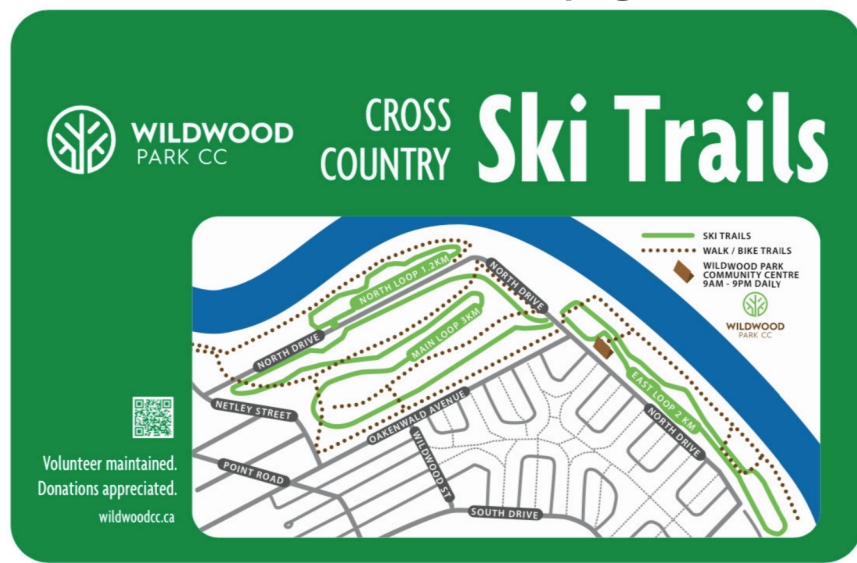


WILD & WOODSY



DECEMBER 2023

Keep reading for exciting news about the
Ski Trails and ice rinks - see page 3 and 4.



Please support the Fall Canvass!

The annual Fall Canvass is the biggest and most important fundraiser for the Wildwood Park Community Centre. Without it, the community centre could not remain open.

If you have not had a chance to connect with your canvasser, and would still like to make a donation, please call or text Fall Canvass coordinator Deborah Capek (204) 297-6224 to arrange pick up of your donation. Or, donate online.

Visit: <https://wildwoodcc.ca/donate>

We hope you will consider donating what you can. The community centre is used and enjoyed by many.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Friendly reminder to the community - it has been brought to our attention that there have been some strange faces spotted around the community, trying to open vehicles and petty theft. Please ensure you take precaution and lock your vehicles, especially in the Park and surrounding area. In the event of theft, or to report an incident, you may contact the **non-emergency police line at: 204-986-6222**.

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DECEMBER

IN PERSON BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AT THE WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

JACKRABBITS HOCKEY REGISTRATION DUE

271 NORTH DRIVE (WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE) - MAIL BOX DROP OFF
REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WILDWOODCC.CA

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NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE CLUB

271 NORTH DRIVE (WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE) - ALL ARE WELCOME
7:00 - 10:00PM, FIREWORKS START AT 8:30PM



CLASSIFIEDS

HAVE COMMUNITY NEWS, INFO, QUESTIONS TO SHARE? EMAIL WILDWOODSY@GMAIL.COM

YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE

A special **thank you to all of you who make evening treks through the park safer and more enjoyable.** Only the moon is visible, and there are only eight fifteen-foot light poles providing visibility along the main pathway in the evening.

There are no light poles on the feeder paths from the perimeter roadways. If you find yourself out and about in the later evening (after 6:00 pm even) you will find that there are lots of areas that are quite dark and sometimes it is difficult to see where you are going.

So it is both comforting and helpful when people add lighting to the front yard space and in the case of 34 Wildwood – it is always a treat year after to year to marvel at the twinkling orbs suspended within the tree canopy.

Light pollution doesn't seem to be an issue as the luminescent levels are well below anything that might be viewed from space – and seem to be just right to get you safely moving through the park. Thank you! -Doug Clark (Section I)



MEN'S SHED

Every Monday from 1-3PM at the Wildwood Community Centre.

Looking for a reason to get out of the house?
Looking to meet with other guys for coffee, conversation and maybe cards? A Men's Shed provides: "Somewhere to go. Something to do. Someone to talk to."

It's a community-based, not-for-profit organization that provides a safe and friendly environment where men can work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time, in the company of other men, if they want to. It's a place where some men learn, some teach, and some are happy to watch.

FOR SALE - CUBII JR

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We thank you in advance for your generous support!



