

# Glenelm Neighbourhood Association (GeNA)



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY  
2020



# 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 in 2020 were:

- Co-chairs: Michel Durand-Wood & 1 vacancy
- Secretary: Mellanie Lawrenz
- 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** Advocating for quality infrastructure & amenities that grow with our needs



# Ongoing Activities

## ➤ Monthly Core Organizer (Committee) Meetings

Our committee of approximately 15 regular volunteers and board members met as a group a total of 12 times throughout 2020 to plan events and share information, in addition to several smaller subcommittee meetings. Thank you to the Big Red Church which has been exceptionally generous in providing meeting space, for those meetings that were able to be held in person instead of virtually.

## ➤ Glenelm Community News

We publish a monthly email newsletter that features important area news, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and items of general interest.

We currently have nearly 400 subscribers on our list; we estimate it reaches about one in three households in our neighbourhood.

# Community Events

- While we were off to a good start, the onset of the pandemic forced us to change many of our plans in 2020. However, we adapted and still managed to offer many new virtual events as well as several modified in-person events. Here they all are.

## AGM & WINTER WARMER

We held our annual Winter Warmer, an indoor “winter picnic” combined with a 6-minute AGM. Nearly 80 people came out to the Big Red Church on a chilly January evening to enjoy a potluck dinner, live music, games and each other’s company.

## HISTORICAL TALK: THE LIFE OF DR. HAMILTON

Dozens of people attended an afternoon historical presentation at the Big Red Church on the life of Dr. T.G. Hamilton. Linda Horodecki, a retired archivist with the Manitoba government, led the talk covering the paranormal investigations and civic leadership of the famous former resident of Hamilton House, a well-known building in Elmwood located at 185 Henderson Hwy.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ELMWOOD WINTER FUN DAY

GeNA was proud to partner in the planning of this wonderful, free family event at Clara Hughes Recreational Park. GeNA volunteers ran the hot chocolate station all day. The event was attended by more than 800 people, including nearly 500 kids.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GLENELM SNOW SCULPTURE CHALLENGE

Our largest yet, 37 amazing snow sculptures were made for the third edition of our neighbourhood snow sculpture challenge. We worked with local businesses to sponsor the event and gave out loads of great participation prizes!



### WEBINAR: BEE-FRIENDLY GARDENING

About 20 people attended our first-ever virtual event to learn about bee-friendly gardening and urban beekeeping, hosted by Glenelm's own resident beekeeper, John Russell. If you missed it, the webinar can be viewed on our YouTube page.

### WEBINAR: COMPOSTING 101

We offered a free webinar on the basics of composting. The pros at the Green Action Centre gave people the information and confidence to begin backyard composting, answered questions and shared resources. This event was generously funded by a TD Park People grant.

### FRONT YARD FRIDAYS

We designated two Fridays in June and August as "Front Yard Fridays" and encouraged folks to order in from a local restaurant or simply eat in their front yard & connect with neighbours. Chalk art and hula hooping, impromptu porch music, and safe outdoor visiting ensued!

### TIME FOR TREES IN ROXY PARK

We received a donation of seven surplus trees from Trees Winnipeg's ReLeaf Program, and invited the neighbourhood out to a tree planting demonstration by Green Drop. Two maples, two mountain ash, and a cherry, a cork, and bur oak now grace our biggest park!

### POSE 'N' PLANT AT HESPELER PARK

Thanks to a TD Park People Grant, we were able to hold a yoga & greening event at Hespeler Park. Yoga in nature was just what we needed to connect and de-stress, and it was great to work together to plant two new elm trees and two dwarf Korean lilacs to the park.

### BEE A PAL TO POLLINATORS PHOTO CONTEST

Following the webinar on bee-friendly gardening, we encouraged folks to submit photos of what they were doing to welcome pollinators in their yards and gardens. Three names were drawn from the many beautiful and inspiring submissions to receive gift baskets donated by John Russell

### PUMPKIN PARADE

The pandemic-friendly edition of the Pumpkin Parade was turned into a drop-off spot for more than 60 spent Halloween pumpkins, which were donated to Aurora Farms as feed for the chickens.



# Other Updates

## ➤ Johnson Ave Improvements

Thanks to advocating efforts by GeNA and the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation, upcoming roadwork on Johnson Ave W will be paired with sidewalk upgrades to widen them from their current substandard width. This route is well-used by Elmwood residents, including many Glenelm teens who attend Elmwood High, and these upgrades will make getting around our community on foot that much safer and more pleasant.

## ➤ Reimagine Elmwood

GeNA was pleased to help establish Reimagine Elmwood, a collaborative grassroots initiative aimed at making it easier for people to get around the neighbourhood, especially for those on foot, bike, using mobility devices or strollers. This need was identified as a priority in consultations for the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal 5-Year Plan.

