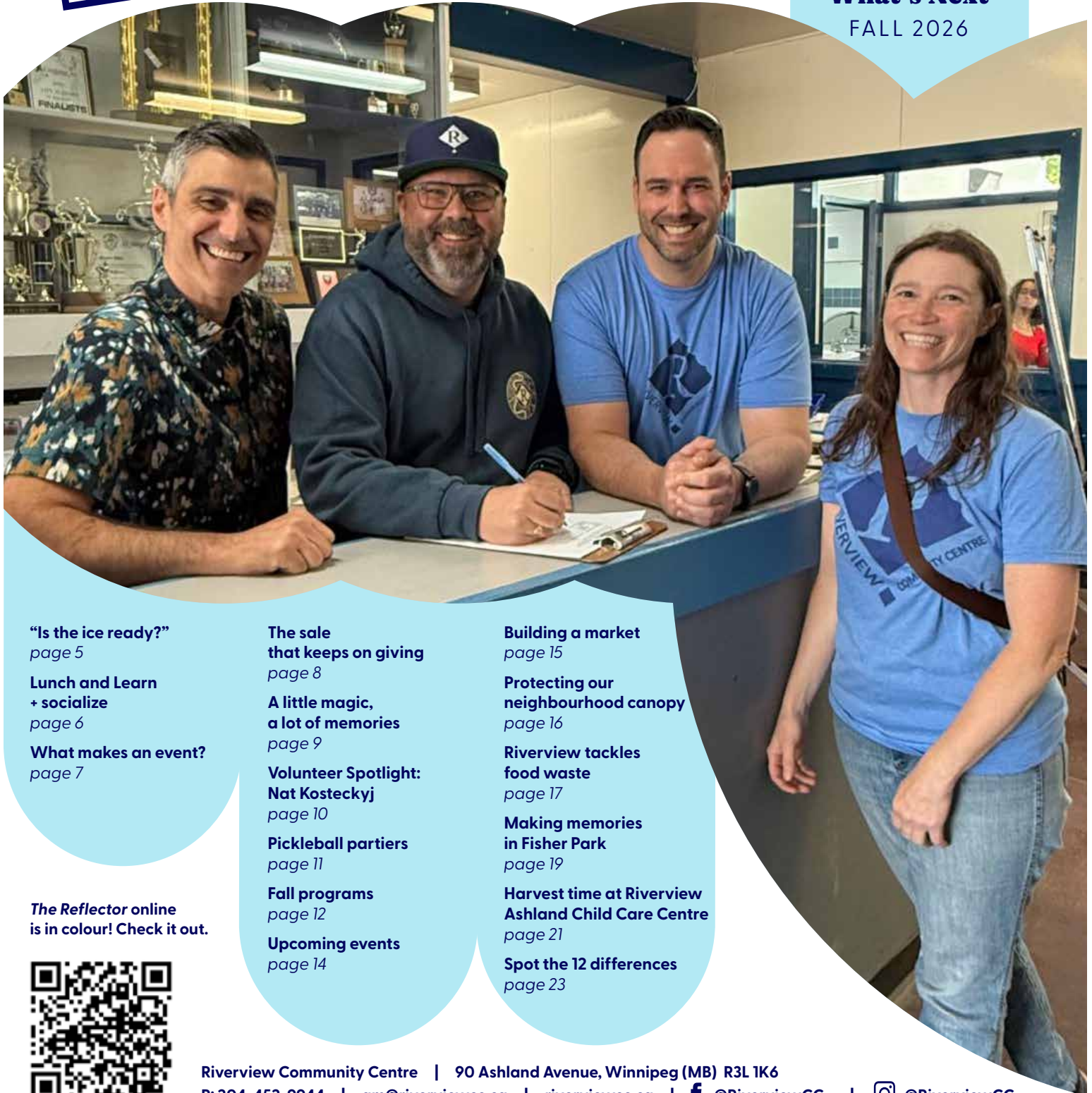


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Message from the General Manager

Krista Fraser-Kruck

As summer comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who helped make it another memorable season at Riverview Community Centre.

From another successful series of summer day camps, to bustling ball diamonds and soccer fields, and a busy spring carnival, it has been wonderful to see the centre full of activity all season long.

This fall marks an exciting milestone for our community. After years of planning and fundraising, we are preparing to begin renovations to the community centre. These improvements will modernize our facility, create more welcoming and functional spaces, and ensure that Riverview Community Centre continues to serve our neighbourhood for generations to come.

While construction will bring some temporary changes to how we operate, we are excited to see this long-awaited project finally get underway. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate this exciting transition and will continue to share updates throughout the project.

As we move into the fall season, our focus shifts indoors with a full lineup of programming for all ages. Whether you're returning to one of your favourite fitness classes, registering for a new program, or joining us for one of our many events, we hope you'll find plenty of opportunities to stay active and connected. Be sure to check out this newsletter and our website for all the latest program information and registration details.

This issue also continues our Volunteer Spotlight series, celebrating the incredible people who dedicate their time and talents to making Riverview Community Centre such a special place. Every event, program, and initiative benefits from the generosity of volunteers, and we are proud to recognize the individuals who help strengthen our community. If you've been thinking about getting involved, we'd love to welcome you to our volunteer team.

Finally, I want to thank our neighbours, volunteers, staff, community partners, and supporters for your continued commitment to Riverview Community Centre. Your enthusiasm and support are what make this centre such an important part of our neighbourhood. We look forward to an exciting fall as we begin this next chapter together and continue building a vibrant, welcoming community for everyone.

See you at the club! •



President's Message

Jason Oliver

Thank You Sherri!

To the Residents of Riverview: As we look ahead to the upcoming municipal election, I find myself reflecting on the past years with a deep sense of gratitude and, admittedly, a heavy heart. This fall, we will say goodbye to a true champion of our community. After years of dedicated service, our councillor, Sherri Rollins, has made the decision not to seek re-election.

On behalf of the board of directors and every member of the Riverview Community Centre, I want to publicly acknowledge the immense debt of gratitude we owe Sherri. Simply put, our centre would not be what it is today without her unwavering advocacy.

