

Southport

Newsletter
January 2022



Exciting Plans for 2022

With the first month of 2022 behind us, Southport is looking forward to the many exciting things to come in the year ahead.

This spring, Southport will break ground for two new duplexes in the Centenaire South residential development, bringing the total number of duplexes in the neighbourhood to 10. Southport's five year furnace upgrade program will continue with a number of the 188 residential units receiving new electric furnaces. Southport's residential upgrade program will continue with 16 units receiving interior and exterior upgrades. Southport's annual Yard Beautification Contest will be held throughout the summer months, with a grand prize winner selected in August.

Many Climate Smart initiatives will take place in 2022-23 including the acquisition of Southport's first electric pickup truck, installation of eight electric vehicle charging stations around the site, and two more employees will become certified through the Climate Smart training program. Training and professional development opportunities will continue to be sought and offered to staff.

Southport's Facilities team will be working on improving our recreation facility, Central Plains RecPlex, with a new AC unit in the gymnasium.

Following a successful 2021 season, the Southport Golf Club is set to open in the springtime for the 2022 golf season.

An event celebrating the important milestone of Southport's 30th Anniversary will take place in the Interpretive Park along with a surprise unveiling.

Stay up-to-date with everything happening at Southport by visiting the website or by following Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. on social media.



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Southport Board New Years Greetings

"On behalf of the Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy, prosperous, and safe 2022.

We have all had a very interesting (to say the least), somewhat crazy (no kidding) past couple of years, and we are all ready to get back to some sort of normal, whatever that may be. We are all in this together, so it behooves us to work together, and to understand each other's problems and difficulties as we try and put the past two years in the rearview mirror and move towards better times. We can do this.

The Southport Board and the CEO and her staff are ready to do what it takes to keep up the high standards that you all expect from us, and to keep the dialogue flowing between us. I see 2022 as a better year, a time when we all can relax a bit, breathe easier, and enjoy the company of friends and family when and how we wish. Hopefully you do as well.

Again, on behalf of the Board, I want to say "Happy New Year". Together we will have a good 2022. Thank you."



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug McLennan".

Doug McLennan
Chair
Board of Directors



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Climate Smart Corner

In 2022, two more Southport employees will become certified through the Climate Smart training program. The Climate Smart training programs allow businesses to achieve their business goals and lead in their industry while cultivating a climate-conscious culture internally at the same time. Climate Smart certified businesses come away with the internal ability to analyze, measure, and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, make informed decisions to invest in efficiencies, and communicate compellingly about the action they're taking on climate change.



Southport Office Holiday Hours

The Southport Office will be closed on Monday, February 21, for Louis Riel Day. A reminder that our office remains closed for public access.

Residential Tenants: For urgent maintenance requests or emergencies during the closures, please call 204.428.6037.

Central Plains RecPlex will be open from 5:30 AM - 10:00 PM on Monday, February 21, for Louis Riel Day.

Facilities Update

In January, the Facilities Maintenance team has been busy removing snow throughout Southport's commercial and residential areas. The team has also been working on the design for air conditioning units and heating at Central Plains RecPlex and preparing for projects in the New Year. Southport thanks the Facilities Maintenance team for their hard work and dedication in maintaining the community, making it a beautiful place to live, work, and play.



Early Southport Mornings

Early mornings make for great photos featuring Southport's gate guard, a CT-114 Tutor that proudly greets visitors and guards the community. The Tutor was used to train pilots at CFB Portage la Prairie (now Southport) and represents a legacy of more than 75 years of military flight training at Southport.

The aircraft was officially revealed as Southport's gate guard on April 29, 2017, in celebration of Southport's 25th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the Golden Centennaires' flying demonstration team. This flight team was assembled in 1967 for Canada's Centennial Celebrations. The team called Southport home from September 1, 1966 until their disbandment on January 12, 1968. During this time they performed 103 shows in Canada.



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.

[Learn More ▶](#)

Sweet Dreams at Southport

For your next stay in the Central Plains Region, enjoy a good night's sleep at one of Southport's accommodation facilities; Barker Suites and Mynarski House are located on-site just minutes from Portage la Prairie.