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The trails are back, and better than ever!

If you are a skier and you used our trails near the end of last year you probably noticed a marked improvement in the conditions. Since their inception many years ago the grooming of our trails was done through the ski team at Windsor Park under the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba (CCSAM). For many reasons it was becoming harder and harder for Windsor Park to handle our trails and we were looking at a possible future without our beloved ski trails. Enter your Neighbours (specifically Brent Prusak and Eric Sizeland).

For years Eric had been dreaming of Wildwood grooming its own trails. Brent moving into the Park made that dream a possibility because in addition to having that same dream, Brent also owned a side by side vehicle that was perfect for pulling a ski trail groomer. Some trips to Windsor Park, some sharing of equipment, some know how, and boom a new grooming era was born.



This year The Community Association has completely taken over the operation and maintenance of the Trails. We made a deal with Windsor Park to buy some surplus equipment and in addition to Classic and Skate ski trails we will be providing groomed walking/biking trails to make it enjoyable for all. Once the snow hits, look for our new trails and signage that will clearly direct skiers, walkers, and bikers to their appropriate paths.

Taking on the trails is a big and expensive project but we think it is worth it. You can help by using the trails, enjoying our beautiful winters, and by donating either your time or your money to make this a success. Walkers, bikers and skiers alike will find it easier to donate directly to the upkeep of the trails. There is a QR code attached to this article and each of the new signs will have the same code which will make donations a snap.

That's all for now, but there has also been some late breaking and very exciting news regarding the status of the Wildewood Golf Course. Please stay tuned to this space for updates as we discover what this means for the trails.

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Meet Your New Ice Maker

Last year, when Tom Patterson announced he was finally retiring after 39 years we were both happy and frightened. We were happy that Tom had decided to enjoy the fruits of his labour, but we were also terrified about whether or not we would be able to find a replacement. It isn't easy finding someone who is looking to only work in the winter months let alone someone who would be as dedicated and conscientious as Tom. Imagine how pleased we were to discover such a person was right under our nose living right here in the Park.



Meet Stephen McLean, our new Ice Maker. Stephen and his family have lived in Section C for 11 years and Stephen is the Owner of Licks Ice Cream Patio in South St. Vital. Licks Ice Cream is a business which just happens to run from March to October and perfectly fits with our ice making schedule.

Stephen will be learning the ropes this year from Bill Jost and Tom has told Stephen that he is available to assist him in any way necessary while he is getting his feet wet. As usual we can help by volunteering to assist with night time floods or weekend snow clearing when required. The plan is that the Club will open each day at 9am and be available for skaters or skiers as a place to warm up or change. Once the Canteen starts running the Club will close at 9pm every night except Sunday (that closing time is still up in the air).

The next time you are at the Clubhouse look for Stephen and say "Hi".

Team September, or Team December?

By Dana Mohr

When I saw it in September, I wasn't sure if my eyes were deceiving me. I kept walking, but then curiosity got the better of me. Surely, it was not possible. I had to know for certain. I turned around and headed back. There it was in its traditional red and green Christmas packaging. Still not fully believing, I opened the refrigerated foods door at the supermarket, and I pulled out the carton for closer inspection. The label confirmed it. Eggnog. In September. What?? Why?? It made me wonder, how did eggnog even come to be?

While its exact history and origin are somewhat muddled, one theory of several says it was derived from a drink called a "posset." A warm ale punch, made with eggs, it was a popular drink amongst 13th century British monks. Another theory says it was originally a wintertime drink for the British aristocracy, the name being a combination of the word "grog" (aka rum) and "noggin" (aka the wooden mug it was served in). The recipe has evolved significantly over the years. Today, it is a mouth-watering combination of eggs, sugar, cream or milk, nutmeg, sometimes mixed with a liquor such as rum, cognac or whisky.

Originally a warm drink, now we drink it cold. While it's generally agreed eggnog seems to have originated in Britain, it wasn't long before it made its way over to the United States. In 1775, George Washington served it to his guests during the Christmas holidays. Thus, eggnog as a Christmas tradition in North America, began.

Having arrived in North America, it wasn't long before eggnog began to cause trouble. In the famous Eggnog Riot of 1826 (specifically December 24th and 25th), cadets at the U.S. Military Academy mixed banned whisky into their eggnog, then proceeded to consume very large amounts of it. Things, as you might imagine, went out of control. Officers were assaulted; windows, plates and dishes were smashed; banisters were ripped from walls. Ninety cadets participated in the riot, including one Jefferson Davis, who went on to become an American president.

