

General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres

Fall Newsletter

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Maples Community Centre Celebrates its New Cricket Pitch!



Many partners shared in the ribbon cutting to officially open Maples new Cricket Pitch.



Maples President Dan Ricard awaits the first pitch (Yes, he hit the ball!)



EDITORIAL

Thank you to the community centres who participated in the fall registration fundraising campaign sponsored by the Ford 5 Dealers. Although the proceeds were substantially less than anticipated, the \$1272.00 raised will allow a few more children to participate in community centre programming.

As you are aware, the Community Centre Program Registration Fee Subsidy was established to assist those families who are unable to register their children in community centre activities due to financial hardships. In order to assist as many children as possible we require the support of the centres in these fundraising ventures. We welcome your suggestions and look forward to a successful spring fundraiser.

Again, a big thank you to the Ford 5 Dealers for their continued support!

On Saturday, September 26th, the community came out to help Maples Community Centre and the Seven Oaks School Division celebrate the Grand Opening of their new Cricket Pitch at the Maples CC Elwick site, 40 Maberley Rd. Spearheaded by Maples volunteer, Derek Dabee, the new pitch responds to the programming needs of the Maples' culturally diverse community. For more Maples cricket information, please call Derek at 779-6101.

VALOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE NOW HOSTS FOOTBALL



Valour Community Centre, together with the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate football alumni group, has developed a grassroots football program for children and youth in the West End, downtown, Brooklands and Wolseley area. In its first year, the program has 70 athletes from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Although football is an unfamiliar sport to many of them, they are still excited about learning the North American sport. "Our teams are made up of players from a variety of cultural backgrounds but they're all having fun," explains Don McPherson, who is also the head coach of the Pee Wee team. "Of the

27 kids on our team, 23 never played before. Our turnouts for practices and games have been great all year." Congratulations to all involved in a great first season! (Source: Bernie Kruchak and TouchdownOnline.ca. Photo courtesy Don McPherson, Valour Patriots).

2009 PROJECT UPDATES

Notre Dame Community Centre – 271 Ave de la Cathedrale



Notre Dame celebrated its Grand Re-Opening on May 12, 2009. What was once an un-programmable bank of old dressing rooms is now a beautiful, new multi-purpose room with kitchenette, new washrooms and lots of natural light. NDCC president, Marc Rougeau, MLA Greg Selinger and Councillor Dan Vandal were on hand to cut the ribbon and officially open the new space.

Valour CC – Isaac Brock site – 715 Telfer St. N



The Valour CC – Isaac Brock site celebrated its Grand Opening on June 22, 2009. Councillor Harvey Smith, Mayor Sam Katz, Valour Manager Bob Gingras, MLA Andrew Swan and Valour President Gord Fleury were on hand for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. The result of everyone's hard work is a completely renovated community centre, complete with a new, regulation size gymnasium.

Bronx Park Community Centre – 720 Henderson Hwy



On Friday, June 26, 2009, Mayor Sam Katz, MLA Bill Blaikie, Councillor Jeff Browaty, Bronx Park President Blaine Mooney, Bronx Park VP Bob Fabri and Good Neighbours President Bob Ashuk cut the ribbon to officially open the new Bronx Park Community Centre: Home of the Good Neighbours Active Living Centre. Features include a regulation-size gymnasium, a large multi-purpose room, a computer lab, meeting rooms, a home improvement lab and a creative arts lab.

Norberrry-Glenlee Community Centre – 26 Molgat Ave.



The NGCC expansion is nearly complete and includes a new, full size gymnasium, a new multi-purpose room and a new front entrance. The Community Centre has also been busy renovating the existing side in anticipation of a Grand Opening at year's end. The wet weather didn't do us any favours this year and we thank everyone for their patience as this project wraps up over the next few months!

PROJECTS COMING UP IN 2010

“The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) program is part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan. RIInC will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. It will provide a temporary economic stimulus that will help reduce the impacts of the global recession while renewing, upgrading and expanding recreational infrastructure in Canadian communities.” (Western Economic Diversification News Release)

As of September 25, 2009, the following Community Centres have received RIInC or Stimulus Funding:

1. Windsor – basement floor replacement
2. Southdale – second arena
3. Winakwa – renovation/expansion (gym)
4. Gateway – roof replacement
5. Richmond Kings – playground enhancement
6. Sturgeon Creek/Silver Heights amalgamation – new facility
7. Ralph Brown – kitchen renovation
8. Norquay – playground enhancement
9. Sinclair Park – renovation/expansion (gym)

We anticipate further announcements in the near future!

GCWCC was Invited to the Following Funding Announcements:



Winakwa CC
June 29, 2009



Sturgeon Creek/
Silver Heights CC
September 11, 2009



Sinclair Park CC
September 21, 2009

Congratulations to all Recipients!

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Recreation Programs

Greetings!

My name is Katherine and I am the new Community Centre Recreation Programmer for the GCWCC. So far it's been a great start in this new position and I am happy to have had the opportunity to meet some of you already at your community centre or at your board meetings!

As Recreation Programmer for GCWCC, I am here to help with any of your programming needs. Should you need any assistance in your centre's program development, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

I am also researching a variety of programming that currently exists in community centres. We understand that there are a lot of great programs already available and our hope is to share those successes with other community centres who are seeking alternative programming opportunities. If you have a program that you would like share with us, please forward your stories so that other centres can learn from our best experiences!

Have a great year and I hope to hear from you!

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Life is too short not to dig in and leave your fingerprints all over it! I know you love to take photos. But here's the million-dollar question: Where are those photos now?

Is it time to get your pictures organized? Would you like to get your digital images off your computer and into your life? Do you want to put your traditional pictures where they can be enjoyed and the memories re-lived? I offer the workspace, ideas, support and the tools to help you reach your goal.

I'm here to help. I'm a Creative Memories Consultant with a variety of solutions to your photo dilemmas. Simple, decorative, quick, creative, organized... I can help you bring your photos back into your life and celebrate the stories that go along with them. Let's find a photo solution that will work for you!

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Get your community involved with the 2010 Vancouver Olympics!

Canada CODE, an online collaborative art project to welcome the world in 2010 and the National Film Board of Canada will be offering **FREE Digital Storytelling Workshops** across Canada over the next few months.

Photos and stories produced from this workshop will contribute to the Canada CODE website <http://canadacode.vancouver2010.com/> Selected content will be shown on the big screen in Vancouver and Whistler during the Olympics.

At this time, the National Film Board is currently looking for community centres to host this workshop in Winnipeg during the first week of November. They will provide a workshop facilitator, 10 digital cameras and 5 laptops to run the program.

If your community centre is interested in this opportunity, you will be responsible to provide the following:

- a group of interested participants (minimum -10/maximum 30)
- a room suitable with tables and chairs to accommodate participants of this program
- internet access (wireless is preferred but not necessary)

Computer lab or access to digital cameras may also be an asset.

Please contact Katherine at GCWCC at kmundy@gcwcc.mb.ca or phone 475-5008 for more information. Community centres are strongly encouraged to participate in this fantastic opportunity!