



# Southport

## Newsletter

April 2022



## April Showers Turn Into Major Spring Blizzard

The month of April saw one last blizzard that caused many closures from schools, businesses, and highways.

Ahead of the storm, the Southport team worked hard preparing notices and the facilities onsite for the intense forecasted conditions.

Alongside most of Manitoba, Southport was not immune to the tremendous downfall of snow that was, at times, projected to rival the Storm of the Century in 1997, when looking at spring storms, and the fall storm of 2019.

In consideration of everyone's safety, the Southport Office and Central Plains RecPlex pre-emptively closed to the public for several days in anticipation of the snowfall. As the storm settled, Southport's Facilities Maintenance Team worked quickly clearing out the area for a swift turnaround for patrons to begin accessing the site again.

Southport would like to thank the Facilities Maintenance Team for their hard work removing the snow in the commercial and residential areas and for providing relief on the main routes for emergency use throughout Southport.



Southport would also like to extend their thanks to everyone's understanding, cooperation, and patience during the blizzard.

# Facilities Update

In April, the Facilities Maintenance Team kept busy around the site during a major spring blizzard. The team also completed the renovation of the kitchen at the Southport Golf Club, which involved extending the counter outwards. Southport thanks the Facilities Maintenance Team for their continuous hard work and dedication in maintaining the community, making it a beautiful place to live, work, and play.



## Digital Manitoba Initiative TechUP Reimbursement Grant

In March, the Marketing Team applied for the Digital Manitoba Initiative TechUP Grant Program through the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce.

The TechUP Grant is a reimbursement fund to help spark new life in your business with an investment of up to \$5,000 towards developing your digital capacity. Southport was very fortunate in receiving the grant to enhance the business's digital impact. With this grant, the Marketing Team was able to purchase portable lighting kits, a photo backdrop stand kit, a camera tripod, a wireless microphone system, and a brand-new camera.

With these enhancements it will provide the Marketing Team with the tools necessary to amplify the marketing strategies and digital content through engaging and rich visuals.

## Southport Staff Attend Camera Workshop to Sharpen Their Skills

Marketing Team members Lauren Beckwith, Specialist, Marketing, and Anyssa Gates, Coordinator, Communications, attended a camera workshop that was also included in the coverage of the grant.

The camera workshop, put on by Tornado Hunter, Greg Johnson, gave insight into a technical understanding of the Digital DSLR cameras. The skills learnt from the workshop will enhance the marketing efforts that uphold the brand's integrity and professionalism on all mediums.





BECOME A  
MEMBER  
TODAY!



## Southport Staff Stay Active!

Southport staff stay active! Once a month, over lunch breaks, Southport staff participate in active play at the Central Plains RecPlex gymnasium. Participating in active lunches promotes a healthy lifestyle, boosts morale throughout the workplace, and ignites friendly competition amongst co-workers. This month, team members participated in an intense game of bump!

The game was too close to call! Team members had fun throughout the many rounds that finished without a clear winner. This is the perfect opportunity for team members to let loose, stay active, and have friendly competition.

Next month, the census is: Volleyball!



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## How You Can Be Climate Smart?

- Ride your bike instead of driving your car.
- Plant a vegetable garden or fruit trees.
- Reduce your food waste.
- Invest in reusable straws and avoid single-use plastics and packaging.
- Switch light off when you leave the room and unplug your electronic devices when they are not in use.
- Wash your clothing in cold water.
- Bring your own reusable bag when you shop.

Steps You Can  
Take Towards  
Reducing Your  
Carbon Footprint!



Southport  
— GOLF CLUB —

## NEW Clubhouse Menu!





## Southport Airport Sees Special Visitors

Southport had a visit from a CH-148 Cyclone Helicopter!

This impressive aircraft is a maritime helicopter that conducts anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, search and rescue, and utility missions. The CH-148 Cyclone provides tactical transport for national and international security efforts.

**HISTORY IS LANDING IN WINNIPEG**  
OPENING MAY 21, 2022  
ANNUAL PASSES AVAILABLE NOW!  
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## History is Landing in Winnipeg!

On May 21, the brand-new Royal Aviation Museum of Winnipeg will open to the public. The new 86,000 square foot building is home to stunning exhibits, a children's play area, a boutique gift shop, an observation lounge, and more. Annual passes are available now and individual tickets go on sale May 16. Click below to learn more!

