

West St. Paul Connections

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Community Comes Together for Canada Day Celebration

Despite a few rain showers throughout the day, West St. Paul's Canada Day celebration was another tremendous success, bringing residents and visitors from near and far together for a full day of family fun, entertainment, and community spirit.

The festivities began with a pancake breakfast before families enjoyed a full lineup of activities and live entertainment. Attendees enjoyed face painting, henna, inflatables, mini golf, a petting zoo hosted by Six Pines Animal Farm, a Kids' Arcade, Nerf Battle Zone, balloon twisters, roaming characters, walk-around magic, and the always-popular candy scramble. Throughout the day, attendees also took in the Show & Shine car show, a live wrestling event,

line dancing lessons, and performances by Sleepy the Clown.

One of the day's biggest highlights was the Ride the Vibe stunt show, where spectators gathered throughout the day to watch freestyle dirt bike stunts. Other attractions included the FIFA World Cup Fan Zone hosted by UDM Soccer School, where participants of all ages tried their skills at different stations, and an energetic performance by Men in Cheap Suits that kept the celebration going well into the night.

We were pleased to welcome special guests throughout the day, including Premier Wab Kinew, along with Member of Parliament for

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Stay Off the Trails: A Reminder About Off-Road Vehicle Use

West St. Paul's trail system is one of our community's most popular amenities, providing residents with a safe and enjoyable place to walk, run, and cycle. To help keep the trails safe and in good condition for everyone, residents are reminded that motorized vehicles, including ATVs, dirt bikes, side-by-sides, and other off-road vehicles, are not permitted on municipal trails.

Our trail system is designed for non-motorized activities such as walking, running, and cycling. Operating motorized vehicles on these trails creates safety hazards for others and can cause significant damage to the trail surface. Repairs to damaged trails require municipal resources and taxpayer dollars that could otherwise be used to maintain and improve community amenities.

Off-road vehicles are also not permitted on privately owned or leased land without the landowner's permission. While an open field may appear to be an appropriate place to ride, doing so can damage crops, reduce yields, and contribute to the spread of invasive species and plant diseases that can be carried on vehicles, tires, and equipment.

Anyone found operating a motorized vehicle on municipal trails may be subject to fines.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep our trails safe, enjoyable, and well maintained for all users. Please ride responsibly and only operate off-road vehicles on property where you have permission or on land that you own. ●●●



Library Membership Rebate Program

Did you know that the RM of West St. Paul offers a rebate of up to 50% on library membership fees? West St. Paul residents who purchase an annual non-resident membership at the City of Winnipeg Library, Gaynor Family Library (Selkirk), or Town of Stonewall Library can submit their receipt for a reimbursement.

Prefer digital? Residents also have the option to purchase a digital-only membership through the South Interlake Regional Library for \$10/year, which provides access to over 40,000 titles via the Libby app. Please note that Libby access is included in the standard annual memberships of the libraries listed above.

For more information on how to apply for the annual membership rebate, please visit the West St. Paul website and navigate to Services > Library Services.

For more information regarding digital-only memberships, please contact a South Interlake Regional Library branch. ●●●



West St. Paul COPP Launches Bike patrols

The West St. Paul Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) is pleased to announce the launch of their new bike patrols. On Sunday, July 5, seven volunteers participated in a successful pilot patrol, covering approximately 22 kilometers over two hours. The route began at the Access Centre on Holland Road and included The Trails of West St. Paul, Meadowlands, Parkview Pointe, Rossmore Avenue, and the Addis Avenue area. The patrol was followed with a "Meet & Greet" barbecue.

the group to ensure their safety. The West St. Paul COPP and CSOs continue to coordinate closely, sharing patrol schedules to maximize our community presence.

We encourage residents to report criminal activities or incidents such as thefts, vandalism, or any activity that is considered suspicious. Providing this information helps us direct patrols to areas of concern. Please use the below contact information:

West St. Paul COPP Group:
info@wspcopp.com

West St. Paul Community Safety Officers:
protective.services@weststpaul.com

For any active incidents, please call 911 immediately. ●●●

West St. Paul requests to withdraw from the Red River Planning District

At a Special Meeting of Council held on July 13, 2026, Council passed a resolution to send a formal request to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations asking for the RM of West St. Paul's withdrawal from the Red River Planning District (RRPD).

