

Centennial Community Improvement Association

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Introducing the Centennial Community Improvement Association

This is our board for 2007/2008



President: aka “El Presidente” Gord Dong

Connection to community: I have lived in Centennial for over 21 years.

Employed/Volunteer: IT (Information and Technology) Manager most of the time and Sous Chef (2nd in charge of the Kitchen) some of the time at the Marlborough Hotel.

Special Interests: Reading about history, sciences, technology and social philosophy and Cooking.

“I have been married for over 20 years to a wonderful and understanding wife and have 3 children that I am very proud of. I was born 42 years ago of Chinese immigrants and I have worked in restaurants and hotels since I was 12 years old. With my interest in computers and networking and having proven my ability to do the job, I was transferred to the IT Department. Currently, I service the Marlborough Hotel in Winnipeg and the Thompson Inn and Burntwood Hotel in Thompson, Manitoba.”

Goal for CCIA and Centennial Community: Utopia

Favorite motto: “When you do things right, people won’t be sure you’ve done anything at all.”

My message to the people of Centennial: A resident is one who resides in a particular place permanently or for an extended period whereas a citizen is working towards the betterment of one’s community through participation. Please be more than a resident, be a citizen of Centennial!



Vice President: Molly Roulette

Molly has been a resident of Centennial Community for 7 years and is actively involved with the CCIA as the Vice-President, the Seniors Representative and sits on the Resource Center Committee. Molly is active in all areas of the community. Most recently Molly has become the proud Grandma to “Rayne” who entered our world on Monday, March 19, 2007.



Secretary: Al Rushton

Al has been a resident of the Centennial Community for 20 years. He is self employed and has a loving partner and is the proud father of one child. Al has been active on the CCIA Board for two years.



Treasurer: Bonny Black

Bonny is a long time resident of Centennial for 40 years. Bonny is a proud parent of 3 biological children and 4 foster children and has a loving husband. She has been a foster parent for 18 years. Bonny actively participates in her children’s soccer, hockey and baseball teams. Bonny actively participates in the Housing Committee, Resource Committee. Bonny has been actively involved with the CCIA since the beginning and will continue to support her community.



Cindy Houle

Connection to community: Resident

Employed/Volunteer: Dept of Justice and volunteer with the CCIA board and resource committee

Special Interests: making our neighborhood a safer and better place to reside, and make to make a difference within the community

Family: Single mother of 3 children and a dog named Clover

Role on CCIA Board: Board member

Goal for CCIA and Centennial Community: to make it a safer, cleaner and more enjoyable community to reside



Lana Gaywish

Lana has lived in the Centennial Community for 6 years and is the proud parent of 3 beautiful children. She is active on the Resource Center Committee and volunteers a great deal of time at the Dufferin School Family Resource Room.



Mike Wolchock

Mike has lived in the Centennial Community for approximately one year. He is a active participant on the CCIA and is active on the Resource Center Committee, the Editorial Committee and Housing Committee. He is the proud father of 3 children.

Gertrude Flett

Gertrude is a long time resident who is very active on the CCIA board, Resource Center Committee and the Safety Committee. Gertrude is very dedicated and committed to making the Centennial Community a more

prosperous community with all the opportunities in the world available to our children. (Photo unavailable at press time)



Jorge Alvarez

Jorge is an active member of the CCIA and a long time resident.



Clarita Vincente

Clarita is married and a long time resident of the Centennial Community.

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Welcome to the
Centennial Press!

Brought to you by the Centennial Community Improvement Association (CCIA). Views and ideas expressed in this publication are those of the individual contributors and do not necessarily reflect or represent CCIA policies.

Submissions:

May be dropped off at the CCIA Office in Dufferin School, 545 Alexander Avenue. Any form of submission is accepted, hand-written, computer disk, etc. but we prefer e-mail submissions. We do provide honorariums for those interested in writing for the paper. Please send e-mail submissions to: sandra@cedawpg.org. or contact Sandra Guiboche for further information @ 947-9111. Submissions may be edited for length, content and style by the Centennial Press Editorial Committee.

