

Southport

Newsletter
December 2021



2021: Looking Back at a Year of Highlights

2021, another year at Southport came with many exciting projects, announcements, and events. Join us as we look back at a year of highlights!

January

Southport Building Receives Interior Upgrade

In January, Southport's Facilities Maintenance team was busy in the Southport Building. The main floor of the building received upgraded flooring, light fixtures and new paint.

February

Southport Office Plant Project

The Southport Office became 'greener' in February with an investment in several plants for staff desks. The plant project supports mental health, emotional health, brightens the office, and supports Southport's commitment to environmental stewardship.



March

Southport Completes Fifth Edition of Reaching New Heights Magazine

Did you know that Southport has a magazine called Reaching New Heights? In March, Southport completed the fifth edition of the magazine, click below to read it now!

[Learn More](#) ▶

April

Southport Employees Receive Six Sigma Training

In April, two Southport employees received Yellow Belt Six Sigma training, while three other Southport employees received Green Belt Six Sigma training designations in December. The Six Sigma methodology allows organizations to improve the quality of its processes by identifying root causes of procedural errors and working to increase efficiency. Six Sigma training comes with rank designations that identify participants with coloured belts based on the level of training they have achieved.



May

Southport Joins in Portage la Prairie Sign Wars

Throughout May, the Portage la Prairie area engaged in a sign war. Local hair salon, Styled with Meraki, started the trend. Southport couldn't resist joining in the fun and challenged KF Aerospace, Rotary Club of Portage la Prairie, Portage Golf Club, and Stride Place, encouraging them to become involved.

June

Rotary Duck Pond Revitalization

In June, Southport staff volunteered to plant flowers and shrubs for the Rotary Duck Pond revitalization, at Island Park in Portage la Prairie. As a proud sponsor, Southport had the opportunity to name the section of the duck pond. The name was unveiled as the Southport Landing Zone.

July

Southport Golf Club Celebrates the Expansion of the Clubhouse

In 2021, Southport Golf Club underwent extensive renovations to enhance the facility and grounds. On July 23, Southport Golf Club was able to celebrate the expansion of the clubhouse with a day of celebration. The event was a success with many patrons enjoying the hot summer day with golf, great food, and beer samples from Trans Canada Brewing Company, partners of the Southport Golf Club.



August

Southport Hosts Outdoor Movie Night for Residential Tenants

Every summer, Southport shows its appreciation to residential tenants that call Southport home. In August, the smell of popcorn was in the air as Southport residents and staff were invited to bring a chair or blanket to the outdoor track at Central Plains RecPlex for an outdoor movie night. To make the event a success, Southport partnered with local Portage la Prairie business, Prairie City Cinema, to feature the newly released Disney film, Jungle Cruise, and complimentary drinks and popcorn for all residents.

September

Southport Holds Ceremony and Commemoration for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, Southport held a ceremony and commemoration for the inaugural National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The ceremony took place at the new Four Winds Cultural Centre, located in Southport's Interpretive Park.



October

Release of Southport's New Promotional Video

In October, a new promotional video was released from Southport. Southport worked with Tripwire Media to produce the new video that explains and highlights what Southport is and what Southport does. Click below to watch our new promotional video and share it with anyone who is interested in learning more about Southport.

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November

Inner Runway Rehabilitation Project Celebration Lunch

On Friday, November 5, Southport hosted a luncheon to celebrate the successful completion of the inner runway rehabilitation project. The project entailed the narrowing and rehabilitation of runway 13L (left) and 31R (right), also known as the inner runway. Guests were invited to grab their meal, meet the team, and participate in fun contests.



December

Southport Supports Jingle Bell Breakfast

In December, Southport gave a special gift to the Salvation Army Jingle Bell Breakfast campaign. Southport donated a cheque of \$5,000 to the Salvation Army along with a collection of non-perishable food and toys.

"The Jingle Bell Breakfast is Southport's way of kicking off the holiday season with a sense of giving and community spirit. Every year, we have traditionally donated \$1,000 to the program, but this year we realized all of the great stuff that the Salvation Army does in our community, and the need that we've all experienced these last couple of years. So, this year, we've increased our donation to \$5,000 and we're sure that the Salvation Army will put it to the best use," says Peggy May, CEO of Southport.

Southport is proud to support the Salvation Army in their mission to supply food to those who are in need in our community.

More Excitement to Come!

This past year has been one for the books! Southport is thankful of all of the support this past year as we look to the New Year. Southport appreciates the dedication of its exceptional team and thanks them for being part of an amazing year. Stay up-to-date with everything happening in Southport by visiting Southport's website and by following Southport on social media as we have some exciting plans in the works for 2022!

Southport Christmas Party

Southport staff and Board of Directors came together to share in the joy and spirit of the holidays at the annual Southport Christmas dinner. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal at The Gates on Roblin, located in Headingley. It was a fun, memorable evening of good food, friends, and holiday cheer.