The RRPD is a regional planning district that provides planning services on behalf of its member municipalities. If the request to leave the RRPD is approved, the Municipality would establish an independent department to deliver planning services such as development and secondary plans, zoning by-laws and building permits.

The RM will provide further updates as information becomes available. ●●●



Recreation Department Hosts First-Ever Pickleball Tournament

The Recreation Department served up a great day of friendly competition on July 29 with its first-ever pickleball tournament at the West St. Paul Curling Club.

Seven co-ed doubles teams took to the courts, competing for first and second place. Congratulations to Tony and Lauren, who claimed first place, and to Harry and Caroline, who earned second place.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the Recreation

Department's inaugural pickleball tournament a success.

Interested in giving pickleball a try? The Recreation Department also offers recreational pickleball, drop-in pickleball, and pickleball clinics. Visit the West St. Paul website for upcoming dates, program information, and registration details. ●●●





A Well-Deserved Retirement

After nearly 40 years of dedicated service, the RM of West St. Paul is pleased to congratulate Cam Simpson on his retirement. Cam began his career with the municipality in the late 1980s as a seasonal summer employee, assisting with grounds maintenance and a variety of public works projects. Through hard work, dedication, and a strong commitment to the community, he advanced to the role of Public Works Foreman, where he spent many years helping lead the department.



Throughout his career, Cam witnessed West St. Paul transform from a small farming community into one of Canada's fastest-growing municipalities. His contributions

played an important role in supporting that growth and helping build the community residents know today. Known for leading by example, earning the respect of those around him, and fostering strong working relationships, Cam leaves behind a legacy of professionalism, dedication, and service. His steady leadership and commitment to the municipality have made a lasting impact on both the organization and the community. On behalf of Council and staff, we thank Cam for his many years of service and wish him all the best in this well-deserved next chapter. Congratulations on your retirement, Cam!

Celebrating Our 2026 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Rural Municipality of West St. Paul Municipal School Scholarships! Each year, the Municipality proudly supports graduating students pursuing post-secondary education through its Municipal School Scholarship Program.

We wish this year's recipients continued success as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey.

For more information about the scholarship program, including eligibility requirements, please visit the West St. Paul website.



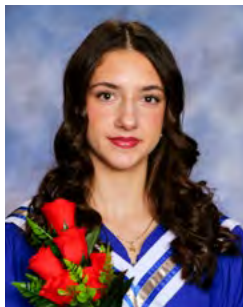
Keira Rosenbaum
Seven Oaks MET School



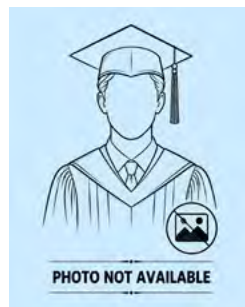
Prabhnoor Grewal
Collège Garden City Collegiate



Taranveer Dhaliwal
Maples Collegiate



Amelia Klimek
West Kildonan Collegiate



Emmanuel Adewole
The King's School

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Kildonan-St. Paul Raquel Dancho, and Members of the Legislative Assembly JD Devgan and Obby Khan who stopped by to join residents in celebrating Canada Day.

Following the dignitary speeches, Mayor and Council were joined by MP Dancho and MLA Devgan for West St. Paul's annual cupcake giveaway, a Canada Day tradition that saw hundreds of cupcakes handed out to attendees.

The celebration concluded with a spectacular pyro-musical fireworks display that lit up the night sky and provided a memorable finish to an incredible day.

Events like Canada Day are a wonderful reminder of what makes West St. Paul such a special place to call home. Seeing residents of all ages come together to celebrate, reconnect with neighbours, and create lasting memories reflects the strong sense of community that continues to define our municipality.