Barker Suites is named after William "Billy" George Barker, a historic Manitoban-born fighter pilot. The facility features 52 spacious suites, each complete with open concept living, kitchen, dining area, and a private bedroom with a queen bed. The modern facility features a common main floor lounge with a patio as well as smaller meeting rooms on the upper floors, complimentary laundry facilities, and WiFi.



Southport Golf Club Prepares to Open for the 2022 Golf Season!

The Southport Golf Club is anxious to get the 2022 golf season underway, so it's time to mark your calendars for April!

The last two years the course saw some of the best conditions to-date, and Southport will continue to uphold this standard for years to come.

To stay up-to-date on the latest news and the exciting things to come this year, visit the Southport Golf Club website and follow them on social media.



Mynarski House is named after Andrew "Andy" Charles Mynarski VC, a 27-year-old bomber gunner that flew with 419 "Moose" Squadron during the Second World War. The facility has 32 rooms, each with a double bed and bathroom. Mynarski House also has two, two-bedroom units and two suites each with two double beds and an additional seating area. Common laundry facilities, WiFi, and fully outfitted kitchens are located on each floor.



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Southport on the Big Screen!

The popcorn is popping, movies are playing, and Southport is advertising at Prairie City Cinema. Visit the theatre and keep your eyes out for Southport advertisements!



Southport Storage Units

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

204.428.6030



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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Newsletter Quiz!



Barker Suites is a facility with 52 spacious suites. Tell us the name of the historic Manitoban-born fighter pilot in which the Barker Building is named after 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 on Facebook

Southport Welcomes New Staff

Southport would like to welcome several new and returning employees to the team, and also congratulate several 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!



Shelley Buhler

Manager, Human Resources



Kristy McFee

Manager, Recreation Facilities



Adelynn Belfour

Cleaning Service Technician,
Accommodations



Evan Morris

Technician,
Facilities Maintenance



Colby Orchard

Director, Development



Curtis Tarr

Foreman, Facilities Maintenance



Kris Starling

Lead Technician,
Facilities Maintenance

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.

Customer Service Representative, Recreation

As the Customer Service Representative, Recreation, you will be responsible for providing exceptional customer service to all clients of the Central Plains RecPlex. 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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Valentine's Weekend Bowling Bundles

Love is in the air at Southport Bowl with Valentine's Weekend Bowling Bundles! Enjoy the following bundles with your loved ones during Valentine's Weekend, February 11 - 14, 2022.



Visit the Central Plains RecPlex website to learn more about each bundle and call the front desk at 204.428.6050 to book your bundles. All bundles must be booked ahead in order to reserve your bowling lane. Stay & Play Bundles must be booked by 12:00 PM on February 11, 2022.



Bring a Buddy

Attention all Central Plains RecPlex members! Do you have a friend, co-worker, or family member that you would like to introduce to the benefits of the Central Plains RecPlex fitness centre? Now is your chance!

From February 11 - 18, 2022, Central Plains RecPlex members are invited to 'Bring a Buddy' with them to experience the fitness centre for FREE! Members and their buddies are asked to check in at the reception desk prior to entering the fitness centre. Limit of one buddy per visit per member.

For more information, please call 204.428.6050. Current Public Health Order restrictions apply.

COVID Policies and Procedures

Stay up-to-date with the current Central Plains RecPlex Policies and Procedures found on our website!

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January Charity & Event Support



CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

The Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting Katie Cares. In 2021, CFPD granted funds to Katie Cares to support over 650 Beanie Babies being distributed to children in our community's medical clinics and hospitals. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



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 were dropped off, along with a \$500 gift card to supply more boots as the need grows. Southport is proud to support the Portage Bear Clan, who provide for individuals in need during the winter season.



Accelerated Christian Education Equipment Donation

Long-time Southport tenant, Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), received an equipment donation for their students in order to support their youth physical education program. Southport is pleased to provide ACE with this donation, as it supports both their on-site partner and the many youths of their program.

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Portage Soup Kitchen Monthly Bread Sponsor

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Southport's contributions to the First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen expanded. In the past, Southport staff helped prepare and serve lunches and visited with the patrons. Southport looks forward in continuing support for the First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen throughout the New Year as the community group's monthly Bread Sponsor.

79,257.00
Total 2021-22 Donations