

Southport Newsletter



Southport's Top 20 of 2020

The past year presented uncertainties and hardships for many, including Southport, its residents and its tenants. Despite this, Southport was able to execute several planned projects. It was a year of learning and adapting and Southport continued to play an important role in the community. With this, we are pleased to share the following 20 notable projects and initiatives that occurred at Southport in 2020.

Hangar 5 Grand Opening

January 22 marked the grand opening of Hangar 5, nine months after the site's groundbreaking ceremony in April. This hangar is home to one of Southport's newest tenants, J.R. Simplot Company.

Terrier Sponsorship Night

Southport's annual Portage Terriers hockey team sponsorship night at Stride Place included a booth along the concourse and an aviation-themed ice activity during intermission. The Terriers came away with a 3-0 win, the perfect end to a fun night cheering on the local hockey team!

Economic Impact Update

In February, Southport updated the previous economic impact study of 2016. The 2019 update highlighted how Southport's impact can ripple through the local and provincial economy. Read more about this study on Southport's [website](#).

Southport Golf Club

NEW

In March, Southport assumed all operational and managerial duties of the Southport Golf Club. The course was in fantastic condition and the clubhouse underwent exterior and interior renovations.

COVID-19 Donations

NEW

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Southport has continued to support the community by providing monetary donations to local not-for-profit organizations who rely on fundraising efforts to remain in operation. These organizations play a key role and are relied upon by many in our community.

Spring Fitness Giveaway

In May, the Central Plains RecPlex partnered with local businesses and held a social media campaign with weekly giveaways to encourage followers to stay active and healthy during the pandemic.

Gymnasium Floor Refinished

In June, the Central Plains RecPlex gymnasium floor received a new look. The wood was refinished and new court lines were painted.



Virtual AGM

NEW

Southport held its 28th Annual General Meeting on June 24 to reflect on the positive 2019-20 fiscal year. With the pandemic, Southport opted to host its first virtual AGM which was met with success.

Yard Beautification Contest

In June, July, and August, residential tenants were selected and awarded gift cards to local businesses for the effort put into their beautiful yards. Throughout the summer, the community bloomed thanks to the hard work and care of Southport residents.

Playground on Perry

NEW

A new playground on Perry Street was constructed in June. The play area has an array of interactive features and a base made from recycled rubber, creating a safe area for children to play and explore.



Storage Units Added

In November, six new 40-foot storage units were added to the Southport Storage Complex. These units are high in demand and few remain available.

Employment Reaches New High

During the pandemic, and with the assistance of job recovery programs, Southport hired a record number of 10 summer employees.

Paving Around Southport

Several areas, including the Hangar 5 parking lot, walking paths, and Assiniboine Avenue, received paving upgrades as part of Southport's annual initiative to continually update on-site infrastructure.



RecPlex Discount Day

On September 17, the Central Plains RecPlex held its annual Discount Day that featured a 20% discount on all memberships. All membership purchases were entered into a draw to win their membership for free, with not one member, but an entire family winning!

Centenaire South Expands

An open house was held in October to celebrate the completion of 4 new Centenaire South units. 2021 will bring the addition of 2 new units to the peaceful, country neighbourhood.



Halloween Drop Off

NEW

Halloween treat bags were assembled in the Southport Office with COVID consideration before being placed on the doorsteps of all Southport residents.

25 Days of Fitmas

The annual Fitmas campaign hit the Central Plains RecPlex social media for the first 25 days of December. Followers participated by answering holiday and fitness-themed questions and entered to win weekly prizes and the grand prize of a 1-month membership to the RecPlex. It was a great way to connect with members during code red restrictions.

Light Up Southport

NEW

Southport residents hung their lights and decorated their yards to participate in Southport's holiday decorating contest. In the evening on Monday, December 21, a Southport employee drove through the streets to take note of the homes showing holiday spirit. Five winners were selected and awarded \$100 gift cards to a local business of their choosing. The winners also chose a local, charitable organization to receive a \$150 donation from Southport. During these difficult times, Southport is honoured to contribute to the spirit of the holiday season by engaging residents in safe, distanced activities!



Residential Unit Upgrades

Throughout 2020, Southport continued to modernize residential unit exteriors and interiors. Projects such as this are part of an annual initiative and help Southport to remain a flourishing community.

Climate Smart Re-Certified

Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. recently became re-certified as a Climate Smart organization. Southport is dedicated to reducing its carbon footprint through investing in initiatives and building standards that help reduce waste and use renewable sources.