When we needed a new tractor to maintain our grounds, Sherri answered the call. When our ski trails required a new ATV to keep them pristine for winter enthusiasts, Sherri made it happen. When our aging ice edger became a safety concern and needed replacement, she was the first to fight for the funds to get it done.

But her support went far beyond the equipment. Sherri has been our loudest voice at City Hall. She has been an extraordinary advocate in securing hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants that have kept our doors open and our programs thriving. She has shown up, not just for photo ops, but for late-night meetings, breakfasts, community events, and tournaments. She knows our names, she knows our families, and she has always put Riverview first.

It has been a true honour to work side-by-side with her to serve this Centre and neighbourhood. With her departure, the Riverview community faces a hole that won't be easily filled.

However, the work of our community does not stop. As we settle into this election season, you will see new candidates knocking on your doors, eager to earn your vote. I urge you to ask them the tough questions. Ask them how they feel about investments in community infrastructure. Ask them if they understand that community

centres are the beating hearts of our neighbourhoods and if they will commit to supporting ours.

Please look beyond the campaign signs. Ask these candidates if they know what it takes to run a rink, maintain cross-country sk trails, or support our programs. Ask them if they will be a friend to Riverview.

As president of this centre, I look forward to meeting all the candidates for our city council. I am eager to hear their visions for our ward. I will be reaching out to them, and I hope they will reach out to me, so we can discuss how the future of Riverview can continue to grow and prosper with the support of our new councillor.

Sherri leaves big shoes to fill. Let's make sure we choose someone who is ready to wear them.

Thank you, Sherri for everything. You will be missed. •

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REMEMBER YOUR RVCC MOMENT?



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The first skate. Summer camp. A movie night. A new friendship. **There are a million little RVCC memories. Help make sure there are a million more.** We're raising the final \$150,000 to renew RVCC for the next generation.

Donate \$500+ to the RVCC Renewal Project and your family, business or organization can become part of the Riverview Recognition Wall.

Leave your mark. Keep the story going. Visit riverviewcc.ca/future-riverview

When our family moved to Riverview in 2014, one of the first things we noticed was how different the neighbourhood felt.

As corny as it sounds, it felt like a community from another time—kids walking to school, riding bikes to friends' houses, spending hours at the park or community centre, and neighbours who actually knew one another. It didn't take long before Riverview Community Centre became part of our family's daily routine.

Like many kids, my son couldn't wait for winter to go skate on the outdoor rink (Or as everyone knows it—the ODR). Every fall, he'd start calling the community centre asking the same question: "Is the ice ready?"

I'm fairly certain Colin and the staff recognized his voice and were waiting for the daily call. They'd patiently tell him, "Not yet." The next day, he'd call again. Still no? Fine, will call back tomorrow. And again and again until finally the answer was "Yes, ice is in".

Those calls became a running family joke, but looking back, they represent something much bigger than a child eager to go skate with his buddies. They represent what the community centre means to families. It's where friendships begin, where kids gain confidence, where volunteers give countless hours, and where memories are made almost without anyone noticing.

Riverview has always been a little different.

We're one of Winnipeg's smaller community clubs, yet we've built a reputation that extends well beyond our neighbourhood. Whether it's our volunteers, our programs, or the pride we take in maintaining some of the city's earliest and best outdoor ice, Riverview has always succeeded

"Is the ice ready?"

Dom Marinelli

because so many people choose to get involved.

Now it's our turn to invest in its future, so the next generation of Riverview kids can enjoy the same experiences my kids did.

The RVCC Renewal Project will modernize the aging facility so it can continue serving the neighbourhood for decades to come. With federal and City of Winnipeg funding covering most of the \$1.4 million project, our community needs to raise the final \$150,000 needed to bring the vision across the finish line.

The project will modernize the building envelope and HVAC system while reimagining the interior lobby to create a more welcoming, accessible space that supports more affordable and diverse programming for all ages—from our youngest to our oldest residents. The club is home to programs, activities, and events for everyone, but we need your support at this critical time to ensure this project becomes a reality.

A donation not only will help achieve this vision, you will also have an opportunity to solidify your name on the Riverview Recognition Wall.

While the wall recognizes donors, it's really about recognizing something larger—the people, families, and local businesses that have helped shape this community. Years from now, children and families will walk past those names on their way to programs, events, and, hopefully, another great outdoor skating season.



Mock-up of possible RVCC Recognition Wall

Every name tells a story. Together, they'll tell the story of a community that chose to invest in itself.

If Riverview Community Centre has been part of your family's story, we'd invite you to become part of its next chapter by supporting the Recognition Wall campaign. For as little as \$500 (tax-deductible), it's an opportunity to leave a lasting mark while helping ensure that future generations will build memories here, just as so many of us already have. •

For more information or to donate to the campaign, visit riverviewcc.ca/future-riverview

Dom Marinelli is the RVCC Renewal Fundraising Campaign Lead.

Lunch and Learn + socialize

Quinn Fletcher

In May, Riverview Community Centre launched a monthly speaker series called Lunch and Learn. Maybe we could have been a bit more creative naming the series, but we went with the name because it describes the events perfectly. On the last Wednesday of each month, people meet in the hall at 12:15pm for a free lunch followed by an opportunity to learn from a speaker. This series was made possible by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program, which pays for the lunches, speaker honorariums, and everything else involved.

The first speaker was Constable Alana Morton-O'Halloran from the Winnipeg City Police (May 6th). The title of her talk was "Just Hang Up! Fraud Prevention." After some delicious soup and tiny sandwiches, Alana gave us some details about common fraud scams, focusing

particularly on grandparent or emergency phone scams that are commonly directed towards older adults. Overall, I was amazed by the technology utilized by fraudsters to mimic the voices of loved ones, and after this presentation, I heard of older adults in Riverview who have been targeted.

The main message of the talk was that **if you receive an emergency phone call from a loved one asking for money, you need to hang up the phone, verify the whereabouts and wellbeing of the loved one, and then report the scam to the authorities.** These steps make sense when you are not in the heat of the moment. I'm hopeful that hearing this advice from as many places as possible will help prevent these traumatic scams from working.

