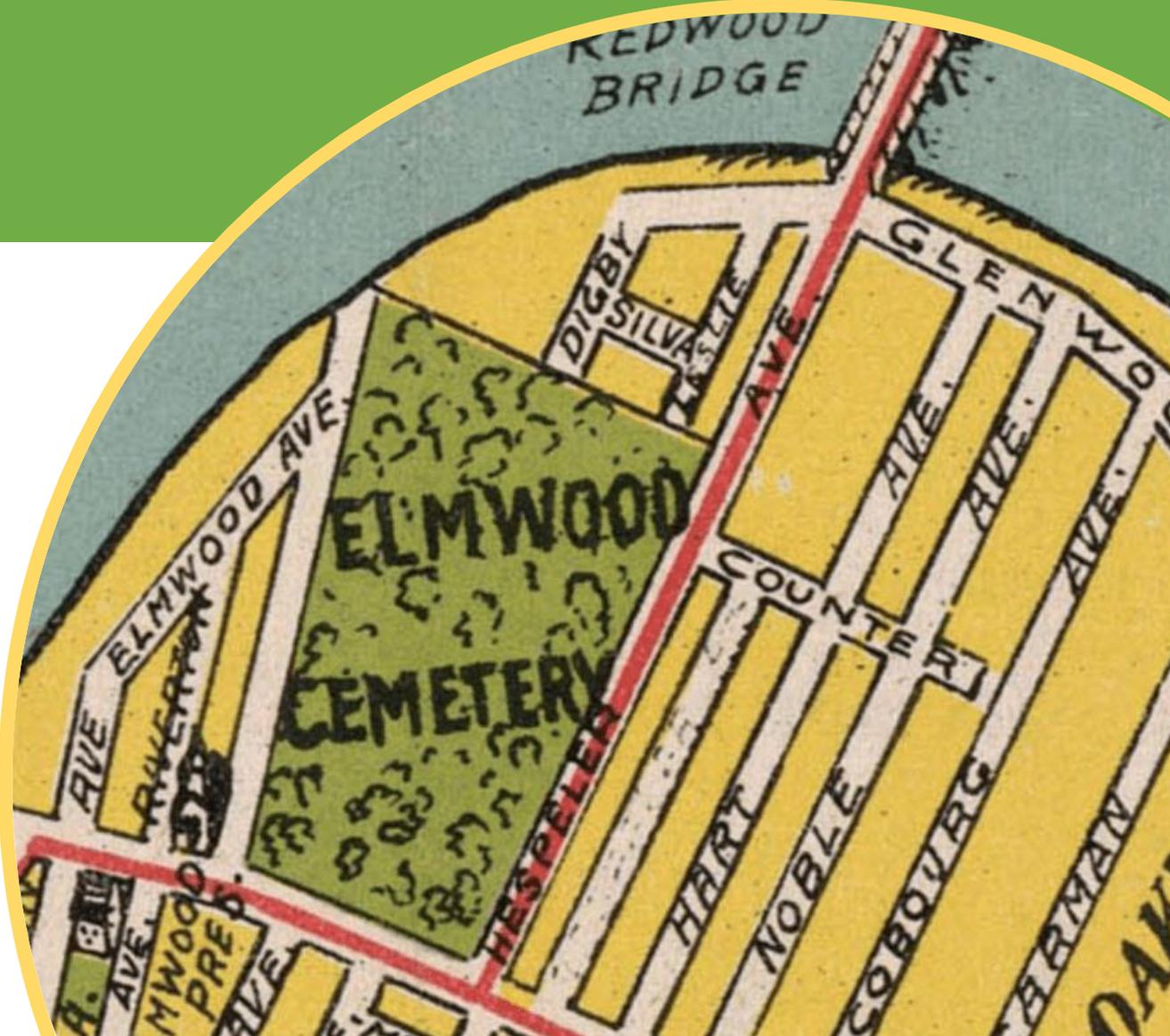


Glenelm Neighbourhood Association (GeNA)



