





Central Plains RecPlex Reopens

Southport was thrilled to announce the reopening of the Central Plains RecPlex on Sunday, February 14, after the RecPlex was forced to close for several weeks in accordance with provincially-mandated Public Health Orders.

With the reopening, several policies and procedures have been put into place and include thorough cleaning procedures, distancing between machines and capacity limits.

The RecPlex would like to remind its members that face masks must be worn in the facility at all times, including while working out, and that all workouts must be booked in advance and occur in 2-hour intervals, with 30-minute cleaning blocks in between.

Be sure to follow @centralplainsrecplex on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and for more fun to come in 2021!



Southport Staff Celebrate Festival du Voyageur Festivities

In celebration of Festival du Voyageur, staff dressed as voyageurs at Southport's February Employee Meeting. After the meeting, staff enjoyed maple taffy known as "tire sur la neige" or "candy on snow." It was a fun, COVID-friendly way to spend time with coworkers.



Facilities Update

Southport Building Interior Upgrades Continue

Southport's Facilities Maintenance Team continued upgrades in the Southport Building throughout February. Stay tuned to see the final result in an upcoming newsletter!

Southport would like to thank the Facilities Maintenance Team for their hard work during the cold spell we had in February. It is their hard work and dedication that keep Southport running.

Southport Welcomes New Hangar 5 Tenant

Southport extends a warm welcome to the newest tenant of Hangar 5, Portage Aircraft Specialties Ltd. The company will be storing two of their AT-802F firefighter aircraft in the hangar. Welcome to Southport!



Southport Office Plant Project

The Southport Office became "greener" in February with an investment in several plants for staff desks. Southport has focused on offering positive supports to staff throughout the pandemic. This plant project aims at supporting mental health as plants are known to enhance mental and emotional health. Additionally, this project brightens the office and supports Southport's commitment to environmental stewardship.



Keeping Up With COVID, Southport Staff Receive Training

In February, Southport staff attended seminars and training sessions that will assist in moving the organization forward through the pandemic.

Leading and Inspiring During Unprecedented Times

Southport Coordinator, Administrative Services, Dorothy Young, attended a seminar about Leading and Inspiring During Unprecedented Times. The speaker, Jason Dorsey, outlined how different generations react to the effects of COVID-19.

Communication in a Virtual World Training Session

Southport Coordinator, Communications Janelle Hulme, attended a training session hosted by the Bioscience Association of Manitoba (BAM). The session focused on the top qualities that every organization should consider to create a strong and efficient working environment in the virtual world.

Handling Difficult Situations During COVID-19 and Beyond

Southport Coordinator, Recreation, Amber Tully, headlined a variety of training sessions for the staff at the Central Plains RecPlex. In the coming weeks, all staff will have received "Clean It Right" certificates and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) training. This training ensures that the RecPlex is thoroughly cleaned and that staff are kept safe at all times.

RecPlex staff are also participating in the new training program, Handling Difficult Situations During COVID-19 and Beyond. This program assists employees and managers in dealing with customers that are not complying with current Provincial Health Orders, or company policies.







Climate Smart Corner

February was an exciting month for Southport's internal Climate Smart team with two new members joining the group. Congratulations to Coordinator, Administrative Services, Dorothy Young, and Coordinator, Communications, Janelle Hulme on successfully completing Climate Smart training.

Southport is proud to be the first Climate Smart certified organization in Manitoba and works to track, manage and reduce its carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.



Southport Assists With Pandemic Recovery By Offering Business Incubator Space

Do you know of a business that has been impacted by the government-mandated COVID-19 restrictions and needs a temporary solution? As an economic development leader in the region, Southport recognizes the difficulties that the pandemic has caused for small business owners. To assist with the recovery phase, Southport has committed to supporting small businesses during this time through the provision of a business incubation program.

What is a Business Incubator?

This is a program that acts as a catalyst for business growth by providing various supports. Southport's business incubator provides subsidized office space and shared use facilities and resources. With supports such as these, businesses are able to focus on overcoming obstacles and growth.

Learn More





Southport Celebrates Valentine's Day with Suite Deals Featuring Local Partners

In celebration of Valentine's Day, Southport partnered with several local, Portage la Prairie businesses to create "suite" packages. The Valentine's Day package offerings included a 1-night stay in Barker Suites at Southport, an "eat at home" meal from Café on Prince, snacks from Prairie Cinema Centre and flowers from Mil-Jeanne Flowers and Axcenz. Southport would also like to thank the Portage la Prairie and District Chamber of Commerce for assisting with delivering the package items to Barker Suites and providing gift cards to local business for each of the guests.

This was a great initiative to help support local businesses and bring more awareness to Southport's accommodation offerings..



Southport is Hiring

It's an exciting and rewarding opportunity to become a part of Southport, a winning team! Southport is currently accepting applications in several positions. Do one of these positions sound like the job for you? Head to our website to read the full job descriptions and to apply!

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Golf Course Maintenance Summer Students

As a Golf Course Maintenance Summer Student, you will be responsible for golf course grounds keeping duties. Duties include bunker maintenance, push mowing, trimming, sodding, weeding, maintaining flower beds, completing miscellaneous assigned tasks, as well as operating machinery for mowing the greens, fairway, rough and tee boxes, while following safe work procedures. Applications will be accepted until the two positions are filled.

