



# The Southport Snapshot

July 2026

## Last Month in Southport

Here's a look back at some of the highlights, partnerships, and community moments that made July a memorable month at Southport.

- **Staff Updates:** Southport welcomed two new team members!
  - Julia Dowe - Administrative Coordinator, Airfield Services
  - Sydney Kiefer-Starling - Guest Service & Cleaning Technician
- **Southport RUNway is Fast Approaching:** Register now for the 2026 Southport RUNway on Saturday, September 12, 2026. The event will feature 5 KM and 10 KM race options, along with a free 1 KM kid's run. The first 50 registered participants in the 5 KM or 10 KM who complete their race will receive an exclusive commemorative finisher medal. Proceeds from the event support the Community Foundation of Portage & District.
- **Groundbreaking of New Southport Operations Building:** Southport is proud to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Southport Operations Building, a significant milestone in support of the Royal Canadian Air Force's Future Aircrew Training (FAcT) Program. The new facility will serve as the operational hub for Airfield Services, enhancing safe and reliable site operations while supporting the next generation of military aircrew training.
 
- **Kia EV9 First-Year Performance:** Southport's Kia EV9 completed its first full year in the fleet, demonstrating reliable performance in Manitoba's climate while delivering financial and environmental benefits. The EV9 travelled 10,450 km, using 3,418 kWh of electricity at a total charging cost of \$341.83, resulting in an estimated \$1,317 in annual fuel savings compared with a similar gasoline-powered SUV. The results highlight the potential of fleet electrification as a cost-effective and sustainable transportation solution.
- **Manitoba First Nation Police Services (MFNP) Graduation:** On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Southport was proud to host MFNP Troop 5 Graduation Ceremony at the Central Plains RecPlex. The event highlighted Southport's support of MFNP training program and commitment to learning and community. As part of the ceremony, CEO Nathan Peto presented a star blanket to the Valedictorian in recognition of their achievement.
 
- **A Night Under the Stars:** Southport's annual Residential Tenant Appreciation Movie Night welcomed tenants for an evening under the stars featuring Night at the Museum, while marking the first official showing on Southport's new permanent outdoor movie screen. Donated by Prairie City Cinema, the repurposed screen gives a former community asset a new home while supporting sustainability and creating a lasting space for future events. Special thanks to Prairie City Cinema and Pro Image Signs for their contributions to the project.
- **Community Pride Highlighted During Communities in Bloom Judging:** On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Portage la Prairie and Southport welcomed Communities in Bloom judges for a tour highlighting the partnerships, volunteer efforts, parks, and environmental initiatives that reflect the shared commitment to community pride and sustainability.

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



## Stay in the Loop at Southport!

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## Southport Teepee Raised Through Community Partnership!

Southport staff joined members of the MFNP and representatives from the Portage Friendship Centre to raise the teepee at Southport's Four Winds Cultural Centre.

Following the recent prairie storm that brought down the original structure, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service stepped forward by providing a teepee and lending their time, expertise, and care to ensure it could once again stand as a place of reflection, learning, and connection.

Working through the summer heat, the team thoughtfully raised the teepee, demonstrating the strength of collaboration and community spirit that exists across our organizations.

The continued partnership between Southport, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service, and the Portage Friendship Centre reflects a shared commitment to community, cultural connection, and creating meaningful spaces for learning and reflection.





## The Recreation Report

July 2026



### Labour Day Holiday Hours

**Southport Golf Club:** 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

**Central Plains RecPlex, Southport Bowl, and The Approach:** Closed

*Reminder: 24-hour Fitness Centre access remains available to Whole Facility Members.*

### Central Plains RecPlex

#### Discount Days are Back at Central Plains RecPlex

Mark your calendars! From Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, save 20% on all membership purchases and renewals during this limited-time promotion. As an added bonus, every membership purchased during Discount Days earns you a ballot for a chance to win a \$100 Ultimate Recreation Gift Card! Whether you're joining for the first time or renewing your membership, now is the perfect time to save.

### The Approach Golf Sim & Lounge

#### Golf, No Forecast Required

Book simulator time at The Approach Golf Sim & Lounge for just \$35 per hour, all week long. Enjoy hyper-realistic golf simulation, a premium lounge atmosphere, and delicious offerings from Brews + Bites, perfect for your next hangout, practice session, or casual round with friends. Rain or shine, keep your game sharp with no forecast required.

### Southport Bowl

#### Strike & Slice at Southport Bowl

Southport Bowl invites guests to take advantage of the Strike & Slice special. For \$30, enjoy a complete bowling experience featuring a 1-hour lane rental for up to 6 people, shoe rentals, and one pizza included.

### Southport Golf Club

#### Inaugural Co-Pilot Classic Golf Tournament

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Southport hosted the inaugural Co-Pilot Classic Golf Tournament at Southport Golf Club. It was a beautiful day on the course, with golfers enjoying friendly competition, Plinko prizes at the Southport tent, exciting hole prizes, and a delicious roast beef dinner. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make the first Co-Pilot Classic a memorable day!

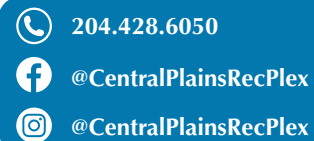
### Stay in the Swing of Things!

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



### Stay on Track!

Stay informed through Central Plains RecPlex's social media accounts for facility updates, events, and promotions.



## SOUTHPORT RUNWAY

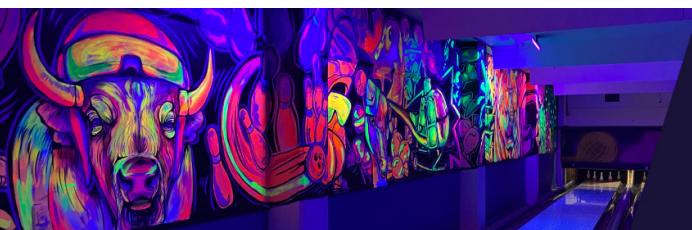


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