



The Southport Snapshot

December 2024



Last Month in Southport

As one year ends, another begins – here’s to a bright and healthy new year! Here are some highlights from December in Southport:

- Southport representatives attended Travel Manitoba’s Annual General Meeting on December 3rd in Winnipeg. A main topic at the event was how to celebrate and encourage winter tourism in our province.
- Southport took part in the Blow Away Hunger campaign in support of the Salvation Army on December 6th. With the help of employees, Southport donated over \$500 worth of non-perishable groceries and new toys along with a cheque for \$1,000. Southport is proud to support the local Salvation Army in its mission to supply food to those in need in our community.
- Southport’s Shelley Buhler, Human Resources Manager, and Breanne Orangis, Administration & Special Projects Manager, presented a cheque for \$3,340 to the Community Foundation of Portage and District on December 19th. The donation includes contributions from Southport employees, matched dollar-for-dollar by Southport Aerospace Centre Inc.
- Southport’s Management Team headed out into the community during the month of December and delivered holiday gifts to all the commercial tenants. Southport looks forward to a prosperous future working alongside and with our commercial tenants!
- On Friday, December 27th, Southport had two teams out in the community supporting Operation Rednose Portage La Prairie! This initiative by Central Plains Safe Ride Incorporated helps keep roads safe by offering rides home to those who have been drinking during the holiday season. Southport is proud to back programs like this that prioritize safety and community well-being.



Stay informed through Southport’s social media accounts for tenant information, events, and community news.

Remembering Peggy May

With her family by her side, Peggy May, Southport’s Chief Executive Officer and guiding light for the past 13 years, passed away on December 3rd after a private and courageous battle with cancer.

Southport Aerospace Centre’s Board of Directors along with the entire Southport family will be forever grateful for Peggy’s fearless leadership and her unwavering kindness. To honour Peggy’s memory and the tremendous influence she had on the development of Southport, the new administrative building, set to be complete in the new year, will be named “The Peggy May Legacy Centre.”



A beautiful celebration was hosted on December 22nd at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada to honour the life of Peggy May. The celebration was livestreamed and can be viewed [here](#).

Stay in the Loop at Southport!

Stay informed through Southport's social media accounts for tenant information, events, community news, and construction updates.

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Light Up Southport

Members of the Southport team toured the community on December 18th to admire the festive displays and award gift cards to all the “Light Up Southport” contest winners! A

long with gift cards to local businesses, the top three households also chose a local charity to receive a monetary donation on behalf of Southport. The three charities chosen were the Portage Animal Welfare Society Inc. (PAWS), Heart and Stroke Foundation, and the Portage Hospital Foundation.

Special thank you to everyone who took the time to “Light Up Southport” this year!

New Online Process - Sponsorship/Donations

Southport actively supports the community through its commitment to philanthropy. A new and easy online process has been created for organizations and members of the community to request donations/sponsorships from Southport.

Visit the Southport website or [click here](#) to submit a Corporate Stewardship Request Form.

Applications are reviewed & responded to within 10 business days.



The Recreation Report

December 2024



Central Plains RecPlex

New Year, New You Member Discount

Start 2025 with savings at Central Plains RecPlex!

From January 6th-17th, enjoy 10% off ANY Whole Facility Membership, including 24/7 fitness centre access! Whether it's a 1-month or 1-year membership, the discount applies to Adult, Youth, 55+, and Family options.

Purchase online or at the front desk during office hours.



Toonie Tuesday at Southport Bowl

Southport Bowl is excited to launch Toonie Tuesday, beginning Tuesday, January 7th!

On Toonie Tuesday, bowlers can play a game for only \$2.00. The good times can keep on rolling with access to unlimited \$2.00 games all Tuesday long!* Gather your crew for a Tuesday night of strikes, spares, and endless fun!

Visit our website to book your bowling lanes or call 204.428.6050.

*Bowling shoes not included.

Kids Climb FREE on January 17th

Portage la Prairie School Division students have no classes on Friday, January 17th, 2025!

Kids looking for fun activities on their day off are invited to Central Plains RecPlex between 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM to climb for FREE! Please note that children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please call the RecPlex front desk to register for your spot! 204.428.6050.

New Offerings Now Available at Brews + Bites

The menu at Brews + Bites is growing! The team at Brew + Bites have been busy adding new options to the menu such as soup, sandwiches, grilled cheese, and more! check out our website for the updated menu or please call 204.428.6050 for more information.



Customer Satisfaction Survey

We want to hear from you! The next time you're at Central Plains RecPlex, keep an eye out for the Recreation Survey QR code posted throughout the facility.

Southport Golf Club

Early Bird Discount

The early bird gets the worm, or in this case, a great membership rate! Purchase your 2025 Adult Membership between December 2, 2024 – March 14, 2025, to take advantage of the early bird rate - \$430 + taxes! First 25 early bird membership purchases for 2025 will receive a \$25 Ultimate Recreation Gift Card.

Stay in the Swing of Things!

Stay informed through Southport Golf Club's social media account for facility updates, events, and promotions.

- 204.428.6030
- @SouthportGolfClub
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Stay on Track!

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Member of the Month

Congratulations to our December Member of the Month, Eric McCutchin!



Eric has been connected to Central Plains RecPlex since high school, starting as a member in 2016.

Throughout Eric's athletic journey—from junior football to varsity football at university—the RecPlex has been a steady part of his fitness routine.

Now, with no specific sports goals, Eric trains for the love of staying fit and active. This approach keeps him ready for anything life throws his way—whether it's splitting wood, shoveling snow, helping friends and family move furniture, or tackling the next big challenge on the horizon.

Eric's dedication to maintaining fitness reflects the belief that staying prepared means never starting over.

Congratulations, Eric, on your commitment to lifelong health and readiness!

Do you have a Nomination?

Every month at Central Plains RecPlex, we'll be featuring a member of the month who shows dedication to their fitness goals.

If you have a nomination for a Member of the Month, please let us know by email, social media, or in person.