

Spring 2022

CENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER

Construction on a three-storey, 47-micro-suite apartment building is planned to begin this summer, with \$3.9 million toward the \$8-million development donated by Winnipeg's Pollard family via its Home First Winnipeg charity.

"Our family is very pleased to be developing this important resource for our community," said John Pollard, co-CEO of Pollard Banknote.

"We think that providing safe, secure housing on a housing-first philosophy is a critical step in improving the city for people who are at risk of homelessness."



The federal and provincial governments are teaming up with a prominent Winnipeg family to build housing for the homeless population in Winnipeg's Centennial neighbourhood.

The apartments, slated for construction at 390 Ross Ave., are intended to include a commercial kitchen, common dining area, living room, game room and TV area, as well as a room for Indigenous cultural activities. There will also be an outdoor patio and community garden, as well as staff on-site 24/7.

Manitoba Families Minister Rochelle Squires said 15 of the 47 units will be accessible for people with disabilities.

The provincial and federal governments are kicking in more than \$1.1 million toward the project, as part of the National Housing Strategy, and further funding is coming from a capital grant through Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, as well as a capital grant from the City of Winnipeg.

Although sobriety won't be a requirement for residents at the new complex, there will be supports on hand for those who want to recover from addictions.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CCIA

Good day everyone. Let me introduce myself. My name is Vincent. My parents moved to Centennial in 1996. I moved out in 2006 and returned in 2018. I joined the CCIA Board in 2019 and was elected President later that year. I grew up here. I drive around the neighbourhood. I take the bus, the 17, 38, and 26. I've walked the streets daily when I worked in the Exchange. Fast forward to 2022 and you might catch me on my Green Dutch Bike. If you need a bike let me know!

I commend how developers and organizations have increased Centennial's population density. Centennial is especially an attractive option for immigrants and refugees. I personally welcome you.

I urge everyone to continue supporting our local businesses. To do our part, CCIA will organize another Treasure Hunt and Community Walk for 2022 to help encourage residents to walk the streets with your pets, take the bus, ride your bikes, and enjoy our parks. The prizes are a range of gift cards from local businesses. Little Brown Jug, Starbucks, Kyu Bistro, Chicken Delight, The Meat Company, Kay's Deli....there are too many to mention! Our wonderful neighbourhood has so much to offer!

Of course, even with these fine establishments we must address the fact our neighbourhood faces the issues associated with Food Sovereignty, Food Security, and that Centennial is a Food Desert. CCIA will continue to expand on our Community Garden program and I urge those who are interested, to reach out and be part of the change we need.

Finally, CCIA understands the need to prioritize safety. We will continue to work with various organizations and do what we can. As a resident, I strongly believe in the power of a simple greeting, and for us to all say 'Hello' to those we meet in the streets. We are all neighbours. We all want what is best for this place we call home.

Now that we have revived the CCIA Newsletter, it is your resource. Whether you are a business, a church, an organization, or a resident. Please feel free to reach out to us. We will work with you to have your voice heard. This is your resource, a medium you can use to engage the entire Centennial Community. Not only will CCIA provide a copy in every mail box, we will also have a digital version available online through our website.

Miigwech and Mabuhay!
Vincent Rara





Dear Neighbour,

You are warmly invited to bring your **ideas and inputs** to make our Centennial/Alexander Neighbourhood a **Safer, Stronger, friendlier, and more beautiful community** to live in.

- Be a member of the Centennial Board
- Be a committee member: Gardening, Safety or Media

We meet just once every month!

If you are interested contact us at

President@CentennialNeighbourhood.com

COME TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

The CCIA Annual General Meeting will be on Friday June 3, 2022 from 6 - 8pm at the Freight-house Door 6.

Come to meet the board and your neighbours. Enjoy a snack!

Also you will have a chance to win a door prize.



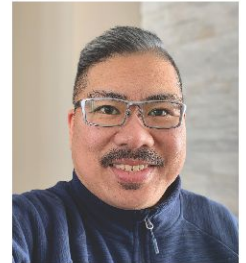
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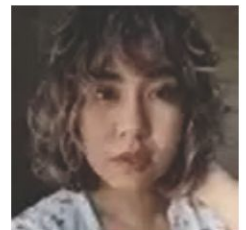
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We wish to inform everyone of the great success of the External Fix-up Grant (EFG) program that was administered by the Centennial Community Improvement Association (CCIA) for this year.

From the City of Winnipeg's Housing Improvement Zone budget, the Housing Coordination team was able to provide 14 homeowners and 2 landlord grants for the 2022 year.

Please fill out the one page application delivered with this newsletter to apply for the 2022 Grants.

**FIX UP
THE
HOUSE**

Application:
Recipients Submit

Application of Project by 4pm April 22

**CLEAN
IT UP!**

**Gord Dong Park
Saturday June 9th, 2022
@ 9:00AM**



Photo by Bill Eakin

June 9, 2022 will be a **Big Neighbourhood Clean up Day** where a dumpster will be provided and swarms of volunteers will be out picking up litter.

In the past large items like mattresses and sofas have been hauled out of back alleys and taken away. Voila! A cleaner neighbourhood!

Last year, the Winnipeg Paramedics and the Fire Department came out for an appearance! Special thanks to HOPE Worldwide for supplying helping hands.