Southport Feature: Canadian Base Operators (CBO)

For over 25 years, Canadian Base Operators has provided customized facilities management and logistical support services to clients in the Canadian Defence, aviation, and energy sectors. Located in the Airside Maintenance Building, CBO provides airfield maintenance and snow & ice control with a fleet of modern heavy vehicles and an exceptional team of experienced operators. They are dedicated to maintaining the airfield in the best condition to support flying operations.



Commercial Tenant Appreciation

In the spirit on the holidays, Southport delivered gift baskets to all commercial tenants. Each basket was filled with goodies, 2021 calendars and greeting a card.



Southport Staff Attend Virtual Holiday Party

On December 16, Southport staff celebrated the achievements of 2020 and toasted to the start of the New Year. The virtual event included games, trivia, a holiday sweater competition, and a meal provided by Bill's Sticky Fingers. Full of cheer, laughs, and conversations, the party was a great way for all staff to connect while staying distanced!



Holiday Spirit Shines at the Southport Office

Southport's holiday light display that included a plane and a helicopter with Santa Claus as the pilot, went up in the Interpretive Park. Across the street in the Southport Office, the office 'elves' set up Southport's tree and wreath. Visitors were met with the glowing holiday light display as they passed by the office, providing a dose of holiday cheer!



Santa Claus Lands at Southport

Portage Day Care Centre in Southport had a surprise visit from Santa Claus during December. With the help of his elves, the military students of 3CFFTS and KF Aerospace, he had a successful landing and spent time dancing for the children and saying hello through the windows.

Not only did the children get a visit from Santa, but the entire Southport community was able to watch a beautifully decorated float, complete with Santa, a helicopter and holiday lights, make its way down every street in Southport. A special thank you to KF Aerospace and the 3CFFTS military students for spreading holiday cheer throughout the community.



Ready, Set, Action, at Hangar 5

Set for release in January, a Hallmark movie will highlight Southport's Hangar 5. The scene took place in and around the hangar and included a private jet, helicopter, and a limousine. Southport employees were busy on filming day ensuring the crew had everything they needed.




Southport Employee Celebrates 5 Year Milestone

In December, Assistant Manager, Properties, Dean Rennie, celebrated the his 5-year anniversary of working at Southport. Congratulations, Dean, on achieving this important milestone!



Tee Up for 2021 Golf Season

Have you purchased your 2021 Southport Golf Club membership yet? Purchase an Adult Membership before March 31 and save 10%!

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Southport is Hiring

It's an exciting opportunity to be part of Southport, a winning team! Southport is currently seeking an Accountant in the Southport Office, and seasonal Clubhouse Server/Cooks¹ at Southport Golf Club for the 2021 golf season.

Accountant

As an 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 must be submitted by February 5 at 4:00 pm.

Clubhouse Server/Cook

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.

[Apply Now](#) 



25 Days of Fitmas

The month of December brought daily celebrations of 'Fitmas' to our social media. Every day from December 1-25, followers were asked about their home workouts, holiday traditions, and more. Each Wednesday a prize pack was given away in partnership with Supplement King Portage la Prairie, with a grand prize giveaway announced in January.

Congratulations to the grand prize winner, Brianagh Brownell, who received a 1-month Central Plains RecPlex membership and Supplement King prize pack!

Thank you to all members and followers for participating and making 25 Days of Fitmas a continued annual success! We are looking forward to welcoming members back as soon as it is safe to do so.



Fitmas Tips from Followers

- Be patient and kind to yourself!
- Find what works for you and go for it!
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!
- Anything is better than nothing!

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December Event & Charity Support



**United Way
Central Plains**

Central Plains United Way

Throughout 2020, Southport staff participated in an annual United Way payroll deduction donation campaign. Southport matched the funds donated by staff, totalling \$9,375.00. These funds support programs that help children, families, individuals, and seniors throughout the community. Southport takes great pride in being able to continue presenting this annual donation to the United Way, one of Southport's key community partners

CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

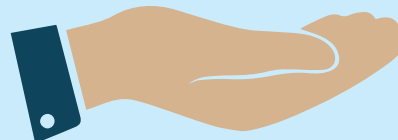
In December, the Community Foundation of Portage and District ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader about the allocation of Round 2 of the Emergency Community Support Fund grants. \$30,000 in additional funding was dispersed to an array of local non profit organizations to ensure they can continue to support the community during the pandemic.



Light Up Southport

Southport's residential decorating contest provided each winner with the opportunity to chose a local, charitable organization to receive \$150. With 5 winners, there were a variety of local charities that were supported. Those chosen included Big Brothers Big Sisters, PAWS, Hermon Prior Centre, Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba, and the local soup kitchen. Southport is proud to support local organizations and do so with the help of caring residents.

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Total 2020-21 Donations

