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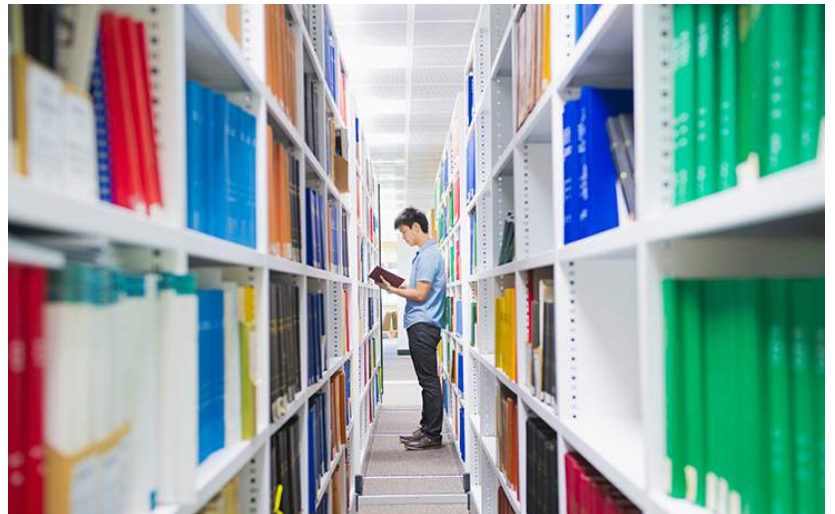
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## The Centennial Neighbourhood Improvement Association

Your community volunteer board  
members and staff Executive:

Robert Baxter – President  
Kelly Hughes – Vice President  
Alexis Schmidt – Treasurer  
Mike Pagtakhan – Secretary



Ex Officio

Robert DeCoste – Past President  
Gord Dong – Past Vice President

General Members  
CCIA Staff

William Eakin, Jorge Alvarez (North Logan), Leif Norman, Johnathon Rances  
Alison Dong - Housing Coordinator, Janet Johnstone, Housing Coordinator

Hi Everyone,

My name is Robert Baxter and I am the new CCIA President. I would like to welcome you to our first issue of the Centennial Newsletter, it is full of excellent articles and information about our neighbourhood. Your elected board is currently working on a variety of projects to serve and enhance the community we live and work in.

The Centennial  
Community  
Improvement  
Association has  
been operating  
since 2003

The Centennial Neighbourhood is bounded by William Avenue to Logan

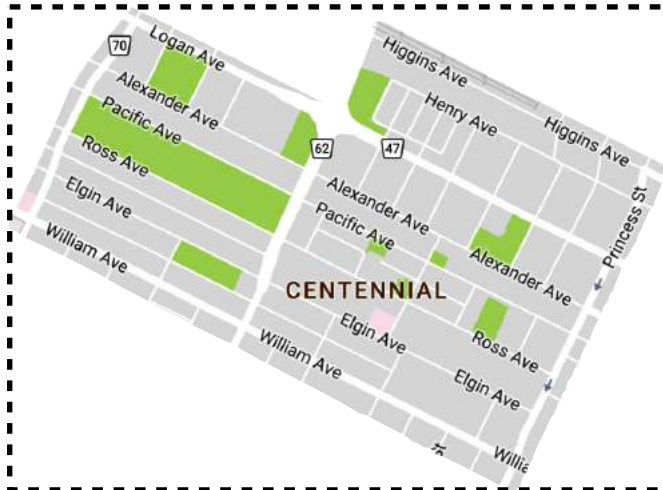
Avenue, south to north and Sherbrook Street to Princess, west to east. We also service the North Logan community and have representation from their neighbourhood board with Jorge Alvarez.

First; a little about us.

The Centennial Community Improvement Association has been operating since 2003 as a fully independent community service organization. We are funded by a variety of government organizations, community improvement foundations and by the City of Winnipeg. We use the 100% funds directly in the community to create improvements and maintain standards. We have community clean ups once a year, senior tea meetings, regular BBQ's, and we work with the city by-law enforcement to keep our neighbourhood buildings and homes tidy as possible.

What we're working on .

