



Bittersweet Way Update

Last year, the Bishop Grandin Greenway team unveiled its newest project: Bittersweet Way. Off the corner of St. Mary’s Road and Bishop Grandin, Bittersweet Way will provide an opportunity for people to wander off the main path into a small wooded area on the site of a former homestead where they can sit down and relax, and ponder the rich heritage of St. Vital. The plan also includes a prominent retaining wall that will identify “BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY” for cars and pedestrians passing by the busy corner.

The BGG board held a public consultation last summer to share our vision, and gather input on the plan and how the project can incorporate historical elements and the natural history of the area. Suggestions that were made and considerations that were raised include:

- Research indigenous plants and trees, and restore natural habitats
- Consider plaques, images or artwork that represent different historical eras
- Identify the geographic scope that the historical component will represent
- Use natural materials and make the development as low maintenance as possible

At a winter planning session, the tasks and elements involved in completing the project were laid out and arranged in logical groupings. It is an ambitious project for a small group, so prioritizing and organizing the work is an important step, but we hope to get our hands dirty soon in developing the site. Already we have begun clearing the area of dead trees and preparing to revitalize the old homestead location.

We’ll be doing more work on site preparation and revitalization as the year goes on. If you’re interested in the project, keep an eye on bishopgrandingreenway.com or our Facebook page for periodic updates and opportunities to help.



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A Great Spring Cleanup!

A terrific team of over 40 volunteers collected over 100 bags of garbage, in addition to a mattress, old shelving, Christmas lights and a slow cooker!



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Geocaching: It's all around us

You may not realize it, but Geocaching is all around you. Even on Bishop Grandin Greenway. The activity of Geocaching is extremely popular, with millions of devotees around the world, yet many people have never heard of it.

What is it? Essentially, geocaching is a game where participants hunt down hidden “caches” using GPS coordinates. Geocaching.com describes it as “outdoor treasure hunting”. All that is needed to participate is a GPS enabled device, which includes many of the personal cell phones on the market today. Coordinates are available on-line, and once a participant discovers one of the caches, they typically log their success on-line as well. Some caches have a physical logbook that you can sign, and some even have a small collection of items from which you can pick a souvenir in exchange for something of your own.

According to geocaching.com, there are over 6 million registered participants hunting down over 2.5 million caches around the world. Right here in Winnipeg there are hundreds of hidden caches waiting to be discovered, including several on and around Bishop Grandin Greenway.



While the sport often takes cache seekers off the beaten path, they strive to protect the environment and leave no visible trace of their activity. With active living being one of the core values of Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc., Geocaching complements our mandate while being a self-managed pursuit.

It's a great activity for kids, adventure-seekers and anyone who ever dreamt of finding hidden treasure. For more information or help getting started, contact the Manitoba Geocaching Association at www.mbgeocaching.ca.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is on **Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 PM**
Location: Teen Stop Juenesse (2nd floor), 533 St Anne's Rd.
The meeting is open to the public.



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Geocaching: A fun family adventure

By Kerri Taschuk

Last year I met a mom who loved to Geocache. When we met up for a playdate last fall, she told me how fun it was and that she loved to go geocaching with her kids, then 4, 2 and 8 months! We agreed it was something to do in the spring, which left me wondering all winter, what's on the Greenway?

So this spring break we set up a playdate and headed out on the Greenway, with five kids, ranging from one to seven! We parked in the Home Depot lot as there were 2 noted caches in the stretch between St. Anne's and Dakota. We didn't easily locate the first one, but the second one my son found and loved that he discovered it! I was very tempted to take a picture for the newsletter but didn't want to give away the spot! There was a log inside that dated back for sometime, and other people had noted they had found it just the day before.

We wished there were more caches for the kids to find as the ones noted were just date logs, but it was still fun for my son to write his name. We've decided our next playdate will be to plant more caches! The one we found was fun and added a new element to going for a walk. I think my son will always remember his first Geocache was on the Greenway, and I love making great memories so close to home!



Testimonials

“Once again, thank you. However the garden boxes came to be, it has made such a difference in my life...you have no idea. And as a whole I think it really benefits the community in that area.”

- **Bernice Brodoway**, community garden user

“I go down Bishop Grandin Greenway lots during the Spring, Summer, and Fall every year with my power wheelchair and plan on continue using the trail as much as I can. I live in Southdale area and I remember when Bishop Grandin Trail was only from Shorehill Dr. to Island Shore Blvd. But now thanks to this wonderful trail we have a more connected community.”

- **Tyler Atkinson**, Bishop Grandin Trail user



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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.

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

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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**