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Constable Ken Anderson

By Cheyenne Chartrand
Centennial Safety Coordinator

As most of you probably know, our neighbourhood works to develop a positive relationship with Winnipeg Police Services. That work is ingrained into the Centennial safety plan and residents have presented on the need for a visible and positive presence of police in our neighbourhood.

Constable Ken Anderson has been working as a foot patrol/community officer in our neighbourhood for almost a year now and he has been busy from the moment he came onto Centennial’s streets.

The most popular aspect of his Centennial tenure is his relationship with the neighbourhood’s young people. Constable Anderson has a sweatlodge on his property, which he has opened up to our children, agencies and families. His generosity with his time and sweatlodge has allowed neighbourhood organizations to participate, like Winnipeg Boys & Girls Club, Dufferin School and the Centennial Neighbourhood Project. At his ceremonies Constable Anderson takes the time to explain things when people have questions and does his best to make sure people feel safe, warm and comfortable.

When he walks the halls of Dufferin School he’s greeted with smiles and knows the children by name. His sincere interest in their well being is obvious and residents have begun to trust in his presence, they are finding the courage to ask questions and are beginning to get the idea that seeing a police car in the community is not necessarily a sign of trouble.

For those of you not familiar with Constable Anderson’s background he came to us from the Lord Selkirk/Turtle Island area and still continues with friendships he’s made at Da-



vid Livingstone School. The Winnipeg Police Services in their search for a community officer for our neighbourhood wanted to ensure they had selected the best candidate and they did a great job. In 2003 he won a Certificate of Distinction at Canada’s Youth Justice Awards for the work he did at Turtle Island.

He has been with Winnipeg Police Services for over 16 years and came to our neighbourhood last year. He runs Medicine Horse Lodge and is the eagle staff carrier for the Winnipeg Police Services.

In upcoming issues of the Centennial Press, Constable Anderson will be writing a regular column to provide us with more information and insight. When you see him around don’t be shy, introduce yourself, and say hello talk awhile. He’s been a wonderful addition to the neighbourhood.

Logo Contest!

Create a Logo for the Centennial Press!

Target Group is the Youth, 15 years and under. Deadline: Friday, May 11, 2007.

Must reside in the Centennial Boundaries or attend a school within the boundaries. We will have 3 prizes for the contest. The contest judges will be 6 local seniors.

Theme of the Contest is: What is community?"

Please draw a picture that describes what you think a community is.

Please cut off this section and return it to Sandra Guiboche @ Dufferin School in the Centennial Office or Sandra’s Office located at 101-470 Pacific Avenue

Parents: If you child is interested in participating in this contest, please fill out the attached form.

Information Release Form:

I authorize the Centennial Community Improvement Association to publish my child’s art work and name _____ in our community newspaper. I understand that this piece of artwork may be used for the community newspaper’s logo.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Building Urban Industries for Local Development

B.U.I.L.D is a new organization that officially opened in November 2006. They are located at 108-424 Logan Avenue. B.U.I.L.D. is short for BUILDING URBAN INDUSTRIES for LOCAL DEVELOPMENT. They have a staff of three that includes Gary Thompson, the general manager, Robert DeCoste, social support worker, and Elmer Lamy, worksite supervisor.

B.U.I.L.D is a community-based program that offers construction training for residents in the Centennial area. This program gives people work experience and a chance to develop new skills in the construction field of home renovations. There are currently nine area residents enrolled at the moment. They were chosen in October 2006 before the official opening. Their training runs for six months and then they can seek employment with the knowledge and new skills they received from B.U.I.L.D.

At the moment, the crew is insulating basements, which are owned by Manitoba Housing. This involves framing and boarding the walls of the various homes around the area. This will save the tenants money in heating costs in the winter and make a nice addition to their spaces/homes. Robert DeCoste informed me that B.U.I.L.D is operating interest across the province and eventually they hope to open other programs based on this model. Interested applicants should be informed that B.U.I.L.D is open to Centennial residents only. For more information or just out of curiosity, drop in to say hello to the crew of B.U.I.L.D.