Right now, CCIA is getting ready for our Exterior House Fix Up Grants. Read on further to discover more about that. We're also getting ready for our Community Garden Box Project, and the Back Lane Numbering Project (free to you). We've got a real need for people to join our Neighbourhood Safety Committee and our Arts & Media Committee, so if you would be brave enough to join us, then please contact us. Or show up at our Annual General Meeting on May 10th. We'd like to see a more diverse board so we



requiring proper funding and volunteers.

Where we're going.

The Centennial Community Improvement Association seeks to grow our volunteer board and add more programming to enhance the neighbourhood. Our long term plan is see improvements from the condition of the housing stock to better roads with fewer potholes. A good target is a twice yearly community clean up and quarterly BBQ's to bring us together to meet and get to know one another. Lastly, our biggest concern is hearing from you and making sure we understand your needs to make Centennial beautiful and safe. Cheers!

Robert Baxter

## *The Three Central Neighbourhoods of Winnipeg*

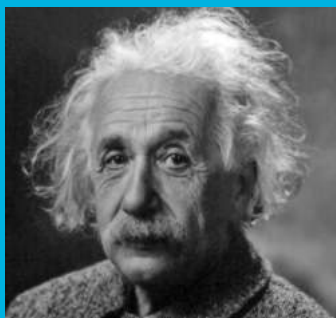


*Central Park, West Alexander, and Centennial*

The Centennial Community Improvement Association is trying to make this neighbourhood a better place.

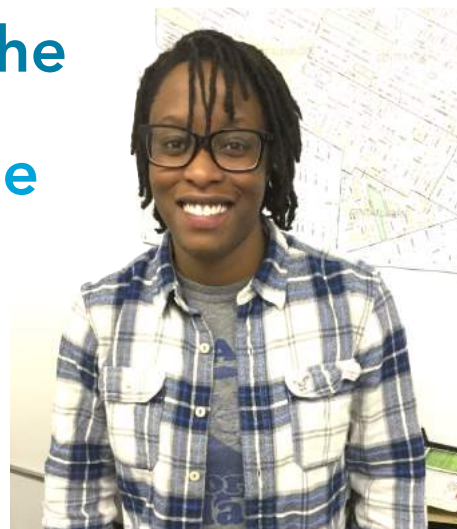
Less litter, better housing, less crime, more art and culture.

*"The world is not a dangerous place because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."*  
-Albert Einstein



## CNDC's Feet on the Street: An Introduction to the Centennial Community Connector

ALECIA FORBES



Hello! My name is Alecia and I am the Centennial Community Connector for Central Neighbourhoods Development Corporation (CNDC). CNDC is a not-for-profit organization that works in the three central neighbourhoods of: Central Park, West Alexander and Centennial.

Our role in these communities is to provide support services to community members as well as work with businesses, agencies, local schools, residents and their associations to develop the social, economic and physical health of these communities.

Part of my role as a Community Connector is to connect community members to different resources (ie) Residential Tenancies Branch for landlord/tenant conflicts, and help provide services where needed (ie) Bed Bug materials. In addition to connecting to resources and providing services, we're out on the streets either providing support to schools through their walking school bus program, making the streets safer by properly disposing of needles or keeping an eye out for bulk waste, and that is only a portion of what we do.

Now that I've told you a little bit about what we do, let me tell you a little bit about myself. Basketball, music and writing are my three main loves. You will either find me watching or playing basketball, listening to or making music or just writing some thoughts down in my spare time. I love meeting new people, hearing differing experiences and perspectives.

I feel that that is the best way to learn and understand each other by listening to one another. In my role, I have had the pleasure of meeting so many different community members and look forward to meeting many more and learning about their wants and needs for their community. So, if you see me on the street, don't be afraid to stop me and say Hi!



# LOCAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Dufferin school will be holding its annual **Bright Beginnings** night April 19th, from 4:30 to 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and students who will be entering our Nursery/Kindergarten program in September to meet our teachers, learn about our program through interactive activities, and enjoy a wonderful meal.

We look forward to seeing you!