The second Lunch and Learn was presented by two representatives from Grands 'n' More (May 27th), highlighting the work they do associated with the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Specifically, the mandate of Grands 'n' More is to raise awareness and

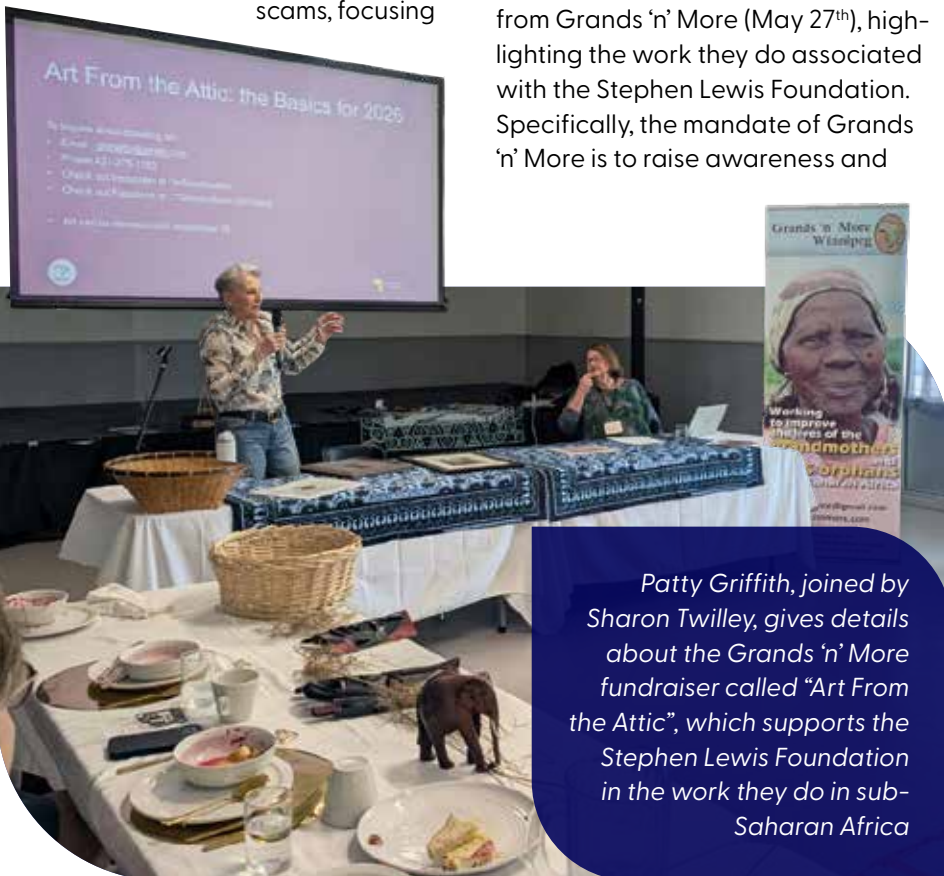
funds to **support grandmothers in 14 countries in sub-Saharan Africa who are caring for AIDS-orphaned grandchildren.** You may be familiar with their biggest fundraiser, a giant yearly art sale held at St. Vital Mall (Sunday, Oct 4th; mark your calendars and follow @artfromtheattic on Instagram).

In addition to showcasing this event, Patty Griffith and Sharon Twilley talked more about the cause they support and ways for people to get involved. The lunch for this presentation was prepared by The Oakwood, which is under new management. The soup and sandwiches they provided were delicious, and we are thankful for their support of the community centre.

After these first two events, I realize that a more accurate title for the series is "Lunch and Learn and Socialize." Before and after every event, the hall at the club is abuzz with chatter. I think this is facilitated by the fact that the hall is decorated so beautifully for each presentation that everyone feels special. Janice Gray, who is the facility and grounds manager at the club, is passionate about parties and decorating. Janice decorated the hall with a spring theme for the first presentation and an African theme for the second. Janice even brings her cloth tablecloths and napkins and was able to teach me how to fold the napkins so the cutlery fits inside.

The Lunch and Learn (and Socialize) series starts up again after the summer on Wednesday, September 23rd (12:15pm – mark your calendars) with a presentation by Jason Hoepfner from The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy on Osborne. We are still working out the details, but I'm sure it will be very topical given the important role The Medicine Shoppe plays in our community. •

Patty Griffith, joined by Sharon Twilley, gives details about the Grands 'n' More fundraiser called "Art From the Attic", which supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation in the work they do in sub-Saharan Africa



What makes an event...

A look back at this year's spring carnival

Quinn Fletcher



Students from École Riverview School performed songs from "Seussical the Musical," the extraordinary pre-retirement swan song of music teacher Donna Klassen!

The annual Riverview spring carnival happened on June 5th this year. It's my general feeling that people were happier this year.

I might be crazy, but I think it had something to do with the carnival falling on the weekend after the annual Riverview garage sale and people still being excited about all the stuff they scored. My big find this year was a DVD of the Canadian classic "Strange Brew." Watching Doug McKenzie crank the tail of the MGM Lion to try to make him roar at the beginning of the movie cracks me up every time!

For the spring carnival, I always thought that all you needed was carnival food (poutine, hot dogs, and 'burgs mmmmm ... thanks for another year Rob Walton!), beer gardens, and radio tunes in Rink 1. **I thought that people didn't need anything more than the radio rockin' because spring carnival is just about catching up with people and telling bad jokes.** Well, was I ever wrong! This year Karli Colpitts organized some entertainment in Rink 1 that was the highlight of the carnival. Marco Gallo, from 0812 Building Solutions, rolled in a flatbed trailer that was used as a stage. The first act was students from École Riverview School

performing some songs from "Seussical the Musical," which was the extraordinary pre-retirement swan song of Donna Klassen!