Gary Thompson is the General Manager of B.U.I.L.D. The program started in May of 2006 with production begin-

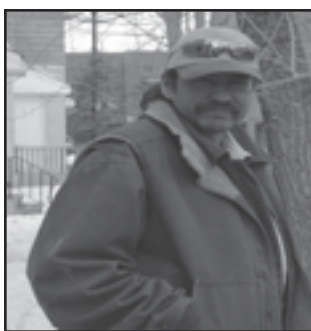
ning in October of 2006. They were doing a fencing program for 8 weeks and then moved on to installing insulation. B.U.I.L.D partners with Manitoba Hydro, Adult Education and Water Stewardship just to name a few. We apologize for anyone who was left out.

There are 9 people in the program. Gary oversees the day-to-day operations and finances of B.U.I.L.D.

Elmer Lamy is the Site Supervisor of B.U.I.L.D. Elmer provides supervision and support to the crew in a classroom setting and on job sites. Elmer values the relationship building with the crew and the community that evolves from his job.



Elmer Lamy



here. "A lady told me that we make a big difference and her house is warmer now".



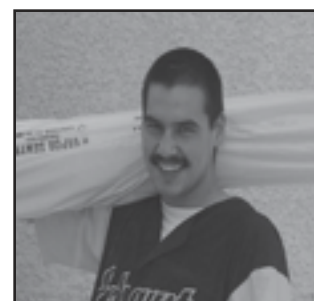
The CREW:

Percy Houle is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "It's all good for everyone who lives around

Rene Genialle is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "It's a good learning program. Learn new things I never knew before"



Irene Roussin is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "I'm loving it! Wish it were a permanent program or job!"

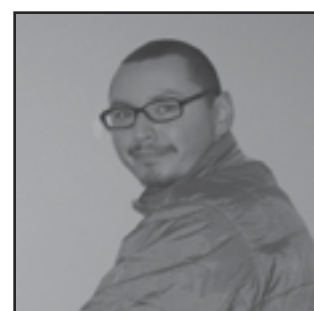


Ashton Sinclair is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "It's good, you get to learn new things"



Floyd Flett is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "Great! Wonderful! Enjoy working with Elmer and the

crew!"



Faron Edel is a resident from the North End. "It's a very good program, very informative and builds skills."



Shane Mousseau is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "Awesome! Learned a lot of new stuff.

Taught me a lot!"



Mangope Nganika is a resident from the Centennial Neighbourhood. "It's good. Elmer teaches me very

good. I am learning."

Missing from photos is Daryl R., another member of the crew.



Left to right: Bob Decoste and Gary Thompson

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KID’S SECTION

Room 18 of Dufferin School were presented with another version of “The Three Little Pigs” a version of the story that suggests that maybe the Wolf has been wrongly portrayed as the bad guy. The children of Room 18 debated this hot issue. You decide if you believe the wolf or you believe the pigs.

WHO DO YOU BELIEVE? THE WOLF OR THE PIG?

The Wolf’s Side

- He only wanted a cup of sugar for his granny’s birthday cake
- He went to the door and asked for sugar
- He sneezed on the house by accident and they fell down
- As the house fell down the pigs got crushed. Mr. Wolf did not want to let good ham go to waste so he ate them
- The 3rd little pig bad mouthed the wolf’s granny and Mr. Wolf got mad. When the cops showed up, it looked like Mr. Wolf was crazy



The Pig’s Side

- The wolf could have been faking his cold and lied about it
- He could have lied about his granny’s birthday
- The wolf tried to trick the 3rd pig by meeting him by the apple tree
- The wolf blew 2 houses down and ate the pigs on purpose



WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?

In Room 18, the majority of us believe the Wolf. 15 out of 22 students tried to get Mr. A Wolf out of jail by writing letters to him. We think the pigs tried to frame the wolf. 12 of us agree that the wolf should have eaten the 2 pigs because they would have gone to waste anyways. We hope the 3rd little pig goes to jail because he lied and put an innocent wolf in jail. 7 out of us believe the pigs. We are glad the wolf went to jail.

SENIOR’S SECTION

Haneen! Tanse!

I would like to say a great big “thank you “ to the residents of 515 Elgin for all their support and encouragement that they gave me while I was the President of the Tenants Association. Without your support with the bbq’s, dinners would have been all for nothing, but together we made it a success!! Give yourselves a pat on the back for all the great work we did as a team! I have been given the honor to be your Senior Representative on the Centennial Community Improvement Association Board or CCIA. My role is to assist folks with issues of safety, housing, programming etc. If you need to contact me, please call and leave a message for me @ Sandra’s office 947-9111.