Seasonal Clubhouse Server/Cooks

As a Clubhouse Server/Cook, you are responsible for ensuring that the Southport Golf Club clubhouse is ready for daily operation. This includes food preparation, cooking, monitoring inventory levels and cleaning while providing exceptional customer service and ensuring health and safety regulations are followed at all times. Part-time and full-time positions are available. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Facilities Maintenance Technician

As the Facilities Maintenance Technician, you will be responsible for performing the installation, maintenance, repair and operation of a wide range of facility and utility systems including structural, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, heating, drainage, water and wastewater treatment, as well as assisting with commercial and residential renovations. Applications will be accepted until March 16, 2021.

Full-Time Accountant

As the Accountant, you will be responsible for the preparation of financial statements and reports, financial planning and analysis, managing assets, overseeing procurement policies and procedures, preparing audit working papers and assisting in the preparation of annual reports. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Summer Term Marketing Assistant

As the Marketing Assistant, you will be responsible for assisting the Director, Business Development and Coordinator, Communications with the production of marketing materials, creating content for social media, writing and creativity of the monthly newsletter and corporate brochures, the setup and organization of various events and a wide variety of administrative tasks. Applications will be accepted until March 12.

Facilities Maintenance Summer Students

As a Facilities Maintenance Summer Student, you will be responsible for maintaining grounds, restoring winter-damaged areas and assisting with infrastructure and residential preventative maintenance. You will also assist in the general upkeep of the Southport community by performing seeding, planting, pruning, watering, weeding, etc., while following safe work procedures. Applications will be accepted until the two positions are filled.



Last Call! 2021 Early Bird Pricing

Have you purchased your 2021 Southport Golf Club membership yet? Purchase an Adult Membership before March 31 and save 10%! Be sure to follow @southportgolfclub on Facebook to stay up-to-date this season. Learn more and view all 2021 rates on the Southport Golf Club website.

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Southport Tenant Feature

In coordination with "Heart Month," Southport was pleased to present a monetary donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba on behalf of Southern Health-Santé Sud. Southern Health is a long-term tenant at Southport who operates its head office out of the Southport Building.



Annual UAS Student Competition Moves to Virtual Format

Every other year, Southport hosts an annual post-secondary student drone competition, organized by Unmanned Systems Canada. This year's Student UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) Competition focuses on delivering medical packages to remote areas by using a drone. This year, the competition has moved to a virtual format due to the ongoing pandemic. Southport remains a strong supporter of this event and looks forward to when we are able to host this event at the Southport Airport again in the future.



What are these shipping containers used for? You can find many of these in Southport, but most of them have received a makeover. Send us your guess and be entered to win a Southport branded prize! Need a hint? The answer is within the pages of this newsletter.

Send Us Your Answer! Email: marketing@southport.ca

Message: @southportairport on Facebook

Where in Southport?







IT'S TIME TO RESTART. RESUME. REFRESH. YOUR FITNESS GOALS

Central Plains RecPlex Reminders

Central Plains RecPlex has reopened and we are thrilled to see our members again! With the latest announcement of changes to the current Public Health Orders, on Saturday, March 5, we can allow for group bookings in the gymnasium at 25% capacity. Please remember the following when you come for your next workout or gymnasium booking:

- Face masks must be worn at all times
- ► Workouts must be pre-booked
- Gymnasium time must be pre-booked
- ▶ Bring clean, indoor footwear
- ▶ Bottle filling stations are available
- ► Change rooms are closed, lobby washrooms are available











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February Charity & Event Support



CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

In February, the Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader thanking the sponsors of their annual event, 150 Women Who Care. Due to the pandemic, the event was held virtually this year and was met with great success. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



Boston Pizza Fundraiser Staff Lunch

In celebration of Southport's annual donation to United Way Central Plains, Southport provided lunch for all available staff on February 10 from Boston Pizza. On this day, \$1.00 from every pizza sold went to the Boston Pizza Heart Campaign. All proceeds from this year's campaign went to the Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg Children's Hospital Heart Centre to assist in building a new heart facility.



Coldest Night of the Year Support

In coordination with the national movement, Southport joined thousands across Canada and took part in a fundraising walk for the Coldest Night of the Year. Southport's team, Runway Walkers, embarked on a 5km snowshoe trek around the Southport Golf Club. All funds raised from the event help support and serve people in our community who are experiencing homelessness, hurt and hunger. Southport was pleased to have been a title sponsor for this event. It was a great afternoon of physically-distanced and COVID-friendly fun with coworkers in support of an important cause.



Fort la Reine Museum Donation

In February, Southport virtually presented a monetary donation to the Fort la Reine Museum to assist with their Fort Restoration Project taking place at the museum in the near future. Southport was pleased to provide the museum with this donation and is committed to supporting initiatives such as this, as they bring the history of the Portage la Prairie area to life.



150 Women Who Care Event Sponsorship

On February 25, Southport attended the annual 150 Women Who Care event, organized by the Community Foundation of Portage and District. This year, the event was held virtually. To encourage the feeling of "being together while apart," care packages were made and delivered to every participant. Southport sponsored the Coal and Canary candles included in the packages. Southport congratulates all five not-for-profit organizations that participated. The Portage Bear Clan was the winner of the \$10,000 grant, and each of the four runners-up received \$1,000 from Community Futures Heartland and Whitehorse Plains.

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Total 2020-21 Donations