This was followed by a few numbers by the Riverview-famous (and soon to be internationally-famous) Celery Girls. Next up was a few songs by the Vibes and Voices Choir (@vibesvoiceswpg), a neighbourhood drop-in group founded by Karli that is always looking for new members. Although that was the end of the scheduled programming, Living Music (our neighbourhood music teaching studio) kept the party going until last call by facilitating a karaoke session, helped along by delicious beers from our friends at Low Life Barrel House, Sookram's, and Good Neighbour, who are always so supportive of the club. Not surprisingly, Riverview is full of musical talent and people rocked the karaoke until the noise permit expired! I've already signed up for next year to sing Neil Diamond's "Cracklin' Rosie."

If your eyes were not locked on the stage, there was a ton of other stuff to do at the carnival. There was the penny carnival for little ones in the area by the wading pool and play structure, with games facilitated by Skylar and Ambrose (Thanks a bunch!). The petting

zoo is a hit year after year with all ages. In addition to the bouncy castles in the field, Rink 2 was full of games and activities. It seems like all you have to do is make a jumbo version of a game and kids will play with it all night long. This year we rented jumbo bowling, jumbo Jenga, jumbo Connect 4, jumbo checkers, and jumbo building blocks from the City of Winnipeg. **I think someone should invent jumbo horseshoes.** After a night of jumbo fun, I'm always amazed that all the pieces are accounted for at the end of the night and we don't lose our damage deposit! It's also great to see kids making their own fun on the grounds of the community centre. This year there were games of football in the field, basketball in Rink 2 (Thanks to Neil Jacobs for providing the net), and volleyball on the tennis courts.

I think my favourite part of the carnival is watching kids of all ages run wild on the grounds of the community centre. I certainly remember when my kids were the age when the crowd was scary to them and I'd always have them within sight. Now I only see them during the carnival when they need money for slushies, hotdogs, and candy. The rule for my kids is that they are not allowed to leave the community centre grounds, but the reason I feel at ease is that there is a community of people watching out for them! •

The sale that keeps on giving

• Kathy Larson, Cathy Land, Steve Lennon •

Thank you Riverview – you’ve done it again! This year’s garage sales event was a spectacular success again, mostly due to the efforts of your neighbours and friends in the community, plus a very dedicated and helpful staff and Board. Over the years, the reputation of the Riverview garage sales for having great stuff and enticing bargains has been gaining momentum, and second-hand goods shoppers come to our sales from all over town.

Our sale is not one to miss!

We are grateful for the strong team of volunteers we had this year. From donating goods to distributing flyers (1,580 of them!), from cookie bakers to cookie sellers, from phoning people to pricing, from schleppers of boxes to arrangers of goods, sign placers, volunteer coordinators, media people, purchasers and cashiers, packer-uppers and the fabulous staff at the RVCC: Thank you all!

In addition to the giant three-room sale at RVCC, there were an additional 10 locations in the neighbourhood that hosted private sales, then donated 10% of their profits to the community centre. Each shopper at the community centre was given a list of these neighbourhood addresses before they left, so they

could scout around Riverview for more attractive bargains. Hundreds of seekers went home happy with their new-old treasures.

All the money collected at the big sale went to Riverview Community Centre, but the community benefits didn’t stop there:

- Unsold children’s books went to northern Manitoba communities, through Share the Magic.
- Most of the artworks were picked up by Grands ‘n’ More for their Art from the Attic fundraiser (Sunday, Oct. 4th at St. Vital Mall).
- The ReStore got some hardware and building materials.
- Centre Flavie-Laurent collected some of the furniture.
- Salvation Army picked up the bulk of the leftover goods.
- Even the RVCC picked up a few items for the centre.

The garage sale event is a great fundraiser for the RVCC, and it helps build community with neighbours by working together. And we can all feel great that very few of the thousands of donations ended up in a landfill.

Once again, thanks to all for a marvelous fundraiser! •

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A little magic, a lot of memories

• Skylar Stregger •

My journey at the community centre began in 2021 as a day camp leader, doing what I could to keep kids engaged through crafts, games, and the occasional magic trick or drawings.

What started as a summer position quickly grew into something much more meaningful. Over the years, I was fortunate enough to take on the role of running the day camp for the past three summers while also leading fall/winter programs such as D&D Club, Craft Corner, and Tween Night.

Each program gave me the opportunity to connect with kids in different ways. Craft Corner encouraged creativity and chaotic messes as we experimented with new projects together, while D&D Club became a space where kids could learn a new game, work as a team, and let their imaginations run wild through storytelling and adventure. Tween

Night created an opportunity for the neighbourhood youth to relax, make friends, and enjoy activities that were designed with their interests in mind.

One of the most rewarding parts of working at the community centre has been watching so many kids grow over the years. Some who first joined day camp as shy participants later became confident leaders within activities, while others returned year after year, excited to participate with new crafts and activities or getting involved with the wild storylines of the scavenger hunts. Seeing those friendships grow and watching kids become more confident in themselves has been one of the greatest privileges of my time here.

Along the way, there were failed crafts, unpredictable weather preventing us from doing our typical activities, and

plenty of late nights where I would spend planning last minute activities, but I wouldn’t trade those experiences for anything. Every challenge taught me something new and helped shape both my leadership skills and my future career goals.

As I begin a new chapter in my life, I want to sincerely thank every volunteer, board member, staff member, parent, and especially the kids who made these past few years so meaningful. Although I haven’t lived in this neighbourhood, Riverview has shown me what a truly connected and welcoming community looks like. I will always cherish the memories, friendships and lessons I’ve gained here. I look forward to seeing the community centre continue to grow and create opportunities for many more years to come. •

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Volunteer Spotlight

Nat Kosteckyj

Our community centre runs on the energy of volunteers. In this issue, Nat shares how a volunteer bond for kids' soccer turned into years of pitching in, meeting neighbours, cooking chili and keeping the hot dogs and burgers coming at Carnival. Her advice? Go for it—you'll meet your neighbours and help build community.

Interested in volunteering at the Riverview Community Centre? We're always looking for helping hands—visit riverviewcc.ca/volunteer

PHOTO
Beth Smyth, Jean Altemeyer, Nat Kosteckyj, Kelly Kluger and Helen Shen at the Frostbite River Run

Can you tell us what got you involved in volunteering in general? For example, did you volunteer in school, or did you see parents or grandparents volunteering? And then, if you remember, your first volunteer experience with RVCC.