I would like to introduce the newest member of my family. My granddaughter Rayne!

YOUTH SECTION

By Seneca Chartrand, Hugh John School Student

On March 27, 2007 Kani-kanichink had a youth and police forum to talk about best practices and find out concerns youth had with police, questions and that kind of stuff. On my way to the forum I thought it was going to be a boring meeting with a whole bunch of older people talking about boring stuff. It wasn’t though, I actually enjoyed it.

The first thing we did at the forum was eat. We had soup, rice, bannock and many other things. It was really good. When we were finished eating there was a power point presentation about the police and their laws, about our people and repeated trauma and how those things go together. It was alright. I just wish she went slower and explained a few things more. I learned a lot from it and I learned even more from what the youth and several other people talked about. They talked about the connection with youth and police and how it affects both of the groups. They also had another power point presentation before the break about the police, the ranks of the police, their priorities when someone calls 911 and so on. Constable Cecil Sveinson did a good job of telling us how they look at calls that come in from 911, priorities are things like is the crime in progress, property and personal crimes he talked about family violence and how the police handle those calls and he talked about community relations. They have a teepee they were given and use at ceremonies and events, they have an eagle staff and Constable Sveinson

said when we see Kuffs the dog not to hit him too hard because that’s him under there.

There was one guy there who talked about how a policeman threatened him and charged him when he didn’t do anything, he said the officer called him down and said he’d resisted arrest and he didn’t have anyone around who would be a witness about how he was being treated. He has to go to court now and he was really mad at the police for that happening and he thought he’d hate police after that. But he said the next day he was sitting in a café, thinking about what had happened to him when a police officer walked by. He could see through the window and the police officer looked at him, smiled and waved. He said he couldn’t be mad after that because he realized they are all different and he can’t spend his life being angry at all of them because of what one person did. It was a really good story.

During the break I got the chance to meet and talk to some of the other people. It was really cool to learn about other people’s thoughts and opinions. I met people from the Aboriginal Youth Council and I think I’d like to join that. After the break, they opened the floor for questions. Even though I didn’t have anything to ask, everyone else seemed to. I’m glad I went though, I learned a lot that night. Not only about youth and police but about how forums are a great way to get active in your community and meet people.



Molly Roulette and her newest Granddaughter Rayne!

Feature Residents

By Brian Yellowback

Introducing Mangope Nganika

Mangope is a resident of the Centennial Community and has lived in Winnipeg for the last five years.

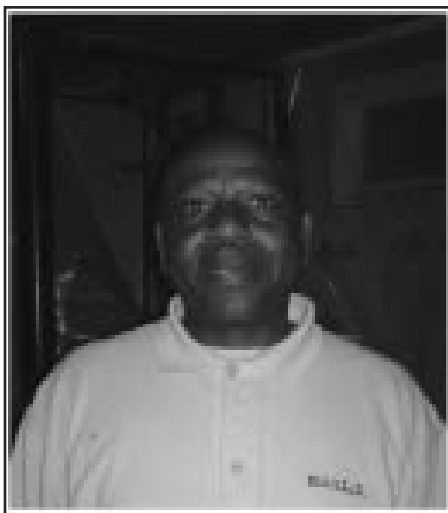
He and his family originally came from Africa. Mangope was raised in The Congo and his wife is from Rwanda.

Before coming to Canada, Mangope and his family spent 6 years in a refugee camp in Tanzania. Civil war drove them out of their countries. Mangope witnessed many acts of horror and that is why he and his family sought refuge in Tanzania. Life was very difficult during the six years in the camp. There was very little to do.

Finally one day some government officials came to the camp and declared that 10 families would be leaving. Mangope and his family were among the ten that were chosen to start a new life in the United States and Canada. He was informed that he would be living in Winnipeg; he didn't even know where that was.