Light Up Portage

In December, Portage la Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce challenged local businesses to spread holiday cheer and light up Portage! It was a holiday light showdown as first place went to Portage Supermarket Ltd. and second place went to Styled with Meraki. Southport and many others were recognized as runner ups. Southport's light up helicopter and plane were on display in the Interpretive Park across from the Southport office.

We Can't Mingle So Let's Jingle

In an effort to spread holiday cheer during the fourth wave of COVID-19, Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation partnered with Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment and Meseyton Construction Ltd. to present "We Can't Mingle, So Let's Jingle!" a virtual showcase campaign. Southport joined in on the fun and came up with a jingle highlighting Southport. All participants were entered into a draw to win a donation to a local charity of their choice. Fort la Reine Museum won the contest and chose Central Plains Cancer Services as the recipient of the prize money. Click below to watch Southport's jingle.

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Facilities Update

In December, the Facilities Maintenance team was busy clearing snow and spreading holiday cheer by installing holiday lights. The team has also completed residential renovations for the fiscal year, engineering of the boilers and AC units at Central Plains RecPlex, and the retraining for anti-icing services in Hangar 5. Southport thanks the Facilities Maintenance team for their hard work in maintaining the community, making it a beautiful place to live, work, and play.



Tenant Feature: J.R. Simplot Company

The J.R. Simplot Company has been a tenant at Southport's Hangar 5 since 2019. They utilize the hangar for storing their aircraft as they travel to Southport from their main headquarters in Boise, Idaho.

The J.R. Simplot Company potato processing plant in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, has an annual capacity of more than 300 million pounds (135 million kilos) of frozen french fries and formed potato products. The plant began operations in 2003, and is among the most efficient facilities of its kind in the world. It was built to accommodate future expansion that could double its initial capacity. The Portage plant serves large quick-service-restaurant chains and other U.S. customers in the East, Southeast, and Midwest.



Residential Holiday Decorating Contest

Southport residents hung their lights and decorated their yards to participate in Southport's holiday decorating contest. In the evening of December 15, Southport employees drove through the streets of Southport and awarded gift cards to Prairie City Cinema. Three exceptional displays were selected and awarded gift cards to Portage Supermarket Ltd. and Solomon's Home Garden Gift. The winners were also given the opportunity to help Southport give back to the community during the holiday season and each chose a local, charitable organization to receive a monetary donation on behalf of Southport. It was a fun night of spreading Christmas cheer and celebrating the holiday season.



Tee Up for the 2022 Golf Season

Whether you're an avid golfer, or a beginner looking to master the course next summer, don't miss the chance to save!

From now until March 31, get a discount on a 2022 Southport Golf Club Adult Membership!

Click below to learn more and view all 2022 rates on the Southport Golf Club website.

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Southport Storage Units

Free up some space with a storage unit at Southport's Storage Complex.

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Climate Smart Corner

In 2020, Southport implemented an office battery recycling program through Call2Recycle, Canada's first and largest consumer battery stewardship organization. This program has allowed Southport to divert many batteries from landfills, while also ensuring they are safely transported for recycling.

During the holidays, battery use increases and people wear through them faster than ever. Instead of throwing away your batteries, store them to be recycled safely. Batteries that need to be recycled can be dropped off at the Southport office to be safely recycled.





Herman Prior Activity Centre Mural

In December, the Herman Prior Activity Centre revealed their heritage square historical images project that many local businesses contributed to, including Southport. The project featured photos that had historical significance to the community as an acknowledgment of the rich history of the area.

The caption on the mural reads: Thousands of locals craned their necks to catch a glimpse of the RCAF Golden Hawks aerobatic flying team at the Southport Wings Parade in 1961. Established as part of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan in 1940, Southport operated as part of the Department of National Defence until it was privatized as Southport Aerospace in 1992. Today, Southport continues to provide state-of-the-art facilities to support the RCAF military flight training program.

Southport has a proud military history and a long-standing connection with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Residential Garbage and Recycling Information

Residential Tenants: The 2022 Garbage and Recycling Calendar is now available. Click below to view the calendar and review the pick-up information.

[Learn More ▶](#)

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Bear Clan Boot Collection

Southport collected gently used adult winter boots in support of the Portage la Prairie Bear Clan. Men's and women's boots were needed in all sizes so a collection of purchased and donated boots will be dropped off on January 14, 2022, along with a \$500 gift card to supply more boots as the need grows. Southport is proud to support a program that provides for individuals in need during this season.



Living at Centenaire South

Centenaire South currently has units available that offer the best of new home construction and quality finishes in a safe, peaceful country setting just minutes away from the conveniences of Portage la Prairie.

With stunning prairie views, these pet-friendly homes are steps away from scenic walking paths and within walking distance to Central Plains RecPlex, a recreation facility with a fitness centre, rock climbing wall and bowling alley. Southport residents receive priority for the on-site daycare and 10% off one-year memberships at Central Plains RecPlex.