Nat: I have to admit, I think my first volunteer experience with RVCC was to fulfill the volunteer bond for my kids tim bits soccer registration. Our family was always at the community centre, our kids were at the daycare, they did jackrabbit skiing and hockey, we would find treasures at the garage sale, my husband and I enjoyed the trivia nights, etc ... it just made sense to volunteer and help out. All our friends and the neighborhood kids were there. Volunteering became a natural thing.

Tell us about the events you most enjoy volunteering for at RVCC!

Nat: I really love the Frostbite River Run that volunteer extraordinaire Dennis Cunningham organizes.

Those frosty smiles at the end of the run are great. I also like the Chili Cook off. It's fun to see neighbors compete for bragging rights for their chili. Last year a kid won the cook-off!

Do you have any memorable experiences from volunteering —anything crazy ever happen?

Nat: Nothing too crazy, the events at the community center are pretty well run. I remember not being able to keep up with the demand for hot dogs and burgers in the kitchen at the carnival. This is a good thing because it means the carnival is a success. Also, one year no veggie chilis were registered for the cook off, so I made one and convinced a neighbor friend to bring one, so we had a vegetarian chili duel. We are still friends by the way!

What would you say to someone considering becoming a volunteer?

Nat: Go for it. Everyone at the club is friendly and fun. You will meet your neighbours and help build community. •



Summer takeover at RVCC courts for a good cause

Pickleball partiers

Nat Kosteckyj

A fundraising pickleball party was held early July, on a Tuesday night, with the mission of making pickleball free this summer at the Riverview Community Center. There was a courtside licensed bar and tunes were pumping while participants dinked, volleyed and rallied. It was a fabulous evening where neighbours connected on the courts and new pickleball friends were made. About 30 participants answered the party call. Beth O'Dell and Waedon Dueck took home prizes for the most colorful outfits. Generous donations, a 50/50 raffle, and beer sales (Thanks to Low Life Barrel House and their continued support of the club) allowed us to raise enough money to make pickleball free all summer long!. Thank-YOU!

So... come out and play pickleball for FREE this summer. The Tuesday partiers have decided to keep the party going on Tuesday nights; join us from 6-8 pm. Sign up on the RVCC website or better yet, just show up. The courts are open to players on other days of the week as well. •

Stay tuned for information about another pickleball event to close out the summer/fall outdoor season.

Fall programs

Stay connected, stay curious & keep moving

cheatsheet

MONDAY	Dance Jam - 12:15pm + 6pm
	Mahjong - 12:30pm
	D+D Club - 4pm
	Pilates - 7:00pm
	Jiu-Jitsu - 7:30pm Mon. + Thurs.
TUESDAY	Grenfell Art Group - 10am
	Senior's Fitness - 11am Tues. + Thurs.
	Stitch Circle - 1pm
	Neuromovement - 2:15pm
	Storytelling - 4pm
	Open Mic - 7pm
WEDNESDAY	Gentle Fitness - 11am
	Science Club - 4pm
	After Hours Bootcamp - 7:15pm
THURSDAY	Senior's Fitness - 11am Tues. + Thurs.
	Strength Training - 12:15pm
	Men's Shed - 1pm
	Sewing Club - 4pm
	Knit Night - 6pm
	Yoga - 7pm
	Jiu-Jitsu - 7:30pm Mon. + Thurs.
FRIDAY	Yoga - 9:30am
	Postnatal Yoga - 11am
SATURDAY	Magic Club - 10am +11:30am

Check for details,
registration info
and end dates at
riverviewcc.ca

After School Programming

D+D Club

Mondays at 4PM

This fall, the Dungeon and Dragons After-School Club is returning. For ages 10-14 this club is a perfect spot for adventurers to hone their collaborative problem solving, and creative spirit. Whether you are new to the game or you already know your way around a 20-sided dice, there is room for anyone at this table. On Mondays after school, 4-6 adventurers will hop into a new fantasy world full of stories to discover, friendships to craft, and dragons to defeat.

Threads of Identity: The Storymaker Studio

Tuesdays at 4PM

What makes you who you are? It could be your family, culture, interests, experiences, favourite places, the things you care about, or your dreams for the future.

In this 10-week program, young people will explore those different parts of themselves while trying several fun and creative ways to tell stories. They'll have the chance to experiment with writing, photography, drawing, comics, collage, and video before choosing an idea that matters to them and turning it into a project of their own. No previous writing, art, or filmmaking experience is needed.

The Storymaker Studio is led by award-winning journalist and filmmaker Joanne Roberts.

South Osborne Family Book Club

COMING SOON TO RVCC!

The Osborne Public Library and the RVCC are joining forces to offer a new program for families who love to read.

- **First:** Stop by the library to check out your books.
- **Then:** Read together at your own pace.
- **Next:** Gather at the club to connect with other readers, talk about the book, try out some fun activities, and find more great new reads.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information to come!

Science club

Wednesdays at 4PM

Participants (age 10 and up) will learn the purpose and goal of science through a series of weekly hands-on experiments that will set the stage for a final project.

Kids' Sewing Club

Thursdays at 4PM

Feeling creative? Want to sew cute, fun and useful things? We will make stuffies, bags, decorative items and more in this 10-week Kids' Sewing Club, a hands-on club for all skill levels. Learn foundational hand-sewing and machine sewing techniques while exploring your creativity in a supportive setting. Choose an instructor-planned project or talk to the instructor about an idea you have.

Join us to build skills, gain confidence, and connect with other creative kids.

Upcoming events



For the most up-to-date information about events at the Riverview Community Centre visit riverviewccc.ca

Fall Fund Drive

This fall, our dedicated volunteers will spend September and October going door to door to build support for our community centre's future. Our campaign will highlight the recognition wall while raising the remaining funds needed for our renovation project, set to begin this fall.

These improvements will enhance the space for everyone who uses it, and we need your help to make them happen. Every donation brings us closer to our goal. Please consider making a gift—or volunteering during the campaign—to help strengthen our community centre for years to come.

