



NEW! Trees, Websites and Other Things

Things have been happening here at Bishop Grandin Greenway — on and off the trail. We'll tell you more about our new website on the following page, as well as our new board members and some other developments that have happened along our little stretch of greenspace. First though: an update on Bittersweet Way — our project to enhance the area just west of St. Mary's Road.

We have made our first physical enhancements to the area with a late-season tree planting, in partnership with The Bluebird Fund and with the assistance of Ron Paul Garden Centre and the City of Winnipeg. (see more details on page 3)

Of the 45 trees and shrubs that were planted, most survived the winter upon inspection this spring. Once they grow out, they will attract birds and form a canopy for a new portion of trail that will extend from the current paved path through an older wooded area to a circular seating area with historical markers.

In addition to this, fundraising continues for additional aspects of the project, and we have quotes for a retaining wall with more prominent signage. More updates will follow as things develop!



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Did You Know ...

... That the St. Vital Agricultural Fairgrounds were once right near the corner of St. Mary's Rd. and Bishop Grandin Blvd.?



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What's New on the Greenway

A NEW WEBSITE

Bishop Grandin Greenway has moved on to the 3rd iteration of its website, www.bishopgrandingreenway.com. The last redesign created a cleaner look and brand that was consistent with our Winnipeg Trails logo, but it was manually coded and updates were labour intensive.

This new website, based on the Weebly platform, will be much easier to update. The blog format of the NEWS page allows comments and archiving of older content. There is a contact form (on the CONTACT page, not surprisingly) that allows users to easily get a hold of us, and soon we will have the ability to accept donations through the web site as well. There is still work to do to improve the look and feel of the new site, but we're excited that this platform will allow us to stay more engaged with the community.

A NEW GARDEN

Bishop Grandin Greenway is known for its popular community gardens, but very recently a new garden has popped up on the Greenway. This one is not managed by the BGG Inc. volunteers, but rather by the St. Vital Agricultural Society.

The Sesquicentennial Community Garden was created as a Canada 150 anniversary project. Community members can apply to use a plot in the garden, and the organization also hopes to use the garden for educational workshops for youth and newcomers to Canada.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. is proud to welcome two new members to our board:

Jacqueline Marques : Jacqueline holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) designation and has already made an impact, having been instrumental in the creation of our new website.

Stephane Lacroix-Pouliot : Stephane is a graduate of the University of Saint-Boniface. He is an outdoors enthusiast and his fluency in French is an asset to the team.

Spring Clean-Up

Another successful clean-up was organized this spring, with the event taking place on a breezy but pleasant May 5th. 67 bags of garbage were collected at the end of the day. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out, including MLAs Rochelle Squires for the donuts and Colleen Mayer for the water!

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on **Monday, June 11** at Youville Centre, 6-845 Dakota St
AGM starting at 6:30, to be followed by our regular board meeting at 7:00. The meeting is open to the public.



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The Trees of *Bittersweet Way*

A generous donation from the Manitoba Bluebird Fund enabled Bishop Grandin Greenway to plant trees and shrubs on the site of Bittersweet Way. The mandate of the Manitoba Bluebird Fund is to provide food and shelter for our feathered friends, so all of the plantings were identified as “bird-friendly” by the Fund. They were also consistent with what the City of Winnipeg Naturalist’s office considered appropriate for the area.

Most of the plantings are native to Canada and fruit-bearing. They include Pin Cherry, Nanny Berry, Cockspur Hawthorn, Tecumseh Plum, Red Osier Dogwood American Highbush Cranberry .. and lots of Saskatoons.



The Bluebird Fund has been involved in other projects around the city, including a planting of over 100 trees in Henteleff Park. There is also a program where the Bluebird Fund will subsidize individual trees for people’s back yards. This may not be the end of Bishop Grandin Greenway’s association with the Bluebird Fund either — there is lots of room for additional trees and shrubs along the Greenway! At the very least there will be one other association: the founder of the Manitoba Bluebird Fund once lived in a homestead on what is now Bishop Grandin Greenway.

The Benefits of Community Gardening

The Community Gardens are one of the more popular features of Bishop Grandin Greenway because they give people a reason to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. As one gardener notes, they are also a great learning tool.

Sharmila Sunwar moved to Winnipeg in 2015 along with her husband and daughter, and managed a plot in our community garden the two following summers before moving to another city. Before moving, however, Sharmila made a point of sending an email to show her appreciation for the garden.

“Because of your great work, we were able to teach my daughter about growing fresh food in summer” Sharmila told us. “It greatly helped to educate our daughter about diversity of food and nutrition” as well as the “farm to table” concept of eating locally grown foods.

Sharmila and her daughter made the most of their garden space, growing beans, potatoes, hot peppers, garden cress, zucchini, pumpkins, amaranth, garlic, fennel, and butter squash. In addition to spending time with her daughter at the garden, Sharmila notes that it was also a great place to socialize with the diverse group of people who live in the area.

Sharmila unfortunately had to leave the garden behind, but now some other lucky person will have the opportunity to plant, socialize, and perhaps teach another daughter or son about growing local produce.



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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:

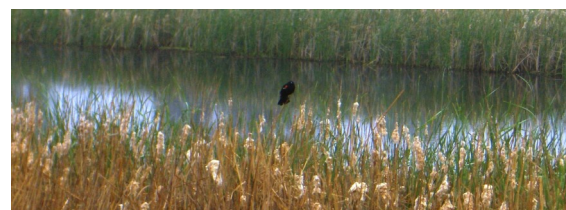
Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc., (BGGI) is a not-for-profit registered charity addressing the community need for history, health and wellness. The organization consists of community volunteers who are spearheading the Greenway development. Many organizations are supporting the project through expertise, guidance and financial support - Manitoba Hydro, the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba, and Rotary to name a few.

Monthly Meetings - Open to the Public

Contact bishopgrandingreenway@gmail.com for the times and locations of upcoming meetings.

2017-2018 Volunteer Board of Directors

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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

- **Bittersweet Way Project**
- **Environment: Tree Planting, Restoration, Conservation**
- **Promotion: Fundraising & Community Outreach**
- **History: Research, Education**
- **Special Events: Trails Day, Spring Cleanup**
- **Public Relations: Promotion & Communications**
- **Governance: Board of Directors, Project Management**