In the 1960s, drinking alcohol-free eggnog hit the mainstream. Today, we appear to be obsessed with it, with or without alcohol. In the U.S. alone, over 130 million pounds of it are said to be consumed during the Christmas holidays. We have full-fat versions; we have low-fat versions. We have pumpkin eggnog; we have vanilla eggnog. We have eggnog coffee; we have eggnog cheesecake. Notice I used the words Christmas holidays. That would be why I was so shocked to see it in September. Well in advance of Thanksgiving, Halloween and even Remembrance Day, holidays we generally let pass before retailers stock their Christmas products onto store shelves. Has eggnog become so addictive that we can't wait until December anymore? Are retailers surreptitiously trying to make it a year-round treat? Are you a closet eggnogger? Do you sneak in some eggnog in September or patiently wait to indulge in it as a special holiday treat? Are you Team September or Team December? I am unequivocally Team December. But I will admit I would probably find it hard to refuse if someone from Team September offered me a pre-season 'nog, particularly if paired with Kahlua or Baileys.

WILDWOOD PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE CANTEEN - WINTER 2023/2024

Monday-Friday 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00-9:00 p.m.

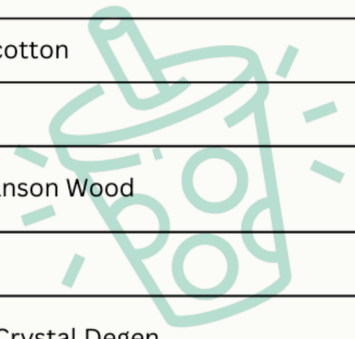
Sunday 12:00-6:00 p.m.



Your section rep will be contacting you soon about volunteering during your section's scheduled week. Please consider additional volunteering during peak holiday times so that the canteen can remain open during the winter break. It's a great way to connect with neighbours old and new! Canteen shifts are usually about 3 hours long. Please contact your Section Rep or Karen at kampenk@shaw.ca if you have any questions.

CANTEEN SCHEDULE

WEEK	SECTION	SECTION REP
Dec. 11-17	F	Drew Carmichael
Dec. 18-24	C	Don Oldcorn & Naomi Oldcotton
Dec. 25-31*	All Sections	Signup.com (link below)
Jan. 1-7*	South Drive & Manchester South	Paul Infuso/Janice Christianson Wood
Jan. 8-16	A	Jeff & Amanda Robinson
Jan. 15-21	Manchester North & Oakenwald	Hugh Penwarden/Owen & Crystal Degen
Jan. 22-28	D & North Drive	Craig Christie & Gwendolyne Nyhof
Jan. 29-Feb. 4	E & I	Doris Lepine & Doug Clark
Feb. 5-11	J	Seema Goel & Katie Sobiski
Feb. 12-18	B	Glen Grist
Feb. 19-25	H	Candace Rudy
Feb. 26-March 3	G	Deb Capek
March 4-10	All Sections	Signup.com (link below)



* During the holiday season (except for Dec. 24th and 25th) we will try to open the canteen on a Saturday schedule (12-9) if we have enough volunteers.

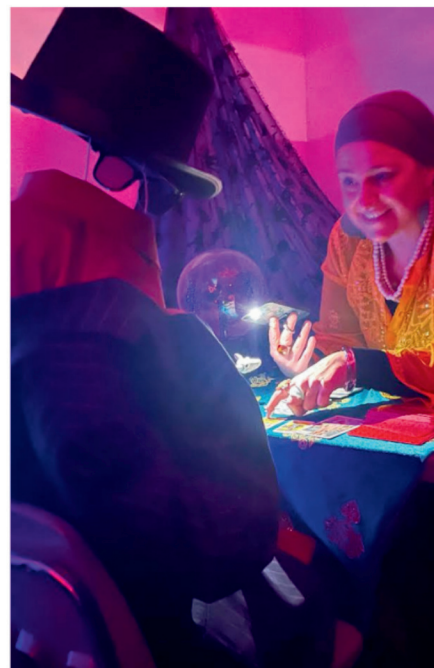
Link for Signup.com (weeks of Dec. 25-31, March 4-10, and any other shifts that sections are otherwise unable to cover):

<https://signup.com/go/TcAexBZ> OR scan the QR Code.





HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS A SUCCESS! THANKS TO ALL WHO ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED.



WCC VOLUNTEERS

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE WILDWOOD COMMUNITY? REACH OUT!