BACKLANE NUMBERING

Everyone needs to have a house number visible from their back lane. This is for safety vehicles to find addresses quickly (and it's the law in Winnipeg). If you need a number contact us at Housing@CentennialNeighbourhood.com



Arts Junktion is a community-based charitable organization committed to redistributing reusable materials available take-what-you-need, pay-what-you-can.

Our mandate is to support the creative community by providing accessible materials and a creative space; provide art workshops with an emphasis on repurposed materials; and to support artists through promotion of their art and through fairly paid employment opportunities. We also work to reduce landfill waste by receiving materials from businesses, organizations and individuals for distribution to the public, and to increase environmental awareness through community engagement and programming. We want to provide a safe and inclusive space for all community members, and to support our neighbourhood, city, and province through vibrant, reciprocal partnerships.

Arts Junktion is located on Treaty One Territory and the homeland of the Metis Nation, and is committed to the work of reconciliation.

Our impact

- 2 pay-what-you-can community art-making events, "ArtHives" hosted monthly
- 3 other creative reuse depots inspired by ArtsJunktion throughout Canada
- 11 years providing supplies, artistic and community development to Manitoba
- 26 local, diverse artists hired to facilitate skill-developing workshops
- 45 dedicated volunteers supporting depot operations each month 60-80 regular ArtHive participants. And its growing!
- 150 Teacher Workshop participants at our geared-to-curriculum, professional development creative reuse workshops.
- 350 organizations and schools accessing supplies from our depot
- 500 people into our depot each month including marginalized children and youth, newcomers, Indigenous artists, LGBTQ* artists, and persons with disabilities
- 3000 kg of "waste" materials reclaimed and redistributed monthly
- 6000+ reach through social media

Best to you,
Helga

Helga Jakobson (she/her)
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2021 CENTENNIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Every year the CCIA recognizes residents who take the time to make their front yard look beautiful by planting flowers, or maintaining a perennial garden, or by decorating their front yards. In 2021 the CCIA presented 22 homeowners and 1 business owner with a Beautification Awards. This year, we will do the same. We encourage you to beautify your front yard and help make our neighbourhood look great!



These are some of the winners of CCIA's 2021 Community Walk and Treasure Hunt! Congratulations and we look forward to your participation again in 2022! Stay tuned for the upcoming details of our next Community Walk and Treasure Hunt. We would like to thank Meyers Drugs and Young's Trading and HUSKY gas station for their generous donations, your support helped make this event a success!



Cale Robinson



Barb Greiss & Beavis



Roxanne Baluyot & Family

CCIA 2021 COMMUNITY WALK AND TREASURE HUNT



Central Community Centre aka Freight House

The Central Community Centre is part of the Centennial neighbourhood, which is considered to be one of Winnipeg's oldest communities.

Built in 1903, our building was originally used to move train freight to and from warehouses, hence the nickname Freight House. In 1973,

Central Winnipeg Community Impact (CWCI) was established as part of a community initiative to add a space where families can come together.

Now proudly called the Central Community Centre, is a volunteer-run community club with a variety of activities such as bingos, food bank, arts and crafts and sports programs. Door #3 is where all of the sports and children's programming for ages 12 and under are held. There is also a full sized gymnasium that is open for rental for leagues, family sports, or individual use.

Over the winter of 2021/22, CCC hosted a Timbits Hockey team which played regularly in a league and tournaments. Team members attended several Manitoba Moose games. The team had in its ranks many newcomers to Canada and had their first experience with snow. Another successful program was indoor soccer. Games were played at various locations and the players and coaches were shuttled by the CCC team bus.

Another popular program was wrestling by SCHEWA on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. The program is open to all ages and has free registration for area residents.

Boxing was a program that was slated to start over the winter with many sign ups but was unable to commence due to logistical issues but there are plans to continue it in the fall of 2022.

Currently, drop in volleyball and basketball sponsored by the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council is available at Freight House. Computer club is also still active at Door 3.

Sign up for u11 boys and Coed 7-8 soccer will be held this spring. Please contact Yuri for more details.

Any questions about Door #3, feel free to call our staff @ 204-772-6884. CCC is looking for volunteer coaches. If you feel you can help out,

Working hard for our constituents as we move through these uncertain times.

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please contact the community centre.

To register for sports and gym rentals, please contact our Sports Director, Yuri Sudermann at yuris@mymts.net
<http://www.centralcc.co/>



A special thank you to Limei Lin (Gord Dong Park Garden Captain) and Laurie Andrews (Elgin Garden Captain) for their time and commitment to Centennial Neighbourhood. You made the 2021 growing season a success and we are excited for 2022!



With so many young families immigrating to Canada, it is absolutely wonderful to see so

Vivian Santos

*Winnipeg City Councillor
Point Douglas*

many different cultures living in mature neighbourhoods in the Point Douglas Ward, such as (in alphabetical order) Brooklands, Burrows Central, Centennial, Exchange District, Garden Gove, Meadows West, South Point Douglas, Tyndall Park, Waterford Green, and West Alexander. I am passionate about investing in our communities, but I also know that finding the funds to make it happen, amid many other worthy competing civic priorities, will be challenging.

Should you have any thoughts, feedback or visions, please share them with me by calling my office 204-986-8401, email vsantos@winnipeg.ca