The Rural Municipality of West St. Paul extends its sincere appreciation to the many volunteers, sponsors, performers, vendors, community partners, emergency services personnel, and event staff whose

hard work and dedication made this celebration possible. Their countless hours of planning and support helped create a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable event for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's Canada Day celebration such a memorable success. We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!



A Message from MLA JD DEVGAN

Happy Summer West St. Paul!

It has already been a busy and exciting summer, with many opportunities to come together as a community. I am pleased to share some of the events, celebrations, and achievements that have made this season so special. It has been inspiring to see residents connecting, volunteering, and celebrating all that makes West St. Paul such a wonderful place to call home.

June was a month of celebration as students across our community marked their graduation milestones. I was honoured to attend several ceremonies and present scholarships to deserving youth who represent the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers. Congratulations to all graduates on this incredible achievement, and I wish you every success as you begin this exciting new chapter!

Canada Day in West St. Paul is always a summer highlight, and this year was no exception! It was wonderful celebrating with residents at the annual festivities, which featured a special guest this year, Premier Wab Kinew joined the celebrations! There was the pancake breakfast, bouncy castles, live entertainment, motocross stunts, line dancing, wrestling, and so much more. Seeing families, friends, and neighbours come together to celebrate our country, and our incredible community spirit was truly special.

Another community highlight is the outstanding tennis facility in West St. Paul. I was delighted to attend the ATP National Bank Winnipeg Challenger and watch world-class tennis right here in our own backyard. The tournament showcased

incredible talent and sportsmanship while highlighting West St. Paul as a destination for premier sporting events. It was a privilege to experience such high-level competition and see the positive impact of our community's facilities and support.

I was pleased to attend the recent West St. Paul Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) BBQ and connect with the dedicated volunteers who are the heart of this important community initiative. Their commitment to keeping our neighbourhoods safe and strengthening community connections is truly appreciated. Thank you to all the volunteers for the time and care you contribute to making West St. Paul an even better place to live.

Progress continues with the construction of École Meadowlands, set to open in September 2027. This new K-8 dual-track school will welcome 675 students and include 74 much-needed infant and preschool childcare spaces. This investment will support our growing community by expanding access to quality education and early learning opportunities for local families.

Summer also means door-knocking season—one of my favourite parts of serving as your MLA. Meeting West St. Paul residents at their doorsteps, hearing their concerns, and listening to their ideas and priorities is an important part of representing our community. These conversations help ensure your voices are heard as I bring your feedback forward and continue advocating on your behalf.

As always, if you have any questions, or want to chat – please reach out to my office at (431) 323-6014 or by email JD.Devgan@yourmanitoba.ca ●●●

Professional Dog Care Comes to West St. Paul

Comb & Collar Daycare & Grooming officially opened its doors in April 2026 at 19-1051 Kapelus Drive, offering professional dog grooming and supervised dog daycare services to West St. Paul and the surrounding area.

Locally owned and operated, Comb & Collar was founded with the goal of providing a safe, welcoming, and trusted environment where dogs receive exceptional care while giving pet owners peace of mind. From full grooming appointments and nail trims to supervised daycare and socialization, the team is committed to ensuring every dog has a positive experience.

Recognizing that every dog has unique needs, Comb & Collar takes an individualized approach to care by getting to know each dog's personality, comfort level, and grooming requirements. Building lasting relationships with clients and becoming a trusted part of the West St. Paul community is at the heart of the business.

Community members are invited to visit the facility, meet the team, and learn more about the services offered. Comb & Collar will also be hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 12. Additional details will be announced on their Facebook page and website closer to the event.

The RM of West St. Paul is pleased to welcome Comb & Collar Daycare & Grooming to the community and wishes them continued success. ●●●



Halloween Drive-In Movie & Trunk or Treat

Halloween fun returns to the West St. Paul Access Recreation Centre on Friday, October 23, with an evening of family-friendly entertainment featuring a drive-in movie and Trunk or Treat.