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

- Winter Canteen - contact your Section Rep.
- Board Executive - President
- Jackrabbit's Skiing - Coordinator/Coaches

WOODSY - PHOTOS OR CONTENT?

Email wildwoodsy@gmail.com

Content deadlines are the 20th of each month for the next edition of the newsletter.

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C - Don Oldcorn & Naomi Oldcotton
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H - Candace Rudy
I - Doug Clark
J - Seema Goel & Katie Sobiski
Manchester N - Hugh Penwarden
Manchester S - Jan Christianson-Wood
South Drive - Paul Infuso
Oakenwald - Owen & Krystal Degen
Youth Rep - Sarah Davidson

BOARD MEETINGS

DECEMBER 7 - 7:30PM

IN PERSON

First Thursday of every month.

Email secretary@wildwoodcc.ca for a Zoom invitation to attend the meeting or for a copy of the minutes.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



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DECEMBER 10 • DROP IN BETWEEN 1-4PM
WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Fall Canvass Coordinators - Deborah Capek & Bill Jost
Jackrabbit Hockey Coordinator - Owen and Krystal Degen
Jackrabbit Hockey Head Coaches - Liam Mulhall, Derek Marvin, Trevor Reimer & Jason Franz
Jackrabbit Skiing - Vacant
Ice Convenor - Bill Jost
Mini Soccer Coordinator - Sean MacRae
Wild & Woodsy - Leanne King & Deborah Capek



November 15, 2023

Dear Residents,

In July, City Council approved an application to the Federal National Housing Strategy Housing Accelerator Fund, a federal funding stream that encourages cities and municipalities to increase housing supply that are affordable and inclusive.

This money is needed in Winnipeg. We are seeing the effects of the lack of housing options in our city, and unlocking federal funding through the Housing Accelerator Fund is key to **addressing the homelessness crisis and adding more housing that's affordable for families and young people.**

We approved the application for several key priorities, from converting commercial to residential in the downtown, building mid-rise apartments on mall sites, and corridors, building needed enabling infrastructure (like water and sewer so we can in fact build), and in the main, building affordable housing. To these ends, we applied for \$192 Million, 40% or \$75 Million for affordable housing. At that time, we detailed **what Winnipeg would do with the money, namely:**

- We have made a **\$192 million application** to modernize zoning rules, increase density near major transit routes, and get more housing built, with a focus on affordable housing and projects to help the homeless. CMHC predicts that **Manitoba will need at least 150,000 additional units of housing** by 2030.
- Our plan includes a focus on **building multi-family housing downtown and along major transportation corridors.**
- Our plan will create **more than 5,000 net new housing units over the next three years, and more than 15,000 over the next decade.** That's on top of major projects like Naawi-Oodena, Polo Park, U of M Southwood Lands, and Railside.
- We'll also make it **easier to build affordable, supportive, and mixed-income housing**, especially on City-owned land.

On October 24th (attached below), we received a response from Minister Sean Fraser that contained the "bolstering note" on four stories and four units as of right i.e. **"The Federal Requirement."** These changes are **required by the federal government** so we can qualify for federal housing funding. The Housing Accelerator Fund is a competitive fund on a national level. If we **don't make these changes, we might not get our fair share of the Fund.** We might not get anything.



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Several Canadian cities have recently made changes in response to new federal requirements for the Housing Accelerator Fund, including: Kelowna, Calgary, London, Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Mississauga, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Moncton. Here's what they have done:

- Edmonton adopted a new zoning bylaw last week that allows up to eight units per lot.
- Toronto adopted a four-unit per lot rule in May.
- The BC government just announced legislation that will impose 4-6 unit per lot requirements in all cities.

Halifax Regional Municipality, (Minister's riding) had an announcement for \$79 Million, but council rejected four stories. This is the only exception we know of across the country where Minister acknowledged a "made-in-Halifax plan" as it delivered more missing middle units. Further he welcomed the approach as it "achieves the same ends". I would argue, with few exceptions, the thrust of our June/July work is similar to Halifax.

Many people are writing with concerns in response to four units and four stories as of right. To those with concerns, I'm repeating our original focus for the money. Also, important to note, Winnipeg is still required to **conduct public hearings for any zoning change**. Even if we motioned like other cities have done, we need public hearings where the public can appeal zoning decisions. I have secondary plans that enable development in Osborne Village and Corydon/Osborne and only Osborne is successful at attracting the type of density the federal Minister envisions. We are a slow growth city and development doesn't happen overnight.