Upon arriving in Winnipeg, in May of 2002, Mangope and his family that includes 8 children began their new life. He found that he had to overcome yet another set of barriers. He had to take English classes in order to learn to speak English in Canada; this was one barrier he had to overcome. He was successful and speaks English very well as a result. In his homeland he worked as a fisherman and only spoke French. In the beginning the only job he could find was being a dishwasher. Currently Mangope is in training with the B.U.I.L.D program and is learning new skills to get a better paying job. He hopes to one day own his own home in the Centennial Community.

Welcome
Mangope!!



Mangope Nganika

We would also like to welcome Mike Wolchock to the Centennial Community!

Mike moved into the Centennial Community in May of 2006. Mike got his first introduction to the Centennial Community Improvement Association when he met one of his neighbors who happened to be a board member of the Centennial Community Improvement Association. Mike was one of the recipients of a housing grant and got a new roof. In September of 2006, Mike became a part of the Housing Committee and then in October became a member of the Centennial Community Improvement Association. Mike also became a member of the Resource Center Committee.

Mike was born in Winnipeg, is self-employed, he is the owner of the Neon Factory. He is a single parent of 3 beautiful children. Mike has big expectations for the Centennial Community and believes that this is one of the nicest places to live.



Dawnis, Lana, Greyowl and Zachary

Congratulations to Lana Gaywish on the arrival of our newest community member, Zachary Ross Gaywish.



Mike and daughters Chloe and Jessie. Missing from photo is 13 year old son William.

Zachary was born at 3:45 P.M. on February 24th, 2007. He weighed in at 9 lbs, 1 ounce and was 21 1/2 inches long. He will be joining the family as Lana's third child in addition to her son Greyowl, aged 12 and daughter Dawnis, aged 6.

Submitted by: Alison Dong.

Upcoming Community Events:

Rossbrook House

Rossbrook House will have its Annual Meeting / Pow Wow on Thursday, May 24,

2007. The Annual Meeting starts at 6:00 PM at Rossbrook House, 658 Ross Avenue. The Pow Wow will follow at 7:00 PM across and down the street on the Freight House Field (look for the big tent). Web site: www.rossbrookhouse.ca

Central Community Winnipeg Impact
(also known as Freighthouse)
200 Isabel St - Doors 3,5,6

Canada Day Celebration, Sunday, July 1, 2007.

9:00 am to 5:00pm. Pancake Breakfast @ 9:00 am Games, Food, Rides are 25 cents and Hamburgers are .50 cents each. Cribbage tournament, Dunk Tank, Kids Candy, Toy Scramble Free Stage Entertainment, Kids Air Slide, Pony Rides, Clowns. Canada Day Birthday Cake. Tonnes of fun!! Come one, come all.

If you need any additional information, contact Gary @ 297-5759

Boys & Girls Club of Winnipeg

by Hubert Fenton
Smedts

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada started in 1900, modelled after similar organizations in the U.S. and Great Britain. These organisations operated with the belief that if kids were kept busy in their spare time they would stay out of trouble. Over time the Boys and Girls Clubs has evolved to encompass a multicultural perspective, promoting programs and governance that reflect the cultural and ethnic groups that make up its membership on a local, regional and national basis.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc. grew out of two teen drop-in centres established in the late 1960's: The Youth Action Centre of North Winnipeg and the Youth Action Project. In 1976, these two programs joined together to form a new organization known as the Winnipeg Youth Action Inc. and applied for membership in Boys and Girls Club of Canada.

In 1977, Winnipeg Youth Action Inc. became a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and changed its name to Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs. In 2005, in keeping with newly revised membership requirements, Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs changed its name once again to Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg.

For almost 30 years, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg has proven itself as a competent, community based youth serving organisation whose dedication and focus has been both de-

velopmental as well as preventative. Over the years, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg has discovered that the best way to assist our members overcome the many barriers they face is by increasing their resiliency - their ability to address issues and make good decisions for themselves. The best way to do that is by giving them the opportunity to relate to caring, interested people that are positive role models, and to increase their skill levels in critical areas of their lives. We have found that as their skill level increases, so does their self-confidence and resiliency.

What's Up! The Freight House Club is located at Door #4-200 Isabel Street in the Central Community Centre. Our club has a multipurpose room, computer centre, weight room, kitchen, washrooms, and storage area. We also have access to a sport field, gymnasium, and an outdoor swimming pool.