The **Dufferin Parent/Child/Family Centre** has a Nutrition Bingo each month. It is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in Room 5 at Dufferin School. There are six chances for you to win meal themed prize packs, a light snack and a great social environment for everyone involved. Please note there is no childminding for this program.

For individuals who are interested in supporting the school in a different way, there is the **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**. They meet on the first Monday of each month from 4 - 6 pm. They are always looking for new community parents and residents to support the school in various activities that go on throughout the school year.



For people that are looking to go back to school or enter the workforce there is a **Portfolio Building Program** being held in March at Dufferin School. The program will run on Thursdays (March 2, 9, 16th) at 1:15 pm. There is no cost and all community members are welcome to attend.



Do you  
want your  
event on this  
page too?

We invite all Community  
Organizations to submit events to  
**CCIA.Housing@Gmail.com** for  
the next Summer Issue

# FIX UP THE HOUSE

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 2016 –

2017 year. Please fill out the one page application delivered with this newsletter to apply for the 2017 Grants.

## External Fix-Up Grants Deadlines for 2017

### Application

- Recipients Submit Application of Project by 6 PM, May 9 to 427 Alexander Ave.
- Talk to us at [centennial.winnipeg@gmail.com](mailto:centennial.winnipeg@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Selection

- Draw for allocation - Selection of Winner Grants 6:30 PM, Wednesday, 6pm May 10. At the Annual General Meeting. Freighthouse Door 6.
- Recipients Submit proof of property
- Recipients submit two (2) quotes from contractor – by June 30
- CCIA inspects the project (comes to your house) and takes before photos of the project
- Recipient receives official start letter from CCIA

### Implementation

- Secure contractor / supplier begin the project July 1 - Sept 16
- Recipient contributes the required amount according to overall project cost
- Recipient takes pictures- evidence of the work
- CCIA will visit the project

### Closing project

- Recipients notify to CCIA of project completion
- CCIA visits the project & take after picture – Oct 30
- Recipient submit original receipts /or invoices
- Reimbursements by CCIA to Recipients
- Survey feedback & lesson learned from recipient
- CCIA final report to the City





# DO YOU WANT A GARDENING BOX?

The Centennial Garden Boxes are in the big park in between Pacific and Ross just West of the Paulin street parking Lot.

• Assignment of garden plots will be awarded by a lottery system.

• The draw will be at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 10. (Door 6 of Freighthouse, by the Tim's on Isabel)

- Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot.
- Garden plots should be cared for at least once per week. Owners of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet guidelines will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days will result in forfeiture of the plot.
- The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited.
- There is no water source. Water must be brought in. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings or hay to reduce water evaporation.
- No debris of any kind should be left on the site. Please use available trash receptacles.



**Fill out this form and drop it off at 427 Alexander Avenue in the mailbox, before May 9, 6pm:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Use of Garden: (Circle as needed)**      **Flowers**      **Vegetables**      **Herbs**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Garden Committee  
[communitygarden.ccia@gmail.com](mailto:communitygarden.ccia@gmail.com)  
 if you have any questions.



# NUMBERS IN THE BACK LANE

**“Where a property is adjacent to a back lane, the number assigned to the building must be attached to the building or to a fence or accessory structure so as to be clearly visible from the back lane.”** from Winnipeg bylaw 1/2008 Part 7.

The neighbourhood associations of William Whyte and Dufferin already had a back lane numbering program in 2014, and so Centennial needs to catch up!

This means is that if your property is with a back lane, you are required to have your address numbers visible from the lane. This is where the CCIA can help. Throughout the spring and summer of 2017, the CCIA housing coordinators and volunteers will be canvassing the Centennial Neighbourhood to let people know that the we can provide the numbers and installation for your property. Different colours and styles will be offered at no cost to homeowners but will be determined by us. Installation can be done by the homeowner or by the CCIA by appointment also at no cost. We are expecting to start in late summer or early fall of 2017.

Why should we do this? This is so that emergency and city services can quickly identify their location. This will create a safer and cleaner neighbourhood. It is also the law. We look forward to connecting with the Centennial residents on this project.