Sunday, Oct. 4 - Halloween Costume Swap

The All-Ages Halloween Costume Swap is coming to RVCC on Sunday, October 4, 2026 between 3:00-6:00pm. Please bring all clean, gently used costumes and accessories to swap between 3:00-3:30 to organize so the swapping can begin at 3:30! Entrance fee is a suggested donation of \$5, or if you are feeling inspired to support the RVCC, feel free to offer more.

Friday, Oct. 23 Halloween Trivia Night

Get ready for a spooktacular night of trivia, laughs, and friendly competition! Rally your team of 8 and put your knowledge to the test across a mix of creepy, curious, and unexpected categories. Early bird pricing is just \$125 per team until October 16, so gather your crew and save your spot. Costumes are encouraged—but not required—for a fun night out with friends and neighbours!

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Breakfast with Santa

Start the holiday season with a festive morning at the centre! Gather the family for a delicious pancake breakfast, holiday music, and a special visit from Santa. Come ready for good food, cheerful company, and plenty of holiday magic—and don't forget your camera for a memorable morning with Santa. This beloved community tradition is one you won't want to miss!

Saturday, Oct. 3 - Fun Run + Welcome Back BBQ



We're kicking off the fall season with a fun run in partnership with Riverview Health Centre! Join neighbours, families, and friends for a fun and active way to reconnect with the community as we all settle back into our fall routines. Following the run, stick around for a BBQ on the Riverview Health Centre grounds and enjoy some good food and even better company. It's a great opportunity to get moving, catch up with neighbours, and celebrate the start of a new season together.

Sunday, Nov. 8 Fall Clothing Swap

Our fall clothing swap is back for another season! Our fall clothing swap is the perfect way to refresh your wardrobe, discover some new-to-you favourites, and keep gently used clothing in circulation. Bring along items you're ready to pass on, browse for something new to you and connect with neighbours while you swap. Come swap, connect, and give your closet a sustainable seasonal refresh!

Saturday, Nov. 28 RVCC CCC and Mini Maker Market

A fall favourite is back! Bring your game face for a crib tournament, bring your best recipe for the neighbourhood chili cook-off, and come browse the market for great finds. Whether you're here to play, taste, shop, or simply catch up with neighbours, there's something for everyone. It's a lively community day with a little friendly competition and plenty of fall fun!

Movie Nights

Oct. 9 - Hotel Transylvania
Nov. 20 - Kung Fu Panda
Dec. 18 - Arthur Christmas

Building a Market

Ellis Cunningham

What an honour it's been to be able to give back to my local community centre. I remember before applying for the market coordinator position, there was also a groundskeeper position open. I had never done any sort of coordinating work. Sure, I've coordinated camping trips and gatherings with friends, but to do something like this seemed very daunting. I had worked at Riverview Health Centre for a number of years beginning as a Covid-19 Screener. It was there where I fell in love with working in a hospitality setting. I was a friendly face that many people saw when they entered. I couldn't imagine having to move a family member or friend into a hospital setting while there is a global pandemic happening. If I could do just a little something like smile, greet them with calmness, and speak to them without expecting them to know where they need to go/what they need to do, I would. I loved that job and loved interacting with so many great and kind people.

Throughout the years, I transitioned to becoming a groundskeeper. I did that job for four summers and it was amazing to learn about the trees, operating heavy duty lawn equipment, planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers that they always have around the property. I also worked as a service partner on one of the personal care units. I learned how to clean a hospital unit. I enjoyed talking to the residents and being a part of their daily routine. Whether it was helping with feeding, sitting with them and chatting about how it was "back in their day", whatever I could to bring a smile to their faces, that is what brought me joy on my hard days.

So now I work at the community centre and I was the market coordinator for



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the summer. The job combines a lot of the things I'm really good at into one. I never knew how creative I was until I had to start making social media posts for the market. It's also interesting to see how much they improved over the summer. My first draft compared to what I did in August shows a very big change. Being able to reach out to local businesses and find people who wanted to be a part of what I was building was another awesome thing. I met some great people who shared a lot of the same characteristics as me. It's very easy to get along with people when they see the world the same way you do.

There were a few challenges of course, having rainy days and barely anyone showing up. The first time that happened, I was sad. I knew that there wasn't really much I could do about it, but it just felt like I was letting these small business owners down.

The following week, I did 24,000 steps in the span of three hours while

knocking on doors and delivering flyers to promote our last four markets. I was surprised that many people didn't know that we even had a summer farmers market. I was really pleased by the turnout after passing out the flyers. It *did* make a difference.

Heading into next year, we have a lot of momentum, and a sense of direction and identity for our market. We're going to build something that will continue growing as each year passes and hopefully becomes a staple in the neighbourhood. When you think of a Monday in July or August, we want you thinking of, "Who's coming to the market this week?"

So thank you for all the support, whether you purchased produce, or did some gift shopping, if you just chatted with a vendor, or had supper and listened to live music. You played a part in helping the market grow and without you, we wouldn't be able to put on things like this for the community.





Protecting our neighbourhood tree canopy

Just over a year ago, in June 2025, Trees Riverview (TR) launched its Tree Steward program to monitor the condition of the over 150 young trees the organization has planted under contract since 2021. The program was initiated so that tree damage could be reported in early stages to save trees from more damage and potential death. Since then, 16 volunteers from our neighbourhood have stepped up to act as TR tree stewards, either alone or in pairs, regularly checking on how these trees on our boulevards and at the Riverview Community Centre are faring. Tree stewards help in a couple of important ways. First, they identify and mitigate risks to tree health. Riverview trees are increasingly damaged from male deer in the fall rut.

Occasionally, boulevard work, snowplowing, disease and pests, and even vandalism, damage or kill our boulevard trees. Over the past year, reports by tree stewards have led to timely replacement of trees that died within the two-year warranty period,

and to quick intervention by the City of Winnipeg Urban Forestry Branch (UFB) to place stakes and fencing around public trees severely damaged by male deer. Second, tree steward monitoring provides useful information to help TR learn more about trees and to share that with the Riverview community and the UFB. The UFB is modifying how it protects trees from deer damage when they are planted, and how the risks are assessed during fall rut, in part from tree steward reports of damage. Trees Riverview uses on-the-ground data collected by the tree stewards to share information with UFB and inform their experiments with what approaches are the most successful.

