

May 2015 News Bulletin

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CORRIDOR EVENTS

May to Nov 30	Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup (Manitoba)
May 2	Grand Opening & Dedication of Cal's Cage (Rosenort)
May 2 and 3	Jane's Walk (Winnipeg)
May 6	Community Green Space & Playground Project Plan (St. Adolphe)
May 7	Red River Heritage Fair (University of Winnipeg)
May 9	Fishing Season Opens (Southern Division)
May 9	Town Wide Garage Sale (Morris)
May 11	Lower Fort Garry Opening (St. Andrews)
May 12	Gardening Workshop (Emerson)
May 16 and 17	Cedar Bog Trail activities (Birds Hill Provincial Park)
May 16 to 18	Get Into Wetlands (Oak Hammock Marsh)
May 19 to Aug 30	Fort Gibraltar Historic Tours
May 22	Tourism Ambassador Training (Selkirk)
May 23	Great Manitoba Portage (The Forks)
May 23	Table for 1201 (Esplanade Riel)
May 24	West St. Paul Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap
May 30	Arbor Day (St. Vital Park, Winnipeg)
May 30 and 31	Doors Open (Winnipeg, Saint-Norbert, St. Andrews,

Mark your calendars!

Many of the communities along the Red River are gearing up for spring & summer. Many activities to come! Read more inside



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TAKE A STROLL THROUGH THE CITY **JANE'S WALKS** ABOUT COMMUNITY TALKS



Jane's Walk is a movement of free, citizen-led walking tours to get people to tell stories about their communities, explore their cities, and connect with neighbours.

Over 25 fascinating, historical, inspirational and enjoyable walks are being held in Winnipeg!

- **Echos of Our Past - The Historic Seine River** Walk led by JP Brunet ([View poster](#)) **12 pm, May 2**
- **U of M: Sustainable Campus & Community** Walk led by Dylan Harris **10 am, May 2**
- **Rediscover Selkirk Ave - Revitalized** Walk led by Michael Champagne **12 pm, May 3**
- **Louise Bridge District** Walk led by Jim Smith (North East Winnipeg Historical Society) **1 pm, May 3**
- **"Neighbourhoods Change!: Exploring North Point Douglas** Walk led by Robert Galson **2 pm, May 3**
- **A Walk in Elmwood Cemetery** Walk led by Wendy Oryniak **3 pm, May 3**

For a full list of walks and more information visit janeswalk.org/canada/winnipeg.

WINNIPEG TRAILS ASSOCIATION'S STRATEGIC PLANNING

On April 18, 2015, WTA hosted a strategic planning session at the Norquay Community Centre. Over 35 people attended the session from local and rural trail groups, NGOs and interested citizens. We'd like to thank all of the participants for sharing their opinions, concerns, advice and suggestions.

The impact of more than \$60M in local street renewals on our trails. Comprehensive trail networks and liveable neighbourhoods are built on piece at a time. With more than \$60 million dollars of road renewals underway, this is a moment to make sure that more people get safe trail access. Almost every project passes by a park, a school or a playground and connects to our trails in an important way. Family-friendly safety improvements and trail crossings must be an integral part of all road work. Once built, many will be in place for 20 years or more. WTA Coordinator Anders Swanson, with help from our April strategic planning mapping workshop participants and friends at Bike Winnipeg, is currently completing an analysis of every local street renewal scheduled for 2015. The goal is to ensure a new way of doing things at City Hall. We all want an emphasis on healthy transportation. This one of the ways it happens. Copies will be distributed publicly to all the City of Winnipeg councillors and invitations to complete walk-throughs once complete. Stay tuned!

Take a look at the [WTA Strategic Planning Summary](#) to find out more. We have started looking at the priorities and putting them into action. Stay up to date by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and by taking a look at our [website](#).



INTERNATIONAL TRAILS DAY - Calling out to all Trail Groups

International Trails Day is an annual celebration of trails to promote trail development, the use of trails and the healthy lifestyle they encourage. Rivers West will be assisting trail groups to plan and organize a special events on Trails Day through promotion and financial support.

If your trail group is planning on organizing an event this year, please provide us with a brief outline of your proposed activities and monetary request and submit it to Anders at info@winnipegtrails.ca.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

International Trails Day - June 6

Celebrate and discover a new trail on International Trails Day. To view maps of trails in Winnipeg, visit winnipegtrails.ca.