Families can enjoy a movie from the comfort of their vehicle on a large outdoor screen, while children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite costumes and visit participating vehicles in the designated Trunk or Treat area before the movie begins. Residents wishing to participate in Trunk or Treating are invited to decorate their trunk or tailgate and hand out candy, although participation is not required to attend the movie.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m., with Trunk or Treating taking place from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. or at dusk, whichever is later. Admission is \$25 per vehicle, and a snack concession and washrooms will be available on site.

Registration opens in September. Visit the West St. Paul website for registration details and additional event information. ●●●

National Bank Challenger Brings World-Class Tennis to West St. Paul

The National Bank Challenger brought world-class professional tennis to the National Bank Tennis Manitoba Hub in West St. Paul from July 19–26.

The ATP Challenger Tour event welcomed rising stars from around the world, giving tennis fans the chance to watch elite competition right here in West St. Paul. This year's tournament concluded with Great Britain's Toby Samuel capturing the singles title, while Canada's Liam Draxl thrilled home fans with an impressive run to the championship match after returning to defend his 2025 title.

Tournament co-owner and director Mark Arndt said one of the biggest highlights of this year's event was its growing attendance, which more than doubled from the previous year. The quarterfinals, semifinals and finals were sold out, marking another milestone for the tournament as it completed its fourth year in West St. Paul.

The tournament also introduced electronic line calling for the first time, replacing line umpires with a camera-based system to make calls on the court. Video replays were also displayed on the scoreboards throughout the tournament.

For Arndt, part of what makes the event special is the opportunity for spectators to experience professional tennis from just feet away.

"It's exciting to be bringing world-class tennis right into our backyard here in West St. Paul!"

— Mark Arndt
Co-owner & Tournament Director



Photos:
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U11 AA Baseball Team Earns Silver

Congratulations to the U11 AA baseball team, which captured a second-place finish at the City Championships after an impressive weekend of competition.

Entering the championship tournament ranked sixth with a regular season record of 10 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties, the team battled its way through a challenging weekend in temperatures exceeding

35°C. Along the way, they earned victories over the first-, second-, and fifth-place teams to advance to the championship game.

After a hard-fought weekend, the team finished as City finalists, earning silver with a 7-4 loss in the championship game.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and

families on an outstanding season and a remarkable achievement! ●●●



West St. Paul Stars Capture Tournament Championship



The West St. Paul Stars U18B boys soccer team are the 2026 Boston Pizza Players Tournament champions after capturing the title at the tournament held May 27-31. Congratulations to the players, coaches, and families on this outstanding achievement!

Pictured left to right: Sébastien Aguiar, Nehemiah Mitiku, Sahijdeep Brar, Colin Watt and Max Azinha

WEST ST. PAUL
FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

R.M. OF WEST ST. PAUL
FIRE HALL

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
13th
NOON - 3 PM

FREE BBQ
COFFEE & DONUTS

VEHICLE EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATION

FIRE FIGHTING SIMULATOR

FIRE SAFETY TRAILER

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Chat with members of WSP Citizens On Patrol Program (COPP)

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Simplify Your Payments, WIN BIG!

The RM of West St. Paul is making it easier than ever to manage your municipal payments and is rewarding residents who make the switch!

Enroll in PUPPS or TIPPS by September 15, 2026
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Prizes include:

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- TV
- Nintendo Switch
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- Snowblower
- Lawn Mower

5 BONUS PRIZES

- Large FoodCyclers (Maestro model)

Why enroll?

- Convenient automatic payments
- No need to remember payment deadlines
- Helps spread costs throughout the year
- Reduces the risk of missed payments or late fees
- Secure and reliable

How to enter:

Simply complete your enrollment in PUPPS or TIPPS by September 15, 2026. Eligible new enrollments will automatically receive one entry into the prize draw.

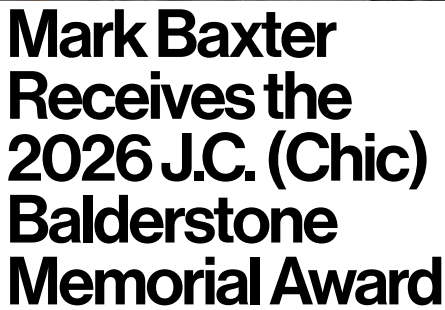
Contest deadline: September 15, 2026

Prize draw: September 24, 2026

For enrollment forms and program details, please visit the **Utilities** page or the **Property Tax** page under the **Government** tab on the RM of West St. Paul website.