We need to access funds to address the housing crisis. Along with the focus on children, housing is the second pillar of Winnipeg's Poverty Reduction Strategy. The money is needed to build more affordable housing and it is available through the Housing Accelerator Fund.

The motion at Executive Policy Committee that I supported on November 14th, is a good first step in getting back to the made-in-Winnipeg solutions we considered in July.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SR' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sherri Rollins

Attachments:

Mayor/Councillor Press release November 10th

Check against delivery

November 10, 2023

Plans for Federal Housing Funds Will Help Low-Income and Homeless Winnipeggers

As Winnipeg City Council considers new federal conditions required to qualify for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), Mayor Scott Gillingham today cautioned that thousands of units of affordable and supportive housing for Winnipeggers are at stake in the debate.

"It has always been our goal to use these federal funds to create as many new affordable and deeply affordable rental units as possible, through initiatives like the Land Enhancement Office and the Affordable Housing Concierge," Gillingham said

Winnipeg's HAF application outlines a \$192 million plan to spark the building of more than 15,000 new housing units over the next decade, to address affordability and homelessness, and ensure the city has enough homes for present and future residents.

A recent report from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation says Manitoba needs 150,000 additional housing units by 2030 to keep pace with growth. As the province's primary population, employment and immigration hub, most of those units will be required in Winnipeg.

"If we receive Housing Accelerator Funds, our focus will be getting more mid-rise rental apartments on mall sites, institutional sites and commercial corridors," Property and Development Chair Sherri Rollins explained. "The City has no plans to subsidize fourplexes in low-rise residential areas, even if Ottawa requires us to make these zoning changes."

In recent weeks, Federal Housing Minister Sean Fraser has insisted cities commit to broad zoning changes to encourage moderate density – including allowing four units per lot – before he approves HAF applications. Almost all cities have agreed to his terms.

Gillingham's motion to adopt the federal requirements is expected to reach City Council on November 23, 2023.



Mayor Scott Gillingham
via electronic mail:

October 24, 2023

Dear Mayor Gillingham,

I write following a review of the City of Winnipeg's submission to the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund, and our conversation discussing the same.

As you know all too well, Winnipeg is grappling with the severe local impacts of a national housing shortage. We must take action to increase the availability of housing across Canada, including in your City, and we must act without trepidation.

I was pleased to see that Winnipeg's application proposed several meaningful initiatives. It proposed bold action in a number of areas, including: a focus on affordable housing, removing zoning barriers, and modernizing permit application systems.

However, before I make a decision on your application, I want to give you an opportunity to bolster it by including the following elements:

- Legalizing four units as-of-right city-wide;
- Legalizing up to four storeys as-of-right within 800 metres of transit; and
- Ensuring that new mid-rise housing zoning reforms targeted for mall sites and commercial corridors - as proposed in City Council's Strategic Priorities Action Plan – allow for as-of-right development to facilitate quick approvals and construction of new rental housing.

I appreciate you and your Council's leadership at this time, and I know that you are solutions-oriented with an aim to improving the quality of life for all who call Winnipeg home. In my view, a central part of this mission involves putting an end to exclusionary zoning practices and incentivizing development in ways that will produce complete communities.

My colleagues, Minister Vandal and Members of Parliament Ben Carr, Terry Duguid, and Kevin Lamoureux have been advocating their desire to see Winnipeg succeed in its application. By implementing the reforms outlined above, you can assure a positive outcome.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fraser'.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

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Dear Wildwood Park Residents,

There can be two kinds of Wills under the Wills Act of Manitoba.

One are formal Wills where the Will is committed to writing, dated and signed at the end, witnessed by two independent witnesses (meaning not beneficiaries or spouses of beneficiaries), and one of the witnesses must swear an Affidavit of Execution.

The second kind of Will is a holograph Will, entirely in the handwriting of the person making the Will, signed and dated at the end, but without the requirement of two independent witnesses like with formal wills.

A couple of relatively new questions for a Will preparation are have you left a list of the codes, pins and passwords necessary for your Executor to access your banking online and other accounts.

But in addition to that, you should know whether or not any part of your Will was drafted with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence and not a locally trained lawyer.

You should know if a provision of your Will was drafted with the assistance of AI like Chat GPT, or from a draft Will contained in a how-to book in the bookstore at an airport. Jurisdiction for the law can always be an issue.

Knowing the source of your information is incredibly important to any important enterprise like drafting your Will.

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