



Your Membership

Nurturing Growth

Just as tender nurturing care encourages seeds to grow; your membership supports the growth of Bishop Grandin Greenway.



Whether you volunteer your time and expertise on one of the many projects underway or financially support the Greenway's development, your membership makes a difference in our community!

2007 was a remarkable year for the Greenway. We saw the installation of planters and benches, ~2 km of asphalt trail, community gardens, refuse containers, a foundation for the Eco Education Centre, and the planting of hundreds of native trees! All of these projects were made possible because volunteers dedicated time, expertise and financial support to enhance our neighbourhood.

Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. is a volunteer organization. Membership is crucial to the Greenway's success.

Become a member or renew your membership today – see Page 4

www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com or contact Jeff Enquist, Membership Chair BGGreenway@hotmail.com

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 10th

Ten new refuse containers on the Greenway are helping to control the refuse but when winter disappears - many surprises are revealed! Help us with our annual spring clean up!

Saturday, May 10

TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

MEET: Home Depot Parking Lot

S. West Corner, St. Annes & Bishop Grandin Blvd

BRING: Gloves & a lots of friends!

REFRESHMENTS: For all volunteers!

CONTACT: Wayne at 255-0460 or

BGGreenway@hotmail.com

HELP ! WHERE are all the FROGS ?

Can you hear them?
Can you see them?
There are hundreds of them on the Greenway!

and you can HELP them!



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New Pathways and Bike Routes - AGM May 1st

Neil Myska, Chair of the City of Winnipeg's Active Transportation Advisory Committee will be providing an update on the City's Active Transportation Plan and proposed plans for new pathways and bike routes in southeast Winnipeg.

DATE: May 1, 2008

LOCATION: Louis Riel Library, 1168 Dakota

TIME: 7:00 pm

Update followed by Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. Annual General Meeting & refreshments.



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Community Gardens

Phase One of the Bishop Grandin Greenway Community Gardens is ready for planting!



The gardens are located at the south west end of Eric Street. The gardens were made possible by the permission of Manitoba Hydro, funding by St. Vital - St. Boniface Rotary. A team of Rotarians constructed the gardens in fall of 2007. The St. Vital Agricultural Society will be receiving applications and managing the 10 raised plots and two surface gardens. Contact Lenore Linton @ 237 5703. There is a nominal charge.

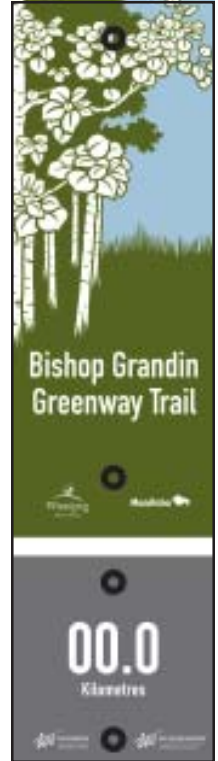


Rotarian Bruce Sloane filling gardens

Trail & KM Signage

Watch for new trail & Km marker signage being installed this spring on the Bishop Grandin Trail and ~ 24 additional Winnipeg trails!

KM markers will help you gauge distance and help keep you fit and **in motion!** Thanks to the Province, City, Winnipeg **in motion** and Winnipeg Trails Association for organizing this project!



2008 Tree Planting

We will be holding another tree planting on the Greenway this fall. Contact Ron at BGGreenway@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping! We planted over 300 trees last fall!

2008 "The Year of the Frog"



The world's leading conservationists have joined together to name 2008 "The Year of the Frog," in hopes of raising both awareness and funding needed to mitigate the amphibian extinction crisis.

One of the largest concentrations of frogs on Bishop Grandin Greenway is found just west of the Home Depot parking lot in a damp marshy area. You can help can help scientists monitor Canada's frog populations by listening to frogs calling at a pond. Perhaps the one on Bishop Grandin Greenway - or at the cottage or in your back yard. Frog Watch participants of all ages can help monitoring the frogs on a number of evenings over the calling season (April - June).

FrogWatch is part of a national volunteer monitoring program hosted by Nature Canada and Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network Coordinating Office to identify ecological changes that may be affecting our environment. Frogs are a particularly suitable indicator species because they spend part of their life in water and part on land. Unlike many other organisms, they are affected by changes to either environment.