TR is actively seeking new volunteers since there are still some TR planted trees without a steward. Tree stewards are provided with a list of 'their' trees including location, species, and most recent condition. The tree steward checks on these trees every week or so, observing the tree's condition and its environment, and reporting notable

A tree steward reported these growths on a monitored tree in 2025. As a result, Trees Riverview learned this is called Hackberry Nipple Gall, and that, happily, galls do not usually cause too much stress to trees. This demonstrates how tree steward reporting is increasing our understanding of the trees planted in our neighbourhood.

• May Wady and Wendy Botkin

changes to the TR tree steward coordinator. Often tree stewards live near the trees they are monitoring, or the trees are on a regular walking route, making this a flexible, easy, and pleasant way to give back to our neighbourhood. Currently available blocks and trees are:

- **Arnold Avenue:**
Casey to Fisher – 10 trees
- **Arnold Avenue Park:**
Fisher to Eccles – 10 trees
- **Fisher Street:**
Ashland to Baltimore – 2 trees
- **Baltimore Rd:**
Fisher to Mabel – 11 trees

If you are interested in becoming a tree steward for one or more of these routes, or if you have further questions, please contact Trees Riverview at TreesRiverview@gmail.com.

The TR executive is excited about how Tree Stewards are helping to prevent or mitigate damage to TR trees and about the tree protection ideas that come from tree stewards observations. Thanks to our tree steward volunteers! •

Riverview tackles food waste

• Karrie Blackburn

If you've ever scraped leftovers into the garbage and thought, there has to be a better way, you're right.

While Winnipeg's city-wide green cart program isn't scheduled to roll out until 2030, Riverview residents don't have to wait to start composting.

A free Community Food Waste Drop-Off site is now open at the Riverview Community Centre, giving the neighbourhood immediate access to composting—whether you live in an apartment, condo, or house.

The site is part of Compost Winnipeg's growing community drop-off program, delivered in partnership with the City of Winnipeg.

Why does that matter?

When food waste ends up in a landfill, it breaks down without oxygen and produces methane—a greenhouse gas significantly more potent than carbon dioxide. Composting prevents those emissions and returns valuable nutrients back to the earth. It's one of the simplest and most effective climate actions households can take.

In the program's first year alone, 335 tonnes of food waste were diverted from landfill across 17 community sites. That translates to approximately 670,000 kilograms of CO₂ equivalent emissions avoided—the same emissions as the average passenger vehicle driving around the earth 69 times. And now, Riverview is part of that impact.

Participation is simple: collect your food scraps at home in a container of your choice, then bring them to the site when it's convenient for you. Empty your scraps into the bin and take your container home to reuse. If you prefer to use a liner, BPI-certified compostable bags or paper bags are

accepted. The bins are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Unlike a backyard compost bin, the community drop-off program accepts a wider range of materials, including:

- All fruit and vegetable scraps, cooked or raw
- Meat, bones, and dairy
- Bread and grains
- Coffee grounds and paper tea bags
- BPI-certified compostable bags
- Greasy pizza boxes (torn into pieces)

Concerned about odours or pests? The bins are securely sealed and serviced regularly. At home, smells can be minimized by emptying your container frequently or storing scraps in the freezer until drop-off.

Food waste makes up roughly 40% of household garbage in Winnipeg. Diverting that material not only reduces emissions but also extends the lifespan of our landfill – a benefit that serves the entire city.

The Riverview site exists because communities across Winnipeg have shown they are ready for practical, neighbourhood-based climate solutions. By participating, Riverview residents become part of a city-wide effort that is already making a measurable impact.

The drop-off site at Riverview Community Centre is free to use and open to all Winnipeg residents.

Composting doesn't have to wait until 2030. It can start today—right here in Riverview.

Have questions about the program? Contact info@compostwinnipeg.ca or call 431-317-5254. Happy composting! •

Karrie Blackburn is the Sales & Customer Service Lead for Compost Winnipeg, a Social Enterprise of Green Action Centre.



Meet your community compost bin caretakers, Lumen and Alexa!

Our job is to make sure the bins are free from damage and in good working order, and to report to Compost Winnipeg on how full they are so they know when they need to be emptied. We do this twice a week!

If you're in the neighbourhood and aren't able to get your compost bag to the bin at the community centre, feel free to email us—we'd be happy to help! alexadettman@gmail.com

Let's work together to keep food waste out of the landfill!



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Annual Harvest Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 | 4-8PM
250 Churchill Dr., Wpg (MB)
\$120 per person
\$960 for a table of 8

Harvest Dinner is an immersive garden-to-table dining experience in the heart of Churchill Drive Food Forest in South Osborne. Hyperlocal dishes are prepared from produce grown in the forest and annual gardens maintained by Sustainable South Osborne Community Cooperative. Come early to for garden tours, local vendors, lawn games, and a custom brew at the cash bar from our returning Beverage Partners Low Life Barrelhouse and Next Friend Cider.

New this year:

- The Park Theatre presents a **very special** local music guest! It's a surprise, but trust us, you won't want to miss this!
- Buy a table of 8 and guarantee sitting together with your people!

For those who attended last year's memorable dinner, fear not, we'll be under a tent this year. **This is an outdoor event, rain or shine.**

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Making more memories in Fisher Park

Kristina Hunter

"I enjoy quiet nights walking my dog, especially when the trees are blooming, or there are big fat snowflakes."

— Survey respondent

I am really enjoying poring over the responses to our recent Friends of Fisher Park community survey. Of course, it is validating to hear how much you also value Fisher Park's beautiful canopy trees and want to see them protected. But what has really captured me is getting a glimpse into your favourite memories of the park.

Memories of climbing trees and sledding down the little slopes. Easter egg hunts with neighbourhood friends. Mini-soccer and Timbits games. Biking around the loop, playing in piles of leaves, fairy parties, picnics and making up games.

