

# The Charleswood Connection

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## ***Citizen's Role in Crime Prevention***

This is a partnership which enriches relationships between police, teachers, students, parents and the community.

SROs focus their efforts on crime prevention, education and maintaining the peace in schools by enhancing the visible law enforcement presence to ensure open lines of communication and building strong relationships with area youth, schools and communities.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program was established in 2002 and currently exists in three school divisions in Winnipeg; the Winnipeg School Division, the Pembina Trails School Division, and St. James Assiniboia School Division.

### **TakeAction In Schools**

The award-winning TakeAction in Schools program was developed to enhance the crime prevention material available for schools, youth and parents.

Six crime prevention presentations are available to schools and associated groups within the City of Winnipeg. The topics are based on feedback provided by students, educators and parents.

Subscribe to E-watch to stay informed about crime trends:

[http://www.winnipeg.ca/wpgmail/subscribe\\_all.stm?elist=21#ewatch](http://www.winnipeg.ca/wpgmail/subscribe_all.stm?elist=21#ewatch)

The involvement of citizens in crime prevention programs is essential to ensuring Winnipeg is a vibrant and healthy city that places its highest priority on quality of life for all its citizens.

There are a variety of crime prevention programs offering different levels of commitment in which all citizens are encouraged to participate. Programs include Block Parents, Neighbourhood Watch, Citizens For Crime Awareness, and Citizens On Patrol to list a few.

The common link for all these programs is that citizens act as the eyes and ears of the community first, and the extended **eyes and ears** of the Police Service second. "Community Commitment" relates the Police Service's commitment to working in partnership with the Community. Your participation in these programs demonstrates your commitment to your community.

The role of citizens in any of the crime prevention programs is to help create a safe and nurturing local environment by observing and reporting any suspicious and possibly criminal activities to the Police Service. Police recommend that citizens not participate in any direct verbal or physical involvement with suspicious persons. The personal safety of citizen volunteers is paramount. Their actions to record the details of what they observe, to alert the authorities, and to report those details to the Police Service has proven to be a very effective crime prevention tool.

## CHRISTMAS IN CHURCHILL

Skylar Ferguson is a grade 11 student at Oak Park High School. In May 2017 Churchill, Manitoba experienced a catastrophic flood that wiped out its rail line in 19 places. **The lack of rail line left the Churchill residents without ground transportation in and out of their remote northern community.** Supplies can only be received via air, which significantly raises the costs of food, supplies and other goods needed now and especially at Christmas. Add to the rising prices of goods are now concerns over lost jobs and higher gasoline prices all amounting to less money to spend at Christmas.

Skylar wanted the children of Churchill, Manitoba to have a special Christmas and to know that Manitobans care about their situation. Ferguson wanted to see all 200 plus students that attend school in Churchill receive a gift. To that end, Skylar, in partnership with Oak Park's Social Justice Committee, organized "Christmas for Churchill" - a toy, food and monetary drive.

She also set up a GoFundMe Page called "Christmas for Churchill", for those who are unable to make a food or toy donation, but would like to make a monetary donation.

Ferguson also networked with local organizations to make this drive happen. Frontiers North and Calm Air have generously been shipping some of the donations to Churchill. Their other partners included Motorland Enterprises, Deb Martens—Author and Consultant, Gardewine Transport and Academy Lanes Bowling. I was happy to offer my office as one of the drop-off locations around the City for contributions.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

- \* Nancy & Dave Morris of Morris Insurance celebrating 40 years of business in Charleswood
- \* Ron May on his retirement after serving Charleswood & Winnipeg residents in the Department of Families for 44 years
- \* Linda Barringer on placing first in the 2018 Fisheries Enhancement Stamp Artwork Competition. Her painting will be used as a stamp on the 2018 angling licenses.

### THANK YOU

- \* Anthony van Ginkel for donating his 42 foot blue spruce for City Hall's Christmas Tree in memory of his late wife, Rosemary



Take your MLA to Work Day  
bagging groceries with Pauline at Safeway



With Jane Ursel of the RESOLVE program at the  
U of M to combat domestic violence



With Alan Dawson, President  
of Manitoba Historical Society



Charleswood Historical Society Pioneer Dinner  
with Gwen Jamieson and Councillor Marty Morantz



Visiting daycares in Charleswood



Charleswood Legion selling  
poppies at Safeway



Congrats to Donna on Sandham Cresc  
for the opening of her "Little Free  
Library"

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### What's in a Name—The Story Behind Ridgewood West's Streets

A lot of research, care and attention went into choosing the street names for RidgeWood West, and each one promotes a valuable characteristic of this welcoming community. Some names reflect the natural environment of this area, while others serve as important reminders of the rich history of Charleswood. Here are the street names from Phase I:

**Couture Crescent, Hofsted Drive, Kelly Place, Kowalsky Crescent, McKellar Drive, Peregrine Point, Singleton Court, Vesper Court**

If you wish to read the stories behind each please go to this website:

<http://ridgewoodwest.qualicocommunities.com/blog/the-stories-behind-ridgewood-west-streets>

### Community Leaders:

*From all of us at  
the  
Charleswood  
Constituency Office,  
have a*

**Merry  
Christmas**

*Filled with  
laughter, joy, and  
the love of family  
and friends!*

*Myrna, Carol,  
Kiersten & Hayley*



## Charleswood Community Leaders Networking Luncheon

Following a community assessment, **Myrna** identified the need for an opportunity for community members to come together to share views about the community in which we live. In order to fill this need, the **Community Leaders Networking Luncheon Series** has been established for the purpose of providing community leaders with an opportunity to network and hear about activities going on in Charleswood. The newsletter, "**The Charleswood Connection**", is also published for the same purpose.

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