For more information on how you can help the frogs, check out the Nature Canada website, in the 'Connect with Nature - Nature Watch' section www.naturecanada.ca or contact the Bishop Grandin Greenway Frog Watch coordinator, Karen Jones at k.jones@uwinnipeg.ca.

International Trails Day

Saturday, June 7th

Saturday, June 7, 2008 is Manitoba's second annual International Trails Day - a day dedicated to celebrating trails, their development, environmental benefits and the healthy lifestyles they encourage.

You are invited to attend a celebration on June 7th on the Northeast Pioneers Greenway between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Or - just get out on the Bishop Grandin Greenway Trail and enjoy the day!

For more information see www.WinnipegTrails.com

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ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION SITE in DEVELOPMENT STAGES

By: John Shearer, BGGI Director

Children growing up in urban areas have limited direct contact with the wonders of nature. BGGI is developing an ecological education (Eco-Ed) site that can be used by schools and community youth groups to facilitate hands-on studies of local natural systems.

Located next to the retention pond just west of the Home Depot, this site will serve as a gathering spot from which students and teachers will have ready access to grassland, wetland, wooded, and aquatic habitats, right in the heart of St. Vital. A crushed limestone pad has been installed near the southeast corner of the pond, and large limestone blocks will be installed this spring to provide seating for students. We plan to add interpretive signage, and possibly improved access to the pond itself. With several schools in walking distance, we are working with teachers and community groups to develop facilities and programs that will enhance hands-on access to wild plants and animals and make ecological studies more meaningful. We want our youth to gain a deeper understanding of nature's wonders. Perhaps we adults can benefit from the site as well.



KNOW YOUR NO MOW ZONE

NATURALIZATION PROJECT

By: Karen Jones, BGGI Member

Grassland and Forest Naturalization areas have been designated within the Greenway by the City of Winnipeg and BGGI. Signs indicating these NO MOW ZONES are posted north of Bishop Grandin Blvd. between St. Mary's and the Red River. These areas provide a protected habitat for many of nature's creatures. Let's take a closer look at the no-Mow Zone and see what the birds are saying about it.



Birds that were common a decade ago are now becoming rare. In the past 4 decades the populations of the evening grosbeak have plummeted by 78 percent. Pesticide use, climate change, pollution, loss of habitat and even cats have taken their toll. But loss of habitat is the greatest challenge faced by songbirds today. Most of the decline in numbers can be attributed to habitat loss. Birds need a safe place where they can hide from predators, and seek protection from harsh weather. They need places to perch, to raise their young and food to feed them. The no-mow zone is a habitat site for birds, and the place where birds get food for their nestlings.



Birds may feed from seed heads in the winter, eat a few buds in the spring, insects in summer and berries in the fall. The No-Mow zone provides an all-you-can-eat bird buffet of seeds, fruits, berries, buds, and nectar. The No-Mow zone is also home to a variety of insects and caterpillars which attract robins and other birds that rely on insects as part or of most of their diet. The native coneflower attracts American Goldfinches who are particularly fond of the seeds. And if you are a bird that likes to eat small frogs, the No-Mow is a gastronomic heaven and provides not just food but also a place to live and breed. The next time you are on the Greenway, take a few moments to step off of the beaten path onto the No-Mow Zone. Listen quietly, look up to the sky and hear the birds singing the praises of the No-Mow Zone.

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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.*

WHO IS DEVELOPING 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, Province of Manitoba and Gov't. of Canada to name a few.

Monthly Meetings - Open to the Public

6:30 pm (dates/details posted on BGGI website)
First Thursday of every month
Louis Riel Library, 1168 Dakota Street

BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY INC. 2007-2008 Volunteer Board of Directors

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MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT

Annual Membership \$10.00 (renewable March 31)
Greenway Support \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200+

Cheques payable to: Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.
Tax receipts will be issued for contributions of \$20.00 or more.

NAME: _____

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Your membership and support help improve Bishop Grandin Greenway each year! The Greenway not only preserves green space, but also enables each of us (whether on bike, foot or wheelchair) to enjoy the beauty, nature and wildlife along the corridor. 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, interpretation, 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.)