**My office is here  
to serve you  
in Logan!**

**Flor Marcelino**

MLA for Logan

204-788-0800 | [FlorMarcelino.ca](http://FlorMarcelino.ca)



# CLEAN IT UP!

May 27, 2017 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! Cleaner neighbourhood!

**Meet at the Park across from 318 Ross  
9am Saturday May 27th.**



Alexis, our **Garden Box** Coordinator, is willing to give a **Workshop** in early April about starting plants indoors, and another one about planting outdoors in late May. Please contact us at

[communitygarden.ccia@gmail.com](mailto:communitygarden.ccia@gmail.com) if you want to learn about your plants!



Local CCIA legend Gord Dong wrestles a couch into a dumpster at last year's Neighbourhood clean up day June 11 2016.

Photo by Bill Eakin



## Winnipeg Inner City Missions

is a mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which branches out to help those living in the inner city of Winnipeg. A Church service is held each week at the 415 Logan Avenue location. We also operate a Sunday School for ages 2-13 during church service after family action songs and story time have taken place. Christian and Aboriginal traditional Spiritual teachings are both welcomed. All are welcome; all are respected.

The miracle store is located at the Anishinabe Fellowship Centre on 287 Laura Street and is run by volunteers. All items in the store have been generously donated and are sold for 25 cents each. This cost, although minimal, helps to keep the store running and maintains a sense of dignity for those who need to use this service.





# This Is The One

## KELLY HUGHES

I pulled my truck over and got out. I walked past the big For Sale sign. How had I never noticed this place? I must have driven by it nearly every day on my way to or from the house I was renting in Point Douglas. No realtor's name on the sign, just the company. I jotted it down.

It had been a couple of years since my old place had closed. Aqua Books had been my life for over a dozen years. But things change. And now, after dealing with deep disappointment and mental health issues, I was ready to start over and reinvent myself.



Photo by Christian Cassidy

After some difficulty tracking down the listing agent, he finally called me back from his vacation. I called him again at 8pm on the evening he said he'd be back in the city. Can you show me the space now, I asked? Umm...sure. How about thirty minutes?

My partner (in life and business) Andrea and I stood waiting for the well-holidayed salesman. We had looked at thirty five different spaces and missed out on a couple because someone else was more vigilant. We were going to have to be on the ball.

The agent opened the door to the Victorian era church and we walked in. Pews, red carpet, stained glass, murals, a balcony, a beautiful chandelier. We went through another door into the attached parsonage, a bright and tiny two bedroom cottage with an air of neglect. Andrea and I looked up from the warm orange-toned hardwood floor and exchanged a meaningful look.

Twenty minutes after we had first walked through the main doors off Logan, I was outside texting four words to my brother Tod: This is the one.

This was almost three years ago now. Since then, Andrea and I have been living in the little house with our menagerie of animals. (One of which showed up when we got here, which I've been told is a neighbourhood tradition.) As I type this in the priest's old home office, a band is practicing next door in the church. With the help of our other partners (developer and musician Tod Hughes, and his wife Laura Hughes, the world's kindest and most patient person), Andrea and I will be turning this old place of worship into one of the city's best music and theatre venues. The Valiant Theatre should be open by the end of 2017.

We've gotten to know our neighbours. Shared meals together. Helped each other out. We've become accustomed to the neighbourhood and its quirks, its challenges. People just trying to get by. Fire trucks. Police cars. Now an influx of newcomers to the area. It's always exciting. And that's what I love about it. Three years ago, I'd driven by Centennial, but didn't even know what it was called. Now we just call it home.

# Need Help with Baby?

Healthy Start for Mom & Me is a pregnancy and Mom & Baby program, for babies up to one year of age, which offers groups at eight community sites in Winnipeg once every two weeks. We discuss various topics including: labour and delivery, nutrition during pregnancy, preparing for baby, breastfeeding, caring for a newborn, singing nursery rhymes, and many others.



## What is the future of the Public Safety Building?

“The Market Lands are situated in the heart of Winnipeg's Exchange District, central to many of Winnipeg's historical, cultural, and emerging community assets. For the last fifty years the site has been home to Winnipeg's Public Safety Building and Civic Parkade. At the time of the founding of the City of Winnipeg in the early 1800's, it was the site of the city's public market and a centre of commerce and trade.

