greening specialist, Jim Beckta. She can be seen all over the neighbourhood looking for broken streetlights, organizing community events like this year's Arson Clean Up. She always has time to stop and chat with residents. She is passionately committed to the community, the arts and the artists and those who would like to learn. She hosts an art group and is looking to expand it, both in size and activities this winter and into the spring.

Deborah Clark, the Housing Planning Coordinator, is working to bring more programs and resources to the neighbourhood. She and Tanya are developing a number of programs and events. The first event is the Community Breakfast on November 20, at Freight House Door 6 from 10 til noon. Come see what's up!



The CCIA has created a listing of the qualified contractors that worked in the neighbourhood this year. It is available to anyone looking for a qualified contractor who is willing to work in the neighbourhood, with our residents to improve our houses.

With winter coming, there is a good chance that something can happen to the house. The CCIA can help. The CCIA Emergency Home Repair Grant can help homeowners who qualify to repair major damage like a roof, heating system or plumbing. We also have a Minimum Homeowner Repair Grant of up to \$3000 for homeowners who would have to leave their homes if the problem wasn't repaired.

We can also help if you have a disability, we can help you get a provincial grant to upgrade your property so you can stay home safely.

If you need to upgrade your property, whether you're a homeowner or a landlord, we can help with that as well. Just contact CCIA's Community Office, at 427 Alexander Avenue or by calling 204.806.5939.

You can also check out housing grants online:

Emergency Home Repair, Minimum Homeowner Repair and Adaptation for Disabilities Grants:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/progs/repair.html>

Community and Safety in Centennial and North Logan

Safety remains a top priority for people living in Centennial and North Logan.

The CCIA Safety Committee meets the fourth Saturday on every month to discuss safety issues in the community. We are looking for residents who are interested in forming walking patrols or want to be part of making out neighbourhood safer for everyone.

The Community Breakfast, November 20, 10-noon, at Freight House Door 6, will have great food, Door Prizes and things for kids of all ages and tables manned by community organizations and agencies who have information and resources.

We will be asking residents which programs and workshops they would like see offered and then we will work hard to bring them to Centennial and North Logan.

Let us know what you want, it's your neighbourhood!

All About the Neighbourhood

Great things have been happening in our Neighbourhood!

We have wonderful people that make the neighbourhood interesting and organizations that want to do amazing things for the residents and businesses in Centennial and North Logan.

The Health Sciences Centre and the CCIA co-hosted the Family Fun Fest on September 12 at the Freight House Field. There were games and giveaways and food galore. Face painting and bouncers and popcorn for kids and there were books for babies and more.

The Freight House is a busy place even under construction. The Boys & Girls Club operates out of Door 4 every day for kids from 6-18. There are Bingos and even a food bank. And who can forget the Sgt. Tommy Price Cadets who meet every Wednesday from 6:15-9:15pm? There is literally something for everyone.



With opportunities to play sports, from basketball and skateboarding to hockey and skating, it's no wonder that area kids are doing great things.

At IRCOM, their soccer team beat out St. John's Ravenscourt earlier this fall to claim the Under-13 Championship. Not bad for a program that started just three years ago!

And that's not the only thing that IRCOM is doing in the neighbourhood. You may have noticed that IRCOM Isabel is getting closer to being completed every day.

IRCOM on Logan offers English classes for residents who want to improve their language.



They also garden. CCIA, FRAME Arts Warehouse and IRCOM have been creating community gardens and raised vegetable beds throughout the neighbourhood.

If you're interested in joining the fun, learning how to grow vegetables and fruit or would like a garden of your own, contact Tanya, CCIA's Outreach Coordinator.

Winter is the best time to plan for the garden you would like.

The Miracle Store is a hidden gem. It's a thrift store tucked in behind the Aboriginal Resource Centre on Laura. You never know what you might find.

If you're a parent, check out the Family Resource Room in Dufferin School. There are preschool programs, resources, internet access, coffee and friends you haven't met yet waiting for you!

The best part is you don't have to wait until your child is school-age; the Family Resource Centre is for all parents, not just those who have little ones already in school.

Last Words

Great Resources

Shopping Cart Pick-Up

➤ 204.786.8600

Winnipeg 311

- Potholes
- Trash
- Large Garbage
- Burnt Out
Traffic Signals

Manitoba Hydro—Burnt
Out Streetlights

➤ 204.480.5900

Spay your Pet—For
lower income owners

➤ 204.888.SNAP

**Are you a resident in
the Centennial Neighborhood ?**

Learn about programs and workshops
in the neighbourhood!

**Friday, Nov. 20 at Freight House Door 6
10-noon first come first serve**

**Community Breakfast, Door Prizes
Games and Activities for children and families**

Hosted by
The Centennial Community Improvement Association.

CCIA Information:

The Centennial Community Improvement Association Board of Directors is made up of people just like you.

Come and see for yourself. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 6 PM in the basement of 60 Frances Street [the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Building] between Notre Dame Avenue and McDermot Street.

Our Safety Meetings, held at 3pm on the 4th Saturday of the month at 427 Alexander Avenue are open to all interested residents.

CCIA is here for You!

Our Community Office Hours Are:
Monday-Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm
At 427 Alexander Avenue

Just Knock and Walk In.
Tanya or Deborah will be happy to
help. Can't make it then?

Call the Office: 204.806.5939
Or Deborah: ccia.housing@mail.com
Or Tanya:
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