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## Nominate Your Outstanding Volunteers for the 2024 Above & Beyond Banquet!



The time has come to recognize the incredible dedication and hard work of your Community Centre volunteers! We are excited to announce that nomination forms for the Volunteer Above & Beyond Banquet are now available.

This year, the banquet will take place at the Garden City Community Centre on Saturday, November 9th. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Each Community Centre is invited to celebrate up to two volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their service. The nomination forms to recognize these exceptional individuals can be accessed below.

In addition to acknowledging outstanding volunteers, we will honour volunteer Presidents who have completed their terms and transitioned to the role of Past President as of the end of June.

The Above & Beyond Banquet is about coming together to celebrate the volunteers who have made a tremendous impact on their communities through their dedication and commitment. Stay tuned for further details and start thinking about the volunteers who deserve this special recognition!

This year's event will also honour **Winnipeg 150** and will be held under the theme: **"Our shared stories. Our shared future."**

# Federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program: Fall Grant Intake Opens September 4th



Attention all Community Centres! The Federal Government has announced the fall intake for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program. This is a fantastic opportunity to secure funding for retrofits, repairs, or upgrades to existing community buildings or for the construction of new ones.

The program offers substantial financial support for:

- Large retrofits and new builds: Retrofit existing community buildings or undertake projects to build new community buildings, with funding ranging from \$3 to \$5 million.

The application window opens on **September 4th and closes on October 16th at 3:00 p.m. ET**. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to enhance your community space!

All Centres applying for the GICB grant must inform Samara Fields on their project and application as soon as possible. **Email Samara at [sfields@winnipeg.ca](mailto:sfields@winnipeg.ca)**. Please remember, any physical alterations or installations must receive prior approval from the City of Winnipeg.

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## Help Us Find Jumpstart Alumni!



Do you know a former participant in your sport or play program who has gone on to do incredible things? Whether they've become community leaders, excelled in academics, or even competed at national levels, we want to celebrate their achievements in 2025!

If your program has supported a child or youth who has made a difference, please ask for their consent to share their name and contact information with Jumpstart. You can also invite them to reach out to Jumpstart directly at [jumpstart\\_admin@cantire.com](mailto:jumpstart_admin@cantire.com).

Let's shine a light on the power of sport and play in shaping futures!

## Book Your Site Visit for the Community Centre Renovation Grant

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Grant. This grant provides funding to support renovations and upgrades that enhance your facility, ensuring it meets the needs of your community. Application deadline is October 15th.

Don't wait – contact Arthur Pearson as soon as possible to schedule your site visit, which is a key part of the application process. To request a site visit, email Arthur at [arthur@gcwcc.mb.ca](mailto:arthur@gcwcc.mb.ca). Timely site visits are crucial for preparing a successful grant application, so be sure to book yours today!

## Chalmers Community Centre Seeking Office Manager



Chalmers Community Centre is looking for an enthusiastic and community-minded individual to fill the crucial role of Office Manager. If you are well-organized and passionate about positively impacting the community, this could be the perfect opportunity for you!

This position offers a unique chance to contribute to the vibrant community of Chalmers while developing your skills in a dynamic and supportive environment. If you're ready to take on this rewarding role, we encourage you to apply and join the dedicated team at Chalmers!

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## Celebrating in Style: This Year's Banquet at Garden City Community Centre

With the Above & Beyond Banquet slated for Saturday, November 9th at the Garden City Community Centre, we'd like to share a few fun facts about the venue.

1. The Garden City Community Centre was established in the mid-1960s.
2. The Garden City CC - Seven Oaks Arena was officially opened in 2015. The 9,500-square-metre (102,700-square-foot) facility includes two NHL-size ice rinks, a raised spectator concourse, tournament equipment storage areas, graciously spaced unisex change rooms, and a club change room suite.
3. The facility also features the Seven Oaks Soccer Complex, a basketball court, and outdoor ice rinks.
4. The Garden City CC offers various programs for all ages, from children's sports leagues to adult fitness classes.
5. The Centre also offers after-school programs and summer camps for kids, designed to keep them active and engaged during their free time.

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## Reminder: Submit Your Fall Program Profiles by September 30th



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September. Both these prompts are essential for promoting your programs to the community and ensuring that all events and activities are accurately communicated.

Timely submission helps us include your programs in broader promotional efforts and keeps your community engaged and informed. Make sure your centre's programs are highlighted this fall by submitting your profiles on time!

Please send to [arthur@gcwcc.mb.ca](mailto:arthur@gcwcc.mb.ca) or [office@gcwcc.mb.ca](mailto:office@gcwcc.mb.ca).

## Share Your Centre's Upcoming Events!



We're excited to showcase the vibrant activities happening across our community centres in our upcoming newsletters! If your centre is hosting an event—a sports tournament, cultural festival, or volunteer appreciation night—we'd love to highlight it. Please send us the details, including the event name, date, location, and a brief description, along with any photos or promotional materials you'd like to share.

We encourage you to also share information about items you have for sale. Whether it's sports equipment, or other goods, let us help you connect with potential buyers within our community.

Let's celebrate the incredible work happening at our community centres together! Submit your information to [athaliah@gcwcc.mb.ca](mailto:athaliah@gcwcc.mb.ca).

## Important Dates and Information

- **August 19th to September 15th, 11:59 p.m.** - WMBA Community League and Jr NBA Skills Training Registration Now Open - [More Info](#).
- **September 2nd** - Labour Day long weekend is a general holiday.

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- **September 30th** - Fall Program Profiles due.
- **October is Women’s History Month** - During the month, we honour inspiring women making a difference to advance gender equality.
- **October 1st** - Minimum wage is expected to increase from \$15.30 to \$15.80 per hour.
- **October 11th** – International Day of the Girl Child
- **October 15th** - Fall Renovation Grant Intake
- **November 9th** - Save the Date - Above & Beyond Banquet
- **November 11th** - Remembrance Day - all community centres must remain closed until 1:00 p.m. that day.
- **Who to Call** - this link will take you to the phone list of Community Centre contacts on the GCWCC website.

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