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2017



About GeNA

The Glenelm Neighbourhood Association is made up of a committee of approximately 15 regular volunteers from the neighbourhood (our “core organizers”). The executive board members are:

- Co-chairs: David Pensato & Emma Durand-Wood
- Secretary: Shauna MacKinnon
- Treasurer: Rosalie Block

Our Goals

When the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association (GeNA) asked residents how we could best serve the neighbourhood, the priorities overwhelmingly fell into three categories:

- 1** Growing and promoting a sense a community and connectedness
- 2** Increasing safety and reducing crime
- 3** Preserving and improving the physical character and infrastructure of Glenelm



Ongoing Activities

➤ Monthly Core Organizer (Committee) Meetings

Our committee of approximately 15 regular volunteers and board members met 12 times throughout 2017 to plan events and share information. Thank you to Gordon King Memorial United Church, which has been exceptionally generous in providing meeting space free of cost.

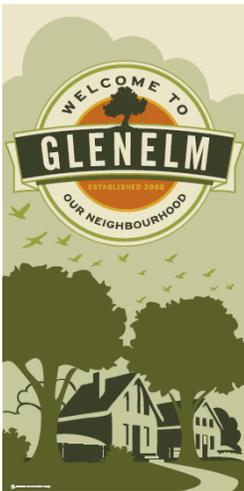
➤ Glenelm Community News

We publish a monthly email newsletter that features important area news, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and items of general interest. Print copies are available upon request!

We currently have more than 250 subscribers on our list; we estimate it reaches about a quarter of the households in our neighbourhood.

Special Projects

➤ “Welcome to Glenelm” Sign Project



This multi-year project finally came to fruition this year, the signs having been produced and mounted on hydro poles and light standards in Glenelm in November. Some final adjustments will be made to the signs in 2018, lowering them to a more prominent and visible height.

The project was initiated and carried out by Glenelm resident Joanne Cerilli; the beautiful sign artwork was graciously donated by Glenelm graphic designer Glen Sapach. Under Joanne's leadership, the project was supported by local volunteers, Winnipeg city Councillor, Jason Schreyer, his predecessor Councillor Steen, and in the final stages of the project, GeNA.

GeNA undertook fundraising to establish a maintenance/indemnity fund required by Manitoba Hydro. These funds are in a reserve within GeNA's bank account and will be kept for this purpose.



Community Events

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At this meeting we elected a small board, shared community updates, launched our website, sought volunteers, shared an update on and raised funds for the Glenelm Sign Project indemnity fund, and discussed safety/crime concerns and strategies.

SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

We held a successful spring cleanup of Glenelm's back lanes, collecting 36 bags of litter. GeNA was grateful for support from Take Pride Winnipeg, who provided gloves and garbage bags.

COMMUNITY SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING

This event featured speakers from Crime Stoppers and Citizens for Crime Awareness, and resulted in substantial conversation and discussion by community members in attendance.

HAPPY DAYS ON HENDERSON

GeNA was pleased to run a community table at the 16th Annual Happy Days on Henderson event. Our well-attended table provided information about our neighbourhood and GeNA, and our volunteers distributed stickers and temporary tattoos to children in attendance.

SOAPMAKING WORKSHOP AND HOLIDAY CARD-MAKING WORKSHOPS

Hands-on workshops taught attendees how to make soap the traditional way, and to make seasonal handmade greeting cards.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY PATROL

Members of GeNA's Safety Patrol were out on Halloween night and distributed goodie bags to trick-or-treaters. Bags contained a few surprises courtesy of GeNA and a reflective snap bracelet graciously donated by MPI.

3RD ANNUAL ELMWOOD WINTER FUN DAY

GeNA provided six volunteers for this free family event that is a collaboration between various community groups in Elmwood. The event was attended by more than 500 people, including many from Glenelm.