The redevelopment of these lands presents an unparalleled opportunity to create something great, in one of Winnipeg's greatest downtown neighbourhoods. Over the next year Winnipeggers are being asked to get engaged in the process by providing their input into the redevelopment of the lands. This webpage will be a platform for people to be informed, to be consulted, and to get involved. “ The plan now is to begin tearing it down in 2018.

From <http://www.centreventure.com>



### Healthy Start for Mom & Me PREGNANCY/PRENATAL GROUPS

Schedule: March - August 2017

Ongoing Schedule to Follow



**\*\*Please note NEW location for Northend\*\***

<b>Freight House Community Centre</b> 200 Isabel Street, Door 1 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Thursdays March 9, 23 April 6, 20 May 4, 18 June 1, 15, 29 July 13 <b>July 27 - No Group</b> August 10, 24	<b>Hope Centre Health Care</b> 240 Powers Street 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Wednesdays March 8, 22 April 5, 19 May 3, 17, 31 June 14, 28 **** *July 12 <b>*July 26 - No Group</b> *August 9, 23 *Moves to summer location *Location pending	<b>Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre</b> 430 Langside Street 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Tuesdays March 14, 28 April 11, 25 <b>May 9 - No Group</b> May 23 June 6, 20 July 4 <b>July 18 - No Group</b> August 1, 15, 29	<b>Maples Community Centre</b> 434 Adsum Drive 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Tuesdays March 7, 21 April 4, 18 May 2, 16, 30 June 13, 27 July 11 <b>July 25 - No Group</b> August 8, 22
<b>Newcomers to Canada</b> Interpreters Available <b>Knox Centre</b> 406 Edmonton Street call to register 204-949-5350 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Wednesdays March 1, 15, 29 April 12, 26 May 10, 24 June 7, 21 July 5 <b>July 19 - No Group</b> August 2, 16, 30	<b>Northend Turtle Island Community Centre</b> 510 King Street 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Tuesdays March 7, 21 April 4, 18 May 2, 16, 30 June 13, 27 July 11 <b>July 25 - No Group</b> August 8, 22	<b>Pembina Trinity United Church</b> 933 Summerside Avenue 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Thursdays March 2, 16, 30 April 13, 27 May 11, 25 June 8, 22 July 6 <b>July 20 - No Group</b> August 3, 17, 31	<b>Wolseley Family Place</b> 691 Wolseley Avenue 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Alternate Thursdays March 2, 16, 30 April 13, 27 May 11, 25 June 8, 22 July 6 <b>July 20 - No Group</b> August 3, 17, 31

**For more information call: 204-949-5350**

Healthy Start for Mom & Me is a charitable organization funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program) and Healthy Child Manitoba (Healthy Baby). Website: [hsmm.ca](http://hsmm.ca) February 2017

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The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOM) Inc. has recently moved into the Centennial neighbourhood at 215 Isabel St. IRCOM is a settlement organization whose purpose is to empower newcomers to Canada to integrate into the wider community through affordable transitional housing, programs and services. Some of the programs and services offered at 215 Isabel St include one-on-one settlement services, after school programs for children and youth, English classes for adults, workshops and trainings regarding Canada and Canadian culture, an Early Childhood Development Hub, and financial literacy programs. For more information about IRCOM, you can drop in to visit us, or go to our website at [www.ircom.ca](http://www.ircom.ca). Many of our programs, including our programs for children and youth, are open to anyone in the neighbourhood.



Carlos Vialard  
Site Director  
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOM) Inc.



# COME TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!



Photo by Bill Eakin

The CCIA Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday May 10th from 6-8pm at the Freighthouse Door 6.

Come and meet the board and your neighbours and have a snack.

Announcements will be made about the recipients of the exterior fix up grant and the garden boxes.

Also you will have a chance to win a door prize. Last year Florence won a push lawn mower!



**Mike Pagtakhan,** BA, CIM, SCMP  
City Councillor • Point Douglas Ward

*"I am very proud to support and serve the Centennial Community Improvement Association since its creation in 2003. I hope you will find this Newsletter useful and informative."*

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