In July, Reimagine Elmwood held its first event. “Happier Henderson” imagined a better Henderson Hwy for residents and local businesses using a one-day, one-block street makeover. This pop-up event took place between Hart and Noble Aves and simulated what Henderson Hwy could feel like with more crosswalks, a protected bike lane, more street seating and greenery, and more street parking!

Several hundred people from Chalmers, Glenelm and beyond came out to experience a happier Henderson and give feedback on what they liked, what they’d do differently, and share their ideas for change. A report on the findings of Happier Henderson is forthcoming.

Reimagine Elmwood is a partnership of many people & groups, including:

- Beautify Elmwood
- Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation
- Elmwood-EK Active Living Centre
- Elmwood-EK City Councillor Jason Schreyer
- Elmwood Business Coalition
- Elmwood Community Resource Centre
- Glenelm Neighbourhood Association
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre
- Riverwood Church
- Together In Elmwood Parent-Child Coalition

Watch for another Reimagine Elmwood event in the summer of 2021!



# Tree Committee Update

**The Glenelm Tree Committee is made up of Lisa Forbes, Mellanie Lawrenz and Emma Durand-Wood**

As always, the Tree Committee was hard at work this year!

## **Banding Together**

This year saw the Glenelm Tree Committee support an exciting, neighbourhood-wide initiative that we'd long considered: tree banding. The neighbourhood came together to raise money to band well over 500 public trees in our parks and boulevards, with complete coverage on many blocks. More than 100 private trees were banded at the same time. It was truly a neighbourhood labour of love!

Though Tanglefoot bands don't directly protect against the main threats to our beloved tree canopy, Dutch Elm Disease and Emerald Ash Borer, they will provide a layer of protection against certain kinds of tree worms that make our lives miserable in the spring, and that also can weaken trees to the point that they become more susceptible to other kinds of disease.

Special thanks to our block captains for all their work, to Councillor Jason Schreyer for sponsoring all the trees on Beatrice, to the Glenelm School PAC for sponsoring all the trees along the school property, and to John Russell Honey Company for providing thank-you gifts for the block captains!



## **Planting New Park Trees**

In June, we were the recipient of a generous donation from Trees Winnipeg that allowed us to plant seven baby trees in Elmwood Park. Our partner in planting, Green Drop, held a planting workshop and taught us the proper way to plant and care for young trees. We look forward to watching our new park residents grow and become part of our park forest. In August, thanks to a grant from TD Park People, we held a yoga & greening event in Hespeler Park. Funds were used to



purchase two new elm trees, two Korean lilac shrubs, and hold an outdoor yoga session. One of our talented neighbours led us through a restorative hour of yoga and Green Drop once again came to our aid and helped us plant the elms and lilac bushes.

### **Planting New Boulevard Trees**

In September, the Glenelm Boulevard Trees Project, which began in 2019, continued for a second year. For more info on this project, see previous Tree Committee reports and our project plan at [glenelm.ca/glenelm-boulevard-trees-project/](http://glenelm.ca/glenelm-boulevard-trees-project/). We used some of our remaining Land Dedication Reserve funds to install a further 15 trees on our neighbourhood's boulevards.

Even though the City of Winnipeg didn't have Glenelm on their planting schedule for this year, when an uninstalled Amur Cherry was discovered by our City planting partner Chris, he decided that a good home for it would be on Carmen Avenue, across from the school, and had it planted there as a gift to the neighbourhood.

As always, we're thankful for the support of Councillor Jason Schreyer, who shares our vision for a fully reforested Glenelm, and for the enthusiasm and support of the City of Winnipeg Urban Forestry Department. We're truly working with good people. 😊

### **Protecting Our Priceless Elms**

We also undertook a new initiative to inject some of the high-value elms in the neighbourhood with a fungicide designed to protect them against Dutch Elm Disease for a period of 3 years. It's called Arbotect and is available through arborists across the city. For



this year, we chose to protect elms that we know, based on current City policy, that if lost could never be replaced. Trees adjacent to stop signs are a prime example of this – under the current City of Winnipeg Planting Guidelines, when a tree close to a stop sign comes down, the City will not plant another one in its place.

The presence of the Green Drop crews and barrels of 'IV-type' drips on some boulevard trees led many to realize that a preventive measure is possible. Some private citizens took to engaging arborists to apply the treatment to beloved old elm friends on their own property, and prompted donations that paid for the treatment of a couple of boulevard elm trees.

Our committee has initiated a discussion with the City about providing tax-receipts for residents who pay for preventative treatments on public elms. Stay tuned!



### Preventing the Spread of Dutch Elm Disease

A continual threat to tree health in the neighbourhood is piles of trimmed branches left behind by Hydro crews when working in the area, and the untimely or late removal of DED-infected elms tagged with the “orange dot of death”. Both can lead to the further spread of DED. We ask that residents report left-behind branches by phoning 311 (or emailing them at [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca)), and to please copy [trees@glenelm.ca](mailto:trees@glenelm.ca). Elms marked for removal should be gone by the end of March. If you see any still standing, please notify us using the email above so we can get in touch with the City.