Bike to Work Week - June 13 to 19

A week filled with bike programming and bike-friendly events such as group rides, workshops, and leisure and cultural events to get you on your bike and ride. Bikeweekwinnipeg.com

Bike to Work Day - June 19

Bike to work on June 19th and drop by at the pit stops that are going to be located around the City. Enjoy free refreshments and comradery as you ride to work. Stay tuned to find out WTA's pit stop location.



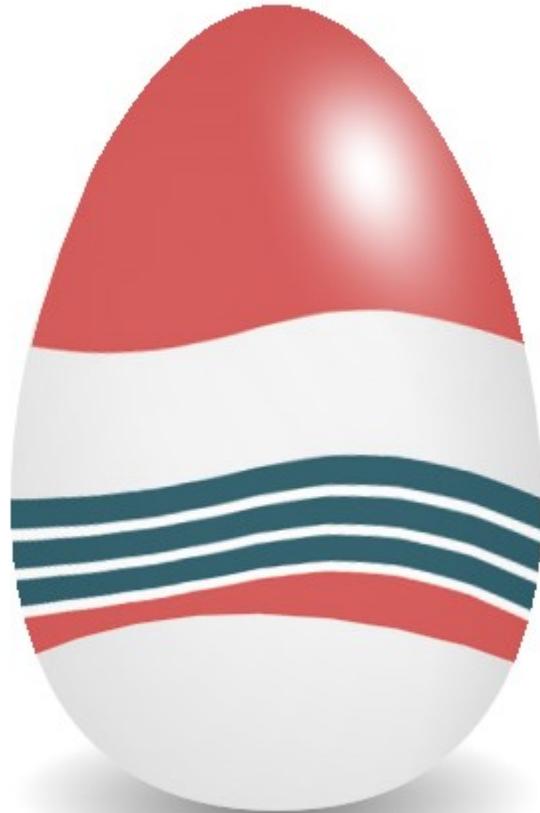
TRAILS MANITOBA AGM

The Winnipeg Trails Association took part in Trails Manitoba's AGM at Fort Whyte Alive. The gathering of dedicated and passionate trail groups heard about the progress being made on the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) and the work that is going on in places such as the Harte Trail, Northeast Pioneers Greenway, and communities outside the perimeter. Also, the Crow Wing Trail will soon be properly connected to Winnipeg using floodway property near St. Norbert.

Plenty of excitement is being generated as the TCT nears a 2017 deadline for a finalized route. The importance of the TCT brand was discussed and the group learned best practices for way finding. Together, we are developing a signage strategy to ensure that all Winnipeggers get the chance to be part of a movement from coast, to coast, to coast. What does this mean? Some of the existing on-road sections will be improved and routes may be tweaked. We will be working hard to guarantee a great trail experience for all, and to have infrastructure upgrade commitments in place to meet our high standards. Once finished, the TCT will be a destination in itself and will highlight some of the best that Winnipeg has to offer. To get involved with the TCT in Winnipeg contact margaret@trailsmanitoba.ca or info@winnipegtrails.ca.

Elections were also held at the AGM. Congratulations to the new Board of Directors as well as to 2 new staff members.

Directors at Large		
Board of Directors	AndreVerna Hare	
President, Wayne Arseny	Sean Michaels	
Vice President, Marissa Zurba	Ilse Ketelsen	Staff
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Treasurer, Shirley Hurst	Tardiff	Office Admin., Margaret Boyecko
Grants Committee Chair, Charles Zant	Vinay Iyer	Trail Promo./Fund Develop., Dawn Huck
	Rajiv Chawla	
	Don Lavign	
	Ann Marie Hayek	



Hey. Psst! Don't tell anyone, but... Winnipeg Trails is working on a wicked-and-weird little App. You asked for it at the strategic planning.. You're getting it! We don't mess around do we? Yup, that's right. We are going to get people active by making them use their cellphones. "What the..?" "How does that even.. ?" We know, right? You'll see. Follow the progress on Twitter [@wpgtrailsapp](#) for top secret leaks.

It all starts on International Trails Day, June 6, 2015.



Every Trail Begins at Home