



Bishop Grandin Greenway

Spring 2010 Newsletter

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10 Years of Bishop Grandin Greenway

Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. celebrates its 10th year of operations in 2010. Founded in 2000 by Mike Balshaw, a retired meteorologist, and Gordon Newton, a retired school superintendent, the organization has evolved into a prominent community partner.

The developments along the Bishop Grandin Greenway have included community gardens, interpretive stations, naturalized areas and a paved multi-use path built in partnership with the Winnipeg Trails Association. A committed corps of volunteers has always been the key to this development — a fact that led to Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. being awarded the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award for Environment in 2007.

After ten years, BGG Inc. continues to enhance the Greenway, with the help of the community and dedicated volunteers. Help us celebrate on June 5, 2010!

KEY DATES

- June 5** International Trails Day / 10th anniversary celebration
- October 2** Tree Planting

Spring Clean-up!

Our annual spring clean-up took place on May 15. We had a nice winter, but were left with months of debris that needed to be cleaned up in order to restore the Greenway to its spectacular best. The pay back for this hard work was a sense of accomplishment, pride in doing something good for the environment and the community, the fulfilling experience of team work, and ... muffins and coffee, courtesy of city councillor Gord Steeves!

The weather was great, the turnout was terrific, and about 60 bags of garbage were collected. Many thanks to everybody who came out to help!



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What's New on the Greenway?

Trail Extension

The final section of the paved multi-use path through the Greenway, between River Road and the Red River, was completed. This new extension ties into the continuation of the trail on the east side of the River, via a walkway on the new Bishop Grandin bridge, to create an active transportation corridor that can take you to Pembina Highway and the University of Manitoba. The new trail extension also reaches into the Riel neighbourhood south of Bishop Grandin Boulevard, providing easy access to the Greenway for yet more St.Vital residents.

In addition, the trail has been extended east towards Lagimodier Boulevard, to be later connected with the developing Sage Creek neighbourhood.

Trail Head

Just to the east of St.Mary's Road, you will find a new shelter that doubles as a trail head, installed by the city of Winnipeg. The sturdy new structure can provide much-needed shade for joggers and walkers needing a break from the sun on those hot sunny summer days.



International Trails Day!

It's spring and time to shake off winter, embrace the sun and connect with family and friends. Hop on a bike, lace up your walking shoes and travel down the Greenway to discover new activities.

Escape to BGG's giant backyard and find your reason to smile. Will it be watching the PEG City Disc Dogz catching Frisbees, or trying the new urban poling walking workout, or watching the amazing bike skills of Peg City Trials riders? Maybe you'll have time to finally learn the names of those wild flowers, chat about the local St.Vital history with the costumed interpreter from the Riel House, or learn about container gardening. You may also find the Plum Blossom Martial Arts Academy giving a free beginner Tai Chi or Kung Fu class!

Bring a child or grandchild or your grandparent- make it a family affair. Kids can use dipping nets to find life one of the ponds, play hopscotch or participate in interactive story telling at the reading tent. They might want to build a bird house, kits and instruction courtesy of Home Depot or you might want to try the "at-your own pace" scavenger hunt. It's healthy, it's active, and it's free. A perfect way to spend a morning!

Saturday June 5th 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



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Community Garden 2010 *Update*

Spring has finally arrived on the Bishop Grandin Greenway and our thoughts have turned to gardening once more. Planning is underway for the third year of operation of our Community Gardens. Plans to date include the establishment of a new raspberry and Saskatoon patch, and the revitalization of our existing strawberry bed. We also hope to put in some lilac shrubs, so that we will have some early season blooms in years to come. A nice and fragrant addition to the greenway, we think!

We have a limited number of garden boxes (waist high) designated for use by gardeners with special needs including seniors and childrens' groups. A small section of land is also currently set aside for vegetables and flowers.

If you are interested in being part of a community of recreational gardeners on the greenway, please contact dsvaling@gmail.com or see our website for more details.

Invasive Species: What's in your garden?

Invasive species cause millions of dollars of damage to Manitoba landscapes each year. Don't let your garden be the source.



For further information on invasive species in Manitoba- including factsheets, brochures and the latest "What Not to Plant List" for gardeners available for download, please visit the Invasive Species Council of Manitoba website at www.invasivespeciesmanitoba.com. To sign up for their free quarterly newsletter "Unwanted Invaders", phone (204) 232-6021 or email info@invasivespeciesmanitoba.com



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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, First Thursday of every month
Youville Centre, 6-845 Dakota Street

BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY INC.

2009-2010 Volunteer Board of Directors

Murray Gibson	President
Gord Newton	Past President
Michelle Meade	Vice President
Adelard Lemoine	Director
Karen Jones	Director
John Shearer	Director
Ron Rentz	Director
Peter Tataryn	Director
Derick Young	Director

BGG Inc. would like to thank Wayne Sawatzky, Bud Ewacha and Jeff Enquist for their years of service on the board of directors

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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.)