

Southport

Newsletter

August 2016 Issue

Congratulations Graduates!

In the month of August, Southport celebrated another graduation of 3CFFTS students. These hardworking students received their RCAF Wings - an accomplishment of dedication and perseverance.

Summer Volunteers

If you've noticed things looking even nicer around Southport, you can thank Sara and Steph Holmes, Southport's summer volunteers. They tackled projects such as weeding, painting fences, and other improvements around the site.

Southport Involved in Vehicle Collision

Southport's main office was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the last week of August. No one was injured, but the building sustained significant damage. We are still open for business, but we will be operating through the back door of the building, located on the west side until further notice. Cleanup and repair will be an ongoing process, so we thank you for your patience during this time.



2nd Annual Southport Community BBQ

Though August 17 was well over 30 degrees, the community gathered at Southport for the Second Annual Community Barbeque. Southport hosts this event every year to show appreciation to the residential tenants. Despite the sweltering weather, over 180 guests devoured delicious burgers and refreshing ice cream sandwiches. Also in attendance was Smokey the Bear, the Portage la Prairie RCMP, an ambulance from Southern Health – Santé Sud, and a helicopter complete with pilot from KF Aero, all of whom generously volunteered their time to attend. Guests of all ages were intrigued by the displays from these local services.

The event also featured a bouncy castle and kid's games such as chalk drawing, airplane toss, a bubble station and horseshoes, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed. Several tours of the nearly complete Central Plains RecPlex rounded out the evening.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success. We will see you all next year!

2016 Yard Beautification Competition Results

This year's yard beautification competition wrapped up at the Southport Community Barbeque on August 17. Over the course of the summer, the fourteen participants laboured over their front yards, pulling weeds, digging new flower beds, and carefully tending to each flower and plant. During the Community Barbeque, prizes were awarded to first, second and third place, as well as three honourable mentions.

First Place – 9 Laverendrye Place: The transformation that occurred in this yard was unmistakable. A pristine flower bed, complete with planters bursting with blooms, now sits where a scraggly patch of weeds once was. In addition to the new installation, the overall appearance of the yard was very tidy and carefully maintained.

Second Place – 15 Portage Street: This yard followed a bright and cheery colour scheme of fuchsia and lime green. Those colours perfectly complimented the varying heights of plants and the attention to detail in ensuring that the grass was well-maintained.

Third Place – 6 Manitoba Crescent: This yard also had a significant change with the addition of a flower bed featuring a theme of bright red. The different heights of planters add visual interest to the well-kept lawn.

Honourable Mention – 17 Caledonia Crescent: An simple theme of orange and yellow accented this yard. The flowers were planted in neat wooden boxes on a bed of wood chips.

Honourable Mention – 29 Assiniboine Avenue: A burst of bright colours is visible in this yard. The multi-coloured variety of flowers and plants adds visual interest throughout the yard.

Honourable Mention – 12 Caledonia Crescent: The colour scheme in this yard is tones of pink and red and features a hanging basket. The quality of the lawn also featured improvements throughout the summer.

Thank you to all of the participants - we hope to see you again next year!



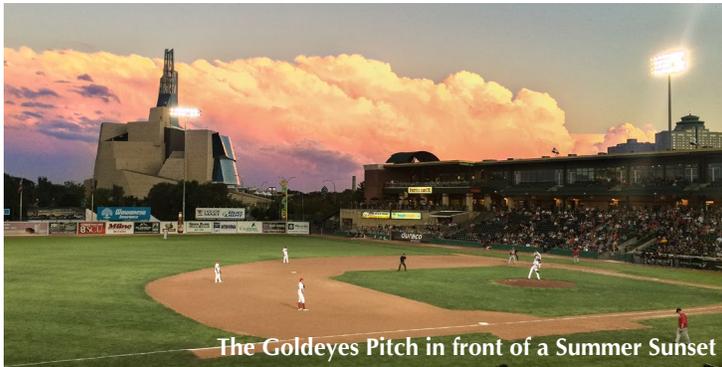
Southport Sponsors Community Events

Southport continues to sponsor community events. In the past two months, Southport sponsored:

- Portage Potato Festival (August 5-6)
- Portage Plains United Way Golf Tournament (August 12)
- William Glesby Centre
- Portage Padres

Take me out to the Ball Game

On August 11, the staff of Southport and their families took a trip to Winnipeg to watch the Winnipeg Goldeyes take on the Wichita Wingnuts. Although the Goldeyes made a valiant attempt at a comeback, they lost 7-9. Despite the Goldeyes' loss, (and a few rain showers) everyone enjoyed the outing.



The Goldeyes Pitch in front of a Summer Sunset

RecPlex Construction Update

There's lots going on at the Central Plains RecPlex! Crews have been working hard on leveling the floor – you can't even tell that there used to be a pool in there! The next big step is to install the rubberized athletic flooring, which provides a comfortable surface for exercising. Once the flooring is complete, crews will be working on some final projects: adding cabinets, completing the painting, installing signs, and other finishing touches. Once complete, the final matter of business will be moving the staff into the new building. Keep your eye out for a grand opening date!

Upcoming Events at Southport

Heart and Stroke Big Bike - September 23

Southport is once again hosting the Heart & Stroke Big Bike! This event is an excellent opportunity to support heart disease and stroke research, while also creating camaraderie by pedaling together on a 29 seat bike. Contact rbuhler@southport.ca for more information.

Portage Daycare Opening

Next week, the Portage Day Care in the Central Plains RecPlex will open to serve families in the area.

Central Plains RecPlex Grand Opening

This fall, Southport will open the doors to the state-of-the-art Central Plains RecPlex, which will feature a rock climbing wall, indoor walking track, weight and cardio areas, a full gymnasium, new change rooms, a spacious welcome centre, and a daycare.

Southport Office Gets a Facelift

Southport's office has a fresh new look! Stop by the main office at 25 Centenaire Drive to see the updated paint colours in the office. The colour palette now features modern shades of blue and grey.

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