Monthly activities include sports, games, computers, pool tournaments, arts and crafts, field trips, cooking, tutoring, social outings, movies and more.

We average 40-50 children and youth daily. The club is open to young people ages 6-19. The club is open for children over 12 during the weekdays. On the weekends, children under 12 can come to the centre and take part in activities. We are a cross-cultural club with a high number of Aboriginal participants. All of our activities are free. Contact Us @ Door #4-200 Isabel Street – (204) 783-8640.



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS FAMOUS LANDMARK?



Hint: This landmark was proudly displayed approximately 15 – 25 years ago.

Please email or call with your submission.

Centennial Community Improvement Association:

Centennial Community Improvement Association Inc. (C.C.I.A) is a not-for-profit resident association which represents and acts upon the concerns and issues of residents of the Centennial neighbourhood. The Board of Directors consists of dedicated individuals who live in the neighbourhood and membership is open to those who support the aims, beliefs and activities of the Association.

Mandate:

The C.C.I.A will hold dear the common good of residents of the Centennial community. The C.C.I.A is committed to improving housing, safety, recreation and general quality of living standards in the Centennial community. The C.C.I.A will work with agencies, government and private interests to meet its mandate.

Get Involved!

There are numerous events and activities that interested individuals can participate in whether it involves attending committee meetings or helping to plan a community event. Some examples of ways you can get involved are:

- Attend the regular safety or housing committee meetings
- Conduct a safety audit for your neighbourhood block
- Write a story for the community paper

Please check our website regularly for updated activities and events or contact the Centennial Community Coordinator, Sandra Guiboche @ 947-9111 or email: sandra@cedawpg.org

Centennial Community Improvement Association - Updates

The Centennial Community Improvement Association or CCIA Boards meets once a month most typically on the 3rd Monday of the month.

The board meets to discuss current issues in the community and to provide guidance to the Committees that fall under the CCIA. These meetings typically consist of the community elected board members. There are guest speakers on occasion that request community support from the CCIA on various topics like housing.

The next CCIA board meeting is on May 21, 2007 from 6:00 to 9:00pm at Dufferin School in the Centennial Offices. If you are interested in finding out more information about the CCIA board, please contact Sandra Guiboche @ 947-9111, Sandra is the Centennial Community Coordinator. sandra@cedawpg.org

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The Safety Committee is currently working on a variety of topics.

Policing, Safety Audits in the community and in apartment blocks, Safety Plans and a Youth Forum.

Generally speaking, if you have any safety concerns or want to take a proactive approach to safety in your community, please don't hesitate to come on down. The committee consists of CCIA board members and Centennial Community Members. These meetings are typically held at Dufferin School in the Centennial Offices. The next Safety Committee meeting is May 8, 2007 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to become involved with the Safety Committee, please contact Cheyenne Chartrand @ 779-0282, Cheyenne is the Centennial Community Safety Coordinator. Everyone is welcome. cchartrand@mts.net



Cheyenne Chartrand,
Safety Coordinator

Housing Committee

The Housing Committee meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Housing Committee works very closely with the Centennial Housing Coordinators, Alison Dong and Florence Chartrand to tackle issues of slum landlords, inadequate housing and upcoming plans for in fill housing etc. This committee consists of CCIA board members and Centennial Community Members. The next Housing Committee meeting is May 9, 2007 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Centennial offices at Dufferin School. If you have an interest in joining or participating in the Housing Committee or are seeking additional information about the Housing Committee, please contact Alison Dong or Florence Chartrand @957-7462. centennialhousingcoordinators@hotmail.com



Alison Dong



Florence Chartrand

Resource Center Committee

The Resource Center Committee meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. This committee consists of CCIA board members and Centennial community members. The committee is exploring the feasibility of a grand resource center that would serve the Centennial community. If you would like more information about this committee, please contact Sandra Guiboche @ 947-9111. The next Resource Center Committee meeting is May 14, 2007. Everyone is welcome.



Sandra Guiboche

Resident's Corner

By Gord Dong.

Spring is here. Technically speaking, of course. The first day of spring for this year would be March 21st. As I write this on the last days of the month of March, snow and freezing rain are falling around me. I guess this is an improvement on the 2 feet of snow and -30 degree temperatures. I'm sure that most of you appreciated the warmer temperatures and sunny days of the previous weeks.