Join us for a community event focused on health, wellness, accessibility, and inclusion. Connect with local health and wellness vendors, hear from guest speakers, explore interactive booths, and discover valuable information and resources available in and around West St. Paul. Light refreshments and prize giveaways will be available throughout the event. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to attend!



The RM of West St. Paul is proud to recognize Mark Baxter as the recipient of the 2026 J.C. (Chic) Balderstone Memorial Award.

Presented annually, this award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the community through volunteer service.

For more than a decade, Mark has dedicated countless hours to supporting youth sports in West St. Paul. As a volunteer coach, manager, and mentor, he has helped create positive experiences for young athletes while encouraging teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship.

Mark has consistently stepped up wherever he has been needed, taking on a variety of roles to support local programs and ensure opportunities continue to be available for youth. His volunteer efforts have extended beyond the playing field through his support of school athletics, contributions to community initiatives, and willingness to share his professional knowledge and experience with students.

Whether coaching, organizing behind the scenes, or lending a helping hand to community projects, Mark's commitment has had a lasting impact on local families and the community as a whole.

The RM of West St. Paul extends its sincere congratulations to Mark Baxter and thanks him for his outstanding dedication and service to our community. 🟢🟡🔴



The RM of West St. Paul is pleased to recognize Arielle Viallet as the recipient of the 2026 West St. Paul Youth Volunteer Award.

This annual award celebrates a young person who demonstrates exceptional dedication to volunteering and making a positive difference in the community.

Arielle has devoted her time to a wide variety of volunteer activities, including supporting youth recreation programs, community events, school initiatives, and cultural organizations. She has volunteered at the Folklorama Kyiv Pavilion, assisted younger children in gymnastics, supported local sports through coaching and team management, and contributed her first aid training at community sporting events.

In addition to her community involvement, Arielle is an active leader within her school. She volunteers as a peer tutor, helps organize student leadership initiatives, and shares her musical talent by singing the national anthem at numerous school, community, and provincial sporting events. She also volunteers through St. Nicholas Church, supporting programs for seniors, youth, and newcomers to Canada.

Arielle's willingness to serve others, her leadership, and her commitment to her community make her an outstanding role model for young people in West St. Paul.

The RM of West St. Paul congratulates Arielle Viallet on this well-deserved recognition and thanks her for the many ways she continues to make a positive impact in our community. 🌟🌟🌟

IF PAYING ONLINE ALLOW 5 DAYS FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION(S) TO PROCESS

DRIVE THRU HOURS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00am to 6:00pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00am to 6:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00am to 4:00pm



**PAY YOUR TAX
BILL ONLINE
OR USE OUR
CONVENIENT
DRIVE THRU**

Camp Counsellors left to right: Angelika, Max, Marcus, Isaac, Gillian, Kara, Jessica, Carmyn, Avery, Lexi, Anahat, Kayla, Barok

Green Team left to right: Liam, Elliott, Riley, Jaxon, Ester, Ethan



IMPORTANT INFORMATION and FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS in West St. Paul

West St. Paul Council Meetings

Regular Meetings of Council are held in the Council Chambers in West St. Paul at the hour of 6:00pm as follows:

- on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of each month;
- the second Thursday of each month; and
- the fourth Thursday of each month.

All council meetings will be filmed and made available following the meeting on the Municipal YouTube channel - visit our website for the link

Meetings subject to change, please check website or contact the RM.

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Emterra Environmental (Recycling & Garbage) 204-772-0770
Red River North RCMP Administration 204-667-6519
Incident Reporting & Urgent 204-668-8322
Red River Planning District 204-669-8880 or 1-800-876-5831
West St. Paul Nursery School 204-334-9669
West St. Paul School 204-339-1964
Dasmesh School 204-202-6670
The Kings School 204-989-6581
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To report street light outage 204-480-5900
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