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Gryd Virtual Tours

In December, 3D Virtual Tours were completed in the newly renovated 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom residential units. The tours allow prospective tenants and local businesses to have a sneak peek at the inside of the homes.



Southport Banners

In December, banner poles were installed down Centenaire Drive in Southport. The banners feature different elements of Southport, including some of the businesses throughout the community. On your next visit to Southport, continue down Centenaire Drive to see them all!



Newsletter Quiz!



In December, the Herman Prior Activity Centre revealed a mural of historical images. Tell us what year the photo of the RCAF Air Station was taken 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

Message: [@southportairport](https://www.facebook.com/southportairport) on Facebook

Southport Welcomes New Staff

Southport would like to welcome several new employees to the team. Each of these employees bring experience and talent that will serve them well in their new position at Southport. Welcome all, to the Southport team!



Bianca Baldir

Accommodations
Cleaning Service Technician



Kim Tyson

Accommodations
Cleaning Service Technician



Charlotte Thess

Central Plains RecPlex
Customer Service Representative

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. Join us and turn your potential into performance.

Cleaning Service Technicians

As a Cleaning Service Technician, you will be responsible to clean accommodation, residential, commercial and recreation areas. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Click below to apply and learn more about the position's responsibilities, requirements, and benefits.

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The Benefits of a Career at Southport

Group Plan Benefits - Southport provides a competitive benefits package to its full-time, salaried employees.

RRSP Plan - Southport matches employee RRSP contributions up to a maximum of 5% of employee salary.

Leave of Absence - Southport offers paid vacation, sick time, and wellness days.

Central Plains RecPlex Membership - Employees, plus one family member, will receive a membership to use the Central Plains RecPlex, Southport's on-site fitness facility.

Engagement Activities - Southport hosts monthly staff events to promote corporate culture and engagement, along with providing fun, family activities throughout the year for all full and part-time employees.

Join our team today!



Central Plains RecPlex 12 Days of Fitmas

The month of December brought 12 Days of Fitmas to the Central Plains RecPlex social media. From December 13 – 24, followers were asked about their workout routines, holiday favourites, and more! Each day a prize was given away to those who followed the steps and engaged with the post. A variety of prizes were given away during the giveaway including Portage Terriers tickets, Central Plains RecPlex swag, and packages from Supplement King Portage la Prairie! Thank you to all members and followers for participating and making 12 Days of Fitmas a continued annual success!



Southport Bowl is Open!

Roll back into fun this year with Southport Bowl.

Hours of operation:

Monday – 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday – 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Wednesday – CLOSED for league-play

Thursday – 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday – 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday – 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sunday – 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Booking and walk-ins are available. Visit Southport Bowl and make sure you remember to request glow bowling.



New Year, New You!

Kick start the New Year with a New You at Central Plains RecPlex! If your goals for 2022 include improving your overall mental and physical health, Central Plains RecPlex has everything you need to achieve. From January 10 – 24, purchase or renew a 1-year membership and receive a complimentary duffel bag! Click below for our 2022 rates!

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December Charity & Event Support



CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

The Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment. In 2020, CFPD granted funds to Prairie Fusion to update and refresh their gallery and studio seating. The increased seating in these public areas offer a soothing space for those visiting the centre and their sleek design does not distract from the art displays. The furnishings are also easy to sanitize providing a safe space for all during the pandemic. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



Jingle Bell Breakfast

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Southport is proud to support our local Salvation Army in their mission to bring food and holiday cheer to people in our community.



United Way Central Plains Payroll Deduction Campaign

Throughout 2021, Southport staff participated in an annual United Way payroll deduction campaign. Southport matched the funds donated by staff, totaling \$9,000. These funds offer support that helps 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.

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Thank you for Driving CARE & HOPE

Your **LEADER** level sponsorship is helping patients get to their critical treatments!



Central Plains Cancer Services - Drive Away Cancer Campaign

In December, Southport made a donation of \$2,000 to Central Plains Cancer Services. The \$2,000 donation went towards Central Plains Cancer Services "Drive Away Cancer" campaign to provide vital transportation to people in the region who are needing vital cancer related treatments.

Southport is proud to support this local organization that is dedicated to bettering the lives of those affected by cancer.



Residential Holiday Decorating Contest Donations

Southport's residential decorating contest provided each winner with the opportunity to choose a local, charitable organization to receive a monetary donation on behalf of Southport. There were three local charities that were supported. Those chosen included Central Plains Cancer Services, Canadian Mental Health Association – Central Region, Inc. and The Portage Family Abuse Prevention. Southport is proud to support local organizations and do so with the help of caring residents.



Southport Christmas Party Donation

Southport staff and Board of Directors came together to share in the joy and spirit of the holidays at the annual Southport Christmas dinner. A "Guess the Carol" Emoji Edition trivia game was played with the winning table receiving the opportunity to support a local charity during the holiday season. On Southport's behalf, this year's winners decided to select Central Plains Cancer Services to receive a \$500 donation to bring some much needed holiday cheer to people in our community.

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Total 2021-22 Donations