During this period of when the snow melted, I had noticed that there was quite a bit of garbage strewn about the neighborhood. It seems like every year, just after the meltdown, garbage appears out of nowhere. Where does it come from?

Regardless of where it comes from, we as a community should take more pride in where we live. People that drive through; see it as a seedy and rundown part of town. A lot of people wouldn't even feel comfortable walking around here. I

personally like living in Centennial, though I would like to be a bit prouder of my surroundings. Being proud is a little hard to do as plastic shopping bags, paper and other assorted rubbish blow past.



Propane tank lying in heap of garbage!

As usual, we will be having the annual community clean up (volunteers please!) but that is not happening until June. Mind you, that is mainly for larger objects to be disposed of. Which brings it back to; who is going to pick up the litter floating about? I guess that leaves...you and me. Let's all make an effort to pick up some of what is laying about. This way, we can all be prouder of the place we call home. And at some point, let's find out where this trash is coming from and do something about that as well.

I would like to congratulate The Centennial Press on their launch. With the efforts from the editorial staff, this will hopefully extend into a semi-monthly publication.

Introducing our Political Representative on City, Provincial and Federal Levels.

City Level of Politics



Mike Pagtakhan, City Councillor for Point Douglas

Mike Pagtakhan is the City Councillor for the Point Douglas ward. He works at City Hall. Mike is responsible for representing the people living in Point Douglas, setting the budget, and making policies that help benefit the people in Point Douglas.”

Provincial Level of Politics



Conrad Santos, MLA for the Wellington District that includes the Centennial Community and a member of the New Democratic Party or NDP.

If you live in this area, Conrad Santos is your MLA.



Honorable George Hickes, MLA for Point Douglas

If you live in this area, Honorable George Hickes is your MLA. An MLA may be required to fulfill as many as four distinct roles: The role of Legislator involves understanding the spirit of existing laws, planning new laws, and studying, discussing and then supporting or opposing the enactment of new laws. As



a Representative of his or her constituency, a Member may voice concerns on behalf of constituents, represent viewpoints or intercede and assist in problem solving. An MLA is also a Member of an elected party caucus. In this function, he or she may be involved in planning and orchestrating strategy in the House, supporting the caucus and its decisions, and developing expertise in given subject areas. Depending on his/her party’s political fortunes, the MLA may serve as a Cabinet Minister or Opposition Critic.

Federal Level of Politics



Pat Martin, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg Center and a member of the New Democratic Party or NDP.

Canadians elect representatives, called Members of Parliament (or MPs), to sit in the House of Commons in Ottawa. The role of the MP is to participate in the process to bring legislation to Parliament, which then becomes our laws.

MPs have offices in their ridings with staff to help residents deal with issues that are the responsibility of the federal government. Examples of some of these programs include Employment Insurance (EI), Citizenship and Immigration, Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), and Passports.

Centennial Area School Profile:

Dufferin School - Grades: N-6
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Dufferin School is community-based school with high parental involvement. Dufferin School has an Aboriginal Traditional Advisor that works closely with the students and supports the parents of Dufferin School. Dufferin School has a Family Resource Center that is the hub for parental and community involvement. The Family Resource Center has a full time coordinator who ensures that there are fun and educational activities occurring on a daily basis. Dufferin School has strong Phys Ed program for the students that includes before and after school programming 5 days a week. Dufferin School strongly supports the Arts and as a result the children have produced a variety of films and dance documentaries.

Spring Celebration at Dufferin School
March 21, 2007



To celebrate the arrival of spring, Dufferin School’s Aboriginal Traditional Advisor, Alison Cox in collaboration with Cheyenne Chartrand, Safety Coordinator, organized a community feast. The ladies had arranged for the Okijida-Ikwe Drum Group, the Paapiwak Drum Group and Dufferin School’s own Star drum group to participate in the community event. This celebration was meant to honor the season’s change and to honor our many community volunteers. The Centennial Neighbourhood Project provided the funding for the feast. A great big thank you to everyone who assisted in organizing this celebration and to all those community members who attended to make it such a success!!

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