« WEED WALK » WITH JOEL PENNER

This guided walking tour took us through back lanes to learn more about the native and introduced species in our midst.

« COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR » COMMUNITY PICNIC IN THE PARK

Our biggest event yet! Glenelm residents were invited to bring their own picnic supper to our event, where there were organized kids' games and an adult "meet your neighbour" bingo activity, along with live musical performances by local entertainers. The event received rave reviews from the community and many requests to do it again in 2018. GeNA thanks Councillor Schreyer for financial support for this event.

FALL PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Residents were invited to meet and share plants and gardening knowledge with each other.

« LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBOURHOOD » HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

This friendly, low-stakes contest encouraged residents to brighten up their block by adding lights and other holiday decorations to their homes. Residents then voted in an online poll, where Glenwood Crescent was found to be "Glenelm's Brightest Street", with Noble Avenue a close second.



Community Safety Report

Prepared By: Shauna MacKinnon

Over the past year, GeNA has been actively working towards making our community a safer place. Many community members have voiced their concerns/experiences of property damage (i.e. vandalism and graffiti) and theft (i.e. garage and car break-ins) with the neighbourhood boundaries. As a result, GeNA coordinated a Safety Information Evening and formed a walking patrol to address the community's safety concerns.

The Safety Information Evening was held on May 24, 2017. The guest speaker for the evening was Wayne Elliott, Chair, Communication Committee, Winnipeg Crime Stoppers. He covered topics such as personal safety, how to reduce property crime and what we can do to be good citizens within our community. Wendy Koenig, formerly from Citizens for Crime Awareness (CFCA), also spoke. Her remarks focused on the importance of balancing formal safety/crime prevention initiatives with the simple but powerful principle of simply knowing your neighbours and building relationships with them.

A volunteer walking patrol (observe and report only) was created and did four patrols of the neighbourhood throughout the spring and summer months. Initially, the walking patrol was not highly visible in the community. A generous donation of safety vests was received from a community member; the addition of the vests had an immediate impact on our visibility in the community. Members of the patrol do make notes of any safety concerns they observe, this list is then reviewed to see if there are any items requiring action. Some of the actionable items include: repairs to street lights and street signs, clogged drains, etc... The final walking patrol of 2017 occurred on Halloween night; two volunteer members spent time walking around the neighborhood handing out treat bags and engaging with the community. The walking patrol will become active again in the spring.

In the upcoming year, GeNA will be hosting another safety information evening, working on reducing graffiti in our neighborhood and expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Thank you to those individuals who took time to come and walk with the patrol. Volunteers are essential to ensuring the continuation of the patrol; if community members would like to volunteer or if you have identified a neighbourhood safety concern, please contact GeNA through our website at www.glenelm.ca.

Finally, we would ask community members to continue reporting any criminal activities to the Winnipeg Police Service. This can be done in-person or online. The more we report these activities, the more patrol cars we will see in our neighborhood. We also encourage everyone to continue talking with your neighbors.



2017 Financial Report

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017

INCOME

Per capita grants (City of Winnipeg)	\$ 600.00
Walking Tour Donations	\$ 90.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 690.00</u>

EXPENSES

Total expenses	<u>\$ 1479.10</u>
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This includes operating costs such as printing, website domain, and liability insurance, as well as event-specific costs such as meeting supplies and refreshments, permits, and prizes.

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ASSETS

Assiniboine Credit Union Savings Account (Glenelm Sign Maintenance Indemnity Fund)	\$ 936.95
Assiniboine Credit Union Chequing Account (Operating Account)	\$ 8,243.98*

*Funds to pay for the production of the Welcome to Glenelm signs were still uncleared in the account as of December 31, 2017. When that amount (\$5,006.47) is accounted for, GeNA's actual funds on hand were \$3,237.51.

LIABILITIES

GeNA has not borrowed any funds, nor are any expenses outstanding.