[Learn More ►](#)

## Tenant Feature: Portage Day Care Centre

In coordination with Early Childhood Educators Week in Manitoba, from April 24 - 30, Southport delivered breakfast and treats to showcase our appreciation for everything they do for children and families.

Thank you Portage Day Care Centre for being a member of the Southport community and your continuous support of families living, working, or studying at Southport.

Portage Day Care Centre operates a licensed 28-space childcare facility inside Central Plains RecPlex and two other facilities in the Portage la Prairie area.



## Stay in the Loop at Southport!

Stay informed through Southport's social media accounts for tenant updates, events, and 30th anniversary celebrations.



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## Southport Welcomes New Staff

Southport would like to welcome several new and returning employees to the team, and also congratulate employee promotions. Each of these employees bring experience and talent that will serve them well in their new positions at Southport. If you see one of these new faces around the community, be sure to give them a wave. Welcome all, to the Southport team!



**Faith Buhler**

Summer Student,  
Facilities Maintenance



**Shae-Lynn Buhler**

Customer Service  
Representative, Recreation



**Bill Dickenson**

Golf Course Maintenance,  
Southport Golf Club



**Nicole Lamoureux**

Accountant



**Haley Twiss**

Kitchen Supervisor,  
Southport Golf Club



**Lloyd Vivier**

Golf Course Maintenance,  
Southport Golf Club



## Newsletter Quiz!



Southport had a special visitor this month. Tell us the name of this aircraft and be entered to win a Southport branded prize! Need a hint? Search through the pages of this newsletter!

**Send Us Your Answer!**

Email: [marketing@southport.ca](mailto:marketing@southport.ca)

Message: [@SouthportAirport](#) on Facebook



## Southport is Hiring

It's an exciting and rewarding opportunity to be a part of Southport, a winning team. Do you have what it takes? Tell us why you consider yourself to be a creative thinker and innovator, and turn your potential into performance. To learn more about each of the position's responsibilities, requirements, and benefits, click the respective buttons below!

### Cleaning Service Technician



As a Cleaning Service Technician, you will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing offices, meeting rooms, bathrooms, kitchens, dining and public areas.

[Apply Now ▶](#)

### Clubhouse Cook, Recreation



As a Clubhouse Cook, Recreation, you will be responsible for taking customer orders as well as preparing and producing food to required recipe specifications.

[Apply Now ▶](#)

### Administrative Assistant



As an Administrative Assistant, you will be responsible for welcoming and greeting visitors while providing exceptional customer service and supporting the finance department.

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Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.



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### Kitchen Expansion at Southport Golf Club

Ahead of the opening of the Southport Golf Club, the clubhouse kitchen underwent a counter expansion! Construction moved quickly thanks to Southport's maintenance team. Are you excited to see the updates? Southport Golf Club is now open for the season so be sure to visit the clubhouse to check out the expansion, new menu, driving range, and course!

The Southport Golf Club team are excited to be back and can't wait to see you!



### Stay in the Swing of Things at Southport Golf Club!

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

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[SouthportGolfClub.ca](http://SouthportGolfClub.ca)

@SouthportGolfClub



### Southport Golf Club Welcomes New Kitchen Supervisor

Southport Golf Club is now open for the season! With the new season, the Southport Golf Club welcomes a new Kitchen Supervisor, Chef Haley Twiss!

Haley offers her experience and expanded menu to the clubhouse for golfers and patrons to enjoy daily. You will have no problem finding your new favourite! From homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers, and more!

Please be sure to say hello and give her a warm welcome when you see her at the clubhouse. The Southport Golf Club is excited to have her and looks forward to all the delicious food this season!



### NEW Clubhouse Menu!



# Central Plains RecPlex



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**SOUTHPORT BOWL**

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

BOOKINGS & WALK-INS AVAILABLE



## Member of the Month

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

The Member of the Month for April is Cassie White!

Cassie has been an active member of Central Plains RecPlex since September 2020. Before moving to Portage, Cassie focused on step class, running, hiking, cycling, and yoga. At the RecPlex she was able to incorporate weight training into her regime. Weight training has encouraged Cassie to continue pushing herself and makes her feel stronger. Congratulations Cassie!

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

## Rock & Bowl May Package

Grab your family, friends, or next door neighbours, and take advantage of this great package!

Central Plains RecPlex is offering a rock climbing wall package to be enjoyed from May 27 - 29. The package includes a one hour wall rental with orientation, one pizza, four cans of pop, and four bags of chips for \$70.00 plus tax.

