



Bishop Grandin Greenway

2012 Newsletter

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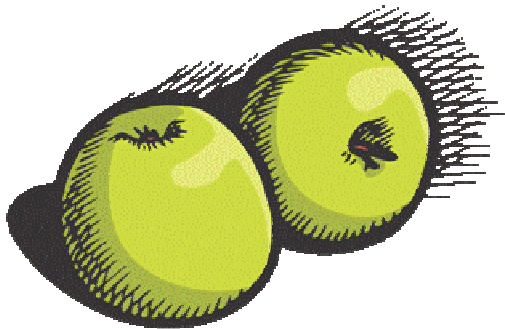
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KEY DATES

- May 12** Spring Clean-up
- June 2** Between 2 Rivers Trails Day
- June 13** Annual General Meeting

Did You Know ...

Walking the length of Bishop Grandin Greenway will burn around 250 calories. That's a little bit more than two apples!



The Ponds Have Names

Last summer Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc held a contest to name the three retention ponds along the Greenway. The contest was a huge success, with many interesting and creative entries. The Bishop Grandin Greenway board would like to thank all who submitted names!



The winning names are:

Apakway Pond (Pond 1) - submitted by Melanie Burt. "Apakway" is Ojibwe for "cattail"

Eagles Pond (Pond 2) - submitted by Guent Salzman. The Eagles Athletic Club, home to Maurice Camrye, a local boxer who won national boxing title, once operated near this location.

Nature's Haven (Pond 3) - submitted by Nicole Hallett (Grade 8 student Victor Wyatt School). The name celebrates the wildlife that call the pond home.

Congratulations to the winners Melanie Burt, Guent Salzman and Nicole Hallett!



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What's Happening in 2012?

Between 2 Rivers Trails Day

On International Trails Day, June 2, Bishop Grandin Greenway will host Between 2 Rivers Trails Day with three venues along the trail. The event will feature aboriginal music, t'ai chi, a composting workshop, garden design, and a bike tour among other things. There will be a reading tent and birdhouse building for kids, and delicious pork sliders from Danny's Whole Hog BBQ.

Pond Signs

Granite markers with the winning names of the retention ponds will appear on the Greenway this summer.

What is a Community Garden?

There are various definitions that you can find that can describe such a garden. In its broadest sense, it is a piece of land that is used collectively by a group of people. A community garden can take many forms. It may be a single large bed, and/or a number of beds, or raised boxes. It may be used to grow vegetables, flowers, herbs, or any combination of these things.

On the Bishop Grandin Greenway, we have a number of raised beds and a couple of ground beds that make up our community garden. Every spring, we invite groups of people to come out and grow things on the Greenway. While our gardens are not intended to be solely for personal use, there is much to be gained from working with the soil and plants, in the company of others. This is how we all learn from one another. The more experienced teach the less experienced. We experiment with different types of plants to see how successful we will be. We engage both children and adults in the process.



It is an opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature. To learn something new. To give something back. To enjoy the company of like-minded people.

We are always looking for new people to help out in the gardens. There is much to do. If you are interested, please feel free to drop us a line at BGGreenway@hotmail.com

We would love to hear from you.



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Feature: St. Vital's Public Orchard

Source: The St Vital Community Food Assessment (<http://www.foodinstvital.ca>)

Winnipeg's first public orchard, along the Bishop Grandin Greenway in St Vital came about as a result of a unique and innovative partnership between the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro, the Friends of Bishop Grandin Greenway Initiative (BGGI), and the Province of Manitoba. The orchard is beneath a Manitoba Hydro right of way and the money for fruit trees came from their Forest Enhancement Fund.

Students at nearby Victor Mager School initially had the idea to plant apple trees along the greenway, and the idea was enhanced when BGGI members started to explore the history of the area and found that a family that had built a home there in 1931 planted apple, plum and cherry trees which still grow there. The day of the planting more than fifty volunteers, including students from Victor Mager School and community members young and old, helped plant Norland apples, Nanking cherries, cranberries, and buffalo berries.



City of Winnipeg Naturalist Services Branch staff worked with volunteers in separate areas to re-establish native fruit trees. In 2008, the City planted pincherry and nannyberry and in 2009 planted basswood, green ash, highbush cranberry, buffalo berry, and other native species. City staff noted that native species are most appropriate since they are better adapted to the soil and weather conditions and provide food and shelter for native wildlife species too.

The BGGI Public Orchard is a significant step towards increased food security and healthy, vital communities. It incorporates an ecologically sound plan that educates about native plant species, preserves wildlife habitat and our natural heritage, and empowers community members. The collaboration between regular citizens, private and public sectors, and the municipal government is something to celebrate alone. As more people learn about the fruits that we can grow here in Winnipeg, the more food secure we will become as a city. Indeed everyone is looking forward to harvesting fruit at annual community harvests in coming years.



Do you have fruit in your yard that you don't use?
Do you have time to help pick fruit for other families?

All over Winnipeg there are fruit trees, rhubarb bushes, and other food resources that go unused each year. Help to share the goodness by donating the food from your own personal "orchard" or by volunteering your time picking fruit. It's a Friendly Manitoba thing to do!

Contact Fruit Share at info@fruitshare.ca or 204-272-8520



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MISSION STATEMENT

To create, enhance and conserve an accessible network of nature areas and public pathways that link and support both human and wildlife communities along Bishop Grandin Blvd.

ABOUT BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY:

Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc., (BGGI) is a not for profit registered charity addressing the community need for improved history, health and wellness. The organization consists of community volunteers who are spearheading the Greenway development. Many organizations are supporting the project through expertise, guidance and financial support - Manitoba Hydro, the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba, Rotary and Walmart to name a few.

Monthly Meetings - Open to the Public

6:30 pm, Second Wednesday of every month
Youville Centre, 6-845 Dakota Street

BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY INC.

2011-2012 Volunteer Board of Directors

Michelle Meade	President
Murray Gibson	Past President
Gordon Newton	Past President
Debbie Svaling	Secretary
Richard Kish	Treasurer
John Shearer	Director
Derick Young	Director
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MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT

Annual Membership \$10.00 (*renewable March 31*)
Cheques payable to: Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Your cash and in-kind contributions help improve Bishop Grandin Greenway each year! The Greenway not only preserves green space along Bishop Grandin Boulevard, but also enables each of us (whether on bike, foot or wheelchair) to enjoy the beauty, nature and wildlife along the corridor. Help us create Bishop Grandin Greenway with a gift that reflects your commitment to preserving this important piece of green space. All contributions of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt. For more information on opportunities to donate, see 'Get Involved' at www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the heart of Bishop Grandin Greenway. Countless people and organizations offer their time, expertise and assistance towards many of the Greenway projects. There are a number of ways in which you can get involved.

circle areas of interest

Education

(Environment, healthy living, youth/senior education, etc.)

Environment

(Habitat conservation & restoration, tree plantings, etc.)

Finance

(Public / private fundraising, etc.)

Recreation

(active transportation, active living, etc.)

Special Events

(public / private)

Public Relations

(Volunteer development / newsletter production, website content, posters, promotion, etc.)

Board of Directors / Governance

(Become involved in project management and governance of the volunteer organization.)