One neighbour remembered climbing trees and sledding in Fisher Park as a child in the 1970s and '80s—and then watching their own children grow up doing the same.

There were newer memories, too: bringing babies to the park, deciding to put an offer in on a house, watching the deer frolic in the

lower garden, meeting with family outdoors during COVID, a January wedding, and simply sitting on a bench watching the bees in the central garden.

These shared little memories are a reminder that a neighbourhood park doesn't need to be grand to be important. Fisher Park is a testament to that—it is simply a well-loved greenspace where everyday life happens and memories accumulate over generations.

And we get to help care for this little park.

**Mark your calendars for
Saturday, September 26th
10am-2pm (the last Saturday
of September) when we have
our Friends of Fisher Park
Annual Fall Clean-up & Celebration.**

We'll come together again as a community to do some hands-on work in the park, share some baking and a hot dog lunch, while enjoying local musical talent and building more memories. See you soon!

*Kristina Hunter is the Chair
of Friends of Fisher Park*



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Harvest time

at Riverview Ashland Child Care Centre

What's new at RACC Inc? ————— ● Corine Anderson

- We've added an afternoon class to our Forest Nursery program (ages 3-5). It runs from 1:00-3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Subsidies are available. We still have spaces available for 4 & 5 year olds, if you are interested you can find our intake form on our website riverash.com on the Forest School page
- We are doing a pilot project of adding a walking program for the morning Forest Nursery program so that children can attend Forest Nursery from 9:00-12:00, eat lunch with our program and get dropped off at PM Kindergarten at Ecole Riverview School. We still have one space available if you are interested in this program
- **Congrats to Brittany & Tessa** who have completed their ECE II training with RRCP!
- **Big congrats to Brittany** who won the Anne Grape Memorial Award for her exemplary work at RRCP while she studied her ECE II classes—we couldn't be prouder
- **Congrats to Alyssa** who has completed her training with Forest School Canada and is now a certified Forest School Practitioner
- **Welcome to the team! Faye** is joining the pm Forest Nursery program as an ECE II/FSP, Cheyenne & Kateryna will be helping out at the preschool/school age programs

Exciting times ahead!

We've spent the last couple years planting seeds and tending our proverbial garden and we are nearing harvest time...

A large team of volunteers with the South Osborne Child Care Coalition, South Osborne Commons, Riverview Ashland Child Care Centre, Churchill Park United Church and the United Church of Canada have been hard at work in conjunction with Sternberg Architecture & Resolve Group doing all the things needed to submit a Building Fund application and prepare for construction on 525 Beresford (formerly Churchill Park United Church) so we can turn the main floor and basement into a 112 space child care centre, and community and child-friendly commercial space on the second floor. Our plan is to have 20 infant, 62 preschool and 30 school age spaces. We will be expanding our forest school program as well.

We've submitted all the paperwork and hope to hear back with some good news by the time this article is published! We will update the community with official confirmation once the Province of Manitoba gives us the go ahead.

The building tender is going out asap and if we can keep to our existing timeline we'd expect to start opening spaces late summer/early fall of 2027.

The South Osborne Commons has launched an online fundraising campaign with Zeffy (Canadian go fund me) and you can find their 100 x \$1,000 fundraiser on Canada Helps or their website southosbornecommons.ca on the "Donate" tab. If we can successfully raise \$200,000 for this project, it will keep interest payments low and ensure that this project is sustainable long-term! Charitable donations receipts and donor recognition is available for donations. Accessible and welcoming community spaces are part of what makes South Osborne the best place to live. It's been very heart-warming to see the community outpouring of support for this project and we hope we can all work together on this last piece to successfully put a bow on it.

If you want to ensure that your child is on our waitlist and eligible for future spaces once funding is approved, be sure to visit our website riverash.com and add them to the list on the Contact page. We won't officially update the list until we receive our funding approval and the Early Learning Department of the Province of Manitoba says we can officially announce the project but all names on our existing list will be eligible for spaces as long as they meet our enrollment criteria.



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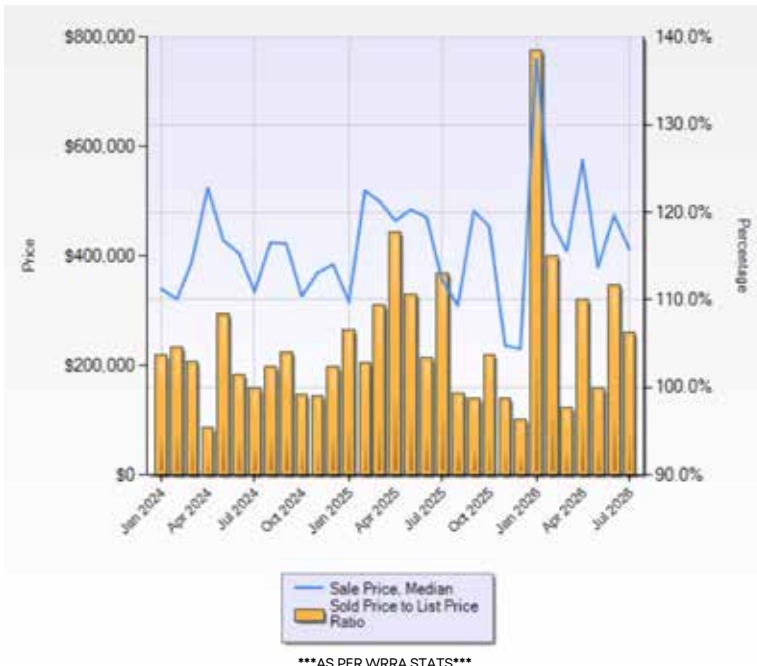
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RIVERVIEW 2026 RECAP (January 1st - August 3rd):

Total # of MLS[®] Riverview Sales: 31
Average Sale Price: \$511,426
Average Sold Price per SqFt: \$396.39
Highest Sale Price: \$842,000
Lowest Sale Price: \$250,000 (Arnold Ave.)
Average Days on Market: 13

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