### Advocating for Better Urban Forestry Funding



Our committee teamed up with neighbourhood associations and environmental groups across Winnipeg to advocate for increased funding in the multi-year 2020-2024 municipal budget. Our group was informally known as the Trees Please coalition, and we were successful in securing an additional \$2 million in forestry funding in 2020 – not enough, but an encouraging start. Our advocacy work continues, both for improved funding and the goals of getting trees designated as natural capital assets eligible for federal infrastructure funding.

### Trees are Worth It!

We also saw a lot of tree loss in Glenelm this year. By our count, the City marked close to a hundred trees for removal over the summer. If this keeps up, we have calculated that we will be completely elm-less in just under eleven years. With that sobering realization, we will continue our efforts to preserve the trees we can, replant where we can't, and continue to advocate for increased funding for public trees in Glenelm and across the City. Thanks to everyone for all your support.

Lisa, Mell & Emma



# 2020 Financial Report

\*\* UNAUDITED \*\*

## STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

### INCOME

Per Capita Grants (City of Winnipeg)	\$ 1,000.00
Land Dedication Grant (Boulevard Tree Project)	\$ 12,659.85
Other Grants (TD Park People)	\$ 1,000.00
Tree Banding Donations	\$ 436.00
Donations	\$ 130.00
Event Sponsorships	\$ 200.00
Intact Insurance COVID-19 Rebate	\$ 116.00
Interest	\$ 6.32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,548.17</u></b>

### EXPENSES

#### EVENTS

AGM & Winter Warmer	\$ 98.91
Elmwood Winter Fun Days	\$ 103.29
Snow Sculpture Challenge	\$ 196.84
The Life of Dr Hamilton Historical Talk	\$ 50.00
Composting 101 Webinar	\$ 100.00
Sweets & Seeds	\$ 36.76
Pose 'n' Plant	\$ 201.20
Contribution to Tree Banding	\$ 436.00
Halloween Treat Bags	\$ 129.41

#### ADMIN

Flyers	\$ 218.33
Stamps, envelopes & office supplies	\$ 54.83
Commercial General Liability Insurance	\$ 621.67
Website Domain	\$ 20.99
Zoom License	\$ 160.20
SOCAN License	\$ 63.00
Boulevard Tree Project - Tree Planting	\$ 12,817.35

**Total Expenses** **\$ 15,308.78**

**Net Proceeds (Loss)** **\$ 239.39**



*STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020*

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Assiniboine Credit Union Savings Account (Glenelm Sign Maintenance Indemnity Fund)	\$ 959.63
Assiniboine Credit Union Chequing Account (Operating Account)	\$ 3,632.06*
Assiniboine Credit Union Membership Share	\$ 5.00
Accounts Receivable (City of Winnipeg LDR Grant)	\$ 12,659.85
Undeposited Cheque (Intact Insurance COVID-19 Rebate)	\$ 116.00
Cash (Leftover Tree Banding)	\$ 53.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 17,425.54</u></b>

\* Account balance of \$4,341.92 less value of one uncleared cheque for \$709.86.

**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Income Deferred to Next Year (ACU Sponsorship received in December 2020 for Snow Sculpture Challenge in January 2021).	\$ 500.00
Accounts Payable (Green Drop)	\$ 12,817.35
Money Held for Tree Banding in 2021	\$ 173.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,490.35</u></b>

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted	<u>\$ 3,935.19</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 17,425.54</u></b>



# Thank You

The Glenelm Neighbourhood Association would like to acknowledge the great help from the staff at the City of Winnipeg throughout the year, in particular *Jessica Mutimer, East Area Parks Technician*, as well as *Martha Barwinsky, Chris Lepa & Kerienne LaFrance, Urban Forestry Department*.

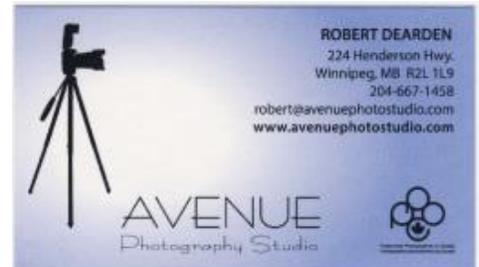
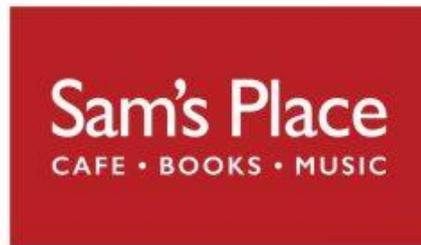
We would also like to warmly thank the following for their financial and in-kind support of our activities in 2020:

The Elms  
Dental Centre



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*TD Park People Grants*



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*And a very special thank you to Elmwood-EK Councillor Jason Schreyer!*