Booking must be made in advance for the climbing wall package. For additional information and to book your package, call the front desk.

## Stay on Track with Central Plains RecPlex!

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



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# Corporate Social Responsibility

## What is Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)?

CSR is a business approach that contributes to sustainable development by delivering economic, social, and environmental benefits for all stakeholders. Southport takes pride in its ability to support various community organizations and initiatives through donations, sponsorships, volunteerism, scholarships, and much more!



### CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

The Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting Prairie Harbour. CFPD provided funding to Prairie Harbour to hire a Resource Coordinator to work with their residential and non-residential clients to implement new in-house programming. The objective is to help clients from within the shelter with housing and EIA applications, resume preparation, job searches, and assistance scheduling necessary appointments. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements, as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



### Chance 2 Grow Flower Purchase

Southport continues to be an annual sponsor of the Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Chance 2 Grow program fundraiser. Chance 2 Grow contributes funds towards a wide variety of recreational and educational opportunities for children in our community.

Southport looks forward to the flower delivery that will brighten up the site!



### Central Energy Softball Sponsorship

Southport has made a sponsorship towards the Central Energy teams that consist of players from communities throughout the Central Plains Region. The sport offers many lifetime benefits such as developing skills in teamwork, work ethic, commitment, learning to be resilient and dealing with stressful situations.

The Southport team wishes the Central Energy teams the best of luck for the remainder of the season!

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## Southport Supports the Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Campaign

Each year, Southport makes a donation towards the Canadian Cancer Society's (CCS) Daffodil Campaign that unites Canadians to take action. To stay true towards the CCS philosophy, hope is action, the Southport staff received Daffodil pins to wear in support of those affected by cancer.

Donations made to the campaign before the end of April were matched. With the matching program, Southport's contributions were matched for the total of \$1,000.



## Portage Terriers Gym Membership Sponsorship

Southport is proud to sponsor the local MJHL hockey team, the Portage Terriers. Southport's fitness facility, the Central Plains RecPlex, is the official dry land training facility of the Portage Terriers and offers the team use of the full-sized gymnasium, rock climbing wall, and access to all weights and cardio equipment in the fitness area.



## Air Cadets Donated Space

Southport has continued to sponsor complimentary classroom space, within the Southport Building, along with recreational parading space, within the Central Plains RecPlex, for the local 575 Terrier Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

With a proud military history and a long-standing partnership with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Southport is honoured to provide in-kind support to the 575 Terrier Squadron.

Southport will continue to sponsor the Royal Canadian Air Cadets until the end of the summer.

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## Portage Pickleball Club Sponsorship

Southport sponsors the local Portage Pickleball Club that play out of the Central Plains RecPlex gymnasium. The club provides the opportunity for adults to come try, learn, and play the sport of Pickleball.

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net and played with a paddle and plastic ball with holes. The game can be played as doubles or singles and can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels.



## Southport Purchases Their Seats for the Table for 600

The Central Plains Cancer Services Table for 600 will take place this June! The annual event will once again take place after being postponed due to the pandemic. Southport has continued their support for the event and has purchased two tables.

This photo is a throwback to the inaugural event where Southport staff wore flight suits to match the aviation themed table.

Southport looks forward to the event being held again and is excited to come up with a fun theme!



## STARS Radiothon Participation

Southport has once again become a matching sponsor for the annual STARS Critical Care on the Air Radiothon. The Manitoba radiothon will be held through May 18 - 19, 2022, which will feature STARS crew members, Very Important Patients (VIP) and others that will share their in-air experiences and why they believe “every life is worth fighting for”.

Southport is a proud supporter of STARS and their mission to provide a safe, rapid, highly specialized emergency transport system for the critically ill and injured.

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## Dueling Keys Fundraiser for Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment

At the beginning of May, Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment hosted their annual fundraising event that featured the Dueling Keys. Southport supported the fundraiser as a sponsor and bought a table that was enjoyed by Southport team members.

Proceeds from the event will be used to create more opportunities for children and adults alike to experience high-value arts programming in Portage!



## Assiniboine Community College Scholarship

Southport has awarded a Bridging Scholarship towards a student attending the Assiniboine Community College (ACC). This award not only provides financial support for continued post-secondary education, but also recognizes and highlights the student's dedication through sport and academia.

Congratulations to the recipient, we wish you all the best in your continued education.

**19,988.05**  
**Total 2022-23 Contributions**